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SETTLE IT

Waste and inefficiency in the experiment of public ownership nearly bankrupted the state of North Dakota, and that experiment should be entered in the red by other states whenever the same experiment is advocated. In Oregon, for instance, the water power resources of the state were drawn into the November election simply through a sudden move on the part of an electric power company to acquire a series of power sites in the southern part of the state. Suddenly the people were made aware through the application made by the company to the state engineer for permits covering the filings on the sites, that Oregon receives the pitiful sum of a fraction over two cents per horse power for the electrical energy developed by the electric power utilities. Learning this fact led to the uprising at the polls on November 4th. But the result of the election by no means need exclude this utility from participation in power development in Oregon. It seems to us that electric power companies by experience are the better qualified to develop the power resources of the state and should be permitted to do so, but only when they pay into the state treasury a horse-power rate adequate in value to the state's natural resource heritage, and recognize the rights of municipalities in local power development. The Press believes that a satisfactory settlement of the power question in Oregon for all time lies with the next session of the legislature. Admittedly the members of the coming session are face to face with a momentous decision, but that they will legislate fearlessly and fair to all interests concerned is the expectation of their constituents.

USELESS FARM AUTOMOBILES

A writer in reviewing the transportation convenience we are enjoying, made possible by the age of motorized vehicles, finds that the fine fruits of the automobile are restricted, largely, to comparatively urban areas. "The automobile," he says, "has made it possible for us to go from state to state in less time than it once took to go from town to town. It has, by giving us a fast, economical and efficient means of transporting commodities over short distances, been of tremendous benefit to business. But five or ten or fifteen miles away from main highways, in farming localities, we find roads over which no motor car can travel during several months of each year. The residents of these sections are as completely cut off from personal and industrial contacts with the outside world as were their grandfathers. A few days or weeks of bad weather make their motor vehicles useless. The amazing progress of the twentieth century was the result of the mechanization of all phases of industry. Agriculture has not sufficiently shared in this movement. Our farmers need good roads which are serviceable at all times of the year. Such roads can be built at low cost with the use of asphaltic materials for waterproofing the surface, and pay for themselves time and again in increased farm prosperity."

When fire broke out recently in the Ellison shaft of the Homestake mine in South Dakota, considered the largest gold mine in the world, the shift boss called each level in the mine by telephone, ordering each boss to call the roll of his men and to rush them out of the mine. The Homestake mine has a complete telephone system underground. These telephones are connected to the company switchboard. That switchboard in turn is connected to the nearest telephone central office. Officials indicated that the telephone system probably averted a much more horrible disaster, involving the loss of many lives. As it was, only two men were killed and they were trapped in an elevator cage in the Ellison shaft and were killed when the steel cable burned in two and the cage fell several hundred feet.

Advocacy for a public service commission that will function with fairness to the public and not entirely sit as umpires in hearing utility controversies, does not necessarily mean a socialistic program "behind a smoke screen of abuse of public service commissions," as alleged by a leading industrial journalist. If plain, wide open criticism and publicity will bring about a shakeup in public service commissions and result in general benefit to the public as well as giving the utility boys a fair shake, the said industrial journalist is welcome

to indulge in all the "socialist" bunk he may want.

It is sincerely to be hoped that amicable relations may exist between the two great political parties in the next Congress out of duty to the nation in the present industrial and business depression, since the republicans request it. And we have no doubt the democrats will bury their election laurels—lay them aside as it were—and assist the republican party, custodian of the "full dinner pail" since the days of Mark Hanna, in holding the ramparts of the high protection castle against the common foe, old man Depression, and flail heck out of him.

The Bureau of the Census states, after a study of 250 American communities, that the cost of operating city governments in this country more than doubled during the ten year following 1917. In 1917 per capita payment for operation and maintenance of general departments of these governments was \$19.17; in 1927 it was \$40.98 and in 1928, \$42.63. While no official survey has been made for later years, it will undoubtedly be found that further increases occurred in 1929 and 1930.

"The Oregon Trail" has been selected by the Oregon Historical Society as the subject for the 1931 Beekman Essays contest. Prizes will be awarded for the four best original essays on this subject written and submitted by students between the ages of 15 and 18, attending any public or private school, college university or other educational institution within the state of Oregon.


A very sensible suggestion is made by Milton A. Miller in the Oregon Journal anent the muddle the unconstitutionality of the tax law has placed the state in. Miller suggests that tax bills and other bills be referred to the supreme court for approval before, instead of after they are made into laws.

Mr. Prestbye may well feel elated over the splendid race he made in his home county. He ran ahead of his ticket and defeated his republican opponent in Umatilla, which is overwhelmingly republican.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Reed Hill, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present such claims duly verified, and with proper vouchers attached, to the undersigned at the office of Raley, Raley & Warner, in the First National Bank Building, in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice, the same being dated and published the first time this 7th day of November, 1930.

MARY I. HILL,
As Administratrix of the Estate of Reed Hill, deceased.
Raley, Raley & Warner, John F. Kilkenny & Alfred P. Cunha, Pendleton, Oregon, Attorneys for Administratrix. N7D5

NOTICE OF ROAD DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a road district meeting of the legal voters of Special District No. 61, Umatilla County, State of Oregon is called for November 17th, 1930, commencing at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m. of said day and continuing until 5 o'clock p. m. thereon, which meeting will be held at the School House in School District Number 30, of Umatilla County, in Umatilla County, State of Oregon, and within said Special Road District No. 61, for the purpose of voting a special tax of not to exceed ten mills on the dollar on all taxable property in the said Special Road District No. 61 as defined by the report of the County Road Master of Umatilla County, Oregon, filed on the 7th day of July, 1930; said tax to be expended under the supervision of the County Court for such purpose, for making the proposed road improvements in said Special Road District No. 61.

This notice is published by order of the County Court of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, which said order was made and entered of record on the 6th day of August, 1930.

COUNTY COURT OF UMATILLA COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON.
By: I. M. SCHANNAP,
County Judge of Umatilla County, Oregon.
R. E. BEAN,
County Commissioner of Umatilla County, Oregon.
J. O. HALES,
County Commissioner of Umatilla County, Oregon.
R. T. BROWN,
County Clerk of Umatilla County, Oregon. O31N14

SUMMONS
(Equity No. 4950)

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County
H. A. Street and Betha Street,
husband and wife, Plaintiffs,
vs.

Inez Westerdale and A. M. Westerdale, her husband; Carrie M. Shook and Samuel W. Shook, her husband; Jane Doe Davis and F. A. Davis, her husband; Pike Steel and Jane Doe Steel, his wife; Also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.
To Inez Westerdale and A. M. Westerdale, her husband; Carrie M. Shook and Samuel W. Shook, her husband; Jane Doe Davis and F. A. Davis, her husband; Pike Steel and Jane Doe Steel, his wife; Also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon: you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiffs will apply to said court for the relief prayed for and demanded in said complaint, to-wit: A decree that plaintiffs have an interest and estate in the following described lands, to-wit:

Lot 11 in the Southeast quarter and the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter and the South Half of the Southwest quarter of Section 3, in Township 3 North, Range 35 EWM; except the following described acre which was sold to School District No. 11; Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 11 in the Southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 35 EWM, as a starting point, thence run due North on the quarter Section line 11 2-3 rods, thence at right angles due East 11 2-3 rods, thence at right angles due South 11 2-3 rods, thence at right angles due West 11 2-3 rods to the point of beginning.

And that plaintiffs have such interest and estate in said land free from any right, title, estate, lien or interest of you, and each of you, and that you, or any one or more of you, have no right, title, estate, lien or interest in said land, or in any part thereof, and perpetually restraining and enjoining you, and each of you, your heirs and assigns, from asserting or claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in said land, or in any part thereof, adverse to plaintiffs.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for four successive weeks in the Athena Press by order of Honorable James Alger Fee, Judge of the Court above named, and which said order was made and dated the 21st day of October, 1930, and the date of first publication of this summons is the 24th day of October, 1930.
I. M. Schannap, Attorney for Plaintiffs, Postoffice address, Pendleton, Oregon. O24-N21

RELIABLE WATCH REPAIRING
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23 Years Ago

Friday, December 6, 1907

Fred Kershaw, clerk of School District No. 29, this week completed the census taking of children of school age residing in the district. Mr. Kershaw found 269 children of school age residing in the district as against 234 enumerated in last year's census report given by the school clerk, an increase of 35 pupils. There are 27 more boys of school age than there are girls.

The Palace Drug Company was incorporated Monday in this city with a capital stock of \$5,000. The incorporators are Dr. J. D. Plamondon, A. Plamondon and William McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dunlap returned yesterday from a visit with friends at Portland and other valley points.

Tharp Bros. have invested in an automobile, and are now enjoying this glorious weather in giving the machine a tryout.

Mrs. Gen Harris will go with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence La Brache to the farm, where she will make her home for the winter.

Miss Kitty Sharp will probably go to Condon, Gilliam county, soon, to take charge of the primary department of the public school there.

Dr. Plamondon reports 5 cases of measles in the family of A. O. Kirk south of town, and 3 cases in the family of Mrs. Lola Payne in this city.

The ladies of the M. E. Aid society gave a farewell party to Mrs. A. M. Gillis at her home in this city Tuesday evening. The Gillis family will leave shortly for their new home in Adams county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins have recently moved from their fruit ranch at Hood River and are now living on a 500 acre farm about ten miles from Salem.

The roller skating craze has invaded Helix. P. D. Mann, proprietor of the

local rink, has opened a rink in the little city up the flat, and Tuesday night 52 Helix people enjoyed the sport.

Miss Grace Hawks and Mr. Robert Cronin were married in Pendleton at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening. The bride is well known to Athena people, having spent her early girlhood here. The groom is employed on the Oregon Daily Journal, at Portland.

Dr. and Mrs. Heisley gave an old-fashioned candy pull Tuesday evening to the older patients under their care. A pleasant time was passed, and the guests pronounced the doctors most excellent candy makers, as well as entertainers.

Last evening Miss Lula Tharp entertained a number of her young friends at her home on Current street. Games and music were the order of the evening, and refreshments were served.

Charles Gay and Henry Bergovin have leased the Athena Hotel for one year, with the option of buying at the end of that time. The hotel will forthwith be run under their management, and Mr. Millen and Mr. and Mrs. Harden, who have so long managed the business of the house successfully, will retire. Mr. and Mrs. Harden will rent a private house and remain citizens of Athena. Mr. Millen's plans are not known at present.

Homer I. Watts principal of the Athena High school was admitted to the bar, at Tuesday's session of the supreme court in Pendleton. Mr. Watts is a graduate of the law department at Harvard College.

Joseph N. Scott left Sunday via Walla Walla for Seattle, where he expected to be joined by his brother, Dr. Will R. Scott, when the two would go by water to San Francisco. Mr. Scott will then go to Huntington Beach, where he will be united in marriage with Miss Estella Preston, returning home with his bride in about two months. Miss Preston is well known in this county, where she was raised from childhood.

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Excess over 30 KWH used, per month.....3c per KWH

The above rates apply when bills are paid in full within 10 days from date of bill. Otherwise, the rate will be increased by 10 per cent on each item.

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First 100 KWH used per month.....10c per KWH
Next 200.....7c per KWH
Next 300.....6c per KWH
Next 400.....5c per KWH
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