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WOULD SELL PHONE RIGHTS TO MONOPOLY

Manager Marsh of Citizens' Telephone Company Wants Franchise Amended to Permit Sale to Bell Co.

ABANDONMENT OF RIVAL SYSTEM IS FORESHADOWED

Hard Luck Encountered by Promoters—Financed Project Only to Lose Out.

Abandonment of a rival telephone system for Medford under the franchise granted last March to the Citizens' Telephone company is foreshadowed by a communication submitted to the city council Tuesday evening by the concern's general manager, E. A. Marsh, in which he asked that the franchise be amended to permit its sale to a subsidiary company of the Bell Telephone monopoly, and that that section forcing the company to make long distance connections with outside companies be eliminated. The request was refused.

In a brief explanatory talk, Mr. Marsh stated that a deal was pending which would enable the company to dispose of its franchise to the Bell company, provided the council amended the franchise as requested. He intimated that efforts to finance the company had failed and that in this way the promoters could get back the money they were out, and the desires of those who wanted but one system, and that a good one, materialize.

Action Not Indorsed.

Bert Anderson, one of the promoters of the Citizens' Telephone company, stated that when application was first made for a franchise the company had been financed, but that the long delay in securing the franchise had altered conditions. Since then, financial arrangements had twice been on the point of completion, when unexpected developments caused their failure, after material had been ordered and cars loaded. He stated that he and other local promoters did not sanction the proposed sale of the franchise to re-comp promotion losses, but that Mr. Marsh had acted upon his own initiative. Arrangements are still pending to finance the company.

Mr. Marsh's communication was as follows:

Marsh's Communication.

Medford, Ore., June 15, '09.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Medford, Oregon:

Gentlemen—We have to ask your honorable body to make certain concessions to the franchise granted to the Citizens' Telephone company by the city of Medford March 19, 1909. Said changes and amendments to be as follows:

Section 14 to read as follows:

"It is further agreed that the style of equipment for exchanges is to be of the Stromberg, Carlson, Dean Electric, American Electric, Kellogg Automatic or Western Electric.

Section 17 to read as follows:

"This franchise is not to be transferred to the American Bell Telephone company, but may be assigned to and used by a subsidiary company thereof.

Section 19 to be eliminated entirely, or to read so as to exclude long distance and toll services, as long distance and toll service and connections shall be optional with the hold-

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DECISION IN CRATER ROAD CASE TUESDAY

Clarence L. Reames Returns From Salem, Where for a Week He Has Been Working on the Case.

HAS EVEN CHANCE TO GET DECISION CIRCUIT COURT

Much Interesting Evidence Was Introduced—May Be Carried to Supreme Court.

On next Tuesday, June 22, Judge Galloway of the Marion county circuit court will hand down his decision in the case brought to block the construction of the Crater Lake road. He so announced from the bench on Tuesday afternoon after the arguments in the case had been concluded by the attorneys.

Such was the news brought by Clarence L. Reames, of the law firm of Colvig & Reames, who has spent the past week in Salem in handling the case for the defense in the suit brought by Attorney McMahon of Salem to enjoin the state treasurer from paying over the \$100,000 appropriated by the last legislature for the construction of a state highway from the Idaho boundary to the Pacific ocean by way of Crater lake.

An Even Chance.

Attorney Reames says that there is an even chance of having a favorable decision returned in the matter. If such a decision is not returned the matter will be carried to the supreme court at once by the defense, from which tribunal it is expected that a decision can be obtained by the middle of July or the first of August. Whether McMahon will carry the matter to the supreme court or not, if he loses, is a matter of doubt.

Much evidence of an interesting nature was introduced by the defense at the trial. A considerable portion of this evidence was introduced by means of affidavits. Those who appeared as witnesses were Judge J. H. Scott, president of the Oregon Good Roads association, who testified as to the great benefits to be derived from the construction of such a road, and what the Portland fair in 1907 meant toward developing the state; C. S. Jackson of Portland, publisher of the Oregon Journal, and Will G. Steel, who went into the matter thoroughly and told of his efforts in having the national park created.

The Witnesses.

Among those whose testimony was taken by means of affidavits was Philip Metschan, owner of the Imperial hotel, in Portland; Col. James Jackson of Portland, who was at one time commander of Fort Klamath; J. B. Eddy, who owns property in Harney and Curry counties; William McMurray of the Southern Pacific company, who spoke of the tourist travel to other national parks, especially Yosemite, whose visitors last year left over \$4,000,000 in California; C. E. S. Wood of Portland, E. C. Gilmer, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Benjamin F. Heide, the government engineer in charge of the building of the road, and F. W. Benson, secretary of state.

What It Costs.

Secretary Benson offered interesting testimony as to the taxes as a result of the construction of the road. It will cost the taxpayers of the state exactly 18 cents each for

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STREAMS AWAITING THE HARNESS



MILL CREEK FALLS—Where a turbulent tributary of Rogue river leaps 300 feet. Needing only harness to drive hundreds of wheels.

A herculean feature of the country tributary to Medford is the power of its rivers and streams. Since this power can be harnessed and transmitted by electric wire to every nook and district, and used for every conceivable purpose, its influence will be tremendous in the development of this territory, as well as in adding to the comforts and pleasures of life.

The plant of the Rogue River Electric company, located at Gold Ray, on Rogue river, 10 miles from Medford, is one of the largest power plants on the Pacific coast. The company is sparing no expense nor effort to develop and extend its plant and power lines sufficiently to meet every demand of all Southern Oregon. The company has 80 miles of main transmission line in Rogue River valley, besides several hundred miles of party and individual lines reaching the settlements, farms and mines. These lines are being extended as fast as the needs require.

Power is conveyed from the plant at Gold Ray to the Opp, Braden, Homestake, Granite Hill and Green-back mines, and to the Chumplin dredge. This power is proving ideal for mining. Even here, where timber is plentiful and wood fuel abundant, electric power is more economical than steam. The mines that operate their mills, compressors and hoists by steam power must employ a large crew of wood cutters to supply fuel and this crew is cut from the best timber on the claims—wood that is worth several dollars per thousand for other and better purposes, such as the erection of buildings or for shaft and stope timbers. The employment of electric power saves the timber for these better purposes, and it not only proves more economical, but efficient, positive and regular.

Electric power is also proving here a means of developing ideal farms. The farmer uses it for lighting his residence and barn, for running steam separators, chopping stock feed, churning and threshing, for pumping water and for irrigation. The water is either taken from streams or had in any quantity by sinking a well to the depth of 30 or 40 feet. The power is given the farmer at a cost of but \$30 a year per horsepower, and the price of motor and pump is not over \$125—less than the cost of a steam or gasoline engine, and far more efficient and

simple in operation. One horsepower will irrigate from 10 to 20 acres.

Besides power for the mines and farms and for the cities and towns, there is no question but that the development of Rogue River valley will require the harnessing of the rivers and streams to operate electric railways. Expert engineers who have made a careful survey and examination of the power of Rogue river, Applegate river and other streams of this district predict that the main lines of railroad through western and southern Oregon will employ electricity developed from these streams in moving the freight and passenger traffic of this territory.

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO MEET

SALEM, Ore., June 16.—Pursuant to an act of the legislature, Governor Frank Benson today issued a call for the first meeting of the state conservation commission which is to be held at the office of J. N. Teal in the Couch building at Portland, Thursday, June 17.

LIZARD ALIVE AFTER AEONS IN ROCK TOMB

GREAT FALLS, Mont., June 16.—In a coal mine near here, Moses Martin, a miner, uncovered a lizard about nine feet from the surface and imbedded in the solid rock. There is no conceivable method by which the lizard could have entered the cavity since nature closed the gap thousands of years ago. When first uncovered the reptile was torpid. When brought to the light, however, it showed more signs of life. There is no evidence that it has been affected injuriously by its long fast and imprisonment in the solid rock.

WOOD REACHES FAIR AFTER TRAMP FROM LOS ANGELES

SEATTLE, June 16.—After tramping 1548 miles over country roads A. Wood and wife of Los Angeles, just arrived here to see the fair. They left Los Angeles April 4 without funds and raised the money by giving entertainments while enroute.

Woods and his wife stopped two days in Medford giving an entertainment at the Bijou while here.

WOULD FURNISH CITY WITH HEAT LIGHT AND POWER

E. A. Marsh, Who Promoted the Citizens' Telephone Company Asks for Blanket Franchise From Council.

ORDINANCE REFERRED TO LIGHT AND WATER COMMITTEE

Does Not State Who Parties Are Other Than That They Are From Washington.

E. A. Marsh, the promoter of the Citizens' Telephone company, presented an ordinance to the city council Tuesday evening asking for a blanket franchise for the Medford Light, Heat & Power Co. to construct, equip and maintain an electric light and power system in Medford for 10 years. The ordinance, which names no rates to be charged, was referred to the light and water committee.

Who the Medford Light, Heat & Power company is, was not stated. Mr. Marsh, in a brief statement, asserted that the parties interested were from the state of Washington and would arrive here the latter part of the week to take the matter up with the council. From other sources it is stated that the promoters are connected with the power plant at Snoqualmie Falls, which supplies Tacoma with electricity. It is asserted that they have secured a power site on the Rogue river.

The following is the franchise requested:

The Franchise.

"An ordinance granting to the Medford Light, Heat & Power Co., their heirs, successors or assigns, the right to construct, erect, maintain and operate in the city of Medford, county of Jackson, state of Oregon, and in the streets, alleys, avenues and thoroughfares thereof, wires, conductors and all other appliances for the transmission of electricity for electric lights, electric heating and power, for the purposes of carrying on an electric light, heat and power business in said city.

Section 1—The rights and privileges are hereby granted to the Medford Light, Heat & Power Co., their heirs, successors or assigns, to construct, maintain and operate in the city of Medford, county of Jackson, state of Oregon, including all the streets, alleys, avenues and thoroughfares thereof, poles, wires and other conductors which may be necessary for the transmission of electricity for all the purposes herein set forth, mentioned and described, and to make the necessary excavations, construct and build and maintain an electric light, heat and power service, and to do an electric light, heat and power business in said city.

"Such wires, poles and other fixtures and appliances commonly used in such work and construction are to be placed in proper places as the case may require, and such poles and other fixtures and appliances shall be set in place and maintained so as not to interfere with the free use of said streets, alleys, avenues and highways.

Section 2—It shall be lawful for said grantees, their heirs, successors or assigns, to make needful repairs and excavations in any of the streets, alleys, avenues and highways in the city of Medford, for the purpose of erecting poles, placing wires, cables and other appliances and fixtures, and to maintain the same for the

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EVERY YOUNG LADY NOW CAN GET FREE TRIP

Get 30 Yearly Subscribers to Daily Tribune or 100 Yearly Subscribers Southern Oregonian.

SUCCESSFUL ONES WILL BE SENT TO THE FAIR

Call and Get Receipt Books Today—Now Is the Opportune Time to Get Into the Race.

Commencing today The Medford Daily Tribune opens to all the young ladies of Medford and contiguous territory a way by which any one and all can take a week's vacation and see the Seattle fair, as our guests, and at the same time put themselves in line for one of the big capital prizes in our popular voting contest now running.

This is the offer:

To every young lady securing to The Medford Daily Tribune 30 yearly subscriptions, two six months' to count the same as one for a year, will be given a week's outing at the Seattle fair, with all expenses paid. The same offer will apply to any one securing 100 yearly subscriptions to the Southern Oregonian.

Sure of a Trip.

This gives each and every young lady entering the contest the assurance that if she secures the required number of above mentioned subscriptions, that she will have a week's trip to the Seattle fair as our guest. The trip to the fair will include all expenses, such as tickets to the attractions in the fair and on the Pay Streak, hotel accommodations while in Seattle, all transportation, sightseeing trips and trips on the sound. It will be one solid week of sightseeing and pleasure, and is now within the grasp of any young lady who has a little spare time to devote to the securing of these subscriptions. Thirty yearly subscriptions are not many and can be secured very easily, if one will but think so. You do not have to secure all new ones, as either new or old will entitle you to the trip. The only restriction placed on this offer is that you secure them between now and the time the contest closes, on July 17, 1909. In taking up this work contestants/also stand the chance of becoming the winners of one of the four capital prizes that are being offered to the young ladies of Medford and contiguous territory.

Young ladies intending entering themselves to secure one of these trips should do so at once, as the earlier you start the more territory you have to work on.

Other Offers Hold.

This special offer will in no way conflict with the capital prizes of the contest, but is given in addition to the five prize trips to Yosemite and Yellowstone.

The price of The Medford Daily Tribune is as follows:

One month's subscription by carrier, 50 cents; by mail, 50 cents. Three months' subscription by carrier, \$1.50; by mail, \$1.25. Six months' subscription by carrier, \$3; by mail, \$2.50. One year's subscription by carrier, \$6; by mail, \$5. Two years' subscription by carrier, \$12; by mail, \$10. Five years' subscription by carrier, \$30; by mail, \$25. One year's subscription, Southern Oregonian, by mail only, \$1.50; five

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