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## RATES LOWERED BY COMMISSION

### WATER AND ELECTRICITY PRICES AFFECTED

Cut in Electric Schedule Made by Utilities Body is From 25 to 34 Per Cent of Old Figures—Water Meters Ordered in Some Cases

In an opinion covering nine closely written pages the Oregon Public Service Commission on Saturday announced its decision in the matter of the investigation of the rates for water and electricity charged by the Bend Water Light & Power Company. Various reductions in the electric schedule are ordered amounting to a cut of from 25 per cent from the meter rates to nearly 34 per cent from the flat rates hitherto in force. Water rates are left practically unchanged but a reclassification is ordered under which meters must be installed for certain classes of customers.

In fixing the new rates the commission finds that the value of the "used and useful" portions of the company's plant on which a fair return is to be allowed is \$34,000 for the electric utility and \$35,000 for the water utility. Capital to the amount of \$47,500 representing other portions of the plant not now useful is required to be put into a "suspense" account until the growth of the town requires its use and gives the company the right to a return thereon.

The new rates go into effect as of July 1.

The complaint on which this decision is made was filed by the city on August 11, 1914. Thereafter the company submitted a statement of its valuation and capital invested and still later, on February 20, 1915, an engineer of the commission began examination of the property. The commission's hearing of the case was held in Bend on May 12 and 13. H. H. De Armond appearing for the city and Ross Farnham for the company.

Commenting on the decision yesterday Manager Foley of the Bend Water Light & Power Co. said:

"We feel that a rather excessive percentage of the admitted actual investment has been placed in the suspense account by the commission. I, e., has been decreed to be entitled to no revenue at the present time. In this connection the Commission states in effect, that the total investment, at the time it was made, was justifiable owing to the apparent prospects for immediate and extensive development in the city and that it was good business to make the investment, but that the expected development did not materialize and that some \$47,500 of the value of the plant and equipment is not necessary to supply the present demand of the community for electricity and must, therefore, be carried by the Company as a dead investment for the time being. If Bend grows sufficiently in the future this \$47,500 of investment will be needed to supply the demand and then and not until then, under the ruling of the Commission, will we be

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## INDICATIONS ARE THAT NEW BRIDGE WILL BE DONE EARLY

Work on Piers Will be Finished This Week—Water Has Caused Trouble—Grading Begun.

Shutting water off from the irrigation canals above town thereby increasing the flow in the river has caused considerable inconvenience to the work on the Shevlin-Hixon dam and the bridge to the mill site, in the past few days. Work on the bridge is, nevertheless, proceeding so fast that the day when it will be in use has been set forward again and it is now expected that unless some delay in receiving material occurs the bridge will be ready for use by July 25.

Last week the last pier on the east side of the river was finished and this week the west side piers will be completed. All the bents on the west side are also up and the approach from the east is nearly done.

Grading on the logging road has begun and nearly a mile is now completed. A 40 ton logging crane has been ordered and will be delivered for use in the woods soon.

At the dam the work on the west side will be finished this week and the water turned from the east side that the remaining portion of the dam may be begun on.

Within the past few days the first large pay rolls caused by the new work have been distributed, the Shevlin-Hixon Company paying off all crews on Saturday and the bridge contractors paying on Monday.

## BAND CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT

The Bend Band will give its regular weekly open air concert on Friday night in the band stand on Bond street. Following is the tentative program.

1. Stars and Stripes Forever . . . Sousa
2. Selection Bohemian Girl . . . Balfe
3. Alto Trio—Visions . . . Hayes
4. I'm on My Way to Dublin Bay . . . Two-Step
5. Patriotic Selection—America . . . Tobani
6. Waltz—Kenwood . . . Guptill
7. Fox Trot—I Want to Linger . . .
8. Waltzes—Wedding of the Winds . . . Hall
9. Hostrauser's March . . . Chambers

## BEND WINS FIVE STRAIGHT

Team Defeats Prineville, Alfalfa, La Pine and Madras.

Winning five games in five days the Bend ball team has made an enviable record for itself during Chautauqua week, incidentally cleaning up teams from all other points in Crook and Jefferson counties. La Pine has been beaten twice, Prineville, Alfalfa and Madras once each, the games providing additional entertainment for the many visitors who have been in town during the past few days.

The Prineville game was arranged on the spur of the moment when that team was on its way through town to Klamath Falls where it was to play on Saturday. The county centers had the services of several players from Jefferson county lines, who had joined them for the Klamath trip, but were taken in without serious difficulty.

A second game is being played with Madras this afternoon. Short summaries and scores of the various games follow:

**Bend 6, Prineville 3.** Features of the game with Prineville were the batting of Stover, Springer and Limbeck, who had a total of seven hits for the game. Limbeck also showed up well in the

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## CHAUTAUQUA TO COME NEXT YEAR

### OVER HUNDRED SIGN GUARANTY

First Bend Appearance Pleases Large Audience—Final Lecture to be Given By Senator Burkett Tonight—Junior Program Draws

With the lecture given by ex-Senator Elmer J. Burkett tonight the first Bend Chautauqua comes to a successful close. Already plans are completed for a continuation of the affair another year, well over 100 names having been secured on the next guaranty. That and the fact that a number of next year's guarantors are from other towns in the county indicates with what favor the entertainment has been received and the enthusiastic support given to the plan to make the Bend Chautauqua an annual event.

With the exception of the first day the audiences have been large, from 500 to 600 attending every performance and the number increasing daily as the merit of the entertainment has become more fully realized. The large attendance has been in the face of unusual weather conditions, the first three days being extremely hot while on Tuesday there were heavy showers and a lower temperature.

The season ticket sale, while falling short of the guaranty, was better than had been expected, an extra effort made by the guarantors on the last day resulting in the sale of several hundred dollars worth of tickets. The actual loss to each guarantor was \$10.65. Until tonight's entertainment is over the total amount of gate receipts, from a percentage of which the guarantors pay local expenses, cannot be known but it is safe to say that enough to cover all expenses will be realized.

### Audience to Vote.

Tonight it is understood that the audience will be asked to indicate which feature of the six day program was best liked, and though guesses are unsafe it is believed that the Hungarian orchestra will take first place. This organization was undoubtedly regarded as one of the best parts of the program and its work was very favorably received, especially on the last night when its longest entertainment was given. Miss Charlotte Bergh, who appeared with the orchestra on Sunday and Monday nights, won instant favor with her remarkably sweet voice and charming personality.

Other musical portions of the program were provided by the Adolphian quartette and Buckner's jubilee singers who are here with Senator Burkett today. The Adolphians opened the program on Friday. They have been singing together for over 25 years, being at present successful business men and teachers who appear on the Chautauqua circuit as a few weeks during the summer as a sort of vacation. At the Commercial Club luncheon on Saturday they sang two songs which were very favorably received.

Mr. E. D. Aller, of the quartette,

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## MORE RAILROAD TALK IS QUOTED

### BEND-KLAMATH TRIP STILL ECHOES

Portland Newspaper Report Governor Withycombe and I. N. Fleischner as Favoring Extension South From Bend—Big Prize Awaits

Further discussion of the need of an extension of the railroad south from Bend and of the possibility that Robert E. Strahorn might be persuaded to take up the work appears in interviews by Governor Withycombe and I. N. Fleischner, printed in Portland newspapers since the return of the official party from Klamath Falls. As reported in The Bulletin last week the matter was first brought up at the banquet given the official party here on June 25.

The Withycombe interview in the Oregonian was as follows: "The Klamath country and south-central Oregon is a big prize awaiting some railroad," said the Governor. "I have been interested in road-building the interview concerning rail possibilities throughout given out by other members of my party and I heartily agree with them. As things now are, practically all the trade from this country goes south to California. If the railroad should be continued south from Bend it would open up a big field for Portland, and one now seemingly practically ignored."

"In talking of the country and its possibilities," Governor Withycombe said he realized that this is distinctly an "off year" for railroad development. "Also, as I understand the present Central Oregon lines are not doing a very satisfactory business," he added, "but even at that it seems to me from an agricultural and commercial standpoint a wonderfully rich country waits to be tapped to the north and southeast of Bend. The time is coming, and not far distant, when someone will take the step and reap the profits."

"On our trip, for instance," Strahorn pointed out that Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, seems on the lookout for some big new Oregon enterprise. Should Central Oregon be able to win his interest, it would be a godsend, not only in that section, but for the whole state, as his record shows him a man able to put through enterprises from which others hold back. But that whenever he will win out in the end, is my belief."

The Fleischner interview. In the Fleischner interview it was stated that the need of a railroad more directly connecting Klamath Falls and Portland was brought prominently to the attention of the visitors by the southern Oregon news. Mr. Fleischner was quoted as follows: "During my brief visit at Klamath Falls, I was greatly surprised to discover the wonderful resources of that region. I was very pleased to learn of the cordial feeling of its people toward Portland and their strong de-

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## GOVERNOR WRITES WALLACE

Withycombe Expresses Appreciation for Reception Given at Tumalo.

Fred N. Wallace, manager of the Tumalo project, has received a very appreciative letter from Governor Withycombe thanking the Tumalo people for the reception given the official party on June 25. The governor writes:

Salem, June 30, 1915.

"My Dear Mr. Wallace: Through you, to the settlers of the Tumalo Project, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the splendid reception accorded me and members of the Desert Land Board party when we were at Tumalo last Friday. The splendid spirit of optimism and co-operation evidenced in your community hall was a revelation and a very great pleasure to me, and I want to congratulate you and your people upon the way you are working together. Your community spirit has done much for you in the past, and will do more for you in the future."

It was extremely good of all of you to entertain us so hospitably, and needless to say my gratitude is especially deep to the good ladies who cared for us so bountifully. It is my hope that a least some of us from the State House will be able to participate in the entertainment they are arranging for September.

"With best wishes to yourself and all the good people of the Tumalo Project, I am,  
"Faithfully yours,  
"JAMES WITHYCOMBE,  
Governor."

## JEFFERSON DOES WELL

New County's Attorney Says Division A Successful—Predicts Another.

SALEM, July 3.—District Attorney W. F. Meyers of Jefferson county is here today conferring with the Attorney General concerning matters affecting the pending settlement with Crook county.

"Our new county is getting along fine," said Mr. Meyers. "I believe all our people are satisfied. Expenses are well below our estimates, and we expect to show conclusively that the division is good business all around. I see no reason why another division of Crook county, which inevitably will come unless by chance the county seat should be moved, would not also be good business for everyone concerned. And all of us expect to see the division movement successful next time to the south of us."

Mr. Meyers added that Jefferson county, while keeping down expenses, has also done more road improvement work than ever before. This is accomplished, he says, because money can be made to go further when it is spent where it originates and under the close watch of those who put it up.

## MORE KNOCKS FOR ROAD

Chewaucan Press Says Time Coming Later for Brainstorms.

Now comes the Chewaucan Press and joins the chorus against the new Sam Hill highway. It says the new road is not needed but if road building is begun, according to the Press, "Faley has something to offer which is absolutely the shortest and best route of all."

Says the Press: "Look at your map; this route places the road from Prineville to Lakeview on absolutely a straight line and is ten miles shorter than to go around Abert lake. Then if this is a shorter and more feasible route

## MANY VISITORS AT CHAUTAUQUA

### LARGE NUMBER COMES FROM SISTERS

Party is Met With Band at North Canal and Escorted to Town—Commercial Club is Supper Host to Visitors From Out of Town.

One of the most gratifying features of the Chautauqua has been the large attendance from other Crook county towns, from Sisters on the west to Prineville on the east. While comparatively few season tickets were sold in any of these places large numbers came for the entertainments on one or more days, adding materially to the success of the affair as well as showing their good will toward Bend and the local Chautauqua.

Perhaps the most noticeable as well as one of the pleasantest displays of friendliness shown by any of the visitors was that of the delegation from Sisters. Plans for coming to Bend during the Chautauqua had been under consideration for some time and recently a vote was taken to come here rather than to attend a Fourth of July celebration in a neighboring town.

On Saturday the Sisters visitors came in force each wearing a Sisters badge. The party was met at the North canal dam by the Bend band and a number of local automobiles and the principal streets were paraded. All the automobiles were decorated, Sisters and Bend pennants, bunting and green branches predominating in the display. F. Huntington, of the visiting party, carried a large drawing showing saw mills on the Deschutes at Bend and otherwise complimentary to the city.

Delegations from Tumalo were also in evidence on Saturday and the succeeding days, while a large number came over from Prineville on Sunday and Monday. Redmond was well represented on those days also and several came up yesterday to hear Senator Burkett.

All the visitors were the guests of the Commercial Club at the Library club supper given on the lawn Saturday evening. Preceding the supper as many as cared to take the short ride were given an opportunity to see the bridge and dam building and other work now going on in connection with the new Shevlin-Hixon saw mill.

why should Sam Hill and others seek to place a road entirely out of civilization around Abert Lake. The fact that they are not advocating the shortest route is proof that there is some selfish interest behind the move.

"Now we have not mentioned this because we believe a road should be built at present along this new route. There is one good road from north to south across this county. It is pronounced a good road by all who travel it. It passes through cultivated areas, it serves those who pay the taxes. So long as the county is sparsely settled we had better devote our attention and the people's money to improving this route. Plenty of time later to have brain-storms."

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