

STATE WINS BIG COMPLIMENTS

Federal Officials Praise Methods of Dealing With Street Railways

Chairman Ainey, of the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania, appeared, upon invitation, before the Federal Electric Railway Commission, appointed by the President, and during the course of his examination by the commission was told that the policy of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission in disposing of its cases had received more favorable comment by both the utilities and the public than any other State commission, and Chairman Elmquist, in making this statement, said that the comparison had been made by various witnesses who appeared before them.

Commissioner Sweet said that insofar as he was aware the Pennsylvania law and the policy of the Pennsylvania commission in dealing with the public and utilities had been commented upon in a favorable and complimentary manner by the various witnesses who had been examined.

Chairman Ainey in his remarks emphasized that where increased rates were demanded by public service companies that the public was entitled to know that these demands were not predicated upon over capitalization or watered stock and that the returns which the company was entitled to receive should be based upon a fair valuation of the property devoted to public use, that the railway companies could clarify the situation by a plain statement that they would make no demand for increases in rates on any other basis than that such increase was required to pay their operating expenses, providing a reserve for depreciation to keep the property in good condition for public service and a fair return upon the valuation of the property and not upon over capitalization.

FREE SERVICE IS NOT ALLOWED

Interesting Decision Made by the Public Service Board

"Strictly speaking, there is no such thing as 'free service,'" says a Public Service Board decision handed down today by Commissioner J. W. Reed, of Clearfield, in dismissing a complaint of the borough of East Pittsburgh against the Pennsylvania Water Company, which supplies a number of towns near Pittsburgh. The borough complained that the company in refusing to give free water service for fire hydrants and municipal purposes violated a franchise ordinance with such requirements. The company contended that it acted in accordance with decisions of the Commission in other water cases and that to furnish free service would be to discriminate against other towns which did not get it.

Judge Reed holds that to allow free service under the circumstances would be to create a discriminatory condition between patrons of the same class which would palpably offend against the Public Service Company law. He said every service rendered without charge is necessarily paid for by another and that when it becomes discrimination the matter falls within the law.

The Commission holds that under previous decisions the provisions of the ordinance can be set aside in such cases.

Seven-Cent Fare—The Philadelphia and Eastern Electric Railway Company has filed notice with the Public Service Commission that effective September 17 it will increase its fares from seven to eight cents per zone. Notices of increases have been filed by the Carbon Telephone Company, operating in Carbon county; North Pittsburgh Telephone Company, Mt. Zion and Frederickburg Rural Telephone Company, Lebanon county; Pittsburgh-Beaver Light Company, Beaver and Allegheny counties, and Northumberland County Gas and Electric Company, Sunbury.

Studies of Dams—Data showing how every dam in Pennsylvania furnishing power and many used for water supply stood the strain of the high waters this year as the result of the unusually heavy rains is being assembled by the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania and will have important bearing upon the future development of water power in some of the industrial sections where plants have been under consideration. Engineers have been engaged for weeks in study of the streams and dams, sections where there was high water and heavy pressure being given careful inspection. Owing to the remarkable rainfall this year conditions have been favorable for studies for future regulation of dams and power development.

To Have Geologist—Appointment of a State Geologist, the first officer of that kind to be named in Pennsylvania in over a quarter of a century, will be made by Governor William C. Sproul early in September, according to present indications. Names of several men of high qualifications have been submitted to the Governor, but no intimation has come from him as to his plans. It is believed that the Governor will select some one who will make special studies of the mineral deposits heard of from time to time and that attention will be given to iron and similar metal traces which have been reported. The fact that the act creating the Bureau of Geology allows the Governor and Secretary of Internal Affairs to fix the salary may enable the State to obtain services of some one man of big scientific attainments.

Contracts Let—Highway Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler has awarded these State road contracts: Winston & Co., Kingston, N. Y., 15,683 feet in Wolf township and Picture Rocks borough, Lycoming county, at \$155,377.12; James McGraw Co., Philadelphia, 16,218 feet in Lehigh county on route from Emanuel to Allentown, at \$106,897, and Edward C. Cornish and Wallace Miller, Uniontown, 4,101 feet in North and South Union townships, Fayette county, at \$51,476.21.

To File Answer—Deputy Attorney General W. E. Hargest will file an answer on the part of the Auditor General and State Treasurer in the action in equity brought by Willie Collins, of Norwood, to prevent payment of State appropriations to hospitals and homes alleged to be sectarian. The answer will likely be filed next month.

Must Show Facts—The State Compensation Board in an opinion by Commissioner Paul W. Honek has ruled that it must be shown that a special officer employed by a corporation to keep trespassers from a property is in the line of his employment when injured. This decision was given in the case of Stahl vs. Watson Coal Co., Saltsburg, and ends an unusual appeal. The decedent was employed as a special officer subject to call at any time. He generally worked at night and was found dead beside railroad tracks after having said that he was going home. Part of the property fronting on the railroad where he was found is owned by the employing company. The claim was that the man was in course of his employment, but the referee held that it must be specifically shown and that the testimony did not do so. In *Greene vs. Actna Chemical Co.*, Oakland, an agreement for death of Edward A. Greene was set aside, it being shown that the woman who made it was not his widow. The decedent had given her name and that of a minor child as his decedents. The woman claimed that she did not know of any child. Shortly afterwards a woman who proved marriage and paternity of her child appeared. She was granted compensation, the previous award being set aside, notwithstanding Greene's statement when employed that the other woman was his wife.

To Overhaul Code—The special committee named to complete the code for protection of eyes and heads of workmen in industries has arranged to meet in Harrisburg on September 9. The idea is to finish the code, which will apply to steel and other industries, and have a public hearing in the autumn.

street, last evening and fully one hundred persons were present from Middletown, Highspire, Steelton, Harrisburg, Hummelstown and Elizabethtown. After a social hour refreshments were served. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental solos, recitations and addresses. The property owners on South

Union street who were ordered to lay pavements, have started on same and will lay concrete pavements from the George Rife property to the Heagy property a distance of one square.

Harry Richards, who had been stationed at Camp Meade, Md., for the past year owing to a broken leg, is spending sometime in town as the

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Koons, Pike street, and is able to be about without the aid of crutches.

George Bradley, of Dayton, Ohio, is spending sometime in town having been called here on account of the death and funeral of his grandfather, the late P. A. Snyder.

The Girl Scouts troop which was formed in town two weeks ago are

meeting with success and a meeting will be held on Monday evening at the home of Miss Helen Gotshall, South Catharine street when several new members will be taken in.

Miss Katharine Angstadt is spending sometime at Ambridge, as the guest of her brother, Wallace Angstadt.

Miss Emma Wagner and Miss Cor-

Herr, of Lancaster, and Miss Mae Martin, of Manheim, who were the guests of J. E. Martin and family, East Main street for the past week, returned to their homes.

The game of baseball that was to be played by the Reading team of the Allison Hill League and the home team on the fair grounds last evening was cancelled on account of sev-

eral of the members of the former team being sick. A good game is looked for next Tuesday evening, August 26, between the Klein Choccolate team, of Elizabethtown, and the home team on the fair grounds.

Christian Rousher and Grant Fornwalt, have completed repairing the two large furnaces in the cellar of the High School building.

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Lodge Celebrates Its Seventeenth Anniversary

The Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 45, Shepherds of Bethlehem, celebrated its seventeenth anniversary of the lodge in the Red Men's Hall, Ann