

### NO MORE DELAY IN STREET WORK

Council Committee Will  
Fine Contractors When  
Time Expires.

Members of the street committee of the city executive board announced yesterday that there will be no more delays in street improvements, and all contractors who fail to finish their work on time will be fined. This action followed the unusual request of George Simon, manager of the Pacific Bridge company, which has many contracts with the city, that the committee make some steps to prevent the delays which have arisen in city improvements.

The committee and the city executive board have been very lenient with the contractors in granting them extensions of time for completing work, and in the case of Harry Howard have granted extensions amounting to about a year on one contract alone. Inasmuch as there are provisions for each day the contractor runs over the contract time, the city could make it unpleasant for the men engaged in the improvement work.

There has been no disposition on the part of the committee to hinder the contractors in finishing their work or embarrassing them with fines. The members realize the many obstacles that arise in finishing street improvements and other city work, but because of the fact that they seldom hold a meeting at which they are not requested to grant extensions of time, decided that the best plan for the future would be to compel the contractors to live up to their agreements.

### DECISION RAPS ALL EMPLOYES

Judge Kohlsaat's Ruling  
Bars Express Company Men  
Shipping Goods Free.

An injunction granted by Judge C. C. Kohlsaat of the United States circuit court at Chicago will injuriously affect about 500 express company employes in Oregon, preventing them from receiving or sending any package by express without the full rates being paid to the express company carrying the same. It is asserted with considerable confidence by express company officials that the decision will not stand in an appeal to higher courts.

The court order forbids express companies to issue franks to their officials, attorneys at law, agents and employes or their families, or to other express company officials and employes or to railroad officials and employes. The court declares that such issuance of free carriage is a discrimination affecting interstate commerce and creates a privileged class.

**Employees Raise Protest.**  
Strong protestations are going up from all classes of express company employes, who say that this construction of the law is not according to the intent of the framers, and is unreasonable and unjust to the workers in the ranks of the army of transportation company employes.

The decision applies to all the express companies and railroad companies in the United States. It is alleged by some of the men affected that the decision is calculated to render the interstate commerce law odious to the public, and that the principle advanced by Judge Kohlsaat if carried out all along the line of public service corporations would ultimately result in the defeat of the law.

### HAI HAI HAI!

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the company for the Christmas packages they send to relatives and friends, and that when one wishes to send or receive a box of apples or plums he must pay the company for carrying them. There are innumerable instances in which it would be a hardship for old employes of the company to pay, and the company has always been perfectly willing to carry these things free for its employes and their families.

**Decision Works Hardship.**  
"An employe up the valley the other day wanted his typewriter repaired, and asked me to have it carried to Portland and returned to him, which of course we did. A boy employe who is supporting himself and has an orphan brother working in a remote place in southern Oregon wished to cheer up his leisure moments and it went free."  
"The company does not abuse this practice, and it seems no more than right that the railroad companies and express companies should render these services for their employes. It is like the farmer who had discharged a man and the latter wanted to go to town. While he did not expect the farmer to hitch up his wagon and haul him to town free, he thought it would be a mean farmer who would refuse to carry him if the wagon were already hitched up and going to town anyhow."

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**SUBURBAN EXPRESS ASKS NEW PERMIT**  
A request for a permit to continue operating its business in Portland by the Portland & Suburban Express company was referred to the ways and means committee of the council yesterday afternoon. The company has been operating in Portland for a number of years without a permit, and fears that its business might be interfered with in the future asked for a permit. The company's petition was signed by nearly every business house in the city. The main business of the company is expressing small packages of merchandise about the city and to suburbs over the streetcar lines.



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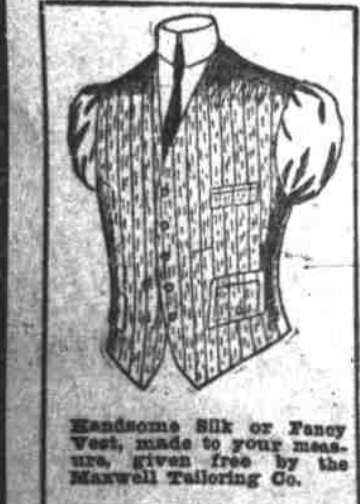
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