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The Northwestern Rate Case

THE Northwestern Electric company rate case has been concluded by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, and an order entered directing the company on October 1st to lower its rates in the territory it serves in Oregon by an average of 10%. Company's counsel declares the order confiscatory and announces his intention to appeal to the courts. The Northwestern Electric company case may well become a test case for utility regulation in Oregon. If so, it does not seem that the consumers could ask for a better case upon which to base their claim for regulation that reg-

The development of this case by Judge Thomas and the engineers and accountants in his department was careful and painstaking. The department was fortunate in working with a company of rather recent origin, whose books and papers were complete. Thus it became possible to analyze completely the investment of the company, the capital structure, and the operating expenses. This was done in a thorough manner. Usually the great point of contention is over actual investment or plant valuation. In this case state and company engineers came very close together, so close that there is left practically no dispute on this ground.

The real bone of contention came in the allocation of valuation of generating plants and main distributing lines between the two states of Oregon and Washington. The company operates in both states, with one hydro plant in Washington and steam plants in Portland. The power thus drops into a common pool for use in both states. The use in Washington is chiefly industrial for a big paper mill at Camas, which enjoys a low rate. The company sought to have the generating property divided on a gross earnings basis which would throw the major portion to Oregon, which is the larger consumer and pays the higher domestic and commercial rate. The commissioner held that this was an improper method for the reason that gross returns ought to be by 14 voyageus, all gaily dressed the product of valuation times fair return. Since the pur- former tied in large bunches of pose of the inquiry was to find out what the returns should divers colors, with numerous ends. be, gross returns could hardly be used to figure from to de- floating in the breeze. termine what the valuation may be. His findings in this particular seem supported by decision of the U.S. courts.

So Judge Thomas used the other methods of allocating the property: the peak system demand and the kilowatt hours, both indicating the demands and the use of the generating property by the two states. This method seems reasonable. It has been for years the method the company has a few days; they are clinker-built, each other, and their constant used in charging its consumers: connected load and kilowatt hours. There could seem then to be no valid objection for easily carried across the portages. using these methods to arrive at the valuation properly as- They use the gum of the pine to

When this was done the commissioner fixed his valuation and then determined his rates. The rate base would seem also to be fair to the company. After allowing bond interest at 6% and preferred stock dividend at 7%, the rate is designed to allow 8% to the owners of the equity. Since the \$10,000,000 common stock was admittedly issued for no consideration, it is properly disregarded as deserving a return at the expense of the rate payers.

There may be of course question as to the propriety of disallowing certain items of expense like donations to chari- The boat and voyageurs seemed a his keen eye and quick hand in ties and commercial organizations. And it may be that the fit object to grace the wide-flow- the use of the paddle delights business recession may have affected the company's reve- ing river. On we merrily went, and inspires a confidence in him mues so that the rate cut ordered may be found too drastic for present conditions, but on the whole we do not believe Commissioner Thomas has anything to fear if the company does take the case into the courts. There will be the expense and the delay; but his major findings stand good chance of

When this case went to hearings this paper remarked that Commissioner Thomas was on trial and the system of state regulation was on trial. A study of the findings in the case justifies the expression of opinion now that the commissioner has acquitted himself ably, that he has not posed as a utility baiter nor has he hesitated to make the utility hew to the mark of a just price for its product: electric service. It now remains to be seen whether state regulation will survive the test. Those who like The Statesman believe in private ownership of utilities with public regulation will indeed be disheartened if the courts now step in and knock out what appears to be a judicious determination after an exhaustive hearing. Such a reversal would go far toward fanning the flames of socialists and others who daily proclaim the virtues of public ownership.

Marion county is not going to have to go hat in hand to the federal government for relief money. We are still able to care for our own

Voliva still claims the world is flat. Well, he's about right; most people are flatter than they used to be.

Iowa invaded by snake army, runs a headline. Getting ready for prohibition repeal?

Medford has a new court house. What Jackson county needs is a new and bigger jail.

How is it possible to have Oyster WEEK? There's no "r" in

1100 Chinese drowned, is news report. Don't get auxious; many

"Business bright spots:" the seats of many office trousers.

Attendance Good For Daily Bible School In Eldriedge Area

ELDRIEDGE, Sept. 12-Excel-

work will be on display at the Sunday school booth at the state fair in September.

Thurmon Expects 6000-8000 Pounds,

ELDRIEDGE, Sept. 12—Excellent interest and good attendance at the daily vacation Bible school which closes Saturday is reported by Miss Gladys C. Brown who has conducted classes all this week at the Eldriedge schoolhouse. Miss VACONDA, Sept. 2 — G. W. Thurman, peppermint grower at the primary work.

Two hours each morning 15 children between the ages of six to 12 have enjoyed a well-balanced program.

A number of articles of hand

6000-8000 Pounds,

Peppermint Patch

WACONDA, Sept. 2 — G. W. Thurman peppermint grower at Clatskanie was an overnight guest at the Allyn Nusom home. Distilling is in operation on his farm there with R. W. Nusom, his son-in-law in charge. Thurman expects to harvest between 6000 to 8000 pounds of oil this year.

A number of articles of hand

Wise Crackers!



BITS for BREAKFAST

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

E never look at a newspaper marked reddening of the skin, apply without reading of some un-

Scalding is similar to the effects acid treatment." It controls the

of a burn received from fire. It pain and prevents scar formation. Produces a reddening of the skin with severe pain. The underlying structures may be destroyed and prevents complications.

Everyone should be familiar with what to do in the immediate treatment of a burn, but it is always advisable to consult the physician. When it is a simple burn, apply moistened starch, flour or baking powder. This protects the part and keeps the air away from the inflamed area. In a severe burn, with

Answers to Health Oueries

fortunate person who has other ointment.

. Dr. Copeland

By R. J. HENDRICKS-

Willamette valley in 1841: (Continuing from yesterday:) "On reaching the river, we found one of Mr. Ogden's boats manned

we was a set were a doing to be

"The boat was somewhat of the model of our whale boats, only boats are so light that they are and myself, embarked.

"The signal being given, we

suffered a burn or scald. This sort

of news is particularly dishearten-

jured and many received serious

Jured and many received serious and disabling scars.

Most of the socidents resulted from carelessness in the handling of fire and hot liquids, such as water, coffee, soup, milk and gravy. Careless handling of these liquids causes severe scalding which may prove to be serious.

Scalding is similar to the effects

result in the formation of deep

ing because usu-

ally the accident

involves a child.

records indi-

cates there is a

steady increase in the number of burn accidents.

Many of these

cases required hospital care

for a period of from three to

four months.

Other patients

A recent sur-

sion took up the song, and all joined in the chorus. In two hours and a half we reached the mouth of the Cowlitz, a distance of 35 miles. In the Cowlitz we found a strong current to contend against, and by nightfall they had proceeded only 12 miles further. As we encamped, the weather changed, and rain began to fall,

"I had much amusement in much larger, and of the kind built watching the voyageurs, who are

expressly to accommodate the as peculiar in their ways as sailtrade; they are provided yearly at ors. I was struck with their stu-Okanagon, and are constructed in dious politeness and attention to and all the timbers are flat. These cheerfulness. On the second day, our voyageurs had doffed their finery, and their hats were carefully covered with oiled skins. cover them instead of pitch. After They thus appeared more prehaving a hearty shake of the pared for hard work. The curhand, Captain Varney, Mr. Ogden, rent became every mile more rapid, and the difficulty of surmounting it greater. The management of the boats in the rapshoved off, and the voyageurs at ids is dexterous and full of exonce struck up one of their boat citement, as well to the passensongs. After paddling up the gers as to the voyageurs themstream for some distance, we selves. The bowman is the most made a graceful sweep to reach important man, giving all the dithe center, and passed by the rections, and is held responsible while each voyageur in succes- in moments of danger that is giv-

In the more severe form, where

the pain is intense, place the afflict-

ed individual in a warm tub, to which a pound of baking soda has

heen added. Call the doctor imme-

diately and until he arrives keep

the suffering person in this warm

tub. Warm fluids such as tea and

milk may be given to maintain body

If the burn has been caused by

fire, do not try to remove the clothing. Extinguish the fire by wrapping up in a blanket. Never run, because running will stir the flames

and cause them to burn more. If a blanket is not within reach, He

down and roll over slowly. As you

roll, beat out the flames with your

hands. Try not to become excited.

handled in a hospital. At the hos-

pital a patient receives the much

needed attention and most approved

A form of treatment which was

uccessfully used during the World

Children should never be per-nitted near fires or stoves. Hot

Severe cases of burn are best

taken in passing before. . . . I lay down, and after a short time awoke, with the feeling of having overslept myself.

accident again.

"It having partially cleared up in the morning, I set off, accompanied by Piamondon, his wife and child, and another settler as my guide; . . . being provided with good horses, made rapid progress. By the advice of Mr. Forrest, I endeavored to take a cance on the Chickeeles (Chehalis), sending the horses to meet us, without loads, over the mountain. We rode up to the Indian lodges, near the Chehalis river, in order to engage some of them to accompany us. I have before spoken of making a bargain with them, and of the time and patience necessary before anything can be accomplished, I now saw that it was a hopeless task. . . . Time, haste, clothes, presents, are nothing to them; rum is the only thing that will move at all times, and of this I had none, nor should I have made use of it if I had. When Plamondon had exhausted his words on them without effect, we rode off, succeeding in passing the mountain road quickly, and were satisfied that we had thus shown our independence. I have noticed the excessive love that the whole Indian population seems to have for rum: many of these poor creatures would labor for days, and submit to all sorts of fatigue, for the sake of a small quantity. No other inducement will move them in the salmon and camas seasons, for then they have nothing more

en without stint. We did not make more than 10 miles during the day, and were forced to encamp three miles below the farm.

"On the 19th we reached our destination. On our approach, although there were no spectators, except a few Indians, to be exmounted their finery, and gaily chanted their boat song. . . . Plamondon had gone before, to request Mr. Forrest to send the wagon for our baggage, and we found it duly waiting at the landing. In the afternoon, I made visit, with Mr. Ogden, to the Cathelic mission, and several of the settlers' houses. That of Mr. Plamondon we found quite comfortable. The neighborhood, though consisting of few families, appears very happy and united. They prefer the Cowlitz to the Willamette ... It was with very much regret that I parted from Mr. Ogden and Captain Varney. . . . The day they left us proved very rainy. . . . felt disappointed at this, as wished to make some observations, to test those I had already

"I jumped up to look at my pocket chronometer, which, to be careful of, I had placed on the table. Lying near by it was a small silver watch, which I had not before observed, and my surprise was great to find that they both showed the same hour! I uttered my surprise aloud just as Mr. Forrest entered the room, and told me that he had found my watch altogether wrong (it showed Greenwich time), and had set it for me! I could not help making an exclamation of astonishment. We stood looking at each other, and he appeared fully as surprised as I was, when I told him he Indians on the Chehalis river were had changed my Greenwich time for that of Cowlitz, and had interrupted my series of observations!. He thought it passing strange that I should prefer Greenwich time to that of Cowitz, and told me that he was sure his watch was right, for it kept time with the sun exactly! This incident, though sufficiently provoking at the time, afforded me much amusement after it was over, and was a lesson to me never to trust a chronometer to such an

HEART STRINGS BY EDWINALD

Lovely, young Patricia Braithwalt agrees to marry wealthy, le-aged Harvey Blaine because the father she adores is in financial straits. She hopes, however, that handsome Jack Laurence, a young laine. When Jack falls to appear, she turns, in desperation, to Jimmie Warren, her Aunt Pamela's fascinating husband. They become infatuated and Pat breaks her engagement. Aunt Pam is suspicious but blames herself for warning Pat that love fades, inferring that her marriage to Jimmie had failed. Feeling that Pam no longer cares, Jimmie and Pat see no wrong in their "love". Then Jack appears, but Pat tells him he is too latethe emotion he awakened, blossomed to love under another's kiss. Jack, claiming he is the one Pat really cares for, refuses to give up, and the next day moves to her hotel. The contest between Jack and Jimmie for Pat's love is on. Pamela looks on in painful amazement, realizing she still loves her hus-band. Put leaves the Warrens' home where she had been since her father's absence, and returns to the hotel, realizing that Jimmie cannot be romantic with her, as long as she is under his protection. To avoid gossip, Pamela decides to have her louse redecorated, so she and Jimmie also move to the hotel. Pat now openly appropriates Jimmie, but Juck makes it a point to be with them always. Pat plans to ride mornings to give Jimmie the opportunity to be with her alone but, before he can say a word, Jack offers to accompany her. As the days go by, Pat looks forward to her rides with Jack.

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR surging, bewildering tide of primitive desire he provoked, would reday toward the end of the second Come on, everybody. Come on, cur briefly, their torment absent, week, as they started to turn back Arthur. . . . " even their sweetness mere phan-toms that would slip away, lost in bridle and looking at her with grave gang", an old plantation melody rethe quiet and gaiety, the silence hurt eyes, said:
and laughter of this new mystert.
"Little Pat, I've hoped so long,

would wonder as she had done on all." and she would say to herself: It's nor deny the doubtful issue.

of gold, embroidering the landscape picture aching against the mind. and shade. And a new and vaster him to ride on and on with her till water?"

trable, defiant, alluring; forests evoked. that would as sharply flatten out into vast reaches of oosy mangrove like a miniature plateau for miles

light and beauty, and close the gate instantly surrounded by a bored nor of her own. forever upon dark reality. group of young people.

engaged in the salmon fishery.

This is effected by staking the

river across with poles, and con-

structing fikes or fish - holes,

through which the fish are obliged

to pass. Over these are erected tri-

angles to support a staging, on

which the Indians stand, with nets

and spears, and take the fish as

they attempt to pass through: the

fish are then dried by smoking,

and prepared for future use. The

smoked fish are packed in bas-

kets; but the supply is far short

"The next morning we set out

early, and reached the opposite

bank of Shute's river. (Deschutes

river.) On the following day be-

fore noon, I returned to Nisqually,

fully as much enchanted with the

beautiful park scenery as when I

passed it before. To it was now

added occasional peeps of Mount

Rainier's high and snowy peak."

New Views

Yesterday Statesman reporters

asked these questions: "What do

you think of Mayor Walker's res-

ignation? Can he be reelected

F. L. Odom, contractor: "It was

the proper time for it. It had to

be done to support Roosevelt,

Richard Evans, mill worker:

Daily I hought

think he could be reelected."

don't know what to think of it,

mayor of New York City?"

(Continued tomorrow).

of their wants.



"Little Pat, I've hoped so long, it seems—but only when we ride away together are you yourself and free," said Jack.

in a high fever.

Memories of Jimmie and the for her. But she saw it in his quiet

it seems but only when we ride And looking at Jack, so straight away together in the mornings are Den long come of blue Monday.

that long-ago night of moonlight and sea and space, what was the mystery of this man that separated him from all others, cloistering him quiet statement. As if he resigned he'p.

Knows.

Git along, git along, min' youah step—
Fightin' wid de debbil ain't gwinter he'p. in a world apart into which he could her and said farewell. Her heart Git along! Git along! draw one away, wholly unto him-sched for him. And at the same Up in Heaben dey's no blue Mon-self. What strong quality in him started the mind on fantastic jour- sentment—as if he were deserting Neber trouble trouble neys, clouding tangible life, setting her, leaving her to the involved and ugliness and troublings behind a doubtful fate of a love affair with mist, stressing only beauty. He had a married man. For "different" and "right" as her love was, she could

strange women who require two was a forced carelessness in his band, her slim hands moving among men to fill their lives. Slowly at first, now rapidly, the if he pretended to forget that anyens with incredible hues; where-upon, careless of its own magnifi-mocked him. She saw his face lit Pamela felt suffocated. Nausea

picture would spring into crystal- they came to his Eagle's Nest where she might rest forever. Per-Now and again the tortuous road haps if she never saw Jimmie through primeval forests, impene- in the tormenting way his nearness prise.

bogs above which the road ran high Rattletrap cars filled with work- thinking of what I was doing." men, fine cars filled with golfers and business men. Tourists just talk with Pat on the beach—three The road never ceased to sur- arriving. Piles of baggage, roar and unbelievable weeks of bleeding huprise and ravish her. She never throb of cruel credible life. Through miliation and despair. Three weeks If only one could walk perma-eyes shining, she dismounted before amazement that she knew neither nently into this world of prodigal Jack could reach her side, and was the reaches of her husband's heart;

But for these mornings Patricia | Flinging the bridle to a page, her felt that she could not have sup-hot young eyes began their wretched ported the long days of suspense quest. . . Where's Jimmie? I won't and doubt and fear that tore at her, even look. He'll see how little I robbed her of appetite and kept her bother about him. Old married man! Over thirty. Thinks he can make a Each morning became a new ad- fool of me. Well, I'll show him venture in beauty and warmth and others like me. Better looking men quiet peace. Each return a torment than he is. You'll see how much I care about you. . . . Ah, there he is. Jack never mentioned his love Ravishing look at Jack. . . .

"Come on, Jack! A swim. A

iterating in her mind: "Come day, go day, Gawd send Sun-

and graceful in the saddle, dark head uplifted and shining, finely molded profile, eyes adreaming, she I shall always love you, Pat. That's Whichaway you gwine, Gawd he

At a small table on that side of laugh silently that delighted her, not fling herself to its involvements, the pavilion giving on the sea, but screened from its glare by a blazquite true, I need him as much as . When Jack spoke again it was ing bougainvillea vine, Mrs. James I do Jimmie. I'm one of those about some trivial thing; but there Darcy Warren sat with her hus-

"Where's Pat?" asked Warren, sun would rise, painting the heav- thing portentous had been said be- breaking in on something his wife

cence, it would presently wash the by the sun, still and pale and unspeakable swept her, but she did vast picture away in an overflow masked, a never - to - be - forgotten not lift the well of her heavy-lidded eyes. "Dressing, I think. Waiter, with multiple patterns of deep light | She had wild thoughts of asking will you bring us another pot of

She dropped a slice of lemon in a cup of tea and passed it to Warren. "You know I don't take lemon, would fly off from the sea to plunge again she would never think of him Pam," Warren protested in sur-

Time started again as they curving her lips. "I should, after neared the hotel. Cars passing. eight years. The fact is, I—wasn't

the gates at a gallop, hair flying, in which she had learned with

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Yesterdays . . . Of Old Salem

Town Talks from The Statesman of Earlier Days

September 3, 1907 The supreme court, decreeing esterday that three referendum etitions were not invalid, insured lacing on the November ballot the state university's \$125,000 appropriation bill, the Freeman compulsory railroad pass bill, and a Multnomah county prisoner bill.

City Attorney Condit was instructed by the city council last evening to investigate thoroughly the affairs surrounding the details of contract and construction of the North Commercial street concrete bridge over North Mill creek. At nearly every council meeting in the past several months, insinuations of graft and fraud have been handed out indiscriminately in connection with the bridge.

A. Weich was granted a fran chise by the city council last night to establish a connecting link for

September 3, 1922 Salem Elks expect to make the one great hit with the uniformed band and chanting members in the parade at the annual state convention at Seaside next week They expect fully 100 Elks in the

Cecil Edwards, living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards, 1134 Waller street, collid-Walker's a popular man. I rather ad with an automobile yesterday as he was riding his motorcycle on South Commercial street. He suffered a painful scalp wound and leg bruises.

HORSE KICK BRINGS INJURY TO BURNET

JEFFERSON, Sept. 2-D. M. Burnett is recovering from an accident which he had about two weeks ago. While disking on his farm just north of Jefferson, one of the horses kicked striking the clevice which struck Mr. Burnett's leg, cutting a gash about five inches long on the shin. He has not been able to do any work since, and Tuesday is the first time he has been able to walk with the aid of crutches.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn on the M. S. Stephensen place just north of Jefferson on Tuesday night sometime between midnight and 1:00 o'clock in the morning. There were two loads of hay in the Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Abel of

Grants Pass are spending a few days with their two sons who are staying at the Earl Phelps home, other urban and interurban elec- bridge here. Mr. and Mrs. Abel have veen enjoying a two weeks vacation at Garibaldi, and stopped in Jefferson on their way

Mrs. L. G. McCallum of Stettler, Alberta, Canada arrived in Jefferson on Tuesday afternoon for a visit with relatives and friends in Jefferson and vicinity. and is at present a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Vail. Mrs. McCallum will be remembered as Mrs. Bertha Anderson, and is a former Jefferson resident.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL GIVEN GERVAIS, Sept. 2-Cool weather was responsible for the small attendance at the ice cream social,

"There is something terrible and yet maliciously gleeful about the river when it breaks its manifix of a small prairie, where the grasses, flowers, and trees, were like manacles, something human with a kink of Frankenstein-human manness."—Lyle Saxin.

At an impressive home wedding Friday evening, Miss Elsie Gilbert, and Mrs. Philip Gilbert, 235 North 15th in the church. All were invited out to the lawn where ice cream, and coffee were served and minnville high school.

Minnville high school.