

CITY ADVISED NOT TO REOPEN CASE

Attorneys Believe Petition to Commission on Fare Decision Would Be Mistake.

ACTION OF COURT AWAITED

Should City Lose Case in Supreme Court, Application for Rehearing Will Probably Be Made to Public Service Body.

Plans of Mayor Baker to have the City Council once more petition the State Public Service Commission to reopen and reconsider the 6-cent street-car fare decision, on the ground that conditions for the company may have improved, were sidetracked yesterday at the request of the attorney representing the city in the present suit now before the State Supreme Court on appeal.

Accordingly Mayor Baker yesterday sent a letter to Edward Cousins, valuation expert employed by the city, instructing him to familiarize himself with all features of the street-car fare situation, in order that the city might be properly prepared with information in asking for reconsideration of the increased fare proposition when the court objections are removed.

Replying to your request for our views on the question of a rehearing of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company 6-cent fare case, says the letter, "beg to report that the appeal from the decision of the six judges in favor of the Public Service Commission and the hearing of this case, we anticipate, will be had about the 29th of April and a speedy decision rendered.

Lawyers Advise to Wait. "Until this case is decided, which involves the question of the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, it is the unanimous opinion of all the lawyers representing the city in this case that it would be a strategic mistake on the part of the city to take further action before the Public Service Commission to set aside its present order, as it would embarrass and lessen the chances of the city in the appeal now in the Supreme Court.

In the event the city should lose its case in the Supreme Court, we can then apply to the Public Service Commission for a rehearing and if we have facts that will justify it, we may confidently expect a modification of the present order of the Public Service Commission. In the meantime, I would suggest that Mr. Cousins, traffic expert employed by the city, be set to work on the evidence and exhibits used by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company in the 6-cent fare case before the Public Service Commission so that he will be familiar with the record and in position to aid and assist the legal department of the city should a motion for a rehearing before the Public Service Commission be heard."

Mayor Writes Cousins. On receipt of this letter Mayor Baker sent the following communication to Mr. Cousins:

"Confirming my conversation with you, I am now requesting that you immediately familiarize yourself with the entire evidence introduced by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company in its application for a 6-cent fare before the Public Service Commission of Oregon, and any and all other facts that may be accessible to you, so that you may be prepared to assist the legal department in an application for a rehearing before the Public Service Commission in this case in the event the city should not prevail in the pending appeal in the Supreme Court of the state of Oregon testing the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to change franchises granted by this city."

DOCTOR LOSES TO SISTER

Suit for \$15,000 for Medical Treatment Brings \$500.

TACOMA, Wash., March 29.—(Special.)—Dr. Lewis Ramsdell, of Spaniate, Mich., lost his case against his sister, Mrs. Helen B. Dempsey, in the Superior Court here today. Dr. Ramsdell sued for \$15,000 for alleged medical treatment he gave Mrs. Dempsey's husband, James Dempsey, a Tacoma lumberman, in his severe motor car accident. He will be given \$500, the offer made to him in court.



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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Vivian Martin in 'A Petteicoat Pilot' At Star Theater



Mary Garden in 'The Splendid Sinner' At Peoples Tomorrow

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Majestic—Theda Bara, 'Du Barry.' People's—Mary Miles Minter, 'A Bit of Jade.' Columbia—Clara Kimball Young, 'Sex Against Sex.' Star—Vivian Martin, 'A Petteicoat Pilot'; Bill Hart, 'Every Inch a Man.' Sunset—'The Birth of a Nation.' Liberty—George Beban, 'One More American.' Globe—George Beban, 'Cook of Canyon Camp.'

Majestic.

'DU BARRY,' the much-talked-of of William Fox picturization of the story of the "greatest adventures in the history of France," with Theda Bara, famous screen vampire, in the title role, is here. This spectacle-story opens an engagement this morning at the Majestic Theater. The role of Du Barry is said to be one of the most successful that Miss Bara has ever essayed. She makes that creature a flirtatious and light-headed, ambitious and kind woman, whose sense of love and honor is not aroused until it is too late.

Star.

'A Petteicoat Pilot,' a whimsical comedy-drama, starring Vivian Martin, the 'Peter Pan Girl,' and 'Every Inch a Man,' a stirring Western two-reeler with big Bill Hart as the central figure, will be shown starting today at the Star Theater. 'A Petteicoat Pilot' is said to abound in humorous touches. It is a story of a daughter of Cape Cod and two grim old ex-sea captains. During the picture Miss Martin, famed for her pretty frocks, grows from girlish prettiness to daintiest frocks of George and her gowns in the second part of her picture will delight the feminine contingent of her audience. Theodore Roberts as Captain Shad gives a remarkable impersonation, while James Neill, Harrison Ford, Helen Gilmore and Jan. Wolff as well as the other members of the cast have added not a little by their careful character study of the parts they portray.

Screen Gossip.

What Sir Douglas Haig says: "The cinema entertainment is maintaining the fighting spirit of the men at the front."

Tom Moore seems to be in a great demand as a leading man. Mae Marsh, Mabel Normand and Madge Kennedy are fighting over him. He appears first with one and then another. Next time

DISTRICT GRANGES REGISTER PROTEST

State Body's Indorsement of Non-Partisan League Is Strongly Opposed.

RECONSIDERATION IS URGED

Resolutions Adopted Condemn League as Political Organization. Danger of Affiliation Pointed Out at Representative Meet.

Granges of Multnomah County have sprung to arms against the indorsement by the State Grange of the Non-Partisan League. The Multnomah County District Grange, known as Pomona Grange, has adopted resolutions asking the state body to reconsider its indorsement and local granges throughout the county are adopting similar resolutions.

The Pomona Grange, at a meeting in Lentz representing ten local granges in the county, by unanimous vote and amid cheering of about 500 members present, adopted the following resolution: "Whereas, The Grange is a non-sectarian, non-partisan order and the State Grange at its last session at Astoria indorsed the Non-Partisan League, which is a political organization; and

People Already Legislators. "Whereas, The people of Oregon under our laws are privileged largely through grange efforts to enact any law or set of laws whereby the will is made manifest by use of the ballot, and therefore the State Grange of Oregon is fully able to act in representation of farmers of the state, and we believe it should do so without any affiliation with any political league which, while its efforts at present might be well advised, hereafter might fall into the hands of selfish interests seeking their own political ends; therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the Multnomah District Pomona Grange, in session at Lentz, March 26, 1918, goes on record as not favoring any combination with any political party or whatever, and that we instruct our representatives to bring this resolution to the attention of the State Grange at its next session. The resolution was presented at the session and was adopted unanimously. Another resolution was adopted ordering the sending of a copy of the resolution to the master of every local grange in the state.

Campaign Follows Resolution. Following the adoption of the resolution by the district grange arrangements were made for a campaign in all the local granges. The subject will come up tonight at meeting of the Pomona Grange at its hall on East Line road, a mile east of Montavilla. This grange has a membership of 150 farmers in the territory east of Portland in Multnomah County.

A feature of the meeting tonight will be an address by Arthur Foster, a North Dakota farmer. He will tell, in the farmer's way, what he saw in North Dakota. He has a big farm in that state and went through all the Non-Partisan League troubles there. The meeting will open at 8 P. M. Pomona Grange, which adopted the anti-Non-Partisan League resolution at Lentz, represents ten local granges of Multnomah County. They are Evening Star, Russellville, Lentz, Gresham, Woodlawn, Rockwood, Columbia at Fairview, Pleasant Valley and Multnomah.

BANK CASHIER ARRESTED

KENNEWICK MAN IN CUSTODY OF U. S. AUTHORITIES. J. L. Johnson Is Charged With Embezzling \$15,000—Accused Hopes to Make Up Shortage.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 29.—(Special.)—Northwest banking circles were startled yesterday by the arrest in Kennewick of J. L. Johnson, cashier of the First Grange Bank of Kennewick, and City Treasurer, on a charge of embezzling \$15,000.

The operations of dishonest fuel dealers in Portland will be brought to an end. Such was the declaration of city authorities in the Municipal Court yesterday, when M. Welser, of the Alberta Fuel Company, said he had paid \$6 for a load of wood which, upon being measured, contained 65 cubic feet. A cord of slabwood, sawed in 16-inch lengths, contains 115 cubic feet, allowing for shrinkage. The short measure in this case was 47 cubic feet, or almost half a cord. The wood was measured soon after it was delivered by City Sealer of Weights and Measures Jones.

FUNERAL TO BE AT HOME

Rites for Francis A. Sherman Will Be Held at 2 o'Clock Today. Funeral services for Francis A. Sherman, who died Wednesday, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the family home, 952 Bryce avenue in Alameda Park. Rev. A. Morrison, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, will have charge.

Mr. Sherman was engaged in the real estate business here and was prominent and active in community affairs, always taking a deep interest in the welfare of the city. He was a Mason, his membership being in the Water-town (N. Y.) lodge. A brother from there, a man of prominence, is on the way here to take charge of the affairs of the estate.

STRIKERS' PLACES FILLED

Seattle Furnishes Men to Complete Naches-Selah Canal. YAKIMA, Wash., March 29.—(Special.)—A number of laborers from Seattle arrived here yesterday to take the places of the men who struck Wednesday, and tied up construction work on the Naches-Selah Canal. Additional laborers are being sought. Failure to proceed with the work, it is claimed, will result in great loss of crops, as the canal is depended on to furnish water to a large territory in the Selah and Naches valleys. The demand of the strikers for steel-coupled springs, mattresses, etc., are deemed unreasonable.

Civil War Hardships Recalled.

ROME, March 19.—According to the American Ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, living conditions have not yet reached in France, England or Italy those which were endured by the people of the Southern states of America during the Civil War. In a recent address before the Shelley-Keats Society here he compared his own boyhood experiences with those of the present and always taking a deep interest in the welfare of the city. He was a Mason, his membership being in the Water-town (N. Y.) lodge. A brother from there, a man of prominence, is on the way here to take charge of the affairs of the estate.

Head of One Fuel Company Is Fined \$25 for Violating Ordinance.

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DR. SUZZALLO HONORED

University of California Confers Degree of Doctor of Laws. SEATTLE, Wash., March 29.—(Special.)—Dr. Henry Suzzallo, president of the University of Washington and chairman of the Washington State Council of Defense, received the honorary degree of doctor of laws, while visiting the recent semi-centenary celebration at the University of California. The celebration was one of the great events of the year in the educational world. Delegates from all the universities of the United States and Canada, as well as representatives from China, Japan, France and England, attended.

Advertisement for 'The Story of Madame Du Barry of Paris—the Greatest Adventuress in the History of France' featuring Theda Bara in 'Du Barry' at the Majestic. Includes text: 'BEGINS TODAY', 'A Production in a class with "Cleopatra"', 'REGULAR PRICES', 'MAJESTIC'.

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CITY DEPOSITORIES NAMED

Sixteen Banks Recommended to Handle Municipal Funds. Sixteen banks in Portland have been recommended by City Treasurer Adams as depositories of city funds in sums depending on the amount of acceptable security for protection of the city money placed in these banks. The list includes the United States National, Northwestern National, Bank of California, First National, Ladd & Tilton, Peninsula National, Security Savings & Trust Company, State Bank of Portland, Hibernia Savings Bank, First National of Linton, George W. Bates & Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, Montavilla Savings Bank, Bank of Selwood, Citizens Bank, Multnomah State Bank, Lentz.

MULE KICK SEVERS TONGUE

Eugene Soldier Badly Injured When Caring for Animal. TACOMA, Wash., March 29.—(Special.)—Wagoner, Chatterton, of the Silet Supply Company, suffered severance of his tongue, three badly broken teeth, a badly injured jaw and other bruises when he was kicked in the jaw by the mule that he was caring for today at Camp Lewis. Although not losing consciousness, he was rushed to the hospital, where he is being carefully attended to. The injured man's home is in Eugene, Or. The doctors in attendance have every confidence that he will go from the hospital without any disfiguring marks on his face.

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SUNSET

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