

COMMISSION IS JUBILANT OVER BALTZELL EDICT

Decisions on Utilities Are Along Lines Approved by State Group.

Public service commissioners are happy over the decision in favor of the commission's orders handed down Wednesday by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Praising Judge Baltzell for his decision, Frank T. Singleton, chairman of the commission and by virtue of his position spokesman for the group, today said:

"The public service commission has had its day in court.

"Three of our orders have been approved. Judge Baltzell sustained the principal findings of Commissioner Calvin McIntosh in the Steuben County telephone company case, where the petitioners had sought to charge to operating expenses attorneys' fees, engineers' fees, and accounting fees, all incurred by the utility in attempting to obtain higher rates than were fair.

"The extra expenses were to be charged to operating costs, which were to be paid by patrons in the form of increased rates.

Commission Is Sustained

"Judge Baltzell's allowance of these fees was less than half of that claimed by petitioners and was very little more than the sum allowed by the commission. Therefore, this feature of the commission's policy was in principle sustained by the Federal Court.

"The commission was sustained particularly in the Royal Center telephone case, order for which was prepared by Commissioner Harvey Harmon.

"In this case the commission declared itself to believe that the patrons of the utility should not be required to pay for service more than that service is worth.

"The finding here was that the existing rates of the Royal Center Telephone Company were as high as they should be, because the service rendered by it to its patrons was such that a rate increase would require patrons to pay more than the service rendered is worth.

Under Utilities' Claim

"In the Vincennes water case, Judge Baltzell upheld the fair value found by the commission in an order prepared by Commissioner Howell Ellis. The value was declared by the commission to be \$725,000, while the utility claimed it to be \$1,400,000.

"This was a wide difference and the commission believes that the price paid by the owners for the common stock of this utility only a short time before its petition for an increase in rates was filed was one evidence of fair value.

"Judge Baltzell, according to his

Holdup Scene and Hero



Central State Bank, 2662 Central Ave., and Orville Denbo, assistant cashier, who whipped out his gun and started shooting when a holdup man tried to rob the bank at 7:55 this morning.

decision, evidently believed the same thing.

"This case involved the matter of fair value of utility property for rate-making purposes, which is the principal basis for all contention in determining schedules of rates.

"There has been a tendency to seek maximum rates because of the high cost of materials entering into construction of public utilities, and owners believe these costs favorable for seeking high rates for service.

"Judge Baltzell's decree in these three cases," Singleton said, "defines the issues clearly and is particularly pleasing to the commission and seems to confirm its position in its effort to define fair value.

DRYS NOMINATE PARTY LEADERS AMID DISORDER

Hoover's Defect, Proposal of Smith's Name Cause Parley Revolts.

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 13.—Scenes of disorder, during which personal fights were narrowly averted, marked the final session of the National Prohibition party convention here, as William F. Varney, Rockville Center, L. I., was selected as the presidential nominee of the party.

Placing of the name of Al Smith, "Wet" Democratic candidate, in nomination, a revolt led by J. B. Hammond, Des Moines, Iowa, and a second revolt as the balloting began, preceded the nomination.

James A. Edgerton, Alexandria, Va., was nominated for the vice presidency over Frank Regan, Rockford, Ill. Edgerton received 68 votes and Regan, 29.

Varney's selection came on the second ballot. With sixty-one ballots needed for election he received fifty-three on the first ballot. Herbert Hoover received 42, Aaron S. Watkins, Waynesville, Ohio, 16, and Smith 2. On the second ballot Varney received 68 votes and Hoover 45.

The party, however, left the way open to endorse Hoover by the adoption of a resolution empowering the national committee to replace its nominees with others and also to bar prohibition candidates for presidential electors in any States where such a campaign will aid Governor Smith.

Varney's nomination came at the end of a day of dispute.

The first disagreement between delegates came early in the day when Clinton Howard, Rochester, N. Y., presented a resolution proposing that the party refrain from nomination and call upon Hoover to declare himself for prohibition.

The second demonstration of discord started when James M. Templeton, Cary, N. C., nominated Governor Smith. Delegates rushed through the aisles and threats of fighting, without fulfillment, were heard on all sides.

The last serious revolt came just before the balloting, when twenty delegates left the hall, protesting the insistence on the endorsement of Hoover. Other delegates followed and more threats of blows were heard, but none was struck. Finally all delegates returned and balloting began.

The convention closed after both

Recompense



Add to the list of those who make sacrifices to maintain their good name, Donald Muir of Anthony, Kan. Muir from his personal wealth just has completed payment of \$110,000 to creditors of the failed Home State bank of which he was an officer. Every depositor has been paid in full. He gave up the bulk of an estate founded by his father.

Varney and Edgerton had accepted and thanked the delegates for their nomination.

U. P. HEAD HONORED

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio, July 13.—Karl A. Bickel, president of the United Press Associations, last night was appointed honorary member of the Cambridge Rotary Club.

Bickel was the principal speaker on the program arranged in his honor. He addressed the gathering on the spread of good will among all peoples of the earth.

Among distinguished Rotarians present were Edward A. Guest, Detroit, and Leonard Skeels, Youngstown, International Rotary director.

Walter Mowery, vocational agriculture teacher in Warren Township, was also present.

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BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUBS TO CAMP AT FAIRGROUND

Purdue Instructors Arrange Five-Day Program for Farm Youth.

Central Indiana's first summer camp for 4-H Club boys and girls will open Monday at the State fairground, and continued through Friday.

Five days of entertainment and instruction by workers in the extension department of Purdue University are scheduled.

At least 150 boys and girls are expected, C. J. Murphy, assistant Marion County agent, estimated today, while this number probably will be doubled if farm land is too wet to work early next week.

Farmers are so far behind due to continued rains that the attendance is expected to be cut lower than it was first hoped.

Here From Four Counties
Boys and girls from Marion, Morgan, Hancock and Hamilton counties will attend, arriving early Monday. They will camp the five days at the fairgrounds, the boys being housed in the camp dormitory and the girls in the dormitory at the horse barns. The cooking will be done in the camp kitchen.

Walter Kolb, vocational agriculture teacher in the Greenfield schools, will be camp director, while Murphy is manager.

County Agent Harold Yarling is assistant camp director. Mrs. Richard Roden is assistant to Murphy. Mrs. Roden is assistant principal of Warren township schools and head of the home economics department.

Walter Mowery, vocational agriculture teacher in Warren Town-

ship schools, will be in charge of recreation and games.

Instructors are: A. A. Hansen, head of Purdue extension department of botany, in charge of nature study; Harry Ainsworth, assistant 4-H club leader; May Master of the extension department, home economics and agricultural teacher Johanningsmeier, in charge of agriculture.

Marion County Agent C. Henry is assisting Murphy, who has charge of club work in Marion County. Murphy said the club work here has grown satisfactorily in the two years it has been in progress.

The camp in Indianapolis is one of nine being held in Indiana this summer, through the cooperation of the Purdue extension department, and is the first to be held in central Indiana. Heretofore, the club work has not been organized sufficiently to permit a camp.

The Y. M. C. A. business firms and others interested in development of farm boys and girls are contributing the entertainment for the evenings, and other periods not occupied by class instruction and field experiments and demonstrations. All activities will be confined to the fair grounds.

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RETIRED M. E. PASTOR EXPIRES IN HOSPITAL

The Rev. William D. Wood, 74, for forty-seven years a Methodist minister, died at the Methodist Hospital Thursday following a long illness.

Mr. Wood had been retired since 1922, living at Greenwood. He began his service as a minister in the Indiana Methodist conference in 1881.

At one time he was the pastor of the Columbia Avenue and Edgewood churches here. Other Indiana churches he served included Brooklyn, Lawrence, Castleton, Southport, Bicknell and Quincy.

His son, Dr. C. S. Woods, formerly was superintendent of the Methodist Hospital and now is superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland. The widow also survives him.



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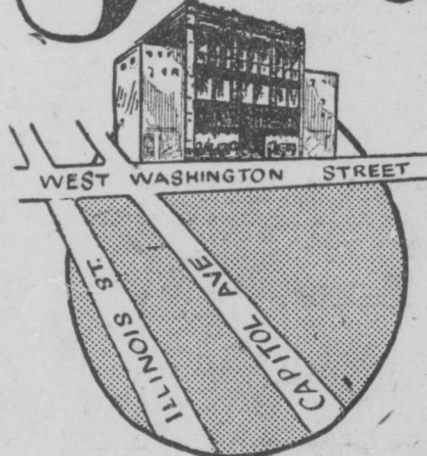
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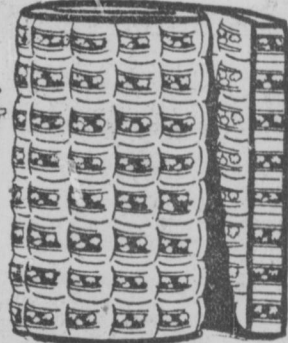
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