

1916 RESOURCES COPCO BASIS IN THOMAS HEARING

State Public Utility Board
Chief and Aides Here for
Probe—Engineers Check
Findings.

Officials of the Public Utilities commission who arrived in Medford Friday for a week or ten days' visit, during which they hope to dispose of several major questions in the Copco rate investigation, yesterday took the first steps in settling two important issues.

First to be considered was evaluation of Copco resources in the year 1916, to be used as a starting point in the investigation, and second, allocation of the value of used and useful property in California and Oregon, upon which the rates are based.

Commissioner Charles M. Thomas of Salem estimated that the investigation will be ended within 60 days. "If the evaluation for 1916 and the allocation as of the present time can be completed on this trip, the case could be brought to a close with another hearing some time next February," Commissioner Thomas said.

C. R. Lester, director of engineers, and John Bagley, assistant engineer for public utilities, both of Salem, accompanied Commissioner Thomas to Medford for the investigation.

After a conference Saturday it was agreed that engineers representing the commission should immediately meet with engineers from the company for a check of each other's work, and that points of conflict developed should be submitted to the commissioners at an official hearing.

The commission has been making an investigation of the California

Oregon Power Co. for the last two and one-half years, but until recently the work has proceeded very slowly, due to the fact that most of the engineering force of the commission was engaged in the statewide telephone case which closed two weeks ago. With the end of this case a major portion of the engineering force was transferred to Medford, and will continue on the Copco case until it is closed, members of the commission said.

"The present public utilities commission criticizes the old figure set in 1916," Commissioner Thomas said, "and has reopened the valuation. The field of check will apply to this valuation and the commission will build from the 1916 figure as a starting point."

Next to the allocation of property, Commissioner Thomas said the holding company charge is the most important issue of the investigation. "With allocation disposed of," he said, "other questions are minor."

In regard to the charges, Commissioner Thomas said the holding company has made an order defining the commissioner's position in the case, and that under the law, Copco has until February 1 to accept the order or file its appeal. "I am not informed yet as to the company's position," the commissioner said.

"The holding company's order is the most far reaching and important one to the public utilities commission made during my term of office. It is revolutionary in character, but I believe it gives the remedy necessary for practical commissioner's supervision, and will prevent excessive payments to the affiliates."

Commissioner Thomas said inquiries regarding the order have been received from many parts of the United States. It is the opinion of members of the commission that as a remedy the order will ultimately be adopted throughout the country as complete.

"So believing a test in the courts would be welcome," Commissioner Thomas said.

When asked what has been the attitude of Copco officials toward the investigation, the commissioner stated that every request made by the examiners for additional information on book items and other matters including producing correspondence, has been given without hesitation. Commissioner Thomas said the company officials have co-operated in every request made by the examiners and by himself.

5-YEAR PEN TERM METED PUGH UPON GUILTY VERDICT

Quick Decision by Jury in
Criminal Syndicalism Trial
of Transient—Notice of
Appeal Served.

Kyle Pugh, 46, claiming Josephine county as his residence, was found guilty of criminal syndicalism Saturday afternoon by a circuit court jury after 20 minutes deliberation. The trial lasted two days. The verdict was unanimous. The jury was composed of six men and six women.

Pugh, through counsel, Attorney Irvin Goldman of Portland, waived time for passing of sentence. The court then sentenced Pugh to five years in state prison and assessed costs. Notice of appeal was filed by the defense and 15 days granted for filing motion for a new trial.

Pugh was specifically charged, under the Oregon criminal syndicalism law, with "sale, possession, distribution and public display" of "revolutionary literature," advocating the overthrow of the present form of American government. Much of the state's evidence was communistic literature seized by the state police when Pugh was arrested near Central Point on the Pacific highway. Pugh was traveling in a donkey-drawn cart.

Pugh made no denial of possession of the reading matter, state policemen testified.

Since his incarceration in the county jail awaiting trial, numerous "demands" have been received by the district attorney and the circuit judge for the release of Pugh. The "demands" were in the form of resolutions passed by "Workers and Farmers' Union" organizations from this state, Washington and Alaska. A number of out-of-town sympathizers attended the trial.

It was the first criminal syndicalism trial in the history of Jackson county jurisprudence. District Attorney George A. Coddling represented the state.

Crudely printed handbills, charging Pugh was "framed," were circulated in the city Friday, the opening day of the trial.

POSTOFFICE SET FOR YULE RUSH

Postmaster Frank DeSouza yesterday announced that, in anticipation of the greatest Christmas business in several years, the Medford postoffice is making special preparations to handle packages as speedily as possible. The measure of the postoffice's success depends upon the co-operation of the patrons, DeSouza said.

"Early mailing of parcels and greeting cards will do much to relieve congestion and help to insure the maximum of timely delivery," the postmaster said. Those who intend to send cards may assist the postoffice by purchasing stamps in advance. Cards which carry no message other than a Christmas greeting and the name of the sender can be sent in unsealed envelopes for 1½ cents, the postmaster announced. If the cards weigh two ounces or less.

Packages sent at parcel post rates must not be sealed, but should be securely packed, especially if containing breakable merchandise, and should be tied with strong twine. DeSouza urged, to guard against loss, that senders insure their packages.

Low Heads Sheriff

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Sheriff L. L. Low of Klamath county is the new president of the Oregon State Sheriffs' association.

F. Cushing Moore of Baker requested 15 second feet of water from Deep creek and Pine creek, tributaries of the Snake river, for mining in Baker county, and Chamberlain Carr of Gold Hill, asked for one second-foot of water from left fork of Lyons gulch, tributary of Snake river, for mining in Jackson county.

LOCALS

Receives Treatment—Mrs. D. McEwen of Route one, Medford is a patient at the Community hospital, receiving treatment.

Undergoes Operation—George H. Mills of McCloud, Calif., underwent an operation on his nose Friday at the Sacred Heart hospital.

Taken to Hospital—Mrs. L. A. Rose of this city is a patient at the Sacred Heart hospital, receiving treatment for a fractured arm. She was taken to the hospital Friday afternoon.

In Medford Saturday—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Caister, Mrs. Donna Graffis, Mrs. Edmona Anderson and Carl Anderson of Phoenix spent Saturday in Medford.

Raleigh Matthews III—Raleigh Matthews of Eagle Point is in the Community hospital for treatment, having been taken there Friday afternoon.

Returns Home—Beverly Jean Dally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dally, returned to her home Saturday, from the Community hospital, where she recently underwent a major operation.

To Give Dance—The Veterans of Foreign Wars will give a carnival dance New Year's eve, in the two halls of the Oriental Gardens. It was announced Saturday. Further information is to be made known later.

Here for Holidays—Lieutenant and Mrs. Harrell and child are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Harrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell, Lieutenant Harrell is stationed at Fort Russell in Wyoming.

Mrs. Wilson Returns—Mrs. Richard L. Wilson has returned to her home after spending several days in Portland and at The Dalles visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Wilson and grandchildren.

Attend Meeting—Mrs. L. E. Holms and Mrs. Mary O. Carey of Talent were in Medford Saturday attending the meeting of the local branch of the Oregon League of Western Writers at the Medford hotel.

Returns Home—A number of patients at the Community hospital returned to their homes Saturday, including Mrs. Clarence Sheley and young son, Mrs. Marie Weisburg of Jacksonville, and Mrs. C. C. Chapman of Prospect. Mrs. V. Smith returned to her home last night.

Has Breakfast Party—Mrs. Mildred Oathes Patrick entertained a small group of friends at breakfast at the Hotel Medford this morning honoring Miss Jeanette Carmichael. The latter has accepted a position to assist Mrs. Patrick in hat designing for the Adel Lee Millinery shops.

Returns from Portland—B. L. Sanderson has returned from Portland where he attended the pre-showing of the 1935 Studebaker, and the new 3-4 ton Studebaker truck. Mr. Sanderson was favorably impressed with the stream-line models, which he believes will prove popular in southern Oregon.

Fruitmen Leave—Clarence Pankey, Manuel Leibman and Frank Isaacs, superintendents of Medford plants of Pinnacle Packing Co., are leaving this morning on a business trip to Sacramento, San Francisco and other California points in the interests of the company. They will be in the south until the latter part of the week.

Attend Matches—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Durkee had a number of guests Thursday evening, and the party attended the wrestling matches at the local armory. They returned to the Durkee home afterward, for refreshments. Members of the group were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Adams of Hill, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. E. Segesman, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Elias of Trail, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Hammrick of Medford.

Leverette Are Home—Walter Leverette and daughter Miss Jeanne have returned to Medford from a trip east, during which time Miss Leverette visited her sister, Miss Do-

reen Leverette at St. Louis where she is a student at Principia college. Mr. Leverette continued east to Washington, D. C., Ottawa and Toronto, Canada, before returning to St. Louis. The two made the entire trip by plane.

NEW CRATER LAKE CHIEF BACK FROM TRIP TO CAPITOL

David H. Canfield, formerly acting superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, returned Friday night from a conference of national park officials at Washington, D. C., at which he received an appointment to the position of superintendent.

Mr. Canfield yesterday had not received papers making the appointment official, but was notified verbally during his Washington visit that he is to occupy the position recently held by E. C. Solinsky, who was dismissed.

The new superintendent, who was chief ranger at Crater Lake before becoming acting superintendent, had opportunity while in Washington to talk with park service officials at the survey to have tremendously far-reaching effects on the country's future recreational development, and said that, although the survey will not have an immediate bearing on the work of the national park service, "the park service should keep an eye on it."

The Washington conference was attended by one of the largest representations of park authorities ever assembled. Mr. Canfield said, due to the president's proclamation which has expanded the park service tremendously during the past year. Although government allocation of funds is not yet certain, Mr. Canfield said, Crater Lake national park is making plans for development, so that if the money is forthcoming the plans may immediately be carried out.

Obituary

Fred Edsall

Word reached Medford Saturday of the death in Ashland Friday afternoon of Fred W. Edsall, who passed away at his home, 561 East Main street, Ashland, following an illness. He died at the age of 56 years, 9 months and 15 days.

Mr. Edsall was born at Phoenix, Ore., in 1878, and had lived in southern Oregon all his life. He is survived by his widow and five grown children, all of whom live in southern Oregon.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Sunday) at 2 p. m., at J. F. Dodge and Sons funeral parlors, at Ashland. Interment will be in the Phoenix cemetery.

PROVOLT TELEPHONES
SHOW BIG INCREASE

PROVOLT, Dec. 8.—(Sp.)—Telephone subscribers have increased from 35 to 98 during the past twenty months, according to Roy Williams who owns and operates the station here.

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TRIBUNE BOWLERS TOURNEY WINNERS AT SMOKE HOUSE

The City Ten Pin league finished its final round at the Smoke House alleys this week, the Mail Tribune bowlers winning by a large margin, having gone through the entire schedule without the loss of a game.

A new schedule will be started after the holidays with a large number of teams entered. There are, at this time, ten entries on hand, with a few more still to be turned in. All captains, who have not done so, are asked to present their lineups to the Smoke House manager.

The standing of the City league, and averages of individual bowlers follow:

Team Standings.

Mail Tribune 15 0 18
Golden Glow 12 3 14
Adrienne's Shoe Dept. 10 5 11
Eagles' Lodge 8 7 9
Medford Stationery 5 10 5
P. O. Clerks 1 14 1

Individual Averages.

Patton, Golden Glow 194
Eads, Mail Tribune 191
Elliot, Medford Stationery 187
Saylor, Mail Tribune 181
Antle, Eagles 181
Haight, Mail Tribune 181
Murray, Mail Tribune 179
Perguson, Mail Tribune 173

Clancy, Adrienne's 170
Carey, Adrienne's 169
Al Hagen, Mail Tribune 168
Kessler, Golden Glow 164
Lantis, Adrienne's 164
Rooke, Eagles 164
Dawe, Adrienne's 164
Wm. Hagen, Medford Sta. 161
George Eads of the Mail Tribune turned in 628 for the highest 3-game series and Walt Antle had the highest single game, with 242.

DINER SHOWS GUN,
FLEES CAFE WITH
\$10 BILL, CHANGE

Taking with him a \$10 bill he had offered in payment for a meal, as well as the change that "Bobby" Burns, proprietor, started to hand him, an unidentified man flashed a gun in the Domino Cafe at 417 East Main street about 8:15 p. m. Friday, and escaped.

City police were given only a meagre description of the man by his surprised victim, who said he had turned to the cash register to get the change when the holdup produced a revolver, kept the \$10 he was about to offer, as well as taking nine dollars and odd cents change. Burns, "I'll take it all" and fled.

Police were still looking for the man last night, said to be dressed in a brown overcoat and grey suit.

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