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NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM PROPOSED FOR LA GRANDE

The Most Modern System West of the Rocky Mountains---Pendleton will Also Have the Improved System

Through the efforts of local manager Osborn, and by the prestige he has with his company, gained, so Mr. McGillivray, special field agent, says by reason of his standing, his record in the classification of management giving him first place, a new and improved Pease system for the patrons of the Hello in La Grande is practically assured. Mr. Osborn has finally succeeded in securing the confirmation of G. B. Bush Division manager at Spokane, and through him the confirmation of the company.

The company proposes to install here a Common Battery and Express service, such as is about to be placed in Pendleton, and which when put in use will give these two cities telephone systems superior to Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Spokane.

The essential improvements of the new system over the old are as follows:

1. The old style 10 party lines now in use will be changed to 4 party on a metallic circuit, with the lines split so that only two signals will be in use on party lines.
 2. The old crank phone will be discarded and the Express phone placed. To signal central on the Express phone it is only necessary to lift the ear trumpet from the hook.
 3. The local batteries will no longer be used, and all the energy will come direct from the central office, thus eliminating the greatest telephone trouble, the depletion of batteries.
 4. A complete new switchboard with automatic service will be installed and the general improvements will assure a third second service.
- To insure this change for La Grande 500 subscribers must be secured at the new rates as follows:
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| 4 party residence | \$1.25 |
| Individual residence | 2.00 |
| 2 party business | 2.50 |
| Individual business | 3.00 |
- In the matter of rates the company

WAIVE RIGHT OF SEARCH

In Interests of Friendly Relations With Powers Russia Withdraws This Authority

St. Petersburg, July 24.—Grand Duke Alexis presided at yesterday's council which Count Lamsdorff, the foreign secretary, and Vice Admiral

Avellan, chief of the admiralty department, and other high naval officers attended.

The result of the conference removes all doubt concerning the present attitude of Russia with regard to the volunteer fleet. The validity of the view expressed in the British note regarding the irregularity of the position of the vessels was so far admitted that the council agreed to waive the right of search.

After a long discussion, in which Count Lamsdorff took a leading part, it was decided that the present status of the volunteer fleet was not sufficiently well defined according to international law to render further searches and seizures advisable, and that, therefore, Russia, in the interest of friendly relations with the powers, should withdraw the authority given the volunteer fleet in this respect.

RELEASE ORDERED

Berlin, July 24.—The Russian government has ordered the immediate release of the Hamburg-American line steamship Scandia, which arrived at Suez yesterday flying the Russian naval flag and manned by a Russian naval crew.

SCANDIA RELEASED

Port Said, July 24.—The Hamburg-American line steamship Scandia has been released. The Russian crew which manned her has landed here and will proceed to Odessa by the next mail boat. The Scandia is awaiting orders from her owners.

Drowned in Cistern

Pendleton July 25.—Louis Eggerth, aged 6 years and 8 months, son of George and Luisa Eggerth, of South Cold Springs, was drowned yesterday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock, in the cistern at the family home.

The child was last seen alive about 9 o'clock. About an hour later the two older children missed Louis, and Willie, the 8-year-old brother, went in search of him, with the result that he saw the body of his brother half submerged in the cistern. The mother was immediately informed of the accident and lifted the body out of the cistern with whatever appliance within her reach. Life was extinct when the body was taken out.

Gambling In Portland.

The Sunday Oregonian announces that, "Portland is a closed town." This was accomplished by Sheriff Ward on Saturday afternoon telling the gamblers to quit or be prosecuted. The statutes of Oregon forbid gambling, it is an unlawful pastime, and wherever the statutes are enforced, and law observed there can be no gambling in Oregon.

Have you noticed the improvement in the Evening Observer?

ATTEMPTS TO SETTLE SECOND STRIKE FAILED

Ultimatum Sent to the Packers Demanding An Immediate Settlement---Threaten a General Walk-out

Chicago, July 25.—Attempts to settle the second strike of the packing trades failed today and tonight the butchers' union and allied organizations after a long conference sent an ultimatum to the representatives of the packers demanding a settlement of the strike before Monday morning on penalty of a general walkout of all union employees at work in the stock yards at 7 o'clock Monday morning.

The conference between the representatives of the allied trades and the packers and the butchers, which adjourned last night after failing to reach an agreement, was resumed early this morning. At noon the conference gave up hope of reaching an understanding and the deliberations were brought to an abrupt ending after the packers had expressed a desire to live up to the terms of the arbitration agreement reached last Wednesday, right any wrongs that might have been committed by their foremen and superintendents and had announced to the union men the name of Samuel McLean of the National Packing company to represent them on the arbitration board provided for in the agreement which settled the original strike.

The union men refused positively to consider that agreement valid on the ground that it had been broken by the packers. They then retired to the office of the federation of labor, where an ultimatum to the packers was prepared under the direction of Michael J. Donnelly, president of the Butchers' union; Thomas J. Kidd of the American Federation of Labor and representatives of trades that will be asked to join in the general strike. The ultimatum is as follows:

NOTE TO PACKERS

"Mr. Edward Morris and Associates: After careful consideration by the representatives of the teamsters and mechanical trades we have come to the conclusion that the agreement which was reached on Wednesday has been flagrantly violated by the packers to the extent of rendering it, in our opinion, null and void, hence we cannot consistently expect the butcher workmen to renew it in its present form because of such violation.

"We desire to emphasize our belief in the principles of conciliation and arbitration but to provide against such violations in the future we again offer the following propositions as a solution of the present difficulty:

"That all employees be hired back in 10 days. Any person not re-employed at the end of that time his or her case will be submitted to arbitration.

"That all killing, cutting and casing department men be reinstated in their former positions within 48 hours after the resumption of work.

"We regret to say that if the foregoing propositions are not acceptable to you the allied trades will cease work on Monday morning.

"Trusting, however, that you will co-operate with us to bring about an amicable understanding and thus avert the possibility of a widespread strike, we are, respectfully yours,

"George F. Golden,

"Chairman.

"Joseph W. Morton,

"Secretary Committee of Allied Trades."

The reply of the combined packers to the ultimatum of the allied trades was delivered late tonight. The communication, which is addressed to Chairman Golden and Secretary Morton, is as follows:

REPLY OF PACKERS

"Gentlemen: Your communication of this afternoon has been received and carefully noted. We most emphatically deny that there has been any violation of the agreement on our part. Our explanation after investigating every supposed case should be satisfied every one present at the last two conferences that there were

remedy such reports if they exist.

"We have a definite agreement with our employees, the same having been signed by their representatives and the representatives of all the mechanical and allied trades and we stand ready on our part to see that it is carried out."

This reply is signed by representatives of Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Nelson Morris & Co., Schwartzchild & Sulzberger, National Packing company Libby, McNeill & Libby and the Cudahy company.

STATEMENT TO PUBLIC

A committee of union leaders issued the following statement after the conference with the packers had resulted in a disagreement:

"To the Public: On Wednesday July 20, the teamsters and mechanical trades called on the packers and requested a conference. Feeling that the situation in the stockyards was one that would cause a walkout of all employees and to prevent this a conference was secured and an agreement was reached which, we believe, would have settled the strike if lived up to by the packers. When representatives of the strikers called upon the packers to arrange for the return of the men they were told to have all employees report for work. When the men reported the packers selected such men as they needed. This would have demoralized the men if permitted.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and tomorrow probably showers. Tomorrow cooler.

THE TRAINS

No 3 East bound 9:10 p.m. on time
No 5 West 8:5 p.m. on time

"Great numbers of men and women were told, in language unfit to repeat that they were not wanted. Hence the second strike. After a second strike was ordered the packers and representatives of the allied trades got together again. The packers insisted that we try and put the agreement into operation, admitted the violation and then promised to see it would not happen again. As union men we had to refuse this proposition and asked that an understanding be had which would return employees as agreed upon. This they refused. We have now offered a final proposition which, if rejected, will cause a cessation of work on Monday.

(Signatures)

"John Fitzpatrick

"John Managan

"Thomas J. Kidd."

PREPARING FOR STRUGGLE

At the stockyards tonight the packers are making preparations for a long struggle. As soon as all peace negotiations were declared futile all the heads of the different departments in the various plants were notified to hire all the workmen they could possibly obtain. From the progress that had been made up to a late hour tonight the indications are that fully 2,000 men will have been engaged by tomorrow night. It is the intention of the packers to house these men in the plants.

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MID SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

For the next thirty days we will offer all Summer Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices.

If you are in need of anything for Summer Wear it will be to your advantage to look over our stock before purchasing elsewhere. All wash goods on sale at one third off.

All wash shirt waists at a reduction of 25 per cent.

On Wrappers, Kimonos, and Dressing Scaques we will save you 20 per cent. Just what you will need for these warm days.

The Chicago Store

ANY BOOK In Our Window 15Cents

NEWLIN DRUG CO.

Rare Opportunity for Economical Buying OF UNDERMUSLINS

A pen picture of our dainty undermuslins can only give a faint idea of the real value, dainty trimmings and many other details so necessary in a perfect garment. Therefore we will ask you to come in and see them if you are at all interested in top values in Under Muslins.



LADIES' GOWNS

In such varieties of styles and trimmings that we can please the most exacting taste—prices so low they are hardly worth mentioning.

\$2.25, \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 down to 50c

LADIES CORSET COVERS 8c

Just think of it! The price of a spool of thread would leave you 8 cents for material and work.

LADIES PANTS 25c

Made from good quality of muslin, wide hemstitched flounces with five rows of tucking.....25c

A great many different styles, in prices \$2.50, \$2.25, \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 85c down to.....30c

MUSLIN SKIRTS

Made up in the daintiest manner and to conform with the new dress skirts. Well worth your attention.

\$4.00, \$3.50, \$3.25 down to 60c

Children's Undermuslins

At prices equally as low as the above mentioned for ladies.

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