

ULTIMATUMS FLY FROM COUNCIL

PACIFIC TELEPHONE MUST PUT IN NEW ALARM OR CITY PHONES COME OUT

TWENTY FOUR HOUR LIMIT FIXED

City Fathers Have Lively Debate But Order Company To Take Transmitter Box Or Expect Trouble

The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company was given 24 hours by the Oregon City council Wednesday night to consent to the installation of the transmitter box of the new city fire alarm system in its offices.

If the company refuses, the council will on Friday morning order the instant removal of all Pacific States Phones from the various offices and branch of the city government, and will order them replaced by telephones of the Home company.

Council Votes As A Body.

This ultimatum was ordered delivered to the telephone company by unanimous vote of the city fathers after a lively debate, in which Councilman Lane, chairman of the fire committee, rehearsed the efforts that he has been making for the past six months to make arrangement for the installation of two transmitter boxes in connection with the new automatic alarm system.

The Home Telephone company early in the proceeding expressed a willingness to have one of the boxes placed in its offices, but the Pacific States company has steadfastly maintained that it did not want the responsibility.

Ultimatum Issued.

Being in the mood for issuing ultimatums, the city fathers also ordered the fire committee to install the second transmitter box in the office of the city filtration plant, if the Pacific States company did not recede from its stand.

The board of water commissioners have steadfastly refused to consent to this plan, setting forth that the employees at the filtration plant had too much to do as it is, without assuming the added responsibility of the fire alarm system. The council is said to have no power to compel the water commissioners to do anything, but can remove them from office.

The transmitter boxes, over which all the trouble has arisen, are parts of the Gamewell system, which is to be installed, and are used to sound the box numbers over the alarm circuit when calls are rung in by citizens.

NUISANCES BANNED; ORDERS ARE GIVEN

Members of the police and health committees of the Oregon City council were Wednesday evening empowered to declare the Seventh Street livery barn a public nuisance, and to order its vacation within 30 days unless the place was at once cleaned up and put in a sanitary condition.

The barn was declared to be a violation of all the provisions of the recently enacted barn ordinance, and to be a menace to the community. Refuse from the structure, it was said, created a plague spot and a breeding place for flies; and its close proximity to a candy factory was declared to add to the danger to public health.

The Rev. E. A. Smith, one of the citizens who complained against the building, denounced it as a firetrap, and said that because of its condition he was forced to pay a higher rate of insurance on his house than were people who lived farther away from the structure.

The council, at the meeting where the above action was taken, also instructed the Oregon Engineering & Construction company to raze the ruins of the Elkhorn barn and adjoining buildings, recently destroyed by fire, to clean out the rubbish left after the blaze, and to charge the expense of the work to the property owner.

CITY TURNS DOWN COMPANY CONTRACT

A contract submitted by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to the city council Wednesday night, in relation to the placing of power wires upon the tower of the public elevator, was summarily sent back to the power concern by the special elevator committee because it did not protect the city from damages.

One clause of the contract agreed that the power company would hold its city "harmless from any accident or injuries sustained by employees of the company," but Councilman Meyers insisted that was desired was a clause that would indemnify the city against accidents to citizens, and not to company employees.

DOGS KILL 50 RATS IN 20 MINUTES AND GIVE UP EXHAUSTED

B. F. Oglesby told the city council Wednesday night that there are no many rats on the city garbage dump that when he visited the place last week accompanied by his two terriers the dogs killed 50 of the rodents in 20 minutes, and they only quit because they were exhausted.

After hearing this the council ordered City Health Officer Norris to make an investigation, to determine if there was not some way by which the refuse could be destroyed by chemicals or burning. It was declared that the rats were propagating so rapidly that they threatened to become a plague and over-run the city, spreading disease with them in their migrations.

MOTHER SO POORLY

Could Hardly Care for Children - Finds Health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Bovina Center, N.Y. - "For six years I have not had as good health as I have now. I was very young when my first baby was born and my health was very bad after that. I was not regular and I had pains in my back and was so poorly that I could hardly take care of my two children. I doctored with several doctors but got no better. They told me there was no help without an operation. I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has helped me wonderfully. I do most of my own work now and take care of my children. I recommend your remedies to all suffering women."

Mrs. WILLARD A. GRAHAM, Care of ELSWORTH TUTTLE, Bovina Center, N.Y. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs, and today holds the record of being the most successful remedy we know for women's ills. If you need such a medicine why don't you try it?

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

NEW POSTOFFICE NEEDS SET FORTH

"Oregon City certainly needs new postal accommodations," declared Paul E. Keyser, the personal representative of the department at the eleventh annual convention of rural letter carriers' association Monday.

The quickest way to get the new building would be for some of the men of the city to erect one and rent spaces to the government. It is a hard task to get an appropriation bill through congress and it is becoming harder all the time. But there is, to my mind, no question that you need a new office."

During his stay in the city, the local authorities and members of the commercial club took him through the postoffice and showed him the conditions under which the government employees here are now working. He saw the crowded quarters and was given an opportunity to go through the entire place.

His opinion was given to the members of the local force officers he had thoroughly inspected the building and seen the conditions as they are now. The friends of the new postoffice movement, however, are determined to bring the matter before the attention of congress and will ask the representatives and senators in this state to take all of the action that they can to get the successful report on such a bill from the committee.

They believe that the city needs a new federal building just as much as do some of the towns much smaller than Oregon City and that the time has come when congress should take some official action in the matter. They declared Monday to the Washington official that they had not yet begun to fight and proposed to carry the battle again through the halls of congress.

PREACHER ORGANIZES NEW SWEDISH CHURCH

A new Swedish Methodist Episcopal church has been organized in the city by Rev. John Oval, of Portland, the missionary among the Scandinavians of Oregon and southern Washington. A considerable number of the Swedish population in Oregon City and the surrounding towns have joined the new church as its charter members.

A ladies' aid society has also been formed with its officers and a program of work has been outlined. The officers of the society are Mrs. G. O. Mollin, president; Mrs. G. A. Lisberg, secretary; Mrs. Fred Erickson, treasurer.

The church services will be held at the First Methodist church on the first Sunday in each month at 2 o'clock and the last Thursday evening of the month. The meeting of the society will be held monthly.

Advertisement for CHICHESTER SPILLS, featuring a portrait of a woman and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

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