

EXPRESS RATE RISE REFUSED BY STATE

Downward Trend in Prices
Is Given as Reason.

WAGE REDUCTIONS NOTED

Public Service Commission Calls
Attention to Notices of Im-
pending Cuts in Pay.

SALEM, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Increased rates, sought by the American Railway Express company affecting the transportation of butter, milk, cream, milk and ice cream were denied by the Oregon public service commission in an order issued here today. The increase requested in the application ranged from 20 to 25 per cent.

The express company based its application on advanced operating expenses, the upward trend of wages, involving United States labor board decisions, war peak prices for materials, supplies and equipment necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation.

Wage Cut Plan Is Cited.

The order of the commission denying the increase referred particularly to notices recently posted by the express corporation in which it was said that a revision of wages and working hours were contemplated for the 30,000 employees. Also proposed wage reductions were proposed by the United States railroad labor board affecting the employees of many of the larger transportation lines operating in different sections of the country.

"Official statistics by the United States government," said the order, "are periodically announcing the reductions in materials and supplies, the increasing percentages of wage reductions, surpluses of labor, etc., all indicative of general business readjustment whereby the demands for the further increase in wages are unwarranted."

The order quoted excerpts from the opinion of Commissioner Atchison of the interstate commerce commission as follows:

Petition Filed in 1920.

"It is entirely feasible to adjust the express schedules so that the burden of these additional costs shall be borne in the sections where such added costs are incurred, and by the kinds of traffic which have caused the increased expense, but this is not done."

Conceding the general propriety of an increase, it should be made in such a manner that the increased costs should be borne where and by whom incurred. This principle does not find expression in a country-wide flat percentage increase and the result must be a schedule which imposes unreasonable rates upon some particular descriptions of traffic and subjects particular localities and traffic to undue prejudice in violation of the act to regulate commerce."

YOUTHFUL PAIR RETURNED

Girl, 17, Who Played "Hobo" With

Reformatory Lad, Is Repentant.

PROSSER, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—Sheriff Rolph has returned from Missoula, Mont., with Flora Matney, a 17-year-old girl, who had "played hobo," accompanied by 18-year-old Marcus Allen, who was under parole from the state reformatory in Oregon. The youthful pair, both attired in overalls and caps, boarded a freight train last week. Prosser relatives learned that they had been arrested at Missoula.

Government representatives sought to establish a serious charge against Allen, but so far as could be learned the prisoners had committed no offense against the federal laws.

Allen was sentenced to 15 days on a charge of vagrancy and the Oregon reformatory was notified by telegraph that if desired he would be held. No reply was received. Miss Matney, in a repentant mood, has been turned over to her parents.

HOSPITAL TO BE OPENED

Tuberculosis Sanitarium Ready to

Receive Patients.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—Following acceptance of the Grays Harbor county tuberculosis sanitarium building at Elma by the county commissioners, 25 patients, the present capacity of the institution, will be moved in shortly after July 4, according to present plans.

The following dedication committee was announced by Mrs. W. M. Baumert, president of the county organization: Chairman, Eldridge Wheeler, Montesano; Dr. O. B. Austin, Aberdeen; A. L. Callow, Elma; Mrs. Ed Lawrence, Hoquiam, and Mrs. Charles Albertson, Aberdeen.

CHERRY PACK FINISHED

Cannery at Yakima Suspends Op-

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Fruit will be bought, however, and shipped to the company's plant at The Dalles.

BIG SHEEPMAN IS DEAD

Arthur W. Coffin of Yakima Long

Identified With Northwest.

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In the 70s Arthur Coffin "got a job" in a store at The Dalles and later left that place and started a store at Arlington, Or., where he remained for ten years. He left Arlington to come to Yakima in 1894.

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