

EXPRESS COMPANY FAILS TO GET LIFT

Public Service Commission Denies Application for Increase in Rates.

FACTS NOT FULLY STATED

Claims Made in Plea for Blanket Advance on All Intra-State Business Held Not to Have Been Fully Substantiated.

SALEM, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The Public Service Commission today issued an order denying the application of the American Railway Express Company for a blanket increase of 10 per cent in its intra-state rates. The application covered all commodity express rates on all carriers between all points in the state.

The commission declares that shippers are entitled to have all the facts fully presented before an increase is granted, and that at the hearing on the application the only party appearing in behalf of the company's request was its superintendent, who merely made a few general statements covering the situation.

"As I view it, the express company made no attempt to substantiate such figures as were offered, but contented itself with a very general statement that the increase was needed, and in this matter, as in one other recent case, namely, the \$5 weighing charge, I believe the people are entitled to all the facts," said Commissioner Buchtel today.

Detailed Figures Wanted.

"In the application for a 10 per cent increase on commodity express rates no detailed figures were presented nor testimony given from which this commission could determine the necessity for an advance.

"It appears to me that inasmuch as conditions in Oregon and throughout the Northwest generally are unlike conditions in the East, matters of local importance should be considered from every angle and on their merits, and fully presented through this commission to the people.

The effect of the order will be to set back rates now prevailing to what they were prior to July 1, as far as purely intra-state rates are concerned.

The commission, in conclusion, says:

Case Is Not Sustained.

"Briefly reviewing, the express companies doing business in Oregon merged; certain economies, such as the consolidation of offices and equipment and the elimination of duplicate service, must of necessity follow, and this commission believes that the shippers of Oregon are entitled to have all the facts fully presented, together with a statement showing the effect, if any, upon the increased expense of operation. Upon the presentation of these matters before the commission the applicant company confined its efforts to general statements, and no supporting data of importance was introduced. The burden of proof is upon the applicant, and it appearing from the record that said applicant has not sustained its case, the commission is of the opinion that the application herein must be denied."

YOUNG RUNAWAYS CAUGHT

Two Portland Lads Taken at Halsey With Car Not Their Own.

ALBANY, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Albert Rosenthal and Curtice Corcoran, 17-year-old boys of Portland, were apprehended at Halsey last night with an automobile alleged to have been stolen in Portland, and were turned over to Portland officers by Sheriff Bodine this evening.

The lads are alleged to have admitted the theft of the car they brought to Halsey, but the factory and engine numbers do not correspond with those of the car missing in Portland. It is suspected that they may have changed cars en route.

The boys are said to have stated that they took an automobile from in front of the Portland Y. M. C. A. on Sunday, intending to go to California. At Conner, where a Red Cross meeting was in progress when they arrived, they left the car and climbed into another belonging to Mrs. Rocky Conner. Women who noticed them in Mrs. Conner's car gave an alarm and the lads hurried back to their own machine and sped away.

Word of the occurrence was telephoned to Sheriff Bodine, who set the wheels of justice in motion, and the youngsters were caught by Deputy Sheriff Taylor at Halsey.

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Multnomah Guard Band Playing Patriotic Airs to Attract Crowd to Their Benefit Photoplay, Declared to Be One of the Finest Films Ever Created.

Every night before the Majestic Theater, where "My Own United States" is showing, under the auspices of the Multnomah Guard, the regimental band discourses melodies that throng the streets. Popular in itself, the splendid patriotic film finds its patronage largely enhanced by the services of the band.

"My Own United States," hailed as one of the finest films ever made, with a gripping National theme, is being presented in Portland in behalf of the Multnomah Guard, which derives 50 per cent of the receipts. A fund is to be created for the purchase of necessary supplies and equipment for the regiment.

The band, which now numbers more than 60 members, is under the command of Captain Dolbin, adjutant of the regiment. Its director is Lieutenant W. A. McDougall and its drum major is First Sergeant Freilberg.

TRAFFIC RULES REVISED

ORDINANCE PROPOSES ONE-WAY ROUTE ON DOWNTOWN STREETS.

Action to Be Deferred Until Return of President Griffith, of Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.

At the request of Mayor Baker, members of the legal staff of the city are rushing the work of preparation of an ordinance rearranging and revising the traffic rules of the city.

The proposed ordinance, which includes a tentative plan for one-way traffic on the downtown streets of the city, will be presented to the council next Wednesday. No action will be taken at this time, other than a discussion, in order that the residents of the city may learn something of the plans suggested by Mayor Baker and members of the traffic department of the police bureau.

Copies of the ordinance will be submitted to members of the council, and a public hearing will be set by Mayor Baker on his return from a vacation. All interested will be invited to offer suggestions.

Action on the new traffic ordinance will be deferred until President Griffith, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, returns from the East. The one-way traffic plan will cause the rerouting of virtually every passenger line on the west side of the river.

MEETING PLANS FORM

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS CONVENTION.

Nearly 500 Delegates Are Expected to Attend National Conclave—Programme is Announced.

Plans for the National convention of the Women's Relief Corps, at which there will be about 500 delegates and which will be held jointly with the National encampment of the G. A. R., are being made rapidly.

The National president, Mrs. Lois Knapp, and her staff will arrive August 18 and will establish their headquarters in a suite of 23 rooms reserved for them at the Multnomah Hotel. The grey parlor of the Multnomah will be used for assemblies, and business will be held in the White Temple.

Monday, August 19, will be given over to the registration of delegates. In the evening the National president will give a reception at the Multnomah for General Orlando Summers, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and the Department of Oregon will hold a reception for the public.

On Tuesday, August 20, the opening business session will be held, preceded by a breakfast at 7:30 A. M. for delegates, at which members of the Department of Oregon will be hostesses. Department President Gilman will preside. The Department of Oregon will present a copy of Samuel C. Lancaster's "Guardians of the Columbia" to each delegate. Each day a committee will serve afternoon tea in the lodgerooms.

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I. W. W. GETS FOUR MONTHS AND FINE

Charles A. Rogers Convicted on Charge of Violating the Anti-Idling Law.

PROPAGANDA WORK SHOWN

Evidence Offered by Government Proves Connection With Sinn Feiners in Efforts to Hamper War Activities.

Charles A. Rogers, local secretary for the I. W. W., who was arrested July 19, at 1. W. W. headquarters, Second and Couch streets, and charged with violation of the anti-idling ordinance, was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$250 by Municipal Judge Rossman yesterday in Municipal Court.

Evidence connecting Rogers with propaganda carried on at Astoria by Sinn Feiners, which had been the subject of Government investigation, was offered.

During the trial Dr. Marie Equi, who is out on \$10,000 bail, charged with violation of the espionage act, accompanied by Treasurer Nash of the I. W. W. organization, sat in the courtroom, smiling, and after a meeting place conferred with Rogers in regard to raising \$1000 bail money, the sum stipulated by the court for his release pending appeal of his case.

Evidence Shows Connection.

According to the evidence offered by the Government, Mallory, alias Miller, and Morgan, alias Blake, two Sinn Feiners arrested at Astoria recently, were in close touch with Rogers a short time ago, when Rogers left Portland with \$900 to be offered as bail and in defense of the prosecution of the two Sinn Feiners.

Information disclosed by representatives of the Government indicated that Astoria had been a meeting place for the Sinn Feiners and I. W. W. representatives who are bent on hampering the Government's war activities and that much propaganda work has been done in that section.

It was also shown at the trial that members of the I. W. W. organization were instructed by a secretaries to go out and fight forest fires for a few days in order to rebut the testimony of the Government, at the Chicago trials that members of the I. W. W. would not fight forest fires.

Fund Collections Admitted.

On cross-examination Rogers admitted that he was instrumental in collecting funds from members of the organization for the defense of members now on trial in Chicago. He said part of this money was deposited in a savings bank and part in other banks in the city.

Rogers, who was represented by Attorney James P. Stapleton, said he was receiving a salary from the organization for his work. It was also shown at the trial that Rogers was connected with James Smith, alias Kidwell, and Alice Kidwell, who were arrested recently in the Grandesta apartments.

Judge Rossman, in passing judgment on Rogers, said:

"I do not believe the evidence that you have offered at this trial is proof that you have been engaged in a useful occupation. Your admission that you have been a member of the organization for the past nine years and that you passed out I. W. W. literature and song books does not substantiate your contention that you are friendly to the Government."

WATER SPORTS ARRANGED

Carnival Will Be Held at Columbia Beach Saturday.

Arrangements virtually are completed for the water carnival which will be held at Columbia Beach Saturday afternoon. Manager Lewis has arranged a program which will give every bather an opportunity to show their prowess in the warm waters of the Columbia. A number of prizes, including \$5, will be given to the winners. The events will range from fancy races and diving stunts to tub races.

Manager Lewis has had a new floating dock put in at the beach just below the water chutes from which the races will be started.

The bathing beach this week is doing a "land office" business among those who find a dip in the river a panacea for hot weather.

ASYLUM FUGITIVE APPREHENDED

Edmund Edwards, an inmate of the State Asylum at Salem who escaped from the institution yesterday, was arrested by Officer F. F. Forkan at Thirtieth and East Irving street last night.

After arriving at the station Edwards said that he had walked all the distance to Portland. He said that he was tired and hungry. A meal was given him and he was held in jail. The officers will arrive from the asylum today and take him back to Salem.

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JULY CIVIC STATISTICS REFLECT UNUSUAL PROSPERITY.

Business Barometers Indicate Healthy Financial Conditions and Great Industrial Activity.

Statistics for July indicate increased industrial activity, good business conditions and an unusual period of prosperity in Portland. This condition is reflected in the reports for the month from the Clearing House Association, postoffice, city and county officials.

Portland bank clearings for July aggregated \$106,512,572.94 as compared with \$63,557,318.50 for the corresponding month in 1917, an increase approximating 70 per cent. This figure was exceeded only once, when clearings for October, 1917, reached a total of \$108,000,000.

Postal receipts continue to climb upward. Sales at the Portland office last month aggregated \$135,000 as against \$95,987.42 for the same month a year ago, an increase of \$39,012.58. In the same period deposits in the postal savings bank increased about \$22,000. With

the sale of approximately \$450,000 in war savings and thrift stamps in July, the total sales of these stamps at the Portland office have passed the \$2,000,000 mark.

With a total of 503 permits, building operations last month represented an outlay of \$463,737, a slight increase over the record for July, 1917, when the aggregate of building permits was \$425,550.

Newport Cottage Raided.

NEWPORT, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The Summer cottage of William Eagles, of Albany, was raided today by members of the state police and a small quantity of liquor was found.

Mr. Eagles was placed under arrest and was released under \$200 bonds to appear before Police Judge Harding at a later date.

Britain Holds Title to Land.

LONDON, July 31.—By a decision of the privy council announced today the domination of some 48,000,000 acres of land in Southern Rhodesia remains in British hands, but the British South Africa company will continue to administer the land and may be reimbursed in financial matters.

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