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MT. STATES ASKS TO CUT LIGHT RATE

Petitions Public Service Commission for Reduction of 6 1/2 Per Cent in Light and Cooking Rates for Valley.

A proposed new tariff covering electric service in all towns of the Willamette valley divisions of the Mountain States Power company has been filed with the state public service commission, C. M. Brewer, vice-president of the company, announced.

Mr. Brewer stated that the new tariff, if accepted by the commission, would mean an average decrease in the present lighting and cooking rates of about six and one-half per cent and would affect the towns of Albany Junction City, Harrisburg, Halsey, Brownsville, Tangent, Shedd, Coburg, Dallas, Independence, Monmouth, Philomath, Cottage Grove, Jefferson, Springfield, Corvallis, Stayton, Lebanon, Rickreall and Marion, as well as all rural territory adjacent thereto.

Mr. Brewer further stated that this new tariff had been filed in accordance with the Mountain States Power company's policy of giving good public utility service at the lowest possible cost to the consumer and explained that the proposed change in rates was due to economies in operation put into effect in the past year and to increased production and output of their various plants in the valley.

One of the most important economies effected was the enlarging of two of their existing plants and the tying together of all their valley plants with a network of transmission lines. This means that it is now possible to send current from any one plant onto the lines of the entire system and the majority of current required can now be generated at one or two central plants instead of a large number of small plants. It is the old story of quantity production reducing the cost per unit.

Increased production and increased due to natural growth of the valley population and to the Mountain States having recently purchased the electric system of several towns which had previously been operating their individual small plants. Among these latter are Cottage Grove, Jefferson, Stayton and Lebanon.

At the time these systems were taken over it was found that each one had a rate all its own. The rates of course being based on each plant's cost of producing the service, and as these costs varied the rates also varied. Now with centralized production it is right that all communities should share alike in the benefits to be derived from same, hence the proposed rate would be exactly the same for the same class service in all towns on the system.

Many Couples Wed.
Marriage licenses have been issued the past week to the following couples: Ralph McElroy, Westfir, and Gladys Chandler, Eugene; Asla Emmett Mitchell, Eula, and Mae Groshauer, Westfir; Warner H. Siefert, Eugene, and Lela B. Webber, of Springfield; Anton Edwards Giebisch, Eugene, and Minnie Barnes, Fall Creek; James L. Vaughan, Jasper, and Elizabeth Prater, Eugene; Gladys Clark, Eugene, and Maude Jenkins, Eugene; Paul Lodi, McMinnville, and Mabel Hickey, Cottage Grove; Frank B. Sorment, and Mildred James, both of Eugene; Jess Hayden and Gwendolyn Lamphire, both of Eugene; and Frank E. Calkins and Lucille Watkins, both of Eugene.

Another President Resigns.
Mrs. Paul Brattain, recently elected head of the Parent-Teacher association, resigned from her position as president on Monday, placing her resignation in the hands of Mrs. W. Percy Tyson, secretary.

Here from Roseburg—Mr. and Mrs. L. Page are here from Roseburg, visiting friends for a month. Mr. Page is an old soldier, and is visiting old comrades. He celebrated his 53rd birthday October 14, with a big dinner.

Leaving for Homecoming—Professor Donald Grotte of the science department of the Springfield high school, will attend the homecoming of students of Willamette university at Salem this week-end.

NINETEEN FROM CITY AT REBEKAH CONVENTION

Meeting at Coburg Elects Officers and Hears Business of District; Creswell Next Meeting Place.

Nineteen members of the Juanita Rebekah lodge of Springfield attended the annual district convention which met in regular session at Coburg on Saturday, October 18. Representatives from Springfield, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Junction City, Marcola, Waltherville, and Coburg, were present and took part.

An address of welcome made by Mrs. Thomas of Coburg was responded to by Mrs. Henry Korf of Springfield. Roll call of lodges was made, with encouraging reports, according to Rebekah officials. A report of the Past Noble Grand's clubs and Degree Staff captains was made, and after different parts of the lodge work were put on, a talk was made by Mrs. Ella Frazier of Eugene, past president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon.

A chicken dinner was served at noon, the sort Coburg ladies are noted for. The afternoon session was opened with a number of vocal and instrumental selections given by Coburg talent. A reading by Mrs. Cecilia Jones of the Springfield lodge was much appreciated.

Immediately following the opening exercises the degree work was put on by the Creswell lodge. The Springfield lodge demonstrated the draping of the charter.

Retiring officers surrendered their chairs, and incoming officers took their places as follows:

Chairman, Sister Driscoll of Creswell; vice-president, Sister McArthur of Eugene; chaplain, Sister Starr of Eugene; secretary and treasurer, Sister Steele of Creswell.

The Creswell Rebekahs extended an invitation to the assembly that the next meeting be held with them, which was accepted by those present.

Springfield members of the lodge who attended were: Mrs. William Donaldson; Mrs. Al Montgomery, Mrs. Rose McKay, Mrs. Cecilia Jones, Mrs. Annie Knox, Mrs. Howard B. Freeland, Mrs. E. W. Walker, Miss Grace Lansbery, Mrs. Henry Korf, Mrs. Fred Louk, Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mrs. Cal Barnes, Mrs. R. P. Mortensen, Mrs. F. M. Bench, Mrs. Jennie Fenwick, Mrs. Mary Magill, Mrs. O. F. Kizer, Mrs. Emma Olson, and Miss Edna Swartz.

Guests of Cottage Grove.
Members of the Juanita Rebekah lodge of Springfield were guests of the Cottage Grove lodge on Friday evening. Dr. R. P. Mortensen and Fred Barnard of Springfield were speakers on the program.

Features of the occasion were initiation of new members, a program, and an elaborate banquet.

Those attending the affair from Springfield were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnard, Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Walker, Mrs. F. M. Bench and Miss Bessie Bench, Mrs. O. F. Kizer, Mrs. Al Montgomery, Mrs. Harry Anthony, Mrs. George Catching, Mrs. Sam Richmond, and Mrs. Howard B. Freeland.

Entertains Club.
Mrs. W. Henry Adrian was hostess to the Chrysanthemum club yesterday afternoon at her apartment. The affair was in the nature of Hallowe'en observance, in that the decorations, basket favors, and candies carried out the Hallowe'en colors. The afternoon was spent in sewing and playing bridge whist. The members present besides the hostess were: Mrs. Frank A. DePue, Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel, and baby Patricia, Mrs. J. A. Seavey, Mrs. Mark M. Peery, Mrs. John F. Ketele, Mrs. B. A. Washburne, Mrs. A. J. Perkins, Mrs. Elza G. Sutton was a special guest. Very elaborate refreshments were served.

Frances E. Willard Day to be Observed—Frances E. Willard Day will be observed at the Springfield high school tomorrow with special exercises. Howard M. Brownell, Eugene attorney, will address the junior and senior high schools in assembly at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

Returned from Cottage Grove—Mrs. Levi H. Neet and her niece, Miss Lillie Cook, returned from Cottage Grove Wednesday after visiting Mrs. Neet's parents in that place. Miss Cook plans to leave for her home in Canada in a few days after spending several months in Springfield and vicinity.



Proving her worth in a flight across the Atlantic, from Germany to the United States, our newest Zeppelin Z R 3 is at home in a hanger at Lakehurst, N. J. Inset shows Capt. Geo. W. Steele, from Marion, Ind., who now assumes command.

BARNES, OF U. S. CHAMBER, TALKS TO LIONS MEETING

Fred Barnes, regional representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce, was the speaker at the Springfield Lions club luncheon Friday noon. He discussed the work of the United States chamber and told of comparative world production of basic products, disclosing lines in which there were a shortage and surplus in this country.

CITY BUDGET COMMITTEE ADJOURNS UNTIL OCT. 27

The budget committee of the city of Springfield met Monday night and adjourned until next Monday, October 27, by order of the mayor. Adjournment was taken until data on the state of the various city funds could be completed showing what funds were overdrawn and where there was a surplus. Since the death of former Recorder Coffin this information has not been kept and without it the committee would be unable to estimate expenditures for the coming year.

Priscilla Club Meets.

A business meeting of the Priscilla club was held at the home of Mrs. Riley Snodgrass on Thursday of last week for the election of officers. Those to hold office for the coming year are: Mrs. W. H. Stearmer, president, and Mrs. John C. Parker, reporter. Present at the gathering were: Mrs. W. H. Stearmer, Mrs. L. E. Basford, Mrs. John Seavy of Eugene, Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Mrs. John Tomseth, Mrs. Howard B. Freeland, Mrs. John C. Parker, and the hostess, Mrs. Snodgrass.

Visited at Stewart Home—Mr. and Mrs. James Hickey and two children, of Portland, formerly of Milwaukee, were Friday visitors at the Stewart home. Mrs. Hickey before her marriage was Anna Boutin, daughter of Frank Boutin, of Minneapolis.

Here from Reedsport—M. L. France formerly Southern Pacific agent at Springfield, was here yesterday from Reedsport. He is planning to locate in Springfield or vicinity.

"TRIP AROUND WORLD" TO BENEFIT PLAYSHEDS

The Parent Teachers association is planning to give "A Trip Around the World" on November 14 for the benefit of the playshed fund, which is still somewhat short. The ladies sponsored the building of the playshed at the Lincoln school last year. The trip is to be in charge of Mrs. Ora Hemenway, chairman.

M. E. Brotherhood Meets.

The Methodist Brotherhood met Monday evening and enjoyed the first supper of the year given for the organization by the Ladies' Aid society. Two new members, the new pastor, Rev. F. L. Moore and Professor Vern D. Bain, were taken in. The evening was spent debating various bills and tax measures which will be coming up at the November elections.

To Hold Box Social.

A box social, with the entire public invited, is to be given by the Mount Vernon Farmers' union on the evening of Wednesday, October 29, in Stevens hall, instead of in the W. O. W. hall as previously announced. The affair will be informal, with lots of fun promised. Proceeds from the boxes will go toward a fund for the erection of a new building for the union.

JOLLIFF-SCAIEFE MOTOR COMPANY NEW FIRM

Announcement is made by Hugh Jolliff that the garage formerly known as the Second Avenue Garage has filed the assumed name of Jolliff-Scaife Motor Co. J. D. Adams has sold his interest in the place. Paul Scaife, a member of the new firm, states that a general garage business will be conducted. Several new ideas will be incorporated into the business. A general overhauling of the building is now in progress. The outside of the building will be painted and a number of other improvements will be made.

Legion to Help Red Cross.

The Springfield post of the American Legion has charge of the Red Cross drive starting November 11 and continuing until Thanksgiving. This is part of the national drive for membership and contributions to maintain the activities of the organization. Howard B. Freeland, as commander of the local post of the Legion, is to head the drive. Captains will work under him, canvassing the various sections of the town. The town of Springfield, and those of the McKenzie and Mohawk valleys as well, are under his supervision.

Coming to Mortensen Home—Mrs. R. H. Dundas of Glendale, Oregon, who submitted to a major operation two weeks ago, will be moved from the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene to the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen today.

Class Parties Scheduled—The senior class of the Springfield high school will hold a party in the high school building Friday night, and the sophomores the same evening in the gymnasium. The freshman party will be Saturday night in the gymnasium, and the junior Hallowe'en party October 31 in the gymnasium.

Attended Dance—Several Springfield couples attended the dance at the new Winter Garden in Eugene Saturday night. Among those who went from here were: Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Neet, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fandrem, Dr. and Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cyr.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING IS CELEBRATED BY I. O. O. F.

Forty-Third Anniversary Observed Last Night by Springfield Lodge at Banquet.

The 43rd anniversary and homecoming of the Springfield I. O. O. F. lodge which falls on October 24, was celebrated last evening, October 22, in the Odd Fellows hall. Gathered at the banquet table were about 60 members, including two from Ohio, one from Oklahoma, two from Nebraska, one from Washington, and seven members from Oregon, all of whom had belonged to this lodge. Rev. A. J. Adams, pastor of the Cottage Grove Christian church, was the speaker of the evening, and impromptu speeches were made by many at table.

Two members have passed away since the last homecoming: Charles L. Scott and J. W. Coffin. Committee in charge of the homecoming were: Harry Anthony, Roland E. Moshier, and Vernon Grimes. The orchestra which gave several selections was made up of Harry Woolley, Chlole Woolley, Eunice Parker, Charles Nadvornik, Roy Holverson and R. E. Markee.

At the Christian Church Sunday.
The Springfield band will play a short concert beginning at 7:30 p. m. This will be well worth your hearing. The minister is preaching a series of evening sermons on the cause and cure of infidelity. These sermons are proving of general interest. You should know more about the Bible. It is the foundation of our national faith. Sunday, November 2 is rally day of the Bible school. A great program is being prepared and there will be a great crowd present. Make it a greater success by your presence.

Sister Died—Mrs. O. F. Kizer left this morning for Mayville to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. M. S. Thomas, Mrs. Thomas, who is the postmistress at Mayville, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Here from Mashfield—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Perkins returned from Mashfield last week-end to be here several days looking after business interests.

Purchased Property—Mike Leather bought the Charles T. Wilson property on E street between 2nd and 3rd this week. The deal was made on Monday.

Went Hunting—R. L. Burnett and Vern Smith went hunting up the Mohawk river above Donna Friday. They stayed over night with the hope of going after a deer bright and early the next morning. The deer beat them to it, however, walking into camp and waking them up, but escaping before they could reach their guns.

Here from Salem—Miss Vernita Morrison and Miss Emma Travis who are working for the Kennel-Ellis studios in Salem, were in Springfield over the week-end, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Travis.

W. C. T. U. Meet—The Women's Christian Temperance union will hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon, October 28, at 2 o'clock in the Christian church. The organization holds its monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month.

Entertained Dinner Guests—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wing, of Junction City, were in Springfield Sunday, where they were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Travis.

ESTIMATE \$45,442 NEED FOR SCHOOL

Budget Committee for District 19 Would Raise More Than 20 Per Cent Over Last Years Budget of \$37,482 for School Purposes.

A total of \$45,442.50 is called for in the new budget for school district 19 as drawn up by members of the board of directors and the three other members of the budget committee, F. B. Hamlin, William G. Hughes and J. C. McMurray. The members met Tuesday evening, and again last evening to complete their estimates. This sum is over 20 per cent greater than last year, the last year's total being \$37,482.50. The increase which the taxpayers will be called upon to vote is said to be due to the great increase in attendance, and the resulting crowded conditions which have to be met with more teachers and some remodeling of buildings.

The amount required for personal service, such as teachers, janitors, clerk, etc., is \$32,422.50 this year, as compared to \$26,495 last year; material and supplies, \$3,415 as to \$2,365; maintenance and repairs, \$1070 as compared with \$600 for repairs and \$400 for constructions; There is also an insurance premium of \$1000 to be paid, carrying \$61,000 of insurance on building and equipment, and \$6900 to meet indebtedness, interest on bonds and the like; and other expenses in proportion. An itemized list of required expenditures will be ready for publication next week.

SPRINGFIELD HIGH TO PLAY HARRISBURG HERE

The Springfield high school football team will meet Harrisburg on the 5th-street grounds at 3 p. m. tomorrow. The team is in good shape, fresh from battling Brownsville last Saturday, when the score was a 6 to 6 tie. Touchdowns were made by Marguth, Springfield's fullback, and by Overton, the Brownsville quarter. It was the second game with Brownsville, the first having been played with a 0 to 0 score.

The line-up for the Friday game is scheduled as follows: Ray Casteel, center; Floyd Makinson, and Frank Lewis, guards; George Moon, and either Oral Neet or Joe Thompson, tackles; Hugh Cowart, left end; Charles Thompson, right end; John Cox, quarter; Merl McMullen, left half; Austin McPherson, right half, and Gilbert Marguth, fullback.

Chamber to Meet.
The Springfield chamber of commerce will meet in regular session Monday night in the chamber rooms.

Here from Portland—Miss Grace Male was down from Portland over the week-end visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Male.

Ill With Influenza—Wayne Clover is ill with influenza this week, and is not able to be at work in the Anderson barber shop. Buck Hardisty is taking his place.

Thieves Busy—Someone helped him self to several dollars' worth of groceries from the porch of the M. M. Male home this week. Similar offences in the Springfield vicinity are making the citizens watch their property closely.

Returned from Hunting—Loyal E. Scott was back on the job at the Ketels Drug company on Monday after his vacation which he spent near Creswell. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Scott, and went China pheasant hunting.

Returned from Hunting—John Fitzgerald in company with Clem Frank, B. B. McKinney, and Frank Grayum of Eugene have returned from Lakeview where they went hunting for wild geese.

Dismissed from Hospital—Mrs. Dewey Gersbach of Eugene motor route A was dismissed from the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Tuesday. She recently submitted to a major operation.

Will Entertain Club—Mrs. S. Ralph Dippel will be hostess to the Gene-field bridge club this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at her home.