

# 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 Consumers Will Be Aided—Company to Seek to Enlarge.

(From Friday's Daily.)

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 Kempster 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 we are going to make special effort to obtain more of this kind of business."

"The capacity to which a power plant must be developed, is determined by the demand for light during a few hours in the evening. With more daytime business, the plant may be run more efficiently."

**Other Cities Compared.**  
Mr. Foley mentioned that with the new rate in effect, Bend will have the lowest schedule for any town of the size in Oregon. The cooking rate, reduced last year, is already the lowest in the state.

In commenting on Mr. Miller's letter, announcing the reduction in the meter lighting rates, the local manager states that he derives much satisfaction from the knowledge that the people of Bend are doing business with men of the type of Mr. Miller and Charles A. Brown, who control the affairs of the company. "Their attitude," he said, "encourages us to continue our efforts to make Bend famous as 'the electric city'." Reduction of rates makes possible more extensive use of electricity for all purposes, and the more extensive the use of electricity, the lower the rates can be.

**Miller Makes Statement.**  
Mr. Miller says in his letter: "I am pleased to be able to announce a reduction in the meter rates for electric lighting in Bend. Hereafter the charge for the first 15 K. W. H. consumption during any month will be at the rate of 10 cents per K. W. H., instead of 12 cents."

"This change is made in accordance with the policy established four years ago, when we purchased the Bend Water, Light & Power Company, of giving Bend the very best and most widely distributed electric and water service and maintaining rates at the lowest possible point consistent with a fair return. The progressiveness of the people of Bend in their liberal use of current, not only for light and power, but for cooking and heating as well, has gone a long way towards making possible the present rates in Bend, which I believe are lower on the whole than in any other town of its size in the state of Oregon."

"I hope that further growth of the town and a still greater diversity of use of modern conveniences will make possible even lower rates in future."

## DESCHUTES COUNTY BUSINESS GROWING

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

(From Friday's Daily.)

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.

See Edwards for good house painting.—Adv.

## ANTI-DIVISION ARGUMENT HIT

VOTERS WHO REALLY VOTE DECIDE

Supreme Court Opinion in Wasco County Bond Case Upholds Contentions of Deschutes County Attorneys.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The essence of the legal fight made upon Deschutes county reduces to the allegation that the vote favoring the creation of the new county was not 65 and 35 per cent, respectively, of the highest vote cast in the new and the old county, although it was that percentage of the vote cast upon the question of county division.

While the said legal fight has now completely fizzled, thanks to the legislative action which has removed possibility of further contentions gaining any headway in the courts, it is interesting to note the Supreme Court decision handed down last Tuesday in the case of the Wasco county bonds. Briefly, that decision breaks the backbone of the anti-division argument so completely that even a Prineville attorney who may need the money will scarcely have the heart to say anything more about it.

**Supreme Court Decides.**

The Supreme Court opinion, in a nutshell, states that the outcome of an election is based upon the ballots of voters who actually vote upon that particular question, and not upon the relation of the vote upon the question in point to the total vote cast upon any other matter up for consideration.

Here is the report of the case from a Portland paper:

The \$260,000 road bond issue voted in Wasco county at the last general election is valid, according to the opinion handed down by the supreme court.

The opinion reversed the decision of Judge W. L. Bradshaw, who held in a suit brought by O. E. Wilson against the county of Wasco that the bond issue was not valid, because the bonds did not receive a majority of all the votes cast at the election.

The returns show that 3921 votes were cast for and against the bonds. The majority for the bonds was 191. But for some of the county officers as high as 4351 votes were cast, and the vote cast for the bonds does not equal a majority of that number.

**Reason Is Given.**

"We are of the opinion," says the opinion written by Chief Justice McBride, "that the reason and logic of the controversy are with those courts which hold that the majority of those electors who actually vote upon a measure is controlling."

"We think it was not the intention of the legislature to depart from the rule observed from the foundation of our state government, that the majority as expressed by the votes cast at the polls should rule, and to substitute for this wholesome and immemorial practice, the requirement that the ignorant or indifferent silence of a voter should weigh equally against the vote of the citizen who considers a measure and expresses his convictions by voting for or against it."

## GAME WARDEN HURT WHILE CRANKING CAR

Hadley Sustains Discolored Optic From Mixup With Radiator, While Returning to City.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

With his right eye badly decorated in black, Deputy Game Warden Hadley arrived in Bend last night from Sisters, and explained the darkened optic by stating that the light car of a popular brand, which he was cranking, had hit him when he wasn't looking. The accident occurred, he said, when he slipped and fell against the radiator.

Mr. Hadley was in the Sisters neighborhood to investigate the report of violations of the deer law in that vicinity. Hunting camps, he said, broke up when he entered Sisters, and no arrests were made.

For farm land loans see J. Ryan & Co.—Adv.

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## BEND STUDENTS TO SURVEY CITY

ALL PHASES OF COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT WILL BE REPORTED ON BY BOYS AND GIRLS ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

(From Friday's Daily Bulletin.)

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 coat 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 manufactories, while Mr. Thordarson's students will report on a plat of the city, real estate, hotels, and cafes.

## IS IDEAL RABBIT POISON WEATHER

Long Looked For Snow Makes Best Conditions for All Rabbit Clubs' Most Efficient Work.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

All of the rabbit clubs are urged at this time to double their energies in poisoning rabbits. There are 13 clubs organized this winter for the continuing of the poisoning methods started last year. They cover a wide territory and are located at Terrebonne, Lowerbridge, Redmond, Cloverdale, Gist, Tumalo, Powell Butte, Alfalfa, Bend, Millican, Rivers, Brothers, Hampton, Brookings, Post, Prineville and Paulina. Deschutes valley has presented a hard problem to the farmers because of the uncertainty of the weather conditions, and the short time the snow remains on the ground. Last year excellent work was done, and the snow and hard winter were of great assistance. So far this year, reports from the clubs state that there are but few rabbits abroad and they are hard to get because they do not come in but remain out under the sage brush, the lack of snow allowing them to feed at large.

**Reliable Formulas.**

Where alfalfa is grown, and the rabbits are used to it, 1 ounce of strychnine sulphate dissolved in 2 gallons hot water and sprinkled over 10 pounds of alfalfa leaves will make remarkable kills, when placed out in small handfuls about the stack, in salt licks or congregating places, or in runways. Where there is no alfalfa grown, rye or emmer heads, cut off at the stem, whole, and the poison reduced to 6 quarts can be used. In other localities the poisoned oats, made as follows, gives best results: Mix 1 tablespoonful of starch into 1 pint boiling water, to make clear, thin paste; mix 1 ounce powdered strychnine with 1 ounce baking soda and stir with starch to a smooth creamy mass; stir in 1 teacup table salt; apply to 12 quarts oats, coating each kernel thoroughly. The above is recommended by the U. S. Biological Survey.

**Free Poison.**

The county agriculturalist directed by the Deschutes county court, will distribute strychnine to clubs having a poison mixer following directions of the Biological Survey. This only to Deschutes county.

This is probably the last chance to kill rabbits while the snow is here. Every one should get busy.

R. A. BLANCHARD,  
Agent U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

## BILL DODGING CHARGE

Case Against LaVerne Norton Continued—Not Guilty is Plea.

(From Saturday's Daily Bulletin.)

Arrested on a charge of leaving an unpaid board bill of \$30, at the Cascade hotel, La Verne Norton was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Eastes this morning, and entered a plea of not guilty. District Attorney H. H. DeArmond appeared for the state, and Redman & Moore for the defendant.

## COUNTY MORALS ABOVE REPROACH

ONLY ONE CASE OF DRUNKENNESS, AND BUT TWO WARRANTS ISSUED FOR SHERIFF IN THE LAST MONTH.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

How well Deschutes county is living up to its reputation as a virtually crimeless community, was evidenced this morning when District Attorney H. H. DeArmond announced that in the month of February, only one case of drunkenness had been reported, that only one warrant for arrest had been issued in the county, together with one warrant for search.

The county would have preserved an absolutely clean slate had it not been for the last day of the month, for it was yesterday that the warrant was made out for the arrest of La Verne Norton, charged with defrauding the proprietors of the Cas-

cade hotel, and on the same day that a search warrant was issued. Until the latter document is used, the name of the person chiefly concerned, is being withheld by the authorities.

The new prohibition law is being strictly lived up to, Mr. DeArmond says. Since the law went into effect on February 2, only nine permits to buy or sell alcohol have been issued in the entire county, and no reports of any violations of the statute have come in. Only two applications for permits to buy have been refused by the district attorney. An evidence, he declares, of little disposition on the part of the people to evade the terms of the law.

"All those who are allowed to handle alcohol are making every effort to comply with the law," Mr. DeArmond states.

## SHEEPMEN TAKE OVER 40 ACRES NEAR BEND

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Announcement of a deal, according to which Carroll & Hourgon become the owners of a 40-acre irrigated tract purchased from W. F. McCormack, southeast of Bend. The tract was taken over in order to give a better claim for actual residence in making application for sheep grazing permits on the national forest.

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