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New Rates for Lighting.

The findings and order of the Public Service Commission regarding rates, rules and regulations for electric service in Southern Oregon have been received at this office where anyone interested may examine the report which comprises 51 typewritten pages.

The commission sets out schedules of the cost of the service to the company, its receipts under the present rates, etc. and finds that present rates return less than 5 per cent on the investment. The commission denies any intent to raise rates at this time but claims that the present rate is discriminatory and revises them, in fact sets out an entirely new schedule.

In so far as we have examined the new rates the revision is entirely in favor of the large user and against the multitude of persons using a small quantity of the juice: for instance the rate for residences is now \$1.00 for the first 10 kilowatts; the new schedule makes it 90 cents for the first 7 and 10 cents for each of the next 43 k w, making first ten kilowatts cost the consumer \$1.20 instead of \$1.00 as at present. After using 50 kilowatts the consumer gets a rate of 7 cents. The same discrepancy appears in the schedule for "Commercial Lighting," Combined Lighting, "Cooking & Heating" and "Power," in fact in the latter class the rate varies from 8 cents for the first 200 k w to 1 1/2 cents for the excess over 3000 k w used.

(The minimum charge in each case is high enough to allow for the cost of installation, etc. and for each k w over the minimum the same rate should be charged whether it is one kw. or one thousand—the cost is exactly the same. Editor)

The Fuel Famine.

It is not yet too late for the Federal Government to avert the threatened fuel famine in California, but relief legislation must be enacted quickly if disaster is to be avoided. This is the view of well informed captains of industry in the Golden State who say that consumption of crude oil in California is now 600,000 barrels a day above production.

The recent testimony of W. A. Scott, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific Company, to the effect that his road would have to discontinue some of the trains within a short time unless the situation improved, has caused many large industries to wake up to the seriousness of the problem. The Southern Pacific is using 45,000 barrels of fuel oil a day, which is nine to twelve thousand more barrels a day than it can buy or produce. Its entire reserve will soon be exhausted, and the reduction in train service must then follow of necessity.

Meanwhile the richest oil fields in the West are denied to producers on the theory that a navy to be built five years from now may need the supply. Transportation men point out that the need five years from now could not be greater than that which exists now with the country at war at war and America industries striving to supply half the world.

As a simple war measure, the Government could hardly do less than permit the Southern Pacific to supply its fuel needs from its own lands pending litigation. Every barrel of oil which the railroad buys in the open market by offering ten cents above the going price, means that some California industry will be short that amount of its fuel oil needs.

Want To Go To France.

El Paso, Tex., July 25.—Lacking a few men to fill up an artillery regiment for foreign service, General Greber today called for volunteers from two regiments of other branches of the service, choosing that method rather than arbitrarily designating the men needed.

The plan failed, for on the appeal for volunteers, every officer and enlisted man of the two regiments stepped forward.

Eighty Men Are Reported Killed In Coal Mine.

Halifax, N. S. July 25.—Eighty workmen were killed in an explosion at No. 6 mine of the Dominion Coal company at New Waterford, C. B., according to advices received here from Sydney. Twelve bodies had been recovered at noon.

English Channel Is Closed To U-boats.

Across the Eastern mouth of the English channel there still stretches the great barrier which is one of the principal defenses of the allies' vital channel traffic against the visits of the German submarine.

"The barrage," they call the barrier in naval phrase. That consists, in general terms, of a series of "obstructions," stretched from huge buoys, shore to shore, 20 odd miles. Any craft which strikes one of these obstructions straight way explodes a group of mines which spells finis to the intruders.

A whole fleet is constantly engaged in maintaining and patrolling the great barrier. Its existence is no secret to the Germans for they are constantly sending over airplanes to chart the buoys and mark any changes that may have been made since their last visit. And changes are constantly being made.

Here and there along the line are secret openings through which naval pilot may guide legitimate crafts on their way, but these openings are frequently altered and not even the airplanic eye of the German can tell which buoys mark safe passages and which marks destruction. If his mine laying submarines wish to enter the channel they must take their chance. They must cross submerged, for the patrol boats are on constant duty, and if they escape them while submerged, it can only be said that another miracle has happened.

Such miracles seldom happen. Some twice a week, sometimes oftener, explosions are heard at night from the great barrier, indicating that "something has touched off a group of mines immediately the patrols hurry off in the direction of the explosion, what they find there is a well kept secret.

Philadelphia Shaken by Blast

Philadelphia, July 25.—About 400,000 gallons of gasoline were destroyed by fire as a result of an explosion in an oil still at the plant of the Atlantic Refining company there. For a time the entire plant was threatened with destruction. Six employees are missing. The explosion shook the entire city. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Forest Receipts Used For Roads and Schools.

Twenty-five per cent of the total receipts from National Forest business will go to the counties in which the Forests are located as part of the road and school funds. Ten per cent more will be used in the construction of roads and trails within the National Forests. In round numbers this amounts to 159,000 and 63,000, respectively. The states of Oregon and Washington further in the sums of \$127,000 and \$92,000, respectively, for Forest roads, under the Shackleford Act

Silver From Texas

The United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, reports that the Presidio silver mines, in Texas was in continuous operation during the first six months of 1917, that mining was also carried on during that period in the Van Horn and Sierra Blanca districts and that several shipments of copper ore were made from deposits in the "Red Beds" of Foard and Knox counties. The result was a small output of copper, lead, and zinc but a production of silver for the six months of fully 340,000 ounces

Sixty Days for I. W. W.

Chehalis, Wash., July 23.—Eight members of the I. W. W. were sentenced to 60 days in jail by Judge Reynolds, of the Lewis county superior court. The men will break rock at the Meskill quarry.

Tacoma Box Factory Burns

Tacoma, July 23.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Hague box factory, causing a loss of \$50,000. The plant has not been in operation for several weeks and the origin of the fire is a mystery.

German Airship Hunt

American Training Camp in France, July 24.—German aerial squadrons apparently have persistently sought to locate the American troops since their arrival here, but without the slightest success to date. Counter squadrons have been so watchful and energetic that the Germans have been unable to approach the encampment and have been beaten off each time they crossed the French line.

One of these aerial battles took place yesterday evening and another this morning. Both were at points at a considerable distance apart and far removed from the American encampment. They were witnessed by chance by American officers who were touring the country in automobiles. Some 15 planes were engaged in the first fight and a dozen in the latter.

Both the battles were conducted thousands of feet above the ground. The sky was cloudless and the fighting was plainly discernible. The German airmen were forced to turn and make for home without having spotted the American camp.

Alleged P. O. Robbers face Many Charges.

William Collins and Sam Rnbar, who yesterday were convicted of having robbed the postoffice at Riddell, Or., last May, today were placed on trail for robbery of the Phoenix, Or., postoffice. This afternoon they were to be tried on another count charging them with conspiracy to rob the same postoffice. On the latter count Donald Matheson will be tried also. The government alleges they are professional office robbers. Assistant United States Attorney Rankin is directing the prosecution.

Barbers at Eugene on Strike

Eugene, Or., July 25.—Eugene has a strike of its own. Every journeyman barber in the city, numbering about 20 walked out this morning because the bosses refused to grant them shorter hours. They demanded that they be allowed to go to work at 8 a. m., instead of 7:30 a. m., and that they be allowed to quit earlier on Saturday night. The employers were firm in their refusal and today none but the proprietors of the shops are on duty. They are rushed and at each shop there is a long waiting list.

Bootlegger Freed Until Jail Can Be Emptied

Klamath Falls, Or., July 25.—Joe Josephs, the bootlegger, who was arrested by a woman rancher while bringing two casks of whiskey to this city in a boat, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay \$300 fine. The jail being full at this time Josephs has been allowed to go free on his own recognizance.

End Of Grays Harbor Strike Is Predicted.

Aberdeen, Wash., July 25.—The strike situation on Grays Harbor today shows decided improvement. Several are operating, and others advertise they will start tomorrow, issued a call for men. It is stated that a majority of the employees are anxious to work and will respond when the whistles blow tomorrow. A general resumption of work is expected Monday.

Anyway, as a flippant person might remark, Germany did not find Brazil an easy nut to crack.

Just now the bear that walks like a man begins to talk like a democrat and to fight like the dickens.

Another German date for the end of the war with a German triumph has passed. It is cruel of the allies to unfix the dates as regularly as Germany fixes them.

Manin's Bid For Fame.

"It is barely possible that had there been no Manin there might have been no world war, for it was at the siege of this little Belgian city in 1794 that the Hanoverian army officer, Scharnhorst, won his first distinction. Subsequently he wrote a military paper on the escape of the Menin garrison, and this brought him to the attention of staff officers of various German states, and he was offered several commissions. He accepted service under the king of Prussia, and from this time dates the beginning of activities that eventually resulted in the establishment of the Prussian military system which was the genesis of the holocaust of nations. It was Scharnhorst, the hero of Menin, who induced his sovereign to put aside the Prussian professional long service army which had been shattered at the battle of Jena and to inaugurate the policy of universal service. This was not ordered, however, until after the originator's death from a wound inflicted at the battle of Lutzen in 1813.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Hot Weather Merchandise at the Coolest Store in town!

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Men Who Don't go to War Must go to Work.

Baltimore, July 24.—Governor Harington has issued a proclamation requiring unemployed able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 50 years in Maryland to register on or before August 20. The governor is determined that those who do not fight shall work.

Poison Beans Found.

Bismarck, N. D., July 23.—Twenty-one sacks of burma beans, declared by E. F. Ladd, State Chemist, to be deadly poisonous, were condemned by Dr. Ladd at a local wholesale grocery here and ordered returned to a St. Paul concern from which they were received. Dr. Ladd asserted the beans contained enough poison to kill every person on the Red River Valley slope.

Can You Beat It?

(Boston Transcript)
"Jack, dear, which would you rather lose, me or my money?"
"You, dearest."
"Oh, Jack!"
"But I would. Because, you see, dear, if I lost you I would have the money to offer a large reward and get you back again."
"You darling boy!"

Her Part, Not His.

"John," whispered his wife, "I'm thoroughly convinced that there is a burglar down stairs."
"Well, my dear," replied her husband sleepily, "I hope you don't expect me to have the courage of your convictions."

Electric Sparks

(From Off Our Wireless)

Lens is likely to fall soon. Save the pieces.
Don't bemoan the fact that you were not among the first to land in France. Take the next boat.

It may be that the Germans, having removed troops from the Russian front are having less men captured than would otherwise have been the case.

Having come to supply Americans with all information that may be lacking as to Roumania and its people, the Roumanian mission probably will be in this country a good while.

It is understood that von Bethmann-Hollweg will make no attempt to reply to that part of Mr. Lloyd George's speech which bluntly announced that the German army had borrowed out of sight.

Why not call the Associated Press man home to be Secretary of the Navy and give Josephus a colorful job as war correspondent?

The British have captured, as it were the outer rim of the Lens.

A private band is too often merely capitalized personality.

Even the great war shows a tendency to take the week ends off.

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He'll exchange them if they do not please.

Why Not Trade at Home?

Auto Accident Injures Eight

Corvallis, Or., July 24.—A small automobile carrying eight persons collided with a jitney Sunday evening and overturned. John Ulmer, driver of the jitney suffered a broken nose. F. L. Burley, station agent at Crabtree, one of the automobilers sustained a broken rib. An infant in arms escaped uninjured.

The report that the Germans are stealing French church bells to make shells rings true.

Somebody in Congress seems to have put an embargo on common sense.

Intoxicated Russia may have to clamp a prohibition law on Liberty.

Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of March, Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
1	60	44	
2	63	38	
3	66	35	
4	73	39	
5	80	41	
6	83	46	
7	86	48	
8	92	51	
9	81	49	
10	65	46	.03
11	55	38	
12	79	33	
13	90	46	
14	93	51	
15	85	52	
16	81	59	
17	88	48	
18	91	52	
19	86	52	
20	88	48	
21	73	48	
22	77	43	
23	80	44	
24	74	49	
25	85	42	
26	85	48	
27	86	48	
28	75	46	
29	73	49	
30	88	43	
31			.03

Temperature—mean max. 79.66; mean min. 45.56; mean 62.61. Max 93. on 14. Minimum, 32. on 12. Greatest daily range, 45. Total precipitation .03 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, .03 in., on 9. Number of days with 0.1 inch or more precipitation, 1, clear, 27; partly cloudy, 3; cloudy, 0.

Total snowfall inches
Precipitation for season,
Precipitation for last season
Seasonal average

E. BRITT,
Cooperative Observer.

Forest Notes

The gross receipts from the National Forests of Oregon, Washington and Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, were \$644,937.57 This is \$150,000 more than the receipts for the preceding year

The members of the Forest service in Oregon, Washington and Alaska are raising a fund to buy an ambulance for military use

Engle Creek Camp and picnic grounds on the Oregon National Forest attracted 2200 visitors on July 4.

Forty tourists, traveling under the auspices of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, are visiting the National Forests and Parks of the West.

For camp cooking, use a small fire. It requires less fuel, is easily approached, and can be readily put out before leaving camp

Timber sale business on the National Forests of Oregon, Washington and Alaska amounted to \$450,000. in the fiscal year

Receipts for grazing on the National Forests of Oregon and Washington were \$168,000 for the fiscal year 1917.