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NEW RATES GRANTED HEPPNER L. & W. CO.

Terms of Company Before Public Service Commission Granted—Company Expected to Increase Voltage and Give Better Service to Power Users

Under date of Dec. 25, 1920, the Public Service Commission of Oregon, entered an order which virtually grants the increase in rates asked by the Heppner Light & Water Co., in the application to the commission of Sept. 2, 1920.

A hearing was had on this application at the court house in Heppner, on Sept. 3, before Commissioner H. H. Cory, and the application for an increase was opposed by the rates of Heppner, Lexington and Long, all interested municipalities now being served by the Heppner Light & Water company, upon the grounds that the present rates are excessive, unreasonable, and unjustly discriminatory, by reason of the poor service rendered. Witnesses were called to prove this, and the company frankly admitted that the service was poor. The report of the commission follows:

Valuation for Rate Making

This commission upon a former application of the utility made an investigation and on the 25th day of January, 1919, issued its order No. 487 fixing among other things the valuation as of January 1, 1918. For the next two years followings have been shown to be \$268,774 and the retirements of capital then in use amount to \$189,572, the actual net additional since our former valuation being \$102,900 which increase in valuation will be considered herein.

At the same time the depreciation allowance on a straight line basis was set out as being \$209 per annum. This amount will be correspondingly increased in our further deliberations.

Operating Revenues

During 1920 there has been a noticeable increase in revenue, the comparison between the first six months of this year and the corresponding period of last year being an increase of 18.4 per cent. If the percentage be applied to the total revenue of 1919 we will obtain \$4,526 as the expected revenue.

Operating Expenses

The most important part of the testimony concerning operating expenses was the statement of the increase in fuel costs. To a large extent these are due to the recent increases in freight rates. Testimony shows that at the present time the freight charge on each ton of coal amounts to \$4.14. This charge, coupled with increased costs of fuel at the mine, has thrown a large additional burden on the producer of electrical service in this community. This burden must be indirectly absorbed in the form of increased rates or a community must expect its electric service to be discontinued.

Previous to the date of hearing the steam plant had been devoted to the service not only of the electric utility but to that of municipal water plant as well. The latter service is now about to be discontinued. As a result of this condition it appears from the testimony that it will be impossible to estimate the exact cost of future electric operation upon the analysis made during our previous investigation and from all testimony offered in this case the following annual expenses may be reasonably expected:

Fuel, \$15,286; payroll, \$1,500; materials and supplies, \$1,550; ordinary depreciation, \$2,135; extraordinary depreciation (renovations) \$575, making a total of \$22,046.

The resulting income, \$24,526, leaving operating deficit of \$1,520, which is added taxes, \$600 and uncollectible, \$25, bringing total deficit to \$4,120, or practically \$5000 a year. It is also shown that no return whatever was had from investment and the commission concludes that the revenues now derived would not pay out of pocket operating expenses, hence rates must be increased or the utility go out of business.

Service Far From Satisfactory

Testimony that part of the testimony offered in which it was shown that the service was far from satisfactory, the report says:

The testimony shows that the service delivered is far from satisfactory and frequent interruptions have occurred which greatly detract from the value of the service especially for the power customers. This condition was conceded by the utility owners. Satisfactory service must be provided, and to this end it is recommended that a voltage regulator be installed in the generating plant.

It may be stated here that the regulator mentioned above has been installed, and some improvement in the service to power users has been noted.

Upon the testimony as offered, the commission fixes the following lighting rates for Heppner and Lexington, metered:

First 6 kilowatt hours or less, \$1.50 per month; next 11, 22 cents; next 20, 18 cents; excess over 40 k. w. h., 12 cents.

Commercial lighting, metered—primary rate: First 6 kilowatt hours, or less, \$1.50 per month; next 24, 22 cents; excess over 40 k. w. h., per k. w. h., 18 cents. Secondary rate: First 50 kilowatt hours, per k. w. h., 18 cents; next 250, 15 cents and excess over 300, 12 cents per k. w. h. No monthly bill shall be less than \$1.50 plus 10 cents for each 50 watts, or major fraction thereof, of active load in excess of 500 watts.

Flat rates are placed at \$1.25 per month on first 40 watts, and commercial lighting will carry the same rating for the first 40 watts.

The report also establishes the municipal lighting rates, all of which show a like proportion of increase. We shall be able to give the full schedules in another issue, setting out the figures just as ordered by the commission. This much is given that an idea may be

P. T. Association of Dist. 9 Gives Christmas Treat

On the evening of Dec. 8, patrons of school district No. 9 completed the organization of a P. T. Teachers Association. Nearly every family in the district was represented and much enthusiasm was shown for the new movement.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Inman; vice-president, Miss Ruth Van Vactor; treasurer, Arthur Jackson; secretary, Edw. Reimann.

Plans were put under way to erect a stable near the school house. A committee was appointed which raised \$23 for a Christmas treat for the children of the district.

Last Thursday evening, despite bad weather conditions, the community gathered at the school house where a program was given, after which Santa Claus remembered old and young alike. A jolly evening was enjoyed by all and many wishes for Merry Christmas rang out as all departed.

The following children presented a program consisting of songs and recitation: Mary and Bill Doherty, Mary McCabe, Esther, Vera and Ilancho Zink, Emma and Irene Agce and Edna Zink. The treat given by the public spirited parents and friends of the school was deeply appreciated by all.

Young People Entertained

One of the most brilliant events of the holiday season among the younger set, was the party given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Chick on Tuesday evening, honoring Miss Zeina Engelman of Iona, and her son, Charles Chick. The Chick home was very beautifully decorated with toy balloons and Japanese lanterns and delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Chester Darbee assisted Mrs. Chick in entertaining and vocal and instrumental music and dancing completed an evening of splendid enjoyment. The guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Fred E. Farrig, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Irwin, Misses Vera Maloney, Gladys Lane, Isabel Wilson, Ruby Corrigan, Zeina Engelman, Cecelinda Darbee, Odile Groshen, Norma Fredrick, Audrey Grogan, Ruth Van Vactor; Messrs. Forby Green, Arthur Campbell, Vawter Crawford, Glenn Jones, Carl Morrison, Ray Rogers, William Austin, Charles Chick, Robert Jordan, Max Rogers.

Potato Pits Need Flue

A shotted flue from the bottom of the potato pit to a little way above the top will carry off the warm air caused by sweating and thus reduce the amount of loss from spoiling and sprouting. A well-planned place should be selected for the pit. The potatoes are piled on ground a little higher than the level covered with straw and roofed over with earth.

FARM & HOME POINTERS

Suitable food every day is the most fundamental thing in the well-being of the child. Fresh air, wholesome exercise, sufficient sleep are other important factors in child nutrition, but proper food at every meal is essential to the health, happiness and ultimate success of the child.—Home Economics, O. A. C.

Salted fish may be packed in non-toxic wood or in crockery containers, which should have tight covers. The cleaned fish should lie in salted water long enough to remove blood and mucus from the gills and elsewhere before being packed. Alternate layers of salt and fish in proper lengths, skin side down, fill the jar. If brine evaporates it is replaced with new brine made by dissolving 1-2 pounds of salt in a gallon of water.—Home Economics, O. A. C.

Better feeding of poultry for egg production is obtained by feeding according to appetite rather than by supply. The best ration is the one that supplies the needed food elements in the most economical form. Sometimes feed at 12 a hundred is more expensive than other feed at 15.—Poultry, O. A. C.

Feed yards for fattening lambs are best located on well-drained ground and generally enclosed with hog tight fence. The most popular method of feeding hay is by means of panels set at right angles to each other. They are made of 1 x 6 inch boards, with a 12-inch board at the bottom, the second board being 7 inches above it.—Animal Husbandry, O. A. C.

Irregon Farm Bureau Makes Corn Shipment

The local price for corn at the nearest feed stores jarred on the nerves of the Irregon farmers and the farm bureau made a shipment direct from the eastern growers, which netted a saving of \$18.00 per ton. The corn costing \$28.50 on the Irregon siding.

Annual Business Meeting and Roll Call

The annual business meeting and roll call of the Christian church will be held in the church on Wednesday evening, January 5. Every member of the church is urged to be in attendance and all friends of the church are invited. There will be refreshments, a period of devotion, and a social hour.

Power Principal Gets Federal Job

R. G. Dykstra, formerly principal of the Umatilla school and secretary of the Commercial Club there, has just received an appointment as assistant teacher with the federal board for vocational training. He has not yet been assigned.—Pendleton E. O.

formed as to what your electric bill is cost in the future. These rates are maximum.

BUTTER CREEK ROAD MEET WELL ATTENDED

Dr. Conder of Heppner Is Re-Elected President and Allen Thomson Chosen Secretary Butter Creek Highway Association.

Representatives from both Umatilla and Morrow counties gathered at Pine City last Sunday to attend the annual meeting of the Butter Creek Highway Association, these consisting largely of members from the commercial clubs of Umatilla, Hermiston, Echo and Heppner. About 47 people were in attendance.

Upon ascertaining the attitude of the various commercial bodies it was found that they were ready to pledge their cooperation in getting the attention of the Umatilla and Morrow county commissioners directed to the work the association is endeavoring to put over. President Charles Thomson of the Heppner Commercial club was present and stated he was there for information and would gladly bring the matter before the club. So far it had been impossible to get the attention of the club members or bring them together in a meeting, owing to the Christmas season and no action had been taken in the matter of instructing representatives of the club at this meeting.

C. H. Bartholomew, E. P. Doherty and W. H. Howard were appointed a committee to bring the matter before the Morrow county court. After some matters of business and discussions as to future work, Dr. J. Perry Conder, was re-elected president and Allen Thomson, secretary-treasurer of the association for the coming year, and the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

President Conder reports that this was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting the association has ever held. The grading crew is now at work on the road at Pine City and have practically finished the grade for more than five miles of what is known as the Jarman-Lexington road, and the people interested in the completion of these two roads in the near future are very much encouraged. Petitions are being circulated at Lena, Pine City, Alpine, Wells Springs, Boardman, Irregon, Morgan, Iona and Lexington, asking the county court to expend the 1921 market road fund on this road and it looks now as though there will be quite a demand for favorable action by the court next week. The Heppner Commercial club is expected to have a called meeting to consider the matter before Judge Marsh asked to be favored with the position of the people in regard to this road.

The following joint resolution passed: To the Hon. County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon and to the Hon. County Court of Morrow County, Oregon:

Be it resolved that it is the sense of this meeting of the Butter Creek Highway Association, at Pine City, Dec. 26, 1920, that the market road fund available in Morrow county for the year 1921, be expended on the Percy Jarman-Lexington road, between the initial point of said road at the Umatilla county line and where said Percy Jarman-Lexington road intersects the base line and that the fund available in Umatilla county should be expended between the point where said Percy Jarman-Lexington road reaches Umatilla county line on Butter creek and the junction of same Butter creek road with the Columbia highway giving connection to water transportation at Umatilla on the Columbia river.

Be it further resolved that a committee should be appointed by this meeting to convey this resolution to both county courts and discuss the matter further, at the direction of the courts and try to assist in bringing about a better understanding of the importance and necessity for immediate action in the completion of this common roadway between the two counties.

Carried by unanimous vote of the meeting this 26th day of December, 1920. J. PERRY CONDER, Pres. W. H. CRARY, Acting Sec. Heppner's delegation at the meeting was Chas. Thomson, L. A. Hunt and Dr. J. Perry Conder.

The Steady Subscriber

How glad to our heart is the steady subscriber, who pays in advance at the start of the year. Who says down the money and sees it quite gladly, and counts round the office a mass of cheer. He never says "stop it, I cannot afford it, I'm getting more papers than now I can read," but always says: "send it; our people all live in it—in fact, we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his check when it reaches our mailbox, how it makes our pulse throbb, how it makes our heart dance. We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him—the steady subscriber who pays in advance.

Boy Scouts—Attention!

A meeting is called at Scout Headquarters for Friday evening, Dec. 31, at 5:15 o'clock. Every Scout must report or else present an excuse to the undersigned by noon Friday.

LIVINGSTONE, E. M.

Roy W. White's wishes to announce to the public that he will be located in his new office in the hotel building immediately after the first of the year. He will share a part of the room just south of the lobby with the Wells Brothers and will be found ready to serve the public and take care of their needs in the line of fire insurance and handle real estate as heretofore. Mr. White has built up a fine business along these lines, and at this time expresses his appreciation to the people of Heppner and surrounding country for the splendid line of business given him.

In honor of the coming of the Elks to this city tomorrow and next day, the business houses have taken on a somewhat gala day appearance, and many and beautiful are the window displays making prominent the purple and white of the order and displaying antlered emblems. The street lighting on Main street has also caught the spirit, and the purple bulbs among the white make a beautiful mixture and shading of light that is pleasing to behold. The city belongs to the "Elks" for the next two days.

Under the artistic direction of Jack O'Neill, Central Market has been tastefully and appropriately decorated for the coming of the "Elks" to our city. Colors of the order are prominently interwoven with evergreens, which are entwined and bunched about as fine a display of beef, mutton and pork as was ever hung up in Heppner. This display has called forth a lot of favorable comment and we doubt if it could be excelled in any small city.

"Queen Christmas" was the attraction at the Christian church on Saturday evening, rendered by the younger members of the Sunday school, and was greeted by a crowded house. The rendition was good and reflects credit alike upon the performers and those who coached them. Other Sunday schools of the city presented appropriate Christmas programs on Friday evening.

Pat Foley came up from The Dalles Wednesday and will be in the city for several days, assisting in the opening of Hotel St. Patrick and otherwise boosting for the success of the two days of entertainment being prepared by himself and Heppner lodge of Elks. He was accompanied by Mrs. Foley and the little boy and Mrs. Eva Horan, a sister of Mrs. Foley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Oaten arrived from Madras last evening and will be in Heppner until after the festivities are over. Mr. Oaten is receiving the congratulations of his many friends here upon his recent marriage, having on Christmas taken unto himself one of the charming young ladies of his home town.

Carl Young, wheat buyer of Iona, was a business visitor in Heppner yesterday. He was accompanied by Eldred Corson, who is a student of U. of W., and is home to spend the holidays with his mother at Iona.

Thos. Nichols, of Lexington, spent several days in Heppner this week. A young son of Mr. Nichols was recently operated on for appendicitis and is now well on the road to recovery at a local hospital.

Claud White, who has a large wheat ranch bordering Sand Hollow some eighteen miles north of Heppner, is in town today, accompanied by Mrs. White.

Central Market announces that they will be open from 7 to 8 on Friday evening. On Saturday the market will be closed all day from 8 a. m. and open from 7 to 8 in the evening again.

BOND HOUSE OF MORRIS BROS. PORTLAND, CLOSED

John I. Etheridge, Head of Business Lulls a Few Day Ago, Flees and Is Caught at Minneapolis—Many Victims Suffer Loss—Etheridge Confesses to Jail Record

The doors of the bond house of Morris Bros., incorporated, failed to open at Portland on Monday, and notices were posted to the effect that the house was closed on account of audit, and signed by Fred S. Morris.

Later a voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed and W. D. Whitcomb was appointed temporary receiver in the Federal court.

Etheridge had in the meantime made his escape from Portland, and on Tuesday word was received from the post-department of Minneapolis that he had been apprehended there and was being held as a fugitive from justice. The newspaper reports are to the effect that he will make no resistance to being returned to Oregon, and will come back to face any charges placed against him.

Many will be caused to lose heavily on account of the collapse, as they had invested in bonds for which they held only interim certificates. The wrecking of the firm seems to be placed at the door of Etheridge, and from the Portland Journal we get the following concerning him:

Transacting Business Without Capital

Morris states that judging from what has been discovered by the auditors Etheridge was transacting his business without capital, by using the money of his clients in the general business, money which had been turned in by purchasers of bonds who had been given interim certificates pending the delivery of the actual bonds.

Under Etheridge's direction during the past three years the firm of Morris Brothers has undergone a rapid expansion in the handling of bonds.

The last large transaction in which the firm engaged was the purchase of bonds of Edmonton, Alberta, having a face value of \$2,135,000. Most of these bonds were disposed of and against them a large number of interim certificates are outstanding, being held by individual investors.

Etheridge Leaves City

Etheridge left the city suddenly Thursday night.

Etheridge's sudden cessation of relations with the firm and his departure mark a crisis in his local business career that assumed almost cyclopean proportions. Coming to Portland in 1917, through his energy and ability he developed the business of Morris Bros. on a large scale. His activities extended beyond the bond business. He was prominent in a variety of civic endeavors and during the war was a leading figure in the several Liberty Loan drives.

His most recent outside activity was his candidacy as a delegate to the Imperial Shrine from Al Kader temple. He conducted an elaborate and extensive campaign for that honor.

Unpleasant rumors became current that reflected on Etheridge's personal record. They came to his ears. On Saturday evening, December 13, occurred the shrine election. Mounted on a platform in the Armory, Etheridge laid bare his record. He confessed to having served time in the New Jersey penitentiary. He did not withdraw his name. The vote was taken, four delegates to be chosen. He was fifth on the list.

A Native of England

According to the statement made at the time of his extradition in Portland in July, 1918, Etheridge swore that he was born in Birmingham, England, Feb. 20, 1881, and that he came to the United States in February, 1902.

Two years later on October 21, 1905—Etheridge was committed to the New Jersey state penitentiary at Trenton to serve a sentence of 18 months at hard labor upon conviction for false pretenses.

On December 3, 1907, Etheridge again was received at the same institution to serve a sentence of two years, again upon conviction for false pretenses. He was discharged November 8, 1909.

In his application for citizenship Etheridge swore that his only arrest during his career in the United States was for speeding a motor car at Langhorne, Pa., about June, 1915.

Studied for Church

According to his own statement Etheridge attended Cambridge University, England, for three years and later studied to be a rector in the church of England.

In his dramatic statement before the Shrine meeting Etheridge stated that just before he was to have been ordained, he received word that the young woman to whom he was engaged had married his brother. He immediately left college and the country, coming to the United States. For two years, he said, he was a wanderer, and finally in New Jersey forged a check for \$50, was convicted and sent to prison. In his confession Etheridge stated that his second offense involved a charge of bigamy. Records of his two commitments at the Trenton penitentiary disclose that both commitments were for false pretenses.

Farmers Now Handle Much Farm Machinery

Tractor and Other Mechanical Power and Machine Operation Calls for Special Training.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 23.—The farmer of today operates more kinds of machinery and has more responsibility in their care and efficiency than the average professional mechanic in the city," says W. J. Gilmore, in announcing his tractor and farm machinery short courses at O. A. C., starting January 1. "One course will run for two weeks and the other for 12. A second two-week course will begin January 15.

The two-week course is aimed to help the farmer select the type of tractor best suited to his needs, and to overhaul it and his other machines for upkeep and repairs. Much practice will be given in operating single and multiple cylinder engines, and in running tractors in and out doors.

The 12 week course will consist of instruction and practice in running tractors and in learning the construction and care of tractor motors and other farm machinery.

"Many small repairs and adjustments can be made only with the aid of shop experience," says Professor Gilmore. "This experience can be obtained with comparatively little training. Delays in making the repairs, though, are often expensive in both time and money."

Farmers and other students taking these courses will have the benefit of 12 makes and models of tractors, provided for the purpose. Several practical representatives of eastern factories have promised to be on hand to help out in the training.

Many types of farm machinery and equipment are brought in for overhauling by the students, under supervision of the instructors.

New Hotel Gives Christmas Dinner

St. Patrick hotel, under the management of Jas. Hart, served a very fine Christmas dinner Saturday evening, which was liberally patronized by the Heppner folks. In fact the dining room has been open to the public since that time and Manager Hart has no complaint to make concerning the manner in which his efforts to please the public are being received. The formal opening of the hotel takes place on tomorrow, Friday, evening and elaborate arrangements are being completed to give the public of the city and all visitors from the surrounding country an opportunity to partake of a great spread and then be shown over the house from cellar to roof. It will be the supreme effort of the manager and all connected with St. Patrick hotel to make every guest feel perfectly at home. The hand of welcome is out to the public.

Bennett Will Be Here

Addison Bennett, veteran newspaper man and itinerant correspondent of the Oregonian, will be in Heppner for the week-end, his visit being for the purpose of writing up the interesting events to take place here at this time in the dedication of the new Elks temple and the opening of our new hotel. Mr. Bennett is not unknown to Heppner and Morrow county residents, for at one time, just shortly after Irregon was platted and placed on the map, and things began to assume shape in the pioneer irrigation district of Morrow county, he was editor and proprietor of the Irregon Irrigator, which publication he issued for about two years, and his famous Rabbitville sketches were read by hundreds of people all over this section. Addison is a pioneer in the newspaper game, and though getting well along in life, he still maintains his mental and physical vigor and is always ready to go to the farthest ends of the state to gather in a good write-up for his paper. He will give a fine account of the activities here, and included in his article will be a general sketch covering the entire county. Mr. Bennett, you are welcome to our city.

Farmers Pool Wheat

Farmers resident in the Waitsburg section recently sold a pool of 25,000 bushels of wheat for \$1.50 a bushel. Since then 92,000 bushels at \$1.48 have been purchased by the Farmers Union Warehouse company for a Portland concern. Fred Aldrich also sold to a Portland firm 25,000 bushels at \$1.48 a bushel. Now another pool of 40,000 bushels is being held for \$1.50.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 2, 1921.

Bible school at ten o'clock, followed by Communion and preaching service. Christian Endeavor service at 8:30, preaching and song service at 7:30.

The subject for the evening will be "Sunday Observance and the Proposed 'Blue Law.'" For several Sunday evenings the sermons will be devoted to practical themes of this kind, and the public is cordially invited to be in attendance.

renton and Redmond. The investment of state funds in these securities compelled an investigation by the Morrow county grand jury, but no indictments were returned.

Among Etheridge's other activities was his participation in the Hotel Seaside Inc., a corporation organized to take over the Moore hotel property at Seaside and develop it. A foreclosure suit for \$25,000 was filed on this property at Astoria late last week.

As the auditing of the firm's business proceeds it is being discovered that the liabilities of the firm will exceed the assets by perhaps more than \$1,000,000. Morris Bros. have branches at Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco, and these several houses were closed simultaneously with the Portland house. Later developments seem to put Fred S. Morris in an unfavorable light, and he may be found to be as much responsible for its failure as is Etheridge.

EDITORS TO DISCUSS BUSINESS PROBLEMS

Eugene to Be the Scene of the Annual Gathering of Newspaper Men Sessions to Be Held January 14 and 15

University at Eugene, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The annual professional conference of the Oregon newspaper editors, publishers and writers, held each winter at the university school of journalism, set for Friday and Saturday, January 14 and 15, will include three sessions on business problems, which will take the form of "short courses" of the post-graduate order, two banquet at which questions of professional standards and practices will be presented, election of officers, an automobile excursion, the presentation of a feature by the students of the school and of the new buildings of the university made possible by the passage of the millage tax bill and several entertaining features.

The business sessions, which are declared to be of unusual practical importance, are headed "a short course in newspaper law," "a short course in foreign advertising" and "a short course in newspaper management," each to be followed by general discussion.

Newspaper Laws Studied

Dean Hale, of the university law school, has made a special study of the laws of Oregon relating to newspapers. It turns out that there has been an unusually small amount of newspaper litigation in Oregon, with the result that few of these laws have ever been tested or interpreted on important points. The rights of reporters, editors and publishers are therefore vague on many important matters and a committee was appointed by the State Editorial association at Astoria last summer to report at this conference as to means of making the law more definite and certain. The report of this committee will be presented and a proposal discussed of forming a newspaper code embodying the best practice of all states to be presented to the legislature.

Management to Be Discussed

In the course of the newspaper management expert F. W. Smith, cost and price expert of the Porte Publishing company at Salt Lake, will act as one of the instructors on committee especially to Eugene for the purpose. An elaborate analysis of the newspaper situation in Oregon at present being prepared under the supervision of Elbert Beale, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, who is asking every newspaper in the state for an analysis of its overhead expenses as well as for answers to several interesting points of editorial and professional practice.

The foreign advertising course will be initiated by several speakers, among them Charles W. English, manager of the better business bureau of the Portland Ad club, and John T. Beamish, who recently took a trip through the east for the express purpose of studying foreign advertising at the source. He visited the advertiser himself and virtually all the big agencies. A proposal for joint action by Oregon papers will be advanced.

Interesting Discussion Scheduled

A professional discussion of considerable interest will be an analysis of newspaper progress in an Oregon city by the editors of the two rival papers, Ralph R. Cronise, of the Albany Democrat, and E. M. Reagan, of the Albany Herald, have been speeding up the newspaper world of Linn county and are going to tell whether their efforts have been appreciated and in how practical a way by the people of the community and how successful their efforts have been.

Don Stierling, managing editor of the Oregon Journal, who has never before spoken at a state meeting, will attempt an analysis of the newspaper situation and future for professional journalism as it appears to him after an extensive tour of the United States. On this trip he was accompanied by the associate publisher of the Journal, Captain Philip Jackson, who will also be present at the conference. Professional subjects will also be treated by Dean Allen, Colonel Carlo Abrams of the Salem Statesman, chairman of the conference, and others whose subjects have not yet been announced.

Women's Club Will Help

The Women's Club of Umatilla have formed a working agreement with the state relations service of the United States department of agriculture to cooperate in establishing and carrying on home demonstration work. Mrs. W. S. Jennings of Jacksonville, Florida, will represent the women's clubs and work with the state college home demonstration agents in furthering the work of improving farm home conditions. She will have an assistant in each state.

Cross-Pollination Helps Bartlett

Bartlett pears in some districts seem to be self-fertilized but make a better set of fruit, have lighter June drops and generally produce a better quality of fruit when cross-pollinated with some good commercial variety, say the agricultural college horticulturists.

Oregon Butter Gets Better

The 46 exhibits of Oregon butter secured by W. W. Boswell of Chicago at the butter and cheese convention in December was said to be the best lot ever secured by this noted expert. "There is not a real bad piece of butter in the lot," he announced. It was the largest lot ever exhibited in Oregon, as well as the best. The three highest cubes were 37 or more, the lowest 28. The college and dairy-men's campaign for improved butter by use of fresher cream is bearing good fruit.

Mrs. Anna Borg, of Portland, is spending the week at the home of her son, Oscar, in this city, and enjoying a visit with her many Heppner friends.

SPEED THE PARTING



Early in the present year, Etheridge brought upon his firm some unpleasant notoriety in connection with his sale to State Treasurer Hoff of a quantity of bonds of the municipalities of War-