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A FRIEND IN COURT

Charles V. Stanton

Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel is showing commendable courage in his battle to enforce service on the part of transportation utilities.

Heltzel earlier had stopped the Portland Traction Company from curtailing passenger service between Portland and Oregon City, pending a public hearing on the company's plan to discontinue its interurban cars. When the Southern Pacific Company discontinued its Southern Oregon Nightcrawler in defiance of the commissioner's order to keep the train running until after a hearing, the Portland company also went to court and obtained an order that its service could be eliminated prior to hearing.

Although Heltzel has lost two rounds, he isn't licked yet. He plans to appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court from the ruling in the Marion County Circuit Court. A Supreme Court ruling possibly would define the powers of the Utilities Commission. At least the commissioner would know where he stands.

He also will hold public hearings to determine necessity for passenger service in the affected areas and to determine whether service can be justified financially. His powers to enforce continued passenger service, in the event he finds continuation to be of public necessity, then undoubtedly will be subjected to court tests.

There seems little possibility that service will be restored for many months, if ever, because of the prospect of prolonged litigation.

Aggressive Spirit Liked

Many people in this area at least are greatly pleased by the fact that the commissioner obviously intends to make a fight.

It is time to find out just what powers the Utilities Commission holds. If its authority is insufficient to give protection to areas suffering from discrimination, the facts should be learned. It then will become possible to amend the laws and put more teeth into enforcement statutes.

Commissioner Heltzel has indicated by his approach to the problem a determination that the public is not to be pushed around by arbitrary utility decisions. This attitude is most welcome, particularly here in Southern Oregon where a monopolistic railroad company has a long record of rank discrimination; where a potential empire has been kept in the deep freeze by transportation handicaps.

There is no reason to believe that the commissioner will force the Southern Pacific Company to provide passenger service into Southern Oregon, either by restoration of the Nightcrawler or by providing other service. His mind is still open on that score. But he insists that the service should be continued until such time as a hearing on the matters of public necessity and financial ability can be held. That position would seem to be tenable. But the circuit court has ruled otherwise. If present laws do not grant such authority to the commission, the laws, I believe, should be amended by the next legislature.

Statistics Furnished

The vast amount of work done by Commissioner Heltzel and his staff is indicated, in part, by data furnished the Governor's Emergency Transportation Committee.

This committee was set up by Governor Patterson to inquire into charges of discrimination and to seek ways and means of lessening the adverse effects of threatened car shortages. The committee already has achieved a far better supply and distribution of cars. Its work has been of such effect that Governor Patterson has made the appointments permanent, assuring that work will be continued, rather than dropped, after the immediate emergency has passed.

The committee has been able to chalk up its accomplishments in large measure because of the detailed and exhaustive information compiled by Commissioner Heltzel and his staff.

The general public is dependent upon the Public Utilities Commission for its defense against arbitrary discrimination. While various avenues exist whereby presentations of public necessity may be initiated, the public, as a whole, is ignorant of the many technicalities involved and is at a disadvantage in facing the skilled and experienced legal staffs maintained by railroad companies. The public, however, if given direction by someone who knows the ropes, usually can be depended upon to put up a fight for its rights. Commissioner Heltzel, who knows proper procedures, can do a great service if he will lead the way.

We do not mean that he should be prejudiced against the rail lines involved in the controversies. His actions to date lead to no such conclusion. He shows a desire to base his decisions upon facts as disclosed at open and public hearings.

But his insistence that the public shall be served until all the facts are in, and his willingness to make an issue of his authority, gives us confidence that we are not without a friend in court.

Hal Boyle

By ED CREAUGH
For HAL BOYLE

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Well," said Mrs. Murgatroyd, over the morning coffee, "we should know Sunday."

Her husband allowed himself a critical analysis of the White Sox box score before inquiring who should know what Sunday.

"About Margaret, of course," Mrs. Murgatroyd said.

"Margaret Fleming? Oh, no, I don't think she'll have that baby for another week or 10 days. I was talking to Pete on the train yesterday."

"I mean Princess Margaret, you said," Mrs. Murgatroyd said, "and you knew perfectly well what I meant. Sunday's the day. Her 25th birthday."

"That's nice," Mr. Murgatroyd said, "Should we send a present?"

"You are trying," said Mrs.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA)—There was a beautiful little war among two clans of Irishmen that got lost in the shuffle of getting Congress out of town in a hurry.

It began over President Eisenhower's nomination of Asst. Atty. Gen. Warren E. Burger of St. Paul, Minn.—definitely not an Irish type himself—as a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

This nomination was sent to the Senate for confirmation on June 21. It had the endorsement of Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell, Jr., and leaders of Burger's home state, even Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.)—who was never known to miss a chance to needle a Republican—gave his blessing.

A routine hearing was set before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee to examine Burger's fitness.

IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, that there were three Irishmen named McGinty, O'Brien and Mackin. They decided to block. All three were Democrats, naturally.

They had been employed as attorneys in the Dept. of Justice since the Division which Burger headed.

Shortly after the Republicans took over in 1953, they were dismissed.

Despite appeals, hearings, etc., their dismissals by Burger stuck. They were out for revenge.

They showed up at the Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearings presided over by another Irish Democrat Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

McGinty, O'Brien and Mackin charged that Burger was anti-Irish, anti-Catholic, anti-veteran and anti-clean government. Irishman O'Mahoney decided to delay proceedings.

THEY ALL FAILED to reckon, however, on the wrath of another tribe of Irishmen—the McGranneys. One in particular, named

James P., had been President Truman's last attorney general. He had been given the specific job of trying to clean up the Department of Justice, which was in something of a mess.

McGranney charged in, demanding to be heard. This put the Democrats on something of a spot. It would never do to have one Democrat testifying against other Democrats. O'Mahoney put McGranney off.

Instead, Deputy Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers was called in. Republican Rogers, though not Irish, revealed that early in 1953 McGranney and his deputy, Ross Malone—definitely Irish—had conferences with Brownell and Rogers.

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But in the end McGinty, O'Brien and Mackin won the battle. While the O'Mahoney subcommittee decided to approve Burger's appointment to the bench, the full Judiciary Committee never found time to recommend his confirmation to the Senate.

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Preacher Charged With Assaulting Woman And Son

PORTLAND (AP)—The Rev. Elbert D. Riddick, whose status as a clergyman of the Episcopal Church has been "under scrutiny" since last spring, was arrested Thursday on an assault and battery charge but released on his own recognizance.

The Rev. Mr. Riddick was charged by Mrs. Elizabeth Shepard with having struck her in the face with a rake handle and with having struck her young son on a leg.

She said the assault came after he ordered her to walk in the street while passing his church, Mrs. Shepard, 28, is a Negro.

The church, the Church of the Good Shepherd, is maintained in the minister's home. It withdrew last spring from affiliation with the Episcopal diocese and Bishop Benjamin D. Dargwell said Friday the status of the Rev. Mr. Riddick as a clergyman "is under scrutiny."

The minister was in the news in 1953 when he became active in opposing civil rights legislation. He aligned himself against the diocese and Bishop Dargwell on the question of civil rights and sought to have Oregon's civil rights law put under referendum. His move failed but he wrote a number of letters on the subject for newspaper publication.

He refused to comment Friday on the assault charge, referring inquiries to his attorney. His attorney said he lacked full information and could not comment.

Seven Perish In Fiery Crash Of Air Transport

HAWTHORNE, Nev. (AP)—At least seven men perished Friday in the fiery crash of an Air Force transport plane into a barren mountain 13 miles northeast of here.

Marine Lt. Col. George Stallings of Hawthorne Naval Ammunition Depot reported seven bodies were found when rescuers were able to enter the charred wreckage five hours after the crash.

He said search parties were combing the mountainous area on the chance that others may have parachuted.

Stead Air Force Base at Reno, the nearest Air Force installation, said the plane didn't come from there but refused to say whether it had a flight plan for the crash.

The big, two-engine plane swooped low over Walker Lake shortly before the crash.

There was no indication it was in trouble, however. A commercial landing field was only two miles to the north, but the plane turned east, climbed over Lake and crashed about 10 miles east of the lake into a 6,000-foot mountain peak in broad daylight.

Income Tax Yield Is Greater Than First Expected

PORTLAND (AP)—State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm said Thursday state income taxes are yielding so much that Oregon may not have to levy a property tax next year.

Wilhelm, chairman of the last Legislature's Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee, told the Oregon Building Congress that the income revenues might offset the loss of some 4½ million dollars a year which had been expected from a cigarette tax. The cigarette tax was suspended by a referendum that will not be on the November, 1956, general election ballot.

Wilhelm said that in July income tax receipts were 5 million dollars above the total for the previous year.

Wilhelm told the builders that although the State Public Welfare Commission is doing a good job handling old age assistance cases, aid to dependent children is being used, in some cases, to "subsidize immorality."

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Remaining Hours Today

4:00—News & Analysis—CBS
4:15—UN on the Record—CBS
4:30—Senator Neuberger Reports
4:45—Musical Matinee
5:00—Guest Star
5:15—Age of the Atom—CBS
5:30—Musical Interlude
5:45—Frank Goss, News—CBS
6:00—Allen Jackson, News—CBS
6:00—Eileen Barton
6:15—World of Sports
6:30—Evening Melodrama
6:45—Northwest News Summary
7:00—Two For The Money—CBS
7:15—Musical Impressions
7:30—Dick Derby—CBS
7:45—21st Precinct—CBS
8:00—Wrestling Parade
10:30—Recorded Hits
10:45—News Nitecap
11:30—Sign Off

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1955

8:00—Dr. Chas. Fuller, Old Fashioned
9:00—Salt Lake City Tabernacle—CBS
9:30—Morning Melodies
10:00—Allen Jackson, News—CBS
10:30—Kathy Godfrey Show—CBS
10:30—Morning Melodies
11:00—Local Church Services
12:00—Woolworth Hour—CBS
1:00—Allen Jackson, News—CBS
1:30—Paul Newman—CBS
1:30—Round and Round Society—CBS
1:30—World News
1:45—Musical Interlude
1:55—Allen Jackson, News—CBS
2:00—Face The Music—CBS
2:30—Rhythm on the Road—CBS
2:00—Gems of Melody
2:30—Musical Matinee
4:00—Our Man Brooks—CBS
4:30—CBS Newsroom Sunday Desk—CBS
5:00—Kraft Music Hall—CBS
6:00—World of Sports
6:30—Lotharman—CBS
6:30—Northwest News Summary
6:50—The Whistler—CBS
7:00—Sunday News Feature—CBS
7:00—Summer In St. Louis—CBS
7:30—Gary Cooper—CBS
8:00—Date With The Stars
8:30—Evening Mood
9:00—World News
9:15—Oregon Scene
9:30—World Music Festival—CBS
10:30—Musical Interlude
11:00—Senator Morse Reports
11:15—Recorded Hits
11:30—News Nitecap
11:30—Sign Off

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1955

4:00—Coffee Club Capers
4:30—News & Coffee Club
4:45—Way of Life
7:00—Songs of the Wide Land
7:30—Morning Melodies
7:30—Frank Goss, News—CBS
7:45—Harry Rabbitt—CBS
8:00—Wendy Warren & News—CBS
8:15—In the Groove
8:25—Northwest Highlights
8:30—Helen Trent—CBS
8:45—Our Gal Sunday—CBS
9:00—Woman's View
9:15—Ma Perkins—CBS
9:30—Young Dr. Malone—CBS
9:45—Ma About Town
10:00—Second Mrs. Burton—CBS
10:15—Perry Mason—CBS
10:30—Gloria Drake—CBS
10:45—Anna Mary—CBS
11:00—Guiding Light—CBS
10:45—Make Your Mind—CBS
11:30—Local News
11:40—Musical Interlude
11:45—House Party—CBS
12:00—World News
12:15—Man on the Street
12:30—Arthur Godfrey—CBS
2:00—TV Preview
2:05—Let's Look at the Weather
2:10—This I Believe
2:15—Musical Matinee
2:45—Trading Post
3:00—Matinee 1400

KOIN - TV

CHANNEL 3, PORTLAND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1955
11:30—Lone Ranger
1:00—Boy Scout Jubilee
1:30—The Lone Star
2:00—Lamp Unto My Feet
2:30—Sunday Armchair Theatre
4:00—Sunday Loner Show
4:30—Annie Oakley
6:00—You Are There
6:30—It's Magic
6:30—Private Secretary
6:45—What's My Line
7:00—Toots of the Town
8:00—G. E. Theatre
8:30—Stage Seven
9:00—Appointment With Adventure
9:30—Boss Lady
10:00—Sunday News Special
10:15—John Kieran Kitelescope
10:30—First Run Theatre

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1955

8:00—Valiant Lady
8:15—Love of Life
8:30—Search For Tomorrow
8:45—Guiding Light
9:00—News & Weather
9:15—Jack Paar Show
9:30—Welcome Travellers
10:00—Robert Q. Lewis
10:30—Linkletter's Houseparty
10:45—Big Payoff
11:30—Bob Crosby Show
12:00—Brighter Day
12:30—Secret Storm
12:30—On Your Account
1:00—Garry Moore Show
1:30—Soundy Classics
2:00—KNOX Kichen
2:30—Arthur Godfrey Time
2:45—Stella H. Rich
3:00—Armchair Theatre
3:30—People
4:45—Cartoon Time
5:00—Red Dinning Show
5:30—Doug Edwards News
5:45—John Kieran's Kitelescope
6:00—Mr. Weatherman
6:30—Sportscenter
6:45—News Parade
6:55—Chuck Foster Newsweek
7:00—Lyn Tin
7:30—Burns and Allen
7:30—Science Fiction Theatre
8:00—Diane Wisting Field
8:00—Ethel and Albert
8:00—Life Of Riley
8:00—Studio 54
10:00—Studio One Summer Theatre
11:30—Shortcuts On Six

KBS - TV

CHANNEL 2, MEDFORD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1955
10:15—Pro Baseball
2:00—Meadowland Grass Handicap
2:30—Devotions
3:00—Mr. Wizard
3:30—Dearborn Holiday
4:00—Falls For Today
4:30—Western Tabular
5:30—Soldier Parade
6:00—The Charabanc
6:30—Melody Wranglers
7:00—America's Greatest Bands
8:00—Arthur Murray Party
8:30—And Here's The Show
9:00—Break The Bank
10:00—Wrestling From Hollywood
11:00—News
11:30—Sign Off

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1955

12:30—Let's Take A Trip
1:30—Face The Nation
2:00—This Is The Life
2:30—American Forum
3:00—Sunday Matinee
3:30—People
4:30—So. Ore. Roundtable
5:00—You Are There
5:30—Mobile Home
5:45—Musical Magic
6:00—Private Secretary
6:15—Doris Ayer Party
6:30—Toots of the Town
6:30—G. E. Theatre
6:45—It's A Great Life
6:00—Camino Theatre
6:30—Weekly News In Review
6:45—Dr. Health Service
10:00—Midnight Movie
10:30—Sign Off

Movie Showtime

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1955
INDIAN—Complete Show Starts 12:40
2:30—4:45—8:15—10:15
2:00—American Forum
3:00—Sunday Matinee
3:30—People
4:30—So. Ore. Roundtable
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Airman Schmidt Files Divorce Papers On Una

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Airman Daniel C. Schmidt left Friday with the announced intention of personally filing divorce papers against his wife Una, at Red Bluff in Northern California.

The airman's attorney said Schmidt would stop off at Red Bluff, 125 miles north of here, on his way to a weekend visit to his mother, Mrs. Nellie Peters of Portland, Ore.

Atty. Howard P. Welch said the papers will charge extreme cruelty against the 20-year-old wife who said she married another man thinking Schmidt was dead.