# **GO ON GRILL TODAY**

Action Begins Under Malarkey Bill and Results Will Effect People's Purse.

RATE SCHEDULES TARGET

Aim Is Directed at Companies Which Have Changed Schedules Without Permit Since Jan., 1911. Sessions Open to Public.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 26 .-- More than 1000 public utilities of Oregon will go through a grilling here before the commission tomorrow and Saturday. The conferences probably will have a more far-reaching effect on the intimate expense account of the people of the state than any that have been held under public supervision.

The hearings will mark the dealing of the first blow for fair and impartial rate regulation, service regulation and general regulation for all classes of utilities that come under the Malarkey act.

Not a village, hamlet, community or city but will be interested. The conferences will have to deal with the re mote telephone wires which stretch over sage brush and desert wastes of Eastern and Central Oregon or Into the mountain fastnesses of Western

Power Firms Come First.

"The first conference is to be held with the electric light and power plants and street railway systems, but the conference Saturday is with the gas, water, telephone and telegraph utilities," said Chairman Clyde B. Altchison, of the State Railroad Commission "In order to determine what utilities

were within the jurisdiction of the commission and subject to regulation by the state, the commission some weeks ago addressed to the Mayors of the various incorporated cities and towns of the state inquiries as to what utilities were located in their The answers received have been tabulated and about a thousand persons, firms and corporations have been reported to the commission as engaged in business which brought them within its supervision.

preliminary report form was thereupon sent out to each of the supposed utilities with the request that the information called for be returned forthwith. This report form designated the nature of the business of the utility and its capitalization, officers and such other facts as were necessary to enable the commission to know with whom it was doing business.

Uniform Accounts Proposed.

"Simultaneously the call for the two conferences to be held on Friday and Saturday was transmitted to each util-It was manifestly impracticable to deal with all of the subjects which are to be considered in one day hence the division by industries into the two days. The matters to be taken up are generally similar in the case of the various utilities within the jurisdiction of the commission is the establishment. form accounts. In each rate case the Hild, general manager; F. I. Fuller, whether the corporation is earning enough money or is carning to enough money or is earning too much money, and unless the accounts are kept in uniform manner according to economically sound basis the regulation of rates will somewhat be in the dark. Many of the utilities are also operating in other states and it is operating in other states and it is highly desirable that the system of accounts prescribed shall be uniform ove the entire Northwestern section of the

country.
"The Washington Public Service Commission has undertaken the establishment of uniform accounts for the utilities within its jurisdiction, as has also the Railroad Commission of the State of California. The commission will arrange with the various utilities that they shall hereafter keep proper construction accounts which will show the quantities and the unit prices entering into all of the various items of construction, either by way of new property or additions and betterments.

Schedules to Be Probed.

Unquestionably the utilities will be advised to get their accounts in such shape that it will be a. easy as possible for the commission to estimate the re-production cost and the original cost of each of the utilities, both the amount by the physical property and that paid for franchises, etc.

"By law the commission is directed to ascertain the cost of production of each of the units of the service of the various kinds of public utility services. This is one feature of the accounting system which will be gone

into at the two conferences. By the terms of the Malarkey bill ever public utility is required to file with the commission its schedules in effect January 1, 1911, and is not per-mited to increase such rates without obtaining the consent of the commissolon. It is known that in many cases during the interval between the passing of the Malarkey bill in February, 1911, and its final adoption by the pecple in 1912, many utilities have in-creased the rates or have reclassified their services in such way that the rates in effect January I, 1911, are ex-ceeded or are no longer used as the basis. In each such case the utility will be required to file an application for authority to make such increases or deviations from the tariffs in efect on January-1, 1911, and to show cause for obtaining such permission.

Hearings Open to Public.

of the company with other utilities for interchange of business and the like. Particular attention will be directed to the question as to whether there are any discriminatory rates or contracts at the present time.

"In order to avoid dealing with the entire body of the utilities, the suggestion is made by the commission and probably will be voiced at the conferences, that representative committees be appointed from each industry which can take up the subject of uniform rates, tariffs and the like with the commission and represent their respecommission and represent their respec-

PORTLAND OFFICIALS ATTEND

Delegation From Light & Powe Company Leaves at 8:20 A. M.

Officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will go to Salem today to meet with the State Railway Commission sitting as the newly ordained Public Utilities Com-mission, and discuss with them the

FATHER OF MRS. JOHN H. BUR-GARD VICTIM OF PARALYSIS.



William E. Clark.

BICKREALL Or. Dec. 16 -- (Special.)-William Edward Clark, ploneer of Oregon and an esteemed cit-lzen of this community, died at his nome yesterday as the result of a seized December 20. Mr. Clark was horn in Missouri in 1834, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852. His father and mother died and were buried on the plains, and it remained for Mr. Clark, who was then but 18 years of age, to bring his younger brothers and sister to their destina-tion in safety. Upon arriving in Or-egon Mr. Clark settled in Polk County, where he resided continu-ously until his death. He came to responsibilities thrust upon him, but, by energy and thrift accumulated a competence. He was a successfu farmer and stockraiser and leaves a valuable farm two miles north of Bickreall. The funeral will be held

On December 23, 1835, Mr. Clark was married to Levinia Tatom, who survives him, as do the following children: Richard W. Clark, of Tacoma, Mrs. John H. Burgard and William E. Clark, Jr., of Portland, Mrs. A. P. Kirkland, of Indepen-dence; Mrs. Nat S. Burch, Mrs. B. A. Washburne and James L. Clark, of Springfield, and Miss Maud Clark,

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ALBANY DEPOT IS OPEN

Oregon Electric Station Erected at Cost of \$20,000.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 26,-(Special.)-The Oregon Electric depot in this city was opened yesterday. the best depots in the state. The structure is 110 by 32 feet, constructed of

stone trimmings.

The center of the building is devoted to a large waiting-room and ticket office. The east end of the building is utilized as a baggage-room and the west end for a special waiting-room for women.

The interior woodwork is slash-rained in except the wainscoting in

The interior woodwork is slash-grained fir except the wallacoting in the women's waiting-room, which is of quarter-sawed oak. The main wait-ing-room has a six-foot tile wainscot-ing. The ceiling is decorated with staff cornices and the lighting fixtures are of solid brass for indirect lighting. The cost was approximately \$20,000.

LEBANON POOR GET GIFTS

Methodists Provide Christmas Presents for Needy of Any Faith.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 78 .- (Special.)-The Methodist Church of this city departed from the usual method of having a Christmas tree to distribute presents

a Christmas tree to distribute presents to the children of the church people. They held their tree in the church but it only contained presents for the poor and needy of the city.

Committees were applointed to look into the matter of the poor of the city and any family who was unable to provide their children with presents were reported to the general committee who provided all such with suitable presents.

The giving was not limited to poor members of their own church but the poor outside of the church were provided for as liberally as any.

The church gave a concert Christmas night, Sunday school children taking

Hearings Open to Public.

"Of course, all such hearings will be open to the public and the patrons will be given equal opportunity to examine into the applications and make any representations desired. The commission will also discuss the forms of flied by the various utilities. With several hundred utilities to be regulated and whose rates must at all times be on file with the commission, it is manifest that uniformity in the style of the tariffs is absolutely essential.

"It is probable the commission will ask that copies of all franchises and contracts heretofore executed or obtained by any utility in any way afmecting its service be filed with the commission, together with a statement of the past history and consolidations

The Emporium 5 Day Ors-Inventory Hindup of Suits, Coats, Dresses

which began Thursday morning, has set all feminine Portland a talking! Scores invested their Christmas gift money yesterday in new Suits, Coats and Dresses, at these compelling, low Pre-Inventory prices.

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Gold Robbery Suspect to Begin Habeas Corpus Action.

NO CHARGES ARE PLACED

Prisoner Chafes Under Three Days Jail Life When Prosecuting Attorney Fails to File an Information Against Him

ment in the County Jail without any charge being filed against him, Clem H. Shepard, arrested as a suspect in connection with the Humboldt gold rob-bery of September, 1910, today stated that he would at once institute habeas that he would at once institute haboas corpus proceedings for his release. Jailer Allan Stark called up Prosconting Attorney John F. Murphy Wednesday and saked for some authority to hold Shepard in jail. Mr. Murphy promised to file an information against him today. The information had not been filed up to closing time this evening.
"I am not authorized to hold prisoners here for any length of time without some authority," said Jailer Stark

Business Men Promise Support. Shepard has been assured of support in fighting for his liberty by promi-nent business men who have known him for many years. His former em-ployers have also assured officials of their confidence in his integrity. It is contended by Shepard's friends that Cavaness and Barrett are relied upon red tapestry brick, laid in Flemish bond with raked joints and Sterling stone trimmings.

The center of the building is devoted to a large waiting-room and ticket office. The east end of the building is utilized as a baggage-room and the west end for a special waiting-room for women.

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Government Starts Probe It is not improbable the Federal Gov-rement will proceed against those al-eged to be concerned in the Humbold gold robbery. The announcement at the United States District Attorney's office today that an investigation was being made by agents of the Depart-ment of Justice but that these agents

ment of Justice but that these agents as yet made no report.

Theft on the high seas and receiving and concealing stolen goods, for which penalties of 12 years and fines of \$11.000, or both, may be imposed, constitute the offenses against the Federal Government, should it decide to prosecute as well as the state, under which previous convictions were obtained.

GOOD ROADS TAX IS VOTED

Clackamas County Districts Prepare

or Improvement Work.

OREGON CITY. Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The fight for good roads seems to be bearing fruit in the eastern as well as in the western end of Clackamas County. The following supervisors report the approved taxation of their road districts as follows: A. N. Jensen, No. 2, 19 mills; G. T. Hunt, No. 45, 10 mills; Charles Duncan, No. 10, 5 mills; J. A. Reid, No. 25, 6 mills.

George, of which district A. N. Jensen is supervisor, voted a 10 mill tax, and made plans for blowing out stumps on the Estacada road in preparation for grading in the Spring. Springwater voted a tax of 6 mills and elected J. A. Reid supervisor.

From one and of the county to the contains in miniature an almost which contains in miniature and almost washington also has a candidate, and the decision between the two men will be made at a conference of the college presidents of the state, to be held in Everett Friday.

Palace Reproduced on Agate.

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From one end of the county to the other citizens of different communities are fighting the battle of good roads.

CONTRACTS NOT AFFECTED

Ruling on Hood River \$90,000 Bond Issue Arouses False Fear.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 28, (Spe-al.)—Since the news came from Sa-m that the Supreme Court had

handed down an opinion to the effect that the \$90,000 municipal water bond issue of this city was illegal. Mayor Blanchar has received a number of in-quiries as to whether or not the de-cision will invalidate contracts let Monday night for municipal work. It is supposed by those who do not understand the situation that the decision of the Supreme Court refers to the recent bond issue. However, it has no bearing whatever on the last issue, which has been sold and the money for which has been received by the city.

The decision is in an old case three years ago, when an issue of bonds of like amount was held up by an intunction by J. F. Batchelder, a Hood River citizen. As soon as the city found that the issue would be illegal proceedings were at once begun to remedy the defects and make a sale of the bonds by another advertisement. The contract let to the Reliance Construction Company of Portland is not affected in the least, and the city will proceed as soon as weather conditions permit to install the new municipal

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.) KLAMATH LAND RECLAIMED

Government Will Lease Former Bed of Tule Lake to Highest Bidder.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 26.-Special.)—The United States Reclama (Special.)—The United States Rectainstion Service officials have posted notices that about 1100 acres of land, uncovered on the shores of Tule Lake by the recession of its waters will be leased for three years to the highest bidders, on January 13. 1912.

This is the first tangible result of the large amount expended by the Govern.

This is the first tangible result of the large amount expended by the Government in building the Clear Lake reservoir and the Lost River diversion channel. Many years ago Tule Lake covered a much less area than at present and the old emigrant trail crossed the eastern portion of the lake bed, where there is now eight to ten feet of water. The Government work has stopped the inflow of water and has already upcovered much land belonging to priuncovered much land belonging to private parties, taken up when the water was lower than it has been of recent years. Some of this land was farmed in 1912 and the area which will be cultivated in 1913 is estimated at 2000

BOY BREAKS THROUGH ICE

Klamath Falls Skater Rescued by Companion After Chilly Plunge.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 26, Khamath Falls, Or., Dec. 26,— (Special)—Joe Skelton, a member of one of several skating parties on Upper Klamath Lake, broke through the ice and had a narrow escape from drowning. Where he fell in the ice was so brittle that it broke constantly under his efforts to climb out of the

under his efforts to climb out of the wator.

Two of his companions were near and Maurice O'Connell skated as near the edge of the ice as was safe and then made a rope from his clothing and that of Harding Cater, who went for a pole to heip in the rescue. By using the pole and the clothing, the boys were able to pull their friend out and then clothing him with their own effects, they rushed him to the nearest fire. He suffered no ill effects.

Whitman's Rhodes Man Named

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—M. S. Taunton, a capitalist of this city, is the possessor of a beautifully shaped and large sized agate, which contains, in miniature, an almost perfect reproduction of the dome of the Palace of the Doges, rising above a network of canals upon which several gondolas can be observed. The stone was secured at Newport.

Three Hurt in Shawnee, Okla., Fire. SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 26.—Fire here today destroyed the Pottawattomic building, one of the largest structures in the business district, causing a loss estimated at \$103,000. Three men were hurs.

Klamath County to Get Experiment Station.

GOVERNMENT TO GIVE HELP

With 978,000 Acres of Arable Land Extensive Co-operative Dry Farming and Irrigation Methods Will Be Promoted.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, gram from the United States Department of Agriculture stating that the Federal Government will co-operate with the State of Oregon in the establishment and maintenance of an irrigation experiment and demonstration farm for Klamath County, the purpose being to provide scientific aid in demonstrating to the farmers the possibilities of production on reclaiment gram from the United States Depart

a conference held at Oregon Agricul-tural College last November when r. H. Newell, director of the United States Reclamation Service, met the college authorities and took up the matter of adopting some practical means by which the Federal Government could work to the best advantage in alding the farmers of Southern and Central Orsern to cultivate their leads most Oregon to cultivate their lands most profitably.

"It is estimated that Klamath County alone has something over 273,-001 acres of tillable land," said Dr. Withycombe, in commenting on the recognition by the Government, "so it can be seen at a giance that the agricultural possibilities in that county are someons." estimated that Klamati In addition to the regular work to



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carried on at the new public farm of the Department of Agriculture in agricultural college is expecting the matte to interest the farmers of the county to do extensive co-operative experimental work in dry farming to determine the best crops and varieties of cereals and forage plants. The field pea DALLAS, Or., Dec. 26,-(Special.)-

Dallas Man After Post.

is claimed by some to be well suited to County Observer and President of the that locality and its use in connection with dairying and hograising will for Calendar Clerk in the Senate Mr. for Calendar Clerk in the Senate. Mr. ton with dairying and hograising will be emphasized in the work.

When asked when the new Klamath irrigation farm would be in operation, the state attack that nothing definite could be said until the Federal Government's offer be accepted by the state and the college authorities senators has been pledged, and only instructed to meet the requirements two more are necessary.





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For those who know that the Removal Sale of highclass Diamonds, Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, etc., at Abendroth's, Jeweler, 342 Washington Street, between Seventh and Park, is to continue until Dec. 31st, when the building is to be torn down. This sale is at 342 Washington Street. The new store is 313 Morrison Street, opposite Postoffice.

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