

PROFIT SHARING IN CAR LINES PROPOSED

J. P. Newell Thinks He Has Solution to Problem.

COUNCIL STUDIES SCHEME

Corporation Would Be Protected on Its Investment, but Public and Workers Would Benefit.

Solution of the street railway problem in Portland by creation of a tripartite profit-sharing enterprise, to include the public, the street railway employees and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company as the beneficiaries, is offered by J. P. Newell in a proposal submitted to the city council yesterday.

In presenting the proposed franchise, Mr. Newell, who is employed by the city to aid in opposing efforts of public utilities companies of Oregon to increase rates, points out that the proposed plan is devised for the following reasons:

"To establish the credit of the company in order that money may be obtained for needed improvements of property and service.

Adequate Wages Is One Object.
"To insure adequate wages to employees and to provide a minimum return in all measures promoting economy of service by giving them a share in the results of such economy.

"To relieve the car riders of the necessity of paying a profit on borrowed capital by a virtual guarantee by the city of the interest on bonds, at the same time insuring the most effective management possible by the company, by providing a minimum return lower than the normal interest rate on government securities, and a maximum as high as is commonly considered reasonable for such investments.

"To protect the car riders against increase of fares in periods of depression by the holding of a reserve fund during times of prosperity.

Fare Regulation Proposed.
"To end the agitation concerning fares by prescribing the conditions under which they shall be raised or lowered to meet varying conditions and the extent of such changes."

Under Mr. Newell's plan, a separation of the properties of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, leaving the street railway properties alone, would be necessary. He would then determine the amount of interest paid on the indebtedness of the railway properties.

The valuation placed on the railway properties by the public service commission in 1918, with the addition of the value of betterments and extensions made and installed since the completion of the valuation figures, would be used under the proposed franchise.

Small Profit Favored.
Mr. Newell proposes that a minimum return shall consist only of the payment of the actual interest on the indebtedness and a low rate of profit on the investment. At the beginning of the operation of the franchise, he proposes that the rate of profit shall be fixed at 3 per cent, but that if thereafter the rate of cost of money shall be reduced, the minimum rate of profit shall be increased by an amount equal to the reduction.

When the returns to the company rise above the minimum, one-half of the excess shall be paid to the employees as a bonus up to the point where the bonus equals 10 per cent of the payroll. The remaining half of the excess shall be added to the profit of the company up to the point where the return is 1 per cent above the minimum. Above that point and as the net income rises, the excess shall be added to the profit in progressively decreasing percentages until the profit reaches a maximum of 8 per cent at the point where the return to the employees reaches its maximum.

Guaranty Fund Provided For.
The remainder of the excess over the minimum return will be set aside as a guaranty fund until such fund reaches the amount of \$500,000. Whenever the return on valuation falls below 1 per cent over the minimum, the guaranty fund will be used to maintain the bonus and the return on the investment at the same amount as though the return were at 1 per cent over the minimum.

Should the guaranty fund be exhausted at any time, and the return fall below the minimum, the car fares must be increased to such a point as will keep the return up to the minimum.

The proposed franchise further provides that all excess returns not required for the guaranty fund shall be set aside as a purchase fund, which shall be used at the discretion of the city council, for the purchase, piecemeal, by the city, of the company's track and roadbed, or for the construction of new lines and extensions. It is provided that in either case the company will receive no return on such investments.

City May Reduce Fares.
The proposed charter is supposed automatically to govern rates, but another provision it is directed that whenever the excess of return over the minimum reaches an amount sufficient to pay the 10 per cent bonus to employees, and 8 per cent on the investment, any further excess shall be applied to the purchase of the company's funds, or the city council may require that the company reduce fares to such an extent that there will be no further excess.

If the return falls below the minimum, it is provided that the deficiency in the return on investment should be made up out of the guaranty fund. Similarly, if the rates should be reduced to avoid exceeding the maximum and the result would be a reduction of return below the maximum, the reduction in profit on investment and employee bonus must be made up out of the guaranty or purchase fund. All changes in rates must be made at the beginning of the year, and it is provided that the determination of the effects of such changes must be confined to yearly periods.

Commissioner May Hear Scheme.
The plan was presented to the city council yesterday at an informal meeting, but received no approval, all members of the council reserving the right to give the plan thorough study before committing themselves upon it.

Mr. Newell, however, was authorized to submit his plan to the public service commission when the application of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for increased fares in Portland opens tomorrow morning. The plan, it was agreed, would be submitted as Mr. Newell's plan, and as a possible solution to the difficulty confronting the street railway company, and in addition a plan which would avoid future drawn-out contests over increases of fares.

Much Study Required.
"The plan is too broad and comprehensive to be directed by the average individual in a moment's study," said Mayor Baker. "However, I believe that any solution offered is a step in the right direction for the trouble with the street car systems is not local in nature, but rather a national problem. A commission appointed by the president, of which I happen to be a member, is now meeting in Washington, conducting hearings in an effort to find some solution to the difficulties confronting the street railway systems of our country. Perhaps Mr. Newell has offered a solution, and it should be carefully studied."

Other members of the council agreed with the mayor that, although the council should not commit itself to any definite plan in connection with the Portland street railway problem, submission of plans should be encouraged in the hope that in the end a solution can be obtained.

Returns Considered Too Small.
Mr. Newell's proposal contains many worthy suggestions, according to Franklin T. Griffith, president of the company. Although President Griffith would not agree that 3 per cent, suggested by Mr. Newell in the proposed franchise, is sufficient return on money invested, nor that an offer of 3 per cent would attract new money for betterments and improvement.

"The plan is entitled to careful study," said Mr. Griffith. "I have not had an opportunity to do more than scan it quickly and am in no position to offer any detailed opinion."

"However, the portion of the proposed franchise which assures the public that certain fares exacted are necessary to bring a fair return on the money invested is excellent. The public is willing to pay for what it receives if the facts are known."

"The ability of the company to earn sufficient rate of interest to induce the investment of new money should be assured under any such franchise because to keep pace with the growth of the city, new money for betterments and extensions must be provided. A 3 per cent return on investments would be unfair to investments now made and would be wholly insufficient to attract new money."

REED ENROLLMENT RECORD
272 STUDENTS REGISTER FIRST WEEK OF TERM.

Dormitory Freshmen, Locked Out by Upper Classmen, Take Refuge in Gymnasium.

First week attendance records at Reed college were broken last week when 272 students were received, and the number of late arrivals will be sufficient to boost the enrollment beyond any recorded in the history of the college.

The classes are evenly divided between men and women, as there are only seven more women than men in all classes. The freshman number 108, sophomores 83, juniors 40, seniors 36 and graduate students five.

President and Mrs. Foster were at home to all new students Friday evening. The informal reception gave new students an opportunity to get acquainted.

Dormitory freshmen were "entertained" on their return from the party by upperclassmen who had locked all entrances to the building, compelling the "frosh" to seek places of repose about the campus. The arts building and gymnasium were used by the refugees.

Elections of officers for the various house organizations have been completed. Arthur House, Glenn Quiet and Bruce Shumway head houses H, G and F, respectively. Of the women's organizations, Dorothy Poor was chosen president; Gretchen Smith, vice-president, and Consuelo McMillan, secretary. Class elections will be completed this week.

The social calendar for the year will be made up this week. One day off each month for the whole community for recreative purposes will be included in the calendar. Professors Coleman and Torrey and Miss Compton represent the faculty in the community affairs committee.

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WOMEN'S DEAN BACK FROM WORK IN WAR

Miss Fox of University Tells of Belgian Suffering.

COLLEGE LIFE IS LACKING

Girls Abroad Are Found to Have No Conception of Social Activity as Known in America.

Miss Elizabeth Freeman Fox, dean of women at the University of Oregon, came to Portland yesterday on her way to Eugene after 16 months of service overseas with the Y. W. C. A., bringing a story of the wonderful work done by the women of Belgium during the war.

"The Belgian women did a perfectly marvelous work during the war," said Miss Fox. "Everything that has been written of their courage and sacrifice is true. Women who had never done a thing outside of their own homes worked like factory girls. The war, indeed, brought out their latent possibilities."

"The women of America need not boast of what they did, although their work was wonderful and invaluable. They, however, did not suffer as the women of Belgium and France and England did far, far more than they."

"Many American women did not realize the true conditions in the war-ridden countries, and in spite of warnings and advice given, American women continued to send across worthless and frivolous things, such as evening gowns."

Hoover and Whitlock Popular.
"Belgians are very much interested in Americans and wherever one goes in Belgium one heard the names of two Americans—Merbert Hoover and Brand Whitlock. Everyone, from the poorest peasant, seems to know these two great men, and wherever they go the Belgians doff their hats to them as they would before a king."

Brand Whitlock's descriptions of what happened in Belgium are true in every respect, Miss Fox said. "It is so easy to hear of atrocities and pass them by without consideration," she continued, "but when one hears the stories from actual sufferers it is far different. I talked with a man in Louvain who had been in charge of the university museum. He told me of the way in which the Germans terrorized the people, told them the city was to be bombed immediately and of the way in which people were shot down in the streets as they tried to hurry away. It was at this university that priceless volumes were destroyed and the whole university blown to pieces."

Student Life Observed.
Miss Fox, who is returning to the University of Oregon to resume her duties as dean of women, did Y. W. C. A. work in France, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, England, Scotland and Wales. She was brought into intimate touch with all sorts of women, from working girls to university students.

In fact, Miss Fox made a study of student life, particularly for women, in the various countries which she visited. She went overseas in March, 1918, and returned to New York last month. She studied conditions at first hand in Switzerland, the birthplace of the student movement. Social centers are maintained there near the universities. In Geneva before the war, 80 per cent of the students were foreign-born, and these students started a student foyer under the leadership of Elizabeth Clark, an American. The organization has grown and has become a true club-center for the students. Dean Fox also visited the foyer in Bern, where the students entertained her with long songs in German-Swiss dialect.

Miss Fox discovered that investigations in neutral countries of the German student movement that the German movement has grown in membership, strength and character during the war, when it served the purpose of a Y. M. C. A.

Girls Lack Student Life.
In Paris, Miss Fox visited regularly a group of girls who were studying English and one time gave them a real college girls' spread. "Women in universities abroad have no conception of student life in this country," she said. "They cannot understand the dormitory system of our ideas of social life in connection with the college. Nothing has been done for the women in this way, but interest has been aroused, and the women in European colleges

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LEGION DELEGATE SPEAKS

C. R. Peck to Address Everyman's Club This Evening.

C. R. Peck, Oregon delegate to the National American Legion convention to be held in Minneapolis in November, will speak this evening at Everyman's club, 242 Couch street, under the auspices of the National Catholic War Council. The address will begin at 8:15 o'clock and will be particularly for former service men.

Mr. Peck's subject will be "The Purposes of the American Legion." The general public as well as ex-servicemen is invited. Piano solos will be rendered during the evening by Joseph H. Provincial of New York, who is making a tour of the west.

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are beginning to see that they have missed something of what we call 'college' life.

Dean Fox will be in Portland tomorrow evening and will speak at the Women's Research club luncheon to be given tomorrow at the Benson hotel. She will then leave for Eugene. While in Portland, Miss Fox is the guest of Mrs. George T. Gerlinger on Flanders street.

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45x36 pillow slips, sale...39¢
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Indian head muslin, 33 inches wide...35¢
Indian head muslin, 36 inches wide...39¢
Indian head muslin, 45 inches wide...60¢

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