

BEND POWER WILL REDUCE LIGHT RATES

PETITION IS FILED TO
PERMIT CHANGE.

PLAN TWO CENT CUT

Discount is Made Less Complicated,
and Both Big and Small Consum-
ers Will Be Aided—Company
to Seek to Enlarge.

To be allowed to reduce light rates for electric consumption, is the unusual request made today by the Bend Water, Light & Power Co., through the local manager, T. H. Foley, in a petition embodying a new rate card, sent to the State Public Service Commission. The company is ready to put the new rates into effect on April 1, with the approval of the commission.

The reduction is the outcome of a conference held between Mr. Foley and Kempter B. Miller, one of the principal stockholders in the company, during Mr. Miller's visit to Bend recently. The new schedule was mailed to Mr. Miller, and his approval received, before the petition was filed.

Minimum Unchanged.

The reduction is based on a cut from 12 to 10 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 30 kilowatt hours in any month, and will be of chief importance to the small consumers, constituting a majority of the patrons of the company. The minimum charge will remain the same, \$1.00 per month, but for this outlay, the consumer will be able to use 10 instead of eight and one-half kilowatt hours, as formerly.

The complicated discount now in effect is eliminated in the new schedule, and five per cent prompt payment discount allowed, which means that the consumer will pay 95 cents for 10 kilowatt hours, instead of \$1.10, as necessitated by the old rate card.

Will Benefit Many.

Large consumers also profit by the change, and after the first 30 kilowatt hours, pay six and one-half cents on the next 170, and five and one-half cents on the next 200 after that. For all over 400 kilowatts, under the old schedule, five and one-half cents was charged, but on the new rate card, four cents will be asked.

Not only is the company making the reduction of its own initiative, but further cuts are promised, when the business is built up to a larger extent. "This cut is only a temporary reduction of revenue," Mr. Foley said, "for it will enable a number of people who are at the present using electricity only for light, to make use of electricity for cooking, and

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PLOT IS NEWS TO THE ALLIES

BRITISH AMBASSADOR DENIES
PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE—VIL-
LA READY TO TAKE SIDES
WITH GERMANY.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The British ambassador today denied any knowledge of the Zimmerman plot letter, previous to the revelations made by the Washington administration. His announcement was made in answer to hints that representatives of the Allies had given Wilson the letter.

The State Department instructed Ambassador Fletcher to see Carranza today to ask Mexico's attitude in regard to the plot. Villa's border agents have reported that the bandit leader will in all probability join Germany in the event of a German-American war.

No news as to a direct expression of Villa's attitude was received, and his present whereabouts are unknown.

ALL NOW READY FOR DEDICATION

ELABORATE PROGRAM
IS PREPARED.

Patrons of High School Will be Wel-
comed Tonight, and Will Inspect
Features of Building Under
Student Guidance.

Preparations are complete for the dedication of the new Bend high school building, and an elaborate program to accompany the dedicatory exercises will be given at the high school auditorium, at 8:30 o'clock tonight. Preliminary to the dedication, the city school board went on a tour of inspection of the new building this morning.

Every facility is present for the entertainment of a large crowd, as the auditorium will hold 300 comfortably, with accommodations for 100 more in the gallery. Among the interior features of the auditorium is the 18 by 18 curtain, bearing a view of Crater Lake, painted by Edgar Abbott, a local artist. Shades are of the same type as those in use at the Reid school.

In order that patrons of the school may have a full opportunity of examining the interior of the new structure, a student guide will escort the guests, in groups of 10, all over the building. In the last room which they will view, refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Parent-Teacher association.

Program Elaborate.

The program for the evening will be as follows, in five minute limit being provided for each number:

Song—H. S. Girls' Glee Club.

Remarks—R. M. Smith, president school board.

Speech—J. E. Meyer, superintendent Crook county.

Soprano solo—Mrs. F. Thordarson.

Speech—Architect Lee A. Thomas.

Speech—Mrs. Thoraon, president Parent-Teacher Association.

Duet—Misses Brosterhouse and Linster.

Speech—S. C. Caldwell, mayor of Bend.

Speech—Eric Bolt, principal H. S. Trombone solo—Dr. R. D. Ketchum.

Speech—J. A. Thompson, superintendent Deschutes county schools.

Speech—F. Thordarson, superintendent city schools.

Bass solo—Louis Bennett.

Speech—Dr. U. C. Coe, president University club.

Inspection of building.

Song—Audience.

WOMEN OF U. S. UNITE FOR WAR

SOCIAL LEADERS IN CAPITAL
THROW OPEN HOMES TO DEL-
EGATES TO NATIONAL JOINT
CONVENTION.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The Congressional Union and the National Women's Party united here today following their preliminary meeting last night in the joint convention here. By unanimous vote, the merged organizations will take the name of the Women's National Party.

The question as to what part suffragists shall play in event of war will be decided at the conventions. Mrs. Harvey Wiley, Mrs. William Kent, wife of Congressman Kent, of California, Mrs. Helena Weed, daughter of Congressman Hill, of Connecticut, and a number of other prominent Washington women have thrown their own homes open to the visiting suffragists.

Garages and lofts have also been converted into dormitories to supply sleeping accommodations for some of the late arrivals.

TURKS BADLY ROUTED

Flight Continues After 4300 Prison-
ers are Taken.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

LONDON, March 2.—Official dispatches today stated that the Turkish retreat in Mesopotamia has become a rout. The demoralized Turks are fleeing through Assisiyah with the British closely pursuing. Forty-three hundred prisoners have been taken.

STOPPING OF STEAMSHIPS AT HALIFAX PUTS THAT PORT PROMINENTLY ON MAP



CITY AND HARBOR OF HALIFAX

Official announcement was made at Ottawa that Halifax, Nova Scotia, is to be made an examining port for neutral vessels crossing the Atlantic eastbound, including the Scandinavian liner Frederick VIII, bearing Count von Bernstorff and other Germans returning from the United

States. Whether or not ships coming west also will have to call at Halifax has not been determined.

The fact that the terminal works at Halifax have not been completed may have some bearing upon the decision in regard to westbound ships.

This decision of the British authorities will add greatly to the importance of the port at Halifax. It also will necessitate the presence there of a corps of government officials representing the customs, postal and other departments as well as interpreters and translators.

WILSON FORMS A WAR COUNCIL

CABINET JOINS WITH INDUSTRI-
AL EXPERTS IN WAR PREP-
ARATION—GUNS ARE READY
FOR AMERICAN STEAMERS.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—A war council is being organized here today, including the members of President Wilson's cabinet, and industrial experts. It is strictly a coalition body. Members of every political party are represented. It was learned that President Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, heads the transportation department, with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in charge of the labor division.

It was authoritatively stated today that the Navy Department has gathered guns from Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and Boston, at the Norfolk navy yards. Ammunition is being mobilized, ready for instant use on American ships.

Four American liners scheduled to be armed first, and will probably carry six inch guns. The small vessel will carry three-inch guns.

REALTY OFFICES TO TRAVEL ON ROLLERS

Work Will Continue Without Interruption as Location of Frame
Building is Moved.

Transacting real estate business in a travelling office will be the novel experience of J. A. Eastes, and of the Bend Park Co. on Monday, for on that date, rollers will be placed under the frame building in which they are located on Oregon street, and the structure moved to the corner of Greenwood and Bond. No work in either office will be interrupted.

The move is being made for the purpose of making room for the new two-story office building to be erected by the Deschutes Investment Co., in the rear of the First National Bank building. As soon as the new block is completed, the two realty operators will move in, the Bend Park Co. having offices spoken for on the ground floor, while Mr. Eastes will have the distinction of representing the only private business to share the second floor with the office holders of Deschutes county.

SAYS WAR INEVITABLE

Embassy Official Makes Statement
—\$150,000,000 Issue Approved.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—Reports received this afternoon from Paris, stated that the Paris Le Temps quoted an official of the American embassy as saying that "war with Germany is inevitable."

The Senate, late in the afternoon approved the \$150,000,000 bond issue for the purpose of building submarines. The money may also be used for hastening the naval construction program.

BEND STUDENTS TO SURVEY CITY

ALL PHASES OF COMMUNITY EN-
VIORNMENT WILL BE REPORT-
ED ON BY BOYS AND GIRLS
ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

A community survey by students of the Bend high school, is to be made next week on a plan devised by City School Superintendent Thordarson. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons will be given over to investigations, Wednesday and Friday afternoon reports in assembly will be made, and Thursday afternoon will be devoted to a trip of all classes to the sawmills. Each student will be given a definite assignment, and must report in writing.

"The idea of the survey," Mr. Thordarson explains, "is to use the local environment as a laboratory, and to furnish the students first-hand observation and personal experience upon which to base his reasoning, and to apply the theories he has gleaned from his books."

The different lines of local activity have been carefully divided, in order to avoid duplication by the various classes. Students under Principal Eric Bolt will report on the city and county governments, and the laundries; Mrs. Francis' pupils will have libraries, churches, Sunday schools, hospitals and the cost of living; those taking work under Miss Manning will report on the electric power plant, the ice plant, the creamery, and the scenery of Bend and its environs, and Mr. Francis' students will have the business districts, the foundry, the postoffice, railroads, and labor unions; classes under Miss Penn will inspect the greenhouses, newspapers, and the flour and alfalfa mills; those registered under Miss Lorence will have society, lodges, schools and candy manufacturers, while Mr. Thordarson's students will report on a plat of the city, real estate, hotels, and cafes.

HAS HIS HONOR RE- SIGNED, OR NOT?

Judge Springer, of Crook County, Re-
ported Still on Job—May Be
Unwilling to Quit.

PRINEVILLE, March 2.—(Special.)—Last week it was generally understood that County Judge Springer had forwarded his resignation to the Governor. Then it was stated that he had expressed to the chief executive his willingness to resign, if a certain person was named as his successor.

Now, however, it is currently reported that he hasn't resigned at all, and may not do so, unless he and his friends get advance assurance that the judge who succeeds him will be the one of their own particular choice. Just who that choice is, also remains a matter of doubt.

Anyway, Springer agreed to resign at a meeting last Saturday, when he was openly reminded that if he didn't quit voluntarily, he probably would be given opportunity to do so via the recall route. At that time the Judge took the hint readily, but subsequently it appears that he may have weakened.

STOCK BUSINESS IS ON INCREASE

ADDED APPLICATIONS CREATE
DEMAND FOR THOUSANDS
MORE CATTLE AND SHEEP
THAN RANGE CAN HANDLE.

The steady growth of the livestock industry in Central Oregon is shown in a report issued from the office of Supervisor W. G. Hastings today, following the closing of the time limit last night, set for the filing of applications for grazing permits. Unless most excellent reasons are given by stockmen, explaining their delay in applying, no more requests for permits will be granted this season.

During the grazing season of 1916, 4967 head of cattle and horses, the property of 72 permittees, grazed on the national forest. This year, 62 of the former range users have applied for permission to graze 4961 head. Only two of the former permittees have gone out of business, three have consolidated their interest with other stockmen, and are still represented in co-partnerships, and four have not yet reapplied, for unknown reasons. In addition to former users, 27 new applications have come in asking range for 1530 head of stock. As the carrying capacity of the Deschutes forest is 5500 head, applications for 991 head will have to be denied.

Contrary to popular belief, the sheep business in the Central Oregon section is also showing signs of much greater activity. During the season of 1916, a total of 19 permittees used range wholly within the Deschutes forest, or under inter-forest permits. The records for this year show that 27 applicants are listed for range privileges, and that they represent a total of 51,800 head of sheep. With the carrying capacity of the sheep range estimated at 40,200, a little more than one-fifth of the animals applied for will be denied admission into the forest.

DESCHUTES COUNTY BUSINESS GROWING

Clerk's Fees for Short Month of Feb-
ruary, Exceed Total for Six
Weeks Period Preceding.

How county business is steadily growing, is shown by a comparison of filing fees for the past month, in the office of County Clerk J. H. Haner, with the amount received from this source for the time preceding with the starting of the county in active business.

From December 20 to January 31, fees aggregating \$275.60, while in the short month of February, a total of \$291.24 was reached. The average annual fees in old Crook county amounted to between \$3500 and \$4000.

BRITISH STEAMER SINKS SUBMARINE

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—The officers of the British steamer, Knight Companion, reported today the sinking of a submarine in the Eastern Atlantic.

YARROWDALE CAPTIVES TO BE SET FREE

WILL BE SENT HOME BY
GERMANY.

SHIP BILL TO PASS

Senate Indicates Willingness to Give
Big Majority for Armed Neu-
trality Measure Endorsed
by the House.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The State Department learned today that Germany has officially agreed to release the Yarrowdale prisoners, and allow them to leave Germany soon. Official dispatches tended to confirm the report that two Americans perished in the torpedoing of the barge Calgern Castle, en route to Buenos Aires and Queenstown.

Senator Stone today moved in the house for a consideration of the armed ship bill which was passed last night by the House of Representatives. His motion carried by a vote of 64 to 15, indicating that the bill would pass by a big margin. Discussion was postponed until after the passage of the naval bill this afternoon.

House Passes Bill.

The Senate adopted the National bill amendment providing for a \$1,500,000 appropriation for the San Francisco Bay naval base. The navy department strongly urged the appropriation.

The House voted a huge majority, 403 to 13 last night, empowering the President to arm merchantmen, and providing for a \$100,000,000 bond issue.

The Senate last night requested President Wilson to furnish information concerning the note of Foreign Affairs Secretary Zimmerman in Berlin, to the German minister in Mexico, plotting the conquest of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. In answer, President Wilson submitted Secretary of State Lansing's report.

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CROOK COUNTY HIGH AFFECTED

DIVISION OF COUNTY MAKES
ECONOMIES NECESSARY—TAX
MAY BE HIGHER, OR TEACH-
ING FORCE REDUCED.

That the Crook County High School will be seriously crippled as a result of the division of the county whereby Deschutes was formed, is reported from Prineville. Already plans are being considered, according to reports from the old county seat, to dismiss some of the teachers at the end of the present term, and to put other economies into effect.

The Crook County High School has been supported by the proceeds of a tax levy in the greater part of Crook county, as it existed before it began to be cut up by division movements two years ago. When Jefferson was cut off, the revenue was reduced, but it was still possible to make ends meet during the following two years. Now Deschutes is formed and the taxable value of Crook county reduced to little over a third of what it was three years ago.

In view of this situation, one of two things has been decided to be necessary. Either the teaching force must be reduced, or a higher tax paid for the support of the school by Crook county, as it exists today.

At no time in the past has the number of students from the sections outside the present Crook county been more than 10, or a dozen, although practically all have been paying the tax. Now the territory from which the students come must pay for their schooling or allow a reduction in the number of subjects taught.