

REDUCED CARFARE ORDER IS HALTED

City Temporarily Restrained by Court Mandate Obtained by Traction Company.

LOW EARNINGS CONTENTED

Assertion Is Net Returns Less Than 3 Per Cent When Corporation Should Be Able to Receive 8 Per Cent Yearly.

R. E. Bean, Judge of the United States District Court, yesterday granted the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company a temporary injunction against the city officials of the city of Portland from enforcing the ordinance requiring the sale of six tickets for 25 cents.

SCHOOLS ARE RAPPED

Schools kicked out of children. Says C. E. S. Wood.

Address is Made at Opening of Annual Art Exhibition—More and Better Displays Are Shown.

A decided advance over all the exhibitions of previous years, as regards the number of pictures, the number of exhibitors and the interest shown by the people of Portland, is the Fourth Annual Art Exhibition, under the auspices of the Society of Oregon Artists, which opened Monday night on the third floor of the Portland Library.

Men's \$3.00 Sweaters \$1.69 Double Stamps with Purchases—Men's Heavy Shaker Knit Wool Sweaters in the popular Ruff Neck style, cut extra long and full; finished with large pearl buttons, side pockets, etc.

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fective mind, four of defective speech, four of adenoids, eight of defective eyes and one of ringworm.

Some of the strikingly insanitary schools, according to Miss Kelly, are the Lacombe school, in Lincoln County which is described as being more than 30 years old and in bad condition; the Griffin Creek school, in Jackson County, the one-story and out-of-date building which are said to be far from sanitary; the Brownsboro, Antioch and Roosevelt schools in the same county, with insanitary outhouses and the Gold Hill school, which is described as an old building with no water supply of any kind.

In Josephine County the schools which met with the disapproval of the State Nurse were the Missouri Flat, Baltimore, Quartz, Lee and Wilderville schools. In the last-named she reports a child eight years old who cannot talk.

In Douglas County the Cleveland school stands out as a bright and shining example of what a rural school should be from a sanitary and educational point of view, but the Stevens, Coles Valley, Green and Brockway schools leave much to be desired. In the last-named there are three feeble-minded pupils from one family.

In Clackamas County the nurse excluded two children from the Barclay school in Oregon City and one from the Canemah school, on account of having contagious skin diseases. About the dirtiest school the nurse has encountered, she reports, is the Parkdale school, in this county. She says that when she visited the school she found the principal in his shirt sleeves, and that his shirt showed no evidence of having been washed for weeks, and showed the stains from a blue undershirt. She thought that his dirty condition was a bad example for the pupils.

The company gave as its reason for asking an injunction, the contention that the present net returns are \$499,364.28 a year, or 2.74 per cent on the value placed on the system by the company officials.

It was further contended by the officials that to put into effect the ordinance would cost the company \$280,000 in loss of revenue on their street railway system.

Appearing for the company in the court were Frederick V. Holman and Harrison Allen. The court made its injunction returnable at 11 o'clock Monday, December 8.

Gross Revenue Cited. In its bill of complaint, the traction company bases the value of its property on the figures submitted to the State Railroad Commission, which is \$18,464,332. The gross revenue derived for the year ending June 30, 1913, was given as \$3,377,625.00.

operation, including taxes, charges and depreciation, was declared \$2,878,263.56, which left a net return of \$499,364.28, or 2.74 per cent on the contended value of the property.

The company contends that to put into effect the ordinance would deprive the owners of said property without due process of law of a just compensation.

It further asserts that the "services rendered under the provision of the franchise granted, yesterday, that the fare should not be more than 5 cents in 'one general direction'; that with this understanding bonds were issued and sold, and that to deprive the company of the reasonable return upon its investment would result in the impairment of the contract entered into between the city and the company, which is the basis upon which the bonds of the company were sold.

The company sets out, in its bill, the conditions of the franchise granted, which provides for methods of determining the reasonableness of the schedule filed with the State Railroad Commission.

Council's Right Questioned. It is pointed out that the company has submitted its schedule of rates to the State Commission, and that the City Council's right to question such schedule is denied.

The bill further says the company is entitled and ought to be allowed to charge such rates as will give a just and reasonable net return upon the value of all its properties, including its physical property and intangible assets or going concerns.

It is also contended by the company that, under the provisions of the charter of the City of Portland, "the city did not reserve unto itself or its Council the right to thereafter from time to time change, alter, modify or fix fares in the franchise granted."

In commenting upon the action of the company, Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, made the following statement:

"In instituting suit to enjoin the enforcement of the six-fares-25-cent ordinance, we are acting on the first law of nature, self defense.

Confiscation Is Hinted. "We feel that the enforcement of this ordinance will be in the nature of confiscation of our property; that it would require us to devote the investment in street railways to public service without compensation.

"My attention is called to the recent order of the Railroad Commission of Washington requiring the Seattle Railway Company to sell six tickets for 25 cents. In comparing the Seattle rate with the rate in Portland we should not lose sight of the fact that the Seattle six-ticket ordinance does not require the issuance of transfers on the tickets. The six-ticket ordinance in Portland requires the issuance of transfers. On our present rates of fare, because of the extensive use of transfers, our net receipts per revenue passenger on city railways are only 5.3 cents, as compared with the 4 cents required by the Seattle ordinance."

IRVINGTON CLUB ACTIVE Life Membership List May Total 150 by January 1.

"It is nearly assured that we will succeed in getting the 150 life members we started out to secure," said Frank S. Fields, of the Irvington Club, yesterday.

Two-Reel Vitagraph The Golden Pathway Maurice Costello and Mary Charleson

Pathe's Weekly Good Comedy A RASH REVENGE Specially Added Pictures for the Red Cross Seal Society Edison Story THE PRICE OF HUMAN LIVES Latest Styles From Europe 10c—ALL SEATS—10c

MANY PUPILS DEFECTIVE State Nurse Inspects Schools in Six Counties.

The November report of Miss Katherine Kelly, the State School Nurse, shows that six counties have been visited by her and that 78 rural schools and 2700 pupils have been inspected. In these the school nurse found 28 cases of impetigo, six of scabies, six of de-

Toyland, 4th Floor—Bring the Children and Let Them Enjoy the Sights Dolls, Toys, Games, Tree Decorations, Wheel Goods, Athletic Goods—Immense Stocks—Lowest Prices

ONLY 19 more shopping days till Christmas. Don't put off your holiday buying till the last minute—shop early in the day and early in the month.

Olds, Wortman & King
"The Store With the Christmas Spirit"
Business Hours From 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Daily. Saturday Hours From 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Merchandise Bonds—the ideal Christmas Gifts. We issue them in any amount, good in any department at any time. This is a safe, satisfactory way to solve the gift question.



In the Big Basement Underprice Store Today!

Double *J.H.* Trading Stamps With All Basement Cash Purchases of 10 Cents or Over

Women's \$16.50 Winter Coats at \$8.98

\$25 Suits \$11.98—\$5 Dress Skirts \$3.48



Basement—Women's and Misses' Heavy Winter Coats in full length, 3/4 or short styles. Splendid grade materials and exceptionally well tailored. Coats selling formerly up to \$16.50 each. On sale \$8.98

Basement—These excellent Suits were bought at a big reduction, hence this unusual bargain. Diagonals, fancy worsteds, tweeds and novelty mixtures in season's most favored colors. All sizes; worth to \$25

Basement—Women's Dress Skirts in several pretty styles, in soft finished wool serges and novelty mixtures. Practical, serviceable garments for holiday shopping wear. Good range of colors. Regular \$5 \$3.48

Girls' \$7.50 Coats at \$4.29

Double Stamps with Purchases—Special one-day sale of children's Winter Coats. Several stylish models in the popular rough materials and excellent line of desirable colors. Very attractive, well-made coats, \$4.29

Basement—Women's Dress Skirts in several pretty styles, in soft finished wool serges and novelty mixtures. Practical, serviceable garments for holiday shopping wear. Good range of colors. Regular \$5 \$3.48

Women's \$7.50 Coats \$4.98

Women's \$6 Bath Robes at \$4.98

Women's Silk Petticoats \$2.49

Basement—Women's and Misses' Heavy Blanket Bath Robes, suitable for Christmas gifts. Hand-some double-faced materials in many attractive patterns and colorings, trimmed with satin bands and cords. Full line of sizes, all sizes, \$6.50 values \$4.98

Basement—On a sale today only at this price, Beautiful Rich Mosaic and Taffeta Silk in all the latest 1913 styles, also black. Accordian plaited or neat tailored finishes. Very appropriate for gift giving. Silk Petticoats special \$2.49

\$1.50 Royal Worcester Corsets

Special for Today at 98c

Basement—For today's selling we offer a special number of the well-known Royal Worcester Corsets at an extremely low price. Very latest model for average figures. Made from good heavy cotton and perfect in fit. Boned with non-rusting steel boning. Standard \$1.50 grade. Sizes up to 30

85c Outing Flannel Gowns

Special at 63c

Double Stamps With Purchases—Women's heavy Outing Flannel Gowns at a very low price today. Cut full and long and nicely finished. Attractive stripe pattern and all sizes. 63c

Regular 85c Flannel Gowns, special 63c

Women's 25c Wool Hose at 19c Pair

50c Union Suits, Special 37c

Basement—Women's medium-weight Wool Hose, in black and gray. Seamless feet, double heel and toe and ribbed top. 19c

Basement—Women's fine ribbed cotton Union Suits, with warm, soft fleece lining. Pure white. High neck, long sleeves, 37c

60c Union Suits, 39c—Misses' Union Suits of heavy, pure white cotton yarns, with soft, warm fleece lining. High neck, 39c

75c, \$1.00 Fancy Silks, Special at 43c

39c, 50c Dress Goods, 25c Yard

Basement—Another special Silk offering of great importance. Beautiful novelty Silks for petticoats, linings, dresses, waists, fancywork, etc. Great variety of patterns and colorings. 43c

27-Inch Jap. Silks, 45c—Suitable for all sorts of holiday fancywork. Full assortment of all colors. Regular 50c Silk, 45c

24-Inch Heavy Quality Lining Satins, Special Today, a Yard, 48c

\$3.50, \$3.75 Wool Blankets at \$2.10

Full Size Comforters, Special \$1.45

Basement—A splendid gift for mother. Extra large, full-bed size, fancy check Wool Blankets, in attractive colors and nicely bound. Reg. \$3.50 and \$3.75 \$2.10

Basement—Extra large full bed size Comforters, filled with soft, warm cotton down and covered with best grade silkoline, in medium colors. Only \$1.45

Full Size Feather Pillows, With Fancy Ticking, \$2.25 grade, \$1.69

27-In. Heavy White Outing Flannel 9c

27-Inch Sheeting at 23c Yard

Basement—Special one-day sale of extra heavy fleeced white Outing Flannel. Comes full 27 inches wide. Special, only 23c

Mill ends double-width black and white check Dress Goods, yd. 11c

42x36-inch Bleached Pillow Cases on special sale at only, each, 11c

32-inch Unbleached Muslin, 6 1/2c; 15c Percales, special, yard, 11c

68-inch Mercerized Table Damask on sale today at the yard, 28c

38-inch soft-finish Cotton Challies on sale today at the yard, 10c

Christmas Gifts That Will Please

Basement—Excellent showing of Christmas novelties at prices the lowest. Double stamps with all purchases amounting to 10c or over. Shop early!

Toilet Sets, 98c—In neat Christmas box—brush, comb and mirror. Fine polished rosewood. Beautiful gift for any woman. Limited number of 98c

50c Dolls, Special, 39c—Interesting little Character Dolls in 10 different varieties. Nicely dressed and substantially made. Regular 50c Dolls. On 39c

25c Doll Beds, 15c—These are of good size, well made and will fold. On special sale for 15c

10c TOILET PAPER, 5c—Extra good grade tissue, full 1000 sheets to the roll. On special sale today. Limit, 20 rolls to a customer.

75c to \$1.00 Fancy Neckwear at 49c \$1.25 Leather Handbags, Special 79c

Basement—Fancy Neckwear for holiday gifts at a reduced price. Dainty Venise, lace and net effects. Regular 75c to 49c

Fancy Ribbons, 25c—Novelty Ribbons, in great variety of colors and patterns. All pure silk. Widths up to five 25c

Special, the yard, 21c—Fine Mercerized Pillow Cases, in a great assortment of colorings. Full length. On special sale for today at only, each 21c

Men's and Women's Carpet Slippers on sale today at the pair, 29c

Men's Leather House Slippers (Everest style), special, the pair, 79c

Men's "Romero" Leather House Slippers, black or tan, special, \$1.39

Men's low-cut Everest Slippers, all sizes, special today, the pair, \$1.19

Women's regular \$1.50 Felt Holiday Slippers, special, the pair, 98c

Women's regular \$1.00 Lined Felt Slippers on sale today, pair, 79c

Women's regular \$2.50 Kid Julietts on special sale today, pair, \$1.79

All Parisian Ivory Now at 1/4 Off Regular Prices

Department, on the Main Floor—We offer you unrestricted choice of our entire stock of Parisian Ivory at one-fourth off. Toilet Sets, Brushes, Mirrors and hundreds of other appropriate gifts. Buy now.

Wednesday Sale of Notions

36 Wire Coat Hangers, special for today at 3c

Spool Holders, hold six spools, special at 23c

Fancy Baskets, assorted styles, special, 25c

Shoe Trees on special sale for today at 10c

Reg. 25c Workboxes only 19c

Reg. 25c Needleboxes now 18c

Great Basement Sale of Men's and Women's Holiday Slippers

Special Sale \$3.50 to \$5.00 Shoes

\$1.98

Basement—Thousands of pairs of men's, women's and children's high-grade Shoes in all popular leathers and lasts. Not odd styles and narrow widths, but the very newest models. Button or lace. All sizes in the lot. Worth \$1.98 up to \$5.00 a pair. Special \$1.98

Basement Sale Decorated China

Double Stamps With Purchases

Cups and Saucers, worth up to 25c, special sale price today, only 15c

Decorated Lamp and Globe to match, special for today at \$3.50

Fancy Decorated Creamers, worth up to 35c, special for today, only 10c

Decorated Shaving Mirrors, worth up to 50c, special for today, 25c

Decorated Shaving Mugs, worth up to 30c, special for today, only 15c

20c White and Gold Bread and Butter Plates, special for today at 10c

3c White and Gold Dessert or Salad Plates, special today only at 15c