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HOUSE LIGHT RATE CUT BY MT. STAETS

$59,000 to Be Saved to Resident Users of Electricity on Light Bills After February 14; Lighting and Cooking are Affected in New Rate Schedule.

A voluntary reduction in house lighting and cooking rates that will affect an annual saving to customers of $59,000 in the valley is announced by the Mountain States Power company through its local Manager, W. K. Barnell. This is the largest reduction the company has made for some time and is received here with satisfaction by residents.

The company's statement follows.

"The Mountain States Power Company announces another voluntary reduction in rates for lighting and cooking which will affect an annual saving to coustomers of approximately $59,000.

"The new rates are applicable throughout the company's Willamette Valley system and are to be made effective, subject to approval by the Public Service Commission, on all electric bills after February 14, 1929."

Savings Shown

Under the old rate the first 30 kilowatts cost $3.00 and under the new rate it will be $2.40; 50 kilowatts was $5.00 and will now be $4.00; 100 kilowatts was $9.50 and will now be $6.50.

There is also a 15 cent reduction on the combination cooking and lighting rate and a slight reduction in the commercial lighting rate.

SPRINGFIELD BAND TO HAVE BAND CAPS

The local band is to come out in uniform attire according to plans recently resolved by the members. It has been decided to have a suit with light colored trousers. Band caps will also be procured.

At a meeting last week the following officers were elected: H. K. Phillips was re-elected manager: Dallas Murphy and Frank Hamlin, directors; Bill Cox, secretary; A. Landles of Eugene band director. The manager and secretary are ex-officio members of the board of directors.

LOCAL ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS AT PUBLIC INSTALLATION

The local Odd Fellows lodge held their semi-annual installation last night in the Odd Fellows hall.

After the regular lodge meeting the following officers were installed: E. E. Pyne, Noble Grand; Oswald M. Olson, secretary; Karl Girard, treasurer; Ernest Black, warden; Harry Wooley, conductor; R. W. Smith, chaplain; Charles Nolf, right scene supporter; S. N. Campbell, left scene supporter; W. F. Walker, right supporter to the noble grand; John Lorah, left supporter to the noble grand; A. C. Peddicord, inside guardian; John Gates, outside guardian. Oswald M. Olson, district deputy grand master was the installing officer. Glenn Riddle, elected vice grand, was unable to be installed on account of illness.

The installation was a public session open to both the Rebekahs and the Odd Fellows.

Refreshments were served following the installation after which games were played and a social time was had. Creamed chicken, hot rolls and coffee were served.

The committee in charge of refreshments were: Misses Amy Love, Dorothy Girard and Mrs. Nellie Pyne.

Next Wednesday night following a short session of the lodge Captain C. H. Boyd of the Salvation Army of Eugene will show about 300 stereoptican views of the Hawaiian Islands and will explain each picture. Other numbers will also be on the evenings entertainment. The meeting will be open to Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Invited friends.

FEW DAYS OF GRACE LEFT FOR LAGGARDS

Only three more days are left for dilatory motorists to get busy and apply for their 1929 licnese plates.

Kenneth Giles, traffic officer, has just received instructions from Salem to arrest motorists carrying 1928 license plates beginning with January 21.

Sells Poultry Ranch

Scott Wiles of Marcola sold his poultry ranch one mile north of town to Ray A. Winnegar of Burbank, California. The deal was made through the Walker-Jennings Real Estate firm of this city.

High School Squad Wins Two Games

Cottage Grove and University High Beaten During the Week's Games.

Victory crowns the heads of the local high school basketball boys. In two of the most strategic games of the scheduled series the local quintet carried away the honors.

In what appeared to be a close contest between two teams having their off night Springfield won from Cottage Grove last Tuesday with a score of 19 to 10. The first half of the game was slow and close ending with a 10 to 8 score but during the second half the local squad came to life and managed to nose out a substantial victory. The invaders made only one basket during the last half.

This makes a clean record for Springfield high with 3 games won and none lost—a straight victory since the scheduled series started.

The game last Friday night with the University high of Eugene was a much faster game. The score was 24 to 14 in favor of Springfield and in the opinion of coach Leonard Mayfield it was one of the best games yet played on the local floor. The players of both squads were on their feet during every minute of the game. The line-ups for the two games follow:

With Cottage Grave

Springfield		Cottage Grove
Leathers	f	Swanson
McMurray	f	Gates
Roof	c	Goff
E. Squires	g	Townsend
F. Squires	g	McLin
Deeds	s	Adams
	s	Kelly

Wtih University High

Springfield		Univ. High
Deeds	f	Ludlow
McMurray	f	Clark
Roof	c	Lake
E. Squires	g	Burnett
F. Squires	g	Oxner
Leathers	s	McCully
	s	Hayes

Tomorrow night the local quintet will meet Lebanon at Lebanon. This games has promise of being a fast one. The game next Tuesday night with the Eugene high school is the one the local boys are grinding their axes for. The dope so far places this foe as the strongest of the group of hoopsters the home boys have to play this year. Already they have won from Benson Tech at Portland and the Hills Military academy.

FALL CREEK TEACHER SUCCUMBS AT EUGENE

Mrs. Ressie Gilbert, school teacher at Fall Creek, died at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Monday. Mrs. Gilbert had been a resident of Eugene and vicinity for 22 years. She came here from Colorado.

The survivors are: two sons, Robert and Donald; two daughters, Ruby and Myrtle; a mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bayly; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Hannagin of Independence, Mrs. C. F. Latin of Pleasant Hill and Mrs. Virgil Reese of Richmond, Oregon; and four brothers, D. F. Bayly of Eugene, Arthur Bayly of Eugene, Elmer Bayly of Chicago, and Howard Bayly of Seattle. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 this afternoon Rev. E. V. Stivers, officiating. Interment will be in the Eugene Odd Fellows cemetery.

LANE COUNTY CHAMBER TO CONVENE TONIGHT

Springfield men to attend the meeting of the Lane county chamber of commerce to be held tonight at the Eugene hotel in Eugene are W. A. Taylor, W. K. Barnell, and J. A. Seavey.

Delegations from chamber of commerce throughout the county and from farmer's unions and the granges will attend the meeting.

The present legislature and such matters as tax relief, automobile license reform and other matters that may be brought up at this session will be discussed at the meeting.

CIVIC CLUB TO STUDY BULBS AND ROSES

The civic club will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday at the Chamber of Commerce. A study of Spring bulbs and roses will be taken up at the metting. Mrs. Carl Olson and Mrs. Dave Saltsman will have charge of the meeting.

FIRST TWINS OF YEAR BORN TO LOCAL WOMAN

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hart of Springfield motor route No. 2 are the parents of the first twins to be born in Lane county in 1929. The twins, a boy and girl, were born Saturday morning.

Youngest "Talkie" Star

Evelyn Mills, 4, who has been an actress since the age of eight months is now in the "talkies"—the youngest girl star of the screen to have a speaking part.

CONSOLIDATION TALK RENEWED AS RESULT OF MEETING MONDAY

Considerable discussion on the old question, "whether the two cities should consolidate" has resulted here and in Eugene after a meeting Monday evening of seven Springfield men who talked over the subject. Discussion pro and con is heard and considerable opposition is voiced particularly by business men who resent published reports that the majority of the business people of Springfield are for it. Two of the men who attended the meeting have said they doubted the wisdom of the move at this time and did not wish to be numbered among those who were for annexation.

The meeting was called after Harry Stewart and Jess Seavey has issued invitations to a dozen or more business men on the street Saturday. But five of those invited showed up at the meeting. Those in attendance besides Mr. Stewart and Mr. Seavey were C. E. Kenyon, W. G. Hughes, L. K. Page, B. A. Washburne, and Allan Kafoury.

The attitude of the average business man in Springfield seems to be that he is willing to have the matter discussed but that a definite plan should be considered rather than merely annexation. The promoters of the movement have announced that they expect to bring the proposal before the Chamber of Commerce at its next meeting in an effort to have a committee appointed to work with a like committee from Eugene.

LOCAL GUARDSMEN AT DINNER FOR GENERAL AT EUGENE ARMORY

Springfield headquarters company and a number of other local people were present at a dinner and program given by the national guard Tuesday evening at the Eugene armory. General George White, brigade commander, was the guest of honor of the evening and numerous other military officers were in attendance.

The Springfield company made a snappy appearance and were complimented by General While along with the Eugene units. Among the speakers of the evening were Mayor C. O. Wilson, of Springfield, and Mayor Wilder of Eugene. After a good dinner was served by the guardsmen a program of entertainment was had. Boxing, music and a dramatic skit were well received.

The Springfield unit was in command of Lieutenants C. A. Swarts and Walter Gossler.

YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE CHARGE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

The young people of the Endeavor society will have charge of the evening services at the Christian church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Katherine Hemenway will be the leader.

The theme of the evening will be "Seeing the Good in Men Everywhere" The scripture lesson will be from John 1-45 to 51 conducted by Miss Frances Frizell. Miss Hemenway will speak on "Looking for Jesus in Our Youth." There will be a vocal solo by Uldine Gartin and a piano duet by Lena and Frances Frizell. A quartet composed of Misses Winifrid Tyson, Agatha Beals, Frances Frizell and Laura McDonald will sing.

A short dramatiztaion, "The Tie That Binds," will be given by the following: Barbara Adams, Elizabeth Hemenway. Eunice McDonald, Dorothy Withers, Julia Pederson and Evelyn Harris.

At the morning services there will be music by the choir, "Lead O King Eternal."

Visiting Her Son—Mrs. Mathews, matron of the county hospital at Crescent City, California, has been visiting her son, Cecil Mathes at 144 A street.

Scouts Will Have Mountaineer Club

New Unit for Older Boys to be Started by Lions Troop and Expanded to Other Troops.

Plans for an older boys unit composed of first class scouts that would eventually include the scouts from every troop in Lane county were discussed by Scoutmaster C. R. Aldrich at the troop committee of Springfield Troop No. 11 Tuesday. The movement is first to be started in the Lions club troop and then carried to other troops acording to the plans discussed by C. R. Clark, Lane count executive, who was at the meeting.

The new organization will probably be called the Cascade Mountaineers and have two degrees, the pathfinder and guide degrees. To be a pathfinder the scout must be a member of the troop at least three months besides a first class scout and also be 14 years of age and has put into practice the scout oath and law.

The guide degree includes a climb to the peak of one of the Three Sister mountains, to be familiar with the upper McKenzie region and to have passed the camping, cooking and pioneering tests for merit badges.

The new organization within scouting is expected to hold the interest of the older boys as well as acquaint them with the country in which they live.

BLUE RIBBON CONTEST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL COMMENCE SOON

The blue ribbon contest will start at the local primary schools beginning next Monday. The purpose of this is to encourage health habits among children in hteir early formative years.

For the child to become a blue ribbon child on the first of May next when the ribbons will be awarded he or she must follow during the period intervening between now and then consistent habits of cleanliness hygiene proceedure. A form is furnished each pupil upon which is to be recorded the daily habits such as brushing teeth, baths and proper food eaten.

Last year 28 Springfield pupils were awarded the blue ribbon. It is hoped that this year a greater number of pupils will try for the award. A festival is promised at the time of giving the ribbons.

Miss Beth Konkel, executive secretary of the Lane County Public Health Association, is in charge of the blue ribbon movement.

Here from Portland—Mrs. Lulu Lester and son Govia with his wife and small son, Jack, arrived here Saturday evening to visit with Mrs. Lester's mother, Mrs. Mary Magill.

MAYOR MAKES FOUR OFFICER CHANGES

Kenneth Gile New Police Chief, Fireman and Traffic Officer; O. C. Thurman, Street Commissioner; Dr. Phetteplace, Health Officer.

Four changes in the city department personel were made at the first meeting of the new city council Monday evening. Mayor C. O. Wilson appointed Dr. Carl H. Phetteplace, health officer; O. C. Thurman, street commissioner; Kenneth Gile, traffic officer and fireman and C. A. Wyman electrical wiring and plumbing inspector. He also re-appointed Ira M. Peterson, city attorney; E. E. Kepner, city engineer and Mary Roberts, city librarian.

The mayor's new appointments were ratified by the council after considerable discussion in which councilmen questioned the advisability of changing present appointive officers. The mayor declared that he was determined to make changes which he thought for the best interest of the city and that he would take all responsibility of his appointees making good.

The new traffic officer will also be chief of police and will also operate the tractor-grading machine in spare time. His salary will be $150 a month and it is expected that some saving will be made by this method according to the mayor. The appointment of fire chief and night patrolman was left open at this time as the mayor said he desired further time to make appointments in these departments.

The new mayor said he was for strict economy in civic affairs. In this councilmen said they concurred. Councilman W. P. Tyson was elected president of the council.

The following committees were appointed by the mayor to serve during the coming year:

Judiciary committee: W. P. Tyson, chairman, H. J. Cox, W. A. Taylor.

Street committee: W. C. McLagan, chairman, W. P. Tyson, W. A. Taylor.

Fire, water and light committee: W. A. Taylor, chairman, W. P. Tyson, W. C. McLagan.

Health: W. C. McLagan, chairman, W. P. Tyson, W. A. Taylor.

Finance and printing: H. J. Cox, chairman, W. C. McLagan, W. P. Tyson.

Police: W. A. Taylor, chairman, W. P. Tyson, W. C. McLagan.

Have Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Avitt gave a birthday dinner last Sunday honoring Mrs. Harry Chase, Mrs. Avitt's sister.

Those present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chase, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Avitt, Miss Helen Haugann and Miss Thelma Wells.

City's Net Debt Is Reduced $71,199 in Last Five Years

Auditors Report City in Good Condition Due to "Untiring Efforts of Administration" Going Out; Councils Have Difficulty to Keep Inside Budget.

The city's indebtedness has been reduced $71,199 during the past five years according to a report of the auditors just filed with the city council. The report reflects a healthy condition of city financial affairs. In 1924 the city's indebtedness was reported as $150,517.58 and with the end of this year it is but $79,317.94 or a reduction of nearly half.

Outstanding warrant indebtedness appears to be the only weak spot in city financial structure. Due to the inability of the city administration to keep all departments strictly within the budget for many years back and the failure of the city to get by taxation all money budgeted the warrant indebtedness has crept up to $11,668.96.

Auditors' Recommendation

The recommendation of the auditors, G. H. Tyson and C. A. Horton, follows in part:

"The budget shows to be overdrawn $1721.31, which figures are accounted for as follows: Our examination discloses the amount expended in excess of appropriation to be $3044.08, less the balance unextended of $829.26 of which the emergency shows to be the largest item, leaving $2214.82 representing an overdraft; to this we add $68.13, or the difference between net library receipts and appropriations, deducting $561.64 received in Street Fund in excess of amount appropriated.

"It has been the practice in the past to overdraw the budget on account of growing needs and unsufficient receipts; but with the overdrafts showing in the various funds and warrant accounts, it would appear essentially important to adhere more closely to the budget, and live within your income.

"In looking over the past records, it is gratifying to note the reduction in the net debt, which indicates a healthy condition of your town and the untiring efforts of the administration going out.

"For example, December 31, 1925 shows a reduction in the net debt of $29,124.58, 1926 — $13,653.15, 1927 — $13,690.18 and 1928—$14,731.67 and taking al in acount, the net debt has been reduced from $150,517.52 as shown in 1924 audit to $79,317, this report, a saving of $71,199.58 during thte five years just passed."

CITY BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1928

Bond Sinking Cash		$ 9,448.86
Bancroft Sinking Cash		1,712.67
Bancroft Sinking Warrant	$ 876.74	
Bancroft Interest Cash	1,501.86	
Bonds General Obligation		155,000.00
Bonds Bancroft Improvement		28,531.56
General Cash	5,630.10	
General Warrant	5,303.48	
Improvement Sinking Cash	6,226.99	
Improvement Interest Cash	13,487.20	
Inventories Equipment Supplies $2376.87		
Inventories, Fire Department 7536.47	9,913.34	
Leins Receivable	46,443.66	
Library Cash		26.24
Library Warrant	291.69	
Real Estate	11,235.00	
Street Improvement Cash	8,246.28	
Street Improvement Warrant	5,197.05	
Treasurers Cash	12,716.96	
Town of Springfield	79,317.94	
Warrants Outstanding		11,668.96
	$206,388.29	$206,388.29

"Why Lane County Homes Should Be Built of Wood"

The following article is one of a series in the Prize winning essay contest sponsored by the 4-L Employee Wood Promotion committee of Springfield. The stories were all writtten by students in the high and grade schools of the city and contain important truths why we should support the lumber industry in Lane county.

"Why Lane County Homes Should Be Built of Wood."

By WAYNE KENDALL
Seventh Grade

Lane county has a large quantity of standing timber. It has between fifty-five and sixty billion. Most of the timber is Douglas Fir and Hemlock.

Lane county homes should be built of wood because:

(1) Our wood is durable and strong.

(2) Wood home are more healthful to live in. The brick houses always have a damp and musty odor. The rain gets in between the bricks and forms a moss which holds the dampness.

(3) Wood contains air cells which act as a non-conductor of heat and cold thus are easier to heat and this means saving of fuel.

(4) We should build our homes of wood for it is cheaper than any other material. The trees are wasted if they are not cut down when they are ripe.

(5) Frame structures are better than the brick houses in time of storm for wood will give a little before it will break.

The exterior of a house should be made of Douglas Fir because it does not warp, rot, crack, or bend out of shape. It is durable, strong, and will stand rain and age. It is good wood for the exterior because it takes paint and hold paint well.

Shingles and shingling are the most important part in the building of a house because they have to protect the interior of the home. Shingles are better than tiles because the wind can get under the tiles and rip them off. Red Cedar is the best wood for shingles because it does not warp, and is very durable. For example, there is an old church in Sweden that was erected in 1729 and completely shingled on sides and roof. It still holds the original shingles and is in good shape today.

West Coast Hemlock is the best wood for the interior because it is fine grained and closely resembles hard wood. It takes stains and paints well. It does not take much hand rubbing to give it a very fine finish or polish. It is bright and clean in appearance, and does not darken very much with age.

Window sashes made of wood are better than the sashes made of steel as it takes less fuel. Frequently steel sashes do not fit well thus letting in rain making the house damp.

We want to build up the industry in our own community by building our homes of wood. We can advertise our wood products in colors and show the people what pretty home can be made of wood. In this way we may be able to convince others to build their homes of this product. If we build nice houses others will admire these and will probably build their next home of wood. The lumber industry of Lane county brings in more money than any other industry and furnishes more work for the people of Lane county.