

HILL RAILROADS YIELD

Put In Colonist Rates Again Next Spring.

ALL LINES IN AGREEMENT

Harriman Companies Carry Their Point After Extended Negotiations—Home-seekers Will Pay Increased Fares, However.

Announcement was made yesterday that the colonist rates, put into effect during the Spring months for several years past, to induce immigration to Oregon, will be made effective this year as usual.

For some time it was a question whether the rates would be granted by the railroad for the coming Spring, but after extended negotiations on the subject, the lines interested have agreed to put into effect reduced rates to the Pacific Coast cities from the East.

The rate will, however, be \$5 higher than heretofore offered. This is because of lack of harmony between the transcontinental railroads on the subject. Some lines were not in favor of allowing the colonist rates during the coming Spring and insisted on maintaining the usual fares.

Other roads insisted on offering colonist rates and the settlement finally arrived at in the nature of a compromise. It is considered as fortunate, however, that this rate was granted by the railroads, for it looked for a time as if there would be no concessions made in favor of colonist travel.

Many managers thought it best to charge travelers the ordinary fare and not make any special bid for Westbound business. It is believed by railroad men that the advance of \$5 in the one-way fare will not lessen the volume of travel, but that the number of settlers heading to the Pacific Coast territory will be as large as usual.

Provision will be made to handle the usual colonist business. The Harriman lines are understood among railroad men to have taken the lead in the movement for the continuance of the usual colonist rates during the coming Spring months. The Hill lines, it is said, were determined to maintain the ordinary fares and make no reduction for colonist travel.

The Harriman people are understood to have taken an equally determined stand for the customary reductions and the colonist rate was announced by the Harriman lines, who gave notice of individual action. In this reduced colonist rate, the Burlington, Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company joined.

Commercial organizations of the state have been considerably worried because of the holding up of the colonist rates by the railroads. These bodies had issued tons of literature, advertising the Pacific Coast country and expelling the Spring colonist rates, making it easy for intending settlers to reach this territory.

When it seemed likely that the usual reductions would not be made, the commercial organizations feared that the work during the past six months for a large immigration this Spring would be lost. Up to yesterday it seemed probable that these fears would be realized.

Thinking at 3 o'clock the 18th degree is to be conferred; at 10:30, the 21st; at 2 P. M., the 23rd; at 3 P. M., the 26th; and at 8 P. M., the 31st. Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the 32d degree will close the work of the reunion, as that is the highest degree in the rite that can be given by the consistory here.

Several members of the jurisdiction who are elected to receive the 32d degree, but that can be conferred only by I. W. Pratt, the active inspector general.

Shriners Meet Saturday Night. There will be a meeting of Al Kader Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Saturday night in the new Masonic Temple, Alder and West Park streets. A large class of novices will be initiated into the mysteries of this Arabic order, made up of Masons who have received the 25th, 26th or 27th degree in the Scottish Rite.

After the ceremonies attending the initiation the traditional banquet will be held.

BOY THIEVES IN TOILS. Juvenile Court Sends Three of Quartette to Detention Home.

Four boys who stole articles in St. John, last Sunday, ranging from a gold watch, valued at \$100, to chewing gum and tobacco worth a few cents, were given a week in the detention home of the juvenile court yesterday afternoon.

Three of them sent to the Detention Home. The fourth, who proved less culpable than the others, was allowed to return to his home on probation. The parents did not know of the crimes of their children until some time after they were committed, there having been four thefts in all.

Another case brought before Judge Gantenbein yesterday was that of a 17-year-old boy who came to Portland from the Dalles, and, being without money, stole a revolver from a store and pawned it. He was turned over to the City Board of Charities.

Where is George Shaver? This is the question being asked by Philip Holstein, who was brought to the juvenile court by the police yesterday. The police have been hunting for the particular Shaver wanted by Holstein, but have been unable to locate him.

The boy said Shaver sent him a ticket to come to Portland from Bertha, Colo., and that his friend has lived in Bertha for 14 years. He said the address and has been hunting for him ever since.

"But I'll find something to do somewhere, even if I have a cent of money," said the youngster, as he straightened up under the weight of two heavy valises, and set out on his search for employment.

DE CAPRIO'S REGULAR BAND. Expo Rink Next Week, Afternoons and Evenings.

Next week A. De Caprio and his band will furnish music afternoons as well as evenings at Expo Rink. Basketball on skates is the latest craze and a big game will be given soon. Tonight is ladies' night and moonlight skating will be given.

OWL LEADERS OUT

Executive Leavitt and Secretary Wood Resign.

ACTION NOT SIGNIFICANT

Officials Merely Anticipate Radical Change in Constitution of Order.

The second day of the grand convolve of the Brotherhood of Owls, which is now holding its first annual meeting in this city, had as its feature the tendering of the resignations of H. L. Leavitt and C. R. Wood, as grand executive and grand secretary respectively. They have held these offices since the organization of the order, a year ago.

While not altogether unexpected, the action of the officials came as a surprise in a way, for it was generally believed that they would wait until the proposal to amend the constitution brought up by the convention before taking the step.

According to the first charter granted the order, the positions of grand executive and grand secretary were in some manner made permanent offices, which was not to the liking of the order, and previous to the holding of the grand convolve here it was generally proposed to amend the constitution so that these officers would be elected annually. This amendment is scheduled to come up before the convention, which is now in session.

Mr. Leavitt will resign as grand secretary and so far as known has practically no opposition. It is not likely that Mr. Wood will be re-elected to the position of grand executive, for he has repeatedly announced that his business engagements will preclude his giving the needed attention to the business of the order, which is growing so rapidly that it requires practically the undivided attention of the officials.

Gus C. Moser, past executive of the Portland Nest, who presided at yesterday's gathering of the "hooters," is prominently mentioned as the strongest candidate for Mr. Leavitt's position. Mr. Moser has been prevailed upon by his friends to allow his name to be mentioned, but only after Mr. Leavitt had announced his desire to retire from the office, and a canvass of the visiting delegates yesterday afternoon indicated a decided majority for the Portland man.

Reports of committees occupied the attention of the convolve yesterday, while the delegates were in session. It was definitely announced that final reports would be made today. At this afternoon's session the changes in the by-laws and constitution will be made. The annual election will be held tomorrow morning, and after it the visiting delegates will depart for their homes.

It will also be the duty of the convolve tomorrow to elect the place of the next annual meeting. Seattle and Butte are especially desirous of the honor, and Bellinham, Westport and Winlock are also in the field for the convention. In all probability the bid of Seattle for the convention will receive favorable consideration, for the Puget Sound metropolis is anxious to have the convolve there during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and on that account the annual meeting will be held at Seattle.

Last night the visiting Owls were the guests of S. Morton Cohn and Charles N. Ryan at the Marquand Grand Theater. Tonight they will be entertained at the Pantages Theater as guests of Manager Johnson.

This morning's session will be called to order promptly at 10 o'clock by Beatrice Evelyn Wilson, Portland's child pianiste, entertained the officers of the Owls with a few selections at the Hotel Oregon Thursday night, complimentary to Grand Secretary C. B. Wood, who was acquainted with the little Miss before she came to Portland.

BOND ISSUE IS FAVORED. St. John Commercial Club Considers Parks and Docks.

The St. John Commercial Club favors the issuing of bonds for erection of a public dock, the building of a public suitable for one or more parks, and also declares in favor of a free ferry at St. John. At a well-attended meeting of the club Wednesday night in the club room on Burlington street these matters were discussed. All present favored a bond issue for the dock and parks. It was also the sentiment of all present that St. John is entitled to a free ferry.

It was reported that a canvass had been made among the business men and farmers on the west side of the Willamette River from St. John with the result that the county shall operate it free of charge. A committee was appointed to take the matter up with the County Court, and did so yesterday. The matter was taken under consideration. The question of issuing bonds for parks and dock will likely be voted on at the April election.

TONIGHT'S RECITAL. A Splendid Programme Prepared and Admission to Be Entirely Complimentary.

Miss Alice Justice, contralto, and Miss Cornelia Barker, violinist, are to be the soloists at the recital which will be given at the recital hall at Park and Washington streets, Thursday evening, at the auspices of Ellers Piano House in their large recital hall at Park and Washington streets. Admission is to be complimentary and tickets may be obtained today, upon request, at the Ellers store, entirely without charge.

This evening's recital promises to be one of the most enjoyable yet given at this season, and the programme is an especially pleasing one.

FINE APPLE SHOW. For the benefit of those who failed to see the display of apples at the Horticultural Exhibition, this week the Hazelwood Cream Store, with characteristic enterprise, secured the cream of the exhibition, which they have newly arranged in an apple show at their store, 333-340 Washington street. So insistent is their demand for Oregon's finest apples for baking purposes that they are influenced as a factor for better fruit is being recognized more and more every year.

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W. M. Ladd and his attorneys expect to take over the affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company next Monday.

Widow Sues on Life Policy. Mary C. Francis is suing the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to recover \$200 insurance alleged to be due her on account of the death of her husband, R. W. Francis, who was killed on a threshing machine in July, 1906, after taking out a policy in June.

FINISH STANDARD OIL HEARING. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—With the testimony this afternoon of William R. King, agent of the Standard Oil Company in New York, the hearing in the Government's suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company were concluded so far as this city is concerned. The next session will be held in Washington on January 22.

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