

FIRM GOVERNOR IS ACCUSED AS TRUST

Theatrical Manager Declares in Suit That Injustice Is Being Done.

PORTLAND SHOWS SUFFER

Independent Movement Takes Form at Psychological Moment and Is Welcomed—Validity of Patents Is Questioned.

NEW YORK, July 16.—Alleging that 19 of the biggest film manufacturers had banded together to restrict trade and drive others out of the business, the Greater New York Film Company, headed by William Fox, a theatrical manager, has begun suit in the United States District Court against the companies, charging they are a combination in restraint of trade.

The suit will be heard before a special examiner.

The suit of William Fox against the General Film Company, said Melvin G. Winstock, general manager of the People's Amusement Company, "on the ground that it is a trust and in restraint of trade, is an important one, and is a move that has been expected for a long time."

Wheels Revolve Within Wheels. The Patents Company is composed of 19 film factories. This concern attempts to license the exchanges and also the distribution of the General Film Company is composed of the same 19 film factories, and this latter concern acts as a distributor. If you do not do as the Patents Company tells you, you can't run the stuff distributed by the General Film Company, and that is the little wheel within a wheel which almost every decent exchange in the United States was forced to sell out to the General Film Company. Having both these ends in control they now seek to get into the exhibitor's end of it by taxing him practically out of his profits by way of rentals, thus making every branch of the industry pay undue tribute to the picture trust.

Ever since this company has been buying out exchanges and, with the connivance of the Motion Picture Patents Company, threatening to cancel exchange licenses if the exchanges did not sell out to the trust at the trust's own price, it has been doing business in restraint of trade and the General Film, composed of the same men who own the Patents Company, has borne heavily and unjustly down on the exhibitors. Through alleged patents, the validity of which are questioned in the highest courts in the land, they have attempted to license or not license theaters, and they have put in force rules and regulations arrogating to themselves almost governmental powers.

Exclusive Use Demanded. They have attempted to compel theaters to use their goods exclusively, and failure to comply with this rule meant an absolute withdrawal of their films. As far as our own People's Amusement Company is concerned, they have continually discriminated against us in programs and prices, and many times have given our smallest competitor a better program and a cheaper rate than we paid because we had to use their films in all of our theaters. They have given our smallest competitor an exhibitor could not run their films in some houses and independent films in others.

The People's Amusement Company is the biggest single renter of films in the United States and though we have paid this trust nearly \$500,000 in film rentals since the organization of our company, we got less service for more than did a man who had a theater in Goble and paid them \$20 a week.

We have been awaiting an opportunity for a long time to go into the psychological moment arrived recently, when there occurred a break in the ranks of the independent distributors forces. We saw our opportunity to secure an exchange franchise, a few Portland men not officially connected with the People's, but some of whom owned stock therein, formed a corporation with a capital stock of \$50,000 and started an independent exchange under the name of the Film Supply Company of Oregon. Its first and biggest customer was naturally the People's Amusement Company, but since the new exchange opened a few days ago applications for service have been coming in at a greater rate than even the company can possibly supply and there is no doubt whatever that the exchange will be a complete success.

Exhibitors Chafe Under Conditions. There are few exhibitors in the land who do not chafe under the inequitable and unjust exactions of the General Film Company, and it only needed somebody with the courage and capital to lead the revolt.

As the general manager of the People's for more than a year I have been watching the quality of the films turned out by the independent factories, as has our board of directors, and they consent to the change of service for our company only when we were satisfied that the independent concerns were turning out just as good pictures as the trust. There is not an unprejudiced critic in the land who will not say that in many respects today the independent concerns are issuing and producing even better pictures and those which appeal more to the common people.

Mr. Fox will win in his suit, because his cause is just. There are good trusts and bad trusts, but a combination such as this, which seeks to throttle the very existence of the exhibitor, who does all the battling and struggling and who today has done wonders in fixing the high standard of this form of entertainment, should be either properly regulated or suppressed.

EIGHTY TEACHERS WIN

Multnomah County Folk Get Certificates of Instruction.

SALEM, Or. July 16.—Announcement was made today by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman that 80 teachers of Multnomah County were successful in passing the recent examinations.

Johnston, Lola E. Herald, Hulda M. G. Kehrl, Alice M. Wheeler, Lettie M. Osborn, Lola McDonald, Stella A. Pennick, Margaret K. Shantin, Ida May Johnson, Alice B. McIntyre, Lynette Fitzwater, Clara Young, Lena Gilman, Jeannette Roberts, Lulu Wilkins, Laura Thompson, Edith Bailey, Dorcas Ehdin, Alta Odell, Helen Grace Abbott, Alice Hughes, Mary Sunderland, Ethel N. Johnson, Pauline Elliott, Margaret Hammar, Mrs. Elsa Knowles, Dorothea Pike, Grace Frost, Katherine Fruman, Edna Mae Wolf, Esther Kate West, Althea Hambree, Eva M. Boldman, Florence Helen O'Brien, Adrianna McDermott, Beatrice D. O'Brien, Bertie Nell, Gladys Lanthers, Ada Ostfeld, Ethel Bryan, Laurence Bailey, Anna M. Green, R. H. Searle, Mrs. Mary Steineker, Bertha F. Arnold, Minnie B. Kearns, Flora McNeiven, Elizabeth Ganning, Elmer Ray Jones, George W. Metzger, Myrtle Jeffries, Grace E. Davies, Lola Parker, Helen McSullivan, Frances M. Hughes, Frances Potter, Bertha S. Stocks. Life certificates—Sister Teresa of the Cross, Margaret Borbone, Nettie Rankin.

MANIAC WILL BE TRIED

AUTHORITIES DETERMINED HE SHALL NOT BE FREED.

Otto Pence, Who Wounded Herman Emery, to Face Charge of Assault With Revolver.

Though admitted to be insane, Otto Ward Pence, who shot Herman P. Emery at the stage door of Pantheon theater yesterday, when faced with a charge of making an assault with a dangerous weapon. This action was decided upon by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald yesterday, when steps were taken to have the man released from the County Jail, his victim being on the road to recovery.

JONES CASE IS PUZZLE

INJURED OAKS' CONCESSION-AIRE SAYS NOTHING.

Physician Thinks Spinal Injury Was Caused by Shock to Mental or Physical Condition.

The case of W. H. Jones, owner of the skating rink and of the "Old Mill" concession at the Oaks, who was paralyzed while swimming in the tank Monday night, is proving a puzzle to his physician, Dr. Frank M. Taylor. Cases of the kind are seldom encountered. Suddenly, without a moment of warning, Mr. Jones became paralyzed from the shoulders down.

MILITIA WILL COMPETE

AUGUST 12-15 DATE SET FOR RIFLE TOURNAMENT.

Oregon Bankers Have Donated Large Sum for Trophy to Be Shot for Under Special Rules.

The annual rifle and revolver competition of the Oregon National Guard will be held on the 12-15. A large number of prizes and medals will be given for the best shots.

West Sanctions Extradition.

SALEM, Or. July 16.—(Special.)—Extradition papers were granted by the executive offices yesterday for S. E. Denzell, who is wanted in Portland for larceny of an automobile. He is now in Canada. This is the first international extradition which has been issued since Governor West took office. The machine was the property of the Pacific Auto Manufacturing Company.

SMITH RESIGNS TO COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS

Will Cast Fortunes With New Third Party.

CONANT WILL GET PLACE

Retiring Official Said to Have Advised Colonel of Intended Move. Letter to Taft Discusses Issue Frankly.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Herbert Knox Smith resigned today as Commissioner of Corporations to join the forces of Theodore Roosevelt and the new third party. He will be succeeded, it is probably, by Luther Conant, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., the present Deputy Commissioner of Corporations, who is described as a distinctly Administration exponent. The change will become effective on the close of business Thursday, July 18.

Mr. Smith will go to New York for conference Friday with Colonel Roosevelt, when his political plans will be mapped out. He probably will take an active part in the campaign, but in the meantime, with particular reference to the Sherman anti-trust law. He admitted that he advised the ex-President of his contemplated action and tentatively discussed the future at his conference last week with Mr. Roosevelt.

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BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

MORRISON STREET AT FOURTH

NO. 2. COMMISSION TO FIX PRICE OF ELECTRIC LIGHT

The new public utility law for Oregon to go into effect in November provides that:

"The Commission SHALL DETERMINE AND BY ORDER FIX REASONABLE RATE or rates to be imposed, observed and followed in lieu of those found to be unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory or preferential."

By virtue of the above clause of the State law, ample authority is given in the matter of determining what price is to be charged for electric light and power service.

In fixing the rate, the first factor to be considered by the commissioners will be the interest charged upon the investment.

To have two plants will necessarily double this charge, and thus prevent the lowering of the rate, which might take place if no duplication of investment existed.

Every student of public utility knows that two companies in the field prevent efficient and satisfactory fixing of rates.

Then if this is the case, why create an unnecessary burden upon the people of Portland by granting a franchise to another company to enter the field?

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

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