

COMPANY REFUSES TO REDUCE RATES

President Gilman Says No Change in Attitude Can Be Made by Railroad.

CHAMBER PLEA IS DENIED

Letter to Mr. Hardy Says Conditions Do Not Justify Cut and Rise in Some Instances Are Cited. Position Is Reiterated.

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway will not yield from its position now maintained before the Interstate Commerce Commission...

Mr. Gilman's letter was brought forth by the resolutions recently adopted by the Chamber requesting the Spokane, Portland & Seattle to grant terminal rates to Astoria...

Two Proposals are Considered. Mr. Gilman's letter in full follows: There has been presented to me a resolution adopted by the Interstate Commerce Commission...

In the answer filed and evidence introduced its attitude was clearly stated and defined. The position then taken has not been changed and the position of this company today...

The second proposition submitted by your Chamber manifestly involves carriers other than the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Company, and rates other than Portland rates. I have, therefore, declined to take any action with respect to the proposition...

It is the judgment of the representatives of this company and the representatives of other carriers having a like interest as carriers, proprietors, shippers in connection with the proposition...

I feel certain that your Chamber is in harmony with the general trend of thought prevailing in the community...

In any event, for the reasons stated, I must decline to grant the requests made, or either of them.

MOONSHINING TRIAL ON MACKENZIE RIVER SUSPECTS FACE CHARGES TODAY.

Fair Captured in Raid of \$600 in White Near Springfield Last Summer Will Answer Accusations.

The trial of Martin C. Brown and James Williams on a charge of making moonshine whiskey will begin in the United States District Court before Judge Wolverton at 10 o'clock today.

The two were arrested last summer after the finding of a deserted cabin in a lonely spot up the Mackenzie River several miles above Springfield.

The several months preceding their arrest, moonshine liquor was easy to obtain at Springfield. Several bottles of good old moonshine will be used in evidence in the trial.

All the elements of an old-fashioned melodrama with the internal revenue officers as heroes, and the alleged moonshiners as villains, are to be found in the evidence that will be introduced in the trial.

SPEAKING COURSE IS PLAN University Sends Extension Worker to Organize Library Class.

The extension division of the University of Oregon is sending Robert W. Prescott, assistant professor of public speaking, to the public library today to meet all who are interested in the organization of an extension class in public speaking.

The purpose will be to give practical instruction in the organization of dramatic material and in the effective oral presentation. The instruction will be free. The meeting will be at 3 o'clock.

Noon Prayer Leaders Named.

The leaders for today's noon prayer meetings will be as follows: At the Men's Retreat, Fourth and Burnside streets, D. R. Potter; Young Men's Christian Association, G. H. H. Baker; Young Women's Christian Association, Miss Grace Allen; singing evangelist, Salvation Army industrial headquarters, 215 Union avenue, Staff Captain Andrews.

The prayer meetings will continue throughout December and will be held every Tuesday and Friday from 12:30 to 1 o'clock.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Edmund Brees in 'The Unknown' at National

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Peoples—'The Unknown.' Columbia—'The Heart of the Blue Ridge.' Columbia—'Double Trouble.' 'A Janitor's Wife's Temptation.' 'The Unfaithful Wife.' National—'The Song of the Wage Slave.' 'Divorcee,' 'Saints and Sinners.'

A DELIGHTFUL bit of comedy-drama is Douglas Fairbanks' 'Double Trouble,' at the Columbia Theater, this highly entertaining Triangle-Fine Arts production opening yesterday at the Sixth-street house.

The new kind of moving-picture fan is the chap who is interested keenly in the machines that project the pictures on the screen. The projection of 'Cluckerness' pictures on the canvas is no mean art.

Constance Talmadge, who joined the Triangle with her sister, Norman, about two months ago, will be seen in 'The Missing Link,' some time in January.

Mae Murray, sweetest Lasky leading lady, was much besought by film producers following her appearance in a screen burlesque in the Ziegfeld Follies.

Henry B. Walthall, Esq., leading man, recently went on a duck hunting expedition in the flats along the Illinois River near Beardstown, Ill.

Roscoe Arbuckle is as happy as he is fat. The famous Keystone funmaker has a wife, an auto, some Los Angeles property, a bull pup and a year's contract to make Triangle plays.

If Mary Pickford were called upon to answer all her letters, she would have to be a doctor, nurse, civil engineer, lawyer, architect, chauffeur, French chef and 10 or 12 other things all rolled in one.

Before leaving for the Gaumont Winter quarters at Jacksonville, Fla., where he is now at work on a multiple reel feature, Malcolm Williams slipped over to Philadelphia and was quietly married to Miss Florence Reed.

Robert W. Mantell, who, with Genevieve Hamper, is starring in William Fox feature productions, became interested in the question of whether Shakespeare on the film would be acceptable to exhibitors and their patrons.

Lionel Barrymore has signed a long-time contract to appear exclusively in Metro feature productions, according to an announcement made at the Metro offices this week.

Prince Suray, the epon of a family of high rank in the nobility of India, was recently engaged by Thomas H. Ince to aid in the production of a number of photoplays based on life in the Orient.

Is the business of viewing a motion-picture film for the Portland board of censorship a rational thing to do under the name of the morals of the City of Portland or a stumping party—a delightful horror—with the fair-

ROCK-BREAKING AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED.

Rock-breaking and park improvements where men of family will be provided with part time work and inauguration of a campaign to get odd jobs of all kinds for married men...

MATTER IS UP TO COUNCIL

No Man Need Be Without Food or Shelter, Under Arrangement Proposed by Mr. Baker, but All Must Earn Their Way.

Establishment of a rock-breaking plant at Kelly Butte, where unemployed single men will break rock for their board; starting of park improvements where men of family will be provided with part time work...

Mr. Baker has been working on the plan for about three months and says now has everything ready to start. The county has turned over Kelly Butte to the city, a municipal lodging-house has been established at Fourteenth and Johnson streets and park work for married men has been planned in considerable detail.

At Kelly Butte rock will be made suitable for macadamizing the drives in Mount Tabor Park. Each man will be required to break a certain amount of rock for his transportation from Kelly Butte to the city...

Among other things planned is excavating a lake in Laurelhurst Park. The men will be required to move a certain specified amount of dirt for a certain amount of money.

Commissioner Baker says he believes the city will lose but little, if anything, by the transaction. The rock can be produced by machinery, the park work will be in the form of permanent improvements, which otherwise would have to be done by contract.

A careful investigation is to be made of all unemployed registering at the employment office. Only married men desiring work will be registered.

The Chamber of Commerce and other organizations are going to assist in a campaign to open up odd jobs of work for unemployed men of family.

SUIT FOR FORTUNE LOST

\$5076 LEFT BY SCRUBWOMAN NOT TO GO TO HEIR.

Jury Returns Verdict Against Mrs. Hulda Shaver in Suit for Mrs. Kassman's Savings.

The final offer of Mrs. Hulda Shaver to accept possession of the \$5076.43 left by Mrs. Lena Kassman, the supposedly destitute scrubwoman who died in the county hospital in January 1914, was refused by a jury sitting before Circuit Judge Duffy.

Mrs. Kassman, named at Mrs. Shaver's request, in December, 1912, she was taken to the county hospital, where she died a month later. After her death, Mrs. Shaver produced an envelope which she said Mrs. Kassman had given to her before she was taken to the hospital.

Valdemar Lidell, Swedish Vice-Consul, was appointed administrator of the Kassman estate. Mrs. Shaver turned over to the County Court the certificates of deposit. Then she demanded the money back and brought suit.

DOG BITES; MASTER FLEES Peddler's Animal Spots Sale by Attacking Customer.

Wherever in Portland there is a dog which might not bite the hand that feeds him, but will certainly lacerate the hand that provides for his master.

REED CONCERT IS TONIGHT Chorus Will Present Christmas Music in First Offering.

The Reed College chorus will give its first concert of the year tonight in the college chapel at 5 o'clock.

Whether the city will go ahead and install a water system in St. Johns duplicating the present privately-owned system, or will purchase the present system, will be determined by the City Council at a special meeting today at 1 o'clock.

PEOPLES THEATER West Park and Alder Sts.

Today and Tomorrow The Internationally Famous Romantic Star LOU TELLEGEN Supported by the Pretty Lasky Girl DOROTHY DAVENPORT

The Unknown

A thrilling story of love and adventure in the foreign legion in Algeria. How this young ne'er-do-well rescues a pretty American girl during a brawl in an Algerian dance hall.

YOU MUST BE SURE TO SEE IT COMING SUNDAY FOR FOUR DAYS The Renowned Emotional Actress, Fanny Ward, in Lasky's Greatest Dramatic Offering

THE CHEAT

Remember---The Peoples Is Now Changing Twice Weekly, on Sunday and Thursday---Tell Your Friends.

Every Show Is a Good Show at the Peoples

HALL PLANS PASSED Tenders on Auditorium Work Ordered by Council.

ALTERNATE BIDS PROPOSED Whitehouse & Foulhoux to Begin at Once Revising Drafts So as to Omit Anything Possible Without Lessening Utility.

DOUBLE TROUBLE Douglas Fairbanks in a Delicious Comedy-Drama

The Janitor's Wife's Temptations Roaring Keystone Comedy Today and Tomorrow COLUMBIA The Theater of No Disappointments

STREET WORK IS ISSUE MEETING OVER WOODSTOCK AVENUE IMPROVEMENT IS WARM.

Injunction Against Forming District to Pay for Proposed Hard-Surfacing Threatened.

Woodstock property owners held a stormy meeting in the Episcopal Church Wednesday night over the proposition of improving Woodstock avenue, a wide street, from Reed College grounds to Milwaukie road by forming a district to pay for the improvement.

Captain R. Pitman Dies at Pasco. PASCO, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Captain R. Pitman, 68 years of age, for the past several years manager of the Wallula ferry, who was brought to the Hotel Pasco last Friday suffering from pleurisy, died yesterday.

Several large property owners outside said they wanted to be included in the improvement. Those favoring the improvement pointed out that Woodstock avenue was the main highway in the Woodstock district and its improvement was necessary to the development of the district.

MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL ON Dr. A. A. Ausplund Faces Charge of Performing Criminal Operation.

Dr. A. A. Ausplund was placed on trial before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh for manslaughter yesterday as a result of the death of the operating table of Anna Anderson, a young woman upon whom a criminal operation had been performed.

Clara Kimball Young in the Thrilling Drama, THE HEART OF THE BLUE RIDGE Today and Tomorrow

\$15,000 SETTLEMENT MADE Agreement Made With Two Hurt in Car-Truck-Motorcycle Accident.

Bert Clark and his 13-year-old sister will receive \$15,000 for their injuries resulting from the three-cornered accident on East Burnside street last May. It is said as a result of a settlement recently made, Clark lost one



THE HEART OF THE BLUE RIDGE WASH. AT PARK ST.