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## PHONE RATES FOLLOW LATE WAGE INCREASE

### ULTIMATE CONSUMER CALLED UPON TO FOOT BILL

#### Company Holds Postmaster General, Not Oregon Public Service Commission Rules

The following statement has been made by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in regard to the new rates:

"The increased rates for telephone service effective July 29th, which affect the entire state of Oregon, are a direct consequence of the heavy increase in wages effective June 16th, amounting to an excess of \$325,000 for the state of Oregon. These wages go to the people who work for the telephone company and who render it a service.

The public has been very familiar with the difficulties involved in attempting to give telephone service under wages heretofore in effect. These rates are put in by the Federal Administration effective at once, because of financial necessities precipitated by the heavy increase in wages.

The rates in each particular instance are rates approved by the Postmaster General on or before June 6, 1919. These particular rates are made effective for the reason that in each instance they are believed to be just and reasonable, in and of themselves, for the service to which they apply.

"They also constitute the only unquestionable legal rates in each and every instance. The public has been paying rates recently fixed in an order issued by the Public Service Commission of Oregon, which became effective May 1, 1919.

"With regard to the Public Service Commission and its order, it will be remembered by the public that the investigation instituted by the commission last November, and one of the most thorough ever carried out by any commission, resulted in an increase of rates effective in May.

"The relief involved in that order, as stated by the commission, was designed to cover only wage increase which had been made effective the year previous, with particular reference to wage increase in November, 1918. The commission withheld the application of increased rates until the first of May, and then made applicable the rates which have been paid since May first.

"The validity of the commission's action and of their order has been attacked in the state courts and the telephone company and the Federal Administration are forced to the conclusion that the only rates, the legality of which are beyond question, are the rates actually approved by the Post Master General during the period of Federal control. They are the rates contemplated by the act of Congress and which will be effective for four months after Federal control or until reviewed by state authorities.

The increased rates will yield an additional revenue upwards of \$250,000 but as the increase in wages is upwards of \$225,000, the net return to the company with the new rates now made effective is approximately 2 1/2 per cent on the valuation of its property at \$12,464,000, as found by the Public Service Commission.

"The new schedule of rates is identical with the one approved by

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### NOTICE TO ELKS

A work meeting of Heppner Lodge, No. 358, B. P. O. E., will be held Thursday evening, August 7th, when an interesting class of candidates will be admitted and business matters of importance to the lodge will be discussed.

Arrangements are under way to charter a special sleeper and diner for the trip to Klamath Falls next week and it is important to know by Thursday evening just how many expect to make the trip. Every member of Heppner Lodge as well as every visiting member of the order is urged to be present Thursday evening.

F. A. McMENAMIN,  
Exalted Ruler  
H. A. COHN, Secretary.

## MANY ELKS WILL GO TO KLAMATH FALLS

### HEPPNER PLANS ON SPECIAL SLEEPER AND DINER

#### Many Will Drive Across Country to Greatest Convention in History of Order

Everything is in readiness for the second annual convention of the Oregon State Elks Association, to hold in Klamath Falls, on August 14, 15 and 16th. Attendance to this convention promises to be exceedingly heavy, as delegates and members from every lodge in the state will attend.

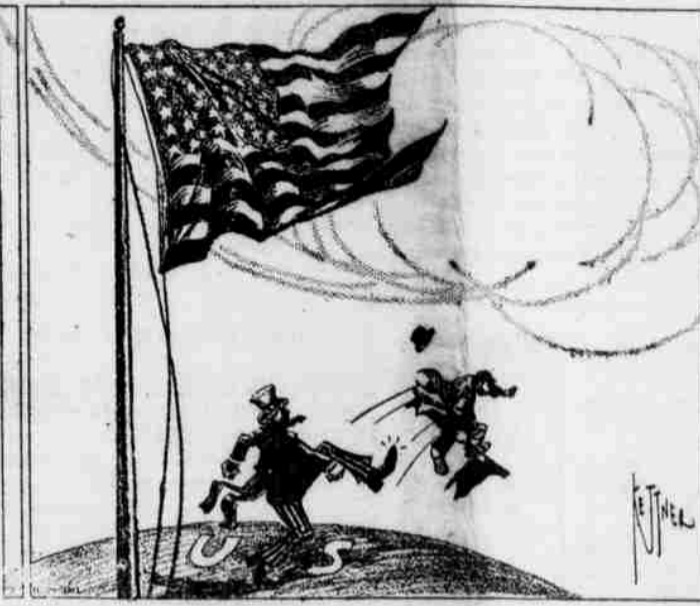
The entertainment of the membership in Klamath Falls is to be lavish, the committee having left no stone unturned to give the herd the biggest and best three days entertainment ever known. "Pep" is the watchword, and night and day, the Elks will be busy having a good time.

Business sessions will be held on Thursday and Saturday, with a morning session on Friday. The afternoon and evening of Friday will be utilized in an Elk barbecue at Harrison lodge on the White Pelican Bay of Upper Klamath Lake. At the same spot, following the feed, the lodges of the state will stage a vaudeville performance, each lodge bringing one act, and a special act arranged by the Klamath Falls committee serving as an appropriate finale.

Mayor Struble of Klamath Falls and the members of the city council are co-operating with the convention committee to the end that nothing will be lacking in the way of hospitality when the Elks begin pouring into the "big little" city in the southeastern part of this state.

Heppner Lodge is planning to charter a special sleeper and diner for the trip scheduled to leave Heppner Tuesday evening, August 12th, and due to reach Klamath Falls Thursday morning. This arrangement will give the Heppnerites sleeping and eating accommodations of their own not only enroute but while at Klamath. The sleeper charges

### One Country, One Flag



### HEAVY STOCK SHIPMENTS EAST

Another trail load of stock will leave the Heppner yards next Monday for the Omaha market according to information given the Herald by R. J. Carsner, big cattleman of the John Day country.

The train of 26 cars will be made up of a mixed consignment of cattle, sheep and horses.

Minor and Matlock will ship six cars of sheep, Carsner, Peters and Rader will send 19 cars of cattle and Fred Putnam, of Spray, will put in a car of horses.

If the present heavy shipments continue for the next sixty days, local stockmen believe, the Portland market will be able to carry the balance of the later fall shipments.

Because of the effects of the extremely dry season on the range and the high price of hay, stockmen in this section of eastern Oregon are disposed to cut their flocks and herds to a lower basis than for several years.

### SHIPMENT OF RAINBOW TROUT ARRIVE

A shipment of 130 cans of Rainbow trout fry arrived in Heppner Monday evening and were immediately taken to the upper waters of Willow creek and liberated. The shipment amounts to approximately 78,000 fry.

### FINE DINNER AT IONE HOTEL

President Kerr, Mr. and Cornwall, Harry Randa, the chauffeur, and myself, went on and had dinner at Ione. And it was a mighty good dinner, let me tell you. The little hotel at Ione is hard to beat. Dr. Kerr was bragging about it before we got there, for he had tried it before and so had I, but we were served even better than we expected. We got away from there shortly after 1 o'clock and headed for Hermiston. —Addison Bennett in Oregonian.

for the trip, it is understood, will be \$15.00.

Arrangements have been concluded for the use of a large park which is equipped with tents, in which are cooking stoves and other facilities for camping. Homes in Klamath Falls have been obtained in which to house the visitors, it being the sentiment there, that the natives will sleep in the streets, if need be, in order that all who come to the convention may have accommodations.

The association headed by William McGinn of Portland Lodge, has arranged for the operation of a special "de-luxe" train at reduced rates. Many of the members of lodges outside of Portland will utilize this train in making the trip, reservations being accepted by Mr. McGinn who has established headquarters in the Elks club at Portland. Thousands of others are expecting to journey to the convention city in automobiles, stopping enroute to fish in what is reputed to be the greatest trout stream on the Pacific Coast.

All indications point to not alone a record attendance, but to one of the best frolics ever staged in the state, when the antlered herd gathers at Klamath Falls, on August 14, 15 and 16th.

### RECRUITING OFFICERS HERE

A recruiting party composed of Sergeants Yarborough, Main and Hawes spent several days in Heppner during the week leaving Tuesday morning for Portland. No recruits were secured here most of the boys being too busy harvesting at good wages to yearn much for foreign lands.

The recruiting party displayed a flag at their headquarters while here which was flying over the Adjutant General's headquarters, First Army, in France on the day the armistice was signed.

### COUNCIL HOLDS ITS REGULAR MEETING

At a regular meeting of the city council Monday evening the proposal made by H. V. Gates for the sale of the water system to the city was accepted with a few minor corrections and an ordinance was introduced providing for submitting to the qualified voters the question of bonding the city for \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of bringing in a supply of water for the city by gravity.

The ordinance will go to second reading at a meeting about August 15th and to final passage at the first meeting in September. After a period of 30 days the ordinance will become effective and an election will be called at once. It is believed that the bonds can be voted and sold by November 1st.

### WILL ATTEND HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

County Judge Campbell and Hon. C. E. Woodson went to Portland last evening to be present at the Highway Commission meeting today and tomorrow in the interest of the Willow creek section of the Oregon-Washington Highway.

Owing to an error in the mileage between Heppner and the Gilliam county line when the grading estimates were made it is feared that the appropriation of \$125,000 for that portion of the road may be a little short of the amount required but it is believed that the matter will be adjusted at the meeting today.

### CHANGE IN GARAGE AND AUTO FIRM

Dean T. Goodman has purchased a one-half interest in the Heppner Garage from Vaughn & Son and the business will be continued under the old name. Mr. Goodman has for several years been connected with the Good-year Tire and Rubber Co., as traveling representative through this territory and is in close touch with the needs of the automobile and accessories trade.

The repair shop in the rear of the Heppner Garage has also recently changed hands E. T. French selling the shop to Inman & Thornton, of Portland. These gentlemen were both formerly with the Covey Motor Car Company, of Portland, and come to Heppner with the highest recommendations as expert mechanics. Mr. J. W. Fritsch is also associated with the new firm and will have charge of the electrical service department.

### BILLY O'ROURKE GOES TO PENDLETON

Billy O'Rourke, who broke into the United States army at Camp Lewis in spite of all regulations regarding size and weight, and who made good after the burglary, has accepted a position with the Warren Construction Co., at Pendleton and will act as time-keeper for the road-builders in the Round-up city.

### HOTEL BUSINESS BOOMING

Writing in the Oregonian of an auto trip around the state Addison Bennett has this to say about the hotel business:

Just a word about the leading business of the places we passed through—the hotel business. If you wish to go anywhere far enough away from home to eat a meal or stop all night, just wire ahead about a month. For the hotels are so crowded that they cannot begin to serve all who apply. There are exceptions to this rule, of course, but almost all the hotels are filled and running over every night.

And yet some people try to tell us that a big, first-class hotel will not pay in Heppner.

## MEDICAL, FINANCIAL AID FOR SOLDIERS

### RE-HABILITATION MOVEMENT BROUGHT TO HEPPNER

#### Discharged Men Rating Under 90 Per Cent Efficient to Have Hospital Care

N. White, of Spokane, who is connected with the government work of re-habilitating soldiers who were wholly or partially incapacitated for their former vocations while in the service, was in Heppner last Wednesday in conference with S. E. Notson, who represents the civilian relief committee of the Red Cross, and getting in touch with boys who because of the results of sickness or injuries are entitled to government assistance either in hospital treatment or educational advantages.

In their anxiety to get out of the service after the war was over it appears that many of the soldiers waived their rights for this assistance and were discharged as 100 per cent efficient when, as a matter of fact they rate far below that standard. It is to correct this condition that the service with which Mr. White is connected was provided by the general government.

While here Mr. White interviewed a number of Morrow county boys among them being Charlie Ayers, whose health was seriously undermined during his long service on the Mexican border, prior to 1917 and in England where he served two years during the big war.

Sam Stevens, who was twice wounded on the west front and who has not fully recovered was also interviewed as was Weingarten, of Ione, who was in practically every hard fight the American troops were engaged in over there and who was wounded in the shoulder. Floyd Barlow, who has never fully recovered from a long siege of illness at Camp Lewis and Glenn and Guy McFerrin,

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## CITY CLOSES DEAL FOR GATES WATER SYSTEM

### AGREEMENT REACHED TO PURCHASE IF BONDS CARRY

#### Way Now Open For City to Bring in Adequate Supply of Pure Mountain Water

After negotiations extending over many months between the officials of the city of Heppner and H. V. Gates, president and principal owner of the Heppner Light & Water Co., looking to the purchase by the city of the water system, an agreement was finally reached last Friday evening, by which, conditional on the necessary bonds being voted at an election to be called soon, the city will become the owner of the present water system including wells, pumps, reservoirs, distributing pipes and other items properly belonging to the plant. It is believed that there is no doubt of the people approving the necessary bond issue at the next election.

The price agreed upon Friday evening was \$23,500, with the understanding that whatever supplies such as fuel ect., may be on hand when the deal is consummated shall be taken over by the city at invoice price.

The price for the property has been a much mooted question for several months and various valuations have been made by different interests ranging all the way from around \$60,000, the figure named by Mr. Gates a year ago down to \$19,050, the estimate by Burns & McDonnell, engineers employed by the city last spring.

After going over the latter estimate last Friday Mr. Gates pointed out to Mayor Vaughan a number of important items that were not taken into account by the engineer and after adding these items the sum of \$23,500 was mutually agreed upon.

At a meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday evening at which Mr. Gates was present the water question was pretty thoroughly threshed out and the consensus of opinion was strongly in favor of municipal ownership. At this meeting President Mahoney, of the club, appointed the following committee to confer with the council and render all assistance within their power towards arriving at a satisfactory arrangement with the water company: W. B. Barratt, C. E. Woodson, J. G. Thomson, S. E. Notson and Michael Kenny. At subsequent meetings this committee worked with the council with good effect and at the Friday meeting it was agreed that a sub-committee should be sent to Dallas and Portland to investigate different kinds of pipe for the gravity system.

This committee will probably get busy at an early date and get matters in shape as soon as possible for the council to call a bond election and take other necessary steps to get the project under way.

It is believed practically certain that mountain water will be delivered in Heppner in abundance by the beginning of the next irrigating season.

## Star Theatre

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, AUG. 7 AND 8

Peggy Hyland

'The Girl with no Regrets'

And a rip-roaring Comedy, "Wild Women."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Bessie Barriscale

"All of a Sudden Norma"

The first show Saturday will be out in time for THE GRAND HARVEST BALL IN THE FAIR PAVILION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10—The one you have all been looking for TARZAN OF THE APES

## The Heppner Garage

Vaughn & Goodman

Successors to Albert Bowker

We will endeavor to carry a complete stock of tires, tubes, accessories and parts and will appreciate your patronage.

Our shop is operated by Messrs. Inman & Thornton, expert mechanics, for several years with the Covey Motor Car Company, of Portland.