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POSTOFFICE GENERAL DELIVERY.

The postal authorities at Washington propose to regulate, among other things, the general delivery service

The claim is made that in nearly every city the general delivery window has been utilized more frequently to maintain surreptitious correspondence than for the convenience of those for whom the service is intended.

The new regulations have become effective in Philadelphia and it is expected other cities will enforce them.

The general delivery window is for the convenience of transients and traveling people who stay in a city but a short time and who have no fixed residence.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- August 14, 1756—Forts Ontario and Oswego destroyed by Montcalm.
1813—British sloop Pelican captured the American sloop Argus in the English channel.
1840—Steam packet Britannia established a new record by completing the trip from Halifax to Liverpool in 10 days.
1867—The new Louvre, in Paris, inaugurated with great ceremony by Napoleon III.
1870—Admiral David G. Farragut died. Born July 5, 1801.
1887—Prince Ferdinand of Coburg formally proclaimed ruler of Bulgaria.
1900—Relief of the Peking legations by the forces of the allied powers.
1917—Henry N. Atwood made an airplane flight from St. Louis to Chicago, beginning a trip to the Atlantic coast.

"THIS IS MY 51ST BIRTHDAY."

Bion J. Arnold, widely known as an electrical engineer and inventor, was born near Grand Rapids, Mich., August 14, 1861, and received his education at the University of Nebraska and Cornell university.

Western Handicap Tourney.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 14.—The seventh annual western handicap tournament, under the auspices of the Interstate Shooting association has brought together nearly 200 of the best shots in the United States.

PIONEER FEATURE AT SHERRY'S

Lecture and Stereoptican Views Comparing Early Days With Present. At Sherry's Wednesday and Thursday, Carroll E. Johnson will present the "Old West Frontier days" a series of views showing the west in the early days, and contrasts of the present day where the deserts are changed by irrigation into beautiful farms and gardens.

MRS. ATKINS WELL LIKED.

Good Sized Audience Pleased With Learned and Entertaining Orator. Last evening in the Baptist church a fair sized crowd heard Mrs. Florence Atkins, the polished and logical orator from Nashville, Tennessee speak in her pleasing and forceful manner upon the equal suffrage question.

George With Sherry's.

Frank George has accepted a position with Sherry's theatre and will be affiliated with the proper entertainment of patrons of that house.

Parker-Langhorne Wedding.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 14.—Society in the East as well as in San Francisco displayed a lively interest in today's wedding of Miss Julia H. Langhorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Langhorne, and Lieutenant James Parker of the United States Navy.

"WHY NOTS."

Edited by A. Long Mutt. If you did not read these yesterday, Why Not? If any of these "Why-Not's" put you to thinking, Why Not put the shoe on and wear it awhile.

You did not pay your water rent by the tenth, did you? Why Not? You forgot it, of course, but it won't happen again, will it? And Why Not?

Love is a small sea skirted by board walks upon which young couple walk around, until they become dizzy and fall in, but Why Not?

A man drank a quart of gasoline by mistake. Now he honks instead of coughs. Why Not? As careless as he is he probably has as much right to honk as some of those who carry a license to do so.

The horse, next to man, is conceded to be the most intelligent of all animals. Then, if you can make a business man out of a section hand, Why Not make a race horse out of a common plug. Poor rule that won't work both ways. And Why Not?

Why Not visit the public library more than you do. The books and literature are there for you and if you do not get the benefit of them it is your own fault.

If you are a progressive, or want to be one, Why Not attend the meeting of the progressives tonight?

When you feel grouchy and think the old town is going to the dogs, why not take an hour off some evening and take a walk around over town and especially out in the residence district and see the improvements that are being made and the nice residences that are being built up. I will venture to say that just

one hour of such medicine will take off the "rough."

After all the work and money that has been expended on our new fair grounds Why Not macadamize or pave a street and build cement walks to the main entrance. This thought is surely not out of place.

It will soon be time for the boys to take up their studies again. Why Not? Before that time comes, try and have all the work done that the boy is relied upon to help do, finished so that he can take up his school work with the rest.

Every time you meet an out of town friend, Why Not tell him of the county fair, Sept. 9 to 14. He may get angry or disgusted at you for talking county fair and go and tell his neighbor but you can feel repaid by knowing that you have started someone else talking county fair.

Now that the county fair is a sure go and a fine program has been arranged Why Not all you knackers put away your little hammers and put your shoulders to the wheel. If you still persist in knocking you will scarcely be heard or noticed but if you get out and boost just a little, it will only be a short time until people will begin to realize that you are not a hopeless case.

TWO TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

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this company has a connecting agreement.

To bring about this present development and ideal situation, has cost a large amount of money which has been secured through the sale of capital stock and bonds of the company, and has cost over \$3200,00, no part of which represents any profit derived from the operation of the company.

Regarding the question of rates, all we ask is, that the people treat us the same as if it was their own money that was invested instead of ours. We believe that the great majority of business men, farmers and working that a company serving the public as this one is, should be entitled to earn enough money to properly operate and maintain the system in addition to the going rate of interest.

Our rural rates are in particular very low, and do not, and never have, paid their just proportion of the cost of operation and maintenance of the system, to say nothing regarding any interest on the investment.

When this Co-Operative company first began business in the Elgin district we made every reasonable effort to bring about some condition whereby that community, as well as the balance of the county, would escape the nuisance of two telephones, but without any apparent result, so that today the business men of Elgin are compelled to subscribe and pay for the service of both companies in order to secure a complete service.

Regarding the matter of service we believe we are rendering as good as it is possible to give. We employ more operators and trouble men for the number of stations involved than similar companies. Practically every telephone instrument in the city has recently been changed for a new one.

In this day of progress a corporation should have no secrets from the public. Its policy should be an open book, and its attitude clearly under-

stood. This company is always willing to meet the public open and above board, only asking fair treatment in return. We believe in reasonable and scientific public regulation, and await the coming of the rate-regulating public service commission, which will fix all rates.

A second telephone system starting up to serve a community such as this, which is already served as well as can reasonably be expected, can only be classed as a public nuisance, and an imposition upon the community. It has only been a short time since La Grande escaped the burden of supporting a dual telephone system which fact, judging from the recent action of the business men is still fresh in their memory.

This idea of starting a competing telephone system through ignorance of certain parties, and where the conditions do not warrant the same has been tried out in a great many instances with the same result, making an extra burden upon the public, and an ultimate failure of the enterprise.

The following clipping from an Ohio paper will show that this city is up against the same proposition that most of the eastern cities have been called upon to meet in the past years:

The cities that attempted to secure better telephone service by introducing a competing telephone system are beginning to realize the folly of their course. The opinion prevailed some years ago that two telephone companies would reduce the price and give better telephone service, but it has been learned by experience that it not only doubles the expense to the people, but is an awful nuisance. In some cities these duplicate companies secure franchises under the name of co-operative companies, when a number of people organized and secured privileges under certain representation. They were encouraged in their efforts and the public is today paying the price of its folly with an unsatisfactory double system, no one being equipped "telephonically" without paying for both systems, those not having two being at the disadvantage of not being able to talk to those who are on the other line.—Dayton (Ohio) News.

HOME INDEPENDENT TEL. CO.

S. D. CROWE, Sec. and Gen. Mgr.

CHAUTAUQUA ELECTS AGAIN

DIRECTORS FOR ENSUING YEAR SELECTED.

All Efforts of Association Applauded and Commended.

Enthusiasm flowed unbounded last evening when the members of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association met for the annual election of directors. Retiring Directors Miller and Cochran and Mrs. E. Polack were re-elected and plans for the next year discussed. With the added grounds facilities provided by the park commission next year's camping space will be enlarged and bettered materially and there is no reason to doubt the venture made last night that there will be over a hundred families camped there during chautauqua week.

Are Ever at War.

There are two things everlastingly at war, joy and piles. But Bucklen's Arnica Salves will banish piles. It soon subdues the itching, irritation, inflammation or swelling. It gives comfort, invites joy. Greatest healer of burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises, eczema, scalds, pimples, skin eruptions. Only 25 cents at all druggists.



In a Big Tent Friday, August 16, 1912 ADAMS AVENUE NEAR HEMLOCK STREET. WEST BROS.' RAILROAD SHOW. A TEXAS RANGER SEE THE Cowboys, Soldiers, Indians, Mexicans, Rangers and Cowboy Girls. Watch For the Cowboy Band ONE PERFORMANCE AT NIGHT ONLY. Friday, August 16

KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL. Health is Worth Saving, and Some La Grande People Know How to Save It.

Many La Grande people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Sick kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health, but there is no need to suffer nor to remain in danger. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—a remedy that has cured thousands of kidney sufferers.

GOOD OFFER SPURNED.

Prof. Armstrong Throws Aside Lucrative Salary to Locate Here. The day Prof. Armstrong landed in La Grande there was a wire waiting for him offering him a \$1,200 a year position as member of the faculty as director of music in the state academy of Idaho at Pocatello. He refused it so as to stay in La Grande.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. Indian Killed on Track. Near Rochelle, Ill., an Indian went to sleep on a railroad track and was killed by the fast express. He paid for his carelessness with his life. Often it's that way when people neglect coughs and colds. Don't risk your life when prompt use of Dr. King's New Discovery will cure them, and so prevent a dangerous throat or lung trouble.

Fine Program at Arcade.

Among the pictures at the Arcade this evening one is especially recommended and is a high class picture in every respect. There are five pictures on the program and Ray Williams in a new song, the comedy for tonight is simply a scream and is entitled, "The Four Flush Actor."

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