

Residential Lighting Rates Ordered Reduced

State Railroad Commission Announces Decision in Matter Affecting Proposed New Schedules of Both Local Companies--Cut of Forty Per Cent Made in the Rates for Lighting Homes.

Salem, Ore. (Special to the News)—The Railroad Commission has made an order authorizing the Hood River Gas & Electric Lighting Company and the Hydro-Electric Company to discontinue flat rates and collect on a meter basis.

tions will have to be made to determine the connected load. The cooking rate is lowered to an equal extent by the ruling as electricity for cooking can be obtained the same as for lighting.

Manager Hall of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company states that the order made by the Railroad Commission reduced the rates for residential lighting in the city about 40 per cent.

Much interest was shown at last meeting of the Mothers' Club, which was held May 13 at the Methodist church, Mrs. Hoyt presiding.

Audit County Books and Make Recommendations

A report has been submitted by Crandall & Roberts, the public accountants employed to audit the accounts of the various county offices.

as a lien against real property. Granting the procedure to be legal, we have to call your attention to the fact that after such an item has been entered on the tax roll the sheriff is the only officer of the county who can collect the same.

NEW WAREHOUSE NEARS COMPLETION

Stranahan & Clarke's new warehouse on Railroad street is practically completed and makes a substantial addition to Hood River's business buildings.

REFERENDUM ON SALARY BILL O. K.'D

Referendum petitions filed with County Clerk Hanson last week calling for a special election next November on the county salary bill are regular according to word received from Attorney General Olcott.

DAM TO DIVERT RIVER IS STARTED

Work was started the first of this week on the dam which will divert the Hood River back into its old channel where it empties into the Columbia.

Growers' Massmeeting Is Called for Saturday

Proposition of Joining Northwest Distributors This Season Will Be Submitted for Final Action--Wenatchee's Withdrawal from Association Alters Situation--Directors to Meet Here.

A meeting of the board of directors of the North Pacific Distributors will be held in this city next Saturday morning, beginning at nine o'clock.

service to the apple industry. We urge immediate action on your part. We are ready to stand by our agreement made last Winter.

Chautauqua to Provide Week of Play and Profit

Annual Horticultural Event This Year Will Extend Over Seven Instead of Three Days--C. N. Ravlin Is Appointed General Manager--Many Additions and Improvements Are Being Planned.

The executive committee of the Horticultural Chautauqua, which proved such a great success last year, held a meeting Saturday to start plans for this season's event.

program on domestic science held each morning; the horticultural program would be held in the afternoon, as last year, and the entertainment features in the evening.

MOSIER PLANNING TO INCORPORATE

Rev. J. R. Hargreaves went to Mosier Monday and was the principal speaker at a meeting called to discuss the question of incorporating that town.

There is said to be a strong sentiment among the fruitgrowers of the Northwest to proceed with their plans for the creation of a central selling agency despite the refusal of Wenatchee to come into the combination at this time.

Growers in Walla Walla, one of the larger factors in any combination, are decidedly in favor of going ahead with the combination; from Spokane, the Bitter Root Valley in Montana; from the Boise-Payette growers, and from those in the Lewiston-Clarkston district, similar word has been received, and the final decision now rests with Yakima and Hood River.

At a meeting of the Spokane Fruit-growers' Association last week the directors drew up the following memorial, which the president was authorized to wire to every other district within the field of the selling agency plan.

Officers of the local association state that no personal notices have been sent out to the growers but that all are urged to be present as this will be one of the most important meetings held in Hood River.

One, two or three thousand dollars to loan on improved income bearing orchard. Phone 3111, ROBERTS & SIMMS, Hotel Oregon Bldg. 22fc

The treasury officials say a \$10 bill will last ten months, but in a summer hotel you are lucky if it lasts ten hours.

Commencement Week Ends with Big Athletic Meet

The Class of 1913 held the center of the stage the last of the week, presenting the Senior Class Play Thursday evening, while the Commencement exercises were held Friday.

ing was delivered by Prof. H. C. Howe of the University of Oregon. He took as his subject "Progress," which he treated in an interesting and exhaustive manner.

Between the acts the girls' chorus rendered two numbers, "I'd Love to Live in Loveland" and "The Fascinating Widow."

Mrs. C. H. Henney rendered a solo in her usual charming manner, after which the diplomas were presented by Dr. H. L. Dumble, president of the Board of Education.

Helibronner Hall was filled Friday evening for the Commencement exercises. The class entered the hall to the strains of a march and took their places on the platform.

On Saturday the competitive sports between Hood River and The Dalles High Schools were closely contested and exciting.

FUNDS ARE SECURED FOR 4TH OF JULY

Between five and six hundred dollars will be available for Hood River's Fourth of July celebration this year. The committee appointed by the Commercial Club--Harold Hershner, D. G. Cruikshank and A. S. Keir put in half a day last week and secured \$500.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

C. E. Allshouse to Rose M. Logemann, lots 1 and 2 and 40 acres in Upper Valley, \$3000.

GASOLINE MOTOR CAR IS EXHIBITED

The new gasoline motor car which the O. W. R. & N. Co. will operate on exhibition in Hood River Monday from 12 to 2 and was visited by over 200 residents of the city and valley.

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