

Political Forum

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OREGON POWER RATES LOWEST IN COUNTRY

By ELBERT BEDE
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Oregon is in the area enjoying the lowest power rates in the country. The average rate for domestic use in Oregon is three-fifths of the average for the nation. In Oregon the average rate for domestic use is 3 cents. The average for the nation as a whole is 5 cents. The moderate price for electric energy in Oregon is reflected by the fact that in Oregon the average consumption for domestic use is one and a third times the average for the nation.

This information is contained in a report of the power committee of the state planning board which has just been issued.

Those conducting the campaign against the state power bill have frequently made the statement that power rates in Oregon have been cut approximately in half during the past 25 years. Voters have been asked to go to their own utilities and find what changes have been made in rates in their own sections. Opponents have made the statement that there has been nothing but reductions in power rates during the past 25 years under private operation, while there would be no regulation under state ownership, no safeguards whatever against advanced rates resulting from inefficiency and mismanagement, while under private ownership it is certain that rates will continue to decline in the future as they have in the past.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT "ESMERELDA"

The following article was originally printed in "Printers Ink" a national publication, and has been republished countless times over the nation. A handed to us it read:
Hon. Henry Wallace
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:
About three weeks ago Jonas, the Don Juan of the pig lot, broke into the pen of Esmerelda, my prize brood sow. I am a little worried about this and hurry to write you for instructions.

Esmerelda has been about the place three or four years. She is a great mama pig and in the past her litters have run from 19 to 27. I signed up under the corn-hog program and I don't want to lose any of my rights under that contract. I don't want to go back on my word either.

As said, if Esmerelda keeps her pace as a mama pig, she just as like as not will have a family of around 20 or 25. The way I figured it out when I signed up with you, Esmerelda was booked for a place on the birth control program this season. In fact, she wasn't to have any babies.

Carlotta, Dottie M. and Danzie IV were going to take care of the production on my place this year under the corn-hog program. I figured that as they have always been reasonable and conservative they wouldn't go beyond my pig quota which is 27. That gives them nine apiece and figures out about right. I'm entitled to that many. Now, Esmerelda and Jonas, I'm

afraid, have upset my calculations. What am I to do about it? Shall I kill Esmerelda right away? I sort of hate to do that.

It's too late to do anything about Jonah, and Carlotta, Dottie M. and Danzie IV. I'm a good soldier and want to obey orders. I don't want any more pigs than I'm entitled to. Shall I let nature take its course, or what?

And Mr. Wallace, there's something else. On my southwest 20, which I plowed up last fall I notice some corn already coming up. I guess when the men hauled the corn from the field last fall they must have spilled some kernels and they've started to grow. If they mature I will have more corn than the acreage I contracted for under corn-hog program and I don't want to do that. Still, it seems a shame to start pulling up these plants that are trying to grow.

Just as like as not if I let them grow they'll exceed my acreage quota and I'll be doing something that I hadn't ought to do. I'm entitled to 62,007 1/2 acres. This self-raised corn will throw that all out of kilter. What if some inspector comes along and checks up and finds I'm raising more corn than I should, and sees the condition Esmerelda is in? Will I have to go to jail? And if I do, will it be a federal prison or a place closer to home?
And Mr. Wallace, won't you or Mr. Tugwell or some of you, tell me what I'm going to do about Esmerelda?
Yours very respectfully,
H. Swoolley.

COMMISSIONER DESCRIBES BUDGET BOARDS TROUBLES

The following poetry was inspired by the recent budget board meeting in Vale, and describes just what the

board is up against when they set the appropriations for the coming year.

The Budget Board is in accord
With every darn plaster
The county nurse, the coyote curse
and even watermaster.

The hosts—they come in endless stream,
This budget board beseech,
Unfold to us Utopia's dream
That's just within our reach.

Let's get on par with F. D. R.
And all our billions shoot.
Why give a cuss, 'tis known by us
We've got to Evolute.
By ZEKE BRUMBACH,
Dutch Poet.

NOTICE

I take this opportunity to again thank my many friends for their support and votes in the Primary Election; who made it possible for my name to be placed on the ballot, as the Republican Candidate for County Commissioner.

For the peoples consideration in the November election: I have been a resident of Malheur County for twenty-nine years, so I feel that I am fully familiar with the needs of the tax-payers in this county.

If I am elected I will do my best to see that all the money put into our hands is efficiently and justly spent.

I will appreciate the support and votes of anyone regardless of politics.

Yours truly,

L. P. "Pete" PETERSON

(Political advertising paid by L. P. Peterson, Vale, Oregon.)

Malheur County Budget For 1937 NOTICE

The Budget Committee of Malheur County, Oregon, has fixed upon the 12th day of November, 1936, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., as the time, and the County Court Room in Vale, Oregon, as the place where the estimate of the amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, 1937, may be discussed with the County Levying Board, also when and where any taxpayer, subject to said levy when made, shall be heard for or against any proposed tax levy.

Itemized estimates of the amounts of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, 1937, for Malheur County, Oregon, are as follows, to-wit:

COUNTY COURT:	
County Judge, Salary	\$ 2,000.00
2 Commissioners, compensation	600.00
Traveling Expenses	250.00
Office Expenses (stationery, printing, legal blanks, stamps, etc.)	150.00
Furniture and Fixtures	200.00
	\$ 3,200.00

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:	
Salary, Sheriff	\$ 2,100.00
Salary, 1 Deputy, Tax Dept.	1,500.00
Salary, 1 Deputy	1,500.00
Salary, 1 Tax Clerk	1,200.00
Traveling Expenses	2,000.00
County Jail and Board, Prisoners	1,000.00
Office Supplies and Collection of Taxes	2,000.00
	\$11,300.00

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:	
Salary, Clerk	\$ 2,000.00
Salary, 1 Deputy	1,500.00
Salary of Deputy-clerks	2,200.00
Supplies (records, stationery, etc.)	800.00
Office Equipment	300.00
	\$ 6,800.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:	
Salary of Assessor	\$ 1,800.00
Salary of Deputy	1,500.00
Salary of Assistant	1,200.00
Field Deputies	1,200.00
Stationery, Records, etc. Stamps	700.00
	\$ 6,400.00

TREASURER'S OFFICE:	
Salary of Treasurer	\$ 1,200.00
Supplies for Office	300.00
Office Furniture	50.00
Traveling Expense	50.00
	\$1,600.00

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:	
Salary of Superintendent	\$ 1,500.00
Traveling Expenses	300.00
Supplies and Office Expenses	300.00
	\$ 2,100.00

TOTAL	\$31,400.00
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EXPENSES INCURRED BY LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT	
Traut Officer	\$ 100.00
District Sealer of Weights and Measures	250.00
Dependent Mothers	5,000.00
Official Advertising	1,500.00
Insane, Examination and Care of	50.00
School Institute and Examinations	100.00
Circuit Court, 3 Terms	5,000.00
Justice Court	500.00
Watermaster and Deputies	2,500.00
Coroner	150.00
County Health Office and County Physician	300.00
State Industrial Accident and Commission	200.00
Tuberculosis Indemnity	100.00
Vital Statistics	150.00
Audit County Books	425.00
Officer's Indemnity Bonds	300.00
Bee Inspector	100.00
Stock Inspector	400.00
State Tax Estimated	45,125.00
General School Tax Estimated	41,500.00
Sinking Fund, Road Bonds	10,000.00
Interest on \$85,000.00 Road Bonds	4,675.00
Tax Rebates	250.00
	\$118,925.00

EXPENSES INCURRED OVER WHICH THE COUNTY COURT HAS CONTROL	
District Attorney's Office	\$ 300.00
Court House (office furniture, improvements, insurance, etc.)	1,300.00
Current Expenses (fuel, water, telephone janitor, etc.)	3,750.00
Care of Poor	20,000.00
Library Contract, 5 mills estimated	4,000.00
Agricultural Advisor	3,000.00
Club Agent	1,000.00
Emergency Fund	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Destruction of Predatory Animals	4,000.00
Insurance on County Fair Buildings	110.00
Roads	45,000.00
Advertising County Lands	2,500.00
Old Age Pensions	10,000.00
Weed Control, revolving fund	4,000.00
Needy Veterans	1,000.00
County Nurse	1,200.00
Malheur County Fair	2,500.00
	\$108,660.00

GRAND TOTAL	\$258,985.00
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LESS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	
County Clerk's Fees	\$ 6,500.00
Sheriff's Fees	1,000.00
Interest on County Money	500.00
Circuit and Justice Court Fees and Fines	4,000.00
Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,000.00
Motor License Fund	17,500.00
County Lands, Rents	500.00
Sale, County Land	30,000.00
	\$ 58,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET	\$200,985.00
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DELINQUENT TAXES, MALHEUR COUNTY	
Year 1926	\$ 22,162.30
Year 1927	25,311.19
Year 1928	37,325.40
Year 1929	42,796.28
Year 1930	73,977.78
Year 1931	96,276.06
Year 1932	89,943.77
Years 1933 and 1934	122,334.81
Year 1935	142,567.87
Year 1936	224,280.05

INDEBTEDNESS	
Road Bonds	\$ 85,000.00

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Nyssa Insurance Agency
DON M. GRAHAM, Manager

EXPENDITURES FOR 1933, 1934, 1935 AND SIX MONTHS OF 1936 AND SIX MONTHS BUDGET ALLOWANCE FOR 1936

	1933	1934	1935	1936 6 mos	Budget 6 mos.
COUNTY COURT:					
Judge			\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Commissioners			514.70	229.95	
Traveling Expense			230.35	100.05	
Supplies			104.14	15.20	
Total	\$ 3,418.76	\$ 3,122.19	\$ 3,249.19	\$ 1,545.20	\$ 1,700.00

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:					
Salary, Sheriff			2,096.35	1,048.18	
Salary, 1 Deputy			1,486.35	748.18	
Salary, 1 Deputy			1,486.35	748.18	
Salary, 1 Tax Clerk			1,186.35	598.18	
Special Deputy Hire			6.00	00.00	
Traveling Expenses			1,493.35	423.26	
County Jail and Board of Prisoners			617.95	648.19	
Office Supplies and Collection of Taxes			1,695.25	1,685.81	
Total	\$10,865.26	\$10,634.79	\$10,097.95	\$ 5,877.98	\$ 5,900.00

COUNTY CLERK:					
Clerk			2,000.04	1,000.02	
Deputy			1,500.00	729.40	
Deputy Clerks			2,416.80	1,261.47	
Supplies			1,255.88	557.11	
Office Equipment				113.25	
Total	\$ 6,580.00	\$ 7,066.63	\$ 7,172.72	\$ 3,661.25	\$ 3,500.00

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:					
Assessor			1,200.00	920.00	
Office Deputies			2,610.00	1,350.00	
Field Deputies			1,283.50	1,262.00	
Supplies			936.08	482.55	
Total	\$ 6,042.94	\$ 6,241.06	\$ 6,229.58	\$ 4,014.55	\$ 3,250.00

COUNTY TREASURER:					
Salary of Treasurer			1,200.00	600.00	
Supplies			390.27	114.50	
Total	\$ 1,642.33	\$ 1,547.98	\$ 1,590.27	\$ 714.50	\$ 800.00

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:					
Salary of Superintendent			1,500.00	750.00	
Traveling Expenses			195.55	154.05	
Supplies			524.35	183.33	
Total	\$ 2,188.40	\$ 2,218.89	\$ 2,219.90	\$ 1,087.41	\$ 1,100.00

EXPENSES INCURRED BY LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT					
Delinquencies in High School Tuition					\$2,500.00
Traut Officer	40.05	23.08	12.04		50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	186.69	192.15	189.66	66.85	125.00
Dependent Mothers	4,345.00	3,730.00	4,082.50	3,308.52	2,250.00
Official Advertising	1,225.15	749.27	2,985.96	407.95	1,000.00
Insane, examination and care of	102.50	5.00			50.00
School Institute and Examinations	131.71		59.50	33.96	75.00
Circuit Court, 3 terms	6,462.59	3,815.34	5,717.09	4,780.22	2,250.00
Justice Court	429.45	366.76	635.00	262.90	250.00
Watermaster and Deputies	2,052.57	468.18	563.32	586.67	1,000.00
Coroner	74.40	267.21	342.68	181.85	75.00
County Health Office and County Physician	307.50	300.00	330.00	209.00	150.00
Apprn. for Insane in State Institutions	4,210.00	1,000.00		2,413.00	
State Indus. Acc. Comm.	183.20	183.20	251.97	91.90	100.00
Tuberculosis Indemnity	37.50	80.49	7.50		50.00
Vital Statistics	79.50	88.00	101.25	46.00	37.50
Audit County Books	250.00	325.00	425.00	250.00	
Officer's Indemnity Bonds	505.00	460.00	460.00	385.00	275.00
Bee Inspector		50.00	50.00		50.00
Stock Inspector	399.96	399.96	399.96	199.98	200.00
State Tax Estimated					25,000.00
General School Tax Estimated					20,300.00
Market Roads	1,711.75	5,056.50			
Sinking Funds, Road Bonds	9,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
Interest on \$85,000.00 Road Bonds	6,105.00				2,337.50
Election	2,069.42	4,412.59	25.00	3,934.24	2,250.00
Tax Rebates			46.59		125.00

EXPENSES INCURRED OVER WHICH THE COUNTY COURT HAS CONTROL					
District Attorney's Office	451.84	311.61	417.82	130.94	150.00
Court House (office furniture, improvements, insurance, etc.)	502.28		194.86	136.88	375.00
Current Expenses (fuel, water, telephone janitor, etc.)	3,854.12	4,018.79	3,953.68	2,208.46	2,000.00
Care of Poor	24,660.01	26,328.22	29,856.20	13,581.85	13,000.00
Apprn. for Vet. Organization for Indgts	212.53			45.00	
Library Contract, 5 mills estimated	1,822.32	2,116.93			2,125.00
Agricultural Advisor	2,300.00	2,600.00	3,250.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Emergency Fund	2,258.70	1,403.11	498.00	129.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,646.26	329.55	3,611.19	317.40	500.00
Destruction of Predatory Animals		350.00	553.44	250.00	375.00
Insurance on County Fair Buildings	110.00				55.00
Roads	24,392.43	23,135.66	30,386.18	30,802.70	20,000.00
Advertising County Lands	804.25	1,697.71	1,015.19	1,000.00	1,250.00
Weed Control		546.00	593.25		
Old Age Pensions		6,190.00	8,910.00	4,480.48	5,000.00

STATE OF OREGON—
County of Malheur—

We, the undersigned, Budget Committee of Malheur County, Oregon, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is the estimate of the Budget Committee of Malheur County, Oregon, of