INCREASE GRANTED TO STREETCAR MEN

Wages to Be Advanced 1 Cent an Hour, With Improved Working Conditions.

CHANGE SET FOR JULY 1

Franklin T. Griffith, President of Company, Says Wage Rise Is in Expectation of Better Business and Reward for Loyalty.

By an agreement reached between a committee of trainmen appointed by the trustees of the Brotherhood of Railway Employes and officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Franklin T. Griffith, president of the company, yesterday announced that the platform men on July 1 would receive 1 cent an hour increase in pay and that improved working conditions would be put into effect February 15.

The increased rate of pay and change in working conditions will affect about 1200 men in the transportation department of the company and will have the effect of increasing the operating expenses of the railway department approximately $50,000 a year.

In a statement issued yesterday President Griffith said:

"The increase of one cent an hour, which is to become effective not later than July 1, has been made in spite of the fact that the company has been, and still is, showing large decreases in earnings. It will be made not because the condition of the company warrants it, but in the hope of better conditions in the future and in appreciation of the loyal support of the trainmen.

Pay Declared Above Average.

"The working conditions of the trainmen in Portland are better than on any similar property on the Pacific Coast and the rates of pay are above the average paid for similar service in the cities of the Western states."

Mr. Griffith said that the arrangement meets with the approval of the committee representing the Brotherhood and that nearly all the 1200 platform men are satisfied with the concessions made.

In adopting the principle of paying for reporting time Mr. Griffith says the company is ahead of most street railway companies, it being the practice of virtually all street railway companies in the West not to pay for reporting time.

Details Are Given.

Following are given in detail the various changes which will become effective on or before February 15:

Cars will be sanded and air reservoirs will be pumped up for motormen and schedules will be provided for extra conductors working unfamiliar runs, making it unnecessary for them to copy same. Reporting time will be reduced to five minutes, which will be paid for as at present.

Extra men will be paid 25 cents when required to report and wait for an hour without obtaining work.

Conductors relieved at the end of their run at points distant from the barn will, in order to make "turn-in," be paid for the time required to go from that point to the barn by quickest route.

Night runs of more than seven hours' continuous time, ending after midnight, will be so arranged that a lay-over for supper will be provided about 9 o'clock.

As far as possible without making runs too short, the owl runs will be arranged so that men working same will not have to take out morning trippers.

A new sign-up will be held at any barn at the request of the trustee of the brotherhood, from that barn provided, however, not more than one such sign-up will be allowed in any one 30-day period.

The company has agreed that certain changes in uniform may be referred to the brotherhood for its recommendations, the only requirement being that certain standards shall apply for all men.

HAWAIIAN MUSIC IN "THE BIRD OF PARADISE" IS FASCINATING

Richard Walton Tully's Wonderful Play Is Great Favorite Because of Realistic Atmosphere of Islands Given it in Generous Mounting.

Three Members of Famous Hawaiian Quintette, in "The Bird of Paradise."

IN VIEW of the remarkable popularity enjoyed by the Hawaiian fad, when once the music and picturesque costumes of the Islands were introduced in the East, it seems strange that Richard Walton Tully, author of "The Bird of Paradise," should have gone so long without realizing what a superabundance of play material he had right at his feet so many years.

Undoubtedly Mr. Tully's charming play has been responsible for the United States invasion by Hawaiian musicians. Throughout the East there has been an epidemic of Hawaiian songs, embracing all classes of music from the dreamery "Aloha to the syncopated "Bill Bailey and His Ukulele."

Mark Twain Won by Music.

However, Mr. Tully was not the first one to realize the delicious quality of Hawaiian music. Years ago, just after Mark Twain paid his first visit to the Islands, he said in an interview in San Francisco: "The music of the Hawaiians is the most fascinating in the world. It is still in my ears. It haunts me sleeping and waking. I can still hear the pulsing of the surf at Waikiki, see the plumy palms drowsing by the shore, the garlanded crags and the leaping cascades, and this music fills me with a spirit of its woodland solitudes."

Nevertheless, if the beloved American humorist succumbed first to the soothing music of Uncle Sam's wonderful Islands in the Pacific, Mr. Tully was first to bring that music to the mainland. Six years ago, when the playwright had just finished "The Bird of Paradise," after a residence of several months on the Islands, he decided to bring over five singing natives to appear in the piece and give it the proper atmospheric effect.

Hawaiian singers and ukulele players had been no novelty in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities along the Pacific Coast, accustomed as they are to the most cosmopolitan crowds on this continent. Hence, when Oliver Morosco produced "The Bird of Paradise" in Los Angeles the native Hawaiians in the cast created no great excitement. As a matter of fact the audience thought Mr. Morosco had done nothing more than what he should have done in these days of lavish stage appointments.

Success Instant in East.

But a different story is to be recorded after Mr. Morosco took the play to New York for a Broadway production. Success for it was immediate. Mr. Tully's gripping story held its audiences enthralled for months. Mr. Morosco's generous mounting of the piece was acknowledged to be a triumph of the scenic artist, and all New York woke up to the fascination of the native music which pervaded the entire performance like some strange sensuous perfume.

The cabarets, always alert to copy any successful feature from the regular stage, grasped the idea eagerly. The entertainment bureaus which supply talent for the restaurants and cafes were deluged with rush orders for Hawaiian orchestras. One of the best-known lobster palaces in the city improved on the suggestion by fitting out a floor of the building, which was opened to the public as "the Hawaiian room." There seems no evidence anywhere of a coming wane to this musical fad. To all appearances the Eastern cities are fast in the clutches of the Hawaiian craze.

PENSION FUND A'M

Plans Made by Episcopalians in Oregon Diocese.

$5,000,000 IS OBJECTIVE

Church Club Will Give Dinner on February 14 and Special Offerings Will Be Taken in Local Churches Two Sundays.

Several big events are to be held soon by the Episcopal churches in the interest of the church pension fund, a National church movement which is creating a vast interest in the Episcopal dioceses throughout the country. February 14 the Church Club dinner will be held at the Portland Hotel, when Rt. Rev. Walter Taylor Sumner, Bishop of Oregon, will speak and talks will be given by the prominent members of the laity and clergy. Both men and women will attend the dinner which will be among the most notable of the church dinners of the year.

Under the leadership of Bishop Sumner the work is being carried on enthusiastically in Oregon, to raise $17,000 for the fund. About half of that amount has been pledged. Many subscriptions, including some for $1000 and $500, have been received.

The object of the National movement for the church pension fund is to stimulate a greater efficiency in married priesthood of the Episcopal Church, by relieving the apprehension of poverty and dependency in old age. The outline of the church pension system has been worked out as follows:

First—Old Age Pension.—Available at 68 to those retiring from regular service; 1¼ per cent of the average salary multiplied by the years of service. Maximum, half the average salary; minimum, $600.

Second—Disability Pension.—Available at any age, 40 per cent of average salary for the last five years of service; minimum, $600.

Third—Widow's Pension.—Half of pension husband would have been entitled to since marriage; minimum, $600 if marriage is contracted before retirement.

Fourth—Minor Orphans' Benefit.—$100 anuity up to 7 years; $200 anuity between 7 and 14 years; $300 between 14 and 21 years. For the present clergy and their widows only the minimum can be promised unless individual assessments on their behalf produce more.

Bishop Lawrence at Head.

The proposed amount to be raised by the Nation's Episcopal churches is $5,000,000. Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts, is president of the National committee. The local officers are: Chairman, W. J. Burns; treasurer, J. C. Ainsworth; secretary, William Whitfield; assistant secretary, J. C. Robinson. Committee members are: J. C. Ainsworth, R. W. Blackwood, D. M. Botsford, W. J. Burns, P. A. Cowgill, Thomas L. Emory, J. W. Ganong, W. J. Henderson, J. R. Holman, James B. Kerr, Lucius A. Lewis, F. C. Malpas, William MacMaster, John C. Mann, E. W. Matthews, O. R. Menefee, A. L. Mills, J. C Robinson, Joseph N. Teal, G. W. Webber, William Whitfield; ex-officio member, Bishop Sumner.

On February 18 the clergy will preach in their own churches on the movement and all contributions will be devoted to the diocesan fund. On February 11 the clergy will exchange pulpits and each present the pension fund. The following is the order in which the ministers and pulpits have been distributed for that day:

Pro-Cathedral, Rev. T. J. Williams; St. David's, Dean E. H. McCollister; Good Shepherd, Rev. T. F. Bowen; St. Matthew's, Rev. John Dawson; St. Mark's, Rev. Thomas Jenkins; Grace Memorial, Rev. A. A. Morrison; Trinity, Rev. Oswald W. Taylor; All Saints, Rev. W. R. B. Turrill; Grace, Astoria, Rev. F. K. Howard; Hillsboro, Rev. J. C. Hatton.

A mass meeting at Trinity with a final offering will close the campaign, February 18.

BOARD FOR AMENDMENT

County Commissioners Favor Columbia Slough Project.

An amendment to the Port of Portland charter which shall grant the port authority to improve Columbia Slough is strongly recommend to the Legislature in a resolution adopted yesterday by the board of Multnomah County Commissioners. The resolution was adopted at the request of Attorney George S. Shepherd, who appeared before the board on the behalf of residents of the Peninsula district.

The resolution follows:

Resolved, That whereas the Legislature has under consideration the amendment of the Port of Portland charter; and

Whereas, The amendment as submitted to the Legislature does not include any grant of power to the Port of Portland to improve Columbia Slough as a waterway or channel for navigation; and

Whereas, We deem it vital to the interests of Multnomah County that said Port of Portland be empowered to improve said waterway; and

Whereas, All the district tributary to said Columbia Slough is subject to taxation for the expenses of the Port of Portland; therefore

Be it resolved, That the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County does hereby strongly commend to the Legislature of the state of Oregon an amendment to the Port of Portland charter which shall contain a grant of power and authority to the Port of Portland to improve Columbia Slough.

COWLITZ TAX ROLL READY

Of $408,701 Total, Railway and Timber Companies to Pay Most.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—County Treasurer Lawrence Perry has completed balancing of the 1916 tax rolls for Cowlitz County, and is ready for taxpaying, which will commence Monday.

The regular 1916 taxes total $408,701.51, of which the biggest part will be paid by the large timber owners of the county and by the Northern Pacific Railway Company. The Weyerhaueser Timber Company's 1916 tax is $86,567, while that of the Northern Pacific is about $70,000.

In addition to the regular tax the two diking districts near Kelso will pay about $20,000 in taxes.

Kelso Fire Officials Named.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Chief C. R. Abbott, who was installed as chief of the Kelso volunteer fire department Tuesday evening, has announced the appointment of subordinate officers as follows: Charles Rankin, assistant chief; J. S. Robb, captain of hose company No. 1, and Sanford Lord as assistant; Fern Masters, captain of hose company No. 2, and Eldon Dunham, deputy; Charles Larson, captain of company No. 3, with Chase Patterson, deputy; Clarence Johnson, captain of the hook and ladder company, with George Smith, assistant; C. W. Patterson, secretary.

CULVER DEBATING TEAM WINS FROM MADRAS DUET.

MISS GERTRUDE OSBORN. MISS RYDAL KING.

CULVER, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The affirmative debating team of the Culver High School won from the negative debating team of the Madras High School in the opera-house at Culver January 26. The subject discussed was:

"Resolved, That Oregon should adopt a state compulsory health insurance law embracing the essential features of the 'Standars' Bill' of the American Association for Labor Legislation."

This was one of the triangle debates of the Upper Columbia River high school debating districts as arranged by the state board.

The Culver affirmative team was composed of Carl Watts, leader, and Miss Gertrude Osborn as second speaker. Just two days before the debate Mr. Watts became ill and was unable to appear and Miss Rydal King was substituted for him.

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Latest machine, complete with 31 selections and the one free double-sided demonstration record and accessories, at a price not to be obtained elsewhere on a new, easiest payment plan, and will be delivered anywhere in or out of town.

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The instrument will be supplied in fancy figured mahogany, or in golden oak, or fumed oak, or in splendid figured walnut, or Circassian walnut.

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Positively more musical value for less money than obtainable elsewhere. Eilers Music Houses are phonograph specialists.

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This highly attractive offer is open to all—no matter how much or how little you earn, no matter what you do, you can have one of these superb instruments, bringing everything in the way of musical entertainment, education, real enjoyment into your home.

Study the list of records. Has any such attractive collection ever been offered? And all included free, together with all accessories, in little payments if you like and until the total price of $82.55 has been paid.

How to Pay

How to pay? We have made no fixed terms of payment; no restrictions; no binding conditions. This is a February Combination Offer—it is to bring joy and happiness into your home—pay the old Reliable Eilers Music House as best suits your convenience.

It pays to deal at headquarters. Agencies having but one make and a few records to choose from do not offer opportunity for adequate comparison. Every model, every size, every finish may be compared at Eilers Music Houses.

The Eilers Houses—two stores—Broadway at Alder or Morrison at Fourth—are undisputed phonograph headquarters. Everything to be obtained anywhere is here, and also much that is not obtainable anywhere else.

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For only $1.00 a week we now supply a new model Grafonola, including all of the above enumerated accessories, but only 17 of the "select list" titles, and the one free demonstration record.

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BY-PRODUCTS SHOW GAIN

In Washington 6000 Tons of Apples Are Disposed Of.

CLARKSTON, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—That cider is being used to a greater extent since the prohibition law went into effect in Washington is the information received by the Clarkston Commercial Club, according to compilations by H. W. Samson, horticultural inspector.

There were 6000 tons of apples in Washington manufactured into by-products during the year 1916, of which the bulk was marketed as cider.

Eastern Star Chapter Instituted.

SHERWOOD, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—An interesting event occurred at the Masonic Hall in Sherwood January 27 when a chapter of the Order of Eastern Star was instituted. The following grand officers were present: Worthy grand matron, Mrs. Dora B. Schilke; worthy grand patron, J. O. McLaughlin; associate grand matron, Mrs. Lena C. Mendenhall; grand secretary, Miss Nellie McKinley; grand Esther, Mrs. Hazel D. Wheat; grand chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Knepper. About 50 members of Newberg chapter, No. 55, led by Mrs. Celina Cummings, worthy matron, and William Clemens, worthy patron, were present.

COOKING CLASSES START

Benson School for Girls to Open Special ..ork Tomorrow.

Special classes in cooking for homemakers will begin tomorrow at the Benson Polytechnic School for Girls. These classes have been organized to meet the particular needs of a large number of students who cannot attend daily, but who need instruction in the arts and science of home-making.

Of particular interest is the class for household workers arranged for Friday afternoon, from 2 to 3:30. Courses for housekeepers have been arranged for one, two, three or four days a week. Instruction is free, but students pay for all materials used, the cost ranging from $1 to $1.50 for 10 lessons.

The Monday afternoon course will include the preparation of meats, vegetables and salads, together with instruction in serving. Courses in the baking of bread, cakes and pies will be given on Wednesdays and Fridays.

There will also be a class in advanced cooking for those students who have already completed the elementary work.

Brice Wallace Buried at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The funeral of Brice Wallace, ex-County Treasurer of Linn County and resident of Albany and vicinity for many years, who died Wednesday, was held yesterday at the First Baptist Church here. The services were conducted by Rev. George H. Young, pastor of the church, and the burial service in the Masonic Cemetery was conducted by the members of St. Johns Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of this city, with David P. Mason, past grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon, presiding.

DRINK HOT TEA FOR A BAD COLD

Get a small package of Hamburg Breast Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Thee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teacup full at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless.—Adv.

Manager Gives Advice.

London Punch.

Bank Manager—Now please understand, Miss Jones, you must make the books balance.

Miss Jones—Oh, Mr. Brown, how fussy you are.

CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS

Tells How To Get Quick Relief from Head-Colds. It's Splendid!

In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh will be gone.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.—Adv.