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Idaho Power Explains Basis of New Rates

The Public Service Commission of Oregon has recently issued an order establishing new rates for the Idaho Power company for the state of Oregon. These rates take effect on June 1 and are as a whole, somewhat of a reduction from the old rates.

The commission for the sake of uniformity, followed the findings of the Idaho commission so far as local conditions would permit. There are some situations in Oregon, however, which made it necessary to establish different rates.

To have established the same rate for irrigation as was put into effect in Idaho would have put the Oregon farmer at a disadvantage for the reason that in Idaho the irrigation customer is refunded that part of his power bill which represents taxes on the company's plants used to serve irrigation pumping. The users of other classes of service have generally recognized that it is more important to the whole community to hold the rate for irrigation at a point where the farmer can pay than to receive a greater reduction in lighting and other commercial service. To meet this situation, the commission has perpetuated the old irrigation rate, which is 10 per cent lower than the rate in Idaho, and, to offset this, has left residential and commercial lighting rates somewhat higher than those in effect in Idaho, although somewhat lower than the old rates.

Residence lighting customers will receive a 10 per cent reduction in the minimum bill for service and approximately the same as the old rate up to thirty kilowatt hours per month. For more than thirty kilowatt hours per month the rate is lower than the old rate.

This same condition is generally true in the case of commercial light-

ing, the rate being lower for more than sixty kilowatt hours per month.

In establishing power rates a new feature was adopted in the form of a service charge based upon the customer's or the size of his motor. With this form of rate the price per kilowatt hour drops more rapidly to the lower steps so that those customers who have more steady use for power receive a lower rate than formerly, while those who use the power more as a standby convenience pay a reasonable price for this service, which was not the case in the old rate. The rate filed by the company for high voltage was the same as that recently issued by the Idaho commission, but was considered too high for large users of power, and in the order recently issued by the Oregon commission was modified so as to give a lower rate to mining and milling industries, such as the cement mill at Lime and the gold dredges in the Mormon Basin district.

The rate for water heating service is the only increase included in this order, and that was considered justified because of the low rates which have been in effect for a number of years for this service and this was the proper service to yield the slight increase in revenue which the company's valuation and operating costs have shown it entitled to receive. The minimum prices for water heating service are fixed at \$2.10 per month for 600-watt heaters; \$2.65 for 750-watt heaters, and \$3.50 per month per kilowatt for all heaters of one kilowatt capacity or over. In addition to these minimum charges, there is a rate of six mills per kilowatt hour for all current consumed which is available to customers who received service prior to May 25, 1924, and who are willing to install switches to alternate the water heater service with their electric range. For all new customers, or old customers demanding unlimited service, the same minimum applies with rate of one per cent per kilowatt hour for all current consumed.

The motive back of the commission's requirement for alternate water heating service with the range is another consideration of the irrigation customer, for in this way power plant capacity will be conserved and, to that extent, the necessity of rotating the use for irrigation pumping in case of shortage of power will be avoided.

The general plan in revising rates in the case of both the Idaho and Oregon commissions was to wipe out the discrimination between localities by substituting a uniform schedule of rates for the mixed rates which have

been in effect ever since the consolidation of the various local companies into what is now the Idaho Power Company. This process meant the lowering of rates in territories where they had been high and the increasing of the low points. The Oregon territory has always been one of the high points on the Power Co's system and accordingly, it came in for a reduction in the leveling process.

RESOLUTIONS

Again that unwelcome visitor, Death hath entered the home of our dear sister and taken her father. And Whereas, the all wise Father of ours hath called the father of our beloved sister to the New Jerusalem to rest in eternal peace;

Resolved, that we, the Yellow Rose Rebekah Lodge, No 202, wish to extend our love and sympathy to our beloved sister, Angie Cook, in her bereavement.

And when a few more days are flown And the last lingering sand is gone— With Jesus nigh— How blessed then to lay me down and die.

It seemeth such a little way to me, To that strange country, the Beyond; And yet, not strange, for it has grown to be

The home of those of whom we are so fond.

Committee,
Mrs. Klinkenberg
Mrs. Stubbs
Mrs. Leuck.

"THE BETTER WAY"

Apropos of the action of the Methodist church in lifting the ban on worldly amusements, of which we made editorial mention last week, we print a communication from a contributor to the Capital News. The article is a criticism of the attitude taken by District Supt. Aldrich and is as follows:

Editor Capital News—Will you permit me to express my view on the article written by Ira L. Aldrich?

I do not see where Mr. Aldrich gets his authority to deal with the situation to which he refers as "The Better Way"

Surely not from the Bible, which plainly teaches us to "Do not evil that good may come."

Can one hope to righten a wrong by encouraging that very thing?

If dancing and card playing is a wrong, can a church righten that wrong by practicing it in the church?

If it is a sin to steal, is it not just as much a sin to steal from a saloon as a church?

Why put our sacred churches on the common basis of what the pleasure crowd is doing, in the hope of bettering conditions and converting the pleasure generation?

One should not be afraid to say "No" to human nature when restraining from so doing interferes with the work and word of God.

He tells us, "Thou shalt not," and he does not compromise just because most of us rebel.

If these worldly pleasures are wrong they are equally as wrong in church as in the dance hall, if not more so for the impression they leave and we all look to our churches for example.

MRS. E. L. MASON.

Passports to Heaven Found in Old Russian Church

Passports for the satisfaction of St. Peter were given to the departed early in the 19th century throughout Russia, according to documents found recently in old graves near Leningrad. These documents were issued usually only to members of the wealthy classes, as records indicate that they cost a lot of gold, and were considered as a reasonable guarantee that the departed person so honored would be honored at the Golden Gates.

A sample of the passport reads: "I, Nicholas Stobylew, Bishop of St. Petersburg, do hereby certify that the person herein mentioned lived as a good Christian, and, although he sometimes sinned, yet he confessed his sins and was forgiven. He worshipped the saints, he fasted and begged, and was human. Considering the fact the dear departed one has made his peace with him, and confessed all to his father confessor, I gladly certify to this passport for presentation to St. Peter with the hope that it will be duly honored and that our beloved friend will have due and free access to heaven and enjoy all the privileges therein forever without any hindrances."—Oregonian.

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Notice of Annual School Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 26, of Malheur County, State of Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said district will be held at the school house, to begin at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p. m. and close at 7:00 o'clock p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the 16th day of June A. D. 1924.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing a director for three years, one for two years and a school clerk for one year, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 1924.
J. C. Be-m,
Chairman Board of Directors.
Mrs. H. R. Sherwood,
District Clerk. 2t

Order Fixing Time for Hearing for Distribution and Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Malheur. In the matter of the estate of Sylvia E. Ward, deceased.

H. J. Ward, executor of the estate of Sylvia E. Ward, deceased, having this day filed for final settlement his account of his administration of the affairs of said estate, accompanied by the filing of a petition for the final distribution of said estate among the persons entitled thereto.

It is hereby ordered by the judge of said county court that Monday, the 7th day of July, 1924, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in the court room of said court in the court house at Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, be, and the same is appointed as the time and place for hearing objections to said account, the settlement thereof, and the hearing of said petition; that said executor give notice of said hearing by publication of such notice once each week for four consecutive weeks in the Gate City Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published weekly in said county, and that the first publication of said notice be on the 6th day of June, 1924.

Done and dated at Vale, Oregon, this 3rd day of June, 1924.
E. H. TEST,
County Judge.

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Pres. Campbell Gives \$30,000.

Eugene, Ore., May 31—A gift of \$30,000 from P. I. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, and family, brings the total subscriptions to the alumni fund of the University Gift Campaign to \$312,282. The president's gift was made in the names of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. E. A. Hassan and Walter Church of Berkeley, California.

Graduates and former students are giving liberally to the fund which is to be used for sorely needed buildings, particularly a new library building, on the campus at Eugene. Contributions are being received from all parts of the country. Alumni in New York city have sent \$4400, Boston \$4480 Washington, D C \$1140 Los Angeles \$3000, Spokane \$2960, Berkeley \$1950, Vancouver 1140, Seattle \$2555, Medford \$3550. These figures represent only a part of what can be expected before the campaign is over.

Notice to Water Users.

Hours for using high pressure water for irrigation are from 5:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. Kindly govern yourselves accordingly.

C. W. Reberger, Marshal.

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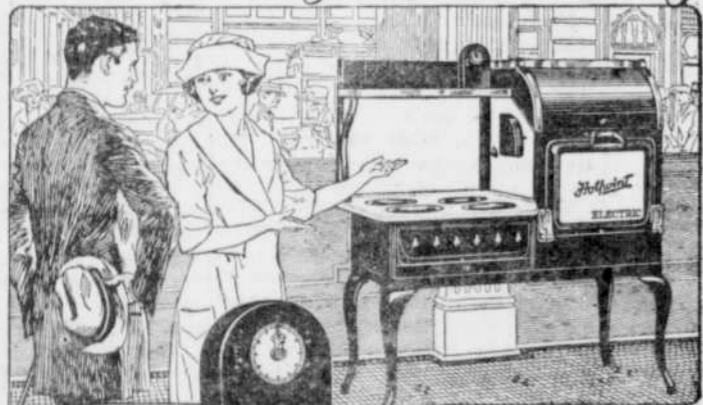
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