

CHARGES AGAINST OREGON ACCIDENT BODY NOT UPHELD

Investigators Appointed as Result of Charges Made by Le Roy Keeley Submit Their Report.

Salem, Jan. 10.—No evidence was found to substantiate the charge of mismanagement in the administration of the workmen's compensation fund made against the state industrial accident commission by Le Roy E. Keeley, Portland attorney, according to the committee of nine, which concluded its investigations of the affairs of the commission this morning, and filed its report with Governor Olcott, who instituted the investigation last July at the request of William A. Marshall, chairman of the commission.

No reference is made in the committee's report to Keeley, except indirectly in touching on criticism of the commission and its actions, "coming from an attorney or attorneys connected with what is known as the Dibern case." It was this Dibern case and Keeley's attempt to collect attorney fees for his alleged part in the collection of compensation for the accidental death of Dibern, an employe of the Grant Smith-Porter shipyard in Portland, which led up to the investigation of the commission.

After the commission ignored Keeley in its settlement with Mrs. Dibern, Keeley then brought attachment proceedings in an attempt to compel Mrs. Dibern to pay him attorney fees out of the compensation award. Later he brought action against the commission, declaring that it acted outside of its authority in awarding compensation for the death of Dibern, who was killed while employed on a navigable stream and without the jurisdiction of the state commission.

INTENT HELD PROPER
Touching on this phase of the criticism, the report of the investigating committee declares that as it is apparent that the commission had "reason to believe that it was acting within its rights in making the settlement with Mrs. Dibern when and as it did, it is our best judgment at the time and acted with proper intent, and that no serious criticism is justified."

Further reference in the report to what is evidently Keeley's criticism of the commission is contained in a statement which declares that "a brief containing some specific and a good many general charges against the commission and its administration of the law was presented to the committee by an attorney. Upon detailed investigation so many of these charges and complaints were found without substantial foundation that the committee was inclined to attach little importance to either the complaints or suggestions."

FEW COMPLAINTS MADE
"The committee is impressed with the fact that, notwithstanding the publicity given to its appointment and its meetings, less than a dozen requests all told have been made by those who wanted to appear before it with either complaints or suggestions."

"We find that the number of employes and the average salary paid the employes of the commission are not excessive and that the surrogates' fee schedule adopted by the commission, so far as we can judge, is on a reasonable basis."

The financial report, compiled by J. W. Ferguson of the commission, is declared to be correct and to show "the funds to be in a healthy condition, with a reasonable surplus or margin."

WOULD TAKE IN ALL
A recommendation is contained in the report for an improvement in the method

MEMBER OF IVANHOE HOMESTEAD IS CALLED



Miss Norma Dorsey

Miss Norma Dorsey, who died Friday, January 9, in this city, at the age of 19 years, was well known to a large circle of friends. She was born at Oak Point, Wash., and was educated in the Lents public school. Her mother is Mrs. Emma Dorsey of 412 East Eighty-sixth street, Southeast, and she is also survived by one sister, Carrie, and five brothers, Lawrence, Carl, Emmons, William and Harvey Dorsey. Miss Dorsey was a member of Ivanhoe homestead, Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 11, at 2 p. m., from the chapel of McEntee & Eilers, and final services were in Multnomah cemetery.

employed by the commission in keeping check on contributions to the workmen's compensation fund, to the end that losses in collections shall be reduced to a minimum. It is further recommended that nothing be left undone to extend the workings of the law to all employes, so that in case of injury all workmen will be protected.

The present commission is commended for the great improvement made in handling claims, which has greatly expedited the payment of compensation.

COMMITTEE IS URGED
The report also recommends: The appointment by the governor of a committee of three members, representing the public, the employers and the employes, to meet semi-annually in January and July, for the purpose of going over the administration of the law by the commission and to hear and investigate complaints, to make such recommendations as may be deemed advisable and to report to him.

That there be instituted and installed some form of educational service so that the workman or employe may understand how to use the law, and what his rights and responsibilities are under the law.

That when final settlement notes in sent to claimants there shall be set out plainly a statement of the claimant's rights under the law, including his right to appeal from the decision of the commission and the time in which such appeal must be taken.

That in the event the commission rejects any claim it should send such rejection by registered mail, with a demand for a return receipt and such rejection notice shall contain a statement, plainly printed, notifying the claimant as to the time limit in which an appeal from the action of the commission must be taken.

The committee of three recommended by the committee would serve, according to the report, to keep the governor in closer touch with the work of the commission and tend to satisfy the public as to the conduct of the affairs of the commission. This committee would serve without compensation, except travel and subsistence expense, while attending meetings.

J. A. Bishop, Son of Pioneer of Oregon, Is Dead at Salem

Salem, Jan. 10.—J. A. Bishop, 64, son of an Oregon pioneer and a native of the state, died at his home here this morning. Bishop had been a resident of Salem for 25 years. He was born in Linn county, September 10, 1855. He is survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter, Mason Bishop of Portland, Rex Bishop and Hazel Bishop of Salem.

Because the Salem city charter requires that nominations of candidates for city offices be strictly non-partisan, the nomination of candidates here cannot be conducted with the state primaries next May, according to an opinion rendered today by City Attorney Bert W. Macy. It is probable that the special session of the state legislature will be asked to correct the situation, in order to provide for the city primary on the same date with state primary as the law of 1918 contemplates.

Fort Structures May Be Changed To Hospital Soon

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 10.—Major Hugh De Valin and Major C. M. Tinney of the United States health service have completed an inspection of Fort Walla Walla for the purpose of securing data for a report upon the desirability of converting the fort buildings into a hospital for tubercular and mentally deficient ex-service men.

The report will recommend the use of the buildings for that purpose, Major De Valin said. They have gone to Boise to inspect government barracks there, which have been recommended as a general hospital. Men from Oregon, Idaho and Washington will be treated here if the hospital is established.

N. W. Is to Get 500 Additional Cars From East Daily

Salem, Jan. 10.—Five hundred additional cars daily are now being diverted from Eastern and Allegheny railroads to relieve the car shortage in the Pacific Northwest, according to a telegram received today by Chairman Buckle of the Oregon public service commission from Max Thelen, director of public service for the railroad administration, Washington.

This action is being taken upon the

repeated appeals for relief for the situation in the state, which have been sent to the federal railroad administration within the past two weeks by the Oregon commission upon representation from lumbermen that lack of cars for shipping has compelled the closing down of several mills in this state, incidentally throwing thousands of men out of employment.

"Up to the middle of December the loading of timber and forest products in Washington and Oregon totaled the wonderful showing of 1918, but the second half of December slumped sadly," Thelen admits in his telegram.

A telegram received from Senator McNary by the commission today states that he is holding a conference with the railroad administration in the interest of relief for the car shortage situation in this section.

Fire Destroys Kelso Residence; Origin - Remains Mystery

Kelso, Wash., Jan. 10.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the dwelling on the Losky place, east of the Cowesman river, known as the Charles Davis residence and the property of Mrs. J. M. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson and a friend had been at the house that afternoon and had a fire in the stove, but when they left the fire had gone out. Davis and his son reached Kelso from Chehalis, where they had been working, about the time the fire broke out. The house was old, the heaviest loss resulting from the destruction of the contents.

Harlan Shephardson of Kelso won a club achievement pin for the fourth successive year during the year just closed. Pins are awarded members of standard clubs who keep records of their work and can show a clear profit at the end of the year.

G. M. Cole, leader for the Cowitz County Cow Testing association, began his work for the association at the Howard Huntington farm near Castlerock Friday.

Sugar Co. Indicted For Sale That Was 6 Cents Too High

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—The Mount Clemens Sugar company and James Davidson, its president, were named today in an indictment handed down last night by the federal grand jury charging sale of sugar at an excessive price of 17 cents a pound. It was alleged the company and its president sold \$1,398 pounds of sugar to the company sold 78,488 pounds of sugar at 17 cents when the fair retail price was 11 cents.

Trio of Companies Will Run Lines of Boats and Buses

Salem, Jan. 10.—Articles of incorporation were filed here today for three Portland companies organized for the purpose of conducting automobile and boat lines. The companies are Shepard's Auto Bus Line, the Portland, St. Helens & Astoria Auto Line and the Portland-Hood River Auto Line. Frank Shepard, E. E. Davenport and L. A. Recken are the incorporators in all three corporations, which are capitalized at \$20,000 each.

According to L. A. Recken, the three companies named have been operating auto bus lines out of Portland for some time. Their proprietors propose to expand the business under the new capitalization and will add new equipment.

Two trips daily will be made to Astoria and Hood River, and daily service will be maintained to Salem, Albany, Corvallis and way points. The associated companies are also considering the purchase of two passenger boats to ply between Portland and Astoria.

George Vanderveer Loses on Demurrer For Tacoma I. W. W.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 10.—(U. P.)—The contention that the espionage act of 1917 was passed purely as a war emergency act and that it no longer can be applicable to publications or utterances, now that actual hostilities have ceased, was made before Federal Judge Cushman today by George F. Vanderveer, I. W. W. attorney, arguing a demurrer to the indictments against four alleged Tacoma I. W. W. agitators. The accused men indicted by the last grand jury here for publication and distribution of alleged seditious literature are: T. W. Randall, R. E. Eddy, A. Gross and C. Grant. Grant has not been arrested.

Judge Cushman overruled the demurrer to all except the Eddy indictment, which he took under advisement.

Corpse of Woman Found in Coop

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—The body of Mrs. Josephine Dillingham was found last night in a chicken-house in the rear of a house at Wickersham. She had been shot through the head. Her husband, who is missing, is suspected. The body had been lying there about one week, the police say.

Our Store Opens at 9 a. m.

"The Store That Undersells Because It Sells for Cash"

Our Store Closes 5:30 p. m.

Agents for the Butterick Patterns and Delineator—all styles and sizes now showing.

Mail Orders Receive Our Prompt and Careful Attention Same Day as Received.

Our Annual January Pre-Inventory Sale

Still Continues With Unmatchable Offerings

This great sale is bringing ever-increasing crowds here day after day. Constant with our well-established policies, we are sacrificing many things we well might keep for the coming season. Our keeping faith with the public means more to us than it does to the people, and until this sale is concluded, savings and values shall be the paramount element of our service. The person who fails to profit by this saving sale will surely regret it.



Remnants! Woolen Dress Goods!

A Sale Surpassing All Previous Events of This Character. Without Restriction You Have Choice From Our Entire Stock of Remnants and Short Lengths of Woolen Dress Goods at

1/2 The Marked Remnant Price

Materials for both Women's and Children's Garments—fine serges, novelties, waistics, suitings, coatings, plaid novelties, stripe fancies, plain colors. All desirable lengths in standard widths and qualities—and all to close this sale at HALF-PRICE.



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Wonderful Values in This Great Sweep-Clean Sale of Women's Smart Apron Dresses

Monday and Tuesday **\$1.69** For Choice From You Pay Only **Many Different Styles**

HIGH QUALITY GARMENTS—all of them—and all radically reduced—many of them being less than one-half present market price. THE MATERIALS—none but the best standard cloths—Bates and Amoskeag Ginghams, Scout and 80 Count Percales, Hydes Twilled Suitings, English Prints, Galateas and others.

All are extra full and well finished—made in generous length and full sweep. They come in all colors, plain shades, plaids, stripes, fancies, etc. Both light and dark colors. More than 75 different styles and trimmings to select from. All at one price—\$1.69.

Don't Delay—Fill All Present and Future Needs at This Saving Sale

The Domestic Section

Offers This List of Underpriced Offerings in Standard Quality Goods Needed in Most Every Household.

- PILLOW CASES—Well made, 42 by 36 inches, at 3 for \$1.00.
- BLEACHED SHEETS—Of good quality muslin, 72 by 90 inches, at \$1.48 ea.
- BROWN CRASH—Part linen; comes 16 inches wide, at 21c yard.
- BLEACHED CAMBRIC—In 36 inch width, a fine muslin, at 25c yard.
- BED SPREADS—Full size and hemmed, new patterns, at \$9.98 each.
- OUTING FLANNEL—In 27 inch width, plain pink and blue, at 25c yard.
- TWO LB. BATTS—Wool and cotton mixed, made in one piece, at \$2.48.
- REMNANTS AT 1/2—Cotton suitings and mercerized foulards, at 1/2 Price.

Housekeepers—Read!

This List of Special Offerings in Our Basement Section. Each One Tells a Story of Economy.

- Household Brooms 55c, 60c, 98c and \$1.19
- Whisk Brooms15c, 25c, 35c and 50c
- Children's Brooms18c
- Glass Wash Boards75c
- Brass Wash Boards75c
- "Liberty" Double Surface Wash Boards50c
- Aluminum Round Roaster\$1.95
- Aluminum Double Boiler\$1.95
- Aluminum Percolator\$1.95
- Aluminum Cooker\$1.95
- Aluminum Measuring Cup15c
- Aluminum Coffee Balls10c
- Electric light Bulbs, 25 and 40 watt, 35c each, box of 5 for \$1.70
- Willow Shopping Baskets, ea. 50c, 75c, \$1
- Tissue-Toilet Paper, 1000 sheet rolls, 10c roll, dozen for \$1.10

House of Quality

LESS THAN THE 1920 Factory Cost!

The ORIGINAL-PRICE TICKETS in our FOUR large WINDOWS are left on the shoes and a RED line run THROUGH the REGULAR price. The SALE PRICE APPEARS in RED on the same TICKET.

UP, UP, UP go wholesale prices. DOWN, DOWN, DOWN go retail prices HERE. Due to the advancing market, our stocks are really worth more than our price tickets show. Nevertheless, we have cut them SHARPLY.

- 1—Because it's our custom and our patrons expect it.
- 2—Because we have BOUGHT heavily for SPRING, new shipments are beginning to reach us and we must have room.

In taking our inventory, we find a great many lines which we are COMPELLED to DISCONTINUE on ACCOUNT of the TERRIFIC raise in PRICES at the factory. TAN and black English same in medium and wide toes, all **\$4.95** GOODYEAR WELTS, no JOBS; regular \$10 to \$13, on sale at

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Out-of-Town Orders Filled Same Day Received



Men's Dark Tan Titan Calf, heavy single sole, English. Regular price \$12.00, now at \$7.85



Men's Genuine Lotus Calf, wide extension two full soles, medium and wide toes, blucher cut; regular price \$11; on sale at. \$7.95



Boys' Anti-Kick. Sole leather toe cap, waterproof sole; a neat looking school shoe. Regular prices—9 to 13 1/2, \$3; 1 to 2, \$3.50; 2 1/2 to 6, \$4. On sale Friday and Saturday—9 to 13 1/2, \$2.65; 1 to 2, \$3.15; 2 1/2 to 6, \$3.35.



Women's Tan Lotus Calf, Good-year welt, military heel; regular price \$10; on sale at. \$7.85



Men's Tan Lotus English Brogue.—heavy single oak sole; a nifty Packard up-to-date shoe. Regular price \$12; on sale at \$9.85

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John Hand as Don Jose in "Carmen"

The critics say: "His voice is one of excellent natural quality."—New York Sun. "John Hand displayed a voice of fine substance."—New York Telegraph. "John Hand won instantaneous approval from a critical audience."—Chicago Musical Leader. "Wonderful in every detail was the performance of John Hand."—New York Journal. "John Hand's beautiful, healthy tenor was indeed magnificent and powerful."—New York Herald. "A natural high tenor, never thin."—New York Times. Seattle Times, January 7, 1920, said: "This wonderfully gifted tenor displayed a dramatic tenor of rare quality and clear as a sparkling stream in his concert here last night." Seat Sale Monday at Sherman-Clay's, 6th and Morrison Sts. \$1.10, 85c and 55c

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Men's Flannelette Pajamas \$2.79 Men's Tuckstitched Union Suits \$3.49

All sizes in these fine, well made Pajamas of good weight flannelettes. Perfect fitting tuckstitched worsted faced Union Suits in all sizes.

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