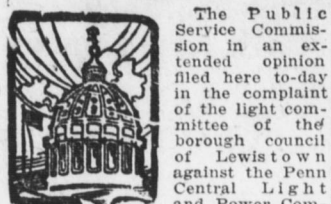


MINIMUM RATE IS NOW UPHELD

Interesting Decision by Public Service Commission in the Lewistown Case



The Public Service Commission in an extended opinion filed here to-day in the complaint of the light committee of the borough council of Lewistown against the Penn Central Light and Power Company, which has its main office in Altoona, declares that the public service company law allows a minimum charge and upholds a "ready to serve" charge.

The decision says in the course of discussion of the minimum monthly charge of \$1 for electric service, "The reasonableness of minimum schedules has been firmly established and is specifically approved in the public service company law. The use of a separate charge to cover stand ready costs is very general in electric power schedules and at the present time the trend is undoubtedly toward a wider use of this form of charge in gas, water and other utilities delivering service. The public service company law does not prohibit its use either directly or indirectly. There is no distinction in principle between a system of minimum payments and a system of ready-to-serve charges. Both are predicated upon the same analysis of total cost of the service. Both recognize the element of 'stand ready to serve.' In a schedule with minimum payment requirements, the ready-to-serve costs are concealed in the rate per unit and in the minimum. In a schedule with a pure ready-to-serve charge these costs stand revealed. The commission has not adopted any fixed policy in the matter of a ready-to-serve charge, even though it has in several instances, under certain conditions and circumstances, approved its use."

In the Lewistown complaint the attack on the minimum monthly charge of \$1 for electric service is declared not unreasonable and in the ready-to-serve gas charge complaint the company is directed to file "a graded system of ready-to-serve charges that will return practically the same revenue as would be received from a uniform ready-to-serve charge of 75 cents a month."

Faust's Work.—Seven hundred and fifty samples of various foods and drinks were taken in thirty counties of Pennsylvania and analyzed by agents of Dairy and Food Commissioner James Faust during November, resulting in fifty-six orders for arrests, including some for the sale of fruit syrups with coal tar dyes and sausage with an undue amount of water. The total receipts for the month were \$5,510.92, making \$453,326.21 since the first of the year.

Pittsburgh Case.—A general conference of counsel and parties inter-

ested in the complaints against fares and service of the Pittsburgh railroads system will be held in Pittsburgh Saturday. Chairman W. D. B. Alney and other commissioners will attend.

Forestry on Alert.—Preparations are being made by the State Forestry Department, in conjunction with the four active forest fire protective associations to meet any fires which may break out in the woods during the hunting season. In the last two years there have been 3,100 fires reported in the woods, most of them small in area, but the aggregate area was 474,091 acres and the total damage the big figure of \$855,474. The cost of extinguishing the fires alone was \$44,132.79, but the lack of appropriations has prevented much development of the service. The four associations co-operating with the state are Pocono Protective Association, the oldest in the United States; Central Forest Fire Protective Association, Belfonte; McKean County Association, Bradford, and the Anthracite Association, with headquarters at Hazleton, which covers large areas containing woods for timber for mines.

Sproul's Busy Time.—Senator William C. Sproul is booked to be a guest at four notable dinners in a week and has more engagements than he can fill. The public service is to "listen in" at the charter dinner, says one newspaper.

Arrest at Milton.—Deputy State Fire Marshal Ryan has arrested Jacob S. Scholty, of Milton, on a charge of setting fire to a hotel in that place.

Some Accidents.—A number of hunting accidents have been reported to state officers from various regions, most of them being a week or so old. Not many serious ones have occurred, it is believed.

Attack Skip-Stops.—The businessmen of Philadelphia have decided to appeal to the State Public Service Commission to change the famous federal government "skip-stop" plan. They claim it is dangerous.

Spangler Favored.—The Philadelphia Public Ledger to-day says that Representative Robert S. Spangler, of York, is generally favored for speaker. It says leaders have "accepted" him.

Hargest Complimented.—William M. Hargest, deputy attorney general, has been highly complimented upon the address he delivered at the Bethel hem Elks Memorial service in Bethlehem on Sunday.

Wilkesburg Case.—The Wilkesburg case, which involves the five-cent franchise ordinance authority is being presented to the Superior court to-day at Philadelphia. The Public Service Commission held that it could set aside an ordinance fixing a fare. The boroughs appealed.

Mr. Schaffer Here.—William I. Schaffer, who will be the next attorney general, was here yesterday to argue the Wayne Sewerage case. This is the first complaint involving rates of a sewerage corporation. It operates in the vicinity of Philadelphia and a valuation of \$170,000 for rate-making purposes was agreed upon.

Board Cleared.—The provost marshal general's office has cleared the members of Philadelphia local board No. 38 from charges made by G. Drummond. This is one of the flare-ups from that city.

Arthur to the Front.—John E. Arthur, former legislator, who is chief of the bureau of city property in Philadelphia, is out with a state-

ment that the reason valuable paintings are exposed to mice and rats in the Independence Hall buildings is because the art jury is not on the job. He says that for ten months he has been trying to get the paintings hung.

Teachers Get Busy.—Philadelphia teachers have started to hold meetings to get interest aroused in the project for the salary increase. Plans for organizations to meet all through the state have been made.

Mr. Hutchinson Here.—George G. Hutchinson, of Huntingdon county, special agent of the Department of Agriculture, was here to-day.

Congressman Ill.—Congressman-at-Large W. J. Burke, of Pittsburgh, is very ill at his home. His daughter died from influenza.

SOLDIERS APPRECIATE CANTEN WORKERS

Four soldiers who had been aided by the work of the Red Cross canteen service, sent a dollar bill yesterday in appreciation. A number of enthusiastic letters have been received, praising the work of the canteen volunteers.

MODERN WOODMEN ELECT

At a meeting held last night of Camp 5250, Modern Woodmen of America, the following officers were elected: Consul, Harry Hill; adviser, J. K. Morrow; clerk, E. A. Miller; assistant clerk, John L. Huston; banker, H. H. Powsen; escort, J. J. Matter; physicians, Dr. J. H. Kreider, Dr. A. W. Baker, Dr. C. Albert Fritchey; watchman, George W. Filer; sentry, C. E. Rea; trustee, J. F. Murray.

PATROLMAN KNOCKED DOWN

William Balthaser, patrolman on the Harrisburg police force, was knocked down at Cowden and Herr streets early this morning while he was putting tow arrested men, Russell Potter and Jacob Crist, in the patrol. Margaret Sullivan, who was with the men, was held also under a disorderly conduct charge.

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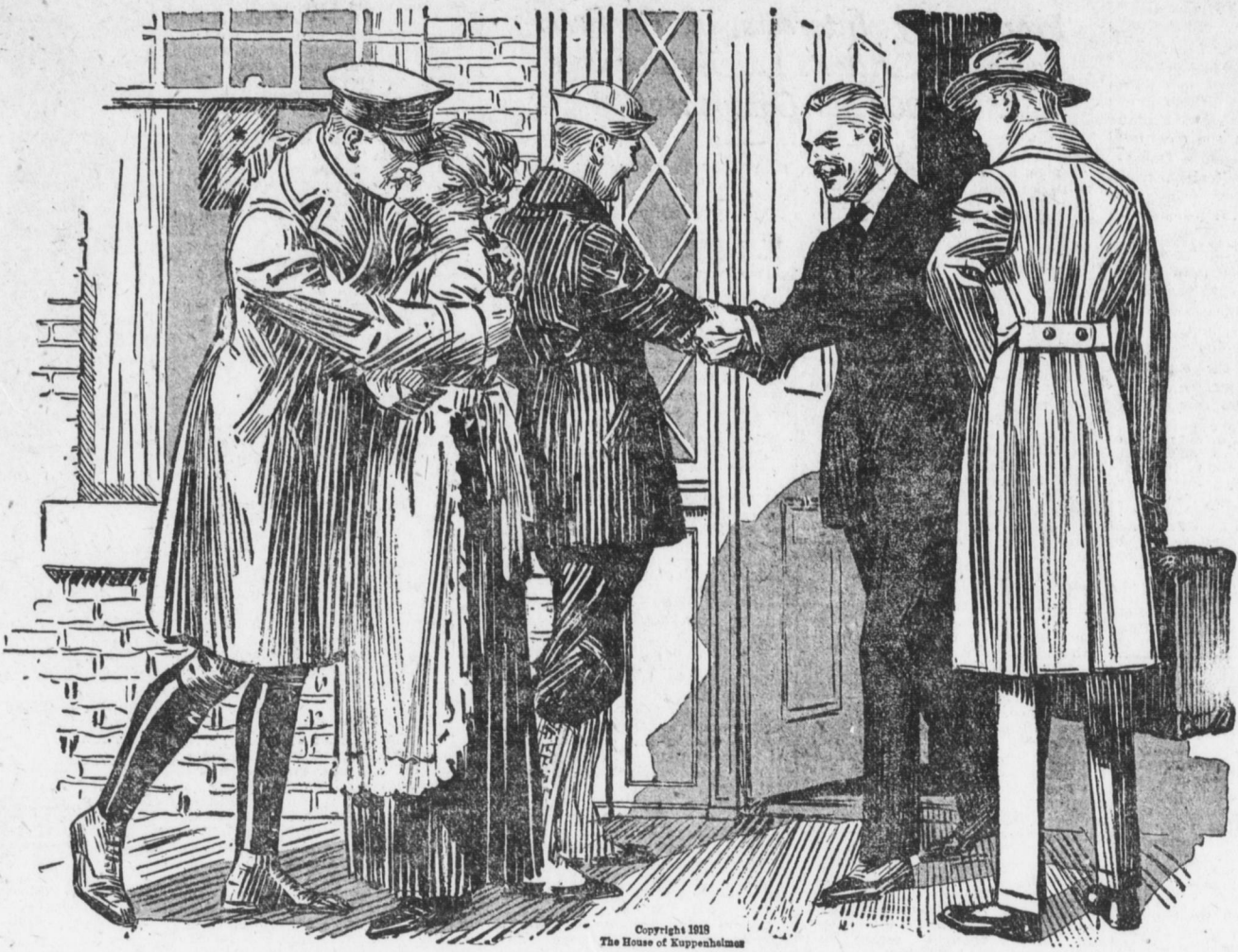
"Having my hands in impure oils caused the skin to come off very badly. The parts affected were my back, arms and limbs, and great patches of burning and itching pimples kept me awake many a night. The pimples were fiery red and hard, and I scratched till many a time I had my limbs and back bleeding."

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