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## CENTRAL ENERGY SYSTEM IN USE

### HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY COMMENCES NEW ERA.

With Expenditure of Thousands of Dollars the Home Independent Telephone Company Was Today Able to Open Its New Modern Telephone System in La Grande—Installing New Phones to Old Subscribers Today—System the Very Latest.

After expending thousands of dollars and months of time in which large crews of men were busily engaged in getting ready for the inauguration of its splendid new system, the Home Independent Telephone company today commenced its central energy harmonic ringing telephone system, both on La Grande and the county lines.

It has taken months to run main, but underground and overhead, to string distributing wires and to complete the mass of details necessary in the installation of a new telephone system, but this has been done and today many of the 'phones are working on the central energy system. It will require two days more, possibly, to put the entire system in working order.

The large switchboard and the system itself, was installed by experts of the Kellogg Switchboard & Supply Co. of Chicago.

At present there are only two operators, but due to the convenience of the board and the modern equipments, these two can cover a large number of 'phones. The board is equipped with a multiple apparatus that allows one operator to ring 2500 'phones.

The chief feature of the system and which no other company carries by reason of patent rights, is the ringing attachment. Without ground wires a four party line is not continually ringing on two colors. Every house 'phone rings once, and no other party on that line can hear it. In other words, there is only one ring for every 'phone and that ring is for the house in which the 'phone is located. By using a ground wire, eight 'phones come under the same party system, but even then there is only one ring to be heard anywhere on the line.

The lines were cut dead yesterday and from now on the company will install the new style of 'phones to all subscribers and "plug" them in on the new service.

The improvements of the switchboards and telephone, however, are not the only ones with which the company is to be credited, for with its mile and a half of lead-covered cable radiating from the central office to the different stations of the city, nearly all of which is underground, or placed in alleys, it can readily be seen that their plant is strictly modern in every respect.

The company has for several years heretofore devoted itself almost exclusively to the farms and smaller cities in Union and Wallowa counties and the fact that it now has 300 subscribers connected in the territory that was formerly almost without a telephone, demonstrates what activity the company has had. From now on, however, as fast as the work can be done, the business here in La Grande will receive its full share of attention. The old subscribers were connected today and then the company will commence to install its first batch of new ones, which number an even 100.

The Home Independent Telephone company is financed almost entirely by local people, who live here and spend their earnings here. This reason, augmented by the fact that the manager, S. D. Crowe, has exerted every energy to reach every corner of the county—both Union and Wallowa—with the service, is no doubt responsible for the exceedingly rapid growth and development which the company has enjoyed. Heretofore there have been defects in the system, but by the service inaugurated today, it is hard to pick a flaw anywhere. A home enterprise, conducted along legitimate business lines, is always worthy the support that is given it. The concern gets its revenues from local people and immediately

puts the same into circulation again by purchasing all the supplies possible at home and disbursing its profits to local people. The future of the company is assured.

Defendants Arraigned.  
Portland, June 22.—Eleven defendants in the Umattilla land fraud cases were arraigned today and given until August 1 in which to plead. The rumor is circulated that many are willing to take immunity baths for testifying against the others.  
Judges McKenna of Portland and Judge Fee of Pendleton, appeared for all the defendants except William Caldwell.

## EXPOSURE CAUSES SUICIDE.

### Facts Found to Clear Mystery of Dead Man in Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, Wash., June 22.—Information has reached here leading to the belief that the body of the dead man found here two weeks ago was that of J. G. Brain, and that he committed suicide because of exposures in the state capitol cases in Pennsylvania recently. A tailor's mark and a part of a letter head bearing the name of a Philadelphia architectural decorating firm was found on the body. The body was found in the shrubbery near the city park. Sixteen dollars were found in the pockets and nearby a scrap of paper on which was penciled the words, "May God forgive me."

It is supposed he was en route to Treadwell, Alaska, as a strikebreaker.

## PRAISE OREGON BOOMERS LUSTILY

### DIDN'T WEAR CHAPS NOR CARRY ANY PISTOLS.

Oregon Delegation to Grand Lodge of Woodmen Given Praise in Peoria—Newspapers Over Boomer Spirit—Cars Ring With Cheers of Oregon—Have Styled Themselves the "Boomers" and Papers Say They Are Real Quill, All Right.

The Peoria (Ill.) Herald-Transcript of June 15, plants a bouquet on Oregon spirit in which local people are the recipients. When the Oregon delegation to the Woodmen grand lodge, including F. B. Currey of this city reached their destination, it caused the following comment in the leading newspaper of the city:

Look Like Other Men.  
"Among the delegations arriving yesterday was that from Oregon, and if every person in the city is not made aware of their presence it will not be the fault of these western gentlemen. The Oregon Boomers."

"They have styled themselves 'The Oregon Boomers,' and are certainly doing a good job in that way. Many had supposed that these neighbors would come dressed in cowboy suits and with revolvers strapped to their sides, but their appearance was very much different. They are as fine a body of men as can be found in attendance at the head camp session. On the way over from Galesburg they made the cars ring with their yells."

To State Encampment W. R. C.  
Union, June 22.—Mrs. Cora M. Davis, state president of the Women's Relief Corps, accompanied by Mrs. S. A. Pursel, Mrs. E. G. Cameron, Mrs. Nora Webb, Mrs. A. J. Goodbrod and Miss Hannah Reeves, left for Newport Ore., this morning, where they will attend the state encampment of the W. R. C., which meets June 24, 25 and 26. Miss Reeves is state treasurer of the organization, and the other ladies are delegates from the local post.

### Gun Accidentally Discharged.

Ralph Wells, son of George Wells of Alice, met with a painful experience yesterday, which cost him a part of his thumb and a badly damaged finger. It is the same old story of an accidentally discharged gun. He was brought to the hospital yesterday afternoon and is resting easy this afternoon.

## CHEER TAFT AS HE ENTERS CITY

### OLD ELLI WILL RESOUND WITH "BILL" TAFT'S PRAISE.

Republican Nominee Reaches New York Today Amid Nasty Demonstrations—To Attend Commencement at Yale Tonight—Old Grads Are Proud of Big Bill and Will Give Him Rousing Reception—Will Wind Up War Department Business.

New York, June 22.—William H. Taft was greeted with loud cheering when he arrived at the Pennsylvania station in Jersey City today. He was given another ovation when he landed at the Twenty-third street ferry. It was New York's first glimpse of the presidential candidate. Frank Kellogg, the trust buster, was with Taft. They went to the Hotel Manhattan to confer on trust matters. Mrs. Taft and daughter met him at the hotel.

At noon Taft left for New Haven to attend the Yale commencement. He will then go to New London to witness the Yale-Harvard boat races Thursday. From New London Taft will return to New York city where he will meet Luke Wright, the new secretary of war; both then go to Oyster Bay to confer with the president. Taft expects to return to Washington Saturday to wind up the business in the war department. He refused to discuss politics. He expects to spend September and October in his home at Cincinnati.

New Haven, June 22. "Hello, Bill,"—he is "Bill" Taft today; "Big Bill" of class '78 to old "grads" who gathered at the station this afternoon to greet Taft. The crowds assembling here to attend the commencement exercises claim Taft belongs to them, and are so proud of him that they are preparing to wake up Old Eli tonight. Those in charge of arrangements say it is going to be a "slam bang" affair.

## EXTERMINATE THE INDIANS

### ONLY SOLUTION TO DEPRE-DATIONS IN MEXICO.

Mexican and American Soldiers Unite in Killing Off Murderous Indians of Northern Mexican States, Who Persist in Killing Americans—Government Planning Campaign on the Life of the Savage Redman—Fierce Battle Today.

City of Mexico, June 22.—Fearing a massacre of Americans by Yaqui Indians in the northern states of Mexico, United States and Mexican troops are today waging a vigorous warfare to crush forever the murderous tribes. In a battle at Buena Vista in Chihuahua the Indians resisted so desperately that 20 were killed and many wounded. The townspeople aided the soldiers, even women taking a hand. The war department has planned a campaign of extermination, believing this to be the only effective way of putting an end to the depredations of the Indians.

### Mrs. Davis at Rest.

Union, June 22.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Wilbur Froman Davis was held from the family home in Union yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by the W. R. C. of which Mrs. Davis was an active worker.

That the deceased was held in the greatest esteem by all who knew he was obvious by the many beautiful floral tributes. The grave was lined with roses.

The services at the grave were slightly marred by a sudden shower.

Raymond and Gertrude Copeland arrived last night from Walla Walla and after spending the night with Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oliver, left this morning for Wallowa.

## BAN ON RUSSIAN CO-ED SYSTEM

### CZAR EXPELLS EVERY WOMAN STUDENT TODAY.

What Appears to Be Incentive for Riots and Disorder Occurred Today When Czar Nicholas Ordered All Women Students From the Universities of the Country—Looked Upon as Backward Step in Civilization—Bloody Riots Are Expected.

St. Petersburg, June 22.—Czar Nicholas today promulgated one of the most sweeping measures ever issued in Russia, by which all women students were ordered expelled from Russian universities. The order affects 2200, many of whom are nearing graduation. The bitterness against the edict is widespread. The czar issued the instructions to Minister Von Kaufman, chief of the bureau of public instruction, and sets forth that hereafter no women can be admitted to any of the universities.

It is announced that the action is the result of activity on the part of women students in the revolutionary movements. The women are open in their encouragement of men students in attacks upon the government.

An appeal is being made to the students for relief from the edict. The students proclaim the order to be another effort of the government to force the nation back into the dark ages. They denounce it as a stifling of progress in the nation's advancement. Some of the shrewdest students fear the results of the edict, and riots are expected.

### RICH MINING.

Reno, Nev., June 22.—According to a smelter report just made public, the Rogers Mining syndicate has completed a record week in gold production, having taken out \$744 per hour from one mine between June 3 and 10.

## TERRIFIC HEAT WAVE IN CHICAGO

### DEATHS OCCUR BEFORE NOON HOUR ARRIVES.

Intense Suffering in Congested Districts of Chicago—Heat is Terrific—Prostrations Occur on Every Hand and Ambulances Are Kept Dashing Here and There—Stockyard and the Skyscraper Districts Are Especially Tortured.

Chicago, June 22.—This city is today in the grip of a terrible heat wave. Before noon there were two deaths and a dozen prostrations. William Hobson, aged 55, dropped dead in a downtown alley, and Frank Pass, aged 35, was overcome and died in a swoon in La Grange, a suburban town. The weather man promises no relief until tonight.

In the business section the pavements and stone walls are throwing off heat to such an extent that it is hardly possible to walk the streets.

The suffering is intense in the skyscrapers, where congested conditions exist. Electric fans going by the thousands, but merely to keep the hot air stirring. They offer no relief. The hospitals are prepared to give quick attention to the prostrated. Ambulances are dashing through the streets and reports say many prostrations have occurred in the stockyards. The city has a tropical languor.

### FISHING PARTY.

Prof. H. J. Hockenberry, J. T. Williamson, Oscar Coolidge and Adna Rogers went away together this morning, presumably on a fishing trip. What their destination is, no one knows. It is reasonably certain though, that some trout stream will see a good deal of them during the next few days, or as long as the grub box holds out. It is commonly known that Mr. Williamson has to do all the

cooking, and that Mr. Hockenberry catches most of the fish. Likewise that the latter gentleman is exceedingly fond of hash, a la Williamson.

### Disastrous Wreck.

Baton Rouge, La., June 22.—Several are reported killed and many injured today in a wreck on the Baton Rouge & Eastern railroad. State Representative Jones is said to be among the dead. Several senators and representatives are injured. Specific details are lacking.

### ROOSEVELT PLAYS HARD.

Same Vim Characterizes His Play as Does His Strenuous Labors.

Oyster Bay, June 22.—President Roosevelt went into summer school today and took up play with almost as much vigor as he has given work in Washington. The townspeople are full of renewed life since Roosevelt's arrival. The president was up early, and appeared in a light summer suit. He went for a ride about the place, arranged for a tennis game and a trip to the sound. Taft is expected to arrive this week and will be the most important visitor of the summer. It has not been announced how long he will remain, but it is expected that he and the president will make formal plans for the campaign.

Roosevelt today announced the appointment of John Callahan O'Laughlin, a prominent Washington correspondent, as secretary of the American branch of the Japanese exposition.

## DIVINES EGGED IN WALLACE IDA.

### PROMINENT PROSECUTORS OF SALOON INTERESTS.

Two Leading Ministers of Wallace Egged and Escape Harm Only by Running Into a Barn—Chief of Police Effects Rescue Eventually—Were Caught in Alley and Corralled by Indignant Friends of Saloon Interests—Escape Timely.

Wallace, Idaho, June 22.—Attacked by a crowd of 300 men, Revs. Charles McCaughey of the Congregational church, and J. D. Nellan of the First Methodist church of this city, were bombarded Sunday with eggs in an alley, and forced to lock themselves in a barn, from which they were rescued by Chief of Police Adams and policemen.

For some time the two ministers have been prosecuting a crusade against the liquor interests. They were entering an alley in the rear of John Watson's saloon, when a crowd saw them. Some one said they were going to cause Watson's arrest. Another person threw an egg, and this was followed by several. The ministers might have been roughly handled if they had not run into the barn.

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE  
La Grande Oregon

## COURT WHIPS UP HYDE-BENSON JURY

### BENSON AND DIMOND ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Hyde-Benson Land Fraud Jurors Reported Inability to Agree, But Court Lashes Them and Orders Them Into Confinement Once More—Additional Instructions Given Members Before They Retire—No Positive News as to Standing.

Washington, June 22.—Fredrick A. Hyde and Joost Schneider were today acquitted by a jury of counts. John A. Benson and Henry Dimond were declared not guilty in the land fraud cases.

Washington, D. C., June 22.—Responding to summons from the court, the jury in the Hyde-Benson land fraud case today filed into the court room and reported its inability to agree on a verdict. The jury was out since Friday.

Justice Stafford refused to accept this as final, and again requested the jurors to lay aside all prejudices and opinions formed since they were locked up and go over the evidence in the case as though no discussion had been held. He asked them to discuss the case dispassionately, and try to arrive at a verdict.

The jury was again locked up. Several reports as to how the jury stood was circulated, ranging from 11 to 1 for guilty, to 8 to 1 for acquittal, but it is impossible to learn definitely how the jury stands.

### PORTLAND TOURING PARTY.

#### Portland Business Men and Their Wives Are Touring the Interior.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ayer of Portland, with Walter Witmer, chauffeur, rolled into La Grande late yesterday afternoon in a Pierce-Arrow car, in which they have come from Spokane. Mr. Lewis is a partner in the firm of Allen & Lewis, the Portland wholesale grocery firm. Mr. Ayer is the senior member of the firm of W. B. Ayer & Co. The machine was shipped from Portland to Spokane, and from there the run was made to Lewiston and through the Paradise country into Wallowa. Mr. Witmer says that the mountain roads between Lewiston and Wallowa are very narrow and very rough. From here the party will go to Pendleton, Walla Walla, The Dalles and back to Portland, then to Seattle and through British Columbia.

Residents of West La Grande yesterday went through an experience which communities in close proximity to stockyards contend with daily. The incessant bellowing of cattle heard in that section of the city yesterday was occasioned by a large shipment of stock en route through the city, but held here for feeding during the day.