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INVITE BOX FACTORY

P.P.&L. Announces Cut in Rates From 10 to 26 Pct.

Savings of \$200,000
a Year in District
To Start March 1

Savings of \$200,000 a year to customers of Pacific Power & Light company in Oregon and Washington will result from a rate reduction announced Tuesday.

Effective March 1, the new rates will mean material savings to residential and commercial customers in Heppner.

Cost of residential service here under the new rates will be 10 to 20 per cent below those in effect prior to the 1936 rate cut, while savings in commercial rates on the same basis will range from 12 to 26 per cent.

The new rates were filed following an informal investigation in which the company cooperated with the Oregon public utilities commissioner and the Washington department of public service.

Total annual savings to customers as a result of rate cuts made over the company's system since 1936 are estimated at \$615,000.

The new residential rate schedule for Heppner, effective with all meter readings on and after March 1, is as follows: First 10 kwh per month, \$1.00; next 25 kwh at 7 cents; next 115 kwh at 2 1/4 cents; and excess at 2 cents.

The present minimum monthly charge of \$1.25 will be reduced to \$1.00. The minimum now includes 13 kwh, after which the next 17 kwh are billed at 9 1/2 cents, the next 100 at 3 cents, and excess at 2 cents.

The company's special automatic water heating rate of 8-10 of a cent per kwh already in effect, covers this class of service.

Comparison of typical bills for residence service at rates in effect 3 years ago, at present rates and at the new rates is as follows:

	1936	Present	New
25 kwh	\$2.50	\$2.39	\$2.05
50 kwh	3.60	3.47	3.16
100 kwh	5.10	4.97	4.54
150 kwh	6.60	6.27	5.91

The new commercial service schedule will give 10 kwh a month for \$1.00, next 190 kwh at 7 cents, next 600 kwh at 4 1/2 cents, next 700 kwh at 3 cents, and excess at 2 cents.

The present commercial rate is 13 kwh at \$1.25, next 87 kwh at 9 1/2 cents, next 100 kwh at 6 1/2 cents, next 400 at 5 cents, next 400 at 4 cents, next 1000 at 3 cents, and excess at 2 cents.

How the new commercial schedule will affect typical bills is illustrated by the following examples:

	1936	Present	New
50 kwh	\$5.00	\$4.77	\$3.80
75 kwh	7.50	7.14	5.55
125 kwh	11.75	11.14	9.05

The minimum monthly charge for rural service in this area will be reduced from \$2.50 a month to \$1.50. Other steps in the rural rate schedule will be reduced proportionately with residence rates for town customers.

The company has made four rate reductions in Heppner since it entered the field in 1926. The cost of 100 kwh for home use has, for example, been reduced 70 percent as compared with the rates in effect at the time the Pacific company took over the property.

Mrs. Helen LeTrace, former nurse at Heppner hospital, is now located at Hurley, N. Mexico, according to word received by friends here.

PRESIDENT'S BALL LARGELY ATTENDED

\$175 Net Proceeds to Aid
Paralysis Sufferers; Cecil
to Stage Benefit Affair

President Roosevelt's 57th birthday was feted by people from all parts of the county who packed the Elks hall last Saturday evening to dance to the music of Leta Peterson's orchestra. Net proceeds of the event are announced at \$175, including \$6 received from the auction of two cakes.

While final check has not been made of funds raised over the county, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, chairman, feels that Morrow county people have thoroughly and substantially expressed their support for the high purpose of the annual event, contributing to the national foundation to fight infantile paralysis.

People of the Cecil community have notified Dr. McMurdo that they are sponsoring an added benefit affair the date of which was not given. Besides the funds raised through purchase of tickets and certificates of contribution to the fund, a number of dime cards were filled out in the county for remittance to national headquarters.

Of the money raised here, fifty per cent stays in a county fund to fight infantile paralysis within the county.

Billy Lundell, Ione, Fractures Arm in Fall

Billy Lundell, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundell of Ione, received a compound fracture of the bone of the upper right arm when he fell from a wheat loading platform at Ione Tuesday evening. Billy and a group of young friends had taken advantage of the new snow to ride their sleds from the run-way of the platform when he accidentally fell.

The fractured bone was protruding through the flesh when the injured boy was brought to a local physician's office and he was placed in Heppner hospital for treatment. The fracture was reduced and the boy was resting well. Barring danger of infection because of the bone being exposed, it was expected recovery would be rapid.

Local Officials' Pay Increase Sought

Three bills affecting remuneration of Morrow county officials have been presented to the legislative assembly at Salem by Representative French and Senator Ellis.

One bill would increase the mileage fee of the sheriff for service of legal papers from 7 to 10 cents a mile. A second would increase the salary of county judge from \$1600 to \$2000 a year, and the third would up the district attorney's salary from \$1500 to \$1800 a year.

Arlington, Heppner Battle Here Tomorrow

Heppner high school's basketball court will be invaded by the Arlington quintet in a decisive league battle here, Friday (tomorrow).

Out to win one of two games which will make permanent their lead in the Upper Columbia basketball league, the Mustangs promise inevitable thrills, as they attempt to break the Arlington "jinx," the jinx being one handed down since 1934.

The game will be the next to the last game to be held on the local court.

COUNTY GETS NEW TRUCKS

Morrow county this week received two new trucks for use on roads, recently purchased from Ferguson Motor company.

Annual Erosion Control Meeting Set February 9

Lexington District
Conference to Draw
Several Specialists

Wheat and livestock operators throughout the Columbia basin will be at the fourth annual meeting of the Lexington Erosion Control district on Thursday, Feb. 9. The meeting will again be held in the Lexington Grange hall beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Increases in land left out of wheat production under the AAA program and the continued low price for wheat have focussed attention on livestock feeding. D. E. Richards, superintendent of the Union experiment station, will be a featured speaker at the meeting. Livestock operators as well as wheat men will be interested in the work with different grasses that has been conducted at the Union station.

Lawrence Jenkins, assistant specialist in farm crops, will discuss weed control as it ties up with soil conservation practices. Some of the late work on weed control is startling and considerable discussion should follow this talk, according to Clifford Conrad, county agent. Mr. Jenkins will also discuss the results of the trashy summerfallow survey conducted in 1937 and 1938.

As more and more people have become sharply aware of the extent of erosion on their own farms more thought is being devoted to methods of stopping these soil losses. A. S. King, extension specialist in soils, will describe work which is being done in this and other sections of the country in an effort to arrive at some farming practices which will fit both the land and the farm operator's pocketbook.

A series of lantern slides has been selected by Millard Rodman, area manager for the Soil Conservation service, which will illustrate the subject matter of the previous discussions.

Election of two directors for the Lexington Erosion Control district will take up about fifteen minutes, according to H. V. Smouse, chairman of the present advisory board. A cafeteria style lunch will be served by the ladies of Lexington grange.

Dan Doherty Dies; Rites at Pendleton

Dan Doherty, long-time sheep operator of the Juniper canyon district, died suddenly Saturday near the Jarmon place on Butter creek while going to Pendleton by automobile to consult a physician in an illness of several days' duration. Funeral services were held at Pendleton Monday, attended by a number of friends and relatives from this county.

Mr. Doherty was a long-time resident of Morrow county and in the early 1900's operated a confectionery and cigar store at Heppner. He later engaged extensively in the sheep-raising industry in the "Sands" section.

Miss Rose Myers, formerly with the National Farm Loan association office at Condon, has been made office assistant here due to combining the Heppner and John Day NFLA offices. W. V. Parker, local NFLA secretary, returned home Friday evening from a visit to Grant and Harney counties in company with Victor G. Peterson, field representative from The Dalles.

Farmers Must Act Quickly to Beat Purchase Deadline

Three and a half million bushels of white wheat have so far been purchased in his area under the government purchase program, announced Emil Ludwig in a telephone conversation with the local compliance office this morning. Mr. Ludwig especially called attention to the deadline date of February 4 and advised that Morrow county farmers contemplating sale of their wheat should get in touch with Morrow County Grain Growers at Lexington immediately, for no purchases under the present program will be made after Saturday, the 4th.

The grain growers warehouse should be contacted if the farmer's customary warehouse is out of the market, as it represents North Pacific Grain Growers who still lack 300,000 bushels of filling their quota, Ludwig said. Most other warehouses were said to have filled their quota.

Red Hot Smoker Sees Several KO's

The crowd that packed the ring-side at the firemen's smoker at the Dick building Saturday evening was given thrills in rapid succession as three knock-outs and two stopped fights were recorded.

In the main event Stanley Partlow of Boardman put away Benny White, Heppner CCC, in the third round. Richard Hayes, Heppner, put the lights out for Wm. Greener, Hardman, in the second round after receiving a broken nose at the hands of the tough mountain lad in the first round. Chas. Johnson knocked out Dexter, Heppner CCC, in the first round, while Referee Fred Hoskins stopped John McRoberts and Elliott Rose, both of Heppner, in the third round, declaring the match a draw, and also stopped Dan Rose and Bert Burnside in the third round awarding the decision to Rose. Rose is a CCC and Burnside is from Hardman.

Charles Osten, 80 Passes at Farm Home

Charles Osten, 80, pioneer resident of Morrow county, died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Louis Cason, in the mountains. He succumbed to a paralytic stroke. The body was taken to Portland this morning by Gus Nikander of the Case mortuary, and interment was set this afternoon at Portland crematorium.

Mr. Osten was born at Lisbon, O., Sept. 30, 1858, and first came to Oregon in '78, residing most of the time since in this county. The family resided on farms in the Matteson district and on Balm fork. Mrs. Osten, who died several years ago, was born Unkerfer. Children born to the union were Margaret (Mrs. Cason), Winifred and Jake, all of whom attended school at Heppner.

OPPOSES TROUT LIMIT

Logie Richardson, president Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club, called on the legislature at Salem last Saturday and this week end will contact the state game commission at Portland in the interest of removing the six inch limit for trout caught in eastern Oregon. Richardson says the limit does not apply west of the Cascades and that the situation should be reversed.

NOTICE TO I. O. O. F.

A special meeting of Willow lodge 66, I. O. O. F., is called for initiatory degree work, Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30. All Oddfellows are requested by S. A. Green, noble grand, to be present.

KRAFT CHEESE SUBSIDIARY MAY LOCATE HERE

Business People
Proffer Site; to Meet
Officials Monday

Will the Bridal Veil Lumber & Box company, subsidiary of Kraft cheese company, world's largest cheese makers, establish a milling and box factory unit in Heppner expected to employ 150 people?

That question was definitely answered in the affirmative so far as business people of Heppner are concerned, when to the number of seventy-five at a mass meeting at Elks hall last night they expressed willingness to lend their moral and financial support to acquiring the site already approved by officials of the company.

J. Logie Richardson, acting as the company's agent in acquiring 7000 acres of timber at the head of Johnson creek for which the company has paid cash, said that he had assurance from H. E. Leash and Leonard Kraft, company officials in charge, that construction of the plant would start the next day after the site is provided.

To arrange the local plan of financing a committee composed of C. J. D. Bauman, B. C. Pinckney, P. W. Mahoney, F. W. Turner and M. L. Case was named.

Mr. Richardson, who is leaving for Bridal Veil this afternoon to further discuss plans with the company, said he would try to arrange for Mr. Leash and Mr. Kraft to meet with people of the community at a second mass meeting called for the Elks hall next Monday evening. He said that the officials had already planned on a return visit here that day.

F. W. Turner called last night's meeting to order and the lumber company's proposal was immediately presented by Mr. Richardson. Verification of the timber deals was given by J. G. Barratt and Chas. B. Cox, both of whom have sold timber to the company. Besides the timber already acquired, Mr. Richardson said he has several thousand more acres in process of closing. It was said the company expected to begin operations with an initial block of 22,000 acres of the county's fine ponderosa pine timber.

Mr. Barratt reported that in a telephone communication with Mr. Kraft yesterday afternoon he had verified the proposal as made by Mr. Richardson. He said that on their several visits here in recent months while negotiating for timber, Mr. Leash and Mr. Kraft had expressed themselves as liking Heppner. He declared the company's reputation for fair dealing was enviable and that Heppner was fortunate in being selected as the probable site for the new unit. Four recent trips to the head office at Chicago were said to have been made by the officials in connection with the proposed plant here.

Factory units are already operated at Niles, Calif., Cathlamet, Wash., and one in British Columbia, besides the large Bridal Veil plant, on the west coast, Richardson said. The company has not been involved in labor disputes for they have paid higher than union scale.

They will start plant construction immediately the site is provided here and will be ready for operation at the end of 120 days, said Richardson. They will bring with them 40 key men, experienced men for key positions, and so far as possible will

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