

# Utility Salary Fight Resumed

## Budget Items of Electric Firms Are Questioned by Commissioner

Officials of the Northwestern Electric company, Portland Gas and Coke company, Pacific Power and Light company and Inland Power and Light company, have been ordered to appear before Frank C. McCulloch, state utility commissioner, on October 10 and show cause why certain budgetary items for the year 1935 should not be denied as a proper operating cost.

The question was raised that these items, aggregating \$110,000, were not for the benefit of the rate payers.

Among the items under fire is the salary of \$7500 per year paid to Guy W. Talbot, as director of the Portland Gas and Coke company and the Pacific Power and Light company, and as trustee of the Northwestern Electric company.

McCulloch pointed out that originally the total salary paid to Paul McKee and Talbot were the same as the latter previously had received. Subsequently McKee's salary was increased to the amount originally paid to Talbot with the result that an additional administrative cost of \$7800 accrued.

"It is not known nor is it shown what services are rendered by Mr. Talbot for his salary," the order read.

Other alleged objectionable items include payment of certain fees to the Electric Bond and Share company, holding corporation.

The matter of fees paid to holding companies has been for five years the subject of serious controversy," the order continued.

"To permit a holding company owning common stock of an operating utility to collect a certain stated sum of money per annum, based upon stated percentages of the gross income of the operating concern without regard to the value of the services performed or the cost thereof to the holding company, is in effect a method of guaranteeing to the common stockholder an annual dividend regardless of the earnings of the operating company."

Certain contributions to commercial, civic and industrial organizations also were listed as questionable by the utility commissioner.

Budgets for 1935 were filed by the companies on November 1, 1934, and under the law, the utility commissioner was given 60 days to approve or reject them. Charles M. Thomas, ex-state utility commissioner, failed to make an order within this period.

McCulloch alleges that another section of the statute gives the commissioner authority to reject or approve any unwise or imprudent expenditure without regard to the time element. McCulloch said he was proceeding under this statute.

Certain budget items previously rejected by Thomas were appealed to the federal courts with the result that the commissioner subsequently vacated the order.

These items applied particularly to holding company fees.

## Chester Goes South

JEFFERSON, Sept. 26.—R. Chester will leave Friday for El Monte, Calif., where he will have employment. He expects to be gone about three months. Mrs. Chester and her sister will remain here.

# Local News Briefs

## Boy Needs Job—A 19-year-old youth here would attend part-time school if he could find a job to help pay for his board, room and books, according to Violet T. Swanson, director of the Salem continuation school in the senior high building. This young man, she says, is of excellent character, neat appearance and pleasing personality, and "would make a fine office boy or chauffeur." He must find a home by October 30. Miss Swanson asked that anyone interested in this case telephone here at 5719.

## Allen Answers—Answering amended complaint in a suit brought by W. C. Winslow against W. G. Allen, doing business as the Allen Fruit company, Allen says that he relied upon original order from B. L. Limbaugh in issuing a check for \$108.18 to Limbaugh and Ralph Butt jointly when that sum came in on a cooperative deal on which some payment had been made previously. The answer said Allen had no order not to make such disposition of the money.

## Fever Rank High—Fever ranked high in the list of new communicable disease cases reported in Marion county last week, according to the state department of health bulletin. Of the 11 cases listed, four were of scarlet fever and one of malaria. Others included three of tuberculosis, two of influenza and one of whooping cough. Polk county reported one case of malaria and one of influenza.

## Set Hearing—Final hearing in the estate of Adelaide M. Scriber has been set for October 26, following filing of final account yesterday by Helen Hibbard Paget, executrix. The report shows cash receipts of \$311.48; cash on hand \$75.73; unpaid charges, \$472.14, and property on hand for distribution, \$4327.50. Heirs are two adopted children, Max Griffith Scriber of Seaside, and Emma Scriber of Astoria, and Virginia Scriber Weisman of Beatrice, Nebr.

## Prater's Meet—Dr. V. E. Hockett, lieutenant in naval reserves, described his recent two weeks of active duty on the U. S. S. Mississippi off Seattle and on the U. S. S. Saratoga off San Diego to the Fraternity club at its meeting last night in the Queller. Arrangements for a dance this fall were considered. The club urges attendance of all members at next Thursday night's meeting as a special program has been arranged.

## Henderson Selected—Winthrop Henderson, junior from Portland at Willamette university, was appointed homecoming manager at a meeting of the student body executive committee Wednesday night. Homecoming has been set for October 19 when the Bears meet the College of Idaho Coyotes.

## Closing Estate—Final account in the estate of Iva V. Page has been filed by Iva V. Page, executor, showing disbursement of \$73.50. Appraisal filed by Clara A. Heitzel, Charles H. Heitzel and Margaret Barratt Heitzel shows property valued at \$300 in this county. Other property is located in Washington.

## Double Shifts—Double shifts will start work on the WPA project, building a heat tunnel for the University of Oregon, on October 7, according to announcements yesterday.

## Snell Gets No Deer—Secretary of State Snell returned Thursday from a deer hunting trip in eastern Oregon. He was unsuccessful.

## Lealie Dolling up—The four structures on the Leslie Methodist church property on Commercial street in the south end of town yesterday started taking on a brighter hue. The church, parsonage, Sunday school building and garage are all to be given new coats of paint before the work is completed. The work is part of the improvement program being directed by the Rev. Dean Poindexter, who came here as pastor early this summer.

## Lodell Will Talk—Carl Lodell, graduate manager of Oregon State college, will speak at the regular Friday morning meeting of the Breakfast club in the Marion hotel dining room at 7:30 o'clock this morning. George Scott, Oregon State alumni secretary, will also be present. The club will push the Oregon State-Willamette football game at Corvallis Saturday and the Salem high-Camas clash here tonight.

## WPA Allotment—WPA office district number three announced yesterday that the project of mapping the city of McMinnville had been approved by the local office and forwarded to the Portland office. The federal government provides \$1,470 toward the project and the sponsors provide \$661.

## Visits Chapters—Mrs. Olive Doak Bynon, secretary of the Marion county Red Cross association, visited the Red Cross chapter in Portland Monday and the chapter in Eugene Tuesday. These visits completed a study of work and materials of the various chapters in Oregon and Washington.

## To Show Films—A special program will be held at the Presbyterian church Monday night at 7:30 o'clock when Rev. David P. Martin, missionary from Japan, will show a series of moving pictures taken in that country.

## Foreclosure Suit—Nora Seales, as guardian of the estate of Dora Seales, yesterday filed a suit against Guy O. Smith and others to foreclose a mortgage held on property in the Queene Anne addition to Salem.

## Answers Kellers—C. W. King and others of the Talent litigation unit, defendants in suit brought by Rudolph E. Kellers, have filed answers to the complaint.

## Creditors at Marion—The Salem Credit association will meet at the Marion hotel this noon instead of at the Masonic temple. Routine business will come before the group.

## To Sell Property—The probate court has authorized M. G. Guderson, administrator of the Nils O. Tokstad estate, to sell property belonging to the state.

# Orchestra Budget At Halfway Point

## Response Generous, Says Leader; Teams to Meet Again Next Monday

Half of the proposed \$2000 budget has been raised by finance campaign workers for the Philharmonic orchestra association and the balance is expected within a week. The response has been generous and willing, Mrs. W. B. Anderson, association manager, stated last night.

The teams will have a meeting Monday night in the chamber of commerce. Committee captains and their workers are as follows: Mrs. Breyman Boise, captain, and Mrs. B. O. Schucking, Mrs. Karl G. Becke, Mrs. David Eason, Paul Wallace and W. H. Burghardt.

Mrs. W. H. Lytle, captain, and Mrs. V. E. Kuhn, Mrs. G. L. Sherman, Mrs. Joe Roman, Mrs. Grace Taylor, H. V. Collins, John Friesen and T. A. Livesley.

Mrs. R. W. Craig, captain, and Mrs. W. E. Chandler, Mrs. George Allen, Mrs. Glen Seelye, C. A. Sprague and Otto Paulus; Mrs. Maaska, Mrs. A. Schramm, Sheldon F. Sackett, Oscar Olson, Elton Thompson and L. Y. M. A. Steed.

Enrollment in the orchestra this fall has been unusually heavy. Students from the Preparatory orchestra and new applicants may obtain an audition next Tuesday afternoon at 4 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. before Jacques Gershorvitch, conductor, and the music committee.

The first rehearsal will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock in the Y. M.

## Named Delegates

SCIO, Sept. 26.—Charles N. Townsend secretary of the Scio Township club, and W. J. Turnidge, the first district organizer to operate in the Scio territory, were elected delegates to attend the Townsend convention in Chicago, October 24-5-6-7.

# Seen by the Sage

## Sentences caught in passing; Business at the new beauty parlor is fine.

—Mary Brennan, William M. Mussen and a good football team.—Glen Morris, Mussen and a good football team.—Glen Morris, Mussen and a good football team.—Glen Morris, Mussen and a good football team.

—W. O. M. A. S. D. H. Talmadge the Miller corner. Put yourself on record for world peace.—Emil Shaeffer. When business is good business is bad and when business is bad business is good.—Pawbroker George Sidney in "Diamond Jim." It looks like the Cubs.—Fred Galsdorf.

You should take a drive over to the Fall vineyard.—Carey Martin. These strawberries were grown at Marcola, Lane county.—Salesman in a local food market. "Curlytop" is the most successful Shirley Temple picture we have ever shown, and it has beaten all our records for Will Rogers pictures with the exception of "Steamboat Round the Bend."—Otto and Lovig Schmidt of the Grand theatre. Old age is just a notion that some folks get into their heads.—Paul Sims. Our 17-day trip to Washington was more of an education than we could have gained by any other method in a year.—Ralph Kietzing.

Salem business men should contribute to the Philharmonic Symphony orchestra budget of \$2000 in order that the concerts this coming winter may be available to everybody.—Harry Collins. The new statehouse should be built on the site of the old one.—Mrs. E. G. I have just had a tooth pulled and it did not hurt a bit.—Hal Shade. Man is a tool-using animal; without tools he has nothing, but with tools he has all.—Thomas Carlyle. Mr. Carlyle's statement is particularly pertinent to politics.—Old gentlemen who come down town occasionally to swap remarks with folks.

# Sorghum Mill to Start up Monday

## Cane Produced This Year From Home Seed; Total Output to be Less

The season's run at the A. W. Klopfenstein sorghum mill, two miles west of Silverton, will be started Monday, the owner said yesterday while in this city on business. He estimated about 1,500 gallons of sorghum will be ground out this year from about 20 acres of cane. Last year 1,600 gallons was the output.

A new hydraulic cider press and equipment is also in operation on the Klopfenstein place, and will be run during the afternoon only when the sugar cane starts coming on.

This is the first year farmers have furnished their own seed for the sorghum cane, and for this reason an accurate estimate of the output is not available. However, it is expected cane will be brought from as far away as the south end of this county and the McMinnville area. The mill is operated on either a cash or share basis, and has a capacity daily output of 150 gallons.

Klopfenstein says there is a ready market, locally and in Portland, for the product.

## Gymnasium For Brooks Proposed; Would Bond

Voters of school district No. 31 at Brooks will vote upon a bond issue of \$2500 to build a new gymnasium on October 21. Submission of the issue was voted by the school board at a meeting held Wednesday night. The funds, if voted, will be augmented by WPA which will supply the labor for the project. The government's share will not exceed \$3500.

# Merchant is Selected As Jefferson Delegate To Townsend Gathering

JEFFERSON, Sept. 26.—K. S. Thurston, local merchant, was unanimously elected as delegate to the national convention of the Townsend clubs that meet in Chicago October 24 to 27, at the special meeting of the local club Tuesday night at the Masonic hall.

Mr. Thurston has been very enthusiastic in the work of the club since its organization. Members present pledged \$100 to help defray expenses of the delegate. Frank Lillard, L. H. Knight and Mrs. Wilbur Funk were appointed to further solicit funds, and if money is secured, another delegate, A. A. Miller, will also represent the local club.

## Chittum Bark Prices at Point Below Possibility Of Profit, Claim Here

Price for chittum bark remains at a low point; Prevailing price is 3 1/2 cents per pound. The peeling period is past but there is on hand a large supply of dried bark.

Only an expert peeler can peel 200 pounds of green chittum a day. This amount dries away one-half, making a profit of \$3.50 which does not include the cost and time of drying, sacking and selling the bark. It is not considered profitable to peel the trees at a price less than 4 cents.

# Bethel Children Already Opening Three 4-H Clubs

BETHEL, Sept. 26.—Four H club members are planning an ambitious program of work for the year, with three clubs organized. The handicraft club, "Bethel Busy Hammers," has selected Werna Froehlich, president; Alfred Bahnsen, vice-president; Freda Bucurench, secretary.

Lorraine Kirscher was elected president of the homemaking club "The Clean Housemaids," Charlylotte Hain, vice-president; Dorotea Froehlich, secretary. The "Bethel Nifty Cooks" cooking club president is Ma Mae Crohn; Jean Hain, vice-president; John Bucurench, secretary.

Mrs. Weddle, the leader, will instruct in sewing for three girls who are too young to take the regular club work. Luella Nichols, Mina Lee Spranger and Marcella Wolfe.

## Pre-Convention Rally Plan for County C. E.

The Marion county Christian Endeavor Union will hold a pre-convention rally tonight at 8 o'clock at the bungalow of the Court Street Christian church, 17th and Court streets, with all Endeavorers invited to join in the event. The convention will be held at the First Presbyterian church Oct. 18 to 20.

# Cross Word Puzzle

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By EUGENE SHEFFER

HORIZONTAL: 1—rascal; 2—confused; 3—conflict; 4—skeleton; 14—released on word of honor; 15—suspense; 16—deeply; 17—water-raising wheel; 18—corn; 19—human beings; 20—notable period; 21—Java; 22—almond; 23—crisis; 24—animal; 25—merry; 26—scanty; 27—genus of beetles; 28—therefore; 29—linking; 30—Kentucky; 31—two-gross.

VERTICAL: 5—shelters of canvas; 6—walking stick; 7—facile; 8—on account; 9—glaring; 10—scraping instrument; 11—variety of; 12—suspense; 13—leguminous plant; 14—goddess of earth; 15—wager; 16—merry; 17—sea-cow; 18—sooner than; 19—sun god; 20—low of a new; 21—incantations; 22—article of property; 23—bird; 24—cruel; 25—depressions; 26—sea eagle; 27—river in Lorraine; 28—wed; 29—uncomely child (Scott).

Here with is the solution to yesterday's puzzle.

# Power Bill Filed For Ballot Title

Preliminary petition for an initiative measure, similar to the so-called grange power bill approved at the 1935 legislative session and later vetoed by Governor Martin, was filed in the state department Thursday.

The petition was signed by Albert Slaughter, representing the grange, and officials of the Oregon State Federation of Labor.

The proposed measure authorizes the construction of electric transmission lines, distribution of electric power, and issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed six per cent of the assessed valuation of the state. This maximum would be approximately \$60,000,000.

Any bond issue proposed would have to be referred to the voters for their approval or rejection.

Administration of the act would be under the jurisdiction of a commission of three members, one to be elected in each of the three congressional districts.

In case the petitions are completed the measure would go on the ballot at the general election in November of next year.

# Betting on Dogs And Horses Less

The state's proceeds from dog and horse races operated in Oregon the past summer were the lowest of any year since pari-mutuel wagering was legalized.

The total received by the state this year was \$71,200, which is 2 1/2 per cent of the amount of money that went through the wagering windows at the dog races in Portland and the horse races in Salem and Gresham.

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