

PHONE KING WOULD BUY EVERY RING

Theodore N. Vail, President of Western Union and Bell System, Gives Views.

PORTLAND MERGER DENIED

Magnate Declares Public is Served Best by One Line in Field—He Says Coast Grows Too Fast for Companies.

"If the people don't want competition in telephone service they don't need to have it," declared Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company...

"Any way the independent have done a good service. They have shown that the telephone business can't be carried on successfully at prices below those that we have been getting and that our service was far from unsatisfactory."

Mr. Vail denied that any negotiations are in progress for the consolidation of the two systems in Portland. He was reminded that the City Council here had by resolution instructed a committee to investigate the possibility of the Home Telephone Company of Portland already is owned by the Bell interests.

"I want to say positively that we don't own the independent company here," he declared. "I don't know even that its purchase is contemplated, or that it is for sale."

Coast Found Transformed. Mr. Vail is making his regular trip over the country for the purpose of keeping in touch with conditions. This is his first visit in several years.

When they visit the lumber mills today they say they expect to find that Australia is entirely left behind. Despite the large timber output of West Australia the manufacturing is done far inland while the by-products are

Wife of Contractor Dies. Mrs. Mary O'Neil, wife of John R. O'Neil, a pioneer special improvement contractor of the city, died yesterday at the family home at 635 Broadway.

HIGH OFFICIALS OF ELKDOM WHO COME TODAY TO ARRANGE BIG REUNION IN PORTLAND NEXT JULY.



John P. Sullivan.

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Thomas B. Mills.

Carey L. Applegate.

ELK CHIEFTAINS TO ARRIVE TODAY

Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan and Aides Come to Make Convention Plans.

HOTEL TO BE SELECTED

Round of Entertainment Is Arranged for Big Lodgement—Party Will Be Dined Tonight—Hibernians to Greet Herd Leader.

Four of the highest officials of Elkdom will be in Portland today to make preliminary arrangements for the grand lodge reunion to be held in Portland next July at which 50,000 members of the order from all parts of the country will be the guests of the Portland lodge.

Colonel John P. Sullivan, of New Orleans, grand exalted ruler, accompanied by Mrs. Sullivan and Fred C. Robinson, of Dubuque, Ia., grand secretary, will arrive on the Shasta Limited early afternoon. They will be preceded by Thomas B. Mills, of Superior, Wis., and Carey L. Applegate, of Salt Lake City, grand treasurer, who will arrive this morning. The entire party will be quartered at the Portland Hotel.

Dosen to Greet Them. K. K. Kubli, exalted ruler of Portland lodge, with the members of the convention commission, consisting of Ralph E. Moody, D. Solis Cohen, Dr. Harry P. McKay, Gus C. Moser, David M. Dunne, Sol Blumauer, Joseph H. Deitz, John Burgard, George L. Baker and W. O. Van Schuyver and Harry C. McCallister, secretary, will meet Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Robinson at the Union Hotel this afternoon.

Exalted Ruler Kubli yesterday extended an invitation to all the members of the Press Club, whether they are in the city or not, to meet at the club tonight and to meet the visiting officers. The Press Club had wanted to entertain them, but their time was too well taken by the Tinker, noted member of the Chicago Cubs and a member of the Portland lodge, who is appearing at the Empress Theater this week, also will be present.

Part of Wednesday will be devoted to an inspection of the four Portland hotels that are candidates for grand lodge headquarters during the week-end—the Imperial, Multnomah, Oregon and Portland. Monroe Goldstein, a member of the Portland lodge, has been selected to take the party over the city.

Hibernians Welcome Sullivan. Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will tender a banquet at the Empress Theater at 12 and 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. At 6 o'clock Wednesday evening the principal social function in connection with the visit of the party will be given. It will consist of a formal banquet at the Richards grill for members of the lodge.

It is probable that the visitors will want to see the city from all angles and time will be allowed Thursday for that purpose. It is probable that the party will be in the city for a week in addition to the selection of the headquarters hotel will demand considerable of their attention.

New Bills Open at the Vaudeville Houses

ORPHEUM. LIKE a bit-and-miss weaving is the Orpheum bill this week. Charles Semon, the narrow fellow, who looks like nothing so much as the skeleton of a shadow, returns with his Scotch kilts, bagpipes and long list of musically whimsical songs. All the big noise on the bill yesterday was Semon, and he got all the applause the audience had saved up on the several things that preceded him.

VICTOR RECORDS

Make pleasing presents. Our Victor parlors are open evenings for the convenience of our many customers. Sherman, Clay & Co., Morrison at Sixth. Soloman Leads in Pool Contest. Henry Soloman, holder of the pool and three-cushion billiard championship of the Northwest, led in his first night's play against the Champion Draper in the 600-point continuous pool marathon last night at the Acma billiard parlors. The score was: Soloman, 151; Draper, 115.

BOYS ARE PLEASED

Australians View Meat Packing Methods Here.

LUMBER MILLS TO BE SEEN

Visitors Assert That Facilities on Coast for Handling Timber Surpass Own Country.

That Australia has much to teach America in the handling, killing and packing of sheep and cattle is the opinion of the Australian boys, who visited the plant of the Union Meat Company at Kenton yesterday.

Australian Lumber Mills Lag. When they visit the lumber mills today they say they expect to find that Australia is entirely left behind.

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Merely burned. Owing to the fact that the output of an Australian mill is not by board measure, they expect to find it difficult to compare the relative amount of lumber handled.

Their impressions of the hospitality they have received are more than favorable. "Not since we arrived in America have we ever felt that we were not at home," they said.

Stomach's Illness Severe. Lieutenant J. J. Simons is still ill and confined to his bed and fears are expressed that he will be unable to leave with the boys tomorrow morning. In this event they will travel in charge of C. Jeffrey.

has convinced them that Americans have a better time at school. In Australia, they say, there are no free schools beyond the grades, colleges and university being beyond the boy without means. Thus a large percentage of the school life ends at the age of 15.

"Until we visited the plant of the Union Meat Company we imagined that every American meat works was on the line Sinclair depicted in 'The Jungle,' said one of the party yesterday. "So our first favorable impression was the cleanliness everywhere shown."

The Geer concern packs about 50,000 pounds of meat a day. When a large drive of stock was made and they desired to kill ahead, they handled 700 cattle and 3000 sheep in a day, the lads declared.

Including the famous bush "cooee" cry of Australia, and with sports that are typical to the country, the Australians, in their visit to the Bungalow Theater was a success in every way. The theater was well filled. The band, which includes every member of the party, gave a number of selections which were thoroughly enjoyed. The performance will be repeated tonight at the Washington High School auditorium.

President Homan Says This Will Complete \$500,000 Endowment. Fletcher Homan, of Willamette University, and R. A. Booth, of Eugene, were visitors at the official board meeting of the Portland Board of Christian Street Methodist Church last night. President Homan told of the effort being made to raise to \$500,000 endowment for the university, \$150,000 being needed. "We hope Portland will round out \$25,000 of this," he said.

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This Stunning, Chic Shoe We Have in Four Styles

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All the Real, Smart Girls Will Wear the KNIGHT BACHELOR GIRL SHOES This Season

FEATURES: Overweight soles, special inlaid button stays and broad pocket strap.

FANCY FOOTWEAR: Knight carries more fancy Shoes and Slippers than any other dealer in Portland.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: Morrison at Seventh Tull & Gibbs' Building

In a truly daredevil manner. This act is really of the hirsute raiting sort. A trio of comedian acrobats, Rice, Sully and Scott, close the programme with a series of remarkable stunts on a trampoline and rebounding on elevated bars.

Empress. A reading of a bill of union merit at the Empress is Joe Tinker, one of Portland's favorite disciples of the great American game. Tinker's entrance was hailed with delight and his monologue devoted entirely to baseball was received with deep interest.

He accompanies his chat with the displaying of moving pictures of players beloved by fans, as was attested by the rounds of applause each picture brought forth. Views also of the recent world's series between Philadelphia and New York were shown. Tinker's remarks about former Portland players now in the major leagues brought enthusiastic demonstration, plainly indicative that baseball fans comprised a goodly part of last night's audience, and Tinker appears in the uniform of the Chicago National League team, and has a mighty good stage presence, his enunciation being remarkably distinct.

A big feature is Kara, which sounds like a cough syrup, and isn't. He is a juggling wizard, and wipers in the act. A dining-room surrounds Kara, and he plays merry hob with everything in it, balances the furniture on his nose and even juggles his clothes on and off.

Two mischievous magnets are Jack Donahue and Alice Stewart, who offer an exceedingly attractive dancing number. Jack makes his entrance with the emanation, and executes a lot of eccentric stunts, while Alice helps considerably.

Owen Wright has a hedge-podge of imitations, not of people, or George M. Cohan, but of whistles, saws, phonographs, etc. He makes his entrance more than novel and certainly it is interesting.

The Levinos, who for 20-odd years have been known to Portland as entertainers, are again in our midst, this time in a merry musical comedy called "The Rival Arts." Mr. Levinos draws likenesses of local folk and later in the evening, while Susie Levinos accompanies him with solo numbers.

Maude and Gill, acrobatic comedians, a lad and a lass, open the bill with a turn that is meritorious.

Pantages. All the acts were received with a favor at Pantages yesterday. The bill starts off promisingly with Sandra brothers, who do an acrobatic turn and feats of strength. Swan and Bamford furnish the largest stock of fun with their sketch called "The Raw Recruit."

Their patter is amusing. Harry Jenkins and Grace Covert give a witty sketch called "Just Married." It shows two young people having a quarrel, and son making up only to quarrel again. There are some bright lines in the piece and Jenkins sings one song that wins the audience.

The Diamond Four, composed of Chris Sorenson, Will Hirst, Eddie Jacobie and Robert Richards, give a sketch called "Fun in the Schoolroom."

The programme is rounded out with Mile. Palmera and her company in a scenic production called "The Garden of Mystery," when a number of feats of magic are given. Many of these have been seen before, but have not been solved and there are others that are new and more mystifying.

The start of the moving pictures is usually the signal for a large proportion of the audience to leave, but this week's offering kept these people in their seats. The film showed a troop of Portuguese cavalry going through a riders' test. They were called "centaurs" and the men seem literally part of the animals they ride, as they race across wide streams and up and down steep cliffs and embankments that one would never suppose a horse would attempt. The veteran picture-show patron here found something that held his attention.

pany doing an imitation of Sousa's Band.

WOMAN'S SUIT DEFECTIVE

Breach of Promise Case Falls to State Woman Asked to Marry.

Because the complaint did not allege that the defendant had ever asked the plaintiff to marry him, while it expressed her willingness to become Mrs. Thompson at any time, Judge Gates yesterday sustained a demurrer to the complaint of Helen M. Goodlove, who is suing R. Henry Thompson, Jr., for \$50,000, alleging breach of promise to marry. The defendant is the son of R. Henry Thompson, one of the heirs of the R. R. Thompson estate.

The judge, however, ruled that Judge Rufus Mallory, appearing for Miss Goodlove, should be given an opportunity to remedy his previous oversight by submitting an amended complaint wherein one of the salient points will be the allegation that Mr. Thompson asked Miss Goodlove to become Mrs. Thompson and that she consented.

Knights of Rose Elect.

Knights of the Rose of Home Court No. 1 last night held election of officers at their assembly hall at Second and Morrison streets. Public installation of officers will be held next Monday night, followed by a dance. The newly-

chosen officials are: Charles R. Price, commander; F. E. Watson, lieutenant-commander; G. J. Schelle, chaplain; C. T. Fredrick, financial secretary; Ludwig Klug, recording secretary; E. McCoy, page of the white rose; E. W. Gubser, page of the red rose; C. G. Peters, inner guard; Ernest Kronke, outer guard. The outgoing commander, Dr. A. K. Higgs, will take the station of past commander.

EVARS' BAIL CUT DENIED

Philomath Banker Pleads Not Guilty to Second Indictment.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—A petition to reduce the \$20,000 bail of James Evars, charged with irregularities in the conduct of the First State Bank of Philomath, was refused by Judge Harris in the Circuit Court here today. Evars' attorney asked that the bail be cut to \$10,000, which he said his client would be able to furnish.

Evars pleaded not guilty to the second charge of the grand jury. His trial has been postponed until a date in January on account of the illness of Attorney Fowler, of Portland, who is conducting the case for the defense.

An interesting fact brought out in the annual report of the registrar-general for Ireland is the continued decrease in the mortality from tuberculosis, which has now been continuous since 1906.

Advertisement for GUCKENHEIMER Pure Rye Whiskey, featuring a bottle illustration and text: "Your good health depends more on keeping well than in getting well. The timely use of a little pure whiskey will prevent many an illness. It is invaluable in case of sickness, fatigue or accident. No home is quite complete without a bottle of Good old GUCKENHEIMER Pure Rye BOTTLED IN BOND Since 1857, the Standard Rye Whiskey of America. Rothchild Bros., Distributors, Portland, Or."

Advertisement for Campbell's Soups, featuring a can illustration and text: "That's Easy! Easy to get; easy to prepare; easy to eat and digest—everything is easy about the use of Campbell's Soups. They offer you a pleasing variety to choose from—something different and good, for every day; always pure, palatable and satisfying; and ready 'in a minute' with no drudgery nor fuss. Order a dozen. Keep them on hand; see how they will lighten the daily grind for you. 21 kinds 10c a can. Look for the red-and-white label."