

LIGHT AND POWER RATES UNDER X-RAY

State Railroad Commission Begins Exhaustive Inquiry on Own Initiative.

ACID TEST TO BE APPLIED

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Will Be Ordered to Produce Data Covering Operations Throughout Entire State.

SALEM, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—The most extensive and important inquiry yet inaugurated under the public utility act was begun today by the State Railroad Commission, which has given notice of an inquiry into all the rates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for electric lighting, heating and power in all the cities and towns in which it operates.

It is a notable fact that while the public utility law has been in effect six months, and numerous scattered complaints have been made in an informal way, it has remained for the Commission itself to start a general investigation into the reasonableness of the rates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company by preparing the papers in a formal case affecting the pocketbooks of more than one-third of the people of the state.

The rates to be subjected to the acid test are those now applying in Portland, Salem, Oregon City, Milwaukie, St. Johns, Linton, Gladstone, Washburn, Lewis, Corvallis, Astoria, Troutdale, Fairview, Oswego, Woodburn, Silverton, Mount Angel and Gervais, and the territory served in the vicinity of these towns by the company's lines.

Undertaking is Big One.

In the amount of work involved, the property interests affected and the number of people concerned, this is the largest single job the Railroad Commission has ever tackled. Prior to the hearing the company will be required to furnish a vast quantity of statistical data, including a full value of property, earnings and expenses, fixed charges and the general balance sheet. In view of the work required in getting this information in shape, the date of the hearing has been set nearly three months in advance. The date fixed is September 2, at Portland.

In one case, of comparatively little importance, recently heard by the Commission, the necessity of a comprehensive investigation of this character was strongly suggested. This was a complaint by the Salem Construction Company as to power rates in Salem. That particular case was dismissed because it appeared that the complainant had been enjoying a lower rate than many other users, and is merely being charged what other consumers in like circumstances are being charged. Whether the rates charged are in fact reasonable, the Commission did not attempt to say.

Detailed Inquiry Necessary.

In order to say what is a reasonable rate in Salem, as well as in Portland, Oregon City or any other place where the company operates, it is necessary for the Commission to know all the varied elements that enter into rate-making. It is necessary to go in detail into cost, earnings, revenue and conditions generally under which the company is supplying light, heat and power to towns in Oregon. Important and fundamental questions will be involved which will no doubt mark the way for later cases. The ultimate result will be to determine whether the rates charged by the company are excessive and to make such orders as the facts may justify. The Commission is proceeding in this way because a piecemeal inquiry would be ineffective. It is necessary to go into the case in detail from the start. With the plan now under way the case will be in shape to fight through the courts, if that should ever become necessary.

SHANIKO LOSES BY FIRE

Roundhouse and 2 Engines Go Up in Smoke Late at Night.

SHANIKO, Or., June 6.—(Special.)—Fire was discovered in the O. W. R. & N. roundhouse about 10:30 last night, totally destroying the building and two engines. C. O. Hinchant, the regular watchman left yesterday for Portland and the house and engines were in charge of an extra man sent out from The Dalles. The probable cause of the fire is supposed to be low pressure of steam in the engines, causing improper spraying of oil into the firebox and the oil, running out on the floor, ignited the oil in the oil tanks. The extra engine was sent up to take out a train of 17 cars of sheep.

WOMAN Baffles POLICE

Ethel Morrison Gives Self Up, but Refuses to Tell Why.

Walking into the police station this morning at 2 o'clock, Miss Ethel Morrison, about 30 years old, offered to give herself up to the police, saying there were several things for which she was wanted.

Sergeant Jenkins attempted to get something definite from Miss Morrison, but she refused to give details, asking to be referred to the late Danny Wetner, former working partner of Detective Joe Day. When advised that Wetner died about 18 months ago, Miss Morrison seemed disturbed. She then asked for "Red" Chappell, supposed to be a bartender, but the police have been unable to locate Chappell.

Ex-Principal Sentenced for Life.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 6.—Caleb A. Inlow, former public school principal and juvenile probation officer at Bingham, Utah, who was convicted recently of second degree murder for killing Thomas E. White, a taxicab chauffeur, was sentenced to life imprisonment today. Inlow was charged with shooting White to prevent the latter from telling of alleged ore thefts committed by Inlow.

CHICAGO WOMAN EDUCATOR WHO SAYS MEN TEACHERS ARE MORE AMBITIOUS THAN WOMEN



MRS. ELLA FLAGG YOUNG.

MAN TEACHER BEST

Woman Educator Says She Prefers Them to Women.

AMBITION IS MORE MARKED

Ella Flagg Young Awaits Lieutenant-Governor Who Went to School to Her—Women Do Not Forget Marriage and Home.

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ference, in dollars and cents, if you were to pay your experienced boys \$1.00 a week? Mr. Robinson said that rich and makes wages arbitrary would be bad practice in my opinion, replied the banker. "In dollars and cents it would make little difference to us."

Among the merchants the practice is not to hire married men who are not capable of earning at least \$12 a week. Joseph Basch and others declared that thrifty families save money on such a wage.

112 Men in Cheerful Homes.

"I have known \$12 men who went from their work to cheerful homes owned by themselves and who had money in the bank," said Mr. Basch. "On the other hand I have known men earning twice that who went to rented homes and who were broke. It depends on the family and largely on the housewife."

James Simpson, vice-president of Marshall Field & Co., said his firm would not employ married men who could not earn more than \$12 a week. "Perhaps you said better wages more bachelors would get married," suggested Senator Beall, former "stork mayor" of Alton, Ill. The witness laughed and went on to explain that the minimum wage for boys at the store is \$5 a week.

"You can't get them for less; it's the law of supply and demand," the witness said. A state law fixing a minimum wage for married men would prove a business handicap compared with states that have no such law.

Mr. Robinson said the Illinois Steel Company employed 22,000 men at an average daily wage of \$2.75.

Taking up the attitude of the commission that girls are "forced by pressure of their fathers to take up employment," Mr. Robinson said that rich and poor alike were forced to seek employment or become drones. He admitted that while the rich girl might find her employment in music or some other branch of art, the poor girl would be forced to work in stores, offices or shops.

Mrs. Young prefers Men. Lieutenant-Governor O'Hara, the chairman, knew Mrs. Ella Flagg Young when he was a schoolboy and apparently had lost none of his awe of her. He first presented every member to her and then for five minutes at least, every member sat perfectly silent while the noted educator spoke. Finally they became sufficiently at ease to ask questions, mainly about vocational training.

Mrs. Young seemed to prefer men teachers to women, as she said the "school ma'am" was content with living, she said, and always in the background was the thought of marriage and a home.

Today's session was designated as a "get together" session and witnesses were not sworn. Additional witnesses will be heard tomorrow.

COURT COMPOUNDS THEFT

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he had put the deal through. Shourds came to New York, where he was met by his wife, Jerome and a detective. Shourds told the lawyers who agreed to meet him that he did not trust them and that he had "waited" half the proceeds of the theft in Germany. When they had convinced him that he would not be prosecuted, Shourds went back to Germany with the detective and got the balance of the money. After his second return Shourds still retained half of the loot which he had gone to

BABE PLAYS ROLE IN PHONE INQUIRY

Postponed Hearing, Caused by Tot, Is Resumed After Weeks' Delay.

COMMISSION PAYS HONOR

Former Long-Distance Operator, Now a Mother, Among Witnesses Before Public Service Body at Seattle--Portlanders Present.

SEATTLE, June 6.—(Special.)—With Mrs. Ray Papert, a former long-distance operator, and her new baby, as the center of interest, the Public Service Commission of Washington today resumed its hearing of the complaint of the Northwestern Long-Distance Telephone Company against the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company on charges of discriminations. For some weeks the hearing has been postponed, awaiting the arrival of the Papert baby, which would permit the mother to testify.

When Mrs. Papert appeared today with the baby, Judge M. Goldman, chairman, and Commissioners Lewis and Wilson postponed proceedings again long enough to crowd around the little one with complimentary remarks. The day's hearing developed the evidence of the defense, which claims that the long-distance business of the Northwest Company has not been interfered with or deflected to the Pacific Company lines since the Independent Telephone of Seattle was absorbed by the Pacific States lines. The plaintiff has contended that such is the case and that it has lost \$1500 a month through the deflection or mismanagement of its calls by the Pacific Company and is asking an order from the Commission permitting it to place a supervising monitor in the long-distance office of the Pacific Company here.

John B. Coffey, of Portland, receiver for the Northwest Company, is here in person attending the hearings, which are being held in the Chamber of Commerce, and Jay Bowerman, of Oregon, is present as counsel for the Northwest Company.

J. W. Newell, district traffic chief of the Pacific system, was the principal witness for the defense, outlining in the manner in which long-distance calls are handled and segregated between the lines of the Bell system and the Independent lines, including the Northwest Company, which formerly handled all of the long-distance business of the Independent Telephone Company of Seattle.

Operators and supervisors of the company corroborated his statements. Newell admitted that the long-distance consolidation all long-distance calls, where the Northwest service is not especially asked for, are handled over the Pacific States Company wires, and he declared that this accounts for the decline in the business of the Northwest Company lines.

A number of business men using long distance regularly were called and testified that they have no trouble getting the Northwest service when they ask for it. Counsel for the Pacific Company suggested that perhaps the Northwest Company would get more business if it advertised, and the hearing probably will be completed tomorrow.

When the verdict was pronounced, Shourds handed a bundle to the attorney containing the remainder of the missing bonds and stocks. Shourds also gave an extra \$5000 to the bank's attorney.

Shourds used the stolen money in speculation abroad and had made a fortune. It is hinted that he is worth more money than he handed back. When he left here he went to San Francisco and from there across the Pacific to Australia and thence to Europe.

WIRELESS STRIKE AT END

Union Men Say Agreement Reached; Company Official Denies.

STAB FATAL TO BRIDE

HUSBAND OF ASTORIA WIDOW WOMAN BEING HELD.

Wound Declared Self-Inflicted by Couple, but Physicians Say This Impossible.

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Junior Candidates' Campaign to Be Warm Today.

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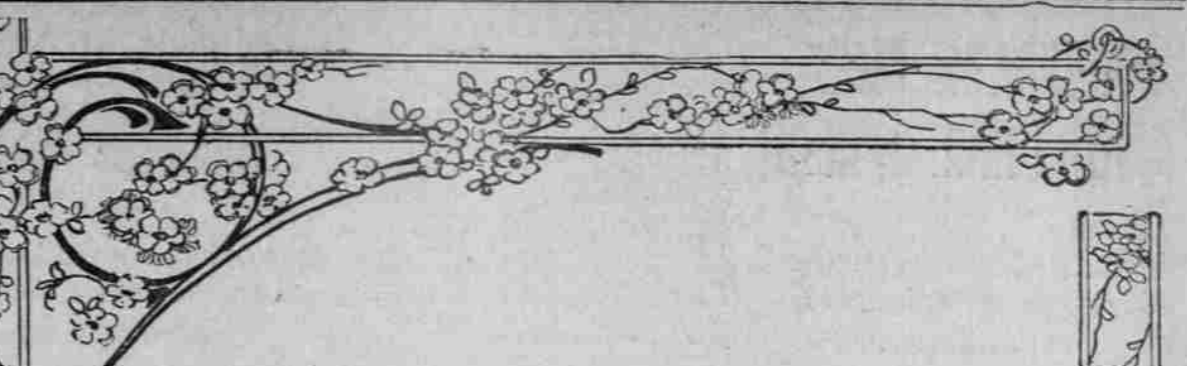
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LISTER RECALL RUMORED

Governor's Action on Asylum Head Anxiously Awaited.

MISSOURI BANK HAS BIG SHORTAGE

ST. LOUIS, June 6.—A special to the East-Dispatch says the Farmers County Bank, at Caruthersville, Mo., has closed its doors and now is in the hands of the State Bank Commissioner as the result of the discovery of an alleged shortage which, according to John H. Cunningham, the president, is at least \$200,000 and may reach \$250,000.

SPokane, Wash., June 6.—(Special.)

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Twenty-two boy and girl candidates

for junior government offices will be out combing the town for quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies from early this morning until 10 o'clock tonight. The filing of recall petitions against Governor Lister in case he refuses to discharge Dr. J. M. Semple, superintendent of the Eastern Washington Asylum for the Insane, is the latest move on foot by the opponents of the present head of the asylum, according to reports current today.

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