

AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL BE CONTESTED

Suit Is Filed to Set Aside Ruling Which Reduces Rates to Water Users.

IRRIGATION PROJECT CASE

Company Claims State Board Had No Right to Classify Project as Utility Under Law.

Salem, Or., Nov. 15. — The public service commission was served Wednesday with the complaint in a suit filed in the circuit court for Douglas county by the J. F. Luce company and others, to set aside an order made by the commission reducing the rate which the company charges water users under an irrigation canal near Sutherlin.

The company is the successor of the Sutherlin Land & Water company and was charging water users \$3.50 and \$2.50 an acre a year as water rental. Water users appealed to the public service commission, which proceeded on the theory that an irrigation company which furnishes water under such conditions is a public utility, and held hearings and then ordered the rate reduced to \$1 an acre a year.

It is to have this order set aside that the suit is brought. The contention is made that the company is not a public utility and therefore is not subject to the jurisdiction of the public service commission, and that such a reduction in the water rate will impair the value of \$100,000 of bonds outstanding.

Passenger Station Ordered

Salem, Or., Nov. 15. — On complaint of the citizens of Derby, a station on the Pacific & Eastern railroad, which runs between Medford and Butte Falls, the public service commission Wednesday entered an order directing the company to provide a new passenger station.

The company had opposed the improvement on the ground that the revenue of the company did not justify it. The commission found that in the last year 774 passengers, bringing in a revenue of \$714.80, had traveled to and from the station. In its order the commission said:

"While this amount of passenger business might not justify any considerable expenditure, the patrons of this company are entitled to reasonable service and facilities, and to more reasonable and adequate facilities than are now afforded at this station, and the fact that the road is not on a paying basis at this time is no justification for failure to provide such proper facilities."

Salem Men in Ordnance Course

Salem, Or., Nov. 15. — Six Salem men will leave Friday to take the

special ordnance course at the state university in preparation for entering military service. They are E. P. Slade, state bank examiner; James B. Young, head of the auditing department of the secretary of state's office; Charles Craig, employe in the office of the state industrial accident commission; Horace A. Wilson, who conducts The Oregon Journal agency in Salem; Daniel Fry Jr., and Ralph Moores. Mr. Wilson says that Mrs. Wilson will have charge of The Oregon Journal during his absence.

Company Is Incorporated

Salem, Or., Nov. 15. — Articles of incorporation were filed Wednesday by the Gleeson Brothers company of the Cloverdale ranch, which is near Lawton, Harney county. The incorporators are W. C. Gleeson, Frank T. Gleeson, Margaret T. Gleeson and Helen M. Gleeson. The company has a capital stock of \$10,000.

Better Train Service Wanted

Salem, Or., Nov. 15. — Citizens of Newport have petitioned the public service commission to order the railroad company operating between Alsea and Yaquina to shorten the running time of trains between those two points and to operate a Sunday train the year round.

Seaboard Warehouses Searched for Food

Washington, Nov. 15. — (I. N. S.) — An examination of all seaboard warehouses for food hoarding is being conducted by the secret service in cooperation with the national food administration. Herbert Hoover announced Wednesday. Mr. Hoover emphasizes the necessity of proceeding with the greatest vigor against speculative and improper hoarding, but said "it is vitally necessary to proceed with great care, because hastily drawn orders might drive the legitimate merchants of the cities to withhold shipments of supplies that are vitally necessary for the sustenance of the consumer, through fear of unjust prosecution."

Simulated Sickness No Bar to Drafting

Washington, Nov. 15. — (I. N. S.) — Feigned disease will excuse no man from the second draft. Steps are being taken to check the simulation of diseases which is known to have been practiced to a considerable extent during the first draft. The United States public hygiene service has made an exhaustive study of simulated diseases. A. G. Dumez has written treatise of several thousand words on the subject and this was ordered distributed to all examining medical officers.

Radio Plant Seized At Home of Bugler

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 15. — (I. N. S.) — A radio plant was seized by federal officials Wednesday in the home of Ralph E. Childs, a bugler in the naval reservat at Los Angeles. Some mystery attaches to the case, as the plant is said to have been in operation recently, while Childs has not been home for two months.

EDUCATORS TO FIGHT ANY EFFORTS TO CURB SCHOOLS' USEFULNESS

Will Take Firm Stand for Compulsory Education and Present Child Labor Laws.

Chicago, Nov. 15. — (U. P.) — Educators and especially compulsory educational officials, will fight any tendency toward breaking down compulsory education and child labor laws because of the war, according to Charles A. MacCall of Newark, N. J., president of the National League of Compulsory Education Officials, in session here.

MacCall stated that this country would profit by the lessons of France and England, where compulsory education laws have been practically abrogated, and delinquency has been increasing.

"Keep the schools going," said MacCall. "Wars are fought not only for ourselves, but for posterity, and we must take the long-run attitude toward education. Our 300 delegates are going home to fight for continuation of all educational and child labor laws. We want to do our bit for our country and that's the way we intend to do it."

High School Pupils Swell Y. M. C. A. Fund

Tillamook, Or., Nov. 15. — The Tillamook high school, consisting of 108 students, raised \$225 for the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday morning in 10 minutes. W. A. Goodwin ("Three Fingers Jack") spoke to the high school just before the subscriptions were taken. Following this meeting Charles Lamb, president of the student body, with a committee of students, visited the seventh and eighth grades and secured \$65 more. The total for the Tillamook public schools was \$290 in 30 minutes.



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Grain for Brewing Beer Is Denounced

President of National Grange Calls Upon Food Administration to Prevent Waste of Cereals.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 15. — (U. P.) — Demand that the food administration name a needless day and that a stop be put to "useless and worthless waste of grain in brewing" was made here Wednesday by Oliver Wilson of Peoria, Ill., master of the National Grange. Addressing the annual meeting of the grange, he urged the farmers to solemnly protest against the government permitting brewing and against the shipment to Europe of American grain for brewing purposes.

Wilson told the farmers that the great task now facing civilization was "driving forever from existence the greatest world outland that history has ever recorded," an empire that has prostituted itself to the worship of brute force, that has hurled to the winds all ideals of honor, morality and decency."

Ex-Chief Healey of Chicago Is Accused

Chicago, Nov. 15. — (I. N. S.) — Direct accusation that former Chief of Police Charles C. Healey, received between \$12,000 and \$13,000 for protection of vice in Chicago's underworld, was made Wednesday by Prosecutor

Logger Is Crushed To Death in Camp

Tillamook, Or., Nov. 15. — Bert Baxter was killed Wednesday morning at the Coates logging camp, six miles south of Tillamook. He was helping load a log onto a car when the hooks slipped out of the log and let it fall upon him. He was a young man and unmarried and had been here but a short time. The location of his relatives is not known.

War Plants to Get Coal Supplies First

Washington, Nov. 15. — (I. N. S.) — Shipbuilding plants, munitions factories, steel concerns and other plants at work on war contracts are to be supplied with rush orders of coal to bring them up to highest efficiency. To meet the needs of such plants, priority orders will be suspended.



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