

SEVEN CENT STREET CAR FARES SOUGHT

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PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

BARE WHISKEY RING GRAFT

ESPEE ASKS HIGHER RATES SALEM LINES

Seven Cents a Ride, Four For 25 Cents and 50 for \$3.10 Proposed in New Schedule.

An increase in street car fares from 6 to 7 cents in Salem and Eugene will be made effective by the Southern Pacific company on April 2, unless in the meantime a protest is made by the cities or patrons of the lines and a hearing ordered by the public service commission.

The Southern Pacific company filed its revised schedule of rates with the commission this morning. In Salem the increase for rides between two points in the city will be increased from 6 to 7 cents.

Special or chartered cars will be furnished on sufficient advance notice to the company at the following rates: For the first hour \$5 a car, and \$2.50 per car for each additional hour or fraction thereof with a minimum charge of \$7.50.

Hand baggage, lap dogs, no carts and packages not occupying seats will be carried free if carried by passengers paying full fare.

In Eugene the following schedule will be effective: Between any two points in the city of Eugene 7 cents; from Eugene to Kincaid, 7 cents; from Eugene to Midway, 14 cents; from Eugene to West Springfield, 14 cents.

Children 5 years old and under 12 and younger children when occupying seats, half the above fares with a minimum of 5 cents.

Children under 5 will be carried free when accompanied by an adult and not occupying seats.

Commutation fares will be the same as those announced for Salem, with the following additions. No change is made at Eugene in the price of school tickets.

The charge for special or chartered cars will be the same as in Salem.

The Salem Street Railway company's operating income for 1923 was \$1,217,811—or \$4,096,40 less than it earned in 1922, according to its annual report filed with the public service commission.

The company's taxes, it was said, were \$9,119.59.

In West Linn the company reports as a result of its street railway service, operating revenue of \$65,557.54; operating expenses of \$52,298.17, and net operating revenue of \$13,259.37.

In Eugene the company's operating revenue was \$72,167.35, operating expense, \$77,070.03, and its loss \$4,902.66.

STORM BRINGS HEAVY SNOW TO MIDWEST

Deepest Snowfall of Season Reported at Many Places Where Blizzard Conditions Prevail.

Chicago, Mar. 21.—Although spring is officially one day old, the mid-west is in the grip of a blizzard that has brought snow from four to sixteen inches deep, with telegraph and transportation services crippled in some sections.

The heaviest snowfall of the season is reported from St. Louis, with wire and traffic tieups. Records have been broken in Oklahoma with Muskogee reporting 18 inches. Several inches of snow cover Illinois, Paris, Ill., had one of the worst blizzards in years.

Peoria reported a three inch fall in two hours and Chicago traffic slowed through four inches of snow and sleet with the same prospect forecast for today.

With the path of the storm extending slowly eastward, weather forecasters stated Indiana, lower Michigan and upper Illinois might expect more snow in a few days. No immediate temperature changes are expected.

At Nation's Capital Washington, Mar. 21.—The heaviest snow of the year was falling in Washington today when spring peaked ruefully through the calendar.

Beginning about 10 o'clock the snow fell steadily thru out the night and was continuing at 7:30 this morning, forming both a shroud for the expiring winter and downy blanket for the infant spring.

Washington, Mar. 21.—Republican members of the senate finance committee decided today to seek the advice of President Coolidge before putting the bonus bill ahead of tax legislation, a step apparently favored by the committee.

It is the opinion of the majority members, Chairman Smoot said, that the committee should know what expenditures would have to be met through passage of the bonus bill before determining the revenue which must be raised, under the next tax rates.

Senator Curtis of Kansas will confer with the president.

Senator Smoot again threatened night sessions of the committee if greater speed in considering the bill is not made.

Decision is reached in put the bonus ahead it probably will be taken up next week, Mr. Smoot said.

Chicago, March 21.—Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, who was operated on for gallstones, yesterday, was reported today as recovering.

Slain Osteopath Feared Death at Brother's Hand

Kansas City, Mo., March 21.—Dr. Zoe Wilkins, slain osteopath, had feared a plot against her life by Charles Wilkins, a brother, and another man, her attorney, J. E. James, testified at the inquest today.

"Dr. Wilkins," he said, "feared two men whom she named. They had made demands on her, she told me and said if she did not comply, they would murder her."

James testified that one was Charles Wilkins but refused to name the other, saying he had furnished the name to the police. He said Wilkins was under arrest but the second man was not. In this connection it was recalled that police had asked Denver authorities to arrest Charles Smith, who came here in December with the slain woman's brother. Other witnesses have told detectives that Dr. Wilkins feared a man named Smith.

James, who is a son of the late Jesse James, the outlaw, said he became Dr. Wilkins' attorney late in February. He said she had asked his advice regarding a will she had drawn up.

"I want you to look over this will," James quoted Dr. Wilkins as having said, "and tell me if my brother Charles can get a penny of my estate if he murders me."

James said Dr. Wilkins distrusted banks and told him she had given \$70,000 in cash to a former husband, A. W. Markshoffel, garage proprietor of Colorado Springs. Dr. Wilkins, James said, had shown him a certificate of trust purporting to be signed by Markshoffel and two letters from him, begging her for more time to return the money. This certificate was kept in a strong box, now missing. The box, James said, also contained securities valued at more than \$100,000.

REVENUE CHIEFS CURB TESTIMONY OF SUBORDINATES

Washington, March 21.—Internal revenue bureau officials have attempted to curb the freedom of bureau officials in testimony before the senate committee investigating bureau affairs.

Witnesses made to the committee today by A. J. Bradley, a bureau auditor, summoned as a witness.

Bradley said he received today "a suggestion" from his section chief that testimony which reflected on the bureau heads might adversely affect his position.

Charges of irregularities at the bureau were made by Charles R. Brewer, special attorney for the department of justice, who investigated conditions there and submitted the report two years ago to President Harding when he to dismiss 28 officials, most of who have been reinstated.

"Were you threatened?" asked Senator Watson, republican, Indiana.

"No," Bradley replied. He then described a rambling conversation with his chief, after the committee summons reached him. He characterized the five section heads in the bureau as a "very close corporation."

Senator Watson asked if the witness had ever asked for promotion or salary increase and been denied.

"Only for what I had a right to expect," Bradley said. "Did you kick about that?"

"Yes I kicked like forty steers," Another house investigation will get under way tomorrow when the committee authorized to investigate shipping board affairs will hold its first formal meeting.

Memphis, Tenn.—Joe Stecher, former world's champion wrestler, won two straight falls from Paul Alvarez of San Francisco.

OIL PROBERS CHALLENGED BY SINCLAIR

Attorneys For Operator Deny Right of Senate Investigators to Question Further.

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Attorneys for the operator based their objection on the Walsh resolution adopted by congress, directing annulment of the oil leases. They pointed out that the resolution declared the leases were made under circumstances indicating fraud and corruption and said that if this be true, the committee has ascertained what it was directed to ascertain.

Argument of Counsel In a long argument, Martin W. Littleton of the Sinclair counsel contended that by the resolution congress not only had brought to an end the jurisdiction of the committee, but had defined the policy of the government that the oil shall be preserved for the government.

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HALT PROBE TO PROTECT PARTY ASSERTS DILL

Washington, March 21.—Soon after the senate oil investigating committee adjourned, Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, a member, started a debate in the senate, in which he declared Littleton's appearance in the case demonstrated powerful influences were at work to stop further investigation.

Recalling Littleton had questioned the authority of congressional committees to summon witnesses, Senator Dill said: "It was extremely significant that this move should be made just when we were about to question Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Hays (Will H. Hays) regarding the reported fund of 75,000 shares of oil stock to pay campaign debts."

It also was to be noted "that the great eastern newspapers all began to find this inquiry nauseating on the very day we exposed the telegrams from the White House to McLean—the man who confessed he lied to the committee."

"They didn't think so," he continued, "until we began to get close to big republican officials. Until then with comparatively small culprits involved, they were content; now we find the most brilliant member of the New York bar retained to head off the committee."

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ASKS OPINION UPON MYER'S TERM TENURE

Sam Kozser, secretary of state, today formally requested of Attorney General Van Winkle an opinion regarding the length of time that Jefferson D. Myers, recently appointed state treasurer by Governor Pierce, is to serve.

Governor Pierce, Mr. Kozser points out, has commissioned Mr. Myers until January 1, 1927—the date on which the late O. P. Hoff would have retired had he lived.

Mr. Kozser is in doubt as to whether Mr. Myers should serve until that time or merely until the next general election.

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CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS TO BE UNINSTRUCTED

San Francisco, Cal., March 21.—Sufficient signatures have been obtained to place an uninstructed presidential delegation on the primary ballot in California, and the petitions bearing these signatures will be filed with the county clerks of ten counties tomorrow and Monday, it was announced here today by W. W. Bedford, secretary of the progressive democratic league. The delegate ticket was selected by the league.

Oil King Objects To Again Appearing Before Oil Probers



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MEN TRAPPED IN SUBMARINE ARE THOT ALL DEAD

Tokio, March 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Although rescue work is being continued vigorously, the fear grew today that 15 survivors imprisoned in the after compartment of the Japanese navy submarine 43, which has lain in 25 fathoms of water on the ocean bottom off Saeco since Wednesday, have succumbed to suffocation. Signals from the interior of the vessel have ceased. Attempts to raise the stern of the vessel having failed, it is now planned to tow it to shallow water.

Twenty-six men of the crew drowned in the forward compartment of the craft after a collision with a warship, and it appears now that the remaining 15 have smothered in the foul air of their cramped quarters.

HIRES EXPERT FOR PROBE OF STATE ACCOUNTS

Jefferson Myers, newly appointed state treasurer, announced today that he had employed A. J. Tourtelotte, public accountant of Portland, to make a thorough examination of the conditions of the state treasurer's office and a listing of all accounts. He explained that there is no indication, whatever, of any irregularities in the department, but that he simply wants his own listing of accounts to begin operation on as state treasurer.

Frank Sever, who was deputy treasurer under the late O. P. Hoff and who resigned at Mr. Hoff's death, requested that an accounting of the department be made, but Mr. Myers said his action today is not in compliance with Sever's request. Sever is to be a candidate for the republican nomination for treasurer.

Myers said today that he has not yet decided whom he will appoint as his deputy, but that he will confer today with a man he has in mind, and that others are under consideration.

REVOKE SUSPENSION OF DRY DIRECTOR

Washington, March 21.—Commissioner Blair, of the internal revenue bureau, today revoked by telegraph a suspension placed on H. H. Dolley, chief field director of the federal prohibition forces in California. No explanation could be obtained from officials. Assistant Prohibition Commissioner Jones said an explanation would be deferred pending further investigation. Mr. Blair's office declined to discuss the case.

CONTRACTOR SHOT IN EYE BY STRAY BULLET

Portland, Ore., March 21.—W. H. Seales, 25, cement contractor, was struck in the left eye by a bullet, thought to have been shot from a small caliber rifle, while working on a house here late yesterday.

Howard, who is about 40 years of age, was today held in the Marion county jail here, awaiting the appearance of officers with requisition papers. He is technically charged with grand larceny.

Howard will be returned to Co-fax, Wash. He was arrested on a warrant furnished by William Cole, sheriff of Whitman county. The alleged theft was said to have taken place in 1922.

\$200,000 IN \$1,000 BILLS FOR ILLEGIT WITHDRAWALS FROM U. S. WAREHOUSES

New York Druggist Tells of Deals Made Through Friends of Daugherty to Secure Illegal Permits For Whiskey Releases—Money Put Up By Bootleggers—Price Was \$15 a Case for Booze Secured.

Washington, March 21.—More collections of \$1,000 bills were unearthed today in testimony before the Daugherty committee. This time they were for illicit withdrawals of whiskey from federal warehouses.

John Goroni, president of the Alps Drug company of New York, testified that after being refused withdrawals by Prohibition Commissioner Hart, he paid Owen Murphy, a partner of Will A. Orr, \$150,000, and to Orr \$50,000 for withdrawal permits. Orr, he testified, was selling withdrawal permits for \$15 a case and he understood Howard Mannington, a friend of the attorney general, who had a desk in the "little green house on K street," "got \$2 a case for his part."

Fifty thousand dollars in \$1,000 bills Goroni testified, was collected from "other parties" among them a liquor dealer named John Lynn who hanged himself.

After the drug companies got the permits, anybody could get the liquor. The \$1 fee was for the use of drug companies names, he said, to get the permits into the hands of bootleggers.

A man named Paul Lundy, theatrical agent, told him in New York, Goroni said, that if he wanted to do business he should see Bill Orr.

"Did Orr tell you anything?" "He said he had influence in Washington with Mannington and Jesse Smith and I would be protected. I met Jesse Smith and Bill Orr."

"Did they tell you that Smith was the man who could fix things?" "They said he could help a lot. Manning, Orr said, was getting \$2 a case for every case that went through."

Details Explained. Goroni testified that the prohibition directors had refused a withdrawal application for 500 cases of liquor and Orr had told him that the "influence and power" he and his partner, Owen B. Murphy, had with Jesse Smith and Mannington would arrange for granting it.

"Who did they say Howard Mannington was?" "They said he belonged to the crowd from Columbus."

Goroni said he came to Washington when 7000 cases of Scotch were seized.

"When did you see?" "Thomas B. Felder. He told me to go home—it would be all right—he would get the liquor sooner or later."

"Did you pay money to Orr?" "Once—\$50,000 in fifty \$1,000 bills."

"Where did you get it?" "From John Lynn." (Continued on Page Eight.)

ACCUSED SAYS IT'S A FRAME UP

"They've framed me," was the only comment offered by Arthur B. Howard, accused of stealing \$12,000 from the Apex Petroleum company of Whitman county, Wash., when he was taken into custody at the Marion hotel last night by Sheriff Oscar Bower and Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt.

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THIS COUPON—With five cents will admit any child under 13 years of age to the Bligh Theater for a Saturday morning, 10 o'clock matinee showing of "THE STEEL TRAIL" As a Guest of THE CAPITAL JOURNAL

MARION DEMOCRACY TO RALLY AT DOLLAR DINNER

W. H. Strayer, Milton A. Miller and George Mansfield, the three men pitted against each other for the democratic nomination for United States senator, will be guests of local democrats at a general banquet on the evening of April 2 at the Marion hotel. The hour set is 8:30 o'clock. Will R. King, also a senatorial candidate, has been invited but will probably be in the east. Governor Pierce and Treasurer Myers will lend official dignity to the occasion. Arrangements for the affair have been made by the executive committee of the democratic county central committee. The main object of the banquet is to put jazz and pep into Marion county democracy and to see just how big a dent can be put into the republican armor at the general election next fall. Incidentally it is probable that the democrats at the banquet will give serious attention to whether or not the minority party will put into the field a complete county ticket, or merely a full ticket for representation in the lower house of the legislature. The executive committee is divided on the proposition. A part of it stands strongly for a full county ticket. The fact that the county now has a democratic county judge for the first time since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, and democracy is very anxious to see that a democratic county judge remains there for one full elective term at least, is causing a number of the party leaders to urge the full county ticket. They believe that the cause backed up if a ticket is named of the best men that can be found who will be willing to go in and put up a bitter and determined fight for re-election. On the other hand some of them feel that perhaps the judgeship cause would be more strengthened if the democrats, in their fight for county office, centralized on the judgeship and endeavored in addition to put over only a full representation in the lower house. There are no senators to be elected this year. The overwhelming normal majority of republicans in the county finds the minority party un-daunted. It is ready for a scrap and intends to put it up. But as to just what tactics will be used is a matter of moment, to be given more than ordinary thought. The banquet of April 2 will probably have an important bearing on the policy to be pursued. Tickets for the banquet are to be \$1 a plate and already have been printed and a pretty good sale already assured. Democratic leaders declare that the event will be one of the biggest features in the history of local democracy. It is expected that all three of the candidates for the nomination for United States senator will give talks and outline their respective policies.