

ORDER IS ISSUED BY SERVICE COMMISSION

Thomas Clagett Writes Letter to Argus Commenting on Order Issued by Public Service Commission of Oregon

Relative to the matter of having the surcharge granted the Idaho Power Company in 1920 abated, Mr. Clagett makes the following statement:

"To the Argus:
I am enclosing a copy of the order issued by the Public Service Commission in the matter of the petition of Oregon irrigation users to have the surcharge granted the Idaho Power Company in 1920 abated. This order has been commented on in the Boise papers and therefore will not be news, but there are two features of it which have not been mentioned, and these I desire to call attention to.

"The surcharge has not been entirely voided. The 10 per cent increase which was given the Power company on commercial lighting, street lighting, commercial power, sales to other utilities and to the other utilities and to street railways, and air service heating remains in force. Also the new demand users who were differentiated from the old users in the 1920 order still have to pay a portion of surcharge percentage. Under the original order a surcharge of 20 per cent was granted the Power Company as against Class "A" and Class "B" customers and 25 per cent against Class "C" customers. Under the new order these surcharge percentages are reduced 10 per cent. This means that the old irrigation user to the extent to which he was a user in 1919 is returned to the old rate. New users who have been paying a 20 or 25 per cent increase over the old rates will from the first of June pay 10 per cent less.

"I do not have the data at hand for computing accurately the saving which will be made by users of this locality thru this action of the Commission, but it will amount to a good many thousand dollars. The affair has therefore been well worth while. This work has been carried forward by a few individuals who have served without compensation and made the fight although not well supported by users generally. The two actions which were begun last March in the matter of service and rates have now been closed and in both instances the users have been largely successful. In the matter of rotation of power, which practice the Power Company proposed to put into effect irrespective of whether we consented or not and entirely without compensation to us for the power proposed to be taken, the Public Service Commission has held that this cannot be done without affecting rates. The effect of this is that rotation will not be forced on us in 1922 or subsequently unless the Commission after a determination of the matter finds such necessity exists and decrees the refund we will be entitled to through the denial of service.

"The result obtained in these matters carries a lesson for Oregon users who have been luke warm in or stood aloof from the efforts made. The rates that Oregon power users shall pay have not been finally determined. After the Commissions of Oregon and Idaho have finally determined the valuation to be placed upon the property and business of the Power Company, the making of a schedule of rates or charges will be proceeded with. If the irrigation user expects to have his interests protected at that time it will be necessary for him to see that his side of the case is adequately presented to the Commission. There has been a feeling amongst Oregon users it is the duty of the Commission, of its own violation, to see that the interests of the user are protected. This view has been repeatedly expressed and is a fallacy. We establish a Commission and then assume it will act as prosecutor, judge, and executive to carry out the final order. To think so invites disaster. In 1921 the Oregon Commission, notwithstanding the dire situation that users were in and without giving them a chance to be heard thereon, renewed the 1920 order which had been originally given as an emergency matter. The circumstances, both as to the conditions under which the Power

FIFTEEN GALLON CACHE OF MOONSHINE FOUND

While driving some cattle home last week a little girl discovered between fifteen and twenty gallons of moonshine cached in the south part of town, near the stockyards. The finder took no chances of the owner coming that evening and drawing from his supply, but readily destroyed the liquor by pouring it upon the ground. Too, last week, while a party of men who were working near the cemetery, and were resting beneath the shade of a tree some distance away observed a car drive nearby, and a man left the car and hid something in the grass. After the car left the onlookers went to the spot and found a small deposit of liquor, but they did not destroy the contents as the girl did, but "kept it as a souvenir."

CELEBRATION OF FOURTH AT OREGON TRAIL PARK

Oregon Trail Park at Weiser Will Celebrate Fourth of July in Grand Fashion—Special Rates on Railroads

On July Fourth at the Oregon Trail Park in Weiser will be held a celebration that will be one of the biggest in this section of the country. Judging from the posters and from past celebrations that have been held there, it will be a winner. The day will be composed of a complete program of speaking, music, ball games, horse racing, band concerts, trap shooting and other attractions too numerous to mention. Too, there will be a base ball game between Ontario and the Weiser boys, and a real battle is expected when the leaders of the two leagues meet.

At noon there will be free feed at the Oregon Trail Park where there will be 15,000 hot dog sandwiches and coffee in copious quantities to be disposed of. The Weiser Concert band will furnish music thru-out the entire celebration.

In the evening will be staged one of the biggest and most spectacular displays of fireworks that has ever been shown in this section in the history of Weiser's many celebrations. Arrangements have been made for accommodating the throngs that are expected to attend this annual event, and a good time is assured and a welcome extended to all Ontario.

DREAMLAND THEATRE WILL OPEN AGAIN NEXT FRIDAY

Friday, June 23 the Dreamland theatre will open its doors for its initial performance after being closed for several months. The theatre has been remodeled and improved in many ways, and according to Manager Herbert Paul, will offer best attractions available for Ontario people. He has now listed many of the newest and most popular late releases.

Company was operating and the ability of farmers to pay, had entirely altered since the emergency rate was put into effect, yet the increase was again granted. No one should doubt that if nothing had been done to present matter from the standpoint of the user we would again be forced to pay the increased rate during 1922.

"The utility companies can always be depended upon to fully look after their interests and unless the user properly presents his case before the Commission he will not get fair consideration or a fair result. With the utility companies fully presenting their side of the case and the user not represented, the Commission rendering its verdict upon the evidence and facts presented cannot make a full, fair and complete determination of the issue. For if there is one thing that has been clearly shown in the two years during which this issue has been in the making, it is that we need not look for the Oregon Commission to make our case for us. In view of the recent upheaval in the Commission and the addition of two new members who have, so far as is known, no special fitness for the job, and who were carried into office largely through political maneuvering, the Oregon user needs to keep his eye peeled.

Thomas W. Clagett."

SPRAY EFFECTIVE FOR KILLING WEEVIL LARVA

Striking Results Gained by Spraying for Weevil—Experiment Proves That 90 Per Cent of Larva Killed by Application

The effectiveness of calcium arsenate liquid spray for killing the alfalfa weevil larva or worms may be judged to some extent from the following counts made on June 16 at the Homer Utley place on the tract which was used for a spraying demonstration on June 2 and was partly sprayed on June 11, giving the five combinations listed below.

No. of Worms in Ten Sweeps of Net	And Treatment May Received
110	sprayed June 2, double application.
260	sprayed June 2, single application.
300	sprayed June 2 and again June 11th.
550	sprayed June 11, single application.
1100	not sprayed.

These figures are not entirely with respect to the effect of the second application, and it may be said that the count was made too early to get the full value of the second spraying. It takes a week or longer for the benefits to show up well as the worms die slowly and the new growth is slow. However, a comparison of the number of worms in the area sprayed double on June with that which was not sprayed shows a 90 per cent kill. The hay shows the results as well as the figures do for that which was sprayed is of good color, is growing again and beginning to bloom. The unsprayed hay is practically eaten up except the stems and would make a very light yield of very poor stuff. Figures on the yields will be taken and made available to the public a little later.

L. R. BRIETHAULT, County Agricultural Agent.

LOCAL PERSONALS

Mrs. H. L. Peterson and Miss Rosina Clement returned the first of the week from Portland where they have been attending the Eastern Star convention.

Chelsey Boyer returned from the interior Tuesday with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Paul McCulloch returned Sunday from Eugene where he has been attending the University of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howe of Boise were Ontario visitors Sunday.

C. M. Stearns made a business trip to Boise last week.

Mrs. S. J. Simpson of Emmett was visiting in Ontario a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Carlisle were down from Brogan a few days last week.

Mrs. Herbert Fox and children left last week for a visit with relatives in Portland last week.

Mrs. S. F. Taylor underwent an operation at the Holy Rosary Hospital last Thursday, for removal of a cancer.

Mrs. S. D. Stroup returned Wednesday from a visit with her daughter in Pendleton.

The Rebekah Circle met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Boswell. The afternoon was spent in a social good time by about fifteen members, after which refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Vena Boswell. The next meeting of the Circle will be held at Mrs. Boswell's home in the country on July 13.

Ralph McCulloch left Sunday for Portland where he will attend the Rose Festival.

L. R. Briethaupt and E. B. Conklin returned Friday from a tour over the Jordan Valley country.

Mrs. Carl Field left Sunday for Portland to attend the Rose Festival.

Charles W. Ellis was a Burns visitor to Ontario Monday.

Mae Murphy was a Buelah visitor to Ontario Saturday.

L. G. Olson of Boise, was a business visitor in Ontario last Thursday.

Frank Dorman is back from Eugene where he has been attending school for the past year.

Theo. Moore and Larue Blackaby left Monday for the Payette Lakes where they will spend a short vacation.

LOCALS DEFEATED BY ERRONEOUS PLAYING

Huntington Wins From Ontario Aggregation by 5 to 2 Score as a Result of Numerous Errors by Local Players

The Ontario base ball team journeyed to Huntington last Sunday where they met with defeat at the hands of the railroaders, in a game that was filled with costly errors by Ontario players. No real reason has been advanced to defend the argument that the only reason for the defeat was erroneous playing on Ontario's part. The blame cannot be placed upon any individual, as the honors were pretty equally divided among the players.

The losing of this game tied Ontario and Huntington for second place in the sage brush league, and in order to dispose of the tie, tossed up a coin to see who would play Nyssa next Sunday in the championship game, Ontario winning in the toss-up.

SPEEDER HITS DOG AND IS THROWN FROM TRACK

Wednesday when "Spud" Murphy was traveling between Ontario and Vale, at about Mallett station in his speeder, a dog ran out from one of the ranch houses and got in front of his machine, hitting the animal and wrecking the speeder, throwing it from the track. Murphy was thrown down the side of the track and the speeder hit him, pinning him to the ground. His shoulder was badly wrenched and his back burned by the hot cylinders of the engine. However, he is able to be out and says he is getting along fine.

DEAD OX FLAT FARMERS TO INSPECT DEMONSTRATIONS

The farm bureau locals on Dead Ox Flat and the county agricultural agent have called a joint meeting for all farmers interested in crop improvement and crop rotations on Monday at 9:30 A. M. for the purpose of inspecting several demonstrations and discussing the value of the different new crops, new varieties and new practices on trial. Everyone is invited to come and are urged to be at the Park school at the appointed hour in order that all may move together from place to place without delay. The first stop will be at the J. L. Brown place one-eighth mile north of the school where peas grown for cannery purposes and potatoes for seed purposes will be seen. Then the party will move south one mile on the lower road and turn west at the Gutteridge and Lattig corner, examining Hybrid No. 128 winter wheat, soy bean experiments, and red clover.

SMITH-MILLS

The marriage of Mrs. Grace L. Mills of Los Angeles and Mr. Joel H. Smith of Ontario, was solemnized Wednesday afternoon, June 21, at four o'clock, at the parsonage of the Christian church at Payette, Ida. The service was read by Rev. C. M. Mowe in the presence of few close friends.

Immediately after the ceremony the wedding party returned to Ontario where a six o'clock dinner was served at the Moore hotel.

The bride is a member of an old California family, and is a former schoolmate of Mr. Smith, who is a well known Ontario resident They will make their home in Ontario.

Miss Cecil Webster, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Vern Chambers, left Tuesday for her home in Portland.

Harry Farmer is again back on the job as marshal after spending a delightful vacation on a fishing trip.

MALHEUR COUNTY G. O. P. ELECTS COMMITTEEMEN

At a meeting of the Malheur Republican committee held at Vale last Saturday, officers were elected as follows: Chairman, G. W. Hayes; E. M. Blodgett, of Nyssa, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Brooke of Ontario, treasurer; Lloyd Riches of Vale, state committeeman; and Jeff Billingsley, congressional committeeman.

TO HAVE ONTARIO DAY AT CAMPBELL'S HOT SPRINGS

Plans are being laid by folks down Weiser way to have an evening for Ontario people at the Campbell Hot Springs to be spent in water sports, music, dancing, etc. The principal attraction of the evening will be the swimming races and diving contests in the different classes of contestants for both men, women and children. At this time several Ontario water fiends are listed to go over and take their chances with other representatives from the surrounding towns. After the water festivities are over dancing and other entertainment will be participated in for the rest of the evening. The Entertainers from Ontario will furnish music for the evening.

SELECT NEW MEMBER AT SCHOOL ELECTION

Election Held Monday to Fill Vacancy of One Director to Serve for Three Years and District Clerk for One Year

Last Monday afternoon at the High school building the voters of School District No. 8 met to cast their ballots to elect two members on the school board. The members to be elected were director to serve for a term of three years and one District clerk to serve for one year. O. G. Luehrs and G. L. King were nominated for director and W. L. Turner and Mrs. Conover for clerk. At an early stage of the election it looked as though Mrs. Conover and G. L. King would be chosen for the offices, but before the polls closed O. G. Luehrs and W. L. Turner secured a substantial number of votes and were elected out as winners.

LOCAL PERSONALS

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stewart narrowly escaped losing his eyesight Friday when he picked up a cup with lye in it and started to drink it. As his mother was taking the cup from him some of the lye was spilled on his face which resulted in a bad burn, but his eyes were not badly injured.

J. C. McCreight returned from Portland Sunday.

Bernard Rader, who has been attending school at the University of Washington, returned home last Sunday.

Homar Tate was down from Crane Monday on a business trip.

F. H. Hamstreet was down from Brogan Saturday.

Sam Creme made a business trip to Ontario this week from Weiser.

A. L. Arnold left Tuesday for the Circle Bar ranch in Harney county.

Richard Adam returned Saturday from the Payette Lakes.

Henry Quast was a business visitor in Ontario last week.

James Stingle came down Sunday evening from his ranch above Westfall.

Mrs. A. R. Roberts left last Thursday afternoon for a few days visit with relatives in Cove, Ore. Mr. Roberts will leave Saturday to join her there, and both will return home after a short visit.

Mrs. W. A. Morrison arrived in Ontario from Weiser Tuesday, and will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Alexander.

W. E. Yancy of Weiser, was an Ontario visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Reeves of Weiser, who was operated on at the Holy Rosary hospital some time ago, was able to return to her home last Saturday.

Twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Robinson June 13th, lived only a few days.

Harry K. Fritchman of Boise, was a business visitor in Ontario Tuesday.

Charles Fegley was down from Vale Tuesday.

C. E. Kenyon of Weiser, made a business trip to Ontario Tuesday.

Wm. Stevens was down from Boise Saturday.

G. A. Stanfield and wife were Ontario visitors last Saturday.

Miss Charlotte Clagett returned Sunday evening from Michigan where she has been attending the University.

SEEKS MEMBERS FOR SUMMER ENCAMPMENT

Major Cleary Here to Stir up Interest in Ontario's Who Would Go to Summer Encampment at Camp Lewis

"Extensive rather than intensive training" is the word that has gone out from the headquarters of the 96th division, in the new postoffice building, as the program for the citizens' military training camp to be held at Camp Lewis from July 27 to August 25. Major A. W. McCleary visited in Ontario yesterday and explained the work to be carried on there this summer. Instead of the rigorous methods of the war period, according to the Major, the summer training camp will have rather the aspect of a vacation outing, and every effort will be made to see that the young men attending the camp leave it with a desire to return again next year. The day in camp, he says will start with breakfast at 7 o'clock instead of drill at 5:30 and will end with retreat at 4 p. m. instead of a practice raid on the trenches under cover of darkness.

"We are not in such a hurry now as we were in 1918," he said yesterday. "Then the idea was to make a civilian into an infantryman in six weeks. The object of the summer camp is rather to teach the young man as much as possible about all branches of the army service and to make the instruction so interesting and the outing so enjoyable that he will come back for more."

Recreational features planned for the summer camp include evening swimming, boating, picnic and dancing parties and more extensive week end trips to good camp sites in the vicinity of American Lake. From noon Saturday until breakfast time Monday morning, all training will be abandoned and the young men will be free to go wherever they wish, visiting neighboring cities of Tacoma, Seattle or Olympia, or taking life easy in camp if they prefer. For the especial benefit of those who come to camp without spending money the week-end excursions are planned, and every outing necessary, even to fishing tackle will be provided. Trucks will carry the excursionists to and from the camping spots and cooks and rolling kitchens will accompany them.

Of particular appeal to the young man with an army appetite is the fact that the food appropriation for the summer camps is 75 cents a day for each man, instead of the 50 cents a day allowed by the regular army. Competent cooks, in place of the can openers of the war time army, will prepare all food. The course of training provided in the curriculum of the camp includes a minimum of drill, enough exercises and athletics to keep the students in top-notch condition, and complete instruction in the mechanism and actual use of the rifle, automatic pistol, machine gun and bayonet, with special emphasis given to competition on the rifle range.

Competent life guards will be in attendance at all swimming parties and expert riflemen and officers will supervise all instruction in the use of arms, so that every precaution will be taken to prevent accidents. In outlining the work of the summer camp, Major Cleary is emphatic in the statement that absolutely no obligation for further service is incurred by the attendants at the camp, though after completing the three courses of instruction given there, a graduate is qualified to become an officer in the organized reserves of the country if he desires.

The State of Oregon, as a whole, is within 111 of reaching its quota of 390 students at the camp, according to reports received in division headquarters. All expenses of the summer camp, including transportation from the applicant's place of residence to Camp Lewis, and his return home, are borne by the government. Application blanks to attend the camp can be obtained from Sergeant Abendroth between the hours of 10 and 12 a. m. at the Ontario High school.

Jim Duncan of Owyhee, was a business visitor in Ontario the fore part of the week.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday the 27th at the home of Mrs. Draper.