

# UTILITY RATES WELL BENEATH TWO YEARS AGO

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SALEM, Aug. 27 (AP)—Customers of Oregon utilities now are paying \$115,881 per year less than two years ago because of rate reductions accomplished through negotiations between N. G. Wallace, state utilities commissioner, and officials of the utilities.

It also was learned that reductions expected in the near future will make the last cuts appear small.

During the four years before April 1, 1935, reductions were negligible, Wallace blaming this on the system then used. The public utilities commissioner would order a reduction, and then the company involved would fight it in the courts and most often would win.

But since that time reductions have been accomplished through friendly negotiations.

Power rates have been reduced \$503,621, telephone and telegraph rates \$128,918, steam heating rates \$46,942 and gas rates \$36,490.

When the commissioner feels a company is showing too neat a profit, negotiations are opened at which rate cuts are sought. This system eliminates costly inventories and does away with lengthy litigation in courts.

Reductions are made on the theory that lower rates will make for more profits.

For example, Wallace asked one utility, on the verge of bankruptcy, to reduce rates 10 per cent, although this would reduce the company's operating revenue by 25 per cent. The utility reluctantly agreed, but soon after showed an 11 per cent operating profit. The company officials came to Wallace a year later with another rate cut.

Any customer of a utility may file an informal complaint with the department and have assurance it will be investigated. This year 469 such complaints were received, 132 of them being from rural residents who wanted line extensions. Each complaint usually has many signatures.

A graph in Wallace's office shows that if 10 generators were installed at Bonneville dam and if all the power were marketed in Oregon, the present power production of the state would be doubled.

Representative Walter M.

# Government to Put Balloon Weather Forecast System In Operation Next Week

MILTON, Mass., Aug. 27 (AP)—If anyone is interested in what the weather is like 30,000 feet above the earth, he can find out from the government next week.

The weather bureau is going to start exploring the stratosphere by remote control.

With a device so ingenious it practically talks, the bureau on September 1 will inaugurate a weather reporting service designed to find out days in advance whether the Kentucky derby will be run in mud or whether the season's first snowfall will occur on Sunday or Monday.

The theory is that conditions prevailing in the upper air have more to do with heat waves, cold waves and mass attacks of bronchitis than anyone imagines.

The device is called a radio-meteorograph, and it is hooked to a small "sounding balloon." It supplies data on temperature, humidity and pressure at various altitudes by automatic wireless signals. Then it disappears somewhere.

"We seldom recover them," commented Dr. Karl O. Lange, of Harvard university's Blue Hill observatory, today. "We used to tuck a note inside offering a reward for returning the thing, but few came back. They probably came down in some remote spot."

Dr. Lange is one of several scientists who have worked out specifications for the radio-meteorographs which, starting on Wednesday, will be sent aloft daily from Fairbanks, Alaska, Boston, Washington and Burbank, Cal.

At those four weather stations they will replace airplanes which have been carrying meteorographs aloft to 17,000 feet daily to check on the weather. More than a score of such airplane exploration flights will be continued at other weather stations pending a decision on the effectiveness of the balloon equipment.

The airplane flights cost the government \$25 each, while the balloon complete with registering and wireless equipment can be bought for \$10 or so. Moreover, the airplanes have limited their explorations to a third or less of the height reached by the balloons.

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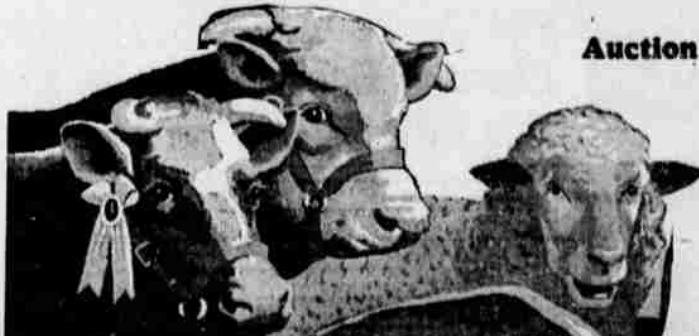
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