

Many Fare Increases Granted Since 1914

The increased cost of labor and materials during the past three years has caused many Public Utility Companies to appeal to Utility Commissions for authority to increase rates of fare, and more than sixty of these applications have been granted, among them being three municipally-owned street railways. Among those granted where the increase has been to six cents or more are:

The Bay State Company of Boston, July 3, 1917, was authorized by the authorities to increase fares, effective July 13, from 5 cents to 6; tickets, 20 for \$1, or 5 cents each.

The Providence & Fall River, Swansea Center, Mass., the Commission approved an increase of fare from 5 to 6 cents, effective February 1, 1914.

Middlesex & Boston, Newtonville, Mass., 5 to 6 cents, with 1 cent for transfer, effective August 3, 1914.

Blue Hill Street Railway, Canton, Mass., July, 1915, fare increase granted from 6 to 8 cents.

New Bedford & Onset, New Bedford, Mass., increase granted from 5 to 6 cents, and tickets increased from 24 for \$1 to 20 for \$1, September, 1915.

Norfolk & Bristol, Foxboro, Mass., 6-cent fare granted February, 1915.

Bristol & Norfolk, Randolph, Mass., 6-cent fare granted April, 1916.

Concord, Maynard & Hudson, April, 1917, road authorized to charge minimum 6-cent fare, to be divided into one-mile zones, with an excess rate of 2 cents per mile.

Massachusetts Northeastern, Haverhill, Mass., October, 1916, authorized to increase from 5 to 6 cents, with proportionate increase in workmen's and school tickets.

Norwood, Canton & Sharon, Canton, Mass., April, 1917, company authorized to increase fare from 5 to 7 cents; tickets, 10 for 65 cents and 16 for \$1; school tickets, 10 for 35 cents.

Worcester & Warren, West Warren, Mass., April, 1917, fare increase to 7 cents authorized.

Illinois Traction System, St. Louis, Mo., franchise called for 5-cent fare from St. Louis to Granite City. The Interstate Commerce Commission increased the fare to 10 cents, December, 1915.

Manchester, N. H., October, 1916, fare increased from 5 to 8 cents on Manchester & Derry lines, and from 5 to 7 cents on Manchester & Nashua Street Railway.

Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Co. increased one-way fares from 7 to 10 cents, January, 1915.

November, 1915, the Burlington County Transit Company, Mount Holly, N. J., was permitted to increase the Mount Holly to Burlington fares from 10 to 15 cents.

New Jersey & Pennsylvania Traction Company, Trenton, N. J., June, 1916, was authorized to increase the fare between Trenton and Princeton from 10 to 15 cents; and October, 1916, the fare from Trenton to Philadelphia was increased from 15 to 20 cents. Four 5-cent zones were created.

Titusville (Pa.) Traction Company. Fare increase from 5 to 6 cents in the City of Titusville was allowed, December, 1916.

The City of Norwich, Conn., owns and operates the Gas & Electric property of that city. On June 1st, 1917, notice was given that on account of increase in cost of fuel and supplies it would be necessary to increase all light, power and gas rates effective July 1st.

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

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OREGON COLLEGE IS HONORED FOR ITS MILITARY TRAINING.

High Rating Is Given Course After Survey by General Liggett and 14 Others Are in Same Class.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Military science and training have reached a high stage of perfection at the Oregon Agricultural College, University of California and Stanford University, according to official notification received at Western Department headquarters today from H. P. McCain, the Adjutant-General.

These three schools are, with 12 others throughout the United States, rated as the leading institutions having extremely complimentary to the Western Department. One-fifth of the schools receiving the highest rating are in the Western Department, although comparatively few of the schools having military courses are on the Pacific Coast.

The War Department's findings are based on a report tendered by Major-General Hunter Liggett, who recently made a personal inspection of the schools in this department.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. W. Wing, Jr., of Corvallis, is a visitor at the Washington Hotel.

Miss Ella H. Bracy, at the Washington, is from Boulder, Colo.

Miss Mamie L. Thompson, is a Greeley, Colo., visitor to the Washington Hotel.

G. Bonner, of Corvallis, is stopping at the Washington Hotel.

Mrs. Howard F. Moody and Mrs. M. F. Robinson, of Waterbury, Conn., are registered at the Palace Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wells are at the Palace.

Mr. Wells is a fruit grower in the Bitter Root district of Montana.

T. W. Wylie and J. M. Morrow, both of Pendleton, are stopping at the Palace Hotel.

A. Bystrum, a Tacoma business man, is registered at the Cornellius.

V. A. Hancock is on the register at the Cornellius, from Seattle.

Mrs. J. Roche, of Seattle, is at the Cornellius.

E. H. Cox, is a Boise patron at the Portland.

L. C. Hardenbrook, of Brookings, Wash., is staying at the Portland.

Walter L. Stout, of Aberdeen, is at the Portland.

Mrs. J. H. Barr, is a Sheridan visitor to the Imperial Hotel.

V. J. Micelli, is a Roseburg visitor at the Imperial Hotel.

Heimer H. Smith is a Salem visitor at the Imperial Hotel.

Edward E. Kiddle, a banker and

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SALEM EXCURSION IS PLAN

Special Train to Be Run on Portland Day at State Fair.

A special excursion to the State Fair at Salem on September 27, Portland day, will be managed by the Chamber of Commerce in connection with the Elks lodge. The Elks band of 25 pieces and the Ad Club quartet will accompany the excursion.

The excursion will be limited to 200 tickets and reservations may be made at the Chamber of Commerce. Women, too, are welcome and it is asked that early notice be given by all who care to join the party. The excursionists will be the guests of the Salem Commercial Club for special entertainment during their stay here.

WIFE IS SAID TO BE CRUEL

H. L. Blystone, of Vancouver, Seeks Permanent Separation.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Many petitions for divorces are filed by women, charging their husbands with cruel and inhuman treatment, but occasionally there is a "cruel and inhuman" woman, and H. L. Blystone alleges to have found one in his wife, Julia, whom he wed March 23, 1916.

While she sometimes curses and swears at him, he avers, she will not converse with him on any subject for weeks at a time. They have no children.

1 LICENSE ISSUED ON 13TH

Another Man at Vancouver Fails to Provide Witness.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—But one couple faced superintention here today and obtained a marriage license. Another man came with the intention of securing a license, but he had no witness.

The man securing the license today was Leon D. Paxton, 33, of Vancouver Barracks, Wash., a non-commissioned officer, who is to marry Grace Van Emburg, 24, of Portland.

Rieth Store Damaged by Fire.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Several hundred dollars' damage resulted from fire today in the Arthur Rieth general store at Rieth, a railroad town just west of Pendleton. The blaze was extinguished by a bucket brigade taking water from a tank car on a work train nearby.

Pendleton to Vote on Liability.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Pendleton voters will have an opportunity at the next election to consider a charter amendment which will

limit the liability of the city in accident or injury cases to 100. City Attorney Fee presented such a bill to the Council and was authorized to have a petition circulated to place the measure on the ballot.

Pears Bring \$1.40 a Crate.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—W. C. Harding, owner of one of the largest orchards in Douglas County, today received returns from the first three carloads of pears shipped this

season. The pears were Bartlett and brought \$1.40 a crate f. o. b. Roseburg. Twelve cars of pears were shipped during the season.

Efforts to End Coal Strike Fail.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Negotiations conducted here between representatives of the striking coal miners and operators in Kentucky and Tennessee looking to a settlement of the controversy failed today and officials of the United Mine Workers of America an-

Negro Slain in Arkansas.

ENGLAND, Ark., Sept. 13.—Sam Cates, a negro, was shot to death by a mob of white men late last night, after the mob had taken the negro from a deputy constable. Cates was charged with making improper proposals to white girls.

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