

MAY IMPROVE PHONE LINES

Better Service Expected From United States Device to Be Used in England.

LONDON, (INS)—American efficiency may speed up English telephone systems.

The telephone is still practically undeveloped in England, as compared with America, and the Post Office Department is now negotiating with an American concern for the use of an American device to increase the use and capacity of English telephones.

The party line is as yet unknown in England, as the user of the telephone demands absolute secrecy in his conversations and refuses to use a telephone that his neighbor may listen in on. The British Government is now considering a device owned and manufactured by the International Telephone Company of Columbus, Ohio, by which party-line telephones can be made secret.

The American device has been erected in the Government research laboratories, under the direction of David P. Moore, of Washington, D. C., and C. A. Smith, of Columbus Ohio, representing the Columbus concern and it has been the subject of considerable investigation on the part of the British telephone engineers, who are understood to be considering it favorably.

American methods would undoubtedly be a great boon to the telephone in England. London, with a population of nearly eight million, has only 400,000 telephones. Shopping by telephone has not yet been developed, and many business firms refuse to transact business over the telephone. The letter and the telegram are used to a far greater extent in England than the telephone, and it is only recently that the telephone has come into popular use in newspaper work. Telephonic inquiries are politely ignored by many English people who feel that the telephone is not an instrument of social dignity.

Patagonian Lake Is Opened to Tourists

BUENOS AIRES, (AP)—One of the world's beauty spots, Lake Nahuel Huapi in the Argentine Andes, soon will be opened to considerable tourist traffic. A body of deep blue water, as large as Champlain, it is surrounded by towering snow-capped mountains. It is close to the Chilean border, in the territory of Neuquen, which is a part of Patagonia. The country, although only partially explored, was long ago reserved by the government as a great national park.

A new state railroad is now within a hundred kilometers of Bariloche, the little port at the eastern end of the lake, and weekly tourist excursions are about to be inaugurated. Two hotels at Bariloche are being improved for tourist accommodation.

For rugged splendor, grandeur of distances, exquisite, ever changing coloring and glorious sunsets the panorama of Lake Nahuel Huapi, with its combination of mountains, sky and water, presents scenes of beauty which the Alps and the Canadian Rockies do not excel. In the opinion of persons who already have been there, the lake has numerous bays whose waters lap the sheer sides of the mountains, like those of Norwegian fjords and here and there penitents' mystic caves. The islands are clothed with primeval forests, while in the distance can be seen among the Chilean peaks the smoke of volcanoes.

Theodore Roosevelt was among the venturesome tourists who have visited Lake Nahuel Huapi, and who exclaimed over its beauty. He predicted that Bariloche would some day be one of Argentina's great cities.

EMBRYO OLYMPIC STARS NUMEROUS IN ENGLAND NOW

LONDON, (INS)—British athletes all over Britain have gone into training in the hope they will qualify for the Olympic games team.

A kind of super-nursery has been opened at the White City, a deserted pleasure ground on the outskirts of this city, where the budding athletes will be tried and eliminated in an effort to find the best.

They will undergo every conceivable kind of test at the hands of two of Britain's most famous test athletes, and the British Olympic Games association declares it is hoping that, among the many they will find some world beaters.

Reinvest Again Is Gay BUCHAREST, (AP)—Bucharest is in a fair way to resume the appearance of gaiety that gave it the name of "Little Paris" before the great war. One of the signs of the purpose of the government to restore the capital to its pre-war condition is the banishment of the beggars who a year ago were numerous on the streets.

POLICE CHIEF ARRESTED AND FACES TRIAL

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—Chief of Police Claude F. Head of Boulder, was arrested Thursday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Miles MacPhillips on charge of first degree murder. The arrest was made following the filing of a direct indictment by District Attorney Lewis R. Reed, charging Head and Norman Drake with the murder of Patrolman Elmer E. Cobb early on the morning of November 19 last.

REPORTS ON STOCK GIVEN

F. L. Kent Prepares Brief Gist of Reports From Oregon Counties on the Livestock Situation.

PORTLAND, Or. (AP)—Comments on the livestock situation in Eastern Oregon have been assembled by F. L. Kent, statistician of the Department of Agriculture at Portland. From different reporters in various counties of Oregon brief reports have been gleaned. The report, covering Union, Umatilla, Baker and Wallawa counties, follows:

BAKER CO., Keating:—Price of cattle in "rotten" here—can hardly give them away. The main loss (10 per cent) occurs among young cattle on the range; no apparent reason.

Medical Springs:—My losses were two steers and one stray. The calf crop was about 70 per cent of the cows on hand Jan. 1, 1923. Feed is plentiful; some hay sold early at \$3.00 per ton, and later at \$4.00 and \$7.00. I would say that the financial situation is improving. I believe if people in general would burn less gasoline and attend to details more closely, that conditions would improve faster.

WHITNEY:—52 head were bought for \$1,000.00, including 26 cows, and heifers, 5 two year old steers, 1 bull, 14 calves and 6 yearlings.

UMATILLA CO.—The range fee is high, the range is crowded, the price of feed is too low for the cattlemen to stay in the business for long. Pig stock—Feed supplies, plentiful, prices low, financial conditions, bad. (2) We have had a very good winter. Have fed very little up to the present (Jan. 3). The range is very much better than in ordinary years. Feed has grown all fall. Cattle are at least 20 per cent better condition than in ordinary years. (3) Can not give you the value per head for there has not been any sold in my neighborhood.

UNION CO., Elgin:—Feed too expensive to feed cattle at present prices of both. As to financial situation there are troublesome times for the cattlemen and wheat growers in this section. La Grande:—1 lost six head, stolen off the range. North Powder:—40 per cent of the cow men have sold and quit here. I like the feed but want to buy more. We feed five months on the average, and have not been getting \$5.00 per ton for hay for four years, fed to stock cattle. Summerville:—Do not find it profitable to run range cattle on account of low prices and range expenses.

WALLOWA CO., Barlett:—The price of hay ranges around \$12.00 per ton, and it takes 1 1/4 tons to winter a range cow or two year old steer. There is plenty of hay in this district for this winter. The spring calf crop (1923) was fair. With hay at \$12.00, and taking into account taxes, grazing fees, and range losses, we generally fall below the price of hay fed when we sell our stock. (2) Every dollar I have received from Cattle for the past three years has cost me at least two hundred cents. (3) (4) The loss on cattle has not been so large this year as last on account of black-leg not being nearly so prevalent. On the other hand, the calf crop is lighter this year than last, being anywhere from 25 to 40 per cent. Owing to the topography of this country, it is very unlikely that a better per cent of calves will be secured until breeding pastures are fenced, and that is unlikely as the proposed increase in grazing fees added to the already high cost of production, will be more than the cattlemen's financial condition will stand. A good many are more apt to quit the stockraising game. Feed is plentiful, and hay is selling from \$3. to \$10 per ton.

RADIO LECTURES PLANNED DURING FEBRUARY MONTH EUGENE, Ore. (Special)—Five radio lectures of timely interest, prepared in a popular manner by experts from the University of Oregon, will be broadcasted from station K. G. W. (The Oregonian), Portland during the month of February.

Dr. Warren D. Smith, professor of geology, one of the foremost authorities on the geology and geography of the western world, will speak over the radio Friday, February 1, on "Earthshakes of the Pacific." The subject has timely interest because of the recent disaster in Japan.

"The Bok Peace Plan" will be discussed by Walter C. Barnes, professor of history, Feb. 8.

"The Tax Situation," an address by Dr. James H. Gilbert, professor of economics, is scheduled for Feb. 15. "Portraits of Washington" by Prof. E. S. Dunn, head of the department of Latin, talks on Washington's birthday. Prof. Dunn has made an extensive collection of the portraits of the first president, many of them little known.

LONG SPRING IS PREDICTED

Signs Observed by Residents of The Park Denotes Very Little Bad Weather From Now on

THE PARK (Special)—The snow has gone down at a rapid rate during this spell of rainy weather there being not over two feet left on the summit. Indications are that we will have a mild but long spring season.

The Magpies and Blue-Jays are back on the Creek, which is a sure sign of warmer weather in evidence for a while.

The deer are pretty well scattered, each kind occupying their winter homes respectively. Tracks of hair showing that they are shedding much which is another sign of an open season the rest of the winter.

Clarence Vanorder sold a fat cow to Roy Jones who will come after the animal Wednesday. The cow will dress around twelve hundred.

Little Jack Hunter reports having seen the largest pig he ever looked upon, when a neighbor butchered the other day. The hog weighed 140 pounds. Jack said they were going to make sausages out of the whole hog. A boar was also killed on that day, which dressed 611 pounds.

Claude Wood of Union, with his crew of men, is nearly done haying logs for wood from Loiselle's place to Goddard's ranch.

Guy McNair was up at his ranch for a few days recently.

John Loiselle was on his homestead part of the time this winter. A letter from Emile Lyons, Gooding Idaho, states that he is doing fine with his sheep which he bought last fall.

News from John D. Cowan, Talmage, Cal., announces that he may take upon himself a "new wife"—we all hope and wish Jack good luck.

Dr. G. D. Johnson, writes from Stockton, Cal., telling that the weather there is very unpleasant, being cold and damp.

Miss Veda Godsay, going to the high school in Union and staying there with her sister Mrs. Roy Greenwood, is reported ill with the measles.

Ed. Gillespie and family, are again all quite well after having passed through a series of illnesses in different forms, finally ending into the miserable "flu." But they all got through it and are well to the pleasure of all their friends.

Urdell Lay was a guest at the big dance at the school house at Big Creek last Friday evening.

Roy Jones purchased a fat cow for beef from Clarence Vanorder Wednesday.

All the telephone wires are down at Itaymo Flat.

The wood and log cutting crew at Badger Flat is in full operation at the last report.

The mail is late arriving these days, due to the heavy conditions of the snowy part of the mountain road the mail man has to travel.

A measurement of the snow was made at the base of China Cap showing about half the amount on the same date last year. Measurements were reported of 4 feet where last winter it was 12 feet deep.

Bert Van was at Clarence Vanorder's timber pitch cutting wood with George Loseley's drag-saw this week.

Lydia Vanderventer took her mother, who was visiting at her home for the past week, to her sister, Mrs. George Loseley of Big Creek and she will visit there a few days before going to her home in Pleasant Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vanderventer had a delightful visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vanorder last Sunday.

Miss Helen Canline, school teacher, was at the dance at Big Creek last Friday night. She reports a splendid time.

TURK WEDDING COST IS CUT TO HELP CUPID CONSTANTINOPLE, (INS)—In order to encourage young people to marry and increase the diminishing Turkish race, marriage is to be made as simple and as inexpensive as possible for the inhabitants of Ak Shebir, Anatolia.

Setting forth a new list of laws as to how much may be spent and vice versa on marriages the town's municipal authorities state that the laws have been made to meet the purpose of the impoverished inhabitants of the region and to encourage as many young people as possible to aid the Government in its policy of multiplying the Turkish race, and adds that they hope they will meet with some response.

WILL OF ELGIN MAN IS FILED; ESTATE \$30,000

ELGIN, Ore.—The will of the late J. W. Leighton was filed for probate this week. Art Hathgrath is named administrator and L. Debanah is attorney. The appointment has not been approved by the court as he had not for at Portland have not yet arrived.

Under the provisions of the will each of the children received a cash settlement and the remainder was left as an estate from which Mrs. Leighton is to receive a liberal monthly allowance. The entire estate, including cash, real estate, hardware business and other assets being estimated at approximately \$30,000.

PARTRIDGES ARE SIGHTED

CLOVER CREEK (Special)—Two bunches of Hungarian Partridges have been feeding on Clover Creek this winter, one at the E. E. Tabbutt farm and one at the McCanso farm. These birds have never before been seen in this section, consequently attract much attention.

Daryl Tabbutt, of McMinnville, this week made a trip to the fair, purchased last spring by his father, E. E. Tabbutt, from Man Wood. Daryl is highly impressed with this part of the country and feels that he would like to make this his home.

A dancing party was given last Saturday at the home of William Watkins. All report having spent a delightful evening.

The recent thaw has made logging at the Jacobs and Hess Mill a difficult task, as they depend on snow for their logging out at this mill.

Elie Hess has recovered from his recent illness and has again resumed his duties at the Jacobs and Hess Mill.

A Hollinger, of North Powder, has been a guest at the Dahlstrom home this week.

Mrs. J. E. DeVore had been in Union for the past week with her son, Max, who has been quite sick with the measles.

BOYS LOOK TO FOREIGN TRADE

Youth of America Appear to Be Growing More Interested in the Trade Career.

NEW YORK, (AP)—A rapidly increasing number of young Americans is becoming interested in foreign trade as a career, according to the Educational Committee of the National Foreign Trade Council. In order to encourage young men in this direction, and to prevent foreign trade being an adventure of ignorance on the part of employers, the committee is arranging a special educational session in connection with the annual convention of the council at Boston next June.

The committee has circularized colleges and universities in the United States which have foreign trade and business courses, inviting them to send teacher and student delegates to the convention. Also it is taking steps to call the attention of exporters and importers, manufacturers and others engaged in foreign trade, to the need of encouraging, by way of employment, American youth who show interest in foreign trade as a career.

An official compilation, not long ago, showed collegiate courses in foreign service training in 52 colleges and universities with a total number of student enrollments in all subjects relating to this type of training at 12,202, with 4,973 students carrying foreign work as a major branch.

A more recent investigation showed 63 institutions with a total number of 18,716 students in commerce and finance and allied subjects, and 3,787 students carrying foreign work as a major branch.

A closer analysis of these figures tends to reduce the number of students actually engaged in training themselves for foreign business service, for the above figures include men who intend to enter the consular or other foreign service work of the United States Government.

Two Cities Contrasted

MEDFORD, Or.—A lively and forth-provoking debate was held by four high school students of the English class before the local chamber of commerce forum on whether Medford is a better place for residence than Los Angeles. The latter city was shown to have more amusements and better facilities for commerce and education, but Medford was declared more safe and sane.

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