

ELECTRIC PLANT'S RATE PLEA BASED ON COST OF FUEL

The Northwestern Electric company purchased fuel oil for its steam heating plant at 71 cents a barrel in 1920 and "hog fuel" at \$1.76 per unit, and at the end of the year will face a deficit of \$79,534. The contracts for fuel expire December 31, 1920, and thereafter the company will be forced to pay \$2.55 a barrel for fuel oil and \$2.05 per unit for "hog fuel." The deficit would, therefore, be increased next year, everything else remaining static, to \$196,368.

On that statement, made in an exhibit, the corporation this morning began hearing before the public service commission at the courthouse on application for an increase in rates.

The city, as represented by City Attorney LaRoche, contends that the present is an era of falling prices, that falling prices enter into the cost of operation of public utilities, and that therefore, the rates should remain where they are. Reports, LaRoche declared, indicate that crude oil is due for an appreciable decline in price, and production in California will, for the first time in years, exceed consumption.

The steam sales revenue of the company for 1920, 10 months actual, two months estimated, will amount to \$305,886, the exhibit shows, and expenses, including operating expenses, depreciation, taxes and uncollectibles will amount to \$385,142, leaving a net operating revenue of \$22,744, or \$79,000 short of the sum required to meet interest payments. But with an estimated increase in expenses of \$116,834 for next year, due to the mounting cost of fuel, the company's deficit would amount to \$196,368.

Contract Is Awarded For West Unit of the Hahnemann Hospital

Contract for the completion of the west unit of the Hahnemann hospital at East Second, Third, Multnomah and Haslam streets, was awarded, it was announced today, to the Hurley-Mason company by the hospital's board of trustees. The unit has been leased for five years for the use of the govern-

ment as a reconstruction, marine and war risk insurance hospital. The cost is not to exceed \$150,000 and the construction expense will be paid by the government.

It is expected that the hospital will be completed and ready for occupancy by July 1, 1921, said A. B. Westell, executive secretary of the Hahnemann hospital. A campaign for \$80,000, in addition to subscriptions already made, amounting to \$92,500, is being conducted in order to build part of the east unit of the hospital.

George Stagg Soon To Begin Serving His Term in Prison

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 29. — (U. P.) — George T. Stagg, sentenced 10 days ago to 10 to 15 years in the penitentiary for kidnapping his 2-year-old son from the home of his divorced wife here, was expected to leave in custody of guards for Walla Walla.

Stagg received a letter today from a number of his former coworkers on a New York newspaper, who wished him the season's greetings and expressed their faith in him.

Itemizing of Public Safety Fund Asked

Washington, Dec. 29. — (I. N. S.) — President Wilson is requested, if not incompatible with public welfare, to give the house an itemized and complete statement of expenditures from the \$150,000,000 given him by congress during the war to expend for public safety, by resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Gould of New York.

Edison Phonograph Works Will Close

West Orange, N. J., Dec. 29. — (I. N. S.) — The phonograph works of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., will be closed tonight for an indefinite period, it was announced today. The shutdown will affect about 800 persons.

Yeoman and Cash Gone

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29. — (U. P.) — Yeoman W. H. T. Meyers today was absent from the destroyer Statterlee with the \$72,000 payroll that was to have carried the vessel on a tour of South America and an all night search by a hundred failed to locate him.

POULTRY DEALERS OF FRONT STREET TO ASK MARKET

As the initial unit in the Laurogard waterfront development plan, Front street's live and dressed poultry dealers will petition the city council, through Commissioner Mann and City Health Officer Parrish, to erect a modern concrete poultry and dressed beef municipal market on Front street at an early date and enact an ordinance segregating all live poultry and dressed meat and poultry dealers in the buildings. The proposal will be formally presented to Commissioner Mann at a conference of representatives from more than 20 poultry dealers in the commissioner's office Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FIRMS LEAD MOVE

Members of the poultry firms of Toft & Co., the Vogel Produce company, John Day Produce company, Dertick Bros., Frank Templeton and others are leading the movement for a municipal market, similar to the modern poultry and meat market in Seattle, though publicly owned and operated on a much larger scale, it was announced today. "The health department has for some time urged a segregation of the poultry and dressed beef dealers, and this plan meets the hearty approval of the dealers, provided the city erects the buildings in conformity with the requirements of the city sanitary department," John Toft, head of Toft & Co., said.

DEALERS FAVOR PLAN

Officials of the John Day Produce company and Vogel Produce company have thoroughly canvassed the Front street poultry dealers, it was announced, and have found the dealers to be in favor of the city erecting a market building between Front street and the waterfront, extending from the approach to the Morrison street bridge through Yamhill and Taylor to Salmon streets.

"The proposal of the poultry men is the feasible and logical beginning of the plan for city owned dock, terminal and market facilities on the waterfront, and should the council be prevailed upon to call an election for a bond issue for the proposed initial unit of the waterfront plan, the remainder of the program early would be carried out by

the voters," City Engineer Laurogard announced. "The municipal market buildings would not cost the taxpayers one cent," Laurogard said. "The nominal rentals from the occupants would easily take care of both principal and interest involved in the construction. And, as the initial unit of buildings would be erected where they would logically occur in the waterfront plan, it would hasten, rather than in anywise hamper the development of the much needed modern waterfront."

Man Who Tamped With Fire Hydrant Fined Five Dollars

Pleading guilty to a charge of tampering with a fire hydrant, Charles L. Brown of Swift & Co. was fined \$5 by Municipal Judge Roseman this morning. Brown was arrested at Fourth and Hoyt streets by Master Mechanic W. J. Phillips of the fire department and Park Inspector W. F. Bent. Brown had removed the spanner nut from the fire plug in order to flush a sewer. Phillips pointed out the use of an ordinary wrench or a pipe wrench would destroy the threads on the hydrant nut and probably result in serious damage in case of fire should the firemen be unable to get the plug open in time.

Permits will be issued by the fire chief to any persons who desire the use of water from a fire hydrant, provided the water used is paid for, and a fireman will be sent to handle the plug, Phillips announced this morning.

Mining Assessment Work Is Extended

Washington, Dec. 29. — (WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL) — The bill passed by congress extending the time for 1920 mining assessment work to July 1 has been recommended by the interior department and approval by the president is expected daily.

Premier George Not To Go to Conference

London, Dec. 29. — (I. N. S.) — Premier Lloyd-George announced this afternoon that he would not attend the Anglo-Franco-Italian conference at Nice.

Extradition Denied

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 29. — (U. P.) — Governor Sleeper denied the request of Wisconsin authorities for extradition of Leo J. Grover, Arthur P. Scully and P. J. Sweeney, federal prohibition agents, charged with the murder of John N. Chipitsis at Hurley, Wis., on October 9.

MANY ARRESTED IN RAIDS AT DUBLIN

Dublin, Dec. 29. — (I. N. S.) — Many persons were arrested today in a series of raids in Parnell and Rutland squares.

Thug Takes Savings Of Lifetime From Man 60 Years of Age

Savings of a lifetime of hard work—\$880—were stolen from Isaac Riley, aged 60, this morning, a thug beating the victim so badly that he was taken to the emergency hospital for treatment.

It was at 5 o'clock this morning, when Riley, who is a transfer man in St. Johns, left his little houseboat. The houseboat is beached near the St. Johns ferry slip. Riley carried a lantern and went to his stable, 200 feet away, to feed his horses.

As he entered the barn he was hit over the head with an air hose. The blow did not render him unconscious and he hurried the lantern at his assailant. The thug then jumped upon him and gave him a severe beating. The \$880 which Riley carried in his pocket was taken.

Riley was preparing to go to the country today to buy a little farm, upon which he and his wife might spend the remaining days of their lives.

Mrs. Riley was sleeping and did not hear the noise of the struggle in the barn.

Henry Hoffman, 421 Houston hotel, reported to the police that he left his room for a few minutes Tuesday night and while he was gone someone stole \$41 lying on the bed, but failed to take \$120 in a bank book near the money that was stolen. Hoffman said he left the door open for he was out of the room only a few minutes.

Z. A. Chazuk, 432 Sumner street, was held up by three armed highwaymen at First and Lincoln streets Tuesday night and robbed of \$73.

An overcoat, two suits of clothing and a hand bag were stolen from F. C. Thomas, 642 Y. M. C. A., according to a report made to the police this morning.

Reindeer Meat Is Offered in Local Market First Time

By Hyman H. Cohen
Portland will today have its first taste of reindeer. Traffic in the animals of the Far North promises to be a regular feature of local markets hereafter.

A full carload of reindeer, 250 carcasses, arrived during the day after a long journey from Nome, Alaska. The animals were raised by a farmer of the Nome section who has been experimenting with production for the market.

This is the first attempt to sell reindeer meat in commercial quantities on the mainland of the United States. The initial shipment came to Savinar & Co. of this city, who represent the Nome producer.

Being the initial shipment the receivers were trying to "feel" the market and first quotations were placed at 38 to 40 cents a pound.

The first shipment came forward in unusually good condition and was immediately placed in cooling rooms here. While the price is far in excess of what beef is selling at here, it is understood that if the public likes the taste of reindeer meat, additional shipments will follow at lower prices.

Army Payroll Sent Congress by Baker

Washington, Dec. 29. — (I. N. S.) — Secretary of War Baker today sent congress supplemental estimates of appropriations as follows: Pay of army, \$40,000,000; general expenditures, \$36,278,127; pay of military academy cadets, \$209,684; cadet hospital enlargement, \$285,000.

Rise in Rates Cause Of Postal Deficit

Washington, Dec. 29. — (I. N. S.) — Increased railroad rates authorized by the interstate commerce commission are responsible for a deficiency appropriation for \$35,840,000 asked of congress by the postoffice department today.



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This includes Gage and Louise tailored hats at \$7.50, which you know always sell at \$18.00 and \$20.00.
The \$2.00 item is trimmed and tailored hats that were formerly sold to \$15.00.

Two Children's and Misses' Hat Items
\$1.45 Hats for Misses and Children in felt and beaver. **\$1.45**
\$4.95 Any Trimmed Hat in our Misses' and Children's Department at one price. **\$4.95**
Special Discount on All Children's Furs

Colored Silk Umbrellas
One special price on 50 sticks
\$10.00

These have paragon frame, fancy tips, ferrules and variety in all styles of handles. Your one chance; don't miss it.

Buy Furs Now
The price is lower now than it will be later on, so take advantage of our Month-End Sale.
Read a few prices.

50 Odd Fur Neckpieces **\$3.95**
25 Animal Scarfs and Stoles, priced to \$35.00, now **\$15.00**
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\$7

Women's Black and Brown Calf and Kid Leather High-Grade Shoes. Bonafide \$13.50 values—on sale at
\$7

Men's Black and Brown Calf High Grade Shoes. This season's styles Bonafide values at \$10.00 to \$12.00, now on sale at.....
\$6.50

Women's Black and Brown Kid, Suede, and Gray Ooze Calf, Welt and Turn Sole Low Shoes. Bonafide \$10 to \$12 values, on sale at
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