

DECREASE IN RATES COMMISSION EDICT

Charges for Commercial Light- ing and Heating Are Held to Be Unreasonable.

NEW SCHEDULE IS GIVEN

Reductions by Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, Ranging From 5 to 10 Per Cent, to Be Effective July 1.

SALEM, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—The Public Service Commission today issued the second of its orders covering rates on the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, this order affecting the rates on commercial lighting and heating. The preceding order covered residence lighting and commercial power business.

Under the order issued today the rates of the company on those classes of business are decreased approximately from 5 to 10 per cent, the order to become effective July 1. If the Northwestern Electric Company meets the reductions under the former order, it will not cause any material difference in the total revenues of that company, but will result in an increase in some instances and a decrease in others to the customers of the Northwestern.

Competition Is Noted.
In commenting upon the proposed decreases for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, the Commission says, in part:

"The Commission in the former rate order took into account the existence, in the field covered by the respondent's light and power operations, of a competing electric utility, which, by service at lower rates in only a restricted territory of greatest business activity and density of population, has been able to attract large percentages of the most profitable business from the respondent's system. The competitor has not been required to serve any except this most advantageous business and has left the respondent with the continuing responsibility to serve, without increased compensation, the outlying territory involving much greater expense per unit of service delivered.

"The sharp decrease in the electric revenues during the past few years, and the probability, under the inequality of rates which has existed, of continuing reductions from consequent damage to the investors, has resulted primarily from this competition. In view of the existing conditions and other features surrounding the business of the respondent, including the practical and successful reduction of the value of the utility, as indicated by the competitor's lower rate, the Commission found that the charges under investigation, although not producing an excessive or even fair return on the investment, were, in some respects, unreasonable, and not such as ultimately to produce the greatest use of the service available, and to yield the greatest return to the investors in the property. Under these findings rates for residence lighting and commercial power were ordered:

Proposed Rates Held Just.
The Commission now further finds that these conditions apply with equal force to the present commercial lighting rates and, insofar as the present schedule differs from that herein set forth, such rates are unreasonable. The following commercial lighting rates are ordered as a minimum, the effect of the elements hereinbefore discussed and, under the pertinent conditions, the minimum rates, are, just, reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory, either in themselves or in comparison with other rates established by this utility.

"It must be borne in mind that the following schedule is designed to meet purely local conditions. A peculiarity of expression has been introduced in the allowance of a discount of one cent per kilowatt hour for a certain block of energy under the secondary rate. We believe the rate is correct in principle, and the inclusion of this provision overcomes, without affecting the equitable application of charges, inequalities which arise from existing competitive conditions:

Primary Rate.
First 15 kilowatt hours or less.....\$1.00
Next 47 kilowatt hours..... .20
Next 100 kilowatt hours..... .10
Next 250 kilowatt hours..... .05
Excess over 250 kilowatt hours..... .04

gina and R. W. Langley; Kenilworth, Helen Phillips and H. H. Houston; Laurelhurst, Mildred Bartholomew and A. K. Trenholme; Lents, Edna Agler and E. Grondahl; Lincoln, Helen Werlein and R. A. Staub; Mount Scott, Mrs. Alta Travis and J. L. Dambach; North Parkway, no woman yet selected; N. Newman; Peninsula, Miss M. H. Allhands, Miss Jewell Tozier and Alva Patten; Sellwood, Beatrice Doty and F. E. Herrigan; Terwilliger, no woman yet named; John Astor, Vermont, Dora Clapper and H. J. Campbell; Washington, Fay Armstrong and Dean Hunter; Mount Tabor, Violet Amerige, no man yet named.

CIRCULATION CLERK OF THE OREGONIAN JOINS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.



Orion Lear.
Orion Lear, for several years connected with the circulation department of the Oregonian, is numbered among his many friends in the same department who have resigned to enlist.

Mr. Lear joined the United States Marine Corps on Friday and left immediately for the concentration camp at Mare Island, Cal. His home is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lear, at 622 North Edison street, St. Johns.

are Grace Woodworth, Helen Hall, Carl DeRemark and Zilpha Dempsey. Others are to be named also for this work.

11 DOCTORS GRADUATED

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL EXERCISES HELD HERE.
Class Small Because of Higher Requirements for Admittance—Two Members Lost by Death.

The University of Oregon medical school graduated its 13th class with exercises Thursday night at the Lincoln High School. Owing to the fact that this class was the first admitted under an elevated standard of admission requirements and owing to the death of two members during their first year in the college, the class was one of the smallest in the history of the institution.

BENEFITS ARE ARRANGED
Mount St. Joseph Home to Be Aided by Open-Air Vaudeville.

JOB HUNTERS ARE ACTIVE
Wire-Pulling Transferred From the Public to Officials-Elect.

RAIN PREVENTS GAME
PLAYGROUNDS WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY FOR SUMMER.
Supervisors Are Named for Almost All of Positions—Park Superintendent to Direct Work.

Rain caused a postponement yesterday until Wednesday of the opening of the city's playgrounds for children. The plan of Park Superintendent Conwill now is to throw open the play-places Wednesday morning and keep them open. Directors have been selected except in a few cases. Mr. Conwill personally will take charge of the work, cutting out the services of a playground supervisor, who has had charge in years heretofore.

'T. & T.' CLUB FOUND BY CONSOLIDATORS

Some State Officials Said to Be Absent From Thursday to Tuesday.

FARM BUREAU PLANNED

Special Committee Probes Work of Offices and Will Suggest More Economical Means of Conducting State.

Members of the "T. & T. Club," who ever they are, will please step to the front.

What is the "T. & T. Club"? Ask Herman von Borstel and Charles Rudeen, who announced its organization, limited strictly to state officers at Salem, in a statement given to the press yesterday.

Committee Makes Opening Report.
The committee is to report its findings to the next Legislature. Mr. Von Borstel and Mr. Rudeen, however, have prepared what might be called preliminary findings, in which they speak of the "T. & T. Club" and its members, without specifically naming any of them.

Three Days Set for Duties.
This condition ought to become known to the general public so that people having business with the state officials can take the same up on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Through sources available to the commissioners, a check is going to be made upon the time the various officials devote to their work in order that it can be determined how much work can be required of the various officials or possibly what help may be dispensed with in each department.

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while in Missouri, came to Oregon in 1846, where, with her husband, Abraham Hays, she settled at McMinnville. Mr. Hays died in 1873, and the family came to Portland about 28 years ago.

COMPANY TO BE INSPECTED

Company A, National Guard Engineers, Captain W. C. Parrish, will be inspected Wednesday night at the Armory by an official of the War Department.

LIQUOR CARRIER CAUGHT
Arrival at Milwaukie Is Relieved of 24 Bottles of Whisky.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—When a Californian, named Pierce, alighted last night from the Southern Pacific train at Milwaukie, carrying two heavy suitcases, he was accosted by officials who demanded to know what was contained therein.

BRITONS ASKED TO SIGN
Subjects of Military Age Should Register With Harry L. Sherwood.

Subjects of Great Britain in the Pacific Northwest between the ages of 18 and 40, inclusive, should register with Harry L. Sherwood, British Consul at Portland. Registration is requested at once. This does not necessarily imply enforced military service, however.

OREGON NATIVES DIES AT 72

Mrs. Susan Wason, of Coos Tribe, Leaves Many Descendants.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Susan Wason, a Coos Indian, who lived her 72 years of life on Coos Bay, died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Daisy Coding. Mrs. Wason was first married to James Hodgkins, who died in 1862. Her second husband, George Wason, was a pioneer logger of Coos Bay, and died nine years ago.

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A Cordial Invitation and Important Notice

The organizations creating the Rose Festival Board are extending invitations to their members and their friends for the

Rose Festival Patriotic Ball

Thursday Evening, June 14
Oaks Rink

(Informal)
for the benefit of the
Fruit and Flower Mission Day Nursery
If lack of time has prevented the patronesses for your organization from extending an invitation to you and your friends—kindly call or phone Rose Festival Headquarters in the Oregon Hotel, Broadway 914 and Broadway 660, for the number of invitations desired. Also Main 3521.

Admission to the Patriotic Ball will be by invitation only—each invitation admits one couple—the charge is One Dollar.

ROSE FESTIVAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Special Events Committee
Mrs. George McMath, Chairman.

BOND RALLY IS BIG

Economy and Patriotism Join in Plea to Invest.

THEATER FILLED AT NOON

Dr. John H. Boyd Addresses Gathering After Parade Headed by Third Oregon Band—Admen's Quartet Sings.

"It is the part of economy as well as patriotism to invest in the liberty loan," declared Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, speaking before a big audience of men and women at the Hippodrome Theater yesterday noon.

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A. Erwin, H. Frost, Dolph Thomas and Frew Bower and by Frank D. Hennessey.

Necessities Are Pointed Out.
Mr. Hennessey first sang "America, My America," the words and music of which were written by Miss Edith Peeters, of Portland, and dedicated to the infantry regiment now being formed here by the Portland Lodge of Elks. W. J. Carkeek played the accompaniment.

Bond Sale Is Advocated.
Secondly, he urged, the bonds must be sold late in the Government be forced to adopt more drastic means of raising the money.

Employees to Hear Talks.
At noon on Wednesday, employees of the Independent Foundry and the Heiler & Undine Iron Works on the East Side will hear the message of liberty.

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"A Word to the Wise is Enough"
Benny Franklin

AND when you're buying tires, cord or fabric, follow A Poor Richard's advice and say only the word "Firestone." This word is not only the name of a tire foremost in quality, it is the name of a man who is personally responsible for that quality, which means safety, comfort and mileage for you.

More and more you realize the value in a name, and more and more you understand Firestone leadership when you ride on Firestone super-size Cord Tires.

They combine luxurious, care-free riding with utmost efficiency and with that pre-eminent Firestone advantage, "Most Miles per Dollar."

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