

GAS COMPANY PASSES ITS BILL TO COUNCIL

Many Witnesses Made No Distinction Between Gross and Net Bills. WHICH MAKES MUCH DIFFERENCE IN RESULTS

A Number of Specific Cases Explained by Employees of Gas Company—Relative Cost of Gas Here and Elsewhere.

Testimony given yesterday before the council committee which is investigating the Portland gas company made it plain that in a number of instances complaints of gas consumers have been without just foundation. It was the gas company's day in court and employees of the corporation testified in detail as to each and every instance of alleged overcharge brought out in the previous hearings.

While the session was chiefly devoted to the hearing of evidence offered by the gas company, one witness, Leslie M. Scott, testified concerning the price and consumption of gas in other cities. Cross-examination brought out the fact that he had no knowledge of the conditions governing the cost of gas in other cities.

When J. N. Teal, attorney for the gas company, remarked that not more than 16 witnesses, all told, had appeared to complain of overcharges by the company, Judge McGinn, the Oregonian's attorney, retorted vehemently: "The whole town has been here."

Mr. Cleland, cashier of the gas company, was the first witness on the stand. He was questioned specifically as to every instance of alleged overcharge for gas that has been brought out by the investigation.

Mr. Cleland said that Toomey had six meters in his hotel and that a year ago one of the meters was out of order and failed to register the gas that passed through it. When Toomey's attention was called to this at the time, he admitted that the meter had not been working and he settled for his gas on an agreed basis, estimating the amount that should have been shown by this defective meter.

The Oregonian's gas bills were explained by Cleland. An employee of the Oregonian had previously testified that their bills for the last two years had shown an increase, despite the reduction in the price of gas. Cleland said that the increase in 1924 over the previous year was \$169.60 and for 1925 it was \$169.85.

Retain Custom of Electing Two Orators and Agree on Various Other Matters.

The Students' Association of the University of Oregon, Eugene, March 21.—The Students' association of the state university, meeting in Willard hall this morning, decided after a heated discussion to still hold to the custom of electing two orators to uphold the university in interstate and intercollegiate contests, the choice of who is to represent the college in such contests to be left to the judges of the preliminary contest.

IOWA PASSES BILL AGAINST OIL TRUST

SEATTLE'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL THRESH LEGAL PHASE OF CASE OUT TO HIS SATISFACTION

IN MEANTIME ALL OFFICIALS PAY FARE

Electric Street Railway of Sound City Pleased to Accommodate City Representative—Matter Held Up—Corporation Council to Say Yes.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., March 21.—Members of the city council and other city officials will receive no free streetcar rides until the legal phase of the case against Mayor Moore has been thoroughly threshed out to the satisfaction of the mayor. He is opposed to the distribution of transportation cards as the matter now stands.

CONGRESSMAN PATTERSON DEAD OF HEART DISEASE

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, March 21.—Representative George R. Patterson of Pennsylvania died suddenly of heart disease at his residence in this city this morning.

MITCHELL MAY LOSE CONTROL OF MINERS

(Journal Special Service.) Indianapolis, Ind., March 21.—Miners and operators of the joint case committee are in session behind closed doors. There are 23 members.

MARION DEMOCRATS TO HAVE FULL TICKET

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 21.—Marion county Democrats are to have a full ticket. At a meeting of the candidates in the joint committee will accept nominations thus:

TELLS STORY ABOUT KIDNAPING OF CHILD

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, March 21.—The police today arrested a man whose name they refuse to divulge, but who they say tells a story of talking to a strange Italian on a train the day following the kidnaping of the child of the late Senator Joseph P. McKim.

BIG MEDFORD COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Medford, Or., March 21.—The Big Bush Lumber Co. held its annual meeting yesterday and increased its capital stock to \$1,000,000. Nebraska and Michigan lumbermen are interested.

THOUSANDS KILLED AND DAMAGE MANY MILLIONS

(Journal Special Service.) Tokyo, March 21.—It is estimated that from 2,000 to 5,000 were killed in a recent earthquake in Formosa. The whole island was shaken throughout Saturday and Sunday. Many of the largest cities were completely destroyed.

FATHER OF TEXAS SENATOR EXPIRES

DIFFERENT STORES AT MONTANA EXPLOSION

One Killed, Another Fatally Hurt and Others Injured at New Era Mine.

FIRE IGNITES POWDER STORED IN BUILDING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., March 21.—One man was fatally killed, another was probably fatally injured, and several others slightly injured as the result of an explosion of powder at the New Era mine, 16 miles north of Townsend, Broadwater county, early today. The dead, James Nimmo, Helena. The seriously injured, Dan Ross, "floating" miner, recently arrived from British Columbia, will die.

SPECTACULAR CANDIDATE IS VICTORIOUS AT POLLS

Sherburn N. Becker Nominated by Republicans for Mayor of Milwaukee.

(Journal Special Service.) Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.—As a result of the election held yesterday, Sherburn N. Becker was nominated for mayor on the Republican ticket and Mayor Rose renominated on the Democratic ticket.

STANDARD OIL WITNESS THREATENED BY COURT

(Journal Special Service.) St. Louis, Mo., March 21.—Clay Pierce, attorney for Standard Oil Co., testified in the Standard inquiry this morning. The hearing was adjourned at noon to April 5 to permit Hadley to go to New York to resume the taking of depositions there.

JOHN HALSEY JONES, BIG LUMBERMAN, DEAD

Founder of Jones Lumber Company, Prominent Citizen, and Earnest Worker for City.

John Halsey Jones, founder of the Jones Lumber Co., died at his residence, 115 East Sixth street, north, at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

PREVENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., March 21.—The senate considered the rate bill from the state today. Senator Culberson of Texas introduced an amendment prohibiting any concern engaged in interstate or foreign commerce from contributing to political parties and providing penalties.

MUSA ARRESTED, IN JAIL AT HOOD RIVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., March 21.—Paul Musa has been arrested and brought to the city, where he is now in jail.

FOR FISH HATCHERY ON MORTON ISLAND

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 21.—The senate public lands committee today reported favorably upon Senator Fuquay's bill granting the lands in Morton island to Oregon for a fish hatchery.

GOMPERS' DELEGATION PROTESTS TO ROOSEVELT

TEMPERANCE FORCES NOMINATE C. A. COOK FOR MAYOR BY PETITION

THIRD PARTY DUE TO NOMINATE TONIGHT

James Nimmo of Helena Blown to Pieces and Dan Ross Loses Eyes and Hurt Internally—Property Is Located at Town of Mason.

A second ticket was placed in nomination by St. Johns citizens today; the ticket being a party called the Taxpayers-Progressive party. The nominees are, for mayor, C. A. Cook; recorder, W. L. Churchill; treasurer, C. W. Porter; councilmen at-large, H. W. Brock, R. C. Clark, E. D. Hurlburt; councilmen first ward, O. E. Learned, J. H. Black; councilmen second ward, L. Badger, E. C. Thurston.

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Three-Cornered Fight Is on With Liquor and Water Issues Causes for Debate—One Faction Bars Door on Other.

It is probable that a third ticket will be placed in the field headed by Councilman Shields. Tonight is the last opportunity that will be granted voters to place nominees in the field, and will determine the fate of the third party.

WOULD GIVE CITY HALF PROFITS

D. C. O'Reilly Makes Surprising New Offer for Franchise on Front Street.

D. C. O'Reilly, an experienced railroad man, one of the builders of the Columbia Southern, submitted an offer to the city council this afternoon to build a line on front street and to give the city one half of all the net receipts over and above the cost of operation and maintenance and 6 per cent on the money actually invested.

CENTRAL UNION WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-five years ago this evening the Central Union, W. C. T. U., was organized in this city, and tonight, in honor of the event, the union will hold a silver anniversary banquet at the Y. W. C. A. rooms.

GIVING AWAY INSURANCE FUNDS IS NOT A CRIME

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 21.—District Attorney Jerome has submitted an opinion to Justice O'Sullivan holding that the giving of political contributions from the funds of an insurance company by the officers of such a company does not constitute larceny or any other crime.

BOSS COX IS BROUGHT BEFORE GRAND JURY

(Journal Special Service.) Cincinnati, March 21.—George B. Cox, Republican leader of this city, was before the grand jury this afternoon in connection with the graft charges made against the county treasurer, Tilden R. French, former treasurer, has refunded \$5,000 which he received as "gratuity" from the banks during his term.

DEMOCRATS IN OFFICE HEARTILY INDORSED

"We commend the Democratic officeholders—city, county and state—for the high moral policy they have pursued during their terms of office."

STeel For Coast Line

THIRDS CROWD MEIER & FRANK STORE ON OCCASION OF SPRING OPENING

ORCHESTRA PLAYS AND MRS. BLOCH-BAUER SINGS

Happily Concerts Displayed in Productivity of Beautiful Variety—Things of Season Unusually Attractive—Goods Most Attractively Shown.

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