

GOUGING PRACTICE OF PHONE CONCERN TOLD AT MEETING

Six States Represented in Combined Protest That May Eventually Go Into Congress.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—Describing the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company as the parent of a "ragged child," Thomas J. L. Kennedy, corporation counsel for the city of Seattle, declared at the opening of a coast-wide conference here today on telephone rates, that "Every night the American Telephone & Telegraph company as the opulent parent, robs through the pockets of its ragged child."

The Graybar Electric company, the Western Electric company and the Western Pole company are owned 99 per cent by the American Telephone and Telegraph company, which also owns 99 per cent of the stock of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

The equipment used by the Pacific company, Kennedy declared, was bought from the first three companies through the American Telephone and Telegraph company at an exorbitant price, sometimes from 160 to 500 per cent increase over the actual cost of production.

"The selling price on this material," he stated, "which the American company sells to itself is limited only by the imagination of the man who makes the sale."

Kennedy declared that the actual cost of producing a telephone instrument has been found to be about \$1.41 yet the frame of the instrument is sold by the Western Electric company to the American company, and by it passed on to the Pacific firm for \$3.14, and that the operating mechanism or "inside" of the phone was not sold, but leased at a price that at a rental brought several times its value each year.

"We have told the telephone company," he stated, "that the only difference between them and Jesse James was that Jesse had a horse."

Six States Represented The hearing was opened by Mayor George L. Baker. He turned the gavel over to John M. Mann, commissioner of public utilities.

Mann called on D. R. Holm, special rate counsel of the city of San Francisco. Holm told of a fight in the bay city to prevent the telephone company from increasing rates in that vicinity a percentage that would amount to \$7,000,000 annually.

Otto Case, chairman of the committee on efficiency, Seattle, de-

clared that the only way results can be obtained in the fight for rate reduction, is by a concerted action of all states included in the Pacific division of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, aimed to get access to the books of the supply companies.

It was expected that a plea to congress, asking an investigation, may grow from the Portland conference.

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and California were interested.

NORTHCOTT NOW CLAIMS ACCUSER HIS OWN BROTHER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 7.—The Northcott "murder farm" case, described by police as "the weirdest mystery" in California criminal history, today had taken another strange turn, with the declaration of Gordon Stewart Northcott, an trial for the murder of three missing boys, that his accuser and nephew, 15-year-old Sanford Clark, was not his nephew, but his brother.

At the county hospital detention ward, where young Clark and Cyrus Northcott are held as material witnesses, both laughed at Northcott's assertion. Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, now serving a life sentence at San Quentin for the murder of little Walter Collins at the slither chicken ranch, recently stated that "an English lord" and not Cyrus Northcott was the father of Gordon.

Northcott today had made another bitter denunciation of alleged "third degree" methods used against him. "They used the same methods on my brother, Sanford Clark, when they got him to accuse me of murder," Northcott said, "and the same methods that caused my mother to make a confession and take a life sentence. She thought I was guilty when so much pressure was put on her."

Northcott's statement was declared by officers to be a last minute attempt to repudiate previous confessions with an "insanity" background.

As the trial resumed today Deputy District Attorney Redwine had announced that evidence against the accused 22-year-old Canadian of the three murders would be presented in chronological order.

GAS STOVE EXPLOSION IS FATAL TO UMATILLA MAN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 7.—Bernard Pahl, 39, of Pendleton, was burned fatally Saturday morning when a gasoline stove in his shack exploded, covering him with flames. Pahl walked a mile through freezing weather to a neighboring ranch for aid.

He was rushed to a local hospital where he died Sunday morning. Practically every part of his body was burned in the explosion.

LOCAL NEWS

Oakland Visitor Saturday—

Mrs. R. D. Harvey of Oakland spent the afternoon here Saturday looking after business affairs and shopping.

In Eugene for Week-End—Opal Gordon and Thelma Gordon of South Pine street went to Eugene over the week-end to visit with friends.

In From Dillard—Mrs. L. Lawrence and daughter of Dillard spent the afternoon here Saturday shopping and visiting with friends.

Spent Afternoon—Mrs. Charles Davidson was here from Green Valley Saturday afternoon shopping and transacting business.

Mr. Ollivant Visitor—Lice Ollivant, rancher of Looking Glass valley, was in Roseburg transacting business and visiting Saturday afternoon.

Visitor From Reston—Mrs. Charles P. Wilson of Reston was in this city Saturday afternoon visiting with friends and transacting business.

Spent Afternoon—Mrs. Robert Harvey of Oakland spent Saturday afternoon in Roseburg visiting with friends and attending to business affairs.

From Brockway—Mrs. Martin Bruker of Brockway spent the afternoon here Saturday visiting with friends and attending to business affairs.

Go to Modesto—Mrs. A. F. Wilson and family of Coquille visited in this city Saturday afternoon on their way to Modesto, California, for a stay.

Returns Home—Mrs. S. C. Woodward, of Newport, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Leeper, left this morning for her home at Newport.

Mrs. Osborn Home—Mrs. J. D. Osborn returned to her home in West Roseburg Saturday afternoon after spending several days in Portland visiting with friends.

Business Visitor—Robert L. Chamberlin of Looking Glass valley spent several hours Saturday in this city trading and attending to other business matters.

Divorce Proceeding Withdrawn—Divorce proceeding by Mrs. Katherine G. Rugh against Ramon Y. Rugh will be dropped and withdrawn. It was made public last night.—Eugene Register.

Ex-Resident Here Week-End—Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Tollefson (Opal Noyer) of Portland spent the week-end in this city, where they formerly resided, enjoying a visit with relatives and friends.

Canyonville Visitor—Mrs. A. J. Fenn of Canyonville was a Roseburg visitor Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fenn's new home is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Fred Rowley Visitor—Fred Rowley of Portland stopped here on Saturday afternoon for a brief visit with friends on his way to southern points on business. His wife is a sister of Miss Mattie Perry of this city.

Visited in Eugene—Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Crook of the Bible Standard Mission and G. L. Royer, trustee of the church, were in Eugene for a brief time last week and visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hornshuh.

Visiting Parents at Riddle—Mrs. B. F. Nichols of Riddle and her daughter, Mrs. Alva Fleming, of Aberdeen, Washington, were here Saturday visiting friends. Mrs. Fleming, who was Mildred Nichols before her marriage, is visiting her parents for some time.

Recovered From Flu—H. S. Durzan, who has been a visitor here frequently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wharton, has returned to his duties as assistant postmaster in the Eugene postoffice, after an illness of some time, his friends here will be glad to know.

Returns to Glendale—Mrs. Verna Gilliam returned to her home at Glendale Saturday afternoon. She came here with her husband the day preceding. Mr. Gilliam was admitted to Mercy hospital for medical attention for a broken leg received in an accident. He was feeling better, Mrs. Gilliam reported.

In Portland Few Days—Craig Marsters, who has been here from Aberdeen, Washington, during the holidays visiting his father, Lyle E. Marsters of Happy Valley Ranch, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marsters, returned home over the week-end. He was accompanied by his grandfather, A. C. Marsters, as far as Portland and the latter will be there on business for a few days.

Left For South Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boise of this city left Sunday for Medford where Mrs. Boise will attend the executive session of the officers of the Presbyterian. Mr. and Mrs. Boise will also visit with their son, H. S. Boise, while in the southern Oregon city. Monday evening they will continue on south to Pacific Grove, California. There they will remain a number of weeks and will visit with Mr. Boise's sister and their daughter and family later at Palo Alto.

Visitor Here—

Carl Wiveslek of Portland was a business visitor in this city over Sunday.

Here From Corvallis—J. N. Shaw of Corvallis was in this city over Sunday transacting business.

Riddle Man Ill—Lorenzo Ball, a resident of Riddle, is reported to be critically ill at the county home.

From Days Creek—Miss Dolly Knight of Days Creek was in Roseburg today visiting and transacting business.

From Medford—M. M. Hopson of Medford was in Roseburg over the week-end visiting with friends and on business.

Visitor Saturday—Mrs. C. Dick of Camas Valley was in Roseburg Saturday afternoon visiting with friends and trading.

From Kellogg—Miss Elizabeth Bullock of Kellogg spent Saturday afternoon in Roseburg shopping and meeting friends.

In From Cleveland—Mrs. E. G. Trozelle of Cleveland was a visitor here Saturday to shop and look after business matters.

Southern Oregon Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wood of Medford were in Roseburg over the week-end visiting and on business.

Miss Winston Has Guest—Miss Alice Barber, of Medford, is here for a week as the guest of Norma Winston at her home in Winston.

Portland Family Here—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rasmussen and family arrived here from Portland Saturday evening for a brief visit in the city.

To Oakland—Miss Florence Moore, Oakland telephone operator, who has been residing here, returned to that city today.

Principal Visits—E. G. Bailey, principal of the Willur school, was in this city Saturday attending to school matters and other business.

To San Francisco—Miss Mildred Ohman, who has been home for a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ohman and family, left Sunday for San Francisco.

Over From Oakland—C. H. Davidson and daughter, Jeanette, were here from Oakland for a few hours today transacting business and shopping.

On Way to Coast—R. L. Barry, Medford insurance adjuster, and Mrs. Barry were here over Sunday, visiting. They left this morning for the coast.

Home From North—Mrs. Walter S. Hamilton, who has been visiting with friends in Portland through the holidays, returned home Sunday evening by motor.

Leave For Timber—Mrs. Charles G. Stanton and son, George, who have been visiting relatives in this city for the past two days, returned last night to their home at Timber.

Appointed Inspector—C. A. Chamberlin, well known local contractor and builder, has been appointed inspector on the new Medical Arts building now in process of construction.

W. C. T. U. to Meet—Gregory W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon, January 9, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. P. Croft. All members are urged to be present.

Returns to School—Miss Helen Putterbaugh, who has been spending the holidays here with her parents, returning yesterday to Eugene to resume her studies at Eugene Bible university.

Ross Guiley Here—Ross Guiley, field secretary for the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, was here Sunday to confer with county union officers in regard to the coming state and national convention.

Returns After Illness—Miss Claudia Housholder, who has been ill at her home on South Pine street with influenza for the past three weeks, this morning resumed her duties at the P. W. Woolworth company store.

Ex-Resident Here Sunday—Clark E. Melton, former resident of this city and manager of the Shell company plant here now holding a similar position at Marshfield, accompanied by Keith Jenkins, also with the company, visited here Sunday.

Woman's Club Meets Jan. 15—The regular meeting of the Roseburg Woman's Club will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 15, instead of January 8, as previously announced. The day will be Scholarship Loan Fund day and will be featured by a tea.

Returns to La Grande—W. G. Clinger, who has been in this city and at coast points the past several days looking after business interests, went to La Grande Sunday. He is owner of the new La Grande hotel there. Mrs. Clinger will remain here in charge of the Grand hotel, which they recently took over.

STANFORD'S FIRST GRADE A GRADUATE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Jan. 7.—For the first time in the history of this university a student has shot academic par throughout his scholastic career. Arthur F. Scotten has graduated with a straight "A" in every unit of the 180 required for a diploma.

Scotten made the varsity fencing team, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity. His home is in Pasadena.

Returns to Yoncalla—Deputy Sheriff C. H. Daugherty returned to Yoncalla this morning.

Visitor In Town—Miss Edna Dorse of Camas Valley spent the afternoon here Saturday shopping and visiting.

From Millwood—Mrs. F. Brown and Mrs. Wagner of Millwood were visitors in this city Saturday afternoon and were shopping.

Camas Visitors—Mrs. Charles Creevy and daughter were here from Camas Valley Saturday afternoon visiting with friends and shopping.

To Join Family at Reedsport—Deputy Sheriff W. C. Grubbe is leaving for Reedsport to join his family, who returned to that place a short time ago.

In Saturday—Harry Park and family, residents of Camas Valley, were in this city Saturday afternoon transacting business and shopping.

District Sales Mgr. Visits—C. R. Braide, district sales manager for the General Electric, with headquarters in Medford, was a visitor here today on business.

Returns to Bay—Miss Eva Aerkert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kilt Aerkert of this city, returned Sunday to Winchester Bay where she is teaching this winter.

Miss McNeill Visited—Miss Alice McNeill, who is teaching at Sufhor Springs, near Reedsport, spent the week-end in this city attending to school matters and visiting friends.

In Myrtle Point—N. W. Perkins, night clerk at the Terminal hotel and owner of the Roseburg Cleaners, has been called to Myrtle Point by the serious illness of his little daughter. She is reported quite ill with pneumonia.

ROSEBURG WILL PLAY NORTH BEND HERE NEXT FRIDAY

The Roseburg senior high school basketball team will play its first conference game of the season with North Bend high school at the local gymnasium Friday night, January 11 at 7:30 o'clock. The Roseburg team is thought to be the best the local school has turned out for several years. The boys are doing particularly well with teamwork, and Coach Turner is well pleased with the prospects for the season. The boys played a game last week with a group of all stars, made up of former high school and college players, and won very easily. Roseburg is a member of the Coos district league this year instead of the southern Oregon conference. The championship of the district will be decided at a tournament to be held in Marshfield at the close of the regular season, which will be in Roseburg's favor as it will give the new members of the team time to gain needed experience.

American fence is zinc insulated. It will resist rust longer is one reason that it has been used in this locality for the past 25 years. It is sold at Wharton Bros.

DEATH IS SEQUEL TO ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAK

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 7.—Edward Ennis, wounded by a deputy sheriff here two weeks ago in an attempted jail break, died in a local hospital Saturday night. When Ennis attempted to escape through a corridor of the county court house Herman Dehart, a deputy, shot him, the bullet lodging near the spine and causing partial paralysis.

"Sunrise" Starring Janet Gaynor and George O'Brien at Antlers Today for Three Days

Joseph A. Dehn of the Dehn-Gerretsen company went to Salem this morning and will be in the capital city for a few days on business.

Taken to Veteran's Hospital—N. F. Hannah of Tenmile, a World war veteran, was sent to Veterans' Hospital, number 77 in Portland last night. He will undergo treatment there.

NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS ARE SEATED TODAY

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Jackson assumed his new position this morning.

Webb is Retained—Percy Webb, the retiring sheriff, is to remain as first deputy and will be active in the field work. It was the request of Sheriff Jackson and District Attorney Gordon that he remain in the office, at least until after the February term of circuit court, where Mr. Webb will be required to appear as a witness in several important cases.

W. J. Boone of Brockway has been appointed as a deputy in place of Wm. Branham, and will be connected with the office in the future. Mr. Boone has been a resident of Brockway for the past three years. He formerly was connected in the capacity of deputy, with the sheriff's office in Lewis county, Washington. The sheriff's office has two field deputies in addition to the office deputy, the latter place being retained by Harry McCabe. The extra deputy was added some time ago due to the volume of prohibition enforcement work.

Things are rather quiet in the sheriff's office at present, but there will be plenty of work in a short time as the February term of court is expected to be an extremely busy one, for the January term was cancelled due to inability to use the courtroom because of the noise connected with the construction of the new courthouse.

H. C. Stearns, the new county coroner, also took over his duties today, and will in the future be in charge of that department of the county government.

City Council to Form—The new city council will be organized and sworn in at the city hall tonight. A meeting was held Friday evening in the office of Dr. Hoover, the new mayor, and the councilmen at that time were made familiar with the proceedings and arranged the program for taking over their positions tonight.

Considerable interest is being shown in the appointments and policies of the new council, but as yet Mayor Hoover has declined to make any statement, preferring that his policies shall first be announced to the council for consideration.

MR. WEISENHEIMER

APRIL: Is your husband clever?

JUNE: Yes, very. He remembers my birthdays and forgets my age.

Answers.



George O'Brien and Janet Gaynor in 'Sunrise' Fox Picture—

"The most important picture in the history of the movies."

NOW TODAY AND TUESDAY

LON CHANEY in "While the City Sleeps" Tremendous crowds are praising this show to the skies because It's the best Chaney picture we have shown in a long, long time. Also Good Short Features Admission Adults 35 Kiddies 10

LIBERTY

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CONDENSED REPORT OF The Roseburg National Bank ROSEBURG, OREGON At the close of business December 31, 1928. RESOURCES: Loans \$416,689.08, U. S. Government Bonds 186,200.00, Other Bonds and Securities 95,450.59, Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures 45,200.00, Cash on Hand and in Banks 230,601.09. LIABILITIES: Capital \$50,000.00, Surplus and Undivided Profits 33,668.10, Circulation 10,695.00, Deposits 879,777.66. Total \$974,140.76

Used Cars Chevrolet Sedan, 1928 model. Chevrolet Coach, 1928 model. Chevrolet Coupe, 1928 model. Chevrolet Touring, 1928 model. Chevrolet Coach, 1927 model. Chevrolet Coach, 1926 model. Chevrolet Touring, 1926 model. Chevrolet Roadster, 1926 model. Chevrolet Coach, 1925 model. Chevrolet Truck, 1925 model. Chevrolet Truck, 1925 model. Star Delivery, 1924 model. Ford Truck, Warford and Cab. Ford Touring, 1926 model. Ford Coupe, 1923 model. Ford Touring, 1924 model. Ford Roadster, 1924 model. Ford Tourings in good order from \$25.00 and up. Essex Coupe, 1928 model. Essex Coach, 1925 model. Dodge Touring, total price, \$50.00. Dodge Touring, 1921 model. Overland Sedan, 1925 model. Overland Coupe, 1925 model. Overland Touring, 1924, price \$69.50. Oldsmobile Sedan, 1925 model. HANSEN Chevrolet Co.

SUNRISE William Fox presents JANET GAYNOR AND GEORGE O'BRIEN Directed by EW. Murnau. Starts Today for Three Days. The most important picture in the history of the movies! Only once in ten years does there come such a picture! Sensational in its theme, powerful in its treatment, masterfully directed and superbly acted. IT IS GUARANTEED TO BE MORE THAN YOU EVER DREAMED OF IN A PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT. ANTLERS