

SYSTEM IS URGED TO LESSEN BURDEN OF CAR PASSENGER

Distribution of Costs of Operation of Street Railroads is Issued as Best Solution of the Issue.

A distribution of the costs of street railway operation that will be in proportion to the benefits directly received and thus lift from the shoulders of the individual car rider the whole burden of keeping up the street car system, is asked of the public service commission of Oregon in a letter transmitting to that body the avaral plan of the Woodmere Community club.

Basing its claims for an audience upon the principle that the wage-earner, who is the car-rider, should bear the heaviest part of the cost of street railway operation, but that business, industry and the community generally, sharing in the benefits of the transportation system, should stand a proportionate share of the cost, the club officially presents the following argument:

CAR-RIDER BENEFITED

"We assume that it will be conceded that the existence of a street railway system is necessary to the economic, industrial and social life of a modern city; that every person living within the city is either directly or indirectly benefited by the existence and operation of a street railway system; that the entire industrial life of the city would come to a practical standstill if for any reason, financial or otherwise, the street railway system were to permanently cease to function, and that generally, as all are benefited, all should contribute to its support in proportion to the benefits received.

BURDEN IS INCREASED

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reason that in addition to participation in the benefit that accrues to the community as a whole by reason of the existence of the street railway system, and the car rider is the recipient of the immediate and individual benefit of the ride which he receives. It is for this individual benefit that the car rider should rightfully be directly charged. It is submitted that in fixing this charge the primary question to be considered is the worth of the ride to the individual rather than the reasonable cost involved in supplying the ride thus to be charged for.

PASSENGER IS TAXED

"Heretofore, and to within a comparatively recent date, the revenue of our street railway system has been drawn almost wholly from the fare paid by individual car riders, or passengers, and the 5 cent fare so paid was sufficient to defray the cost and necessary net revenue to which the public utility was entitled. In other words, the car rider was called upon to bear the entire cost of maintaining and operating a street railway system for the community as a whole. In paying 5 cents for a car ride the passenger not only paid what the ride was worth to himself as an individual, but included in the amount of the fare was an indirect contribution to the public purse in the percentage of each 5 cent fare that the public utility was required to pay to carry the passenger by way of license fees, bridge tolls and the paving of portions of streets. The revenue derived by the city treasury from these last mentioned sources reduced by a like amount the sum necessary for the city to raise by taxation.

"Resolved into essentials, it seems clear that the passenger, when required to pay a 5 cent fare, was called upon to pay a like amount the sum necessary for the city to raise by taxation. The value of the individual benefit enjoyed plus a material contribution to the public purse and the consequent lowering of the rate of taxation by which all car riders, business, industry and non-rider, benefited alike.

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Klamath Chamber Has Big Plans for Development Work

With reorganization of the Klamath Commercial club into the Klamath County Chapter of Commerce now under way, citizens of the south central portion of the state are preparing to undertake some large development work during the coming spring and summer.

The first work which the chamber is pledging itself to do is to open the Klamath Indian reservation, and other projects are: Construction and improvement of wagon and auto roads; starting of work on the Netron cut-off; pushing of the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad, and general promotion of Klamath county.

"The Klamath Indian reservation is a rich and diversified area one half larger than Rhode Island," says C. C. Applegate, general secretary of the commercial club. "The opening of this reservation, which is estimated to be near 8,000,000,000 feet of commercial pine. There are also hundreds of acres of land of proven fertility which could be made to produce wonderfully."

Stence is anything but golden to the poor girl who is dumb to the entreaties of a wealthy suitor.

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Harry G. Allen, president of the Oregon State Elks' association, designated the appointive officers and members of committees on Saturday who will hold office during the ensuing year in the state association of Elks.

Appointive officers include E. C. Jerome, Medford, sergeant-at-arms; Walter L. Toose Sr., Salem, chaplain; and T. W. Hildebrand, Marshfield, Tyler.

These officers will serve with the executive officers during the annual state convention which will be held in Salem July 22, 23 and 24.

Committees and members appointed to serve during the year follows: Committee on laws: William R. Logus, Oregon City; T. E. Daniels, Medford, and F. P. Leinenweber, Astoria. Committee on auditing: J. Gordon Baker, McMinnville; Denton G. Burdick, Bend, and Francis J. Toomey, La Grande. Credentials committee: E. Cook Patton, Salem; J. K. Choate Jr., Ashland; Dr. R. J. Pilkington, Astoria. Publicity committee: James D. Olson, Oregon City; George O. Brandenburg, Portland; Lee D. Drake, Pendleton.

Distribution committee: Charles H. Burgraft, Albany; Dr. H. J. Toney, McMinnville; Charles C. Bradley, Portland. Grand lodge committee: P. H. Farry, Salem; K. K. Kubili, Portland; Dr. William S. Kennedy, The Dalles. Committee on relationship with other state associations: Wilson S. Wiley, Klamath Falls; Dr. Clyde Mount, Oregon City, and Tom O. Russell, Eugene.

Escaped Patient Found

Nick Radovich, 43, an escaped patient from the Morningdale hospital, was found at Third and Couch streets Saturday night by Patrolmen Leavens and Meahan. He was returned to the institution.

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Last 5 Days of the January Sales to Bring Down Living Costs

The great downward price movement penetrates to every corner of this vast store-house of fine merchandise, gaining new momentum as it approaches the end.

A Rousing Sale of Men's Pajamas \$1.98. A ringing call to economy. Wide-awake men will jump at the opportunity. A Dollar Saving. —all the more remarkable in view of the low regular price of the garments—is only one of the inducements to share in this sale, for the quality and workmanship of the garments will commend themselves to every man, and woman buying for a man.

Groceries. Minced Clams, No. 1 cans, doz. \$2. can. 18c. Karo Syrup, red label, 10 lb. can \$1.15, the 5 lb. can 60c. Karo Syrup, blue label, 10 lb. \$1.05, the 5 lb. can 53c. Royal Baking Powder, 12 oz. cans, 3 for \$1. can. 35c. Lux Soap Flakes, 4 pkgs. 45c. Light House Cleanser, doz. 60c, four for 25c. —Meier & Frank's: Grocery, Ninth Floor.

500 Pairs of Women's Shoes, Pair \$4.95. Good every-day staple shoes in lace and button styles. Included are black kid shoes with gray and black cloth tops; pearl elk, tan and black calfskin walking shoes. Many other short lines. Built solid leather welt sewed soles. Every pair in the lot is from our regular stock. All sizes 2 1/2 to 8. —Meier & Frank's: Shoe Shop, Third Floor.

4100 Waists in a Wonder Sale. On the Center Aisle Bargain Square, Main Floor, tomorrow we offer more than 4000 waists in a remarkable disposal at less than present wholesale. 4 sensational lots as follows: 69c 1500 new wash waists of voile, organdy and batiste in stripes and plaids. Attractive lace-trimmed effects. Sizes 36 to 46. \$1.98 1000 waists of crepe de chine, georgette and fine tub silks. Plain and embroidery trimmed. A dozen or more styles. Sizes 38 to 50. \$2.98 1000 waists of crepe de chine, georgette and fine tub silks. Plain and embroidery trimmed. A dozen or more styles. Sizes 38 to 50. \$4.69 600 waists of better quality crepe de chine, taffeta and messaline, some georgette. Light and dark colors in many patterns. Sizes 36 to 52. —Meier & Frank's: Center Aisle, Main Floor.

A Few Finer Dresses \$29.50 and \$39.50. Quite miscellaneous in assortment but all the more interesting perhaps for that very reason. Here is a dress of black satin, there one of rose-colored jersey, here a dignified gown of black moire, there several practical frocks of serge or fine tricotine, still others of filmy georgette or soft crepe de chine. Anyone who wishes a fine dress to wear, at a modest price, is quite likely to discover what she wishes in these two specially priced groups. Only one or two of a kind and possibly not every size. —Meier & Frank's: Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

Tomorrow! That Eagerly Awaited Event—MEIER & FRANK'S Great Annual "HURT GOODS" Sale. An event that hundreds of thrifty Portland women have been inquiring about and waiting for begins at MEIER & FRANK'S promptly at 9:15 tomorrow morning. It is our annual disposal of "hurt" goods. A tremendous clearaway of all "hurt" pieces in our Household Utilities Section at prices that are but a fraction of the original selling figures and present worth. Included in this tremendous disposal while any remain—

Center Aisle Bargain Square, Main Floor Sale of Silverware. A one-day disposal of odds and ends of attractive silver-plated novelties at sharp underprices. 5 lots as follows: 25c Tea spoons, table spoons, knives, forks, sugar shells, butter knives, dessert knives, desert forks, pickle forks, baby spoons and food pushers in many patterns. 69c Castors, mustard jars, vases, Dutch picture frames, etc. 85c Sugars and creamers, child's cups, etc. 39c Mustard jars in different sizes and shapes, bud vases, lemon dishes and Dutch mustard pots. 98c Bon bon dishes, condiment sets and picture frames. Above prices subject to 5% war tax. —Meier & Frank's: Center Aisle, Main Floor.

Extra Special! Surprise Table 25c. A large table of miscellaneous needfuls selected from here and there in our Lower Price Downstairs Store. There are articles for men, women, children and for the home. Regardless of cost, former selling price or present worth, while any remain each 25c. —Meier & Frank's: Lower Price Store, Basement Balcony.

