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Citizens Protest Against Raise in Phone Rates

Merchants Association Takes Up Matter and Discovers Other Oregon Cities Have Cheaper Rates. Want Better Service

The raise in telephone rates announced by the Home company June 1st, and which will become operative July 1st, is meeting with strong protest from Hood River business men and also private users of phones.

The rates now in use were put into effect when the company had 600 phones. According to its statement it now has 1,220 with about 500 lines in use.

The circular of the telephone company states that the raise is necessary to put the business on a dividend paying basis and announces the following rates:

- Main line business phone, \$3.25
Party line business phone, 2.25
Main line residence phone, 2.25
Party line residence phone, city, 1.50
Extension phone, 1.00
Party line, rural, 1.75
Extension bell, .50
Desk phone in residence, extra, .25
Extra listing in the directory, 25c a month.

The Dalles, Oregon, June 3, 1910.—Hood River Merchants Association, Hood River, Oregon.—Dear Sirs: As per your request I send you the following phone rates as given me by the company here.

It is claimed that with the increase in the business the local company should be in a position to furnish phones cheaper now than when the service was installed and to give a better service.

BRINGS SUIT AGAINST COUNTY

A suit against Hood River county has been brought by Chas. W. Wentz assignee of the firm of Hughes & Wentz, who entered into a contract with the county to copy the records of Wasco county pertaining to real property in Hood River county.

Water Company Again Offers Plant to City

At the council meeting held Tuesday, May 31, the Light & Power Co. submitted its option on the water plant, which it offered to the city for \$40,000 accompanied by a letter from the Portland Trust Company.

The option and letter were referred to the fire and water committee. After some deliberation the committee handed in a report prepared by City Attorney Derby as follows:

1. That the option be prepared so as to read that the Light & Power Co. will transfer this property, if voted on favorably by the people, free and clear of all encumbrances whatsoever.

Assembly Will Preserve Party Says Twin City Man

Deploring the fact that Minneapolis has nothing to compare with the Republican assembly, of Portland, John Van Nest, president of the Minneapolis city council and a member of that body for eight years.

Prof. Cordley Allays Fears of Apple Growers

Mass Meeting Called to Discuss Spray Burn Listens to Expert Who Says Burn Injury Preferable to Diseased Fruit

Alarmed by the number of apples that were apparently ruined by being sprayed with lime and sulphur during the hot weather of a week ago apple growers of the east side invited Prof. Cordley of the O. A. C. experiment station.

A great deal of testimony was given most of which showed that the burned apples had been sprayed with lime and sulphur, either just previous to or on the excessively hot days.

At the end of the discussions Mr. Cordley was given a hearing and said that he had come to Hood River believing that it would be necessary to confront the meeting with a pair of guns, but was glad to discover that this was not necessary.