

Trolley Cry to Bar Public Intervenor's But Wide-Open Policy Is Adopted by Commission as Fare Hearing Opens in Omaha.

The state railway commission convened Monday morning in north court room of the federal building, to hear the application of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company for authority to charge passenger rates which will yield 7 per cent on valuation of \$14,100,000.

Members of the commission are: T. A. Brown, chairman; H. G. Taylor and Charles H. Randall, John L. Webster is representing the traction company as general counsel, and Hugh Lamaster of the attorney general's office at Lincoln is counsel for the commission.

The preliminary formalities were quickly disposed of and the first witness, Mr. Nicholson, was called, when the commission adjourned for noon recess. Chairman Brown announced that the commission will be "pretty liberal" in permitting intervenors and others to ask questions as the hearing proceeds.

Attorney Webster was overruled when he entered objections to the appearance of the city and others as intervenors.

Threat Is Made. In his opening statement, Mr. Webster said: "I think that all I shall do will be to show that under the existing rates of fare, which have been in force since August, 1919, there has been an annual deficit of \$375,000 and upwards a year, this being based on a return of 7 per cent of the valuation as determined by the commission. We propose to show that the net rate of return during the last five years has been about 4 per cent. It is a matter of judicial history that any net rate of less than 4 per cent, or even 7 per cent in some instances, has been held to be unreasonable and confiscatory. Some courts have held that 8 or 10 per cent is fair."

Mr. Webster announced with considerable vigor that if "they insist" the company is not entitled to 7 per cent, the company may demand that the deficit of nearly \$2,000,000 suffered during the last five years be amortized and the company reimbursed through increased rates of fare. He referred to the outlook of bankruptcy or receivership which may occur if the company is not allowed a fair rate of return.

Waste of Time. In his preliminary statement Corporation Counsel Lambert asserted that he believed it would be a waste of time and would be futile to go into the question of valuation; that the commission's valuation of \$14,100,000 was acceptable. Mr. Lambert, however, did question the 7 per cent return which was fixed by the commission some time ago and which the street railway company is now standing upon. He contended that this 7 per cent is theoretical, and he insisted that if the traction company would make a proper allocation of revenues and expenses of its Nebraska property it could be shown that the present revenue of the Nebraska lines would be sufficient to yield 7 per cent on the agreed valuation figures, and would be sufficient net revenue.

Attorney Coad, on behalf of the United Improvement Club, stated that during the previous month various organizations have acted selfishly by making reports on the street railway controversy in advance of the evidence.

New Method Makes Deaf Hear. New safe home method, praised by thousands, has succeeded where ear phones, drums, electrical devices and oils have failed. Stops roaring and head noises. We want to send a complete treatment on free trial to one person in each locality who will recommend it to friends. If you are deaf write today. Audene Co., Dept. 2733, Independence, Mo.—Advertisement.

INDIGESTION!!! UPSET STOMACH, GAS, GAS, GAS Chew a few Pleasant Tablets, Instant Stomach Relief!

Moore Estate \$53,000. Columbus, March 15.—Mrs. Sarah Moore, whose death occurred recently at her home in Columbus, left an estate in excess of \$53,000, according to estimates made filed in county court, asking that her sons, William H. and Charles Moore, be appointed administrators of her estate and also that of her husband, who died in 1914.

Deutor to Study at Vienna. Tecumseh, March 15.—According to Thomas A. Sandusky of this city, his son, Dr. William Sandusky, and wife of Seward, will sail from New York for Hamburg March 28. Dr. Sandusky will study at Vienna, Austria for five months, after which he and his wife will devote a month to sight-seeing.

Electric Rates Reduced. York, March 16.—A conference of officials of the Nebraska Gas and Electric company, General Managers Crooks of Lincoln, and the Lighting committee of the city council, resulted in lowering of electrical rates in York. Customers will have a choice of two schedules.

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"Americans are going insane at a more rapid pace than any other people," declared Dr. Albert A. Lowenthal of Chicago, internationally known alienist, who arrived in Omaha Sunday for a series of four lectures to Omaha doctors.

He blames jazzmania on "too much prosperity." He said Americans have too much money and have gone out of the way to purchase all sorts of artificial pleasures and amusements.

Made World Study. Dr. Lowenthal has just completed a study of diseases in Europe and Asia. At Hotel Fontenelle tonight he will lecture to Omaha doctors on goiter, neurasthenia, hysteria and epilepsy. Tuesday night he will talk on diabetes and diseases of the spinal cord; Wednesday night on backward children, dementia praecox, St. Vitus dance and paralysis agitans, and Thursday night on insanity and social problems.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights the public is invited.

"The world today is upside down," Dr. Lowenthal said. "A mother bundles up her daughter to send her to high school in the morning, then at night sends her to a party half clad. The girl comes home, sleeps but a few hours, and attends high school the next morning. The pace is too fast. Any man caught selling

whisky to a boy or girl should be sent to the penitentiary.

Human Derelicts. "Last year in New York \$3,000,000 derelicts were born. It costs the state from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to take care of each child until its death."

Dr. Lowenthal is advocating a college course for newly-weds. He says young couples should go to school and learn how to make a success of marriage.

Immediately following the first message flashed to Rome was one from President Calvin Coolidge to his majesty, Victor Emmanuel, III, king of Italy, in which President Coolidge sent his greetings in the name of the United States.

Coolidge's Message. President Coolidge's message said: "His Majesty, Vittorio Emanuele, King of Italy, Rome."

"The establishment of the first direct connection by cable between the United States and Italy affords me the very pleasing opportunity of sending to your majesty my greetings and best wishes. I trust that this new link of intercourse between the two countries will promote the advancement of their common interests and be the forerunner of further means of communication between them."

(Signed) "CALVIN COOLIDGE." Expresses Friendship. The king of Italy, replying to President Coolidge, called:

"It is particularly pleasing to me to send you, Mr. President, through this new way of communication which brings Italy nearer to America, the higher expression of my cordial friendship and of my wishes for the prosperity of the American people."

The new cable, the first linking Italy and the United States, runs from the western Union station at Hammes, Rockaway Beach, Long Island, to Rome, with landing connections at the island of Fayal, Azores, and Magalia, Spain. The total cable distance is 5,422 miles.

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The machines are new observation types which have been approved by the army air service as replacements for the war built "D. H." type. An award of \$70,000 was given the Curtiss company for development of the new machine and the Douglas company received an award of \$50,000 for similar work on its production.

Awards were made on the basis of tests at McCook field, Dayton, O. Ten machines were ordered from the Curtiss company at an estimated cost of \$250,000, and 75 at an estimated cost of \$383,000 from the Douglas company.

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Society Leader Seeks Divorce

Twin Sister of Mrs. Vanderbilt Charges That Mate Publicly Insulted Her.

By International News Service. Los Angeles, March 15.—The married bliss of James V. Converse and his wife, Mrs. Thelma Morgan Converse, was at an end today, Mrs. Converse, a twin sister of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, having on file here a suit asking a divorce.

Mrs. Converse's divorce is asked on the grounds of cruelty and in the complaint she charges her husband usually picked out a cafe or some place where a dinner party was in progress to start his arguments with her. Mrs. Converse recently gave up her career as a society leader to enter motion pictures.

In the complaint filed, Mrs. Converse stated the cruelty of her husband dated back as far as their honeymoon, when he would leave her to herself while he sought the companionship of friends, and that when he did return home, though it was late at night, he insisted she listen to his story of what a wonderful time he had enjoyed.

As an illustration of further cruelty, Mrs. Converse cited in her petition that during a dinner party at their home her husband started an argument with her and that she left the table to avoid him but that he followed her and tried to kiss her. On still another occasion, Mrs. Converse states in the complaint, her husband insulted her loudly while they were in a New York cafe, thereby attracting much attention to her.

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He first crept up behind the old stone wall down near where he and Polly Chuck had once had their home.

He was tempted to wander around through the Old Orchard until he found Polly. But if he did this Polly and the stranger might see him first.

He wanted to see them before they saw him. So he decided that he would make his way around the Old Orchard behind the old stone wall.

Back he climbed over the old stone wall. He turned the corner and began to make his way along the other side of the Old Orchard. Every few feet he would climb up and peep over the old wall. At last he had almost reached the upper corner of the Old Orchard. This time when he peeped over he saw right down in the corner a mound of yellow sand, and sitting on that mound was Polly Chuck. He knew then that he had found Polly's new home. He knew that she had dug a hole down under the old stone wall in that corner.

Polly was sitting up looking toward a certain apple tree. Johnny looked over there. Under that apple tree sat a strange Chuck. He was big. He was quite as big as Johnny himself. And he was handsome. Yes, sir; for a Chuck he was handsome. You see, he was younger than Johnny, and there wasn't so much gray in his coat.

Johnny looked back at Polly Chuck. He could see that she was admiring the stranger. He looked back at the latter. He could see that the stranger knew that he was being admired. Jealousy rage filled Johnny Chuck's heart.

The next story "Polly Chuck Watches a Great Fight" (Copyright, 1925).

Slocum Named for Mayor. York, March 16.—At the republican city convention E. A. Slocum, proprietor of Hotel McCloud, was made candidate for mayor of York.

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STREAMS STOCKED WITH TROUT FRY

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planted in the streams in this immediate vicinity in the last five years, and there is now some good trout fishing within seven miles of Bridgeport, where fish 18 inches in length can be caught. There are also plenty of bass and other game fish in addition to the natives of the river.

The straight and narrow path—the fire escape.

It Means Much to Me and Much to You Also

I am glad to announce that I have secured the exclusive right to install Keith Furnaces in Omaha. This means a lot to me, and also to every man who has a home to heat, because the Keith Monitor Furnace is famous for giving all-winter comfort on a minimum of coal.

Come in and inspect the Keith Furnace—to see how carefully it has been designed and built—to realize how much the reversible-flue one-piece radiator can do to get all the possible heat from your coal—to understand why the extra wide air space speeds the flow of warm air to the rooms above.

Call me in to help solve any heating problem. I am prepared to furnish complete plans and estimates without charge or obligation, whether you are putting in a new furnace or making your present heating plant give you better results.

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