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The Light and Power Fight
The situation between the Pacific Power and Light Company and the Hydro-Electric Company is tense. During the past week the former company has obtained two injunctions in the Federal court against the latter, and the legal contest promises to be a warm one.

An attempt has been made to involve the citizens of Hood River in this fight, but it is to be hoped that they will not be unwise enough to be drawn into it by either side to the controversy. Without using any other argument, we simply point to the results of the water fight covering the past three years. It is possible that the contention and litigation in regard to the city water plant may be closed satisfactorily in a few days, but even if it isn't, the citizens have nothing to gain by taking sides in the light and power fight.

The real gain can only be in obtaining the best terms possible for light and power, with the reservation that efficiency of service is the first consideration. The fact that one company is apparently backed by local capital need not influence any one in its favor. Local capital must have the proper return on its investment as well as foreign, and the people must pay it. The local company would not hesitate a moment to sacrifice the support of the people for dollars and cents. As we have said before, it is just a question, in the end, of paying interest on two plants instead of one until such time as they both become one, a result that must follow as sure as night follows day.

It has been pointed out that if the Hydro Company had not been started we would never have secured lower rates. To this argument it can be said that if the Hydro Company succeeds in displacing its rival, it will make rates to suit itself and not the people, unless some authority is vested in the latter to control or govern them. The logic of this statement is obvious; it is borne out by the experience and investigation of committees from civic leagues and public service commissions all over the country. Also, a study of the question shows that competition in light and power is not conducive to the best results.

The lighting committee of the executive board of the Civic League of St. Louis, after a full investigation, remarks: "Economy in lighting is increased not by competition and division, but by co-operation and concentration. Competition may, as a corrective measure, secure the reduction of an exorbitant price to a reasonable one temporarily, but the economic waste involved in the duplication of the plant will inevitably bring the total cost, for a period of years, to a figure higher than is necessary, in order to repay the extra outlay for duplication. The history of competing gas and electric public service corporations in this city, as well as in all other cities, goes to show that gradually they have become merged into one, for the simple reason that public lighting is a form of service which will not admit of competition.

Where, however, regulation of rates to prevent extortionate charges, is available, through a public utilities commission, it surely is wiser than to secure reasonable rates rather than to subject a city to the losses and inconveniences involved in duplicating plants." In connection with the above, it can be stated that it is admitted by the representatives of both local plants that eventually there will be but one.

Had it not been that the initiative and referendum was invoked on a bill passed at the last session of the legislature placing all public service corporations under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission, the rates recently made by the Pacific Power and Light Company would now be subject to revision, and, if too high, would have been reduced. This measure will be voted on by the people of the state at the general election next November. The amendment also applies to the local telephone company.

Therefore it will be the part of wisdom for the citizens of Hood River to keep their hands off, as it were, and allow the power and light companies to fight it out. Otherwise they may find that they have nourished a serpent only to have it bite them. It is up to the people to look on this struggle for supremacy in the local electric field as a simple business proposition. There is a fixed basis for recovering every dollar that is being spent in this fight by both contestants, and the consumer will eventually pay it.

Political Agitation
The National Association of Manufacturers has been endeavoring to ascertain what the business men of the country believe would be a remedy for the present business depression, and with that end in view has sent out letters of inquiry to 20,000 business men, representing sixty-seven general industries. About 10,000 replies were received, and the result is of interest, although it is to be regretted that the other 10,000 did not answer the inquiry, as it would be just 100 per cent more conclusive as to the views of the nation's business men. The remedies suggested were classified as follows: Cessation of political agitation. Cessation of tariff agitation. Amend or improve the Sherman act. Federal incorporation and regulation of trusts. More national and individual confidence. An improved system of banking and currency. Government prosecution of the labor trust, with all other illegal combines in restraint of trade. Increased export trade and rehabilitation of the American merchant marine. Fully ninety per cent of the opinions expressed demanded cessation of political agitation. However, no one seems to have suggested any feasible plan for stopping such agitation, and one of the significant features of the situation is that the investigation of the manufacturers' association does not seem to have gone into the question of the real underlying causes which have given rise to the agitation. They seem simply to blame the whole situation to "demagogic politicians," forgetting that unsatisfactory economic conditions are also having much to do with the unrest of the American people. There is no doubt that we have what may be termed too much politics, but there are other things that also enter into unsettled business conditions.

The County Library
If those who read this article will read carefully, and ponder, they will understand one feature of the proposed library. The library is for all living in the county of Hood River, as truly the property of the citizen of Oak Grove, Mt. Hood or Cascade Locks as the man of woman living next door to the building. And, furthermore, it gives the same privilege to the non-taxpayer as to the one who pays the highest tax. It is public—for all.

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Summons
In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Hood River, vs. Henry J. Lindsay, Plaintiff, vs. H. de Hedding, Cornelia Edmunds Hallam, a widow; M. Yasui; J. Thornton and W. H. Halton and Middlecrest Orchard Company, Corporation, Defendants.

To H. de Hedding, Cornelia Edmunds Hallam, a widow; M. Yasui; J. Thornton and W. H. Halton, and Middlecrest Orchard Company, a corporation, and each of you, defendants: In the Name of the State of Oregon: You and each of you are hereby notified to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you and each of you in the above entitled suit within ten days from the date of the service of this summons on you and each of you, if served within this county, and if served within any other county in this state, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you and each of you, and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take a decree against you and each of you for the sale of the hereinafter described real property situate in Hood River County, Oregon, for the foreclosure of that certain mortgage dated September 24th, 1906, made and delivered by defendant H. de Hedding and recorded in book 12, page 104, of the County Clerk of said Hood River County, Oregon, on January 22nd, 1910, at 2:40 o'clock p. m., and recorded in book 12, page 104, of the County Clerk of said Hood River County, Oregon, the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$270) attorney's fees in this suit and plaintiff's costs and disbursements, all which said sum is due and owing by you and each of you for such other relief as prayed for in the complaint herein and shall be deemed by the court proper, and said property is more particularly described as follows, to-wit: The North half (N 1/2) of the South-west quarter (SW 1/4) of the North-east quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Eighteen (18) Township Two (2) North, Range Ten (10) East of Willamette Meridian.

You are hereby notified of publication of this summons, by virtue of an order of the honorable George D. Culbertson, as County Judge of Hood River County, Oregon, duly made, and which order prescribes that you shall appear and answer the complaint, on or before the last day of six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and the 6th day of December A. D. 1911 as the date of the first publication of this summons, and you are hereby notified that said date is and will be the first publication of this summons. Dated December 2nd, 1911. L. A. & A. P. REED, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Hood River, Oregon.

Summons
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Hood River, vs. F. Howard Berg, Plaintiff, vs. Zelida F. Isenberg, Defendant.

To Zelida F. Isenberg, Defendant: In the Name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed above entitled court and cause on or before the 12th day of December, 1911, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for therein, to-wit: For a decree of said court dissolving the marriage contract now existing between said plaintiff and defendant; for a decree of said court adjudging and decreeing plaintiff to be the sole and exclusive owner of Last of Range Six (6) East of Willamette Meridian, Block E of Coc's Third Addition to the City of Hood River, Hood River County, Oregon; for a decree of said court adjudging and decreeing plaintiff to be the owner and holder of certain promissory notes owing to plaintiff and defendant jointly, which said promissory notes are set forth and fully described in plaintiff's complaint in the above entitled court and cause; and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable and just. This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in The Hood River News, a paper of general circulation, published once each week in Hood River, Hood River County, Oregon, by virtue of an order of the County Clerk of Hood River County, Oregon, made and entered on the 9th day of October, 1911. The date of the first publication of this summons in said newspaper is November 1st, 1911. S. W. STARR, Nov. 1-Dec. 12 Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice of Special Road Meeting.
Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the tax-payers of Road District No. 1, in Hood River County, State of Oregon, will be held at the school house in said District at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. on the 26th day of December, 1911, for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to levy a special 3 mill tax on all assessable property in said Road District, or so much more as may, in the opinion of the citizens attending the meeting, be deemed necessary for the purpose of improving the following described portion of county road in said road district, to-wit: All that portion of the county road beginning at a point 120 feet south from the section corner common to Sections 36, 35, 1 and 2 in Township 2 North of Range 9 East of Willamette Meridian, thence in a northerly and easterly direction over said road, and "The Dalles and Sandy Wagon Road" where the same is adopted in connection therewith, for a distance of about 3 miles to the point of intersection of said road with the section line between Sections 5 and 6 in Township 2 North of Range 9 East of W. M., the same being the east boundary of said Road District No. 1. Said road to be improved by proper grading and surfacing, removing rocks, stumps and other obstructions therefrom, and to be opened for travel a suitable width to accommodate wagons and all other vehicles, in so far as may be accomplished thereon by the prudent use of the proceeds of said proposed special tax. Dated Hood River County, this 8th day of December, 1911. SUPERVISOR ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1. (Mrs.) JENNIE MAIDEN A. O. ADAMS CHAS. OLIN (Mrs.) DELLA MEYER M. DITTEBRANDT (Mrs.) OTTO SCHMIDT W. M. ASH (Mrs.) GEOR. DILLABOY Mrs. J. S. OSBORN

Notice of Special Road Meeting.
Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the tax-payers of Road District No. 2, in Hood River County, State of Oregon, will be held at the school house in said district at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. on the 26th day of December, 1911, for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to levy a special 3 mill tax on all assessable property in said district, or so much more as may, in the opinion of the citizens attending the meeting, be deemed necessary for the purpose of improving the following described portion of county road, to-wit: All that portion of the county road beginning at the point of intersection of said road with the section line between Sections 5 and 6 in Township 2 North of Range 9 East of Willamette Meridian, at the west boundary line of said Road District No. 1, and thence in an easterly direction over said road, and "The Dalles and Sandy Wagon Road," where the same is adopted in connection therewith, for a distance of about 2 miles, to a point 120 feet east and 410 feet south of the corner common to Sections 33, 34, 1 and 2 in Township 2 North Range 9 East of W. M. Said road to be improved by proper grading and surfacing, removing rocks, stumps and other obstructions therefrom, and to be opened for travel a suitable width to accommodate wagons and all other vehicles, in so far as may be accomplished thereon by the prudent use of the proceeds of said proposed special tax. Dated Hood River County, Oregon, this 8th day of December, 1911. S. W. CURRIAN, 9-81-12 Supervisor Road Dist. No. 2. M. L. UTTERHOOD, Mrs. LAURA B. NELSON.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Hood River, Co. Ore., as Administrator of the estate of Sarah J. Phelps, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, or to the Butler Banking Co's Bank, or at the office of E. H. Hartwig, in Hood River, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of this notice. Dated this 25th day of November, A. D. 1911. E. H. HARTWIG, ROLLAND A. PHILIPS, 252-127 Attorney for Estate.

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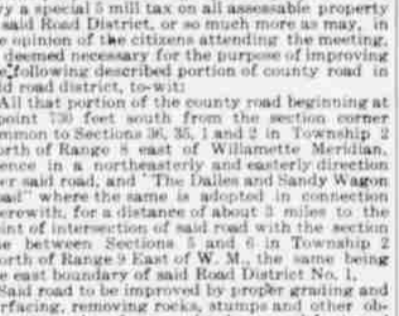
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Cash on Hand and in Other Banks 125,205.78
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