LINES IN OREGON EARN $7,879,479

Taxes Aggregating $2,200,683 Paid to Various Counties Increase Over 1914.

COMPLAINTS NUMBER 130

State Public Service Commission Files Report With Governor on Disposition of Cases Many of Which Refer to Rates.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Net operating revenues of the 29 steam railroads in Oregon for the year ending June 30, 1915, were $6,123,503.35, according to the ninth annual report of the Oregon Public Service Commission. The report was filed with Governor Withycombe today. In taxes, the report shows that the steam roads paid $1,472,577.51 to Oregon counties. The roads' freight revenue per ton per mile amounted to 1.2005 cents. These roads received 2.4634 revenue per passenger mile. The total steam mileage operated in Oregon during the 12 months was 2918.57. Net operating revenues of electric railways totaled $1,649,134.36, while taxes paid were $723,679.32. Net operating revenue of both steam and electric roads in Oregon for the year was $7,876,479.57, while $2,200,683.27 was paid in taxes. The report shows a falling off in operating revenues of $1,177,439 from the year preceding, while taxes paid show a slight increase.

Net operating revenues of electric utilities for the year ending June 30 last totaled $2,287,250; gas utilities, $788,426; telegraph utilities, $3180; telephone utilities, $824,413; water utilities, $153,822.

The total number of formal complaints filed with the Commission during the year was 130, compared with 141 in 1914. Ninety-one of the new matters were in the railroad division, and 39 were utility matters. New informal railroad complaints were 263 against 345 in 1914, while informal utility complaints increased from 177 in 1914 to 204 in 1915.

There were handled during the year 299 informal railroad matters, 243 filed during the year, and 27 pending at the time of the last report. Adjustment of 188 was procured informally, eight were transferred to formal or other position, 10 were carried to the Interstate Commerce Commission, 28 were dropped for lack of jurisdiction, 11 were discontinued because of the disinclination of the plaintiff to pursue to a conclusion, 17 were dismissed as not well founded, and 31 are pending.

Of the new complaints, 190 were filed by individuals, companies or associations, 21 were investigations on the Commission's own motion, and 52 originated with the carriers. Complaints dealing with service that were handled informally numbered 79, while rates were involved in 101.

Of informal utility matters, 223 were handled, 204 of these being new. Informal adjustment was accomplished in 167, and 49 were transferred to other docket positions, five were discontinued because plaintiffs were disinclined to pursue them further, 12 were dismissed as not well founded, and 35 are pending.

Electric rates for light or power were involved in 28 informal utility matters, electric service in 17, gas rates or service in 38, water rates or service in eight, street railway fare or service in two, telephone rates in 22, telephone service in 61, telegraph rates or service in two, hazardous wiring conditions in 56.

GRAVES DUG FOR LIQUOR

LARGE STORES ARE BURIED FOR USE AFTER JANUARY 1.

Prosecutor Says Law Requires Disposal of Stocks Within 10 Days and Issues Warning.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Reports are being received by Prosecuting Attorney Remann of large quantities of liquor being buried in gardens and cellars by individuals for private consumption after the drought begins January 1. One report sent to Prosecuting Attorney Remann says six barrels of whisky have been planted by one man.

"People who are digging graves for large lots of liquor in the belief that they can put in a stock for their own use are laying up a lot of grief for themselves if they are caught," announced the Prosecuting Attorney's office today.

Mr. Remann said he had learned that a great many persons were taking home quantities of bottled goods for their private use. He said all such stocks would have to be disposed of without sale 10 days after the prohibition law goes into effect.

He believed no additional county detectives would be appointed, but that extra men might be employed for brief periods to conduct investigations. These would be changed frequently in order that better results might be obtained.

SENATOR SEES DANGER

MR. LEWIS SAYS AMERICA IS ENVIED ON ALL SIDES.

Attack From Teuton Nations, Britain and Orient Declared Possible, in Answering Bryan Speech.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.—"All the policies and principles of a National and international character announced by President Wilson," were indorsed in resolutions adopted tonight by the Southern Commercial Congress at the closing session of its annual meeting.

Senator Lewis, of Illinois, replied to the speech made by William J. Bryan before the congress, in which the latter argued against an increased Army and Navy.

"We are met today with what Mr. Bryan was prompt to accept in the Spanish-American War—a condition, not a theory," said Senator Lewis.

"The United States," he continued, "must prepare for an outburst of European and Oriental antagonism. Our conduct toward the world is not being regulated by our desires, but our desires are being forced by the conduct of the world."

In reply to that part of Mr. Bryan's speech deprecating the cost of increased armament, Senator Lewis declared that "one sum of money levied by a foreign foe upon one American coast city as an indemnity from bombardment and destruction would equal the whole cost of the preliminary preparations which would have avoided the loss of the city and preserved the Nation from dishonor."

Mr. Lewis recalled American frontiersmen's preparations against Indian raids, and said: "Europe today dances around its campfires. Its nationalities are shrieking vengeance against the United States. Though many of these nations are pledged to the death of each other, they jointly swear an oath of destruction to America. It is this we should prepare for."

Japan and China, said the Senator, resent the fact that we took the Philippines, but will not let their people come into our land. Germany and Austria would "jointly visit upon America the penalty for the partiality they charge against us in favor of England," and when Great Britain will find an "agreeable hour to revenge our indictment of her for obstructing our commerce on the seas, what avail then will be our hopeful creed of love to all men?"

SCHOOL PLAY IS GREAT

"STOP THIEF" IS PRODUCED BY FEBRUARY, '16, CLASS.

Students Get Every Possible Laugh From Lines and Offering is to Be Repeated Tonight.

Thespians of the Washington High School February, '16 Class, scored a success last night in their production of "Stop Thief," Carlyle Moore's brilliant farce comedy. A well-chosen cast of 15 carried the "Carr family" through the eventful wedding day and its numerous robberies and situations, and succeeded in preserving and emphasizing the laughable atmosphere of the play.

The scene is laid in Rhode Island at the magnificent home of the Carrs, whose daughter Madge (Marion Grebel) is to marry James Cluney (Gerald Stevens) on the day that is signalized by the theft of the wedding ring and a diamond bracelet.

Madge, the pretty bride in distress, is well played by Miss Marion Stevens and her sisters, Joan and Caroline, are Miss Clara Sharpf and Miss Viola Harrington.

Arvo Simola handles the difficult role of the clever and nervy crook who is in love with Nell, the maid, his accomplice, played by Helen Stoddard. They take their parts with ease and give a realistic impersonation of their characters. As the absent-minded William Carr, who imagines himself a kleptomaniac, John Lee effects an admirable bit of character work. None the less interesting is Ava Owen, who plays his wife, and creates mirth with her ear trumpet and questions.

James Cluney in the person of Jack Menefiel, becomes a bridegroom with a heavy part that is excellently played. Another principal is Holt Ganong, who appears as Dr. Willoughby, the handsome young physician and best man, who loves Joan.

Hugh Glen is "the cleverest detective in Rhode Island," whose watch is stolen by Nell. No small part is played by Gilbert Benson, the clergyman, a typical and amusing character.

After the numerous clever moves on the part of the crook and Nell, the stolen articles have been juggled and the affair so tangled that the policemen, played by Earl Martin, J. Harlan Green and Ward Foster, cannot tell who the thief is. However, after two captures and three escapes Jack and Nell convince the rest that they want to marry. The bride dries her tears, and the doctor and Joan consent, so the merry play ends with a triple wedding.

The students will produce "Stop Thief" again tonight, at Washington High Schol auditorium.

DANCE PLANS GO AHEAD

Cottage Students Due at Aberdeen Tonight to Handle Event.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A delegation of some 30 Aberdeen students, who have been attending the University of Washington, are due here tomorrow night and will begin immediately preparation for their third annual ball in aid of the student fund.

Patrons and patronesses have been selected as follows: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Abel, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rychard and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Patton, of Hoquiam; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crammatte, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rupp, Mr. and Mrs. L. Elway, of Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Price, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Wheeler, of Montesano; Mr. and Mrs. Earl France and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. French, of Elma.

MUCH WHEAT GOING EAST

Walla Walla Is Forwarding About 12 Carloads Daily.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The movement of wheat to the East which begun several weeks ago is growing heavier. About 12 carloads are daily sent to mid-Western points ultimately to go to the Atlantic seaboard. In past years much of the wheat has gone to Portland or to Puget Sound to be loaded into vessels.

The shipments are expected to be stimulated by the new rates announced today by the O.-W. R. & N. for flour and wheat destined for foreign trade.

The new ruling establishes a 46-cent minimum rate on 80,000 pounds of wheat or flour from the Pacific Coast and interior points to New Orleans, the rate applying from points that at present are taking a 56-cent rate to St. Louis.

GIRLS HAVE BOOTH IN STORE

Rest Room at Polytechnic School to Be Provided With Receipts.

As a novel method for obtaining funds to establish a girls' restroom in the Benson Polytechnic School, the girls from the trades school have established a booth on the sixth floor of the Meier & Frank store, where they are selling Christmas gifts of their own design and handiwork. Dressed dolls representing all periods of time and all nations are an interesting feature of their display. All manner of needlecraft and dainty ribbon articles are included.

The girls will keep their "store" open until Christmas day, and so far their success has been notable. At their recent fair the girls made enough money to enable them to have a float all their own in the coming Rose Festival.

CHEYENNE HAS BIG FIRE

Flames Threaten Several Business Establishments.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—It was reported here at 2:30 this morning that a fire had broken out in the heart of the business district in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Several business houses were threatened.

JASON MOORE WILL ASSIGN STATE LEASE

Oregon Corporation to Have Control of Summer and Abert Lakes.

EXTENSIVE TEST PROMISED

Attorney Says Eastern Powder Company Is Interested in Obtaining Chemicals Which Waters Are Said to Contain.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Jason C. Moore, of New York, today definitely agreed to assign his lease of Summer and Albert Lakes to a corporation to be formed under the laws of Oregon, and to take more elaborate tests of the waters of the lakes. C. A. Sheppard, of Portland, Moore's attorney, consented to the proposal of the members of the State Land Board, and to insure the performance of the agreement by Moore, will hold $4000 of the New Yorker's money in trust. This amount will be forfeited to the Land Board if Moore fails to keep his part of the agreement.

The Land Board has left the organization of the company, to which Moore will assign his lease, in the New York promoter's hands. Its personnel, however, must be approved by the Board. Moore is expected in Oregon within a few weeks to arrange for the company's formation. He has made no announcement of who he intends to have in the company.

At a former meeting of the Land Board with Sheppard, the Board gave Moore or the company to which he will assign his lease until May 1 to complete the bond of $25,000 required as assurance that the terms of the lease will be carried out. Moore now has $10,000 on deposit with the state as a guarantee of his good faith, and if the remaining $15,000 is not put up this sum will be forfeited to the state.

The board has granted several extensions to Moore in the past that he might be able to obtain the needed funds on his bond, and it was declared when the last extension was allowed that no more leniency would be granted. Moore has pleaded for extensions in the past on the ground that financial conditions have made it difficult for him to obtain money.

If the extensive tests of the waters of the lakes prove as successful as Moore asserts the laboratory tests were, Attorney Sheppard told the board that Moore would have no difficulty in obtaining backing for developing the lakes. He said that a large Eastern powder company was interested in obtaining potash and other chemicals which the waters of the lakes are said to contain.

Sheppard incidentally told the board that Moore had recently placed an order with an American firm for 2,000,000 rifles for the French government, and was endeavoring to arrange for the purchase of 25,000 horses which the French had ordered.

LILLIAN TO STILL SIRENS

RAILROAD ORDERS SILENCE WHILE ORPHEUM BEAUTY SLEEPS.

Whistles and "Baggage Smashing" Are Prohibited Within Earshot of Place Where Car Parks.

"Hush! Don't make the slightest noise. The beauty sleep of Lillian Russell must not be disturbed."

In effect such is the order issued by the Northern Pacific Railway Company yesterday. A letter writted by A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent, directs C. Lincoln, district superintendent of the Pullman Company at Seattle, to take every precaution that quiet may prevail when Miss Russell's car is parked in Portland tomorrow morning.

Ed Lyons, depot master at the Terminal yards, also has been directed by Mr. Charlton to inform his force that unnecessary blowing of whistles must be avoided and that "baggage smashing" will not be permitted within earshot of the Russell sleeper.

Mr. Charlton's letter to Mr. Lincoln follows:

Lillian Russell and party arrive in Portland next Sunday morning with the Orpheum people from Seattle. It is especially desirable that everything be kept as quiet as possible around the place where the sleeping cars are parked after their arrival at Portland, so as not to disturb Miss Russell. Will you please give the matter special attention?

GERMANS MERELY RESTING

Attack on Saloniki Believed Certain When Men Are Fit.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The threat that the German Minister at Athens is said to have made to the effect that Germany would be compelled to take action to drive out the allies at Saloniki if the fortification of that base continued, brings the Balkan development a step nearer a crisis. How soon the Austro-Germans cross the Greek frontier apparently will depend upon how soon they are able to collect sufficient troops.

The Post's Athens correspondent says that the fact that an attack upon Saloniki has not yet begun is attributed in diplomatic circles to the necessity in which the Germans find themselves of concentrating sufficient forces, repairing communication destroyed by the Anglo-French and Serbians and the bringing up of sufficient supplies of munitions, but that the moment they have made these preparations the attack will be begun and pushed home.

Dispatches to the Daily Mail from Athens estimate the total available German forces at 200,000 men, who, however, are fatigued by continuous mountain marching, and state that it is reported the intended German reinforcements have been diverted to Rustchuk to meet an expected Russian menace.

According to the Athens Embroir, the ministerial organ, the Greek government will address a fresh protest to the entente powers against fortifying Saloniki.

INFECTED HOGS TRACED

DR. MARCELLUS DECLARES A. BOTT CONSTANT OFFENDER.

Conditions Reported to Be Bad and Health Officer Says Inspection Needed Badly.

After a week of inspection among the hog ranches of this and neighboring counties, City Health Officer Marcellus and Market Inspector Melton yesterday arrested A. Bott on a charge of having sold on the Portland market hogs which died from cholera. He was taken to the city jail yesterday morning and released on $200 bonds.

It is alleged that Mr. Bott, who raises hogs on the Higginbotham farm on Milwaukie road, snipped to the Constantine market a number of hogs which died from cholera or were suffering from cholera and that similar shipments were made to other dealers. The Constantine shipment was turned down at that market and the health officials forthwith started on a hunt for a man named Platt who is said now to be Bott.

In their search of markets the health officials found another hog at a Milwaukie road market which is said to have been suffering from cholera and is alleged also to have come from the Bott place. The hogs shipped to Mr. Constantine and that shipped to the Milwaukie shop were condemned and after samples were taken as evidence were shipped to a grease-rendering plant.

It is asserted by City Health Officer Marcellus that meat shipped by Mr. Bott has been condemned on three other occasions. Veterinarians have been sent out to the ranch to inspect the hogs there to see if any traces of cholera can be found. Dr. Marcellus says the hunt for Bott has taken him and Inspector Melton and others into most of the hog ranches of this and neighboring counties and that some bad conditions have been found. He says the conditions are the strongest evidence yet produced to back up his contention that Portland is badly in need of meat inspection.

BARTENDER SHOT THRICE

Assailant Believed to Have Been Would-Be Robber of Saloon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Frank Ledterman, a bartender, was shot three times and probably fatally wounded tonight on the steps leading to a basement saloon by an unknown man, who, after the shooting, joined several other men in an automobile and drove away.

Ledterman is said to have been recognized by the police as an ex-convict. The police expressed the belief that Ledterman and the men in the automobile had planned to rob the saloon, and that Ledterman was shot by one of his companions when he "backed out."

From the location of the bullet wounds, the surgeons at the hospital said, Ledterman was first shot through the back and that two more bullets were fired into his body after he fell.

COD LIVER OIL MEN CURBED

Newfoundland Restricts Sale When Product Reaches Germany.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 17.—Restrictions by the Newfoundland government on the export of cod liver oil from this colony were announced today. Because a large quantity of oil had found its way to Germany, where the glycerin contained in it could be utilized in the manufacture of explosives, the government cancelled all export licenses.

Hereafter oil may be sent to the United States only if consigned to the British Consul-Generals at New York or Boston or to a few firms which have been indorsed by consulates.

Police Make Two Raids.

Two raids were made by Patrolmen Maxwell and Clement in South Portland last night. Helen Lane, Ruby Sallee, Louis Bensen and Louis Faulkner were arrested at 248 Second street. Joe De Mott, William Wilson, Ray T. Waldron and Anna Bruno were arrested at 252½ Columbia street. All were charged with disorderly conduct.

Two Burglaries Reported.

Two burglaries were reported to the police last night. Three dollars in pennies and a quantity of candy were stolen from a grocery store at 501 East Dresden street, St. Johns. A thief entered the home of H. Levine, 572½ First street, and stole several pieces of men's clothing.

Speeding Cyclists Arrested.

Three alleged speeders were arrested by Motorcycle Patrolman Ervin last night. Those arrested were E. Donner, Joe Heinrich and Charles Edwards.

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FARM BANQUET IS PLAN

HOME MAKERS' WEEK AT O. A. C. IS BEING ARRANGED.

Departments Unite in Preparations to Entertain From 200 to 300 at Huge Dinner.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A banquet at which products of the college farms, orchard, poultry plant and dairy will be served is a new feature planned for Farmers' and Home Makers' week at the Oregon Agricultural College this year. Preparations are being made to serve between 200 and 300 people. This banquet probably will be tendered Thursday, January 6, at Waldo Hall.

A canvass of the various departments of the college brought to light the fact that the institution was in a position to serve some of the choicest viands to be obtained anywhere. The animal husbandry department has agreed to sacrifice for this occasion some of their most choice show animals.

The poultry department has agreed to furnish poultry products, including the eggs from Professor Dryden's famous hens. The dairy department volunteers to contribute milk, cream, cheese and ice cream of the highest order.

In addition to this the horticultural people will furnish fruits and nuts and agree to take care of the decorations from the greenhouses. The banquet will be served under the direction of Miss Hadwin, of the college staff.

Empress of Russia to Resume Run.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia, which was taken over by the British Admiralty soon after the outbreak of the war, will re-enter trans-Pacific service February 24, when she will sail from Hongkong for Vancouver. Thereafter regular sailings will be maintained by the Empress of Asia and Empress of Russia.

Cowlitz Man's Nephews Fighting.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—J. B. Sarault, a well-known pioneer of Cowlitz Prairie, has just heard from two sons of his brother, who are serving in the army of the allies, one in Belgium, the other in France. One of the young men was wounded, but is now back at the front again.

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