

HIGHER RATES FOR GAS ORDERED BY COMMISSION

Public Utilities Commission Increase Rates to Consumers in Southern Oregon. So as to Yield Manufacturers Income Sufficient to Meet Operating Expenses.

The public service commission has authorized an increase in gas rates in Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland as asked for by the company effective April 1. The new rates are:

First 200 cubic feet, or less, per month, \$1.05.

Next 4800 cubic feet per month, \$2.10 per 1000 cubic feet.

All over 5000 cubic feet per month \$1.75 per 1000 cubic feet.

A discount of five per cent (5 per cent) on all bills will be allowed if paid within ten days of the date of the bill.

The old rates were:

First 5000 cubic feet of gas used per month, \$2.10 per M.

Next 7500 cubic feet of gas used per month, \$1.70 per M.

Next 32,500 cubic feet of gas used per month, \$1.40 per M.

Excess over 45,000 cubic feet of gas used per month, \$1.35 per M.

The above prices subject to a discount of 10c per thousand cubic feet if paid on or before the 10th day of the month following the month in which the gas was used. Minimum charge \$1.00.

The commission states that under the rates which became effective July 1, 1918, for the six months' period ending December 31, 1918, the revenues of the company at the various towns were \$23,458.43, while the expenses for the same period were \$28,983.78, making a loss for the combined plants of \$5,525.35 for the six months' period under consideration.

"From a full consideration of the testimony before us, we find that the temporary rates granted to become effective July 1, 1918, were not sufficient to pay operating expenses and are unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory, and that under the existing conditions the new rates are just, reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory."

The increased rates were necessitated by the increased cost of fuel oil, of higher freight rates, and cost of operation. Even the new rates will not yield more than operating expenses.

CASUALTY LISTS TO BE DISCONTINUED BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—On April 1 the war department will discontinue the method of issuing casualty lists which has hitherto made them available for simultaneous publication in all newspapers throughout the country. This has been decided upon it was explained today because practically all the casualties incurred in fighting have been announced and few remain except deaths from injury or disease since the signing of the armistice.

The action today was taken on the ground that the casualties are not "fighting" casualties and that they are in the same class with deaths in the navy or in the army camps in this country which are not formally announced.

The war department will furnish full lists for mailing from Washington, but they will not be issued for publication on any specified date, and may be published whenever newspapers receive them. The last list issued under the present system will be published in the newspapers of April 6. Thereafter, it is probable that only the killed in action will be distributed by telegraph.

PRESIDENT WISHES SUCCESS TO SUFFRAGISTS

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—The following message from President Wilson at Paris was read at the session of the National American Women's Suffrage Association convention here today:

"Best wish for convention. I earnestly hope suffrage amendment will soon be adopted. (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

Wooden Steamers Idle. MARSHFIELD, Ore., Mar. 27.—A wooden steamer hull Pamunkey was launched here yesterday. It was the seventh hull put in at the yards of the Coos Bay Shipbuilding company. There are now five finished wooden steamships, all built here on government order, lying idle in the harbor.

GERMAN SHIPS USED TO TRANSPORT AMERICAN TROOPS

PARIS, March 27.—The supreme economic council reports that the 38 German ships that have left German ports to be turned over to the allied and associated powers are generally in a seaworthy condition.

The larger ships will be used to repatriate American and Australian troops.

The conditions of the arrangement having been complied with, instructions have been issued to release foodstuffs for Germany which have been held up at Rotterdam but it is not expected the German vessels will land food in Germany before late in May on their return trip from America.

BOLSHEVIK ADVOCATE WANTS PORTLAND HALL

PORTLAND, March 27.—The city council today took under advisement the question of granting the use of the municipal auditorium to Louise Bryant, wife of John Reed, whose recent appearance before a senate committee in Washington, D. C., investigating Bolshevik activities, showed her so sympathetic with the radical movement in Russia that a protest against her appearance in Portland has developed.

Harry Anderson, president of the Central Labor Council here, informed the city commissioners that the labor council was not taking the responsibility for the proposed meeting to be addressed by Miss Bryant. He said he understood, however, that she merely intended to tell certain facts about conditions in Russia and did not expect to spread propaganda.

PROTECT CONTRACTORS ON BITULITHIC WORK

PORTLAND, March 27.—Pending an opinion by Attorney General Brown as to the validity of the paving patents of the Warren Brothers Construction company which has laid many miles of patented paving for the highway commission of Oregon, the highway commission will probably indemnify contractors laying this concern's pavement, against any royalty it may exact. This decision tentatively was reached yesterday by the commissioners, prior to preparing to award contracts on seven projects in the state.

THE IDEAL WOMAN

The great Napoleon once said: "My ideal woman is not the beautiful-featured society belle, whose physician tries in vain to keep her in repair, but the matron who reaches middle age in complete preservation—that woman is rendered beautiful by perfect health." To attain such health in middle life a woman must guard against those ills which drag her down and produce nervousness, headache, backaches, sleeplessness and "the blues." The standard remedy for such conditions is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for forty-five years has been restoring women to health and strength. Adv.

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Southern Oregon's Leading Confectionery

FIRST PICTURE SINCE ESCAPE



EDWARD DE VALERA.

Here is a picture of De Valera taken since his escape from a British prison, where he was held for complicity in the Irish revolutionary movement. De Valera is in hiding about Dublin and is planning soon to come to America.

NEW ZEALAND MEAT SOLD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 27.—A carload of frozen lamb and mutton from New Zealand via Vancouver, has been placed on sale here in wholesale lots at several cents under the price of the American products.

This shipment was made as an experiment to learn if the Pacific island products could be sold in competition with American lamb and mutton.

TEACHERS TO HOLD LOCAL INSTITUTE AT JACKSONVILLE

A local teachers' institute will be held at the high school building, Jacksonville, beginning at 1:30 o'clock Saturday, March 29. The primary object of this meeting will be to enable teachers to compile data on the educational tests which have just been given in our schools.

In connection with this work the following program will be rendered:

Teaching Art in Our Schools, Miss Eunice Davis, principal Oak Grove school.

Primary Methods in Arithmetic, Mrs. Ella Tyrrell, Medford.

Discussion, "The School Contest as an Incentive in School Work," leaders Mrs. Birdeen Myers, Howard school, and Miss Vertis McCredie, West Side school.

Ordinary Methods of Grading in Terms of Percent, G. W. Godward, principal Jacksonville school.

Educational Tests and Recording Same for Immediate Use. Directed by Supt. G. W. Ager.

Friday---Saturday

A WOMAN MUST THINK QUICKLY



WHEN LOVE IS AT STAKE. Even the most sophisticated, worldly-wise woman says: "No match for them and the intensity of EDITH! Oh! she talks, she persuades, she charms, she escapes in an airplane with Lind. BERT HALL her betrothed. The subsequent thrilling adventures of that hair-breadth escape with suspense following suspense, are faithfully portrayed in 'A ROMANCE OF THE AIR' story by Franklin & Coster. Founded on the fact of Lindbergh's feat."

PIRATU WHERE EVERYBODY GOES

DRASTIC CHANGES DRAFTED FOR NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

BOSTON, Mar. 27.—A. Warner Parker, law officer of the United States bureau of immigration at Washington, announced today that the bureau of immigration had drafted a tentative immigration law which would have a number of radical provisions regarding the admission and stay of aliens in the United States. Three main features are included in the proposed new immigration law. These are:

Registration of all aliens now in the United States or who are to apply for admission hereafter;

Making the admission of immigrants provisional or probationary

during their stay in this country; and.

Changing the burden of proof of requirements for admission, so that it will be incumbent on aliens to prove their fitness for admission rather than upon the government to prove their unfitness, as at present.

"Our proposed law," said Mr. Parker, "is the result of months of study and it will be ready for presentation at the next session of congress. It will approach the immigration question from an entirely new angle."

Briefly, its provisions include the registration of all aliens in the country within one year after its passage, and the aliens annually for four years beginning one year after the period for the first registration has expired, so that the terms of registration will really cover five years. New immigrants will be registered upon arrival in this country. They will also be required to report when they move from one immigration district to another.

"Our law further provides that immigrants shall be admitted to this country provisionally or upon a pro-

For Itching Torture

There is one remedy that seldom fails to stop itching torture and relieve skin irritation and that makes the skin soft, clear and healthy.

Any druggist can supply you with Zemo, which generally overcomes all skin diseases. Eczema, itch, pimples, rashes, blackheads in most cases give way to Zemo. Frequently, minor blemishes disappear over night. Itching usually stops instantly. Zemo is a safe antiseptic liquid, clean, easy to use and dependable. It costs only 35c; an extra large bottle, \$1.00. It will not stain, is not greasy or sticky and is positively safe for tender, sensitive skins.

The E. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

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YOU couldn't make it stronger; you can come to us and get the latest styles to be had; Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes; if for any reason you're not satisfied in style, fit, wear—or anything else—you get your money back.

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| Suits for the short man. | Dress clothes, |
| Suits for the tall man. | "Prep" suits, |
| Suits for the stout man. | Business suits, |
| Suits for the flat man. | Special models for men who are hard to fit. |
| We fit them all. | |



The Coming of Spring

Agents for McCall Patterns

Finds This Great Store Splendidly Ready to Supply Your Needs at Prices You'll Be Pleased to Pay.

Like a breath of Spring in the air, these refreshing new fashions in the earliest of the new season foretell the happy days of bird song and sunshine that are drawing near.

Agents for Munsing Underwear



Blouses of the Favored Georgette \$6.75 to \$13.75

Lovely Georgette in the reigning favorite in the world of fabrics, and these correct new blouses of that delightful material are as fresh and charming as spring itself.

A charming variety in neck lines marks them. Youthful round and square necks and pointed with rows of Val lace and pleating.

Clever designs, beaded in contrasting colors. The colors are most comprehensive.

Skirt Sale Beautiful New Skirts

A sale of all-wool serge skirts that is most extraordinary, for the styles and quality are those usually found in skirts at considerably more.

There are many very smart models. \$6.50 to \$18.50.

First! a New R. & G. Corset

First in the consideration of a new wardrobe is the corset—the foundation of any costume.

And first in the realm of corsets is the R & G Corset. There is a model for every figure and for all the new silhouettes. Let our expert corsetiers fit you with the model that is best suited to your individual needs.

\$1.50 to \$5.00.



Dress Satins, \$2.50

\$2.50 for satin of such an elegant quality—and with satin so much in fashion. 36 inch width—new street shades.

White Voile

500 yards underpriced. White voiles in unusually pretty designs—full 40 inches wide—just 35¢, 40¢, 50¢, 75¢.

Ginghams, 59c

Rightfully priced, they'd be almost double 59c yard. Zephyr Ginghams, in rich, colorful plaids; 32 inches wide.

Chiffon Taffeta

Much in demand for smart Spring togs—and here's a quality that will be a delightful surprise at \$1.98 to \$2.25 a yard. So soft and beautiful, and still being of good weight. Wanted street shades and black; 36 inch width.

Pongee, 85c

Just a limited quantity of this popular fabric for sport toggery—you can imagine how fast it will sell at 85c a yard. All silk—imported and heavy.

Spring Shoes for Women, Misses and Children

M. M. DEPARTMENT STORE

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