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EXCESSIVE CHARGES

Preston-Parton Milling Company Not Troubled Over Rates Charged By Pacific Power & Light Co.

Walla Walla, North Yakima and other towns served by the Pacific Power & Light company are offering strenuous opposition to the alleged excessive charges exacted by the big corporation for power and light service.

The Walla Walla Union is championing the cause of the consumer, has for some time been delving after facts and has been giving them publicity. Monday's issue of the Union contained an article, by way of comparison, which alludes to the fortunate position in which the Preston-Parton Milling company of this city finds itself with the power company and the cities of Athena and Weston, by virtue of contract made when the mill was established here. The article in question follows:

"Excessive charges for electricity for lighting and power purposes are not troubling the proprietors of the Athena Mills, who secure their 'juice' from the Pacific Power & Light company, even though residents of Walla Walla, North Yakima and perhaps other cities of this section are up in arms over what they consider unfair prices. By the terms of a contract which was signed up several years ago, the Northwestern Gas & Electric Light company entered into a contract with the Athena Milling company, granting them a flat rate per horsepower per month for a long period of years and this contract is still in effect.

"The rates specified in this contract were so favorable to the milling company, that it is said Manager Drake, who was at one time local manager for the Northwestern company, did everything in his power in an effort to annul the contract.

"The towns of Athena and Weston are supplied with light and power by the Athena Milling company, which doubtless has arranged rates on such a basis that the returns from the two municipalities pay the monthly account of the Pacific Power & Light company for the electricity supplied, thus leaving the operation of the mill practically a net gain to the milling company."

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas: It has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe to remove from our midst and labors our beloved and worthy brother, Andrew J. Wagner,

Whereas: The community has lost one of its most honorable and upright citizens; the family a just and loving husband and father, and the Lodge a most worthy and honorable Brother,

Resolved: That we, the members of Dolph Lodge, No. 80, A. F. & A. M., feel most deeply and sorrowfully the loss of our departed brother and in condolence to the bereaved family would commend them to Him who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb and with fortitude say, "Thy will be done."

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy be sent to the family, and a copy furnished the Athena Press.

Fraternally submitted,
Chas. O. Henry,
James Henderson,
A. M. Johnson,
Committee.

Hair Liniment Kills.

George Moses, the Nez Perce Indian who a few days ago proclaimed himself a Messiah, is dead. The body of the dead tribal leader was found dressed in full Indian regalia surrounded by his weeping friends. The wailing cries of the women and the silent tears of the men showed the consideration in which the dead man was held by his people. The Indians declined to permit a post mortem examination to determine the cause of death, but investigations showed that

Moses had been fasting for 10 days, during which time he had drunk several bottles of hair elixir which contained 50 per cent alcohol with cocaine. A liniment intended for external use had also been drunk. His lips and mouth were burned and swollen by the drugs.

Mrs. Shelton Dead.

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. White of Freewater, Mrs. Chesley Shelton of Baker City died Monday. She had come to Freewater about six weeks ago to visit her daughter, was taken ill with a gripe and died. Mrs. Shelton was born in Tennessee November 5, 1828, was married in 1846 and crossed the plains in 1862. She leaves a husband and seven children.

SPONGE SEWED UP IN WOUND

Surgeon Performing Operation Fails to Remove Piece of Cloth.

To operate upon a woman for gall stones and find that the trouble was not caused by gall stones at all, but by a sponge left in the body at the time of a previous operation was the experience of Portland doctors Saturday when they made an incision in the side of Mrs. Robert Manning of Pilot Rock, says the East Oregonian.

Mrs. Manning had been brought to Pendleton by Dr. Fred Liewallen of Pilot Rock, but her case was considered so serious that it was deemed advisable to take her to Portland where the operation with the above result was performed.

Mrs. Manning was operated upon a year ago last January by G. W. Cole of this city and evidently at that time the incision was sewed up without removing the sponge. For the benefit of the average person, it might be said that such a sponge consists of a piece of absorbent cotton cloth about the size of a man's hand. Mrs. Manning has been suffering from this for some time but it was thought by doctors that she was afflicted with gall stones.

FROM OVER WESTON WAY

Items of Interest Culled From Columns of the Leader.

While crossing the railway trestle below town Friday morning a young stranger narrowly escaped death. The passenger train was within ten feet of him when he managed to swing off the track and cling to one of the barrels used for fire protection.

Frank Waddingham had both his arms broken in a runaway accident recently while descending the Touchet hill. He was hurried to Walla Walla 18 miles away, where the fractures were reduced and is now getting along nicely. His left arm was broken just above the wrist and his right arm just below the shoulder.

Mr. Joseph Wurzer, one of Weston's leading farmers and most popular citizens and a member of its common council has become a happy bridegroom. Upon returning with his bride, they were cordially welcomed and the bridegroom saw that plenty of "smokes" were provided for his well wishers.

Relatives of Jasper O'Harra at Weston were much alarmed by the news from Central Point of serious sickness in his family. They have been assured by wire and mail that the patients are recovering. Mr. O'Harra's wife, daughter and little granddaughter were all three very ill with pneumonia at the same time. They were attended by four physicians and two trained nurses.

John Wright died in Chicago last Saturday morning. The remains were shipped to Walla Walla for burial. Mr. Wright was formerly a resident of Weston, and was held in high esteem by many friends in this city, who learn of his death with much regret. Of late years he made his home at Walla Walla. He was seized with a sudden and fatal illness while visiting his sister in Chicago. He is survived by one son, Dave Wright, his wife and daughter having preceded him to the grave.

Telegrams By Phone.

To take care of persons living in towns where the Western Union office is open only during the day or where it closes at midnight, the company has just put into effect a system by which Pacific Telephone & Telegraph subscribers may send and receive telegrams over their telephone wire. These telegrams may be telephoned to a distant all night office without charge for the phone connection. This facility was originally extended January 1, but certain telephone toll charges prevailed, while the only charge now is to be for the telegram itself.

Reward Offered.

I will pay a reasonable reward for the recovery of a dark bay mare, brand B on left shoulder weighs about 1050 pounds and is about 12 years old; and a black gelding 4 years old brand U on left hip. Hugh Taylor, Athena.

TRADE WITH CANADA

House Passes Reciprocity Bill, No Amendment, 221 to 92—Democrats Support Taft.

President Taft's reciprocity agreement with Canada was indorsed in the house of representatives Tuesday night through the support of an almost solid democratic vote. The McCall bill carrying the agreement into effect was passed, 221 to 92.

The majority of the republicans present voted against the bill, the division being 78 ayes and 87 noes. The democratic vote was 14 ayes and only 5 noes. A majority of the republican insurgents present voted for the bill.

The McCall bill now goes to the senate. What its fate will be in that body is problematical. President Taft believes if a filibuster can be avoided and a vote taken the bill will pass. He is insistent that the senate shall act one way or the other, and has indicated that he would call an extra session of congress if it does not do so.

The passage of the bill in the house came at the end of a long debate which at times was as bitter as has been heard on the floor of that chamber in years. The fight was confined almost wholly to the republican side. Democratic members joined in from time to time and taunted the majority members for their lack of unity.

The democratic leaders also put in the claim that the reciprocity agreement was good democratic doctrine and declared they were glad to welcome President Taft and many of the house members into the democratic fold.

Whips Teacher: Is Freed.

After remaining out for 9 or 10 hours the jury in the case against Mrs. Charles Allen, charged with assault with a weapon liable to do great bodily harm in beating Miss Mellissa Burris, a teacher at Weiser, Idaho, brought in a verdict of simple battery. The evidence showed that Miss Burris had been beaten with a club, that her body was black and blue from the blows, and that she was confined to her bed for several weeks. Mrs. Allen beat her for correcting one of her children, a pupil of the school. The case created much excitement in the school district where it occurred, and the entire neighborhood attended the trial, which was stubbornly contested.

Wheat Sold at Adams.

Frank Martin sold 1295 sacks of Forty Fold wheat, the balance of his last year's crop, to the Interior Warehouse company at Adams, for 70 cents a bushel and it is being shipped to Portland. J. A. Winn sold the balance of his last year's crop of wheat to the Interior Warehouse company at Adams for 70 cents a bushel. The lot contained 1900 sacks and was shipped to Portland. G. M. Morrison sold the balance of his last year's crop of wheat to the Interior Warehouse company for the same price. The lot contained 1575 sacks and is shipped to the LaGrande Milling company at La Grande.

Chicken Ate Diamond.

When Mrs. Alfred Geddes, wife of the county surveyor of Linn county, put into a chicken which she was preparing for cooking, she discovered a \$200 diamond ring in the crop. At first she thought she was ahead just that much, but when her husband returned he recognized it as the property of A. Holtz, the butcher from whom the fowl was purchased. It was returned to him. Mr. Holtz has kept chickens in a yard behind his shop and two weeks ago he missed the ring soon after having fed the chickens some grain. He hastened into the yard and failing to find it gave it up for lost.

Sunday Schools at Milton.

The 16th annual convention of the Umatilla County Sunday School convention will be held at Columbia college March 8 and 9. The Rev. Levi Johnson, pastor of the Presbyterian church and president of the association announces that an excellent program has been arranged. The Rev. C. A. Phipps of Portland, the secretary, is expected to address the convention.

A New Stock.

Bundy & Christian, the painters and decorators, will put in a new stock of paints, oils and wall paper. They expect the goods to arrive about the 25th. For the present the stock will be displayed in the Boddy building, where the firm now has its paint shop. A specialty will be made by Bundy & Christian of house painting, wall paper hanging and decorating.

Cougars Trapped Him.

Hemmed in by infuriated cougars in a steep canyon on the summit of the Blue mountains, not far from Kamela, I. M. Morgan, a resident of Kamela experienced a hair-raising experience Saturday, says a La Grande special. He was hunting up Bear creek from Gibbon, when he discovered a huge

cougar eyeing him from a nearby rock. The first bullet produced a flesh wound only and the wounded animal charged furiously. When ten feet away and rushing with great speed at the hunter a bullet in the brain felled the monster. At the same time another cougar was approaching on the jump from behind. The animal was killed.

Birthday Party.

A party was given at the Stewart home north of the city Tuesday evening, in honor of Miss Ruth Stewart, the occasion being the eighteenth birthday of the young lady. The evening was spent by those present in a pleasant social way, and all were royally entertained. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Stewart. Those present from town included the High school pupils, classmates of Miss Stewart, and Principal and Mrs. Pate and Miss Laubheim.

SIX TEAMS IN BALL LEAGUE

Echo, Pendleton, Athena, Weston, Milton and Walla Walla Represented.

The Blue Mountain base ball league will contain six teams this year, the towns of Echo, Pendleton, Athena, Weston, Milton and Walla Walla being given membership at a meeting held by the organization at Weston Sunday. Athena was represented at the meeting by Jesse Smith. Will Littlejohn and H. A. Bundy attempted to reach Weston Sunday for the purpose of attending the meeting, but their rig stuck in the snowdrifts east of town and they were forced to return.

The organization of the enlarged league was perfected by the election of I. G. Frazier of Pendleton, president; A. B. Thomson, of Echo, vice-president; I. M. Kemp, Weston, treasurer and Carl Cooley, of Pendleton, secretary.

Echo is the smallest town in the league, and the expense will fall heavier on its team than on any other of the league, but the men on the team are thoroughbred sportsmen and they promise that their team will be in the running clear through the season.

The original frame-up was to include a four-team league, with Pendleton, Athena, Weston and Walla Walla in the race, but Milton had organized strong and put up such a game fight for place that her contentions could not be overlooked, especially as she had the Meador Park pull in her favor so Echo was paired with her and the result is a six-team league.

It is understood that each team will be required to deposit \$100 before the beginning of the season as guaranty of good faith that they will play throughout the season.

The league schedule will begin Sunday, March 26, and will continue for 15 weeks, until July 2. Each team will meet every other one three times and the games will take place on Saturdays. Each team will take the gate receipts from the games on its home grounds and will defray its own traveling expenses.

A Whistling Well.

Robert Johnson, secretary of the Walla Walla Fair association, has a ranch on Eureka flat on which he asserts there is a "whistling well." The well has been drilled 800 feet but the drilling operations have been suspended until the drill, which is fast in the bottom of the well, can be dislodged. On several occasions people living in that vicinity say that air has issued from the well with such velocity as to cause a whistling noise that can be heard a quarter of a mile, while on other occasions they say that matters are reversed and the air rushes in with sufficient force to draw a hat down through the opening.

Knights of Pythias Ball.

Advertising matter is out announcing the Knights of Pythias ball which will be given by Pythian Lodge No. 20, K. of P., of this city on Thursday evening, February 23. The big event will be held in the K. of P. O. F. hall. The best of order will prevail and all are promised a most pleasant time. A general invitation is extended by the committee having the arrangements in hand. Supper will be served in the hall dining room, and Johnson's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music.

Will Have Sack Day

February 23 is to be sack day for the farmers of Umatilla county and a meeting of the secretaries of all the local unions will be held in Pendleton, when reports will be made as to the number of sacks to be bought for the coming year and arrangements be made for bids. This action has been taken at the request of County President Shumway. According to Vice-President W. W. Harrah, there will be about 500,000 sacks purchased by the Farmers' union this year.

For Sale.

Good bound wheat hay, stored in barn. Enquire of Geo. R. Dismore, one mile south of Weston.