

CITY OPPOSED TO HIGHER CAR FARES

Mr. La Roche Notifies Public Service Commission He Will File Brief.

AUTHORITY IS QUESTIONED

Early Decision on Plea of Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Promised, but Increase Is Not Favored.

Despite the direct personal interest of the Portland public in the concrete subject of streetcar fares, the Public Service Commission yesterday concluded a three-day inquiry into the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's application to charge 6 cents instead of 5 without hearing a single word of opposition.

At the conclusion of the hearing W. P. La Roche, City Attorney, who had attended all the proceedings on behalf of the city, served notice to the Commission that he would file a brief insisting that the Commission lack jurisdiction to fix rates in violation of the rates provided in the company's franchise. He declared any attempt of the Commission to order a departure from the franchise-fixed rate of 5 cents would be a violation of the city charter, but of the Oregon session laws of 1901, which particularly delegated the power to the municipalities.

Attorneys for the company and W. S. U'ren, attorney for the city employees, whose demands for increased wages and a twelve-hour day inspired the application for higher fares, contend that the public utilities act of the 1911 Legislature vests in the Public Service Commission authority to fix rates, and that the commission's jurisdiction extends to the rates of the city franchisees.

The commission will take the case under immediate advisement and assured the attorneys that a decision may be forthcoming within 30 days. Apparently it will not be delayed beyond 30 days, as Chairman Miller leaves at the end of that period for an official trip East. Interested parties urged all the speed that is consistent with exact justice.

It became apparent at yesterday's session that the commission does not intend to raise the rate if it can maintain the solvency of the company otherwise.

The commission's own experts took the stand and shed some new light on various items of expenditures that may possibly be eliminated.

W. K. Newell, engineer for the commission, pointed out that it costs the company \$31,000 a year to maintain the pavement between the car tracks on streets that have been paved.

Mr. Newell's estimates of the company's operating expenses for the year ending June 30, 1918, were \$134,000 below the estimates of the company's own engineers, but this did not take into consideration the probable and almost certain increase in the price of materials.

Mr. Newell also figured on a reduction of 10 per cent in the standard of service.

Essential particulars Mr. Newell's figures coincided with those of the company's witnesses.

E. H. Collis and A. Young, certified public accountants, also testified to the commission. Their examination of the company's books served virtually to verify the statistics earlier presented by the company itself.

STORIES OF HEROIC DEEDS MAKE LITTLE NEEDLES FLY

Children Knit for Quilts for Wounded Soldiers, While Women Tell Tales of Great Achievements of Other Days, and Much Work Is Done.



Eight Little Workers of as Many Nationalities, North Park Playground.



Shigeo Niguma, of North Park Playground.

Some scraps of bright colored yarn given by Roberts Bros. she made a perfectly splendid square. "Without the co-operation of the playground supervisors we never could have done so well," said Miss Millard yesterday.

Following are those who assisted: A. Armstrong, Jessie Huggins, Helen Phillips, M. Bartholomew, E. Agler, Edna Metcalf, Miss Thayer, Violet Amerigo, J. M. Tozier, Marian Allhands, Beatrice Doty, C. M. Howes, Olive Risley, Faye Armstrong and others.

And now the Summer is over and the little people are back to school and instead of the playgrounds they will have the Library as their central point of inspiration, but the knitted and crocheted squares will be sent far away and the summertime in Oregon and the message of love and youth and happiness will be carried with the woolen squares far over land and sea.

By Edith Knight Holmes. THE "Work and Rip" Club met all Summer. And a merry, industrious club it was, too. But the "Work and Rip" club at Terwilliger Park were but a few of the many who met in the various playgrounds of the city where the Library people went to tell stories and to supervise the knitting and crocheting of squares for Serbian blankets.

Some time ago Mrs. A. A. Morrison made an appeal for squares that should be made of the odds and ends of yarn or worsted and eventually should be sent to England to be joined into blankets to keep the wounded soldiers warm this winter. Her appeal found a response in the hearts of some of the little citizens, youngsters who had no money to buy knitting needles or crochet hooks even, let alone worsted.

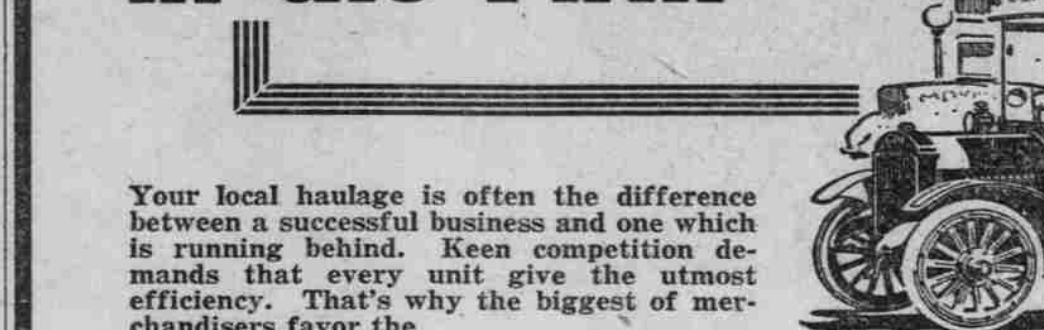
But where there's a will there's a way, as the old saying goes. And before long Miss Jessie Hodge Millard, head of the children's department of the Public Library, thought out a wonderful plan and like magic the squares began to grow. To be sure some of the knitting and crocheting was poor, the stitches were dropped and the blending of colors was a riot, but the children ripped and tried again and now that the playground season is over Miss Millard has a collection of 150 square each, the required 12 inches square and each made with all the love and interest of true young patriots.

Woven into each square, too, is the love the child felt for the poor soldier boy who might be wounded and yet who would be cheered and encouraged when he sees the quilt made in far away Portland. The while they knitted and crocheted, Miss Millard and her helpers told stories of heroes—stories that inspired the hearts and the imaginations of the workers. They sat around in circles in the playgrounds, out in the fresh air and worked and the mothers who had their home duties felt sure the children were safe.

This year there were but 2367 children who attended the story hours in the playgrounds. The number is not so great as last year, but Miss Millard attributed this to the fact that so many of the older children had gone to work in their gardens.

In the playgrounds every nationality was represented and all worked with a spirit of unity and loyalty. Miss Millard declares. In one playground there were Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Jewish, Italian, negro, Swedish and others, yet all worked and worked and all diligent, all happy making the squares. One little maddie ripped up an old baseball in which she found yards and yards of gray worsted and with

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Parish expects to make the system a great success in the way of bettering conditions on places where foods are handled.

Few Arrested for Drunkenness. ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Only eight arrests were made for drunkenness here last month, the smallest number made in any month in many years. Since the state went dry under initiative No. 3 arrests for drunkenness have averaged about 40 a month.

Camps and Mills Operating. ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Wilson Bros.' two camps at Independence opened Friday with full crews. Superintendent Dan McGillicuddy announced today. This makes a total of eight camps in this county in operation. Five of nine sawmills here are open.

Shoe Stores to Open. With Portland as the Northwest headquarters for the company, an announcement yesterday was made of the organization of the S. B. Asia Company, Incorporated, to operate a chain of shoe stores for women, which will not reflect the war prices on leather. Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane are to have branch stores. The new firm is capitalized for \$50,000 and will open its retail store in Portland at 322 Washington street. It will be known as the Victoria Shoe Company.

Peace-time basis, the Asia Company heralds an innovation in fitting. The company will discard factory numbers showing the size of the shoe and will measure the foot of each customer. The fore and aft figures, with estimates of the lead weight above the shoe line, will indicate the size. Card records are to be kept of measurements, enabling the company to refit a customer without trouble.

It is understood that Portland was selected as headquarters for the company because of its splendid facilities for distribution. The Asia Company announces that its Eastern representative will be located permanently at Boston, where he will be in constant touch with the manufacturer. The location secured by the new firm is now occupied by the Remick Soap Shop. The latter will remove to the next building.

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Former Health Commissioner, Wm. R. Kerr, of the City of Chicago, says: "I have taken Nuxated Iron myself and experienced its health-giving, strength-building effect, and in the interest of public welfare, I feel it my duty to make known the results of its use. I am well past three score years and want to add that I believe my own great physical activity is largely due today to my personal use of Nuxated Iron. From my own experience with Nuxated Iron, I feel it is such a valuable remedy that ought to be used in every hospital and prescribed by every physician in this country."

Dr. Schuyler C. Jaques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City, said he had never before given out any medical information or advice for publication as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish to increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most recommended and wonderfully effective remedy.

Dr. James Louis Beyer, for 15 years Adjunct Professor in the New York Homeopathic Medical College, says: "As a physician I have always been opposed to prescribing advertised remedies, and for fifteen years, while Adjunct Professor in the New York Homeopathic Medical College, I taught my medical students that such remedies

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Aberdeen's Revenue Estimated. ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Aberdeen's revenues from sources other than direct taxation, as estimated in the 1918 budget, will amount to upwards of \$40,000. Of this total between \$25,000 and \$30,000 will come from the earnings of the water department. Fines are expected to net \$20,000; jitney licenses, \$18,000; care and pool licenses, \$189, and motion picture licenses \$500.

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