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-Byron

Misrepresenting Oregon

The current issue of The Nation contains an article en-titled "A Jolt for High Light Bills" written by Virgil Mac Mickle, which purports to be descriptive of the recent guber-natorial campaign which it describes as a popular revolt against electric light and power rates. The author is un-known to fame in Oregon but his article contains enough misstatements and half truths to give him some notoriety if not fame. It certainly adds nothing to the reputation of The Nation as an enlightened purveyer of facts though it enhances its standing as a disseminator of garbled fiction.

The statement that the Portland Electric Power company has "a practically perpetual franchise entailing no pay-ment of taxes", when it is one of the heaviest taxpayers in the state, is characteristic of the hysteria of the author. But we have grown so accustomed to such corporation baiting that we expect it. What we protest is the statement that Oregon power rates are extortionate and so high in comparison with those of other coast states that industry is being driven out of the state-a falsehood repeated for political purposes during the recent campaign but not borne out by facts and which when broadcasted by The Nation is calculated to injure Oregon.

Portland's rates compare very favorably with those of other Pacific coast cities, including those having municipal plants. In some respects they are lower and in some slightly higher, but there is not enough difference to effect industry. This fact is admitted even by Portland's \$78,000 rate expert-

Salem, which has the same rates as Portland, enjoys the lowest light and power rates of any of the 49 capital cities of the United States including the national capital, according to the recent compilation of the Public Service Commission of Montana. The capital cities are selected as being fairly representative of the rates that prevail in other cities so that Oregon really has the lowest power rates of any state in the Union, despite its large area of sparse population.

The compilations show that the average cost to the consumer in the 49 capitals, for the number of kilowat hours the dollar will buy, as contrasted with Pacific coast capital cities

Average	\$1.00	\$2.50	\$5,00	\$10 194	\$18.50
Salem		55.	181.	459	713
Helena	12.	38.	117.	350	517
Olympia	15.	38.	97.	263	413
Sacramento	10.	40.	90.	190	330
Phoenix		34.	81.	202	329
Boise	12.	31.	78.	202	323
Carson City	14.	36.	72.	143	265

Salem, however is likely to lose this advantage if the utility regulation bill favored by Governor Meier is enacted, leaving cities free to bargain for their own rates, thereby giving the big city the advantage over the small because of its greater consumption of electricity. The smaller towns are not in position to make a successful fight and the rural communities will be left out on a limb.

The latter must look to the single commissioner for relief, and he will find himself helpless to grant it, because the revenue of the utility will be so milked by the larger cities, through favorable rates and concessions granted, that any order entered by the commissioner reducing up-state rates would be set aside by the courts because reducing the company's revenues to the point of confiscation.

This phase of the utility bill will prove far reaching and calls for careful study and sober thought on the part of the up-state members of the legislature. The people of the entire state are entitled to receive fair rates and adequate service and without discrimination as between localities. There is no good reason why Portland should be the sole beneficiary of this pet bill of the Governor's.

Good News for Seattle.

There is due to appear in the legislature today a bill to limit the length of freight trains to seventy cars and passenger trains to fourteen, in order to increase the number of trainmen necessary to operate. While this bit of news will be received with alarm by Portland it will be heard with joy and gladness in Seattle for if the proposed measure becomes a law it will seal the doom of Portland's famous 10 percent differential on freight shipped from points in the so-called Inland Empire to tide water.

Ever since the coming of the railroads to the lower Co-lumbia and Puget Sound, Portland has sought a more favorable rate than was granted to the Sound cities. Except from a few points, the interior rates to Portland and the Sound were for years on a parity. Along about 1916, how-ever, the shippers of the interior, aided by Portland and other cities on the Columbia, filed a complaint before the Inter-state commerce commission in which preferential rates over the Sound cities were demanded. The complaints supported the demands with the claim that the railroads leading to Portland followed water grates which permitted the handling of twice as many cars per engine as could be handled over the mountain grades to the Sound. Operating cost studies were offered in evidence which showed beyond dispute that freight could be delivered at Portland at far less cost than to Seattle or Tacoma,

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Through this showing Portland and Vancouver, Wash, were given a 10 percent favorable differential over the Sound cities with a result that the great wheat movement, long enjoyed by the Sound, was almost all diverted to Portland. The losing of this fight was a bitter pill for the Sound cities and they have been unceasing in their efforts to remove the differential and restore the old time conditions. In their fights they have enjoyed the aymmathy and co-operation of the carriers. Just when they had all but given up the fight comes the news of the bill which, by limiting the number of cars to a train, would operate to destroy the fruits of those natural advantages which the ports on the Columbia.

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"COMING! COMING!"



GRANGES TAKE STAND ON BILLS

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H. B. No. 180, by Tourphins and
thers—Providing an excise tax on

districts for the improvement of roads therein located.

H. B. 198, by Fisher, Nichols and Senator Eddy—Closing portions of Unique inverted fishing from boats.

H. B. 190, Hamilton—Designating closing hours of county officials in Deschutes county.

H. B. 191, by Hamilton, Schaupp and DeLap—Salaries of county officers of Deschutes county.

H. B. 193, by Chindgren, Taylor and Proctor—Limiting jurisdiction of county boundary board in own county.

SENATE BILLS

S. B. 143, by Schulmerich—To simplify the payment of bank checks.

B. 2, 49, by Dunn—Providing day of rest for firemen.

S. B. 150, by Dunn—Defining elementary teachers' training course and providing for and regulating the certification of graduates.

B. B. 13, Dunn—To provide for a business admitualrator for the state section; commission.

business administrator for the state accident commission.

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ACCIDENT CAUSES DELAY McKee — L. A. Wilson, enroute from Grants Pass to his home at Tacoma, Wash, stopped to visit a brother, D. M. Wilson, of this place. Inquiring into the cause of the Wilson, of this place. Inquiring into the cause of the Wilson has been at the home of another brother in Grants Pass for the patt four months. He was invited to spend the night at the home of another brother in Grants Pass for the patting, and the series, Jose and John Rieger, rather than continue his journey late at high.

If Stomach Hurts

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Sulphur to Heal

Skin Eruptions

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Drink Hot Water

Neutralize Stomach Acidity, Pre-vent Food Fermentation, Stop Indigestion

LADY DECIES. **GOULD HEIRESS** DIES IN LONDON

London (P)—The former Helen Vivien Gould, American helress who as a youthful bride of the fifth baron Decies dazzled English so-

charming hostess.

She was married in 1911 when she was 19 years old. The ceremony was performed in New York, its splendour and the prominence of the principals giving it wide publicity.

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Her name was frequently in the headlines, particularly when on her honesmoon she smoked a cigarette at the railroad station in Brusswick, Ga. Her reception in the British court was a triumph. She appeared before the king and gueen in a white satin gown embroidered in diamonds, pearls and crystals and a train rich with silver lilles and ermine.

The elite of London througed the series of balls dinners and the like which followed and she became one of the most prominent figures of English sacety.

She was active in Red Cross work work during the war, and since had been a great traveler, making several adventurous trips with her husband into West Africa and other parts of the world, Her his band, John Groham Hope de la Poer Beresford, was once a lieutenant colonel commanding the South Irish Horse, and from 1915 to 1919 was chief press censor for Ireland.

Lady Decies was one of the heirs to the \$76,000,000 Gould fortune.

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30 EMPLOYED ON STAYTON ROADS

George Keech of Stayton, mayor of the city, who has had charge of taking care of the work of the emergency road unemployment relief plan in that section, was in Salem Tuesday and stated that the part month 30 different men have been employed on road work there. Each of the men has been given six days work and he expects to have a similar smount of work for

Doctors Use

PAIN IN YOUR SHOULDER?

the same number of men during the resent month. The crew has been grading down The crew has been grading down the cemetery hill road stretching from Stayton to the cemetery, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile, and he states a fine job is being done. The work is being carried on entirely at district ex-

ense. "While none of the men has made very much on this work it has been a godsend nevertheless," stated Mr.

Waconda-Walter Skelton who recently returned to his home after a month's lliness in a Salem hospital, has had a relapse and has been re-moved to a Portland hospital for further treatment. He is suffering from complications after a severe attack of pneumonia, and is critic-ally ill, His sister, Miss Hattle Skel-ton is at his bedside.

Rheumatism Goes Swollen Joints

ROAD LOCATED

Vivien Gould, American heiress who as a youthful bride of the fifth baron Dectes dazzled English society, died here at dawn Tuesday of a heart attack which developed from jaundice. She was 39 years old and had been ill three weeks.

Death came in a London nursing home. Besides her hisband, who has had a famous career in the army, she left three children, a son and two daughters.

The grand-daughter of Jay Gould whose railroad manipulations made him money king of the post civil war period, Lady Decies came to be known in England for the speciacies she sometimes presented society, her penchant for the unexpected, and as a lavish but charming hostess.

She was married in 1211 when John F. McGee of the county road engineering department who has been working with his crew on the new Victor Point road into

"The new right of way will cut the grades on the road about in two in the middle on an average," he stated. "One 16 per cent grade will be reduced to six per cent and the heaviest grade on the entire new right of way will be only about eight per cent. In fact on one steep hill near the school I believe the grade on the old road is over 16 per cent. At any rate, it is a mighty steep grade.

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Clear Lake—Mrs. Alex Harold has been quite sick at her home the past seek but is better at this writing.

better to call it a big stubborn pimple.

That's why you must fight this obstinate skin disease with something
powerful enough to kill it and swiftly get the unsightly thing off the
skin. So we advise all who are so unfortunate as to have acce to get rid of
it at once and for all by using Emeraid Oil. a powerful healing, antiseptic oil that no case of Acra, Pimples or Excents can withstand.

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bottle lasts 2 weeks.

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Writes Family In Sweden About It

"I have five brothers and sisters in Sweden, my old home, and I'm writing them all about this wonder-ful Sargon treatment that has done



MRS. ANNA BURG

17 Pounds Weight In 4 Weeks