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TELEPHONE CO. GETS INCREASE IN RATES

In official order No. 616 of the public service commission of Oregon, the Independence Telephone Company is given permission to raise its rates in Independence and Monmouth and to charge a toll between the two towns named and Dallas. The telephone company gets what it asked for and the public who asked for service is given no guarantee that it will get it. Thus again does a corporation triumph over a people by the edict of a body of men elected by the people to protect the interests of the people.

Permission is given for a raise of approximately fifty cents a month in Independence and Monmouth and farm line switching is placed at fifty cents with a minimum rental of three dollars.

A mass of figures is presented in order to justify the contention that the telephone company at present rates is losing money. We do not know who did the "figgering." It may be right, but what displeases the patrons is not receiving any assurance that the service will be worth the price. Nowhere in the order is there any penalty provided if a patron doesn't get what he pays for. If you send a dollar to a merchant for sugar you get the sugar or your money back. Give the telephone company three dollars for service and whether you get it or not, you pay just the same.

Says the order is one place: "That in the absence of a fully qualified commercial representative, stationed at either either of these exchanges, such complaints as may arise in connection with the operation of a utility of this character should be promptly transmitted to the manager at Dallas." Thank goodness, the right to kick has not been taken away.

We suppose the public service commission would say it was "impractical" and "socialistic" if someone would suggest this remedy: That each time a telephone subscriber failed to receive adequate service, he deduct twenty five cents from his rental just as he would do if he ordered one dollar's worth of sugar, got seventy five cents' worth, and received a bill for a dollar. If the telephone company could prove before the commission that it did give full service, the subscriber would be ordered to pay in full. Just switch the present order of things and give the people the benefit of the doubt instead of the corporation.

HI SCHOOL GYMNASIUM TO BE BUILT SOON

The construction of the Independence high school gymnasium will be begun in the early fall. Bids for the construction of the building are being advertised now, to be opened the first week in August. Messrs. Fletcher, Penza and McLean, board members, and C. G. Irvine, clerk, went to Salem one night this week and had a conference with an architect.

The U. S. official census gives Corvallis a population of 5782 and Albany 4840.

The Independence city council has looked over the sidewalks and some new ones must be built.

The Independence-Salem road on the west side is now open. The paving is completed from West Salem to Brunk's Corner.

MICKIE SAYS

EVERY WUNST IN A WHILE SOME FELLER DRABS IN A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING TWO OR THREE YARDS LONG 'AT NOBODY GIVES A WHOOP ABOUT ONLY HISSELF 'N THEN HE GOES OFF MAD BECUZ WE WONT PRINT IT! HOLY SMOKE! WE'VE GOTTA PUT STUFF IN THE PAPER 'AT EVERYBODY IS INTERESTED IN—ER WED SOON BE ALL OUTA LUCK 'N SUBSCRIBERS 'N MONEY 'N EVERYTHING!



MISS VIVIAN WHITEAKER WEDS PORTLAND MAN

Surprising their many friends to whom they gave no intimation of their intention, Miss Vivian Whiteaker and Mr. Kenneth Honeyman were married in Portland last Friday evening. The ceremony, which was characterized by simplicity, was performed at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Good at 1141 Park street. The Episcopal service was read by a prominent Rector in the presence of only a few close friends. Mrs. Honeyman is the daughter of the late G. W. and Mrs. Nancy Whiteaker. For the past few months she has made her home in Portland. She is a charming type of womanhood, dainty and petite, and is extremely fortunate in cleverly winning the admiration of her associates. She has always been an arbiter among the "younger set." She is descended from one of Oregon's early governors, Mr. Honeyman, too, is well connected, being a member of a pioneer family of Portland. He is at present connected with an automobile firm in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Honeyman were here the first of the week and received the congratulations of their many friends. They expect to pass the month of August at Long Beach, Wash., and along the Oregon coast, after which they will make their home at 82 East Twenty-Seventh street, Portland.

CITY AND COUNTRY

The Monmouth Herald has Geo. W. Werline "retiring." Not on your life.

Mrs. Vernon Brown of Portland has been visiting relatives and friends in south Polk this week.

The entire force at the Independence Creamery is scheduled to quit, resign or lose their jobs the first of August.

The "K" boys, who attended encampment at Camp Lewis, returned the first of the week. It was quite a lark and they enjoyed it.

Several Independence people saw Mrs. E. K. Denison of Salem killed when struck by an automobile last night in Salem. Her husband was seriously injured.

The Elks have been holding their state convention in Salem this week and a large number of our people have been in attendance. There are a number of Elks in Independence, members of the Salem lodge, and most of them were over to "hello Bill" with their comrades.

SUNDAY JULY 25—(Afternoon and Evening.)

CHESTER CONKLIN IN PERSON

With his own big Jazz Orchestra, his beautiful bathing girls and Art Penny in the biggest and best musical revue ever shown here. See ad elsewhere.

—ALSO—

MAY ALLISON

in "THE CHEATER."

She cheated him, she cheated herself, she cheated the world; that's why people called her "The Cheater." A woman's soul laid bare and a man torn on the torturing rack of lies. It's a play that will make you think, wonder and thrill with the shock of an astounding situation.

Jeff and Mutt Comedy and Fox News

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, JULY 26-27

"Heart of a Gypsy"

A charming story of a beautiful girl who answered the call of the wild. A strange romance and a baffling mystery wonderfully told.

Also the thirteenth episode of the great serial,

'Smashing Barriers'

"THE DEADFALL."

A smashing melodrama of risk and romance in the great outdoors, in the lumber camps, the football field and the mountains. 15 weeks of adventure!

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JULY 28-29

LEW CODY

in "ARE YOU LEGALLY MARRIED?"

The church said they were! He believed they were! She "knew" they were! The baby took it for granted! But the law says NO! A revelation every man, woman and child should see. It made Los Angeles stop, look and listen. A pictorial sensation.

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

FRIDAY, JULY 30

NORMA TALMADGE

in "THE PROBATION WIFE."

A story of New York life, from the dregs to the cream, from the Bowery to Millionaire Row. From a dance hall to the penitentiary. After two years in the pen, escape, and then—the Probation Wife!

MRS. JOE MARTIN in "Over the Transom."

SATURDAY, JULY 31

"A Little Brother of the Rich"

Written by Joseph Medill Patterson, whose sensational play was the talk of millions of people in every representative city thruout America. A triply fascinating story of Society and the footlights that will send you away from the theatre in thrills of joy. Kathryn Adams and Frank Mayo.

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

CITY AND COUNTRY

Riley Craven of Dallas has declined to accept the Democratic nomination for float representative.

"There will be a big demand for Fordsons this fall in this section," says F. C. McLean of the Ace Garage. He is hoping that he can get enough to supply the demand, but like it is with the Ford car, the first come the first served.

The Sheridan ball team failed to show up here Sunday afternoon, but there was a game just the same. A nine of "has beens" was promptly organized and made the regulars sweat for four or five innings at which time the game was called because of other engagements. The score was 10 to 3, but the "has beens" are unanimous of the opinion that had the contest gone the limit, results would have been different.

70c FOR HOP PICKERS

Hop pickers will get 70c a box for picking this year. This year's crop being considerably larger than that of the past two seasons, much more help will be required.

FIFTY-FIFTY VICTORY IS TURNED INTO COMPLETE ONE

Judge McCourt, who rendered a fifty-fifty decision in the Polk county highway controversy several days ago, re-opened the case Monday and reversed his former decision relative to the restraining order against the state highway commission to prevent the construction of a paved road from Amity to Rickreall before the Pacific highway is built thru Independence and Dallas. As it now stands the highway must be built thru the two towns named and the commission must quit building the Rickreall route.

The Observer says: "The outcome will be good news to this section, which has suffered decidedly at the hands of the state highway commission. Desiring to construct the Pacific highway along the route selected by the commission, and not according to legislative acts the commission located the highway some miles from Dallas and has been rushing work on the so-called Holmes gap road. It is charged that every available man has been at work on this road, which it now develops has been illegally located and illegally constructed. This of course, presupposing that the supreme court upholds the decision of Judge McCourt.

"Many will not understand this decision without some explanation. For some days the daily papers have been filled with news of the supreme court decision on the Douglas county case, in which the commission was upheld. It has been generally concluded that this decision virtually decided against the stand made by this county. But such is not the case. Attorneys for Dallas and Independence point out that their contention is that the highway commission construct the road thru Dallas and Independence, according to legislative act. It is not held that the route into the towns can be named, but it is contended that the Pacific highway must pass thru both Dallas and Independence.

"The big point of difference in the Douglas county case was that in it the contention was made that the road must pass thru Riddle, a town, because the highway must follow the regular county highways. It was this point that the supreme court overruled."

TWO ELDERLY MEN PASS TO THE GREAT BEYOND

William E. Hall, age 74, died at the Dallas hospital this morning. He lived at Buena Vista and had a large number of relatives in this community.

Hiram A. Newman, age 88, died at the home of his son, C. H. Newman, at Monmouth Monday. Funeral services were held Wednesday.

AUTOMOBILES STILL RUN MERCHANTS' CAR ON WAY

A little gasoline gets into town frequently. The fluid is a scarce article around the selling stations, there seems just as many automobiles running as in days gone by.

Independence merchants have a car on the way here. It was expected to arrive the first of the week, but got switched off somewhere. It will probably get here Monday or Tuesday.

INDEPENDENCE BOY WINS FRENCH BRIDE

When in France Cyril Richardson not only received a machine gun bullet wound in the left arm while on the Argonne front, but about this same time he received a heart stab from Cupid's arrow. The machine gun wound healed after some confinement in base hospitals "over there" and several months at the Presidio near San Francisco, but it was not until last Sunday the "heart trouble" was entirely appeased. At this time Mademoiselle Yvonne Brun became his bride. The romance began at Aix les Bains, France, about two years ago while Cyril was with the 41st Division, A. E. F., doing military police duty in that city. When "Mr." and "Mlle." met, said she, "Parlez-vous Francais?" Said he, "Tres peu" —but soon he developed into a splendid speaker of French and she, too, acquired the conversational run of the English tongue. But while they were learning the spoken language of the two countries so far apart, the heart language was the same and they did not fail to understand it.

Mlle. Brun came to America to meet her hero, arriving in Portland June 13. They were married at high noon last Sunday at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson, on 431 E. 10th street, Portland. The living rooms were prettily decorated in Summer blossoms and foliage. An altar of wild flowers and Oregon ferns was improvised and the tri-colored flag of France and the Stars and Stripes of America combined with flowers formed the arch beneath which the American youth and the French Mademoiselle plighted their troth. The wedding service was read by Dr. J. R. N. Bell of Corvallis, grandfather of the groom. The wedding march was played by the groom's mother, Mrs. J. W. Richardson, who also sang "Because Your Heart Is Mine." The bride, who is reputed to be very beautiful, was gowned in a becoming robe of white crepe-de-chene, smartly beaded. Her bridal bouquet was of white carnations.

At present they are at home at 431 E. 10th street, Portland. At the beginning of the school year they will go to Corvallis where the groom expects to resume his studies at O. A. C.

Cyril was born and raised here and has a number of friends who wish him an abundance of happiness. These same friends watched with interest his record overseas. It will be interesting to recall this event: "On the morning of July 23 they were ordered to advance thru Argonne forest after American artillery had opened a barrage with 5000 guns. It was during this fight that Richardson dodging across No Man's Land with ammunition for an automatic gunner hidden in a shell hole, was himself hit by a machine gun bullet in the left forearm. Making his way back to the trench he had left, the commanding officer dispatched another man with him to walk to the dressing station in the rear. When he arrived there his arm was dressed temporarily, but he was told that weak as he was, he would have to walk back to the next station as the ambulances could not come that far front. Just at that time the Germans opened a bombardment, and for an hour he was forced to lie wounded in a dugout.

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