

MACKAY CALLS OFF TELEGRAPH TRUST

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POSTAL OUT FOR BUSINESS

Talked of "Billion Dollar" Merger Collapses When Announcement Is Made That Western Union Has Competition Most Keen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Just to please the public, as it were, the Mackay companies are going to sell their holdings in the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, which in turn controls the Western Union.

When several months ago the American Telephone & Telegraph Company bought George Gould's stock in the Western Union, carrying practical control, it was pointed out that the Mackay companies held approximately 22,000 shares of the telephone stock.

Mackay Denies Merger. Clarence H. Mackay, head of the Mackay companies, was quick to deny that any merger had been consummated or was even under consideration but the rumor would not drop.

Now comes the announcement of the decision of the Mackay companies to sell their holdings in the American Telephone & Telegraph Company was agreed upon at the annual meeting of the companies in Boston today.

A statement explaining the action was issued in New York tonight by C. G. Adams, vice-president of the Postal Telegraph Company. The statement says:

The Mackay companies will sell their holdings of stock in the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, that step being taken in accordance with public opinion which views with suspicion of a large holding of stock in a company which has recently purchased the control of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Why Stock Was Acquired. Moreover, that stock was acquired by the Mackay Company with a view to bringing about economies in the construction and maintenance of joint pole lines over long stretches of country, where the business was not sufficient to justify either company's carrying an independent pole line by itself.

Many such economies have been made each company constructing one-half of the pole line, but having nothing to do with the maintenance of the same. Since, however, the American Telephone & Telegraph Company acquired control of the Western Union Company, the time has come for the Mackay companies to dispose of their stock in the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. That will be done.

The Postal Telegraph system will continue to be independent and prepared to maintain the competition which it has furnished for 25 years.

BILL AIMED AT HAZING

SENATE PASSES MEASURE WITHOUT VOICE OF DISSENT. Amendment to Harbor Bill, Providing for Sluiceway Improvements, to Be Offered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Without a word spoken in opposition, the Senate today passed a bill designed to deal with the vexed question of hazing at West Point. The author of the measure is Senator Charles McNary, of Oregon, who provides that the superintendent of the academy shall make appropriate regulations for putting a stop to hazing.

A case charged with offenses would involve his dismissal from the academy is to have a general court-martial.

The rivers and harbors bill, carrying appropriations aggregating more than \$25,000,000, passed the House. No important amendment to the bill was made.

An amendment to appropriate \$260,000 for improvements at the mouth of the Sluiceway River will be offered. The Port of Sluiceway Association has agreed to furnish an equivalent sum for the improvements consisting of two jetties and dredging to obtain a depth of eight feet at the entrance of the river may be made.

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In the Senate Mr. Burckett, in a set speech, contended for the constitutionality of the Postal Savings Bank bill and Senator Crawford traced the high prices of commodity to the augmentation of the gold supply. The Senate passed several bills, among which were measures to prohibit the misrepresentation regarding the Government guaranty of foods and medicines.

Should the administration railroad bill pass Congress in its present form it would discriminate in favor of steam railroads and absolutely crush out electrical lines, according to witnesses before the House Commerce committee today.

A paragraph in the bill would give the Interstate Commerce Commission power to fix a joint and a through rate on steam lines. No mention is made of electric roads.

"Why should our railroads be deprived of transacting a commercial railroad business?" asked the president of an Iowa electric road, "simply because it has an electric wire strung over its tracks?"

Theft of Horse Is Charged. BURNS, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Neil Culver, young man who has been dealing in horses in this region, was arrested Saturday on complaint of Grant Thompson, a prominent stock raiser in the eastern part of the county, who accuses Culver with having in his possession and offering for sale horses belonging to Mr. Thompson. There has been considerable horse stealing going on in this county and Dalhousie, and it is thought there is an organized gang.

Broken Track Is Patched. DAYTON, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Traffic will be resumed on the O. R. & N. line between Walla Walla and Star-

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"Yes, that is so," the witness replied. On request, Mr. Stubbs produced figures showing the decrease in New York freight over the Sunset Line from 73 per cent of the total in 1891 to 33 per cent in 1901, the year of the merger. The Government contends that is only a small loss. A part of this loss was due to legitimate competition.

Rate Against Interests. Mr. Stubbs was taken by counsel for the defense over the early history of Western railroad systems. He described the Southern Pacific as an intermediary carrier, which depended largely upon its connections with the Central Pacific.

Coming down to more definite matters, Mr. Stubbs said that for the Union Pacific to make a rate to San Francisco by way of Portland was impracticable and against the interests of the company. This was because the rate to Portland was higher than that from Omaha to San Francisco, and for this reason water transportation from Portland to San Francisco would not be used.

No shipper, he declared, would use this route unless he got compensation in reduced rates, which the competitors of the Union Pacific would not permit. He had never known the Portland-San Francisco water route to be operated as a through route, he said, except, possibly, sporadically.

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NEW MEASURE PROPOSED

Immigration Bureau Head Reports Japanese Admission Decreasing, Chinese Increasing—White Slave Traffic a Reality.

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C. F. Lester, the newly-appointed members of the Port of Astoria Commission met today and elected Chris Schmidt and C. F. Lester as temporary president and secretary, respectively. Permanent officers will be elected.

RCHBISHOP DENIES MEET No General Mass Meeting to Be Held at Armory Tonight.

Archbishop Christie denied last night that a general mass meeting of the Catholics of this city has been called to be held at the Armory tonight.

The report that such a meeting was to be held, the archbishop said, must have originated with irresponsible parties.

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School Bonds Are Carried. THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—At a special bond election held today by the board of directors of The Dalles school district, it was voted to bond the district for \$30,000 to erect an addition to the Court-street school building.

Alaska Building Has \$30,000 Frieze. BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 15.—An

early morning fire on the first floor of the Alaska building, at the corner of Holly and Elk streets, damaged stocks of goods to the extent of \$20,000. The loss on the building was \$30,000. Insurance fully covers the loss.

Loeb Manages Roosevelt Reception. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—At the request of President Taft, Collector Loeb, of New York, has taken upon himself the arrangement for the Reception of Colonel Roosevelt when he returns to New York about the middle of June. The President desires that all inquiries concerning this function be addressed to Mr. Loeb, who will keep him advised of the progress made.

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