

# POWER TO FINANCE PUBLIC UTILITIES IS MEASURE'S PURPOSE

## Act If Enacted Expected to Encourage Use of Electric Lights in Country.

### MAY ISSUE DIST. BONDS

Law Would Enable Service Where Cost of Private Service Is Too Great.

To enable cities and towns and rural communities to finance their public utilities, such as electric light or telephone service, a bill has been drafted by Attorney John McMiller, chairman of the hydro-electric committee appointed by the commonwealth conference, providing for the formation of public utility districts. This bill, which is to be presented to the next legislature for enactment into law, was discussed yesterday by Mr. Miller at the special session of the commonwealth conference at Eugene.

The bill provides for the creation of public utility districts, or a combination of towns and rural districts, or entirely by rural districts, and authorizes such districts to issue bonds as a means of financing the public utility desired. These public utility districts may include systems for furnishing light, power and heat, or for transportation of passengers, or for other means of communication.

Electric Lights in Country.

Attorney McCort said the real purpose of the bill is to provide a way for rural communities to obtain electric light service. He pointed out that the cost of installing distributing systems in rural districts is too great for a private company to undertake, and he expects to charge the district for the cost of the system. The bill will give them a fair return upon their investment.

So the idea is that rural communities may organize a public utility district, and then they can go out and contract with an electric light company to connect up with the distributing system and furnish the electric light at a reasonable price. This would give the farmers the same adequate service that city dwellers have.

Under the bill, the district is authorized to levy a tax on the property in the district to make up the balance.

The works and property of the district are to be exempt from taxation for state, county, or municipal purposes.

Any city or rural district may initiate the proceedings for the creation of a public utility district. The district may include only municipalities, or it may include both towns and rural districts, or be entirely in the rural districts. A majority vote of the voters within the district is necessary to organize the district.

Affairs of the district will be in the charge of a board of directors, composed of the following: The mayor of each municipality comprising the district, and if rural territory is included, then also the county judge shall be ex-officio members of the board. Each municipality having at least 5000 registered voters shall choose from its legislative body one additional member of the board, and each municipality for each 10,000 registered voters over 5000 shall choose an additional director from its legislative body, or from other citizens. On the same basis directors are to be chosen from the rural territory included in the district.

Attorney McCort said the idea back of the measure is not to have public utility districts enter into competition with privately owned companies, and it is intended to present to the legislature for enactment at the same time a measure modeled after the Wisconsin indeterminate permit law, which provides that a municipality or another company cannot establish a public utility plant, where one is already in operation, except upon making a showing of necessity and obtaining a permit from the railroad commission.

This measure will also provide that the district may acquire a privately owned plant for a price and on terms fixed by the railroad commission, without the necessity of court proceedings.

# Train Service to Remain Unchanged

## No Alterations to Be Made in Train Times for Cars Leaving for Cottage Grove at 2:15 P. M.

Southern Pacific operating officials discovered yesterday, after having once lined up the new service on the Portland-Cottage Grove run, that irreconcilable conflicts developed and so no change will be made in the train that leaves Portland at 2:15 p. m. It was the plan to hold the train back 10 minutes. In addition the company announced that Train No. 75, now leaving Silverton at 3 p. m. and arriving at Salem at 4 p. m., after December 15, leave Silverton at 1 p. m., reaching Salem at 2 o'clock.

To the exercise of such right the district shall have the same rights, powers and privileges as a municipal corporation.

"To construct works across or along any street or public highway, or over any of the lands which are now or may be the property of this state. To construct its works across any stream of water or water course. The district shall restore any such street or highway to its former state as near as may be and shall not use the same in a manner to unnecessarily impair its usefulness.

"To borrow money and incur indebtedness and to issue bonds or other evidences of such indebtedness; also to the formation of any indebtedness, or lien that may exist against the district or property thereof; provided, however, that no district shall incur any indebtedness in this act granted." In aggregate, exceed fifteen (15) per cent of the assessed value of all real and personal property included within the district.

Charge for Service.

"To levy and collect or cause to be levied and collected, taxes for the purpose of carrying on the operations and paying the obligations of this district."

"To make contracts, to employ labor and to do all acts necessary or convenient for the full exercise of the powers herein granted."

The bill states that the act intends that a charge shall be made for the commodity or service furnished sufficient to pay all expenses and provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of the bonded indebtedness, but in case the revenue should not be sufficient to meet these expenses, then the district is authorized to charge the property in the district to make up the balance.

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# MEETING PROPOSED TO BOOST CAMPAIGN FOR CITY BEAUTIFUL

## Convention Will Be Held on Tuesday Evening, Dec. 15, to Discuss Rose Planting.

### PRIZES WILL BE FEATURE

Business, As Well as Residential Section of Portland, Will Come Under New Plan.

For the purpose of crystallizing the city beautiful movement in Portland and arranging definite plans to bring the matter to a conclusion the first convention of delegates representing various clubs and organizations in the city will meet Tuesday evening, December 15 at the Commercial club.

The meeting has been called by the City Beautiful Committee of the Rose Festival Association and its chairman is Julius L. Meier.

Other members of the committee are consulting landscape artist, E. T. Mische, J. A. Curry, A. E. Doyle and John F. Carroll. Millions of roses may be cultivated and business houses decked with blooms. The Rose Festival Association stands ready to offer several thousand dollars in awards on a competitive basis.

A number of designs will be offered for prizes for the best kept lawn, parking strip, or roses and in addition districts would compete against other districts.

In the business section competition would be encouraged by offering prizes for the best floral decorations on buildings.

In view of the fact that thousands of tourists will flood the west next year—fair year—it is pointed out that Portland should be in position to show the world at least her roses.

A number of designs will be offered for inspection. Included in the lists of organizations that will be represented by three or more delegates are the Parent-Teacher associations of the Multnomah, Woodstock, Arieta, Chapman, Clinton Kelly, Elliot, Kennedy, Lents, Terwilliger, Shaver, Sunnyside, Richmond, Woodlawn and Hawthorne schools.

The organizations include the local chapter of the American Institute of architects, East Side Business Men's club, Montaville board of trade, Portland Transportation club, Portland Realty board, the Coterie club, Portland Rose society, Irvington club, Overlook Improvement club, Sellwood board of trade, Rotary club, Progressive Business Men's club and Portland Ad club.

# CROSSED PLAINS MORE THAN 60 YEARS AGO



Mrs. Rose Wiley.

# PIONEER WOMAN WAS FATHER'S HELPER IN MISSIONARY WORK

Funeral of Mrs. Rose Wiley, Who Old Time Residents Recall, Set for Tuesday.

Many old time residents of Portland doubtless will remember Mrs. Rose Wiley, who as Rose Dodson during the earlier days of Albina, helped her father, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Dodson, in his work as Methodist minister and physician. Mrs. Wiley died last Saturday and the funeral probably will be held from the Dunning undertaking parlors Tuesday. The funeral has been delayed because relatives residing at distant points desire to attend.

Mrs. Wiley was born in Tampa, Fla., January 22, 1852, and when she was only a few weeks old her family emigrated to Oregon, crossing the plains and settling first at Eugene. Later they moved to Portland.

She married Oliver Wiley in this city in 1904. She had been married previously to George Hibbert in Oakland, Cal. During the last few years she had suffered considerably from rheumatism.

One of her brothers, John L. Dodson, resides at Sacramento, Cal., and she and her son were expecting to visit him when her fatal illness overtook her. Another brother, Martin Dodson, resides at San Jose, Cal.

During the early days she helped her father much in his missionary work which he combined with his profession as a physician. She performed many acts of kindness and in well known among Oregon pioneers.

Short circuiting is obviated in a new incandescent lamp socket by providing separate inlets for its wires.

# TAX LEVY FOR 1915 TO BE 22.05 MILLS 4.95 LESS THAN 1914

Levies for City and School District No. 1 Fixed at 7.5 and 5 Mills, Respectively.

### CO. LEVY TENTATIVE ONE

Budget System Provides That Expense Be Trimmed to Lowest Point Possible for the Year.

The total tax levy for Portland, including city, county, school and port levies, for the year 1915, will be approximately 22.05 mills. This is 4.95 mills less than the levy for this year.

Levies made by the city of Portland and school district No. 1 have been definitely fixed. They are 7.5 mills and 5 mills, respectively. The levy to be made by the county, however, is only tentative and will not be definitely fixed until January 1, when a hearing will be held to give any who desire opportunity to appear before the board of county commissioners and make objections.

The county levy, as now proposed, is divided as follows: State tax, 2.8 mills; county schools, 1.3 mills; county high school, 1 mill; roads and bridges, 1.8 mills; general fund, 2.3 mills; public library, .45 mill. The levy for the Port of Portland is 1.1 mills. The total assessed valuation is approximately \$35,500,000.

The levy for county purposes is 4.25 mills, which is an increase of 1.1 mill over the 1914 levy. The increase is in the levy for the general fund. For this year the levy for the general fund was 1.9 mills and for next year, as tentatively fixed, is 2.3 mills.

As tentatively fixed, the general fund levy will raise approximately \$738,109, the levy for roads and bridges will raise \$536,300, and the levy for public libraries will raise \$150,975, a total for county purposes of \$1,425,384.

A fund of 1.65 mills, which is one of the one for the general fund, were adopted as fixed in the report of the budget advisory committee, which made its final report to the county commissioners yesterday, the last day allowed by law. The advisory committee recommended a levy for the general fund of 1.65 mills, which would raise \$553,575. The county commissioners found it necessary to

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# Poultry Show to End This Evening

## Experts Unite in Saying That Exhibit Is Most Successful Ever Held in Oregon

Today is the last chance to see the prize poultry show in the Pittock block.

The show will be open until 10 o'clock tonight, and as a special attraction, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, Charles E. Brewster, poultry expert of the Oregon Agricultural college, will give a talk on "Incubation."

The poultry show, which closes tonight, is the most successful in the history of Oregon.

Especially notable are the exhibits of Single Comb White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rocks and Pigeons.

The prize bird of the show is a pullet of the White Leghorn variety, shown in coop 302 by J. W. Rennie & Sons of Vancouver, Wash.

Testifying the high quality of the show are the opinions of all four judges, headed by J. H. Frequent, and B. C. Lively, director of livestock for the Panama-Pacific exposition, who visited the exhibition during the week, and praised the show.

In the pigeon class is B. P. (Biddy) Dowell, chief of the Portland fire bureau, who is pigeon enthusiast as well as a fire fighter. His birds captured five first, two seconds and six third.

# Carranza Defiant In Reply to Wilson

## He Says Use of Force to Stop Firing Across the Border Will Be Considered "An Unfriendly Act."

Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—General Carranza tonight made defiant reply to President Wilson's ultimatum that forces be employed by the United States unless activities of warring factions on the Sonora border which imperiled lives on the American side were halted. He said:

"If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco it will be considered an unfriendly act, unless accompanied by friendly motives cloaking the act."

The reply is expected to reach Washington tonight or tomorrow. It has been General Carranza's contention that it is not his troops that are firing across the line but those of General Villa. The Carranzistas under General Benjamin Hill are fighting with their backs to the border against a continuous bombardment by the forces under the former governor of Sonora, General Maytorena.

# BUNGALOW AND CREAMERY

These are samples of the business news you will find in The Journal Want Ads today. The name of the classification in which it appears precedes each item.

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  - 15. Columbia Graphophone Co.
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John McCormack
- III. Parigilo Cara, "Traviata".....Verdi  
Duet, Lucretia Bori and John McCormack
- IV. Berceuse from Jocelyn.....Godard  
John McCormack  
Violin Obligato by Fritz Kreisler
- V. Hungarian Dance No. V.....Brahms  
W. W. Allen, Violin  
Accompanied by Arthur Nikisch-Welte-Mignon
- VI. Quartette from "Rigoletto".....Verdi  
Bori, Jacoby, Werrenrath, McCormack
- VII. (a) Mother o' Mine.....Kipling-Tours  
(b) Molly Brannigan.....Old Irish  
John McCormack
- VIII. Cavatina.....Raff  
W. W. Allen
- IX. Parle moi de ma mere, "Carmen".....Bizet  
Lucy Marsh, John McCormack
- X. She Is Far from the Land.....Moore  
John McCormack
- XI. Meditation, "Thais".....Massenet  
W. W. Allen, Violin  
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