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THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY ANSWERS HOME COMPANY

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 4.—Regarding the article in the Medford Mail of February 4, inspired by Promoter E. A. Marsh of the "Home Telephone Co." or the "Citizens Telephone Co." I don't know which, as he uses both names, I beg to call the attention of the public to some of the erroneous statements therein. These statements must have been made rather through ignorance of the true conditions than for the direct purpose of misleading the public.

In the first place, the so-called Home company cannot be called a system, as the 9000 little companies are scattered all over the country and in most cases were promoted by agents of the independent telephone apparatus manufacturers, and when they had sold their equipment and these constructive companies had built the plant, they were left to work out their own salvation as the promoter had got his profit and gone and had no more interest in the company he had promoted and with the local money which he had taken from local people, who believed him when he promised them 30 and 40 per cent on the investment. This money was drawn from the local banks, and the majority of it was sent out of the city to pay for equipment and the promotion commission, and the city naturally lost the benefit of this money, and it did not go back to the cities' people in dividends or "payrolls."

Regarding Mr. Marsh's claim to long distance connection to Roseburg, now, as a matter of fact, their line ends at Corvallis and Albany, and runs north to Portland. They do not connect with Roseburg at all. How about this, Mr. Marsh?

Regarding their long distance line on the south, they have none north of Santa Maria, Cal. 252 miles or so from San Francisco. What about this, Mr. Marsh?

The Hood River Situation.

Regarding the Hood River situation, I would say that I handled that proposition from the start, and I naturally know the true facts of the case, which are as follows: A Mr. Brownell, who claimed to be a representative of the Home company, appeared in Hood River, or the latter part of 1907 and showed a few of the investors that if they would put up \$40,000 and organize a Home Telephone company at Hood River, they could form a close corporation, and it would not be less than 40 per cent, and the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company at Portland would build a Home telephone line to Hood River and connect with them. They took this bait and the company was formed, and Mr. Brownell was made superintendent of construction and received a salary of \$100 per month and a bonus of 15 per cent on every dollar they spent in the building of the plant. The first issue of stock to amount of \$40,000 was used up and the plant was uncompleted; then more stock was issued, and Manager Brownell peddled this to the widows and orphans and people went so far as to mortgage their property to buy this 40 per cent stock and to this date dividends never have been paid, and the Northwestern T. D. company never built the line to them, as they had promised to, and furthermore, when the Hood River Home Telephone company opened their exchange in May of 1908 Manager Brownell was put out of the company by the direction of the company. He left town with several thousand dollars that he had plundered from this company in commissions. At this time the representative man of Hood River came to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and said they had to have long distance service, and as their people had got their money into this Home company, they were desirous of buying our plant, as if two companies were to operate it would work a hardship and loss of money to the Hood River plant. Our company agreed to sell our plant to them, as they did not want to work a hardship or money loss on the Hood River people, and the Home company of Hood River are contracted to connect with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for a term of years. President E. T. Smith of the Hood River Home company in conversation with me a few days ago said:

"Mr. Brownell never told us anything but lies, and when we took him to task regarding his erroneous statements, Brownell said, 'If I had told you the truth you people would have had cold feet and quit.'"

Affairs in Seattle.

Regarding our company being given two years to close our business in Seattle, Wash., this is a deliberate misstatement and I would like to have Mr. Marsh prove this. They claim to have

spent \$125,000 this last year; our company spent \$500,000 in betterments alone, not counting salaries. Regarding the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's inability to equip Medford with an up-to-date plant, I would say that anyone who attacks the financial integrity of a competitor is sure to be credited with unworthy motives. Nevertheless, if what we know about the United States Independent Telephone proposition had been told, hundreds of innocent investors would have been saved from loss, and legitimate interests would have escaped illegitimate attacks. It seems time that this misrepresentation and direct misstatements of the Independent Telephone proposition should be met frankly and boldly. In connection with this, I would like to ask Mr. Marsh why operation on his "Home company" plant at Spokane, Wash., was held up a year ago, and why the builder's lien has never been removed and work completed? And the people of Spokane given this "splendid Home service" he tells of. The Spokane people don't seem to be over-anxious to have it.

As to the Bell company's having 2,500,000 subscribers as claimed by Mr. Marsh, I would quote from the annual report of the American Telegraph & Telephone company that at January 1, 1909, they reported over 4,000,000 subscribers.

That Harriman Quotation.

Regarding Mr. Marsh's quotation of Mr. Harriman, according to Oregon newspapers, Mr. Harriman is long on promises, and it would seem that Mr. Marsh is similarly afflicted. The payroll proposition that Mr. Marsh lays so much stress on seems a little high to be in accordance with sound business principles, unless they are going to arrange to give someone a fancy job with a fancy salary, which the proposed stockholders and subscribers will have to stand for. According to our records, our company is spending an average of \$800 per month at Medford, and in addition to this, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company are going to rebuild and equip Medford with a modern, up-to-date central energy plant, with new telephones. This work will be done by the Pacific company with real money, and the Pacific company will not ask the citizens of Medford to dig up the money to pay for this work, as they are not promoters and have nothing to sell, but telephone service.

Mr. Marsh speaks of the great battles fought by the Bell interests and Independents in Ohio and Indiana where the Bell company died game. It might be well to quote a few true facts regarding this matter.

November, 1906.—Hamilton Trust Co., of Noblesville, Ind., were appointed receiver of the Union & Cornell Tel. Co. of Cornell on application of the directors of the Union company.

December, 1907.—Telephone company of Ohio discontinued dividend on common stock.

January, 1908.—Citizens Telephone company of Batavia, Clermont county, Ohio, went into the hands of a receiver. It is alleged that the company is \$21,000 in debt and that its business is being run at a net loss.

The above are just a few of the companies that have gone to the wall after being promoted by so-called independent promoters, and after being misled by them they have been allowed to die, and Mr. "Promoter" has got his and gone to new fields.

Mr. Marsh quotes the Bell company of New England states as having absorbed all of the New England states, and that is a fact, but he don't say anything about the Northeastern Telephone company that organized at Portland, Me., a few years ago, and sold stock to the widow and orphan and then let the contract to build and equip trunk lines Portland to Bangor, Me, and installed an automatic exchange at Bangor and Portland Me. This, as the promoters had got into their profit, they let the company go into the hands of a receiver in September, 1907, this after spending about \$1,250,000—the stockholders were left to hold the bag; and further, that the New England Telephone & Telegraph company (Bell company) bought their property and other independent companies in Maine the latter part of 1908 for \$250,000.

This would not seem to be very profitable to the investor in independent telephone securities. I know these facts, because I was there during this campaign.

(From the Portland Oregonian.)

New Consolidation Rumor—Los Angeles Hears Sunset and Home Companies May Unite. Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—The

Herald tomorrow will say: Officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company are now in this city for the purpose of discussing affairs of the company, and that the question of the consolidation of the Sunset and Home Telephone companies is one of the principal topics of discussion.

Mr. Marsh speaks of the successful Home company in southern California, but, according to the Oregonian of February 3, 1909, it would seem that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company was about to take the Los Angeles Home company. Now, if this was as profitable an investment and gave the public the "perfect service" that Mr. Marsh speaks of we should think the stockholders and subscribers would want to continue the dual system.

W. K. MERRILL.

TREASON IN CEAR'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—M. Lopukine, former director of the police in the ministry of the interior, has been arrested on a charge of high treason in connection with the revelations recently made at Paris, when Azeff, the head of the fighting organization of the Russian socialist revolutionary party, was convicted of being the Paris agent of the secret police.

The charge is that he furnished to Cuntzeff, the leading Russian socialist in Paris, the information on which Azeff was denounced.

Sokoloff, the official lawyer of the social revolutionists, and 17 others were arrested. The case promises to throw light upon a most interesting chapter concerning the relations between the police and the terrorist organizations.

THANKS POLICE FOR DRAWING A CROWD

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 4.—"In comparison with the press the police are angels," shouted Emma Goldman in Dreamland rink last night to more than 2000 persons who had paid admission to hear the queen of the anarchists speak. "I feel that I owe the police an apology, for if they had not arrested me I would not have had this large audience."

Miss Goldman spoke for three hours on the subject of "Why I Am an Anarchist," and among other things said that the good in the world, the progress in art and letters and science, had been accomplished in spite of law and government and not because of it.

FAMOUS OLD SHERMAN HOUSE IS TO BE RAZED

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—It is definitely announced that the Sherman house will be torn down and work on a \$2,000,000 structure started within a week after next New Year's day.

With the destruction of the time honored hotel will pass memories of men and women, famous in many walks of life, who have forgotten and lingered within its walls during their visits to Chicago.

WILL DUPLICATE IN AIR ROBERT FULTON'S FEAT

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—To make the 100th anniversary of Robert Fulton's ascent of the Hudson river in the first steamboat a notable one, the World offers a prize of \$10,000 to the person who makes the journey from New York to Albany in an airship or flying machine, mechanically propelled, thus duplicating in the air Fulton's famous steamboat trip of a century ago.

"KRUGER TELEGRAM" NOT WRITTEN BY KAISER

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The Fursten correspondent announces the coming publication of a book entitled "William the Second," which is a strong defense of the emperor and exonerates him from the authorship of the famous "Kruger telegram."

The author of the book, Adolph Stein, explains that the telegram did not originate with the emperor, but that it was a well considered answer by the foreign office to an inquiry from the Transvaal and was in fact a roundabout way of refusing German intervention in the South African war.

The writer says the emperor objected to the telegram, but allowed himself to be overruled by his officials and for 12 years remained silent and bore the blame while working incessantly to prevent the worst results of his advisers' blunder.

Notice to Knights Templar.

The Black Cross will be conferred Friday evening, following a business session of the Shrine. The Black Cross will also be conferred on Monday, February 8, and Friday, February 12. By order of the E. M. COMMANDER. E. A. SHERWIN, Recorder.

LAWMAKERS OF OKLAHOMA STAND BY HASKELL

Resolution Introduced Denouncing Verdict Return Against Governor--Says It Was Conspiracy Between Hearst and Teddy

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 4.—A resolution was proposed, and it is said that it will pass, in the Oklahoma legislature today denouncing the indictment returned yesterday by the federal grand jury against Governor Haskell in the land fraud cases.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD AND STILL YOUNG

HEALDSBURG, Feb. 4.—Children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Mrs. Electa Kennedy came together from all over the world to fittingly celebrate her 100th birthday. Among them were Mrs. Carey Meyer, who came all the way from Russia; Annie Abbot of the Graun opera company of New York; Mrs. Dr. Edwards and Mrs. Frank Crawford of Oakland, James Kennedy of Oregon, Mrs. Zell Marey, Miss Maude Kennedy, and Elbert, Edwin and Charles Kennedy of San Francisco; Mrs. Maggie Margary is on her way from Juneau, Alaska, but was delayed by the storm and poor transportation facilities.

Mrs. Kennedy is the last of the Nobles of Vermont. At the present time she is spry and gay and still delights in doing her own housework.

DESERTS FROM ARMY TO GET HOME COOKING

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—Earl Stevens, arrested for having deserted from the Seventeenth infantry at the Presidio, San Francisco, explaining that the magnet which drew him away from duty was his wife and home cooking.

ARTISTS AROUSED OVER LINCOLN STATUE SITE

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The National Sculpture society has taken a hand in the controversy over the site of the Lincoln statue in Washington, D. C. Resolutions have been adopted, a copy of which will be forwarded to the congressional committee having in charge the question of selecting a site as suggested by the park commission of Washington.

This action was taken, as explained by Secretary J. Scott Hartley of the society, in order to check the plan of placing the statue in front of the railroad station.

With the park commission, the society believes that a more dignified location should be chosen, such as a spot near the memorial bridge over the Potomac.

MINISTERS PREVENT PRODUCTION OF PLAY

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 4.—Paul Potter's comedy, "The Girl From Rector's," was produced for the first time in this country at a matinee yesterday afternoon and scheduled for a performance tonight, but the Trenton police prevented the evening performance after 25 ministers, representing the Trenton Ministerial union, had complained that the play was most immoral. The ministers said they would cooperate with clergymen in New York to prevent the production of the play in that city. Violet Dale, the leading woman, was amazed when told she could not enter the theater.

SHERIFFS OF OREGON MEET NEXT IN ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 4.—The Oregon Association of County Sheriffs will hold its next annual meeting in Roseburg in accepting an invitation from Sheriff B. Fenton of Douglas county; M. B. Jomeroy, sheriff of Clatsop county, and president of the association, writes that he has decided to call the next meeting in this city. Sheriff Jomeroy says he has not yet fixed the exact date for the meeting, but that it will be held some time in August.

COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO REPORT ON NEXT MONDAY

DANCE PLANNED BY FIREMEN Will Also Celebrate Fourth of July if Aid of Business Men Can be Obtained

The fire company is planning a grand ball to be given on March 4 in the Angle opera house, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase uniforms for members of the company. Hazelrigg's orchestra has been retained for that evening and a splendid time is promised. The affair is in the hands of a committee composed of Messrs. Bigbam, Lindley and Ling.

The boys are also planning a monster celebration of the Fourth of July if the business men of the city signify a willingness to lend their aid. Ashland gave a monster celebration last year, which is planned this year for this city.

MEASURE TO REGULATE SHIPMENT OF LIQUOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Representative Langley of Kentucky will introduce Monday the interstate liquor shipment bill prepared by the anti-Saloon league of America to obviate the objection of unconstitutionality urged against the Littlefield bill.

The objection to the Littlefield bill was that it made interstate shipments of liquor subject to state laws immediately upon crossing the boundary line, which was declared by its opponents to be an attempted delegation of congressional power and therefore unconstitutional.

The new measure provides for direct exercise of congressional power by first prohibiting the shipment or transportation of liquor in any state, territory or district of the United States, or part of the same, where such shipment could not legally be made within the same. It is designed to protect both prohibition states and dry territory within local option states.

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COL. HOFER SAYS MEDFORD CAN HAVE ALL SPACE IN PAPER

Highway Urged on Account of Its Benefit to Entire State—Portland and Salem Papers Doing Great Work for the Project.

DELEGATION MEETS TO UNITE STRENGTH

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—A joint meeting of the southern Oregon members of both houses was held at 1 o'clock today to get the united strength back of the \$100,000 appropriation for the Crater lake auto road.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The prospects for a favorable report from the ways and means committee of the legislature to that body on the appropriation for the construction of the Crater lake road in southern Oregon is now accepted in legislative circles as an assured fact. The committee will in all probability make its report on next Monday. The delegation from Medford turned the trick. They descended upon this city and there was no one could say them "nay." The comment about the capitol today is that it is remarkable that such a representative body of men could be gotten together for such a purpose.

State Press Co-Operates.

The press is co-operating splendidly in the matter of boosting the matter. Both of the Salem papers have published a picture of the lake and have published descriptions of it. The Capitol journal today advocates the appropriation editorially. Colonel E. Hofer of this paper says that all of the space of his paper is at the disposal of Medford in the matter. The Portland Journal today publishes a cut of the lake on the first page. Both the Telegram and the Journal contain splendid reports of the meeting in Salem.

The Meeting Wednesday.

Strong arguments on behalf of the Crater lake road bill were presented on Wednesday to the joint committee of the legislature. Those speaking were W. W. Cotton, W. B. Fenton, C. S. Jackson, Henry Melton and Will G. Steele of Portland, W. M. Colvig and W. I. Vanster of Medford; B. F. Mulkey of Ashland and R. C. Smith of Grants Pass. All urged the passage of the appropriation as a benefit to the entire state.

In the evening the delegation were the guests of the Salem board of trade at a banquet.

Sanguine as to the successful accomplishment of their mission and with titles to tell of the good time they had while away, a large number of the delegation to Salem in the interests of the Crater lake road appropriation returned to Medford on the morning train, tired with the long trip and strenuous day in the capital city, but pleased with the result of the endeavors on behalf of the road bill. A number of the delegation went on to Portland and may not return for some days, thus taking advantage of their 30-day tickets in order to attend to business matters in Portland.

"There seems not a bit of doubt," said H. C. Garnett upon his return, "but that the legislature will give us the appropriation that we went after. The ways and means committee are certain to make a favorable report upon the matter, and it looked as if there would be a large majority in favor of the passage of the appropriation in both houses. It also looks as if the matter would receive early action. I believe that our mission was not made in vain."

All of the other returning delegates speak of the matter along the same line as Mr. Garnett. They tell of how the little blue ribbon with the words "Crater Lake" upon them were pinned upon the members of the senate and house and upon many of the citizens of Salem. In fact, Wednesday was "Crater Lake" day at the capital.

The delegates bring back word of how Governor Chamberlain is working hard for the appropriation, as are many influential men from Portland. All of this augurs well for the passage of the bill.

OPINION OF MEDFORDITE

Resident of Medford Advances Views on New Telephone System

While this telephone question is under discussion the people of Medford might stop and consider what they now have, and what they can have if they want it. Just take a look at the telephone poles scattered over this town. They are all sizes and heights in all stages of decay and leaning at all angles. Just take a look at the network of baling wire they are loaded down with. Think of the old, out-of-date germ and disease infested telephones in your homes and offices, and then think of other communities all over the United States that are getting quick, satisfactory and effective service, and at no greater cost to them than you are paying for practically no service at all.

On the other hand, the people of Medford have a chance to get a new, up-to-date telephone system put in with absolutely new equipment of all kinds. New poles set in the alleys, the wires ecbled, the latest thing in the way of phones in their homes, and when the bell rings, you know its YOU.

Then, another thing, it means the expenditure of \$40,000 to \$50,000 in this community in the way of material of different kinds—labor, building, etc. And those things all help along.

Don't let anybody be fooled with this chatter about a "dual system." You don't have to have but one system, but that should be a good one.

The telephone users of Medford have been living on promises for years. Now give someone else a chance.

A MEDFORDITE.

MUST GIVE HOME LIFE TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The opinion was voiced at today's session of the conference on dependent children that child-caring institutions should be conducted on the cottage plan. The superiority of this over other plans was pointed out by Dr. R. B. Reeder, superintendent of the Orphan Asylum society of New York city; Galen A. Merrill, superintendent of the Minnesota State public schools; Adolph Lewisohn, president of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian society, New York city, and others. United States Commissioner of Education Elmer R. Brown and William B. Streeter, superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home society, advocated supervision by state educational authorities over the educational work of orphan asylums and similar institutions.

A report submitted to President Roosevelt at a subscription dinner given by the conference at the New Willard tonight requested the president to send a message to congress urging the establishment of a federal children's bureau, one of whose objects shall be to disseminate accurate information regarding child-caring work and the needs of the children. The report embodies the conclusions of a two days' deliberation by the most prominent charity workers and others, and deals with every phase of the problem of caring for the dependent child.

LABOR LEADERS INVITED TO "COUNCIL OF LABOR"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Daniel J. Keefe, commissioner general of immigration, has sent invitations to more than a score of prominent leaders asking them to participate in the proposed "council of labor" to be held February 10 at the department of commerce and labor to discuss questions vital to the wage earners of the country.

The conference will consider the misleading labor information that causes much of the immigration; the heads of all important labor organizations will participate.

Among those invited, besides Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is Andrew Furuseth of San Francisco, president of the seamen's international union.

An ancient Russian canon has been brought out from St. Michael, Alaska, for exhibition at the Alaska Yukon-Pacific exposition in 1909.