

ELECTRIC RATES ORDERED REDUCED

Consolidated Company Told It Is Not Making Money Because Charge Excessive.

METER SYSTEM ORDERED

North Bank Road Notified It Can Operate Crossing at Grade on Astoria Line Only by Keeping Signs Up and Weeds Down.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Important orders were handed down by the Public Service Commission today, including the establishing of rates for the Consolidated Electric Light Company in a formal complaint brought by John Day and Canyon City, and also a grade crossing order on the Astoria division of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Company.

The Consolidated Electric Company operates a plant which furnishes electric service to John Day and Canyon City, cities two miles apart in Grant County. The questions at issue in the complaint involved a valuation of the property of the defendant company, the main contention being as to rates, although the question of service also entered in.

It was necessary to ascertain a reproduction cost, new estimate, together with the accrued depreciation and the reproduction cost less depreciation. It is held that to reproduce the physical plant would have cost \$11,825, and it is determined that the value for rate-making purposes of the physical plant is \$9282.

Rate Held Discouraging. The present rates of this utility do not produce an excessive return," says the Commission. On the contrary, over and above reasonable operating expenses and taxes the utility is not receiving even a fair rate of interest on its investment in property devoted to public use. The Commission is of the opinion that this is due, at least in part, to the present rates because they exceed the value of the service and are not such as to encourage the greater use of electrical energy, produce the maximum revenue which might be derived from the operation of this property.

The present rates of the company are declared to be unjust, unreasonable and discriminatory and the following rates are declared to be just and reasonable:

Domestic Rate. Minimum monthly charge, \$1.40; first 7 kilowatt hours a month, minimum charges \$1.40; second 7 kilowatt hours, next 23 kilowatt hours, all over 40 kilowatt hours a month, 7 cents a kilowatt hour.

Commercial Rate. First 15 kilowatt hours a kilowatt, connected, 20 cents a kilowatt hour; next 20 kilowatt hours, a kilowatt, connected, 15 cents a kilowatt hour; next 45 kilowatt hours a kilowatt, connected, 10 cents a kilowatt hour; all over 60 kilowatt hours, a kilowatt, connected, 7 cents a kilowatt hour. No connection load considered less than \$200. Minimum monthly charge: First 500 watts of connected load, \$1.40; for excess over 500 watts of connected load, \$1 a kilowatt.

The order is to take effect March 1, 1917. The commission also asserts that the defendant utility in failing to keep a set of books of account in conformity with the commission's uniform classification is in direct violation of the law and insistence is made that immediate action be taken to remedy the situation. Under the ruling of the commission a flat rate is done away with and the plant installed entirely on a meter system.

Crossing Order Is First. Its grade crossing order relative to a crossing on the physical plant of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle is considered of importance as being the first of its kind ever issued by the state. It is probable that the new grade crossing provisions will cover numerous crossings in the future and is as follows:

The commission requires as a necessary warning and protection of the public that all such crossings adjacent to the crossing and tending to obstruct the view thereof be removed; that there be installed and maintained in a conspicuous location beside the crossing on each side of the crossing, 200 feet from the nearest rail thereof, a sign consisting of two rectangular plates, one in diameter, with a white field and a black border line one inch wide, with a black perpendicular and horizontal crossline two and one-half inches wide; the reverse side of such three-colored black, with a black letter "R" five inches high, three and three-quarters inches wide, lines one inch stroke, in each of the upper quarters; that there be installed and maintained on the highway, on each side of the crossing, within the limits of the railroad right of way, a circular sign 24 inches in diameter painted with a white field bearing the word "STOP" in black letters five inches high, three and three-quarters inches wide, lines one inch stroke, with a black borderline one inch wide; that there be installed and maintained on each side of the crossing and at an appropriate distance therefrom standard whistle posts; and that there be installed and maintained at the crossing an electric crossing warning bell of approved type, with visual signal attachment. The permission herein granted to construct this crossing at grade is limited and conditioned upon the installation and maintenance of the foregoing protective devices.

Cost of the warning signs is assessed jointly against the railroad and the County Court of Columbia County.

BEAUTIFUL HAIR, THICK, WAVY, FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Draw a Moist Cloth Through Hair and Double Its Beauty at Once.

Save Your Hair! Dandruff Disappears and Hair Stops Coming Out.

Immediate!—Yes! Certain!—That's the joy of it. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after an application of Danderine. Also try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or excessive oil, and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair. A delightful surprise awaits those whose hair has been neglected, greasy, faded, dry, brittle or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and soothes the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks use, when you see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp.

Landerine is to the hair what fresh showers of rain and sunshine are to vegetation. It goes right to the roots, invigorates and strengthens them. Its exhilarating, stimulating and life-producing properties cause the hair to grow long, strong and beautiful.

You can surely have pretty, charming, lustrous hair, and lots of it, if you will just get a 35-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and try it as directed.—Adv.

3 MERGER BILLS APPEAR IN SENATE

Modified Consolidation Is Proposed Without Waiting for House.

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Welfare and Child Labor to Be Departments in Labor Office, Which Would Also Take Over All Factory Inspection.

ORTON BILL IS FAVORED

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Representative Callan Gets No Support for His Proposed Act, but Is Granted Hearing.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Senator Orton's bill providing for a number of revisions in the teachers' tenure-of-office law was recommended by the Multnomah delegation in the House at noon today by a vote of 12 to 1, and will be reported back favorably next Monday afternoon.

The only Multnomah member to vote against the Orton bill was Representative Callan, who has introduced a tenure-of-office bill of his own. The Callan bill now is in the hands of the House committee on education, but the committee is said to be unanimously against it.

A delegation of more than 100 Portland school teachers who were here early in the week all were against the Callan bill. Many of them were for the Orton bill, and some were for no bill at all. Director Plummer, of the School Board, also opposes the Callan bill. In fact, no one seems to be for the Callan bill but Callan.

The Orton bill went through the Senate with an almost unanimous vote. It was referred to the Multnomah delegation in the House, and the delegation wants it to go over to third reading. But Callan made such a protest that he was not getting a "square deal" that the delegation decided to hold back the report on the Orton bill until the Callan bill can come formally before it. Callan was told to get his bill before the Lincoln auditor by noon on Monday.

LINCOLN AUDITOR TO RECITE

Justice Wallace McCamant to Speak at Joint Exercises.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Wallace McCamant, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, will recite Lincoln's birthday address at the Lincoln's birthday exercises to be conducted by the joint session of the House and the Senate in the House chamber next Monday afternoon.

Colonel W. G. D. Mercer, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, will recite Lincoln's classic Gettysburg address. Colonel Mercer is a veteran of the Civil War, and was present at Gettysburg and stood within a few feet of President Lincoln when he delivered the now famous address. A number of musical selections will complete the programme.

Governor Withycombe and other state officials will be invited to join the celebration.

FIRE MARSHAL BILL WAITS

Attack on Measure Forces Recall for Amendments.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The fire marshal bill came up in the House tonight and after a free-for-all attack on various provisions it was sent back to the insurance committee for amendment.

The bill was recommended by the committee that drew up the new insurance code, which now is pending in the Senate, after having passed the House. The committee got Representative Callan to introduce it and Callan started to explain it when it went to third reading.

Stott and Bean opened fire on it, declaring it gave the fire marshal too much power to summon witnesses. Other members started to question its objects and provisions, so the insurance committee finally agreed to take it back and patch it up.

CHURCH TAX BILL PASSES

Idle Property Made Subject to Assessment by House.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Church property not actually used for religious purposes hereafter will be taxed under Representative Goodie's bill, passed by the House tonight.

The bill affects property held by churches for investment or for future use. A number of large tracts in Portland will be taxed under this bill, it is said.

PORTLAND TO HAVE ONE OF 75 CONFERENCES OF LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS.

Plans are being perfected whereby Portland will participate in one of the 75 conferences and institutes now being held in connection with the laymen's missionary movement. This movement among the men of the church is just ten years old and has meant millions to the cause of foreign missions and for the efficiency of the work at home.

The first decennial will be commemorated by a dinner at the First Methodist Church next Wednesday at 6:15 o'clock. It is planned to have 200 of the picked laymen of the various Protestant churches of the city present at this dinner.

Three addresses will be given. Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, pastor of the Warren-Avenue Baptist Church, of Boston, will speak on "America and the Present World Crisis"; William E. Dougherty, educational secretary of the laymen's missionary movement, editor of "Men and Missions" and associate editor of "The Missionary Review of the World" and author of "The Call of the World," will speak on "The Cost of World Conquest"; Frederick A. Agar, a former medical missionary to Africa, now secretary of the Baptist "Five-year programme for missions" and author of "Church Finance," will speak on "Mobilizing the Christian Forces."

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STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Three consolidation bills, prepared not by the joint consolidation committees of the two houses, but by the Senate consolidation committee acting independently, made their appearance in the Senate tonight. They were introduced by Senator Dimick, chairman of the Senate committee.

There measured are in the nature of compromises between the conflicting views relative to the Industrial Accident Commission. So much opposition has developed against the joint committee plan of eliminating two of the three Industrial Accident Commissioners and consolidating the Accident Commission with the Labor Commissioner, Child Labor Commission and Industrial Welfare Commission that it is dead.

On the other hand, the Senate committee figures that some saving can be made in the commission without crippling it. One of the bills introduced today, therefore, provides for the elimination of one Commissioner, leaving a Commission of two and reducing their salaries from \$2500 to \$2000.

One Commissioner is to represent the employer and the other the employee. When these two are unable to agree as to award, the physician of the department will sit with them.

Senator Dimick declares this plan will save \$600 for the biennium.

The second bill makes the Industrial Welfare Commission and the Child Labor Commission departments in the office of the Labor Commissioner. The committee estimated that a saving of half of the \$12,000 appropriation asked by these two commissions can be effected by the consolidation.

The third bill places all factory and workshops inspection in the hands of the Labor Commissioner, the purpose being to avoid duplicate investigations by the Industrial Accident Commission.

\$40,500 MORE IS CUT

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE SLICES MINE BUREAU \$10,000.

Fund for Wayward Girls Also Less \$6000, but Flax Industry Gets Full \$10,215 Asked.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The joint ways and means committee continued on its career of appropriation cutting tonight when it reduced the State Water Board's request of \$48,000 to \$30,000, the Bureau of Mines' request of \$40,000 to \$20,000, the Board of Horticulture from \$18,500 to \$6,500, the Desert Land Board from \$8500 to \$7000 and the request for care of wayward girls suffering from disease from \$28,000 to \$20,000.

The Board of Pilot Commissioners got the full \$24,000 asked.

The flax industry obtained the \$10,215.87 asked, with the string attached that the money allowed be repaid into the general fund on the sale of the flax. Several members of the committee will visit the State Fairgrounds before that appropriation is passed on.

Representative W. Al Jones, secretary of the fair, insisted that the members visit the grounds so that no charge may be made against him that he attempted to prejudice the committee.

The total cut made tonight by the committee was \$40,500.

PORT'S BILLS ARE FAVORED

Committee to Support Move to Allow Coal Operations.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Representative Rowe, of Tillamook and Yamhill Counties, chairman of the commerce and navigation committee in the House, met with representatives of the Port of Portland today to discuss bills enlarging the powers of the port to dredge Oregon Slough and handle coal, and Chairman Rowe agreed to report the bills in favorably.

These powers were once voted by the House.

HOUSE PASSES 33 BILLS

Appropriation Measure Is One of Those Approved.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The House disposed of 40 bills today of which 33 were passed, five withdrawn and two indefinitely postponed.

H. B. 498, by Kubit—Authorizing counties to pay auditors who examined their books under old audit law.

H. B. 510, by Ashley—Fixing salary of Walla Walla Assessor \$1400 per annum, and allowing School Superintendent of same county \$200 a year for traveling expenses.

H. B. 472, by Childs—Providing for return of ballot boxes by mail.

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H. B. 493, by committee on education—Authorizing School Superintendent of Benton County to employ clerical help.

ACCOUNTS MAY WAIT LONGER

Money to Escheat to State After 12 Instead of 7 Years.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—An amendment to the state escheat act, providing for the disposition of inactive accounts is contained in an important bill passed by the House today. It extends the period during which savings account may remain inactive from seven years to 12 years.

At the end of the 12th year during which no deposits or withdrawals have been made, the money escheats to the state. Commercial accounts and time deposits escheat at the end of seven years, as at present. Ample provision is made for recovery of escheated funds on proper proof of identity.

Advertising Bill Passes House.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The fake advertising bill, favored by the Portland Ad Club, was passed by the House tonight. It was introduced in the Senate by Senator Orton and passed through that house earlier in the session. It now goes to the Governor.

TRAINING BILL IS PASSED

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brought up early next week for amendment. The Stott bill which prohibits the sale to youths under 21 years, also was passed and tabled.

It is proposed now to amend the Sweeney bill so as to make it bone-dry against boys under 21, but not to prohibit sales to adults.

Representative Sweeney, author of the bone-dry bill, has consented to these changes. He conferred with Representative Brand, who ordered the reconsideration, and with Speaker Stanfield and Forbes, who were among the leaders in the opposition to the measure when it passed the House the other day.

Friends of Bill Consent. In its amended form the bill probably will be passed again. Friends of anti-cigarette legislation were afraid that the Senate would kill the bill in its original form, so readily consented to its recall from the Senate.

One Laurgard bill to establish sanitary districts in Portland was passed by the House today.

This bill provides for the organization of sanitary districts and the construction of trunk sewers.

A joint sanitary Commission, consisting of the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners, is provided for to fix the limits of the sanitary district, approve plans, specifications and estimates for the construction of a trunk sewer and to fix the areas to be covered by the sewer, the area inside the city and the area outside.

When an apportionment of cost between the area inside the city and outside the city has finally been made by either the joint committee or by appeal to the Circuit Court, the city is empowered to construct the trunk sewer, but at its own expense.

Road Bill Passed.

Another bill, favored by Laurgard and providing for a system of county roads, also was passed by the House today. This bill was prepared by a committee of three Prosecuting Attorneys appointed by the convention of County Judges and Commissioners recently held in Portland.

The object is to simplify the existing code regulating county roads. The bill authorizes County Courts to supervise, control and direct all work on the county roads and provides definite provisions for laying them out and maintaining them.

Dr. Sweeney's bill providing for uniform system of recording births, also was passed. It puts the state records to conform with those of the Federal Government.

Eminent Domain Granted.

Districts building hard-surface roads will have a right of eminent domain under the provisions of Representative Al Jones' bill, which the House put over with big voice.

Al made quite a speech in its favor. Some of the boys didn't think he had it in him, but he is there strong with the oratory.

A number of amendments to the corporation code, recommended by the corporation commissioner, were passed. They seek to regulate the conduct of foreign corporations and make them conform in their operations in the state to those chartered by the state.

Representative Jones' bill providing fishing in the Columbia River got nearly every vote in the House. No one wanted to know what the bill contained, but it is a bill to be permitted at the mouth of the river under restrictions, one of which requires that the nets be lifted one day a week, which will let the fish go up the stream in sufficient number to spawn and to furnish sport for the anglers.

Umpqua Compromise Passed.

The conflicting interests on the Umpqua River all seemed to be satisfied with the terms of the Douglas County delegation's bill which passed today. Profiting from the original aroused over the Rogue River legislation the Umpqua people got together early this week and compromised.

Commercial fishing is to be permitted at the mouth of the river under restrictions, one of which requires that the nets be lifted one day a week, which will let the fish go up the stream in sufficient number to spawn and to furnish sport for the anglers.

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JIM BLUDSO

And so she come tearin' along that night— The oldest craft on the line— With a nigger squat on her safety-valve, And her furnace crammed, rosin and pine. The fire bust out as she clared the bar, And burnt a hole in the night, There was runnin' and cursin', but Jim yelled out, 'Over all the infernal roar, 'I'll hold her nozzle agin' the bank 'Till the last galoot's ashore.' Through the hot, black breath of the burnin' boat Jim Bludso's voice was heard, And they all had trust in his cussedness, And knowed he would keep his word. (From the poem, "Jim Bludso," by the late Hon. John Hay.)

Continuous From 10:30 A. M. Daily

COLUMBIA Temple of the Motion Picture and Shrine of Music and Allied Arts

COMING THURSDAY

Thelma Salter and Frank Keenan

In "THE CRAB"

Providing for distribution of mortuary regulations by fraternal societies.

H. B. 470, by Sweeney—Fixing regulations for recording birth certificates.

H. B. 486, by Laurgard—Placing loan companies under jurisdiction of Public Service Commission.

H. B. 480, by Laurgard—Establishing code for regulating county roads.

H. B. 488, by Laurgard—Providing for organization of sanitary districts in Portland.

H. B. 447, by Al Jones—Giving districts building hard-surface roads the right of eminent domain.

H. B. 484, by Stott—Reducing time for return of writs from six months to 60 days.

H. B. 481, by Stott—Authorizing District Court in Multnomah County to instruct Jurors.

H. B. 425, by Fuller—Establishing closed season for crabs in Yaquina Bay.

H. B. 423, by committee on corporations—Enabling foreign corporations to withdraw from state.

H. B. 410, by Bowman—Fixing place for conducting eighth grade examinations.

H. B. 405, by Matthews—Regulating examination and registration of pharmacists.

H. B. 507, by committee on elections—Requiring six citizens to swear in unregistered voters at elections.

H. B. 510, by committee on fisheries—Providing regulations for salmon fishing in Columbia River.

H. B. 215, by W. Al Jones—To prevent swine running at large in Marion and other counties.

H. B. 419, by committee on banking—Providing for escheat of deposits in accounts that have been inactive for seven years.

H. B. 454, by Crandall—Enabling high schools to provide military training under state schedule.

H. B. 404, by Mackay—Specifying conditions under which action can be had on bonds filed by contractors by the state.

The following bills were killed by indefinite postponement:

H. B. 254, by Mackay—Authorizing state to pay John C. Shillock \$70 for legal services for State Geometric Board.

Substitute H. B. 20, by Barretts—Consolidating State Land Board and Desert Land Board.

The following bills were withdrawn:

H. B. 140, by Tichenor—Requiring insurance companies to file schedule showing how rates are taken.

H. B. 312, by Belland—Defining duties of County Treasurer.

H. B. 435, by Stott—Amending laws defining quail claim deeds.

H. B. 207, by Jones of Lane—Authorizing

H. B. 491, by Seymour Jones—Requiring heads of state institutions give bonds.

H. B. 488, by joint insurance committee—Further fixing qualifications for membership in insurance societies.

H. B. 490, by Douglas delegation—Providing for fishing in Umpqua River.

H. B. 485, by joint insurance committee—

SEVEN MONEY BILLS APPEAR

Appropriations for Courts, Prison and Soldiers Are Asked.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The following bills were introduced in the House today:

H. B. 523, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for State Industrial School for Girls.

H. B. 524, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for State Penitentiary.

H. B. 525, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating money for State Soldiers' Home.

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