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LIGHT CO. SAYS IT WISHES TO FURNISH VERY BEST SERVICE

Engineer from Railway Commission Testifies to Fluctuations from High to Low Voltage, Criticizes Rates and Condition of Light Globes.

Alderman Testifies to Complaints by Patrons.

Manager Shinn Says Company Has Been Handicapped in Efforts to Give Perfect Service with Out-of-Date Plant and Wishes Meters Ordered Installed.

A defense that it was doing the best it could under the circumstances to give the people of Cottage Grove a perfect electric light service was made by the Cottage Grove Electric Co. yesterday in the case of the City of Cottage Grove against the lighting company.

Alderman R. E. Walker, a member of the light committee of the council, testified that he had heard many complaints from residents of the city to the effect that they considered the lighting service imperfect and the rates for service too high and unfair.

W. T. Neill, a graduate electrical engineer, connected in an official capacity with the commission, who had been here several days making an investigation, testified by means of charts marked by means of a recording volt meter, showing various fluctuations in the current and pressure at four different points. By the aid of the charts he testified that fluctuations of current of from 7 to 19 volts are frequent, many of the variations taking place suddenly. He also testified that 50 per cent of the light globes throughout the city were in poor condition.

Mr. Neill had investigated the flat rates charged throughout the city, taking residences at random and testified that in a majority of cases the rate actually charged was considerably lower than the rate which should have been charged according to the tariffs on file with the commission. In a few instances the rates were higher than would be reached from a computation by the published tariffs.

Further evidence as to the rates charged in other cities of similar size and similarly located in the state was prepared and presented by Prof. R. H. Dearborn of the University of Oregon, the Commission's field engineer. The rate charged by the local company corresponded rather closely to some of these rates but exceeded others.

C. M. Shinn was the only witness for the Electric Co. He testified that the company was laboring under the handicap of a lighting system which was not in any way modern, but that it was doing its best to improve conditions as rapidly as possible and to give the best service possible to the consumers of the city. He testified that the company keeps a lookout on the incandescent lights spoken of for the purpose of keeping them in good condition. He also testified that the contract with the city provides that when lights are out, etc., the company is not responsible for their replacement unless notified by the city. In closing his testimony Mr. Shinn expressed the wish of the company to give the city the best possible service and hoped that the commission would order meters installed throughout the city without exception.

The opinion was expressed by C. B. Atchinson, the legal member of the commission, that the new rules which were passed a few days ago by the commission with a view to regulating service, would probably cover any and all disputed points in this case. These new regulations go into effect July 1.

The commission will not render its decision in this case until the testimony offered has been carefully considered.

MAY RAISE CAPITAL TO \$5,000

Meeting of Cannery Association Called for Next Monday to Consider Proposition to Increase Capital Stock.

A meeting of the stockholders of Cottage Grove Cannery has been called for next Monday at 1:30 p. m. in the Commercial Club rooms. At this meeting the proposition of increasing the capital stock to \$5,000 will be brought up and other important business may be transacted. The board of directors requests that all stockholders who can not be present hand their proxies to some stockholder who is to be present to avoid the possibility of there not being a quorum present.

Hard to Decide Who Is Victim of Good Joke

Dog Which Looks Like Brother Sheared by Mistake

Painless Tom Parker offers a prize of a dozen doughnuts to the person who will decide to the satisfaction of all concerned who the joke is on in the following story:

A few days ago Dr. Frost made a bargain with A. W. Summers to shear his two little Cocker Spaniel dogs for him. Catching sight of what he supposed to be the dogs in question Mr. Summers called them, sheared them and turned them loose. The next day Dr. Frost complained at one dog being sheared and the other left with the hair intact. Mr. Summers was ready to take his dying oath that he had given both dogs a regulation hair cut and when one of the dogs was brought forth with hair apparently untouched by the clippers, he was inclined to believe that some trick of the occult had been played on him, for he had plenty of witnesses who had seen him shear both pups. The mystery was not explained until W. J. McAdams, who owns a brother to the Frost dogs, began making inquiries as to who had had the nerve to shear his dog without permission from the owner.

The dogs "look so much apart that they can hardly be told together" and Mr. Summers had sheared the McAdams dog, which he had caught with one of those belonging to Dr. Frost.

SENTIMENT FAVORS CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH

Treasurer Lurch Reports a Fund of \$72.41 on Hand from Last Year.—Meeting of Business Men Planned for Early Part of June.

The majority of the sentiment of business men in regard to a Fourth of July celebration is favorable. A canvass of the business men reveals that while there are some few who are either indifferent or actually opposed to it they are far outnumbered by those who are really enthusiastic for the celebration.

Discussing the prospects of celebrating, Ben Lurch, who is treasurer of the Fourth of July celebration fund, says that he feels that the celebration should be held as usual and that the committee still has on hand from last year's celebration a fund of \$72.41. He and Fred Bartels, who were among the boosters for the celebration last year, are planning to call a meeting of the business men of the city about the first of next month to appoint committees, discuss ways and means and get the proposition under way.

400 PUPILS IN PROGRAM GIVEN TONIGHT

Four hundred children will take part in the general school program which will be given in the high school auditorium this evening at 8:15. The program embraces a wide variety of numbers, including songs, choruses, recitations, drills and dialogues. All school children will be admitted free and a nominal admission fee of ten cents charged adults.

Machinery Arrives Badly Damaged.

A car of badly damaged mill machinery belonging to the F. P. Fox & Sons Co. of Lorane is standing on the Southern Pacific tracks awaiting adjustment of damages. It is thought that the amount of the damages will reach about \$1500 or \$2000. An adjuster from the office of General Freight Agent H. A. Hinshaw is in the city today looking into the matter and making arrangements for settlement with Mr. Fox. Fox & Son are installing a saw mill and box factory in the Lorane district.

Library Gains 105 Members.

One hundred and five new members were added to the public library roster during the first three months of the year, and 101 new books, or nearly one new book for every new member, has been placed on the shelves during that time, making a total of 967 books owned by the library. During January, February and March there were 2937 withdrawals of books recorded and \$8.21 was collected in fines. Twelve of the new books added were donated by Mrs. F. W. Robbins, W. B. Mann, Col. W. H. Blair, Mrs. C. R. Woodson and Mr. Cunningham.

In advertising always say what you believe, if you wish people to believe what you say. apr22-1f

Newspaper Man Saves the Salad for Made-in-Lane County Banquet

After having been chased for two days by six men and several hounds, a coyote sought shelter in L. P. McCoy's garden, where C. W. Nickerson dispatched the animal with one shot from a 22 caliber rifle. The animal was completely worn out and would have probably gone into the house to evade his pursuers but for the fact that he was too tired to climb over the fence.

The animal had killed several sheep and goats in the neighborhood.

Teachers Leaving for Home.

With the close of school a large number of teachers are leaving for their summer vacations in other parts of the state. Miss Laura Smith will leave shortly for Portland where her parents make their home, Miss Edna May Russ for Corvallis, Lester Barnhart for his home at Falls City and Paul Bond for Eugene, where he is proprietor of a boat house and recreation resort on the mill race opposite the University campus.

Coyote, Played Out by Hounds, Seeks Protection of Civilization

The people of Junction City are preparing to hold a made-in-Lane exhibition tonight, showing various products made and grown in Junction City and Lane county, but they were "up against it" when it came to cabbage salad for the banquet. No one around Junction City had any cabbage so early and the good ladies were on the point of omitting salad from the menu, when J. W. Pixley, the Register man, came to the rescue.

"Why, I have just what you want," he said. "I have some of the finest little cabbages you ever saw, and I'll send you some." So he came home yesterday, plucked six of the best heads he had in his garden at 905 Tenth avenue west and sent them down.

Mr. Pixley set out the plants last September and replanted them in December. They stood the winter and began to grow rapidly at the first signs of spring, soon developed into heads.—Eugene Register, May 20.

Change in Time.

A change in the schedule of the south bound evening trains brings them into the city somewhat earlier than formerly, the local arriving at 8:07 instead of 8:25 and the Shasta Limited at 8:17 instead of 10:12.

CANNERY GETS ORDER FOR CAR OF BERRIES

An order for a carload of gooseberries was received yesterday by the cannery by telegram from Denver. The order calls for shipment of 15,000 pounds of the berries packed in crates containing 24 quarts each. The destination of the gooseberries is Oklahoma. Manager Wallace of the cannery plans to make the shipment in about a week. The price quoted will net the growers \$1.15 per crate.

PROF. FREDERICK S. DUNN WILL GIVE ADDRESS TO GRADUATES

Several of Class of 20 Have Already Completed Arrangements for Continuing Studies or Entering Business.

The principal speaker at the high school commencement exercises tomorrow will be Prof. Frederick S. Dunn of the University of Oregon, one of the most scholarly and pleasing talkers available. Aside from this speech and a short address by A. H. King, the entire program will be rendered by members of the class. Rev. H. N. Aldrich will deliver the invocation and Rev. R. M. Broadbent the benediction. The program is as follows:

Invocation
Address.....President of the class
Andy Sears
Instrumental Duet.....
Ada Matthews and Jessie McConcord
Class History.....Robert Atkinson
Vocal Solo.....Elwyn McCargar
Class Prophecy.....Murray Trunnell
Piano Solo.....Carrie Woods
Reading.....Bertha Stephens
Vocal Duet.....
Eva Hopper and Marion Hooper
Valedictory.....Ruth DeLong
Piano Solo.....Eva Richmond
Address.....A. H. King
Address before the graduates.....
.....Prof. F. S. Dunn
Ernest Lebow and Murray Trunnell
Presentation of Diplomas.....
.....Superintendent Dunton
Quartette.....Girls of the class
Benediction

Several of the class of twenty who will receive their diplomas have already made definite plans for continuing their education while others will go out to teach and still others into business. The University of Oregon, Reed College and the Agricultural College will each receive students from this class.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

The Memorial Day services will be inaugurated Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at which hour the G. A. R. Veterans with their escort, the Sixth Co. Coast Artillery Reserve in full dress, will form at the corner of Sixth and Main Streets. At the cemetery, which will be the destination of the parade, the ritualistic services of the Post will be given. In the afternoon at two o'clock the Memorial sermon will be delivered at the Methodist church by Rev. H. N. Aldrich. A program will also be rendered at the church.

Stores to Observe Memorial Day.

The stores of the city will close Memorial Day between the hours of 10 a. m. and 1 p. m.

A weekly newspaper with plenty of backbone—The Sentinel.

Eugene Man Comments on Bubbling Fountain

Comments Members of Woman's Club for Enterprise

Cottage Grove's bubble fountain, presented to the city by the Woman's Club, favorably impressed Alton Hampton, who was up from Eugene last week visiting his store here. He commented upon the energy shown by the club which presented it and upon the quality of water which bubbled forth therefrom. Cottage Grove is ahead of Eugene as far as this feature is concerned.

Medley Not Nominated After All.

Contrary to the report given out unofficially, Harry Bown of Eugene is the democratic nominee for county judge instead of J. S. Medley of this city. It was thought that Mr. Medley had been nominated but the official returns give Mr. Bown, a former sheriff of the county, 20 votes lead over Mr. Medley.

Mr. Medley had written the democratic county committee that it would be impossible for him to accept the nomination.

"Better Babies" at Grange Fair

A "better babies," or eugenic baby show will be a feature of the grange fair in September, the winners of which will be entitled to enter the State Fair eugenics contest which occurs just after the local fair.

TELEPHONE COMPANY IS ORDERED TO RE-CONNECT

Complicated Mess Results from Sale of Telephone Wires Attached to Poles of Another Company When Purchasers Refuse to Pay Rental.

In the case of the Pass Creek Rural Telephone Co. vs the Pacific Tele. Co., held here yesterday before the railway and warehouse commission, the latter company was ordered to reconnect its lines with those of the former.

The testimony showed the case to be a complicated one. The poles used by the Pass Creek company are the property of the Postal Telegraph Co., and are leased to the Pacific Telephone Co. at a rental of 10 cents per contact. Later the Pacific Telephone Co. sold its wires, which were on the Postal Telegraph Co.'s poles, to the Pass Creek company, but neglected to include in the sale a provision that the purchaser should pay the contact rental. The purchasers refused to pay such rental and the Postal company held the Pacific company for this rental under its former contract, which contract was so made that it did not expire until the Pacific Co.'s wires were removed from the poles of the Postal company. Having sold the wires the Pacific company could not remove them, neither was it able to collect the contact rental from the purchasers. Because the Pass Creek company refused to refund for the contact rental paid out on its line by the Pacific company the latter discontinued the service from its Cottage Grove exchange over the Pass Creek lines and the latter brought suit to force a reconnection.

In ordering the reconnection pending the final order the commission held that it could not adjust damages for charges which were not on file with it and that such a ruling could not be filed by the Pacific company for lines and poles which it does not own.

It is understood that the patrons of the Pass Creek line have now agreed to pay the contact rental, but in case they do not, suit will be brought by the Pacific company for its collection.

Grove Player Making Good at Baker.

Carl Sellers, until a couple weeks ago Cottage Grove's third baseman, has, according to recent reports received been making good with the Baker baseball team in the Western Tri-State league, with which he recently signed. Ray Baker, also of this city, is taking his regular turn on the rubber for the same team and is more than holding his own.

Militia to Report June 12.

Sixth Co., C. A. R., stationed at Cottage Grove, has received orders to report at Fort Stevens June 12 for the annual coast defense exercises in which all companies of the corps will participate. The members of the company will leave here at 1:36 a. m. June 12 and will return June 24.

If you have anything you want to trade, from a mother-in-law to a muley cow, a want ad. in The Sentinel will do it for you. One cent a word. apr22-1f

\$200,000 COMES FROM BOHEMIA IN YEARS 1911-1912

Report of United States Geological Survey Is Surprise Even to Those Familiar With District.—Report of Production for 1913 Not Available.

West Coast Property Named as Largest Producer

Government Report on Geological Formation, Ore Deposits, Nature of Deposits, Etc., Indicates Wonderful Future of One of Richest Camps in West.

That few residents of Cottage Grove, and even of the Bohemia mining district itself, know the amount of gold that has been taken out of the district, is indicated by a recent report by the United States government, which states that the district produced \$200,000 in precious metals during 1911 and 1912. The report states that most of this came from the West Coast properties.

The district was supposed to have been almost inactive during these two years except for development work, and these figures give some idea of what may be expected when many of the valuable properties become active. The report for 1913 has not been received. The following description of the Bohemia district, taken from a recent report of the United States Geological Survey, while not brought down to date, is of considerable interest and is undoubtedly reliable as far as it goes:

The Bohemia mining region lies on the crest of Calapooya Mountain, a shoulder that juts out from the western slope of the Cascade Range and forms the divide between Willamette and Umpqua rivers as well as the boundary line between Lane and Douglas counties. The region is 30 miles southeast of Cottage Grove on the S. P. Ry., and may be reached by a branch railroad to Disston and 12 miles of staging to Champion. Two reports on this mining district have been published by the Geological Survey.

The Bohemia region is one of special interest. Its ore deposits, occurring in the Tertiary lavas of the Cascade Range, are apparently the latest formed in southwest Oregon. They lie in the line of the most northern mineralized belt in Curry and Douglas counties. The following description is taken directly from Mr. MacDonald's publication published in 1909:

Physiography and General Geology.
The relief of the district is pronounced. Several peaks are more than 6,000 feet high and the elevation of the lowest valleys is less than 2,000 feet. This bold relief is the result of mountain glaciation and stream erosion. The luxuriant vegetation due to the humid climate has somewhat masked the geologic features of the region. Great

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PICNIC IS ARRANGED FOR LORANE PIONEER

William Insley Coleman, a pioneer of 1853 and now in his eighty-seventh year, will celebrate his birthday anniversary on his ranch five miles north of Lorane next Sunday. A pioneer's picnic dinner has been arranged in his honor by Mr. Coleman's neighbors. The invitation is general and it is expected that a large number will participate.

COTTAGE GROVE GETS NO CANDIDATE

With Plenty of Votes at Home and to Spare Local Candidate Is Defeated for Legislature by 178. Votes.

Cottage Grove will have no candidate for the legislature on the republican ticket, but that is Cottage Grove's fault. It could have easily had that distinction. The official count changed the unofficial returns considerably and shows that the vote for Elbert Bede fell 178 below that of Melvin Fenwick of Springfield, the successful candidate for third place on the ticket. It would have been an easy matter for Cottage Grove to have stirred up enough votes at home to have given the local candidate a lead of a couple hundred votes.

The official returns for positions on the legislative ticket are as follows:

State Senator—L. H. Bingham, 2355; M. V. Parsons, 1438.
Representative—Walter B. Dillard, 1859; Allen Eaton, 1854; Melvin Fenwick, 1486; Elbert Bede, 1308; H. C. Wheeler, 1182; Frank O'Connor, 932; Elmer E. Kepner, 694; Edwin C. Statzor, 541.