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ELECTRIC RATE HEARING IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Counsel Waive Argument and Commissioner Early Decision.

There was a large attendance at the electric rate hearing Friday before Fred G. Buchtel, public service commissioner, and a keen interest in the proceedings on the part of local users of electric current. City Attorney J. E. Young and O. E. Potter, of Eugene, appeared for the city and citizens, and H. J. Shinn conducted the case for the electric company.

The company submitted a comparative statement of its receipts and expenditures for the past nine months and introduced supplementary evidence by C. M. Shinn, president and manager of the company, to substantiate its claim that the business is being operated at a loss and to justify increase in its rates. The tabulated statement contains many complexities and will be the subject of a brief by counsel for the city. The rate increase was primarily sought by the company because of the increased cost of fuel following the shutting down of the Western Lumber & Export company's mill, from which the light company procured fuel at a low rate.

The city introduced evidence to substantiate its claim that the company produced power wastefully and at a higher cost than necessary on account of deficient boiler equipment, lack of foresight in providing fuel for emergencies, and exorbitant cost of the commercial side of the company's business.

Evidence was also introduced bearing on alleged faulty service, lack of adequate notice of interrupted service to users of current, and alleged tactics treatment of customers.

The city also introduced evidence that four-fifths of its total possible revenue for general purposes is expended for electric light, and that the company refuses a reduction of rate, even though less light should be used. The city asked the commission to allow a monthly minimum of \$175.

Engineer Green, the commission's expert, in his testimony criticized the high cost of the commercial side of the company's expense sheet, calculating from the light company's statement that the office expense amounted to 50 cents a month for each of the company's 500 customers.

There was no argument by counsel, and Attorney Shinn waived filing of brief. Counsel for the city were given ten days in which to file their brief. Commissioner Buchtel promised an early decision.

CHAMBER MEMBERS GO TO LORANE TONIGHT

A large delegation of members of the Cottage Grove chamber of commerce will motor to Lorane this evening and join with the people of that neighborhood in a community dinner, to be prepared and served by the women of Lorane in the grange hall there. An interesting program is promised.

This is the second of these community "get-together" junkets promoted by the chamber of commerce, the first having been held at London some time ago. These meetings are "get-acquainted" affairs, designed to further the mutual interests of city and country by bringing both into a closer and more intimate relationship.

It is expected that more than 80 members will be in the chamber of commerce party, which will leave the city by motor shortly after 6 o'clock this evening. Members who have not made reservations may yet be able to do so by communicating with Secretary Miller at chamber headquarters.

JUNCTION CITY FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYS COTTAGE GROVE HERE TODAY

The Junction City football team comes here today to try conclusions with the local high school aggregation. The argument will take place at Stouffer field and will begin at 3 p. m. Practically the same line-up will be used by Cottage Grove as at the Roseburg game.

Don't have any slackers. Keep track of what each hen does by using egg record cards. For sale by The Sentinel at \$1.75 the hundred.

MISS EVA R. RICHMOND FORMER COTTAGE GROVE YOUNG WOMAN TO SING POPULAR OPERATIC ROLES

The following from a Portland daily will be of especial interest to the many friends of Miss Eva Richmond, former Cottage Grove young woman, who has a voice of splendid promise and whose singing has always been especially appreciated here:

Madame Lucie Valair, director of the Valair Conservatoire de Musique et Art Dramatique, will present and offer to the Portland public an interesting operatic recital in the Lincoln high school auditorium Saturday, October 22. Her advance vocal students will sing and act in costume, with proper stage settings, scenes from the following operas: "Madame Butterfly," "Il Trovatore," "L'Africaine," "Carmen," "Faust," "Tales of Hoffman" and "A Daughter of the Regiment." Miss Eva R. Richmond is one of the conservatoire's students who will be presented in this recital. She will appear as Selika in Meyerbeer's "L'Africaine," Susanna in "Madame Butterfly" and Leonora in Verdi's "Il Trovatore."

COTTAGE GROVE YOUNG WOMAN GETS COPY OF INTERESTING NEWSPAPER FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Miss Beulah Brumfield, of this city, who is a member of a correspondence club and gets a great many unusual letters, has recently received from this source a copy of a daily newspaper, The Chronicle, published at Georgetown, Demarara, British South America, of date of August 27, 1920.

The publication contains 10 pages of seven columns each, and its typography, makeup and English are unique. It is a journalistic sandwich composed of four pages of hashed reading matter, consisting largely of communications from "Your Obedient Servant," "Yours Faithfully," etc., between three full pages of advertising in the front and three full pages in the back.

A woodworking mill offers "to builders, contractors and proprietors, masons, greenheart, morn, crabwood, in boards, blanks and scantlings." A store offers a line of hats in "panama, leghorn, ermine and tagels." Another offers "rope, cement, all kinds of toys, agricultural implements, stationery, etc." Another, "goods that are wanted and at cheap prices too; we mention a few items that we carry large stocks of fresh supplies which we continue to receive every steamer." Another, "new shipment of our well recognized football boots to hand."

Evidently the printers were unable to get up enough type for the edition, for the first three chapters of a serial in plate appear in two different places. A single editorial entitled "Cost of Government," concludes with a paragraph to the effect that "while Germany is paying \$25,000,000,000 as interest and amortization of her present reparations obligations, the United States (should her appropriations for naval and military establishments for the fiscal year 1921-1922 be fairly representative of annual expenditures for the same purpose in the future) will have expended in the same period \$30,000,000,000. Thus a single victor nation is paying more to maintain its predominance than Germany is paying for having lost the war."

From this it would appear that the editor of The Chronicle is a democrat, and is taking a slam at the administration. Under the caption "Things Berliozians Want to Know" appears the following:

"Who is the pugilistic young clerk of a certain public institution who in his anger forgot discretion and pulled off his jacket, thus revealing to the gaze of assembled damsels a 'backless' shirt?"

Georgetown is the capital of British Guiana. It is situated in the country of Demarara on the east side of the Demarara river, fronts on the Caribbean sea, to the north, has an area of 1200 acres and a population upwards of 53,000. It has wide streets, gas and electricity, good telephone and street car systems, two-cent tax rate, a chamber of commerce, and one daily and several weekly newspapers.

COAST LUMBER PROSPECTS LOOK BRIGHTER

One Hundred and Three Mills Report Largest Week's Business in Over Two Years.

Unusual cargo buying coupled with seasonable activity on the part of the western retail trade sent the record of new lumber business to the highest point in nearly two years, during the week ending October 1, say the weekly report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

One hundred and three mills participated in the weekly report to West Coast Lumbermen's association, which shows 81,852,802 feet of new business—an average of 794,687 feet per mill.

New business for delivery by water amounted to 31,872,802 feet or 39 per cent of the total of all new business. The coastwise and inter-coastal business amounted to 16,300,667 feet; export, 15,572,141 feet.

In the trade calling for delivery by rail, a total of 1666 cars was taken on for future delivery, as against shipments of 1392 cars. The unshipped balance in the rail trade is 3521 cars which is approximately 9000 cars short of normal.

Shipments totaled 60,233,660 feet, of which 41,760,900 feet, moved by rail. Coastwise and inter-coastal clearances totaled 12,215,291 feet, and export cargoes 6,248,369 feet.

With the influx of new business, production was 62,125,236 feet or 18 per cent below normal.

The upward trend of orders is not unrelated to production, as wild prosperity interviews from practical or experienced lumbermen, says the report. It has more earmarks of a temporary spurt rather than a buying movement of stability.

In fact, there is said to be a strong element of speculation in the situation, such as has characterized Southern pine during the month of September, with wholesalers buying on speculation against short stocks at the mills.

On the West Coast mill stocks are badly broken. There is a marked and growing shortage of upper grades with a very limited supply of available clear logs.

Miss Armstrong Takes Prize. Miss Aileen Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, formerly of this city, but now living in Eugene, took third prize at the state fair at Salem for eighth grade club sewing work.

BOY PLAYING IN STREET HAS NARROW ESCAPE

One Cottage Grove lad at least will take a shaft at the traffic for some time to come before he rushes out into the street. An accident was narrowly averted a few days ago as Mrs. N. J. Nelson, Jr., turned her car from Seventh into Main. N. J., who considers himself some driver but who takes a rear seat when the head of the household takes the wheel, was in the tonneau. As the car made the turn into Main two lads darted out from the walk and one of them fell directly in front of the car, and only the instantaneous action of the driver saved him from being run down. Mrs. Nelson brought the car to a stop within two feet, and only a few inches from the screaming boy.

Grooves, as well as children, are far too prone to neglect the simple precaution of observing the traffic before crossing streets, especially on busy corners. It is true that there are careless drivers, but that is only another good reason why pedestrians should take due precautions for their own safety.

SHERIFF TURNS \$124,000 TAX MONEY OVER TO TREASURER

A big turnover of county taxes has been made by Sheriff Fred G. Stuckels to County Treasurer Edna Ward, amounting to \$124,019.85, consisting of money collected as the second half of the 1920 tax.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS TO JOURNEY TO JUNCTION

Tentative Program for County Convention Is Announced by the Committee.

The Lane County Christian Endeavor union will hold an institute at Junction City Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. The tentative program follows:

Saturday
11:00 to 2:00—Registration and assignments for entertainments.
2:00—Song service.
2:15—Assembly; Christian Endeavor History and Principle.
3:00—Classes: 1, president and vice-president; 2, secretaries; 3, treasurers; 4, lookout committee; 5, prayer meeting committee; 6, social committee.
3:45—Assembly: Endeavor four-square.
4:30—Recreation.
6:00—Rations.
8:00—Address.

Sunday
Morning: Sunday school and church.
Afternoon: 2:15—Assembly, Christian Endeavor history.
2:30—Song service.
3:00—Classes: 1, president and vice-president; 2, secretaries; 3, treasurers; 4, lookout committee; 5, prayer meeting committee; 6, social committee.
3:45—Assembly: Endeavor four-square.
6:00—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting.
7:00—Address.

This institute is intended to be a help to all young people in their work but especially is it intended to be of vital interest to all Christian Endeavor officers and committees. The new "four-square" program as presented by Dr. Clark, will be explained as it has been outlined by the Oregon State Christian Endeavor union, and instruction will be given to classes covering the six divisions of work as shown in the program. At least six members of each society in Lane county will attend this conference, so that these members may return to their societies and "carry on" the program that Oregon Christian Endeavor expects to put over during the next two years. Oregon stands high in Christian Endeavor work at the world's headquarters, and Lane county has the reputation of having one of the best working district unions in Oregon.

The sessions will be short, intensive and instructive. Inspirational addresses will be given, each evening and Saturday evening at 6 there will be a banquet. Delegates will be entertained on the Harvard plan; that is, with bed and breakfast. There will be a 50-cent registration fee charged to help defray the necessary expenses.

It pays to read the wantads.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETS AND ORGANIZES

The budget committee met at the city hall Monday night and organized by electing Geo. O. Knowles chairman and Andrew Brund secretary. The committee will meet next Monday night to take up the work of preparing and passing the budget for the city's expenses for the coming year. The committee is composed of fourteen members, the mayor and councilmen and the following citizens: Andrew Brund, J. H. Chambers, Worth Harvey, C. J. Kern, Geo. McQueen, C. A. Stevens and R. E. Walker.

BAPTISTS FROM DEXTER SURPRISE FORMER PASTOR

Members of the Baptist church at Dexter and others to the number of 18 motored to the city Sunday morning and attended the service at the Baptist church. After listening to an excellent and forceful discourse by Rev. J. S. Penix, they all repaired to the home of their former pastor, Rev. E. G. O. Groat, where they opened baskets, boxes and jars from which they produced a dinner that would satisfy the most fastidious epicure. Such a dinner and the delightful afternoon's visit, which was brought to a close with singing and prayer, will long be remembered by all with real pleasure.

COTTAGE GROVE HIGH BEATS ROSEBURG 6 TO 0

Couch Hargraves' aggregation of football fiends journeyed to Roseburg Saturday, accompanied by a large delegation of fans, and in the first game of the season walloped the high school team of the city on the unbragous Empqua to a fancy fizzle. The game was hard fought and interesting from start to finish, but the final score of 6 to 0 was not a fair gauge of the superiority of the Cottage Grove team, which outplayed its opponents in every department of the game, though the boys showed some lack of punch in the critical moments, a very little more of which element would have enabled them to pile up an overwhelming score.

The squad contains some very fine material and the team promises to give an excellent account of itself this season.

Charles Spray, c; Ray McCargar, rg; Francis Weeks, lg; Wendell Cochran, rt; Jack Benger, lt; Henry Hubbell, re; Brighton Leonard, le; Harry Skilling, q; George Robinson, rh; Rex Wheeler, f; Harvey Robinson, lb; Eston Porter, Carl Porter and Frank Snodgrass, subs. Ernest Kurze started the game at left guard but went out with a sprained ankle in the first few minutes of play.

English Folk to Get Bartlett.

The Cottage Grove cannery shipped a carload of Bartlett pears Tuesday, which will go to Liverpool, England.

DROP IN FREIGHT RATES IS BEING CONSIDERED

Group of Railway Officials Confers With Harding and Senate Leaders to That End.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Developments which were declared to presage early reduction in railroad freight rates and a clearing of the railroad situation generally, came here today from several quarters.

A group of prominent railroad executives conferred today with President Harding and Senator Cummins, Republican, Iowa, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee and discussed steps toward freight rates reductions preliminary to the executives' meeting at Chicago October 14.

Rate reductions also was the principal topic on the program at a meeting tonight of Democratic and Republican senators comprising the unofficial agricultural bloc. Senators attending the meeting said there was a wide and vigorous demand for rate cuts as imperative to agricultural interests.

Senator Cummins, after his conference with the railway executives, said he believed they would adopt at their Chicago meeting his suggestions for an immediate reduction of freight rates. No definite assurances to this effect were given him at today's conference, he explained, but he expressed the opinion that the reductions would be made by the carriers voluntarily.

The carriers then, Senator Cummins said, probably would ask the railroad labor board to reduce wages or appeal to congress for legislation to meet the situation caused by the voluntary rate reductions.

The railway executives in the conference included T. Dewitt Cuyler, representing a railway securities holders organization; Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania system; President Smith, of the New York Central; President Holden, of the Burlington; and Julius Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific.

"The railway executives," said Senator Cummins after the conference, "feel the only substantial way to reduce rates is to reduce wages. They also feel that the wage fixing functions of the railroad labor board should be transferred to the interstate commerce commission which has the rate making, or return, powers."

Senator Cummins said he did not gather the railway executives favored complete abolishment of the labor board, but believed the same federal authorities which established rail rates or returns should also have power to establish wages. This would require amendment by congress of the transportation act and may be brought up later after the Chicago conference.

FRANK WOODRUFF IS HARD MAN TO HURT

Frank Woodruff was in the city from Portland Monday on business. While not generally considered a tough customer, Mr. Woodruff seems to be a hard man to hurt. One day last week he jumped from a moving train, whose speed he misjudged, and instead of alighting safely and gracefully, he described a parabola and seriously damaged the right-of-way where he did not intend to alight. He was unhurt. The following day a street car attempted unsuccessfully to knock off the track a motor car in which he and others were riding, so he took a couple of days lay-off and returned to the little city where the hard luck hoodoo fails to thrive. Mr. Woodruff is quite well satisfied with his experiments in the accident business and has no wish to make further investigations in that line.

Rev. Hamrick Returned Here.

Rev. Simpson Hamrick, pastor of the Methodist church here for the past two years, has been returned to this charge by appointment of the conference just closed at Forest Grove. Among other appointments are: Colburg, Goshen and Lorane—Rev. C. L. Bennett. Gardiner—Rev. J. L. Beatty. Grants Pass—Rev. Joseph Knotts.

AGED WOMAN REUNITED WITH SON WHOM SHE HAD NOT SEEN FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS

When Mrs. Isabella Skilling arrived here last week from New York City she was reunited with her son William, whom she had not seen for more than 30 years. A little over 30 years ago Mr. Skilling, then 16, left his home in Glasgow, Scotland, and started out to see the world. He travelled from Dan to Beersheba and part of Texas and worked at most everything on the calendar except the printing business, was in San Francisco during the earthquake, by which time he had accumulated a wife and family, and finally came to Oregon. The family arrived in Cottage Grove several years ago.

Mrs. Skilling came to New York 14 years ago and lived there until a short time ago, when she decided to come to Cottage Grove and make her home with her son. She is 80 years of age, but she made the long journey alone. She is deeply impressed with Cottage Grove and says that everything is so clean, so picturesque and so restful that she is going to start right in and live her life all over again.

SENATE O. K.'S E. E. BRODIE AS MINISTER TO SIAM

Washington, Oct. 8.—The nomination of Edward E. Brodie, of Oregon City, Ore., to be minister to Siam was confirmed by the senate today. Mr. Brodie is editor of the Oregon City Enterprise, and is the third Oregon newspaper man to be appointed minister to Siam. John Barret, at that time a newspaper man of Portland and later director of the Pan American Union, was the first, and the second was W. H. Hornbrook, editor of the Albany Democrat. Mr. Hornbrook resigned his post before the expiration of his term and now publishes a newspaper at Vancouver, Wash.

A wanted will rent your house.

HIKING GIRLS ARE COMING BACK TO COTTAGE GROVE

Miss Gladys Hughes and Miss Sarah Rook, formerly employed at The Bartlett, and who will be remembered by Cottage Grove people as the girls who hiked several months ago, are coming back to Cottage Grove and are expected to arrive this week. They will resume their former positions at The Bartlett. Miss Hughes has been in Montana and Miss Rook in Missouri for some months, but the lure of the Cottage Grove country proved too strong to be resisted.

Mrs. Nancy Gaspy Dies.

Mrs. Nancy Gaspy, mother of Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, of this city, died Tuesday in a Springfield hospital. She was 67 years of age and had lived at Fall Creek for 31 years. The funeral was held in Springfield Wednesday afternoon.

NO LOGGING ON JUNIETTA CREEK WATERSHED

Council Declares Protection of City Water Supply of Paramount Importance.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council Monday night a resolution waiving the city's right to a portion of the Junietta watershed, at the new reservoir to protect the city water supply, in order to permit logging operations thereon, was rejected unanimously. The sentiment to protect the city water supply is strong, and it was the expressed opinion that such a policy should have consideration paramount to all others.

The street superintendent was instructed to clean out the drainage ditches north along the Southern Pacific railway right-of-way; also one from Sixth street north past the Standard Oil company's property, and one in the extreme south part of the city.

It was also decided to have a temporary dam built higher up on Prayther creek for the intake in order to avoid the possibility of drainage from the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway.

October Jury Is Drawn.

Only two Cottage Grove men appear in the list of names drawn for jury duty at the coming term of the district court, which opens in Eugene October 17 at 10 a. m. They are Henry B. Bailey and George F. Garoutte. Others from this end of the county are Elmer R. Crowe, Walter B. Gillespie and Blaine Addison, all of Lorane, and W. P. Dick, of Saginaw.

Sawmill Men Pay Fines.

Eugene Register: Eugene J. Lamers, a sawmill owner operating near Cottage Grove, was fined \$25 in the local justice court for failure to have a spark-arrester on the stack of his engine at his mill and Samuel M. Horton, a mill man west of Junction City, paid a similar fine for allowing his slashing fire to get away and spread to timber.

Hays Exceeds Speed Limit.

Superintendent O. W. Hays, while motoring to Roseburg for the football game Saturday, became a little too anxious to arrive. As he was leaving the suburbs of Sutherlin a speed cop hurried out and invited him back to town, where he contributed a modest mite to the Douglas county exchequer.

W. L. & E. MILL OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY

Practically All of Old Crew Are Back on the Job and Saws Are Whirling Merrily.

The Western Lumber & Export company's mill in this city resumed operation Monday morning. Practically all of the old crew returned to their jobs and the mill will be running at capacity within a few days. The logging camp started operations last week and will have a full crew in the woods by the end of the week.

William Frazier Johnson, president of the company, returned Saturday night from a three weeks' conference with business associates in Indianapolis and Chicago, and is optimistic over the general outlook in the lumber industry.

The Harvey Lumber company's mill, which had been shut down since early last June, also resumed operation Monday.

It is reported that the Booth-Kelly Lumber company is employing men for their Wendling plant, indicating that the mill there may soon resume operation.

Several other Lane county lumbermen are now in the coast investigating conditions with a view of operating on their return, and the United States employment office in Eugene reports an increased demand for men, which is taken as an indication that the sawmill industry is reviving in the valley.

The healthier tone of the industry in the coast states and the resumption of activity in many localities will be reflected in a corresponding upward trend of business in general.

STEWART FINDS SAN JOSE SCALE ON LAKE CREEK

The first case of San Jose scale on fruit trees in the Lake creek valley was discovered a few days ago and O. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector, made an investigation but he found the disease in only one locality and on only one tree. Steps have been taken to eradicate it, said the fruit inspector.

Mr. Stewart said he also discovered scale on some apples exhibited at the county fair from Deadwood, which is further down Lake creek valley from the farm where the other case was reported.

The Lake creek and Siuslaw valleys have heretofore always been free from such fruit pests and no spraying at all is necessary in those sections of the county.

FIRST NUMBER OF LYCEUM COURSE MAKES HIT

If the comments of Cottage Grove music lovers are good evidence, and they are, The Parnells, who opened the lyceum course at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, are as they are advertised to be, the "biggest little company on the platform." Only words of praise have been from those who attended this excellent number.

Mr. and Mrs. Parnell are finished instrumentalists, their program combines classic strength with wide variety, and their charm of personality added much to the appreciation of their work and the pleasure of the evening.

The student body, which is sponsoring the lyceum course, is more than delighted that the initial number proved so popular.

The second number, NePomoceno's Filipino quartet, will appear December 26.

YEOMAN AND M'KEAN AGAIN INDICTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Elmer Yeoman, Creswell farmer, and H. M. McKean, Alvadore blacksmith, have again been indicted for voluntary manslaughter, their previous indictments having been declared faulty. Demurrers were presented when the men were previously brought into court and Judge Skipworth sustained them. Both men accidentally shot companions while hunting in the woods.

Pupils of Mrs. Griswold in Recital.

Eugene Register: The piano pupils of Mrs. R. E. Griswold met in recital at her home, 468 Tenth avenue west, Thursday evening, October 7. The pupils who were prepared for the second, third and fourth grades, took part in the program.

MOTOR OVER 1000 MILES WITHOUT A PUNCTURE

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. VanValin, of Dorena, returned Saturday from a roundabout motor trip to Seattle. The trip was a delightful one in every way. They were out eleven days and traveled 1004 miles without interference from speed cops, punctures or any other of the griefs that usually beset motorists. Mr. VanValin says the country through which they passed looks prosperous and that everywhere considerable building is in progress.

Read the editorials. You may not agree with them but they are likely to make you think, and that's worth while.

Power Off Sunday

Owing to the necessity for synchronizing some of the plant equipment, power will be intermittent on Sunday, commencing at 8 a. m. and continuing so until some time in the afternoon. COTTAGE GROVE ELECTRIC CO.