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CITY MUST PAY CO. FOR HYDRANT SERVICE

Public Service Commission Sends in Its Ruling Against City

EACH HYDRANT TO BE \$3.50

Fact That Franchise Was Pay for Service Makes no Difference

The Public Service Commission of the State of Oregon has made an order to take effect on Nov. 1, 1918, wherein the City of Hillsboro, irrespective of agreement on a franchise granted, must pay the North Coast Power Company \$3.50 for each hydrant used for fire protection. If more hydrants should be installed under direction of the city the per cost of hydrants may be revised. The commission in its ruling, says:

Unless additions are made to the water supply and transmission equipment the elements in cost of fire service arising from the operation and maintenance of such equipment will not vary during the normal development of a community and ordinarily fixed sum might be equitably assessed to cover these costs without regard to the number of hydrants in use. Other costs, including those related to excess size of distribution mains and to the hydrants themselves, are more nearly proportional to the number of connections and should be covered by a charge per hydrant.

In view of the particular conditions surrounding this instance, we believe the necessity for such a division in the rate is not appreciable. Both divisions of cost will be assessed against the present connections on a per hydrant basis. If in the future the demand for additional hydrants warrants, the "rate" structure should be revised to consist of a fixed charge to cover the supply and transmission costs, and in addition a per hydrant charge to cover only those costs varying on such a basis.

The value of the property assignable to fire service in its present condition is, in our judgment, \$25,000, and a fair rate which the City should pay for the use of such property and for the payment of the cost of such service is for the existing installation \$3.50 per hydrant per month.

It is, therefore, ordered that the North Coast Power Company be and hereby is authorized to discontinue fire hydrants and water therefor to the City of Hillsboro for fire protection purposes, and that in lieu thereof it shall charge for such service at the rate of \$3.50 per month per hydrant now connected for said City of Hillsboro.

A reasonable date for this order to become effective is Nov. 1, 1918.

CLAUDE C. NOLAND

Claude Cleveland Noland died at his home at 160 East 79th St., North, Portland, October 21, aged 28 years, 11 months and four days. He was born at Cornelius, Ore., and was the son of the late Nathan Noland. He leaves a wife and one daughter. Of his immediate family he is survived by the following brothers and sisters—J. S. and P. R. Noland, Portland; Mrs. Ed. Barry and Mrs. H. J. Suard, Portland, and Mrs. Lulu Merrill, of Cornelius.

His father died a few days ago, the notice being in last week's Argus.

WEDEKING WRITES

Carl L. Wedeking, with the U. S. Navy, under recent date writes his parents, Julius Wedeking and wife, of Beaverton, R. 3:

"This has been a wonderful and exciting trip. We were 17 days on the trip over to Bordeaux, France. We had a storm in the Bay of Biscay, and right after the storm were attacked by U boats, which shot torpedoes right and left. They sunk two of our ships right before our eyes. One of them, the Montanion, was within hailing distance of us, and the other was the West Bridge, of Seattle. One of the subs came to the surface just behind us and the guns from our ships and others literally blew her to pieces. I can not tell you of the conditions in France. I found three soldiers whom I knew in different parts of France. I had a little accident in the boiler-room which may cause me to go ashore in New York. Sailing through the war zone is enough to change red hair to white.

The old 'West Alsek' is coming back without a scratch. Subs seem to be operating here, for just this morning a S. O. S. call came over, two ships having been torpedoed ahead of us, so we changed our course to avoid them. I have several souvenirs which I will send you later."

HERMAN PFAHL

Herman Pfahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pfahl, died at Camp Whipple, Arizona, October 17, from an attack of pneumonia. He had just been transferred there from Camp Fremont, where he had been stationed since August 1. The day before his parents received a telegram announcing his passing away they received a letter from him, stating that he was improving. Camp Whipple is near Prescott. The remains reached here Monday afternoon and interment was at Cornelius, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Pfahl have the sympathy of a large circle of friends who deeply sympathize with them in their sorrow. Herman was aged 25 years, and was born in Washington County. He was a universal favorite, and took an active interest in public affairs. When the band in his section organized he was one of the first to sign up the roster. He was in limited service, and was stricken while enroute from Fremont to Prescott.

Undertaker Donelson had charge of the burial.

GRAND JURY REPORT

The grand jury for the July term of circuit court made its report to Judge Bagley this week, and asked to be discharged. The report endorses the action of the county court in the sale of the poor farm, reserving 10 acres on which to build a one-story fire proof structure, and recommends that the Thatcher quarry be sold and the proceeds applied to such a structure.

They report 35 true bills and three not true bills. The bills made public are the following indictments:

Wm. Burrows, non-support; Adrian and Alpha Schoonover, charged with beating M. J. McMahon with an iron bolt; Louis Schmidt, of near Orenco, liquor. The jurors, John Ireland, H. T. Koeber, G. F. Beeler, H. D. Bryant, W. H. Boyd, Francis Cota and R. A. Carlisle, report they found the county officers well-kept and asked their discharge.

Victor Fuqua, of Forest Grove, was calling on business friends in town Monday afternoon.

WAR SAVINGS PLEDGES TO BE CHECKED UP

Over \$412,210 Already Purchased as Result of Drive

THOSE BEHIND MUST BUY

School Notes of Interest Sent in by Supt. Frost

War Savings pledges are to be checked up in Washington County on October 27 to 30. Every person who has pledged the purchase of War Savings stamps will be asked to report to the local War Savings chairman of his district the number of \$5 stamps bought and in his possession up to Oct. 30. Those who are behind in their purchases are urged to make every possible effort to purchase at once all the stamps which they have pledged to purchase before Oct. 30. Each district chairman has a copy of all the pledges in his district. The original pledge cards are in the office of the County Chairman at the court house in Hillsboro, except in Forest Grove and Hillsboro, where they are at the post offices and banks.

At last report Washington County had been credited with actual purchases of \$412,210. This leaves a balance of \$121,790 to complete our pledged quota. This will require the conscientious purchase by every person of at least the amount pledged whether it be much or little.

Fifty two schools organized Jr. Red Cross societies last year, and will no doubt pay up their annual dues of 25 cents per member and continue the good work this year. The prospects are that nearly every school will organize this year. The county will be divided into at least three sections, with a local secretary in charge of each. This secretary will assist the teachers in planning work and will assign the work to the individual schools as it is assigned to them by the head secretary in Portland.

Mrs. John A. Dopp of Forest Grove has been appointed secretary for the west section of the county and Mrs. Josephine Case of Hillsboro for the central section. Arrangements have not yet been completed for the eastern and southern sections.

A telegram from the War Department announces that they need 500 tons of pits and nut shells per day to meet the immediate demands for gas masks. Send what you have to town at once. The local Red Cross chapters will see to forwarding them to the proper place.

State Superintendent Churchill has announced the organization of the sixth Junior Rainbow regiment. Any boy or girl selling \$50 worth or more of War Savings Stamps will be enrolled and will be entitled to a certificate of enrollment, a souvenir roster of the regiment and an achievement pin. The sales must be new sales or new pledges and must not be for the sale of stamps which have been previously pledged.

Applications for enrollment must be filed with the County Superintendent and be accompanied by a statement of the persons to whom the stamps are sold and the amounts to each person.

Pledges for future purchase are accepted the same as purchases provided the pledge cards are sent in with the application for enrollment.

N. A. Frost, Co. Supt.

PRIVATE SWALLEY DEAD

Private Glen Swalley, son of Jno. Swalley, of Reedville, died at Ft. Stevens, below Astoria, Friday, Oct. 18, 1918, from pneumonia, after an attack of Spanish influenza. Young Swalley was aged about 19 years, and was enlisted since June with the Coast Artillery. His father went to Fort Stevens, Friday morning, and talked with the son, who told him he was feeling pretty well, and then he asked the father to stay around for a day or so and he would show him around the camp. Within an hour he had passed away.

The funeral was held Monday. Undertaker Donelson in charge, and interment was in the Hillsboro Cemetery.

The soldier leaves to mourn his loss his father and two sisters, Mrs. Ray Denton and Mrs. Alfred Millar.

Those desiring dry slabwood, four foot or 16-inch, four foot fir, 16-inch fir, or coal, notify us at once. Prompt delivery. H. D. Schmeltzer, Tel. 2477, res.; office 542.

HENRY ALBERS IN TOILS

J. Henry Albers, Portland millionaire mill man, has been arrested under the espionage act and held under \$10,000 bail. If convicted of the offense—and the evidence appears overwhelming—the penalty is 20 years in the Federal prison and \$10,000 fine. Albers is the president of the Albers Bros. Milling Co., an institution known to every grain man in the Northwest. The allegation of the government is that while on a north-bound train from San Francisco, while drinking, he made pro-German utterances which were unmistakable, and it is reported that there are three witnesses to his declarations. Nearly every farmer of note in Washington County knows the Albers brothers, William Albers, the vice president of the company, is a brother of the arrested man. Albers told the District Attorney for the government that he must have been drunk when he made utterances contrary to the welfare of the United States, and the evidence is that he had been drinking. This will hardly surprise him, however, as the plea of inebriety does not go far with Uncle Sam.

WILLIAM H. GREER

William H. Greer, aged 79 years, died at his home in Forest Grove, October 19, 1918. He was born in Carrollton, Ohio, March 25, 1839, and enlisted in the Civil War at Harlem Springs, that state, in D Company, 80th Ohio Volunteers, Infantry, and served for three years. He was married to Amanda Gibson, Feb. 14, 1865, the wife dying in this county several years ago. The surviving children: Walter G. Greer, Callaway, Neb.; Miss Jessie Greer, a school teacher at Newport, Oregon; and Miss Vesta Greer, of Forest Grove. The funeral took place Monday at the Grove.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Unclaimed letters for week ending Oct. 19, 1918, Hillsboro, Or.: Mrs. Mabel Fanner, Fred Grabhorn, Miss Ellen Grace, Mrs. V. Good, (3); Louis Lehman, W. E. Simons, Miss Metilda Wulf. J. C. Lanekin, Postmaster.

AUCTION SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction on the R. H. Greer place, one mile north of Hillsboro, at 10 o'clock a. m., on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Brown horse, 12 years old, weight 1000 lbs; gray mare, 6 years old, weight 1600 lbs; brown horse, 6 years old, weight 1400 lbs; cow, 6 years old, came fresh October 4; cow, 5 years old, fresh Oct. 4; cow, 3 years old, fresh Sept. 13; cow, 6 years old, to freshen Nov. 4; cow, 8 years old, to freshen Feb. 10; cow, 8 years old, to freshen April 12; cow, 2 years old, to freshen April 4; cow, 3 years old, to freshen March 8; cow, 9 years old, to freshen April 6; cow, 15 months old, to freshen May 15; 2 heifer calves, 6 months old; Duroc Jersey brood sow, 2 years old; 6 Duroc Jersey pigs, 10 weeks old; 80 or 100 Rhode Island Red hens and pullets; heavy 2 1/4 inch truck, good as new; farm truck; heavy 2 1/4 inch work harness; farm harness; 3 single harness; 8-18 John Deere disc, nearly new; 15-tooth spring tooth harrow; 16-inch chilled plow, nearly new; 2 horse walking 6-shovel cultivator; 1-horse 5-shovel cultivator; 2-seated buggy Empire cream separator; 2 8-gallon milk cans; 5-gallon milk can; 3 milk pails and some bottles, milk stirrer, set dairy scales, 4-bottle Babcock milk and cream tester, new; hay-fork, carrier and rope; 20 tons good mixed hay, 3 to 4 loads of wheat straw, 4 acres of potatoes in field; bedroom set, dresser, washstand, and bed with springs and mattress; also some other household goods, including wood or coal range; table, chairs, bookcase, desk, reclining chair, wagon jack, work bench, 5-gallon oil can, potato fork, hoe, axe and other articles too numerous to mention; 2 stands of bees and some extra bee hives, bee smoker, 2 log chains, 2 sets dump planks, shovels, forks, steel bar, wheel barrow, table and 6 chairs, sanitary couch, iron kettle.

Lunch at noon.

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FOURTH REGIMENT IS NOW FORMED

Seven Companies Nucleus of New Regiment, State Militia

HILLSBORO GETS OFFICERS

Washington, Yamhill, Polk and Part of Marion, are Territory

The Fourth Regiment, Oregon State Militia, was organized in Portland the past week, seven companies being the nucleus of the new military organization. The counties making the new regimental territory are Washington, Yamhill, Polk and a part of



Lieut. Col. Fred J. Sewell

Marion counties, E. M. Smith, of McMinnville, is the new colonel. Captain Fred J. Sewell, of this city, was appointed Lieut.-Colonel; W. N. Harris the Regimental Adjutant, with rank of Captain; and Dr. Elmer H. Smith Regimental Surgeon with rank of Major.

New companies will be organized as rapidly as possible, and the state commanding officer is anxious that all companies be drilled to the limit.

Lieut. Col. Sewell has been the captain of the Hillsboro company since its inception, and Capt. Harris was first lieutenant. Dr. Smith was the company surgeon. Lieut. Col. Sewell, Captain Harris, Lieut. Perkins and Supply Officer W. V. Bergen have returned from four days of training at



Maj. Elmer H. Smith

Portland and Clackamas, under the command of Col. Beebe, and it was four days of grueling drill, but it gave the boys valuable instruction. They drilled at the armory, heard lectures, and then went to Clackamas field, where they had two thousand yards of skirmishing and return, with action all the time. Maj. Smith went to Vancouver the last of the week for drill and instructions.

For Sale: Registered Jersey bull, 3 years old; fine built animal; am changing head of herd. Gus Ruecker, Cornelius, Or., R. 2, tel. Cornelius central, Alder 53.

FARM FOR SALE

My farm is for sale. My son is in the next call and my place is priced to sell. If you want a mountain ranch see others and then see mine. Not a gulch on it. All lays nice for tilling. About 100 acres; sixty under cultivation; finest kind of producing soil; remaining 40 second growth timber and used for pasture. New house, 6 rooms and bath; a new barn, 50x50; established orchard; spring on each end of farm. Good well. Place lays fine for mountain location. About two miles from rock road now being laid; seven miles south of Hillsboro. Three miles west of Laurel. Am too old to farm it myself, and am going to sell out.—Geo. F. Heineck, Laurel, Oregon.

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