

SENATOR GOODING INTRODUCES BILL TO EXTEND TARIFF

Washington, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—The provision of the emergency tariff act relating to the farm products and livestock would be extended until December 31, 1931, two months after the date of expiration, under a bill introduced in the senate today by Senator Gooding of Idaho.

PHONE VISITS BLAMED FOR BAD SERVICE

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for Oswego, Bryant, Lake Grove and other contiguous communities, began the presentation of the complaints of his clients.

OPPOSES TOLLS

He stated to the commission that his district believed it was entitled to Portland exchange service without additional toll above the monthly rental charge because it was, in fact, a suburb of Portland and composed of people who transacted all of their business in Portland. His clients had been paying gas and electricity at the Portland rates, he said, and contended that this should be extended to the telephone service as well.

He insisted that if the residents of that district now used their telephones to the same extent that they did before the toll charge was established by the commission it would result in bills from twice to six times as large as the former monthly rental charge.

C. W. Gath was put on the stand and testified that since the new rate had gone into effect his monthly bills had jumped to an unreasonable size. For the month of March, he said, his toll bill had been \$4.15; April \$7.10; May \$12.75; June \$16.80; July \$16.60. This was in addition to the flat rate of \$2.75 a month.

MERRICK GIVES WOMEN'S SIDE

O. C. Merrick, of Oswego, when he went on the witness stand, came to the defense of the "rocking chair service" and the women. He contended that whenever a human being was born in female form she was unfortunate from birth and he insisted earnestly that he was very glad he had not been so unfortunate.

He said that the good housewife and mother was "shut up inside four walls" all day long, that her share of life's duties did not lead her out into the open world in continual contact with other people as in the case of the business man, and he deduced from this that the woman was not being given enough consideration in the rehearsing, and with this contention Shaw agreed.

PLANNING NEW SERVICE

Merrick voiced the same complaint against the Oswego toll charges that other witnesses for the district have done. He said in addition that some 50 telephones had been removed since the toll was added to the service charge and said that unless relief was given many others would be removed.

Shaw, in cross examination, entered into a detailed discussion of the service to the outlying districts surrounding Portland. He said that the company was planning a service to Milwaukie, Oswego and all of that district so rapid that the subscriber would note no substantial difference between it and the Portland service.

DELVES INTO ENGINEERING

The question of free service and unlimited interconnection between the suburban communities and the Portland exchange system was one of the most profoundly important issues involved in the case, Shaw told Merrick.

OBJECTS TO RATE

From this explanation Shaw pointed

out that the "economic limitation" of the outlying service in reality meant less plant investment, a smaller rate base and consequent lower rates not only in the suburban districts but throughout the city as a whole.

Dr. J. Earl Elise, 326 East Seventeenth street north, came onto the stand to protest against a charge of 25 cents a month each for five "jacks" which he had distributed around over his house so that he would not be required to run from one room to another to answer the phone. He said, since they did not get out of order, the regular monthly charge was exorbitant.

Milwaukie, Oak Grove, Jennings Lodge and the surrounding district swooped down on the commission Thursday with a united demand that the 5 cents per call toll fixed by the commission's recent telephone rate order be wiped out and unrestricted interconnecting connection with Portland be given on the basis of the regular monthly rental rate, now the basis of their payments.

All of the witnesses put forward by E. S. Skousen, attorney for the various petitioning districts with but one or two exceptions, insisted that they would be perfectly willing to pay the current Portland monthly rate in order to get Portland exchange service. These exceptions qualified their position with the reservation that they would be willing to pay the Portland rate provided sufficient main line trunks were led into the district to care for the business, there not being sufficient at this time.

THREATEN DISUSE OF PHONES

One after another the long list of witnesses put on the stand throughout the day told of their dissatisfaction with the toll charge, and in some instances that it is a present incident to it. They insisted that the toll rate rather than monthly bills far above normal and far above the ability to pay. They threatened to discontinue their phones in blocks, one witness testified that if the commission would be taken out in his immediate community.

Coupled all the time with the primary complaint against the toll rate and the threat to discontinue their phones, the witnesses protested against the service given as a result of the operating system made necessary by the toll. They were forced, in effect, they said, to turn to long distance conditions in all their communications with Portland. It required as much time and red tape in the exchange office for them to call and get a Portland number as it did for them to get into communication with Eugene, Salem or any other nearby city or town.

SUBURBS OF PORTLAND

And there was a third contention, urged by all, to the effect that Milwaukie, and the other community groups between Portland and the north side of the Clackamas river, were in fact "bedrooms for Portland," that the great bulk of residents there had their business in Portland and were practically all of their commercial and social interests ran normally towards this city. They insisted, therefore, that they were, in effect, suburbs of Portland, and that distant than sections such as St. Johns and Lents, which now are within the Portland exchange radius, and that because of this fact they were entitled to and in justice ought to be given direct exchange connection with their offices and their friends without extra toll or charges.

A. M. Gray of Stanley Station testified that he would not give 15 cents a month so far as the use he would have for a service limited to Milwaukie, for his business was with Portland.

Charles Bassett, a garage man at Milwaukie, complained of the service conditions, contending that he was willing to pay the Portland rate for Portland exchange service.

Harvey Cook, who lives east of Milwaukie and who had taken his phone out complained of the toll, saying that he could pay a monthly rate of \$2.50, but not the toll.

MONTHLY BILL TREBLED

C. E. Clarke of Oak Grove, but whose commission business is well known in Portland, testified that his bills for March and May aggregated \$20.48 as compared to \$7.50 under the non-toll rental system. He complained against the toll and the rate as well.

Mrs. Alexander Thompson, who resides four miles outside the city limits on the Powell Valley road, and who has one of two four-party line telephones in her district, complained because her monthly rate was \$8 as against the Portland rate of \$2.75 for the same class of service, the extra amount being a mileage charge.

PHONE ORDERED OUT

E. Pearson of Malmrum station testified that his calls cost him an average of 45 cents each and he had ordered the phone out.

M. S. Shrock of Milwaukie objected to the tolls and insisted that his community was a suburb of Portland and should have free exchange.

Mrs. H. W. Stevens of Jennings Lodge testified in much the same tenor, while

Harvey G. Starkweather, confirmed the testimony of Thielens about the understanding between the Pacific and the Oak Grove company conferring free service at the Hill the latter company sold to the Pacific.

J. T. Gray of Oak Grove was opposed to the guarantee of profits to utilities, insisting that this would lead to public ownership. He was also opposed to tolls charged his community.

CHARGE CALLED EXORBITANT

J. J. Price of Silver Springs objected to the toll and also to the 25 cent per month rental for local use, insisting that he had used the same instruments in his office and residence for the past 12 years without any repairs other than the replacement of one mousetrap, and that he considered the monthly charge for that most exorbitant.

VISITING BUYERS ARE PILING UP ORDERS

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bilities to the Country Merchant" will be discussed by J. A. Davidson.

An address of welcome to the merchants of the Northwest and their families will be delivered by H. B. VanDuser, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and E. B. Hale will preside as toastmaster. O. W. Melike is chairman of the committee in charge of the banquet.

DINNER IS FEATURE

Portland's position as the principal furniture manufacturing and jobbing center of the Northwest was indicated by the attendance of 550 retail dealers and members of their families at the annual dinner of the furniture men's organization at the Multnomah hotel Thursday night.

Excursion on the Willamette river

on the pleasure boat Blue Bird proved a popular attraction to several hundred guests between Portland and the north side of the Clackamas river.

The craft sailed from the east end of Broadway bridge at 8 o'clock for a three-hour cruise. Music and dancing featured the entertainment.

All previous Buyers' Week records have been broken by the ninth annual event, according to E. N. Weinbaum, secretary in charge of the headquarters. Attendance is larger than that of any previous year and a larger volume of sales has been handled by wholesalers and jobbers than ever before.

Marketing advantages offered by Portland concerns are the main attraction and appreciation of the service rendered by the city, according to the visitors. D. B. Barrett of Spokane was enthusiastic in his praise of the treatment received at the hands of Portland jobbers. "Next year I shall bring a bunch of my competitors and friends to Buyers' Week," Barrett stated. "I have attended similar events at Seattle and am familiar with the other jobbing centers of the Northwest, but Portland leads them all in quick and courteous service."

CONNECTIONS ESTABLISHED

P. W. Oliver came to Buyers' Week from San Jose, Cal., and is so well versed with the commercial and entertainment features of the program that he has established several trade connections and stated that he would be on hand next year with his entire family.

Other California merchants were equally keen in their appreciation of the advantages of Portland as a trading center. Salesmen for the Olympic Flouring mills reported a large number of orders from new customers as a result of the inspection of the plant of the concern Thursday afternoon. Similar reports have been made to Chamber of Commerce officials by each of the 144 participating firms.

Moroccans Defeat Spaniards; Fate of Cabinet in Balance

Paris, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—The army of General Navarro, in Morocco, has been completely defeated by the rebellious tribesmen under Abdul Krier, according to a Madrid dispatch to the Paris Journal today.

The fate of the Spanish cabinet is hanging in the balance and it was reported that the ministers would resign within 24 hours.

King Alfonso summoned the cabinet to communicate to it the news of the capitulation of the Spanish navy.

Sleeping Dairyman Walks Into Well

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Ben Koen, dairyman, walking in his sleep, fell from a third floor window of his home at 724 Howard street, into a narrow light well. Half way down his body wedged between the sides of the light well. A fire company was required to extricate him. At the Central Emergency hospital it was reported he may die from internal injuries.

War Finance Body To Export Cotton

Washington, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—The war finance corporation announced today that it had agreed to advance \$500,000 to a southern exporter to finance the exportation of cotton from Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Almond Growers to Appeal for Tariff

Washington, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Almond growers of California are preparing to appeal to congress for a readjustment of the tariff schedules on their product, which are the lowest since 1911.

BOOTLEGGING IS CHARGED

Medford, Ore., Aug. 5.—Charles Randall of Grants Pass was held under \$500 bail on a charge of selling moonshine at the Gold Hill dance pavilion Saturday night.

ADVANCE GUARD OF STEFANSSON PARTY TO SAIL NEXT WEEK

Seattle, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—E. L. Knight, veteran polar explorer of Seattle; F. W. Maurer, who was on the Karluk when it was wrecked, and Allan Crawford of Toronto will sail from here early next week for their plunge into the Arctic wastes. They will form the advance guard of the latest Stefansson polar expedition.

The explorers will sail on the steamer Victoria for Nome, where the little power schooner Orion is now being outfitted and the end of August should see the party in polar seas. They will winter on one of the Canadian islands, where they will be joined by Stefansson and a party of scientists.

The explorers and members of his newest expedition are conferring in Vancouver today regarding the trip, which is expected to take from two to five years.

Rates Reduced on Shipments of Lard To Western Section

A decrease of 8 cents per 100 in the freight rate on westbound shipments of lard from Chicago to Pacific coast points was announced today, as effective September 20 on transcontinental rail lines, by W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the S. P. & S. railway. The new rate applies to shipments of lard in tank cars. The present rate is \$2.92 per 100 pounds, and the new rate will be \$2.84 per 100.

Effective on the same date the transcontinental rail carriers will publish an 8 cent proportional rate per 100 pounds on minimum shipments of 40,000 pounds of coals from Chicago and Mississippi river points to the Pacific coast on traffic originating at the Atlantic seaboard. The present proportional rate of 8 cents applies to points west of the Atlantic seaboard.

Spirit Lake Water Request Is Opposed By North Coast Co.

Claiming to cover the market for water power in Clarke and Cowlitz counties, the North Coast Power company, an operating concern with plants on the Kalama river, protested against granting a permit to the two applicants for power sites on Spirit lake, at the water power hearing held this morning.

The Spirit Lake Railroad & Power company and J. B. Keppert, made application for use of the site. Representatives of the Y. M. C. A., which operates an outing camp at the lake, were present, but at noon had not entered their protest. It is understood they are protesting against the use of the lake, as it will ruin the ground now used by them as a camp site.

Red Cross Meeting Is Held at Seattle

Seattle, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—Red Cross representatives from 18 towns of the Northwest held a special meeting at the Y. W. C. A. today for the purpose of bettering service to disabled ex-servicemen. Dr. J. E. Crichton, local manager of the Northwestern division of the Red Cross, acted as chairman. Representatives were present from Oregon, Washington and Idaho chapters.

WOMAN SUES STEPFATHER

Chehalis, Wash., Aug. 5.—Hjardis Western filed suit for a restraining order and cancellation of a deed, obtained, she charges, by fraud, against Arnt O. Backe. She charges that Backe, her stepfather, induced her mother, while mentally deranged and physically ill, to deed to him property accumulated by herself and her mother, valued at \$5000.

Colonel Keller Is Released on Bail

Chicago, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Lieutenant Colonel J. Walter Keller, scion of a wealthy Philadelphia family, today was held under \$10,000 bonds following arraignment in South Clark street court on eight charges of larceny. Keller was arrested while changing the steering mechanism on a stolen automobile. Police charged he was the "brains of an automobile theft ring." Keller pleaded not guilty to all charges, terming them "fairly tales." His bonds were furnished by Miss Mary Regan, who pledged \$20,000 worth of property.

Seek Fish That Will Destroy Mosquitoes

University of Washington, Seattle, Aug. 5.—A stickleback, a small fish, is being used by the college of fisheries in an experiment to find fish that can live in sloughs and stagnant ponds and that will destroy mosquitoes. The stickleback has a remarkable appetite and eats mosquito larva. One of those being used in the experiments has a record of eating 100 mosquito larva in 24 hours. Fifty larva is the average. The stickleback is a fish common to most freshwater ponds and streams. It feeds both at the surface and at the bottom and seldom grows longer than two inches.

Sixty-Nine Mazamas Scale Diamond Peak

Camp Williams, Aug. 5.—Diamond peak, 8773 feet high, one of the landmarks in this part of the range, situated just north of the old Military road, got the surprise of its calm and peaceful life Wednesday when 69 Mazamas, under the leadership of Roy Ayer, trocked up its rocks and snow patches and along its ridges to the top. Records in the cairn on top indicate the mountain was first climbed in 1896 by three men and the largest previous party to go to the top in any one year was 16. The climb was started from a bivouac camp near the foot of the mountain at 6 o'clock in the morning and all reported back in camp in time for dinner at night.

TAXI DRIVER MURDERED

Honey Grove, Texas, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—An eight-pound sledge hammer was used to murder Robert James, taxi driver, whose body was found near here today with the head crushed to a pulp. Robbery was the motive.

PARTY FORMED ON PERMANENT BASIS

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 5.—Vancouver local of the Farmers Labor party was permanently organized Thursday night by election of E. N. Livermore as permanent secretary-treasurer. As the plan is to call to the chair a different man at each meeting, no chairman was elected.

A committee of three was appointed by the acting chairman, O. T. Clark, to draw up order of business rules, and report at the next meeting, to be held in two weeks.

C. H. Moran, Farmer-Labor state committeeman from this congressional district, spoke. He declared that although the Farmer-Labor party had been accused of red radicalism and of E. W. Wism, the ideas and ideals of the party were the highest type of forward looking Americanism, and that the real E. W. W. are to be found in Wall street and other money centers. He charged that it is difficult for the producing class to get political justice because many laborers are disfranchised by laws requiring residence of a certain length of time in a community before they can vote. As laborers are forced to move about in search of employment, such laws, he said, are despotic and un-American.

Meier & Frank Co.'s Workers Hold Picnic

More than 2000 employees of the Meier & Frank store attended the annual picnic of the concern at Columbia Beach last night. Members of the firm and heads of departments led in the merriment and the event was pronounced the most successful of its kind in the history of the firm. About 1800 of the employees participated in the annual dinner at 6 o'clock and 800 others joined in the festivities later in the evening.

BOY CYCLIST INJURED

Oregon City, Aug. 5.—Alvin Dietz of Jennings Lodge was slightly injured when he swerved the bicycle he was riding in front of an automobile driven by N. Jones of Nevada. The boy was riding along the side of the road and swung in suddenly in front of the car before Jones could stop. Jones paid for the bicycle damage and for the medical attention for the boy.

Heppner Has Scare From Gasoline Fire

Heppner, Aug. 5.—This town, twice burned out and practically destroyed once by flood within two decades, had another fire scare Wednesday when a gasoline tank truck caught fire while discharging its load at the Heppner garage on Main street. When the flowing gasoline became ignited, the truck

Procedure Outlined For Applications on Power Site Lands

Washington, Aug. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Representative Sinnott has obtained a statement of the regulations and procedure connected with homestead applications on power site lands, either reserved by executive action, or withdrawn by operation of the federal waterpower act because of application for license.

Local land offices will forward certain entries for decision where there is conflict under a claim of homestead or location rights antedating June 10, 1930, the date of the waterpower act, but in all other cases will reject applications for lands under withdrawal. The applicant may then apply for restoration of the lands to entry, if he feels that he possesses a superior value for agriculture, and are not in fact necessary for power development.

The federal power commission is clothed with authority to determine whether lands withdrawn should be restored to entry.

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G. A. R. TO MEET SATURDAY

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 5.—Elsworth Post G. A. R. will hold its regular meeting Saturday in the hall of the public library, Sixteenth and Main streets at 10:45 o'clock.

CITY HALL TO BE OF CEMENT AND STEEL

Oregon City, Aug. 5.—Preliminary plans for the city hall, which are expected to follow closely those sanctioned by the city council, include the construction of a cement and steel building with two stories and basement and with a ground space of 60x80.

The building will follow the contour of the ground at the southeast corner of the McLaughlin park. An auditorium, 48x72 feet, which will seat from 700 to 800 people, has been provided, as well as office room for city officials and quarters for the firemen. The fire truck will be located in the basement and shower baths and equipment for the firemen will be included. A survey of the ground to determine the location of corner stakes is being made today.

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