COMMISSION FIXES RULES FOR PROTECTION OF THE PAYINF PUBLIC

Testing of All Meters Installed by Public Utilities Is Provided For.

DEPOSITS CUT IN TWO

Heating Capacity of Gas to Be Furnished Consumers Is Determined.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., June 5.—Rules designed to see that the public gets full value for its money have just been issued by the state railroad commission for the regulation of public utilities furnishing electricity or gas or water. Probably no rules ever issued by the commission are of more importance to the many thousands who foot the light and water bills every month.

The rules provide for the testing of all meters, and at any time a customer thinks his meter is working overtime he is privileged to require the utility to make a test. If the meter has not been previously tested within a year the test will not cost the customer a penny. If it has been tested within a year the customer will still be free from any expense for the special testing if the meter is found to be fast, but if it is found to be correct then he must pay the cost of the test.

When Meter Is Fast.

To be fast, it is provided that a gas meter must be registering 3 per cent too much, electricity meters 4 per cent and water meters 2 per cent.

The cost of tests for gas meters is as follows: Not exceeding 10 lights capacity, $2; exceeding 10 and not exceeding 45 lights capacity, $4; all others, $8. The charges for tests of electricity meters are similar, except that their size is designated in amperes.

For each water meter not exceeding one inch capacity the cost of testing is $2, and all others is $5.

When a customer, whose meter has been tested within a year previous, makes a request for another test he is required to deposit the amount of the fee with the railroad commission, which fee will be returned to the customer if the meter is found to be incorrect. If the fee is returned to the customer, then the utility must pay the amount to the commission.

Another rule limits the amount of deposit a public utility may require of any customer when contracting for electricity, gas or water. In the case of customers whose bills are payable in advance, a company may require a deposit of a sum not to exceed an estimated 30 days' bill. In case where bills are not payable in advance, a deposit of a sum not to exceed the estimated 60 days' bill of such customer may be required.

Heating Value Fixed.

In the past it has been customary in Portland, and some of the other cities, to require a deposit of $5 for the installation of a telephone and of from $3 to $5 for gas or electric service.

The rules prescribe the heating value and the purity of gas. The Portland Gas & Coke company protested to the commission against fixing the heating value of gas as high as the rules provide. It is provided that "every gas utility must supply gas which shall have a monthly average total heating value of not less than 600 British thermal units per cubic foot, and the total heating value of the gas at any such points shall never fall below 550 British thermal units per cubit foot." Utilities are given six months in which to bring their gas up to this heating value.

Provision is made for regular tests for all meters.

Going to Convention.

Salem, Or., June 5.—E. B. Tillinghast, superintendent of the state school for the deaf, is preparing to leave soon to attend a convention of superintendents of such institutions to be held in Virginia. The state board of control has agreed to allow Mr. Tillinghast the amount of his railroad fare for the trip, the other expenses incident to the trip to be paid by himself.

Salem Canneries Busy.

Salem, Or., June 5.—Salem canneries are now working large crews in putting up the strawberry crop. The Salem Canning company is running full blast with 350 employes, and Hunt Brothers are employing 180 people in their new plant. When the cherry crop comes, in two or three weeks, Hunt Brothers will increase the force to about 250. In about two weeks loganberries will be ready for the canneries. Good crops are reported.

Seaside Service Improved.

Salem, Or., June 5.—Complaint of M. S. Warren and others of Ecola against the telephone service furnished them by the Seaside Light & Power company, filed with the state railroad commission, has been withdrawn. The plaintiffs advised the commission that the service had been improved and was now satisfactory.

NO HALF WAY MEASURES!

Russian Editor Has Exciting Career

Social Democratic Organ of St. Petersburg Lives on Despite Confiscations, Fines and Arrests.

Copenhagen, June 5.—Copies have just been received here of the second anniversary edition of the St. Petersburg Social Democratic organ, the Novaya Rabotchaya Gazeta.

Accompanying mail advices explained the periodical's self congratulatory tone at having survived so long. The paper is a labor publication, and as such so unpopular with the authorities that no Russian can understand how it has managed thus far to escape suppression.

Although, for a Russian labor paper, it has been unprecedently fortunate, 594 of the 730 editions it has issued since it was founded were confiscated and destroyed; it has paid $4,500 in fines and 27 different times its editors have been prosecuted and severely punished.

Its offenses have generally consisted in the publication of news of strikes and lockouts.

Special Bounties Paid by the State

Regular Appropriation Is All Gone, and County Clerks Are Notified to Send in No More Claims.

Salem, Or., June 5.—Over 1000 state warrants, for sums ranging from $1.00 up, are being issued by Secretary of State Olcott this month for payment of additional bounties authorized by the last legislature on bobcats, lynx and cougars.

The appropriation of $40,000 made by the last legislature for the payment of the regular bounties offered on predatory animals has been exhausted, and Secretary Olcott is today sending notices to the various county clerks not to forward any more claims for bounties.

Retired Teachers Given Pensions

California State Board of Education Grants 32 Pensions and Is Considering More; Veterans on List.

Sacramento, Cal., Jne 5.—The state board of education has today considered 76 aplications from school teachess for retirement pensions, granted 32, postponed 36 until next session, and will take up the remaining eight for further discussion. Among those rewarded for long and faithful service were: Emma Scode of San Francisco, for 42 years a teacher in the state metropolis; S. T. Black of San Diego, former state superintendent of schools; Daniel B. Amick of Oceanside, who has been a teacher 60 years; Mrs. George Goodell of Jackson; Marcia G. Bradbury, of Stockton and Amelia C. Early of Shasta.

White Wolf Bandits Stand Off Troops

Punitive Expediton Finds Outlaws Well Entrenched and Able to Hold Strong Position Taken.

Shanghai, June 5.—Heavy fighting was reported today in southern Kansu province between government troops and the White Wolf bandits, who plundered and burned the towns of Ning Chow and Tao Chow and the Tibetan monastery at Choni earlier in the week.

The soldiers were at first said to have the outlaws surrounded, but later advices indicated that the brigands were entrenched in a strong position, well armed, and fully able to hold their own.

White Wolf is estimated to have 20,000 or 25,000 men in the field at present, though only part of them are in Kansu province.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Leonard to Return to Police Department

Chief Field Deputy in Sheriff's Office Made Eligible as Secretary to Chief of Police.

Archie Leonard, chief field deputy under Sheriff Robert L. Stevens, is to go back to the police department, of which he was formerly a member. The municipal civil service board yesterday voted to reinstate him as on the civil service eligible list as secretary to the chief of police.

Mayor Albee has already given his approval to the plan of putting Leonard back in the department and it is expected that an appointment will soon be made as the position of secretary is now vacant. Leonard was secretary to the chief of the police department for six years when Sheriff Stevens induced him to become his chief field deputy. He remained with Sheriff Stevens until the end of his administration, and then became a special agent for the O.-W. R. & N. company. He was the defeated candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff in the recent primary election.

Leonard made an enviable record while serving under Sheriff Stevens, having a long list of important "catches" to his credit. Among the important cases handled was the capture of Jack Roberts, a highwayman who murdered two men while attempting to hold up an automobile on the White House road. The position to which he will probably be assigned pays $105 a month.

Fenton Called Back to San Francisco

Counsel for Southern Pacific and Government Will Confer With Court Regarding Appeal of O. & C. Case.

William D. Fenton, counsel for the Southern Pacific company in the famous Oregon & California land grant cases, who returned yesterday from attending the hearing of the appeal before the circuit court of appeals at San Francisco, expects to go back to the California metropolis next week for legal conferences. Constantine J. Smyth, special assistant to the ottorney general in these cases, will accompany him and the two will discuss with the court a stipulation of facts to be presented to the United States supreme court.

Mr. Fenton explained that the order of Judge Gilbert in having the case certified at once to the highest tribunal with practically no argument, is a matter of satisfaction for all, regardless of the merits of the case. He is of the opinion that this action will eliminate much delay and save unnecessary recapitulation of argument and testimony.

Mr. Fenton expects to see the case in the hands of the highest court either during the October session or early in the 1915 sitting, with a decision within a year.

U'Ren to Address Oregon Civic League

Policies of Independent Candidate for Governor to Be Topic—Paget to Be Chairman of Day.

"Policies of the Independent Candidate for Governor," will be the subject of an address before the Oregon Civic league at noon tomorrow in the Multnomah hotel, by W. S. U'Ren, independent candidate for governor. B. Lee Paget will serve as chairman of the day. Dr. H. B. Torrey is to report upon the exact status of the meat ordinance. H. M. Esterly, chairman of a housing code committee, will report the result of an interview with R. G. Dieck, commissioner of public works. Dr. C. H. Chapman will report an interview had with the school board in regard to its recent determination to discriminate against married women when employing teachers.

Japanese Fishers Fined.

Barview, Or., June 5.—Sheriff Crenshaw came down from Tillamook and arrested two Japanese who were fishing in the ocean off the rocks here without a license. They were fined $25 each, which they paid.

The Japanese are members of the section crew working here, and were ignorant of the law which requires all foreigners who are not citizens to procure a $25 license before they can fish in this state.

The pantagraph principle has been applied to the oxygen-acetylene flame apparatus for cutting metal to permit the work to be done accurately at a distance from a desired pattern.

Doctor Cleared by Coroner's Verdict

Jury Decides Dr. W. B. Hill Guiltless of Anything in the Tragedy of Mrs. Raab.

Long Beach, Cal., June 5.—Dr. Walter B. Hill is innocent of any wrongdoing that might have led to the death of Mrs. Fred Raab, according to the opinion today of a coroner's jury that returned a verdict to the effect that Mrs. Raab and her two babies came to their deaths by suicide and homicide.

The physician attended the inquest, and the contents of a note written by Mrs. Raab before she slit the throats of her children, and then committed suicide late Wednesday were read. The woman declared that her deed was the result of relations with Dr. Hill, who has stoutly denied the charge.

The Long Beach Physicians' organization, the First Methodist church and a dozen other public and semi-public organizations with which Hill was connected have presented him with resolutions expressing their belief in his innocence, the doctor's statement declaring Mrs. Raab undoubtedly was mentally affected when she made the charge.

Local Engineer on Award Committee

E. G. Hopson Will Be One of Three to Recommend Awarding of Prizes for American Society.

The American Society of Civil Engineers has appointed E. G. Hopson one of a committee of three to recommend the award of medals and prizes for the American society. The awards will consist of the James R. Croes medal, the Thomas Fitch Rowland prize, the James Laurie prize and the Collingwood prize for juniors.

The various awards are for technical accomplishments in engineering work during the past year. The choice of a Portland engineer among the thousands of engineers throughout the country for this service is regarded as a very considerable distinction.

Mr. Hopson is district engineer of the reclamation service and president of the Portland, Or., Association of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Dorris Heads Class.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., June 5.—Two ballots were necessary to decide the choice of the class of 1915 for its president next year. On the first ballot Ben Dorris of Eugene and James Donald of Baker received 19 votes each, and Bert Lombard, of Eugene 12. By vote, the class dropped the lowest name and balloted on Dorris and Donald, Dorris winning, 25 to 24.

Votes for the other candidates stood: For vice president, Velma Sexton of Eugene, unanimous; for secretary, Mildred Riddle of La Grande, 23, Genevieve Cooper, Independence, 28; for treasurer, Anthony Jaureguy of Tacoma, Wash., unanimous; for sergeant-at-arms, Ernest Vosper of Portland, 29, Gene Good, of La Grande, 20.

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