

IT HAS BEEN THE HISTORY of utilities everywhere, and especially in small towns, that combination of competing plants invariably results later. And there is another phase; when a small town allows competing companies to share its electrical business, the possibility of later reducing rates is practically removed. For instance, with one company, as the business grows with the growth of the town, there is likelihood of rate reduction. But with two investments, and the double capital involved, possibility of such future reduction is practically eliminated.

But I am free to say that the Commission is united in being absolutely opposed to competition in electric service in SMALL TOWNS, WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC GOOD AS THE FIRST CONSIDERATION.

Frank J. Miller

Chairman Oregon Public Utilities Commission.



“We do now and always have believed in the competency of the Commission.”

---Statement of our opponents in The Bulletin, July 21, 1915

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FLOWER PRIZES ARE NUMEROUS

PLANS MADE FOR BIG DISPLAY

Favorable Weather Helps Stimulate Interest—Expect 100 Entries More Than Last Year—Names of Competitors Wanted Early.

Plans for the Fifth Annual Flower Show, to be held August 21 under the auspices of the Ladies Library Club are nearing completion, under the directions of Mrs. H. H. De Armond, Mrs. C. S. Hudson and Mrs. E. M. Thompson.

Already considerable interest is being shown in the coming show, and promises are that the entry list will be larger than for any of the previous shows. This interest is shown in the growing of a greater variety of flowers this year than in former years and the favorable weather which has prevailed during the summer months has aided.

That a suitable display of the flowers may be provided the committee in charge of the show urges all persons who intend to make entries to communicate with it as soon as possible so that sufficient accommodations may be made. Competitors for the Emblem Club cup are urged to send their names to Mrs. E. M. Thompson, secretary of the Ladies Library Club, so that reservations may be made for entries in this class.

The committee in charge of this year's show believe there will be 100 entries more than last year. According to Mrs. Thompson, Bend flower culturists have shown more interest than in any previous year in growing new varieties of flowers and have met with unexpected success.

The committee which has been soliciting prizes for the show has not yet finished its work. Contributions to date are as follows:

First National Bank, \$10; George S. Young, \$1; H. C. Ellis, \$1; M. J. Merritt, \$1; Bend Garage, \$1; J. A. Brinkley, \$1; Shevlin-Hixon Company, \$10; D. M. Davis, \$1; Bend Park Company, \$3; A. C. Egan, \$1; J. A. Eastes, \$1; H. A. Miller, \$1; Metropolitan, \$1; J. Ryan, \$1; C. W. Erskine, \$1; P. W. Brown, 50 cents; A. Aune, \$1; Bend Hardware, Percolator; E. M. Thompson, hand painted sugar and creamer; George S. Roberts, \$1; H. Glasgow, \$1; Owl Pharmacy, \$2 in merchandise; V. A.

FIRE FIGHTERS WORKING HARD

DAMAGE TO TIMBER IS PREVENTED

Biggest Blaze Has Been in Jack Pine Country South of La Pine—Now Under Control—Many Men are Employed in Fighting Fires.

Fires burning in the timber at various points south of Bend have engaged the attention of the local Forestry Office and the Central Oregon Fire Patrol Association for the past week. According to latest reports they are now all under control. When at their height 75 or more men were employed in fighting them.

The largest fire and the one at which the greatest number of men have been employed started over a week ago in the country south of La Pine and east of the Fort Rock road, in section 11 of township 23 south, range 10 east. For a time the fire

Forbes, \$1; George Russell, \$1; R. H. Loven, 50 cents; William P. Downing, \$1; D. F. Carmody, \$1; Fred Estes, 50 cents; A. L. McIntosh, \$1; H. H. De Armond, \$1; Sanitary Bakery and Grocery, \$1; Nattie Stevenson, 50 cents; Charles Boyd, 50 cents; Hotel Wright, \$2.50; T. R. McClincy, large can of coffee; Myron Symons, pendant and chain; R. G. Lamberson, \$1; T. P. Niswonger, \$1; Bert Shuey, 50 cents; W. C. McCulson, 50 cents; Deschutes State Bank \$2; R. M. Smith, \$2 in merchandise; N. P. Smith, \$1; O'Donnell Brothers, \$1; Dr. H. Ferrell, \$1; C. W. Thornthwaite, \$1 in merchandise; D. D. Greenwald, \$10 ladies ring; Mannheim Brothers, \$2 in merchandise; Warner's \$1; The Bend Company, \$2; D. E. Hunter, \$2; Bend Water Light & Power Company, electric iron; Bend Bulletin, one year's subscription to The Bulletin; Dr. J. C. Vandeventer, \$1; J. N. Hunter, \$1.50; W. H. Staats, \$1; O. A. Thorson, \$2; Shriner & Huov, \$2 in merchandise; Stidl & Twest, \$1; J. P. Taggart, \$1; Bend Flour Mill Co., 50 pounds Deschutes Spray Flour; Central Oregon Farmers' Creamery, 4 pounds butter; Bend Press, one year's subscription to The Bend Press; H. J. Overturf, \$1. The list of the prizes and the entries for which they will be offered will be completed within a week.

was worked on by the Central Oregon Fire Patrol Association and the Forest Service with about 20 men and on Tuesday night was reported under control, but later in the week it became active again and on Saturday 14 men were hurried off from here to help in the fight.

C. W. Long, of the Forest Office, did some rapid work in getting the fire fighters off Saturday night. In two and a half hours after getting the call he had the men ready with tools, food and cooking utensils and autos to take them to the fire.

This fire was reported from all four of the Forest Service principal look-out stations, the reports all accurately locating the blaze. On Friday Forest Supervisor M.

L. Merritt went down to direct the work, releasing J. H. Haner, of the patrol association, for other fires nearer Bend. According to reports the fire burned a strip about half a mile wide and seven miles long, almost entirely in the jack pine. The latest information is that the boundaries of the national forest have not been crossed, and that the fire is now under control. Most of the men who were working on it have returned to town.

Further south near the border of the forest an extensive sage brush fire was reported on Monday. The front of this fire was said to be seven miles long. On Tuesday Mr. Merritt went to Fort Rock to help in fighting it.

Nearer town the Central Oregon Fire Patrol Association has had a crew working on a fire apparently started from the clearing operations on the Shevlin-Hixon logging road. Smoke from this fire poured up on Sunday and the glow of the flames against the sky was visible after dark. It is understood that no damage has been done, the fire merely burning a little brush and some fallen trees.

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