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TELEPHONE MERGER

Sunset Company has Purchased Home Plants at Tacoma and Bellingham

Tacoma Wash., Dec. 26.—That the Tacoma and Bellingham exchanges of the Home Telephone Company will be consolidated with the Sunset exchanges in the two cities and that the consolidation will go into effect Saturday was announced by W. J. Phillips, commercial superintendent of the Northern division of the Sunset company Friday.

Tacoma and Bellingham will be free tomorrow morning from the dual telephone system. The Sunset company became the actual owner of the Tacoma and Bellingham branches of the Home Telephone company of Puget Sound today, when the sale at public auction was confirmed by Federal Judge Rudkin. The sum of \$483,000 was in the bank to conclude the exchange of moneys. The upset price paid 10 days ago was \$67,000, the total being \$550,000.

Buncom Reports.

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

We had a fine snow storm during Xmas.

Mrs. Pat Swayne is quite sick at this writing.

The shooting match at Ruch last Sunday turned out nicely.

Joe Goldsby and son Bert, Oren Coffman and E. Forman were in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cameron and little daughter Virginia were in Medford last week.

A. S. Kleinhammer and family spent Xmas with R. G. Jennings and family. W. R. Garrett was in Medford last week.

Miss Ella Parks is spending Holidays with home folks.

Joe D. Daly who has been spending a few months with his children in Idaho is expected here by the first.

Losing Money Handling Eggs

Coryvallis, Or., Dec. 29.—That the poultry producers of the country are losing vast sums of money through improper handling and marketing of eggs is the contention of Prof. James Dryden of the Oregon Agricultural College, who has made a special study of the marketing question, and has some valuable remedial measures to suggest.

He estimates that about 17 per cent of the value of the eggs is lost by improper handling, which is a loss of \$100,000,000 a year to the United States. At that rate the loss to Oregon would be half a million dollars. A government expert has figured the loss on a basis of 2 per cent for dirties, 2 for breakage, 5 for chick development, 5 for shrunk or held eggs, 2 1/2 for rotten eggs and 1/2 for mouldy or bad flavoured eggs. Needless to say a large part of this loss could be saved by care in handling.

If properly marketed Oregon eggs produced by farm hens could easily sell for \$4.40 a dozen in Portland if they were properly marketed. Farmers trade the eggs off to the merchants of local stores for \$2.25 a dozen, and when laid they are as good as those the city purchaser pays \$4.40 a dozen for. But by the time they get to the city they are worth no more than the original \$2.25 a dozen, plus the freight. Why? They were mixed by the storekeeper with eggs of all sizes all degrees of staleness and dirt, and shipped in leisurely fashion, and afterward passed through several hands. In certain seasons of the year it is common to test out 15 per cent as fit only for fertilizer. Not many businesses can stand such a loss.

There are too many profits to pay, too, between producer and consumer—the farmer, shipper, commission man, jobber, slaughter house man, and retailer all must have their "rake off", putting the final price of chicken out of reach of the slender purse. Some 10 per cent is thus added to the 17 per cent loss by handling, making 27 per cent loss to the farmer. Small wonder that some people say "poultry don't pay!"

Just received a full line of gentlemen's furnishing goods and notions. SID M. NICHOL.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Of City Council Held Friday. Twenty-Four Ordinances Adopted.

The city council, pursuant to adjournment met Friday evening Dec. 22. Present Mayor Shaw; Councilmen Britt, Dunford, Fick and Grieve; Recorder Dox.

Remonstrance against making the improvement on Oregon St. from 'E' St. to north boundary line of city was read and after some discussion the council by unanimous vote ordered the improvement made notwithstanding the remonstrance filed.

Remonstrances against making the proposed improvements on Park and 'G' streets were read and after considerable discussion the matter was laid over until some future time.

Ordinances numbered 140 to 165 inclusive except 161 and 162, were then regularly introduced, read and under a suspension of the rules passed by the unanimous vote of all the members of the council.

Council then adjourned.

Alaska Mines.

The total value of Alaska's mineral production since mining first began in 1880 is, in round numbers, \$206,000,000 or more than twenty-nine times the sum paid to Russia for the Territory. Of this amount \$195,959,600 represents the total value of the gold production. Alaska produced its first copper some ten years ago, since which time the Territory has contributed 56,700,000 pounds of this metal, valued at \$8,170,000. About 40 per cent of this total amount was produced in 1911.

The favorable showing made by the Alaska mining industry during the year is due, first, to the very large output of copper and second, to the greater production, compared with 1910, of the gold placer mines in the Innoko-Iditarod region.

For the very best in cigars and tobacco C. Shaw.

MINERS NOTICE—Notice of Location both Quartz and Placer, for sale at this office, JACKSONVILLE POST.

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers.

PORTLAND LETTER

Head of Hill Lines Expresses Faith in Oregon.

Portland, Or., Dec. 23(Special)—Central Oregon's opportunity is shown in a recent address of President Carl R. Gray, of the Hill lines in this territory, who pointed to that section as the coming granary of the Pacific Northwest. He said five counties in the interior have four times the area of Maryland, with one-thirtieth its population and more than one-half that of Iowa with one-sixtieth its population.

From this great area in future, he believes, will come large quantities of wheat. The United States crop is decreasing and here is the chance for Central Oregon to supply this much needed commodity.

Wheat exports have been cut more than half in two years, showing the American surplus to be rapidly diminishing. In President Gray's opinion Central Oregon's future is brightest as a wheat growing district.

With the object of assisting farmers along its lines, the O.W.R. and N.C. has appointed an experienced agriculturist, creating a new department. C. L. Smith, a practical farmer has been named for the position. He will spend much of his time among the farmers by the railroad system, getting into close touch with their needs, and helping them solve their problems. All officials of the road will co-operate to aid the farmers.

Oregon retail hardware and implement dealers will meet in Portland January 23-25 for the annual convention. Trade problems will be discussed and ideas exchanged for mutual benefit. About 400 merchants are expected to attend.

The new railroad from Vail westward, an extension of the Oregon Shortline, will soon be accomplished, and all arrangements have been made to start construction. It is expected work will be continued throughout the winter months.

Amateur breeders will be encouraged to enter well bred animals in the annual show of the Northwest Angora Goat Association at Dallas' January 3-5. Attractive prizes are offered and the exhibits promise to be the best ever assembled in this state. People of the whole Northwest will be interested.

A deep sea fishing industry may soon be added to Oregon activities. Owners of the estate of the late R. D. Hume are likely to carry forward the plans left by Mr Hume for placing in service a fleet of fishing craft on the banks off the Oregon coast for taking halibut and other valuable food fish.

That the Pacific Northwest need not take second place with any other section of the country in feeding and fattening livestock is shown by the recent killing of a 2100-pound steer at the Portland stockyards that dressed out 72.14. So far as known this is the best percentage ever shown anywhere. The champion steer at the recent National Livestock show in Chicago dressed 68.2 per cent.

A Free Note Book

We take pleasure in announcing that any of our readers can secure a pretty vest pocket note book and calendar by sending 4 one cent stamps to D. Swift and Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C. In addition to the 44 blank pages for memoranda, it contains calendars for 1912 and 1913, the population of the 600 largest cities, 20 in each state according to the census of 1910 the population and area of each of 1910 the number of electors of each state presidential electors received from each state in 1908, the number of Democrats and Republicans elected to Congress by each state in 1908 and 1910 a chapter of useful household information, and a chapter of useful law points for every day use. This book would cost 25 cents at a book store.

Electric Sparks.

Philadelphia is going to have a business administration, with experts to fill the expert positions and not a single boss or ward politician consulted. That's the way to advertise.

Mr. Gary the Steel trust boss wants a commission to curb the trusts, but who is going to curb the commission?

Of course there can't be as much politics in Canada as in the United States, but all things considered, there is as much as seven or eight million

people can carry.

Bryan says he wants to see the day when no matter which way the election goes the people will win. Does the man really hope to run on both tickets at the same time before he dies?

That Minnesota man who claims to have lost money dealing with Rockefeller is merely one of about 90,000,000.

Detective Burns will have all the work he can attend to in his regular profession, with probably a few magazine contracts on the side.

One admirable feature about the Shakespeare-Bacon investigation is that it is not conducted at the expense of the ultimate consumer or tax payer.

Mr. Roosevelt's enemies and friends may as well understand that they are dealing with a man who will not be bullied into taking backtalk or a presidential nomination.

Every woman would study geography if she had the boundry lines worked on her work or hemstitched.

A girl can get a lot more by pouting during the courtship than she can by shouting after marriage.

It takes a bride with a vivid imagination to keep on believing it is still the honeymoon when she is busy at the wash tub.

The confession in the McNamara case has interested Detective Burns so much that he would like to have some more.

The police officer who thinks he will solve a murder mystery by following a clue suggested by a dream should be advised that even Sherlock Holmes never dreamed of such a thing.

The way women who have killed off their husbands are being acquitted may well make lawyers fear a falling off in divorce business.

THE COURT HOUSE

Items of Interest to Jackson County Tax Payers

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Leo J. Halbrook and Ethel Ends. Harvey H. DeArmond and Mable Emily Collins. Clyde C. Shaw and Isabel Collins. William W. Wilson and Winnifred Lowe. F. E. Wahl and Velma A. Rowe. Arthur J. Fawcett and Alberta Rogers. Levi Pressler and Josei Connolly. Chas. S. Hebrass and Ida Ditsworth. L. C. Shaw and Nora Pearl Stonebraker. Albert Young and Mabel Goth. John Anderson and Laura Fattig. J. E. Glover and Cora Gorham. Raymond E. McCoy and Rival Moreland. Fred J. Fick and Nellie V. Williams. C. Carl Clark and Bessie R. Herbert. J. L. Stevens and Maggie Adams. Albert C. Lichens and Georgina Medina. Guy Cableigh and Bertha Ditsworth. Harry Courroy and Lourda Beck.

CIRCUIT COURT

Farmers and Fruitgrowers' bank vs L. W. Smith; action for money; order overruling demurrer. H. Jenkins vs City of Medford; jury returned a verdict for the city. Sylvester Patterson et al. vs City of Medford; judgment for defendant. Garnett-Corey Hardware company vs J. A. McIntosh; judgment by default. Sarah E. Clay vs. Daniel E. Clay; divorce; decree by default. Anna Roberts vs Charles S. Roberts; divorce; decree by default. L. M. Lyon vs J. R. Poole; suit to quiet title; decree for plaintiff. Effie vs. Helling vs John Helling; suit for divorce; decree by default. City of Ashland vs. Rogue River Electric company; notice of appeal filed.

NEW CASES.

M. E. Young vs Al Tate. Action to recover money. Complaint, affidavit and undertaking for attachment. W. J. Beacom vs W. H. Rardon Action for contribution. Complaint, affidavit and undertaking for attachment. R. S. Hawk vs Prospect Construction Co. Action to recover money. Complaint filed. Petition for appointment of guardian. Norman L. Hawk vs same. Same. G. C. Garrett vs O. W. Lyon. Suit for an accounting. Complaint filed summons. A. P. Goodwin vs Al Tate, et al. Suit for injunction. Complaint filed. Lizzie Campbell vs Geo. E. Chamberlain. Suit to foreclose mortgage. Complaint filed. I. J. Parton vs J. M. Rader, et al. Suit to rescind contract. Complaint filed. Bessie Heinz vs Edward Heinz. Suit for divorce. Complaint filed.

WEDDING BELLS

For Fred J. Fick of this city Married Christmas Day

On Christmas day at the Presbyterian church in Medford, Fred J. Fick the popular contractor and builder of this city, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Nellie V. Williams. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Weston A. Shields, pastor of the church in the presence of a number of friends of the bride and groom.

The happy couple left for Portland where the honeymoon will be spent. They will make this city their residence and will be at home here after February 15. With them into the State of Matrimony go the good wishes of a host of friends.

Wants 50 Convicts Next Year.

Salem, Or., Dec. 18.—Planning to inaugurate an entirely new system of road construction by doing away with the plan of road district taxation in vogue throughout the state and building roads through county funds exclusively, County Judge William S. Worthen and Commissioners C. G. Merrill and S. T. Summers, Klamath County, waited on Acting Governor Olcott and asked for an assignment of 50 convicts for next year to Klamath County.

The plans of the county court there contemplate construction of a network and spiderweb of roads which will include an extension of every thoroughfare, with macadam roads out of Klamath Falls in every direction, including the extension of the Crater Lake, Bonanza, Merrill, Ashland and Keno roads. Construction will be at an expense of over \$100,000 on mountain roads.

A Splendid Structure

The new Opal Point bridge across Rogue river at the Riverside ranch is a very beautiful steel structure and is said to be the longest bridge in Jackson county, as it is 910 feet total length, and is eighteen feet wide. It is a 250-foot span between the two main cement piers on each side of the river, and is 20 feet above the low water mark. It is situated in a very beautiful and also a rather historical place, as there was a large Indian battle fought at the point where the bridge is built to the land on the west side. Some of the old timers that were in the battle are still living in the valley.—Mail Tribune

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