

RAILROAD COMMISSION HEARS ARGUMENTS ON PROPER GAS STANDARD

Portland Company Declares Price Will Have to Be Raised if Ruling Enforced.

Testimony was received by the state railroad commission today relative to its proposed standard of heat value for gas.

The standard as proposed requires every gas utility to supply gas, which at any point within a radius of one mile of the manufacturing works, or in case the gas is manufactured outside the city, where the test is to be made within the city near the center of consumption, shall have a monthly average total heating value of not less than 600 British thermal units per cubic foot.

The total heating value of the gas shall never fall below 550 British thermal units per cubic foot, provided that for the period of six months after the taking effect of the rule, unless the commission shall otherwise order, the minimum monthly average required shall be 550 British thermal units and the minimum at any time shall not fall below 525 British thermal units.

W. H. Hiltner, general manager of the Portland Gas and Coke company, argued at length against the proposed standard, contending that it would be to the best interests of the public and the utility to fix the standard at 525 British thermal units. On the part of the utility he said that to increase the standard to 600 units would involve an annual increase of 10 per cent in rates which must be borne by the consumer and that the product would not be so satisfactory as at present for the reason that the combustion would not be so perfect, smoking up the interior of houses.

The company would also lose, he declared, revenue from its by products, which would not be so great if the higher standard were adopted. At 525 units he estimated the profit from the residue at 25 per cent. The proportion of loss on the residue would be charged against the consumer. There would also be further expense in changing the machinery of the plant in order to get the 600 unit standard, he said.

He valued the physical property of the plant, exclusive of real estate and stores, at \$7,000,000.

To increase the standard to 600 units would, he estimated, cause a loss of \$153,300, which could only be met by an increase in rates.

Smoke Would Displease. Asked by Commissioner Althoff if the company would not increase in popular esteem, Mr. Papst replied that he thought not, as the customer would be dissatisfied on account of the smoke nuisance and that the increase of 10 per cent in rates to maintain the company's net earnings would be unpopular for the reason that the increase in heat units could not be appreciated by the public. Mr. Papst did not know the reason why his company could supply Vancouver, Wash., with the same quality of gas as the city of Portland, when the requirement in Washington was a standard of 600 units. It was also brought out that the standard in San Francisco is 650 units and in Los Angeles 600 units.

In relation to complaints received from customers as to why their gas bills should grow, Mr. Papst explained that the public did not know how to economize and that there was often great waste owing to poor attachment of appliances.

He agreed to provide the commission with a list of complaints and cause of complaints as well as additional figures of gas production.

Appraisal Should Be Made. He thought it would not be fair to his company to fix the high standard without an appraisal of the company's property. The plant, he said, could meet the new requirement, but it would involve an expense and loss of revenue which should have to be met by the rate payers.

R. S. McBride, associate chemist of the bureau of standards of Washington, D. C., who is on the coast investigating gas production conditions, was examined. He said he had visited the Portland plant, also those at Astoria, Salem and Eugene. His conditions in Oregon, he said, did not greatly differ from conditions in other states. He thought that the standard of 550 British thermal units could be put into effect at once and that in six months operation the companies could go to the 600 unit standard. In all states where utility commissions govern the standard is 600, except in Nevada, where it is 550.

Asks Divorce After 48 Years. Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 23.—Carrie W. Jones has sued Charles H. Jones for a divorce and asks that her maiden name, Carrie Weare, be restored. This after a married life of 48 years, the couple having been wedded in Michigan in 1865.

FELINE PETS REAPING HONORS IN CONTEST FOR BLUE RIBBONS

Cats, in Their Best Attire, on Exhibition; Prizes Being Awarded by Judge.

The fourth annual championship show of the Oregon Cat club, Inc., is in progress. It opened yesterday morning on the fourth floor of the Meier & Frank store with 215 members of the feline tribe in attendance. There were tom cats and pussy cats, black cats and white cats, yellow cats and gray cats, old cats and kittens, fat cats and skinny ones, gentle cats and ugly cats; in fact, every one of the animals that were on exhibition had some special distinction.

Mrs. Lola E. Besse, secretary of the American Cat association of Chicago, is judging the cats.

Awards for the best decorated cages were announced yesterday. Mrs. F. X. Legrand won first with a cage made to represent a lady's boudoir, in blue. She also took third prize with Billikin in a "confirmed bachelor's" apartment that attracted great attention.

Second award was made to Dorothy and Paul Downard with Dicky Dee in a purple cage.

Awards Are Made. Other awards were made as follows: Blue-eyed white male kittens—Snow-drift, shown by Cat "n' Piddle, first; Blanco, by Mrs. Ray Riley, second; A. Bine Beaux, by Mrs. M. E. Curtis.

Blue-eyed white male kittens—Emperor Mohamed, by Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, first; Blanco, by Mrs. Ray Riley, second; King Cotton, by Mrs. J. E. Sophy, third.

Blue-eyed white male, open—Rhododendron, by Mrs. J. A. Harding, first; Emperor Mohamed, second; Blanco, third.

Razzie, in the blue-eyed white female kitten class, shown by F. L. Daly, took a first award.

Blue-eyed white female, open—Martha Washington, by Mrs. C. L. Ferris, first; Fe Fe, by Mrs. A. Meyer, second.

The Prince of Persia, shown by Mrs. Robert M. Daniels, took the first awards in the golden-eyed white male kitten and novice classes. Snoop, shown by Mrs. A. K. Houghton, took the first award in the golden-eyed white open class.

Princess, by Mrs. R. O. Appleby, took first, and Sassy Snowball, by Mrs. Eliza Pease, second, in the golden-eyed white female kitten class, while Snowball, by Mrs. Pease, took third award in the novice class. Blanche, by Emma Zenz, took first in this class.

Other Winners Announced. Golden-eyed female, open—Nell Glynn, Mrs. J. E. Sophy, first; Mimi, Mrs. H. Mitchell, second; Maid Marjorie, Theodora, B. Brown, third.

Black male kitten—Choco, Mrs. Clifford Warren, first; Plute, Mrs. H. G. Durand, second.

Black female, open—Donna of Avon, Mrs. J. E. Sophy, first; Lady Louisa, Mrs. M. C. Waddell, second; Midnight, Mrs. L. D. Whitworth, third.

Black female, novice—Lady Louisa, Mrs. J. B. Lea, second; Baby and Lady Betty, both by Mrs. R. L. Meade, third.

Cream or fawn female, open—Geneva Princess, by Mrs. T. A. Short, first; Mrs. F. F. Brandes, second.

Silver Fleece by William G. Jenks won first in the silver female kitten and novice classes. In the silver female kitten class, Lady Louisa, by Mrs. A. F. Surfi, by Mrs. F. L. Heylman, second.

Silver female, open—Erma Girl, by Mrs. F. F. Brandes, first; Louisa, by Mrs. J. B. Lea, second.

Shaded silver male, open—Tinker Bell, by Mrs. H. M. Watkins, first; Alnault, second.

Silver tabby male—Omar Ben Surfi, first; Rudie L. both by Mrs. F. L. Heylman, second.

Topaz, by Mrs. C. B. Danner, took first in orange male novice and open classes.

RECLAMATION CHANGES ARE BEING CONSIDERED

Washington, Jan. 23.—The secretary of the interior informs Senator Chamberlain his bill following the suggestion of the Utah water users' association for an amendment to the Reclamation act, which would give other similar bills, is being considered by him, but that he has not reached a conclusion regarding any of them.

Smelt to the Four Winds. Kelso, Wash., Jan. 23.—The three express companies operating at Kelso are taking an interest in finding new markets for the Columbia river smelt, an already a marked improvement is noticed by the local shippers. Many express orders are being sent to the middle west already.

Silver Gray Is Captured. Bend, Or., Jan. 23.—A silver gray fox, the fur of which is believed to be worth from \$300 to \$1500, was caught by C. L. Smith, a rancher, near Bend, a few days ago.

PRIZE WINNING CATS ATTRACT BIG CROWDS AT ANNUAL SHOW



Mrs. C. B. Danner, holding her orange male Topaz, first prize winner in novice and open classes.

MRS. PATRICK DRAWS ONE YEAR—PAROLED

At Liberty on Condition That She Be Good and "Report."

(Special to The Journal.) Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 23.—Wallace Newhard, indicted by the Washington county grand jury for selling liquor in local option territory, pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Campbell and was sentenced on four counts. On the first count he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50, and on each of the other three, \$250 and 125 days in the county jail. He was paroled on the last three counts, providing he pays the fine on the first one, and hereafter obeys the laws.

A. H. Chickering, found guilty by a jury of having forged a time check, was fined \$75 and costs, the charge being reduced to that of simple larceny. Frank Collett of Sherwood was found guilty of having given liquor to Elmer Mills, minor.

Mrs. Elizabeth Patrick pleaded guilty to having stolen three sweaters from the Banks Mercantile company and was sentenced to one year in the county jail. She was paroled on condition that she restore the stolen goods, obey the laws and report to the sheriff once each month. Mrs. Patrick, it developed in the testimony, visited several small towns in the county several weeks ago and offered to make hair switches for the ladies of the towns.

Joseph Loring, found guilty of non-support of his minor child, was placed under a \$400 bond, and will have to pay \$15 per month to his wife. He has been in the county jail for several weeks.

Yesterday the judge, prosecuting attorney, clerk, bailiff and the hangerson were on hand when the case of the state against J. S. Gordon was called. Donahue failed to appear, and court was adjourned. Donahue, who conducted a sawmill at Groveland, was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of having cut about 10,000 feet of timber from land owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman of Portland last summer. His bond of \$1000 was declared forfeited and a bench warrant was issued for him. W. H. Dufur and Herbert L. Gill of Portland are his bondsmen.

North Bank Inspected. Frederick L. C. Gilman, of the North Bank road, returned this morning from an inspection trip over the Spokane line and the Spokane & Inland empire, of which he is also president. R. Budd, now chief engineer of the Great Northern, returned with him. Mr. Gilman expects to be in Seattle tomorrow night to be principal guest at a dinner. No development of the road is as assistant to the president in Seattle is to be selected, the office having been abolished with his coming to Portland as head of the S. P. & N. Following Mrs. Gilman's return from a European trip she is planning, the family will establish a home here.

Comes to Inspect Factory. Julius Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, yeast king and former mayor, is on his way to Portland in the private car "New York," with a party of 20. He comes primarily to inspect his factory at Sumner, Wash., arriving there next Sunday, and will reach Portland next Thursday. After a day in the city the party will move southward toward San Francisco.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

NORTH BEND HARBOR LINE IS APPROVED

Major Morrow Hears No Objection to Petition; Improvements Assured.

(Special to The Journal.) Marshfield, Or., Jan. 23.—Major Jay Morrow, of the engineering corps, yesterday afternoon conducted a hearing on the petition of North Bend to change the harbor line and granted the petition. The city asked that the line be made straight which will give about three acres more on the waterfront.

"The city will now have over 1500 feet of water line, on which Mayor Simpson promises to build a public dock; two large public warehouses, and maintain a 20 foot public street along the water line and a street back of the public property. Adjoining are two blocks of lots which will be leased for private warehouse purposes. There were no objections to the petition.

Major Morrow will tonight be guest at a smoker at the Millicom club.

The bar dredge which will not start working on the bar until the weather moderates. No arrangements have been made for work inside the bar. Captain Magginn, of the Breakwater, inspected the dredge today and gives it as his opinion that it is highly efficient. He believes it will be of much benefit to the Coos bay bar.

100 IN JAIL AS RESULT OF RUSSIAN HOLIDAY

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—About 100 working men and women were in jail here today as a result of yesterday's attempt at a demonstration of the snail dealers of "Bloody Sunday," January 22, 1905, when large numbers were killed as they were marching, led by Father Gapon, to submit their political and economic demands to the czar.

Strong forces of troops were held in readiness as soon as it was learned that anniversary ceremonies were planned and without waiting for any outbreak of disorder the soldiers scattered the crowds, wounding a number with their swords and dragging the leaders away to jail.

It was expected that those suspected of revolutionary affiliations would be severely dealt with, and that the rest would escape with short terms of imprisonment.

PROTEST BY PACKERS REFERRED TO HOUSE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Chamberlain has referred to the house committee various protests by salmon packers against Representative Lafferty's bill, requiring the date of the pack to be placed on the cans.

Poor Workmanship Alleged. The suit of H. E. Deering against the Multnomah Security company, owners of the Broadway building, for \$2318.97 alleged to be due for extras and on uncompleted payments was taken up by Circuit Judge McGinn yesterday and is being tried before a jury. The security company alleges that Deering has referred to the house committee various protests by salmon packers against Representative Lafferty's bill, requiring the date of the pack to be placed on the cans.

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WEST URGES THAT RECALL BE HASTENED

Says Petition Would Be Very Promptly Signed by Bootleggers and Kind.

Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—Governor West has a suggestion to make when those persons in Baker county on whose toes he stepped when he began to see that some of the laws were enforced, get busy with the recall about which they have been talking.

"If note from the press dispatches," said the governor, "that District Attorney Godwin, Nichols, Mayor Stewart and his saloonkeeper compatriots in the Copperfield council have threatened to invoke the recall, I think that would be a fine business, and I would suggest that either Godwin or Jimmy Nichols would be logical candidates to put forward as an opponent in the recall election."

"They would undoubtedly have little difficulty in getting the required number of signatures to the recall petition, because all the bootleggers, etc., would be prompt to sign. The recall petition would surely contain a galaxy of noble names."

NORTH YAKIMA WINS IN FIGHT FOR HEALTH

North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 23.—As a result of the sanitary campaign inaugurated in Yakima county four years ago when typhoid was epidemic here, the typhoid death rate has decreased 94 1-3 per cent from 1910 to 1913. The population in that time has increased, according to the United States census estimates, from 41,709 to 50,186. The deaths from typhoid steadily dropped after the cleanup campaign was begun in both cities and rural districts. In 1910 there were 59. In 1911 there were 17. In 1912 there were 7, and in 1913 there were 4.

With the increase in population, however, the decrease in typhoid death rate has been greater. In 1910 the rate per hundred thousand population of deaths caused by typhoid fever was 141. In 1911 it was 38; in 1912 it was 15, and in 1913 it was 8.

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SHEEP AND CATTLE MEN WANT RESERVE BANK AT PORTLAND

North Yakima Grower Tells Why Rose City Is Much Favored.

(Special to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 23.—Sheep and cattlemen of the northwest, controlling stock and range worth millions of dollars, will have a representative in Portland when the federal locating committee visits that city to urge that one of the reserve banks be established in the northwest and that Portland be given preference, as most easily accessible to all of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The primary purpose of the stockmen will be to have one of their number named on the directing board of the reserve bank. Discussion of the matter was taken up two weeks ago, when the Washington Woolgrowers' association and the Washington cattlemen held a joint convention in this city. The discussion was private, and the advice that Portland be urged for the reserve bank was given by H. J. Snively of North Yakima, one of the prominent Democrats of this state and a grower of both sheep and cattle.

Another meeting of cattlemen will be held in the next few days in either Spokane or Lewiston, at which the stockgrowers of the three states will decide the extent to which they will carry their contemplated action, and will fix upon their representatives to go to Portland.

"The location of a reserve bank should be determined by the number of railroads a city has, and the time it will take to reach every part of the tributary country," said Mr. Snively. "San Francisco is three days away from the northwest. As between Portland and Seattle, my choice is Portland, and I so advised the stockmen when they were here."

"Portland has roads radiating in three directions. It might be argued that Boise is more nearly the middle of the stock country, and that the cattle and sheepmen should advocate the location of the bank there, but if the bank is placed at Portland it will serve all of the southern Oregon country and part of northern California."

EUGENE EMPLOYERS AID WOMEN WORKERS

Eugene, Or., Jan. 23.—Employers of women and girls of this city at a meeting yesterday agreed to a schedule of hours to comply with the recent ruling of the industrial welfare commission, which provides that no woman shall work more than a total of 54 hours a week, nor later than 8:30 o'clock p. m., an exception being made for hotels, restaurants, telephone offices and amusements.

They agreed to employ their girl and women workers from 8:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. five days of the week, and from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Saturdays. This agreement is merely a recommendation, expressing the sense of the meeting, and no individual employer is in any way bound to abide by it. It is expected that practically all will do so of their own free will.

PORTLAND MAN DOOMED TO BE DISAPPOINTED

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Chamberlain has received a number of endorsements to the application of John F. McAllister, of Portland, as assistant locomotive boiler inspector for the interstate commerce commission. A. G. Pack, of Denver, is said to have been selected by the president.

Miss Yoran Dead. Eugene, Or., Jan. 23.—Miss Elizabeth McKell Yoran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Yoran and sister of Mayor D. E. Yoran of this city, died at the family home on Olive street yesterday at the age of 53 years. She had been ill only a few days. She was a member of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and was a member of the Congregational church.

PROTESTS SUBMITTED FOR FRUIT GROWERS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Chamberlain has submitted to the committee in charge, protests by the North Pacific Fruit Distributors against the unreasonable limitation on cold storage apples as proposed in the McKellar bill.

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EXPECT BUMPER CROP IN MADRAS DISTRICT

Ground Is Soaked Deeper Than for Years and Seed Is Now In.

(Special to The Journal.) Madras, Or., Jan. 23.—One of the heaviest rains this season has been in years fell this week. The ground was covered with about four inches of snow when the rain started and everything is now thoroughly soaked. The farmers report that the ground is wet deeper than it has been for the past four years. More rain and snow has fallen in the past thirty days than fell during the entire year of 1913. The farmers and the town people are all jubilant over the crop prospects for this year. A crop failure was never known here following a heavy rain in the winter. The average already seeded is as large or larger than in 1912, and there will be a heavy spring seeding also.

The mild weather for the first ten days of this month was taken advantage of and a large acreage was broken for spring seeding.

COPPERFIELD LOSES IDENTITY AS STATION

Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—The town of Copperfield, where saloonkeepers and swamper once ruled, is not even a way station on the Homestead branch of the Oregon Short Line any more. The local printers and allied unions, the commission advised the company that it had no objections to the company discontinuing its station there.

The commission advised E. A. Johnson of Copperfield, who protested against the company's request, that at any time the citizens of the frontier town on the Snake river could make a showing of business to justify a depot, and railroad agent the commission would order the station reestablished.

The company's request to reduce its train service between Homestead and Bolinas to two trains a week was denied, as was also the request to reduce the train service between Vale and Brogan from daily to three times a week.

CHANCELLOR'S