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By A. L. LINDBECK

 Power Rate Cuts Curio Collectors PUD Bonds

Salem. - Another rate reduction, the second in three months was an- ing the recent experiences of two power districts. nounced by the two big electric utilities serving Portland and the lower Willamette valley counties this week as sponsors of peoples utility districts continued to press for public ownership. snapped up at par and accrued in-

The new rate schedule, to become terest. effective with meter readings after March 15, will, according to Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean, cut \$100,000 a year from the gross revenues of the Portland General Electric company and approximately \$20,000 a year off the rev-350,000 of its bonds bearing 41/2 per enues of the Northwestern Electric cent interest. company. These cuts are in addition to reductions approximating \$700,000 nor pointed out, were sold on combrought about by rate reductions announced by the two utilities last December.

The new rates, as well as those reduced in December, apply only to mitted to the state hospital for mendomestic lighting and heating. tal cases are ultimately dismissed

In the meantime the Oregon Hydroelectric commission has confined Evans, superintendent of the Saler. itself to a statement of engineering facts with the comment that the proposed projects could be operated at a profit under certain assumed conditions. Those conditions include the acquisition of the transof Ralph Cake, republican candidate mission and distribution lines of the for national committeeman. Rosson private utilities at their book value will go to Portland this week to plus a small additional amount to open campaign headuarters. Present cover material, supplies and working prospects are that Cake will be opcapital and, in most cases, the purposed by Harry Corbett, also of chase of electricity from the Bonne-Portland, former state senator from ville project. In only one instance, Multnomah county. that in Clackamas county, does the commission hold out any hope of immediate rate reductions through public ownership.

Estimated to raise \$2,000,000 a year according to Frank McKennon, chief at Morgan. through fees and licenses a measure legalizing various gambling devices is being initiated by the Oregon Merchants Legislative League. The measure would legalize punch boards, pinball games and bank nights year the operating costs of the pubbut not slot machines. A portion of lic utilities department for 1939 were the revenues thus raised would go \$1089 under the costs for 1938, acto the schools but the major share cording to Commissioner O. R. Bean. would go to the counties to finance Nearly \$4000 was cut from the travold age pension and relief payments. eling expenses of the department

The State Board of Control is considering the advisability of employ-

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building was opened to the public IONE NEWS

but a nocturnal visitor this week set an all-time record by carting away lone Section Enjoys a large man-hole cover from one of **Abundant Rains** the openings to the tunnel that car-By MRS. ELMER GRIFFITH ries the steam pipes, elctric conduits and other service adjuncts to the The best news in this section is

On the other hand the Grays Har-

bor County, Washington, Public

Utility District financing its opera-

tions through revenue bonds was

compelled to accept a bid of 95 and

accrued interest on an issue of \$3,-

The Monmouth bonds, the gover-

petitive bid while the Grays Harbor

Forty per cent of the patients ad-

as cured, according to Dr. John C.

Hugh Rosson, director of traffic

safety in the state department, has

resigned to manage the campaign

Farmers who confine their haul-

state department of agriculture.

during the year, Bean said.

In spite of an increase in the vol-

ume of business handled during the

institutions.

bonds were sold at private sale.

various state buildings. the fine rains which have been falling the last week. Leonard Carlson, The advantage of general obligaweather observer for Gooseberry, tion bonds over revenue bonds in reports that one half inch fell there financing public power projects is Sunday, and .10 inch on Monday. urged by Governor Sprague in cit-Elmer Griffith, observer at Morgan, measured .44 inch Sunday, and .39 inch more by Tuesday morning. The In the case of the city of Monsoil is well moistened.

mouth, Oregon, the governor points Mrs. Dorr Mason, who has been out, a block of \$40,000 of general obill with pleurisy, is reported to be ligation bonds bearing interest at improved. the rate of 31/4 and 31/2 per cent was

Fred Hoskins, Jr., spent the week end at home, returning to his school in La Grande on Sunday. On the return trip he found the roads in bad condition, due to rock on the road cause by the heavy rains.

George N. Ely and Fred J. Ely attended the district convention of the I. O. O. F. at Freewater on Saturday. On their return to Pendleton on Saturday night they encountered the heavy rains which Walla section. Sunday they tried the fishing at McKay lake.

E. J. Bristow also attended the I. O. O. F. convention. Mrs. Bristow accompanied him and visited her relatives in Walla Walla.

Ralph Harris, who is a patient at the hospital in Heppner, is reported to be slightly improved, although still quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McCarty were business visitors here the last of the week. Mr. McCarty is a brother of Mrs. Henry Gorger.

Katherine Griffith, a student at La Grande, spent the week end at her home at Morgan.

Mr. Pyne, deputy district grand master of the I. O. O. F., stopped in car. Morgan Friday on his way to Hard-

met some of the members. ing to their own produce are not Oliver Loney of Portland is spendrequired to display either a produce ing a few days at the Fred Ely home dealers' license or a PUC license,

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith and of the plant industry division in the daughter June spent Sunday at the J. W. Howk home in Condon, and Saturday evening in Pendleton. brought home their son George who spent the week end there, and attended the basketball tournament. Members of the basketball squad who went to the tournament at Condon were Ted Palmateer, Ted Peterson, Clyde and Claude Pettyjohn, Norman Bergstrom, Melvin Brady, Billie Eubanks, Jimmie Ledbetter, Roy Pettyjohn and Bob State Senator Dean Walker of Hoskins.

went out to Mrs. Ray's home to surprise her, since that was her birthday. Members present were Mrs. E. C. Heliker, Mrs. Della Corson, Mrs. J. E. Swanson, Mrs. E. R. Lundell, Mildred Lundell, Mrs. Milton Morgan, Jr., and Mrs. Ida Fletcher. The guests were Mesdames Frank Engelman, Matthew Gordon, Paul Pettyjohn, W. M. Eubanks, Fred Nichoson, and Miss Nun. The next meeting will be at Mrs. E. R. Lundell's home. On the 13th of March the club will have a sale of needlework and at 6:30, p. m., will serve a benefit supper. For this the charge will be made according to the age of those attending, but none will be lower than ten cents, or more than fifty cents. This will be at the I. O. O. F. hall.

PINE CITY NEWS

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill and Mr and Mrs. Elmo Kenton, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. Neill's, were Pendleton visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and Mrs. Lois Kent were Thursday did so much damage in the Walla evening guests at the Russell Moore home.

Frank Helms who has been a Spokane visitor this week returned home Saturday evening.

Students home from school for the week end included the Misses Patricia and Mary Daley, Cecelia, Rosetta and Helen Healy, and Roy Ayers who had as a guest, Buck Haselton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyers, parents of Jasper Meyers, surprised their son and family last Thursday. Friday they all spent the day with the Dee Neill family at Stanfield. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barnes spent Saturday evening at the Finch home. Mrs. R. E. McGreer has a new

Mrs. Emil Groshens has moved man to pay an official visit. He out to be with her husband who has his sheep at the Marion Finch ranch. Their daughter, Donna Lee Cole has entered Pine City school. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore were Heppner callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McGreer spent



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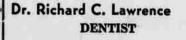
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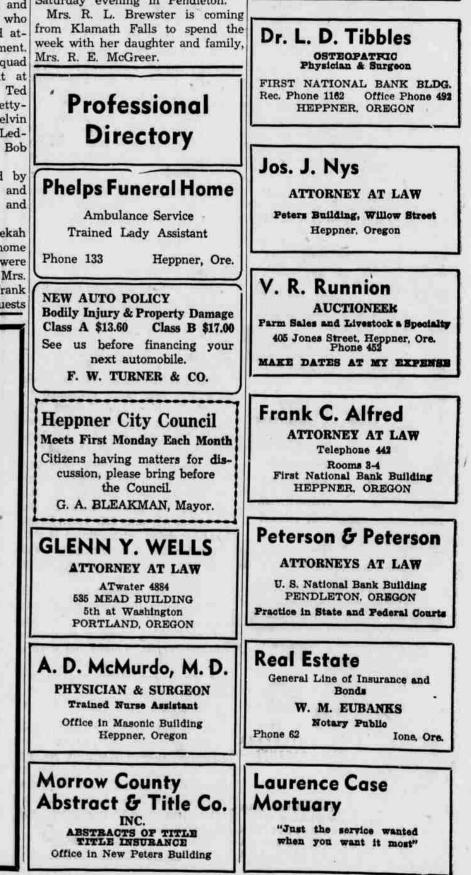
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ing a full-time architect. The sug- Polk county has let it be known gestion was advanced by Governor that he will not be a candidate for their coach, Gilbert Haller, and Sprague at a meeting of the board state treasurer, thus confirming a went in the Henry Peterson and this week. Similar proposals have prediction made in this column last William Burk cars. been considered by the board under week. In stead he will concentrate previous administrations.

Curio collectors have been carry- it is understood, he will be opposed Mrs. Ray's mother and sister, Mrs. ing away all kinds of trophies from by Douglas McKay of Marion coun- C. W. Swanson and Mrs. Frank the new capitol ever since that ty,

The boys were accompanied by The P. N. G. club of the Rebekah

his efforts on a campaign for the lodge met Thursday at the home senate presidency for which honor, of Mrs. Clel Ray, Hostesses were Lundell, and they and their guests

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