

UTAH POWER CASES HAILED AS VICTORY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

Rates for Light and Power According to Decision, Be Based on Production Cost.

CONSUMER GAINS BENEFIT

Speculation in Values Will Be Eliminated If Congress Does Not Change Existing Public Land Policy.

The people of Oregon, of the west and of the United States, if congress does not change its established policy of public land control, have made certain in the ownership and control of the vast waterpower resources of the nation, not already passed under private ownership, by the recent decision of the United States supreme court in the famous Utah power cases. The scope and extent of this epochal decision in its beneficial meaning to future generations can be but faintly surmised.

It means that during future years millions of dollars of excess capitalization will be squeezed out of existing power corporations; that rates for light and power will be adjusted for the benefit of the consumer upon a basis of money investment and will not be allowed to rest on the foundation of speculative values.

Cost Basis Factor.
The decision assures the public that future light and power will be financed around water rights held by the federal government and not owned in fee by the promoting companies. It will base their rates on light and power upon the money it costs to build and operate the projects. It means that in the establishment of these rates fabulous valuations can not be placed upon privately owned water rights for the purpose of boosting consumption charges.

It goes farther to touch the future transportation charges of this western country. The time is rapidly coming when coal, oil and other fuel driven motor vehicles and the power by the transportation companies of the nation and the rivers and waterfalls will be harnessed to haul freight and passenger traffic. Public capitalization of power companies, forced by the doctrine laid down in the Utah decision, will be reflected in lower power rates and through them in lower transportation charges.

Rights Are Defined.
The Utah decision says, in brief, that the federal government has the right and control of the use of power sites on government land. It denies power companies the right to go upon federal land, under cover of state law, and acquire title to water rights.

The United States supreme court has said that power companies have the legal right to control the estimated value of privately owned water rights along with the investment cost of their plants in establishing the rate charged for light and power. Public service commissioners must, under that decision, recognize these valuations in rate regulation. On the other hand—and in this lies the great importance of the Utah power decision—where the federal government holds the title to water power used by power companies, the latter can not use the estimated value of the water right as a basis for rates charged the public for light and power, but must establish rates upon the basis of money invested.

Horsepower Is Discussed.
In Oregon there are 505,000 of undeveloped and 15,000 of developed horsepower held in private ownership by light and power companies. The potential horsepower in the state, from government estimates, is a minimum of 3,184,000 and a maximum of 6,613,000, of which the minimum of 861,000 and the maximum of 1,847,000 horsepower are in forest reserves and thus within the direct control of the federal government.

What the government control of this vast power source means to the public can be glimpsed when it is known that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company owns only 84,000 of developed and 60,000 of undeveloped horsepower, together with 45,000 horsepower developed by its lessees at Oregon City, upon all of which it has placed a valuation of \$6,000,000 before the public service commission.

The state of Washington has received \$56,250 for the water rights it has sold to private light and power concerns. The Priest Rapids power site alone is capable of developing 300,000 horsepower.

Instances Are Cited.
The state of Washington sold all of its interest in this site to a private corporation for \$19,133.75. The corporation now places a valuation of \$15,624,048 upon the site, which huge sum, in addition to actual money invested, must be considered by the public service commission as a basis in the establishment of rates charged to consumers purchasing light and power of the company. If the doctrine of federal control, defined in the Utah decision were applicable to this property, this \$15,000,000 valuation would be wiped out as a rate basis, and the charge upon the public would be estimated upon the production and operation cost of the plant.

These two instances alone, and they are typical, demonstrate the far flung importance of the Utah Power company decision to the people of the state and nation.

Theft of Mortgaged Launch Is Charged

F. W. Booth Is Accused of Taking Boat Out of Harbor; Unable to Furnish \$2000 Bail.

F. W. Booth was arrested at the foot of Salmon street Saturday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Ward on a charge of the larceny of a \$1000 gasoline launch. Booth has been working for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company at various times for seven years or so and he constructed the launch "Casadero." Taking it to Willapa harbor, Booth recently suffered foreclosure of a mortgage on the craft, the mortgage of which had been by A. D. Schmidt of Raymond, Wash.

Now Booth is charged with having taken the launch out of the harbor despite the foreclosure and bringing it to Portland again. He was put under \$2000 bail, which he could not furnish, and is in the county jail.

Patriotic Week Begins With 'Flag Day'

"Everybody wear a flag." Purchase one tomorrow—flag day. We have complete lines U. S. Standard wool bunting flags in all sizes at moderate prices. Cotton bunting flags with colors warranted fast. Buntingette flags on staffs 10c-50c. Silk flags on pins, 2 for 5c and each 5c; on staffs, 3 for 10c and each 5c to 50c. Unmounted silk flags 25c to \$22.50. On sale Fifth Floor.

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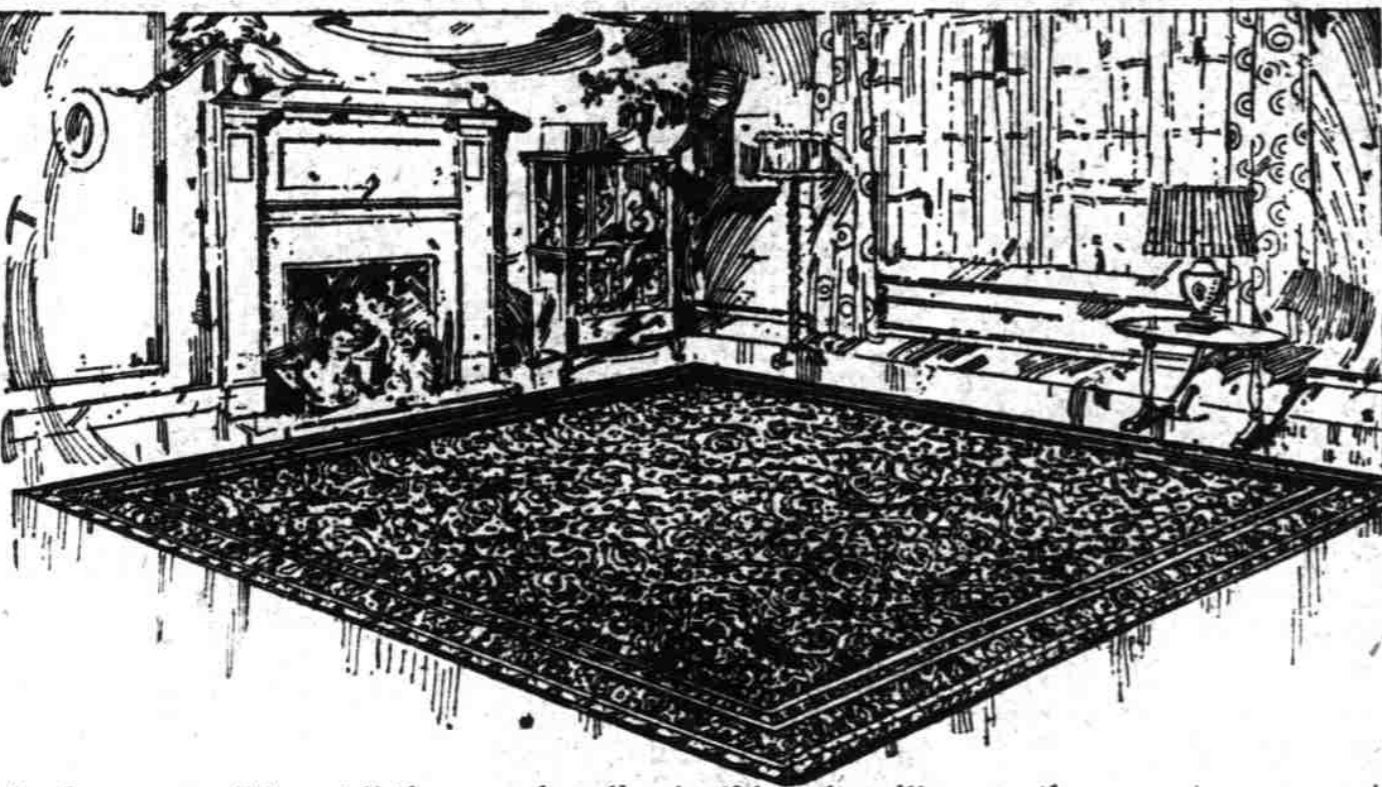
—this section for news of our Spring Showing 1917 Fashions.



Umbrella Re-Covering 15% Off!

—Beginning tomorrow and for one week only we will re-cover your old umbrellas at 15% off our regular low prices. Bring in your old frame and let us cover it in your favorite color. Just received a new stock of green, purple, taupe, red, changeable and plain color re-covers. Colored silk, \$4.25 to \$5.50; men's and women's black re-covers, \$1 to \$6.50—this week less 15%. —Umbrella Shop, Main Floor.

Tomorrow Begins Another of Those Homefurnishing Events for Which This Store Is Famous



Great Sale of Rugs

Market Conditions Considered Our Prices Are Extraordinarily Low!

—"Extraordinarily low" we say advisedly because selling prices quoted for this event would have been low even before rug costs began their long upward march—and the end is not yet. As we purchased heavily before the shortage and rise in price of floor coverings became acute, our prices have been held wherever possible to the old low standard and as a consequence our regular prices are uniformly lower than elsewhere for like good qualities. As these regularly lower-than-elsewhere figures of ours have been emphatically sale-marked for this disposal you can appreciate the savings offered and make generous provision accordingly for all your present rug needs and anticipate future requirements exacting demands for beauty and worth. The extensiveness and variety of assortments is greater and finer than you will every purpose are included in this sale at splendid savings. Here are merely a few suggestions of our offerings:

Room Size Rugs Congoleum Rugs

—Seamless Wilton Velvet Rugs in 9x12 size, special **\$32.50**.
—Wilton Rugs in a fine selection of new tan, rose and blue shades. \$50 Rugs, 8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in. for **\$45.50**. \$35 Rugs, 9x12, for **\$49.50**.
—Tapestry Brussels Seamless Rugs. \$15 Rugs, 8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in. for **\$15.85**. \$20 Rugs, 9x12, for **\$17.85**.
—Velvet Rugs, heavy quality, seamless, in many good patterns. \$22.50 Rugs, 8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in. for **\$17.85**.
—Axminster Rugs, 50 patterns to select from. 8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in. Rugs special at \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$27.50. Our 9x12 Rugs special at \$22.50, \$25, \$27.50, \$30.

—We have the largest assortment in Portland of new Congoleum Rugs in all sizes and patterns. These are waterproof, sanitary, durable and lie flat without fastening.
65c size, 3x3, for only **49c**
\$1 size, 3x4½, for only **73c**
\$1.30 size, 3x6, for only **98c**
\$1.55 size, 4½x4½, at **\$1.15**
\$1.95 size, 4½x6, for **\$1.47**
\$3.90 size, 6x9, for only **\$2.95**
CONGOLEUM ART RUGS
—One-piece, two large sizes:
\$10 size, 9x10½, for **\$8.95**
\$11.00 size, 9x12, for **\$9.95**

LINOLEUM Sale of Rag Rugs DelttoxGrassRugs

Great Sale!
—If there is a home in Portland that can use good quality linoleum at great savings, this sale affords an unsurpassed opportunity.
Heavy Printed
—Linoleum in a choice assortment of patterns suitable for kitchen and bathroom use, special, square yard..... **63c**
Inlaid Linoleum
—Many good new designs, including an effective new pattern in light gray and blue tile, special, square yard..... **93c**

—"Hit and Miss" fireside Rugs. A big assortment—for bedrooms, kitchens, etc.
40c size, 18x36, for only **29c**
65c size, 24x36, for only **53c**
85c size, 25x50, for only **68c**
\$1.00 size, 27x54, for only **79c**
\$1.25 size, 30x60, for only **98c**
\$1.65 size, 36x72, for **\$1.28**
—Colonial Rag Rugs in plain colors of light blue, tan, gray, brown and yellow with white band borders. Particularly desirable for bedrooms.
90c size, 24x36, for only **73c**
\$1.35 size, 27x54, for only **\$1.19**
\$1.75 size, 30x60, for only **\$1.33**
\$2.25 size, 36x72, for only **\$1.89**
\$4.00 size, 48x84, for only **\$3.15**

—Portland's finest showing of these inexpensive rugs is offered you in this sale. A good selection of patterns in green, blue, brown and tan colorings. The recognized standard prices on Delttox grass rugs are all reduced here. The range of sizes and special prices as follows:
18x36 Delttox Rugs for **38c**
21x45 Delttox Rugs for **55c**
27x54 Delttox Rugs for **95c**
30x60 Delttox Rugs for **\$1.13**
3x6 feet Rugs for only **\$1.45**
4½x7½ feet Rugs for **\$2.75**
6x9 feet Rugs for only **\$4.50**
8x10 feet Rugs only **\$7.50**
9x12 feet Rugs only **\$9.50**
—Rug Shop, Seventh Floor.

A Wonderful Sale of Draperies

—Excellent qualities at most unusual savings. Arranged on separate tables for your convenience in making selections.

OUR 35c VALUES **60c-75c VALUES** **50c-60c VALUES**
—Quaint and pretty chintz cretonnes in colors suitable for nearly any room. —Heavy tapestry cretonnes in effective living and dining-room patterns. —Two big tables filled with Colonial rep cretonnes for bedroom uses.

28c **45c** **33c**

Save on Curtains in This Sale

—Hundreds of pairs finely serviceable Scrim and Marquisette curtains at big price concessions. A good variety of trimming effects.
\$1.30 to \$1.75 Scrim Curtains, 95c. **\$2.00 to \$2.75 Scrim Curtains, \$1.45.** **\$3.00 Marquisette Curtains, \$1.65.**
\$3.50 Marquisette Curtains, \$2.50. **\$4.50 Marquisette Curtains, \$3.25.** **EXTRA! \$2.75 Curtains, 98c**
—Curtain Shop, Seventh Floor

Make Sewing a Pleasure

by using a **Hall-Borchert** or an **Acme Dress Form**

—Come in and select a dress form from our complete assortment. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$20. Pay only \$1 down and 50c each week.



—Why not have a brand-new sewing machine before you commence your Spring sewing? We have a great many styles and types of sewing machines to select from, and our prices will please the most conservative buyer. Ask to see the

Eldredge Two-Spool

bobbinless rotary sewing machine. No bobbins to wind. The only family sewing machine in the world that sews from two spools of thread—one above, one below.

\$1.00 Down—\$1.00 Week
No Interest—No Extras
—Liberal allowance for your old machine.
—Second Floor, Fifth Street



It Pays to Own a Good Gas Range
LET US PUT AN

ACORN IN YOUR KITCHEN

—And you will cook and bake with ease. Our Acorn gas ranges represent in their mechanical perfection and superior kitchen conveniences the result of more than three-quarters of a century's experience in GOOD stove building.

—The Acorn produces most satisfactory baking results because of superior oven construction—the oven burners regulate the heat to meet every requirement.
—The Acorn is durable and economical—low gas bills are assured.
—The Acorn is sanitary and easily cleaned—all exposed steel and iron parts are finished in baked-on ebony enamel—may be cleaned with a cloth, no blacking required.
—The Acorn is built in a variety of styles and sizes. Let us show you our Acorn gas ranges. Priced in elevated-oven style \$30 to \$85—installed complete.

EASY PAYMENTS IF DESIRED
—Sixth Floor, Fifth Street

Furniture Is Reduced

Separate Pieces and Suites for Every Room in the House
Assembled in Separate Bargain Section—Eighth Floor



\$232.00 William and Mary Dining Suite, as illustrated, made in American walnut, priced **\$290.00**, now for **\$189.00**
\$94.50 Queen Anne Dining Table in solid mahogany, **\$74.50** with 54-inch top
\$58.50 William and Mary Mahogany Dining Table, 54-inch top **\$48.50**
\$100.00 Adam Dining Table in solid mahogany, made by Berkeley & Gay, 54-inch top, **\$79.85** priced at
\$250.00 Jacobean Dining Suite, mahogany finish, consisting of buffet, 48-inch table, china cabinet, serving table, five chairs and one arm chair, priced **\$197.00** now at
\$14.00 Jacobean Oak Rocker or Chair, leather seat, **\$11.20** can back
\$15.00 Jacobean Oak Rocker or Chair, tapestry seat, **\$11.90** now for

\$347.00 Ivory Decorated Bedroom Suite, consisting of bed, dresser, chiffonier, dressing table, desk, two chairs and a rocker, now **\$169.00**
\$8.00 Solid Oak Wash Stand, wax finish..... **\$2.75**
\$395.00 Solid Mahogany Bedroom Suite, made by Berkeley & Gay. The suite consists of bed, dresser, chiffonier, dressing table, two chairs and a rocker and is priced at **\$295.00**
\$14.25 Ash Dresser, wax finish, oval mirror, special now at **\$11.50**
\$47.00 Large Overstuffed Chair, tapestry covered, loose cushion seat **\$38.00**
\$279.50 Eight-Piece Black Enamel Decorated Bedroom Suite, consisting of bed, dresser, chiffonier, dressing table, desk, two chairs and a rocker **\$159.00**
\$265.00 Mahogany Bedroom Suite, Adam design consisting of bed, dresser, chiffonier, dressing table, two chairs and rocker **\$195.00**
\$48.00 Bed Davenport, waxed oak frame, covered in floral tapestry **\$39.00**
\$8.95 Magazine Rack, either waxed or fumed oak, five shelves **\$7.25**
\$44.50 Solid Quartered Oak Lifetime Buffet, wax finish, priced at **\$34.50**
\$15.00 Golden Maple Dining Chair, imitation leather seat **95c**
\$5.50 Solid Oak Bedroom Rocker, wax finish..... **\$4.40**

\$100.00 Solid Mahogany Library Table, Adam design, top measures 60x35, priced now for **\$79.50** only
\$35.50 Solid Oak Jacobean Dining Table, 48-inch top, at **\$27.50** now
\$54.00 Mahogany Davenport Table, Adam design, top 66 inches long **\$43.00**

\$27.00 Morris Chair, upholstered in tapestry. Back adjusts to four positions. Complete with foot rest **\$21.50**
\$30.75 Jacobean Oak Davenport Table, 72 inches long **\$24.75** now
\$70.00 Carved Oak Jacobean Library Table, specially priced at **\$56.00**

\$98.00 Davenport, exactly as illustrated. Made in our own shops—finest workmanship and materials. Upholstered with a good quality of tapestry. Now reduced to only **\$79.00** to only
\$330.00 American Walnut Bedroom Suite, William and Mary period, consisting of bed, dresser, chiffonier, dressing table, two chairs and rocker... **\$259.00**
\$9.50 Folding Metal Tea Wagon, finished in imitation golden oak **\$7.50**
\$12.50 Double-Deck Steel Spring, woven wire top, for ¾-wood bed only **\$6.25**

\$66.50 Overstuffed Chair covered with blue velour, Queen Anne period **\$48.00**
\$38.50 Large Fireside Tapestry-Covered Arm Chair, loose cushion seat, special in this great sale at the low price of **\$29.00**
Overstuffed Rocker or Chair, as illustrated. Tapestry covered. This is an exceptionally good bargain for any one who needs a good chair at low price. **\$19.30**

EASY PAYMENTS

Arranged if desired. All we require is **1-10 Amount of Purchase** down, balance in proportionately small monthly or weekly sums. **CASH PRICES** plus a nominal interest on deferred payments.