

TELEPHONE RULING FRAMED IN COUNCIL

Ordinance Abolishes Deposit System, but Allows Rental Collections in Advance.

PATRONS WILL BE HEARD

Committee Asks Citizens to File Grievances—Gas Company Regulations to Be Taken Up at Meeting of Early Date.

According to action of the City Council's special committee on regulation of public service corporations, telephone companies will be allowed to collect as much as three months' rate in advance from new patrons, but will not be permitted, as now, to exact a cash deposit.

An ordinance is to be drafted by City Attorney Grant to this effect and will be submitted to the committee at its next session, at 1:30 P. M. Tuesday, February 27.

Complaints from citizens against any public service corporation are solicited by the committee, the members of which yesterday afternoon took formal action to this effect, they wishing to know what grievances, if any, the members of the committee, after this meeting, should be taken up at the meeting of early date.

Gas Extensions Considered. The next session will be devoted largely to the gas company. It is expected, although others will receive attention. There is a prospect that the committee will recommend that the Council compel the company to extend its mains into new territory upon the same basis as the Water Board lays city water mains—when 6 per cent may be realized on the service.

Heavy Losses Rectified. Yesterday's session was given over almost exclusively to the Home and Pacific Telephone & Telegraph companies. Among those complaining against the Pacific Company for its deposit system was Councilman Watkins, who said he was compelled to put up a deposit to get a telephone installed.

Members to Have Papers. Navy Men Insist That Applicants Produce Discharges. Credentials demanded from each applicant before he can be admitted to membership in the Navy Club of Portland will be discharged granted at the time of leaving the service, and those who attend a session to be convened at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night at the Navy recruiting station, in the Railway Exchange building, will be asked for the "pigskin" issued by Uncle Sam.

COLUMBIA BRIDGE URGED. North Albina Club to Discuss Oregon-to-Washington Span Planned. The North Albina Push Club has called a mass meeting for next Saturday night to be held in the fire hall on Albina and Killingsworth avenues to consider the question of building a bridge across the Columbia River, to connect Oregon and Washington, and also to discuss plans for the establishment of a central depot for all railways entering Portland.

ASTORIA'S WEIGHT SHORT. Food Inspector Finds City Has Record in Butter Cheating. That more short-weight butter is to be found in Astoria than in any city he has yet visited in Oregon was the statement made yesterday by W. B. Duncan, Deputy Food and Dairy Commissioner, who returned from a four-days

Inspection of the grocery stores of that city. In addition to a number of cases of short-weight butter, Mr. Duncan also gleaned 13 samples of milk and cream which failed to come up to the legal requirement as to solids and butter-fat. In one store visited he discovered that the merchant had placed a layer of tin-foil between the glass plates on the scales which caused them to register two ounces in favor of the owner for every article weighed on them. Four cases of butter inspected by Mr. Duncan showed a shortage of one pound a case.

ROAD BENEFITS PLAIN

TRAFFIC MAN URGES BETTER HIGHWAYS IN OREGON.

Greatest Attraction to Tourists Is Declared to Be Speedways for Long Auto Drives.

Principal among California's attractions for the tourist, says John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who has just returned from that state, is in excellent roads, and therein lies a moral for Oregon, he declares.

"Good roads," Mr. Scott believes, is the key to the situation. He said that people on pleasure trips like to keep moving and that they like to see new sights. Travel over country roads affords them these opportunities. The automobile has grown to be the chief means of transporting people on such trips. To make automobile travel attractive good roads are necessary.

"I found that many people who are denied the delights of automobilizing in their respective home communities go to California for the purpose of indulging in these pleasures," said Mr. Scott. "Automobile owners in some Northern states where the snow and ice preclude the possibility of road travel in winter time, take their machines with them to California. Others who have not the time to use automobiles for pleasure at home and who consequently do not own machines, rent cars by the month when they go to California.

"While I realize that it requires a great deal of money to build first-class public highways, this kind of money would be well spent, in my estimation."

California hotel owners, Mr. Scott reported, are gratified over the heavy movement of Northwestern people to that state for their winter vacations. A reciprocal sentiment now is being engendered with the probable result that California people will start to come to Oregon to pass their summers. Some of this business is already under way. Nearly every town in California in which there is a lodge of Elks will be well represented at the forthcoming session of the grand lodge of Elks in Portland, Oregon, in San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles will have special trains.

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Our 34th Annual Clearance Sale

\$2.50 Anti-Tip Sulkies \$1.98 On Sale, Fourth Floor. Anti-tip rear extension sidewalk Sulkies for babies. Best yet; made with food rest, good strong wheels and rubber tires, reversible back, upholstered seat and back, well finished, very strong, selected wood, guards over wheels to keep child's clothes from dust; our \$2.50 sulky for only \$1.98

Eye Trouble Our Dr. Dayton says "at least 95 per cent of all eye trouble is more or less complicated with nerve and muscle defects? Eyeache, headache, watery eyes, etc., all originate in one or the other of these defects. Have him test your eyes. He will measure the nerve "leak" calculate the muscular "unbalance," and fit you to glasses that will give relief.

Men's \$3 Hats at \$2.35 First Floor, Southeast. All soft hats, comprising a large assortment of shapes, in plain gray, brown, tan and black. Included in the lot is a fine grade of the snappy, English "scratch up" novelty. See window display; \$3.00 grades. Now is the time to save on an up-to-date hat. \$2.35 We specialize them at \$2.35

Springfield Rifles \$1.25 On Sale, Fourth Floor. U. S. Army Springfield rifles in the carbine, cadet and infantry models, 45-70 caliber, guns which cost the Government \$18. The best type for collectors and for decorative dens, etc., for target practice and for bringing down a big game; special at \$1.25

\$3.50 "Eagle" Shirts \$1.95 Men's Corner—First Floor. Clearance of Jacob Miller Sons & Co.'s famous flannel shirts, made as well as men know how, after 45 years of experience. Materials are woven from selected yarns, dyed with fast dyes, cut to fit and stitched to hold. Sizes 14 to 18; soft turn-back cuffs; \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 grades \$1.95

Clearance of Bedding

\$5.00 Blankets \$3.95 \$6.50 Blankets \$4.95 \$9.00 Blankets \$7.25 \$6.50 Blankets \$4.95 \$7.00 Blankets \$5.35 \$3.75 Blankets \$3.10 \$4.50 Blankets \$3.65 \$1.25 Comforts \$1.05 \$1.65 Comforts \$1.35 \$2.25 Comforts \$1.90 \$2.75 Comforts \$2.25 \$3.75 Comforts \$3.25 \$ 7.50 Chill-less Iron Beds, specially priced for Clearance at \$5.45 \$ 5.00 Chill-less Iron Beds, specially priced for Clearance at \$3.75 \$ 2.75 Yum Yum Springs, specially priced for Clearance at \$1.95 \$13.50 Cotton Felt Mattress, well made, bargained at only \$10.25 \$12.00 Cotton Felt Mattress, 40-pound size, during this sale \$8.50 \$ 6.00 Fiber Center Mattress, specially priced for this sale at \$4.25

Clearance of Curtains

\$2.75 Net Curtains \$1.95 Department, Third Floor. Clearance sale of best quality double thread net, with attractive three-inch insertion and edge to match; curtains are 40 inches wide and 2 1/2 yards long; regular \$2.75 \$1.95 grades. We specialize them at \$1.95. Our entire stock of all single pairs of fine Lace Curtains, comprising some of the best lines shown this season, of which there is only one pair left. You may choose 1/2 from the lot at this sale for less than 1/2. Clearance of factory samples of Curtains, in fancy net and scrim. The finished ends, 1 1/4 yards long and 40 to 45 inches wide; white and Arabian; special at 39c. Clearance of new Curtain Laces at 1/2 Price. A great clearance of new Curtain Laces at just half former prices; allovers, lace, small checks, stripes and fancy figured patterns; 36, 45, 50 inches wide; reg. 20c to \$1.25, 1/2 Price. A large assortment of best grade Cretonnes in beautiful patterns and most artistic colors for window draperies, fancy work etc. Come 36 inches wide, regular 35c grades, \$2.35 specially priced for this sale at only 23c. In the Drapery Dept., 8d floor, a sale of beautiful Pillows, made of rich velours, tapestry and heavy brocade silks, in beautiful tints and shades. These were made up of the remnants left from drapery and upholstery contracts, and represent highest grade materials; \$4 to \$5 vals, \$1.69; \$6 to \$7 vals, \$1.98

Dressmakers' Findings—Notions etc.

First Floor, Between the Elevators. Dressmakers' Pins—Brass, in half-pound boxes; 35-cent grade; special at only, box, Binding Ribbons—Best quality taffeta; regular 15-cent grade; special 12c Braids—Feather stitched, in colors, fancy; to 20c val. Braids and edgings for trimming; assorted patterns; 35-cent grade; special for this sale only at 22c Collar Stays—"Eve" or "Astra," regular 10c grades; special 75c Hooks and Eyes—Black or white, our regular 5-cent grade; for 2 for 5 cents or a gross for 4c

Basement Grocery Specials

BUTTER 74c "O. W. K. Special" Butter, always fresh and sweet, put up in 2-pound squares, for only 74c SARDINES \$1.00 DOZEN Anderson's Smoked Sardines, put up in cans; reg. 10c size; \$1.00 special Wednesday, doz. \$1.00 CATSUP 18c Blue Label Brand, the most reliable of all; sells regularly at 25c a bottle; special Wednesday 18c 30c COFFEE 23c "O. W. K. Brand," special blend; delightful flavor; regular 23c 30c grades; special the pound SEEBED RAISINS 16-ounce package; special, only 8c RABBITT'S CLEANSER Special in Basement; 3 pkgs. 10c 40c TEA 30c Uncolored Japan, India and Ceylon; regular 40c grades 30c PIONIC SHOULERS Well cured; nice medium sizes; spec'l in Basement, lb. 11c BARTLET PEARL Put up in cans; special, only 15c

\$1.00 Silks for 59c

Fancy Silks, in checks, stripes and print warp patterns, in beautiful rich color combinations, suitable for dresses, waists, etc. All good, dependable qualities, which are now in great demand. Our regular \$1.00 grades, special price for this Clearance Sale, yd. 59c 85c PLAIN COLORED TAFFETAS AT ONLY 59c A YARD 50 pieces in this lot, comprising all wanted shades, including black and cream, standard widths; rich, lustrous finish; perfect dyes; best 85c quality; special Clearance Sale, yd. 59c \$2.25 Embroidery 98c 20c Embroidery at 8c Center—Main Floor. A great Clearance Sale of thousands of yards of all wanted styles, patterns, widths and grades of Embroideries, in Swiss, nainsook and cambric materials, in Flouncings, Allovers, Corset Cover Embroideries, Edges and Insertions, priced for the day's selling at the following great reductions—take advantage of these bargains: Regular \$2.25 Embroideries, Clearance Sale price, the yard, 98c 20c Embroideries, the yard, 8c \$1.00 Embroideries, yard 48c 65c Embroideries, a yard, 25c \$1.50 Embroideries, yard 79c

Specials in the Basement "Underprice" Store

Women's \$18 Suits at \$8.98 \$3.00 Sweater Coats \$1.48 \$15 Dresses for \$6.98 \$6 Dress Skirts \$2.89 In the Basement. Clearance Sale of Women's Tailored Suits; 175 in one lot and unusually good values; all splendid new models, faultlessly tailored and lined with good Satin; the materials are Serges, Cheviots and Tweed mixtures in black, navy and colors; in grades \$8.98 up to \$18.00; special for only \$8.98. A remarkable Clearance of Women's smart, one-piece Dresses; several styles in the lot, all good serviceable colors; fine French and English Serge and a few Silks; well made, dresses appropriate for street or for house wear; our regular values to \$15; \$6.98 on special sale Wednesday, only. A reasonable clean-up of Women's All-Wool Sweaters, made from fine all-wool yarns, in the popular coat styles and V-neck effects with large pearl buttons, heavy cardigan ribbed, white only; very exceptional \$3.00 grades; priced very special for \$1.48 this sale only, your choice at \$1.48. In this lot we group many very attractive styles in Women's Dress Skirts, odd lines to be sure, but a splendid range for selection; the materials are Serges, Panamas and mixtures in various colors; our regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 grades; bargained for \$2.89 great Wednesday sale at only \$2.89. \$1.50 Gowns at 78c Clearance of Women's Night Gowns, made of good quality muslin in various styles in slip-over and high necks, trimmed with lace, embroidery and ribbon; very good \$1.25 and \$1.50 grades; 78c specialized for this great Wednesday clearance sale at only 78c. \$5 Waists at \$1.98 A one-day cleanup of Women's Waists in attractive patterns of silk and nets and plain tailored effects, in black, white and colors. Waists in this lot to please almost every taste. Good grades up to \$1.98 \$5.00 each, special at only \$1.98. \$4.75 Dinner Set \$3.84 In the Basement. A one-day sale of Dinner Sets in the white and gold hand decoration, good shape piece, well selected. Set comprises 6 Dinner Plates—6 Pie Plates—6 Soup Plates—6 Cups and Saucers—1 Gravy Boat—1 Platter—1 Covered Vegetable Dish—1 Open Vegetable Dish—1 Bowl—6 Oatmeal Dishes. This set is a bargain \$3.84 at \$4.75; specialized for the Wednesday sale at only \$3.84. 60c Blown Table Tumblers, the dozen, only 36c 25c Historical Blue Decorated Plates, at only 15c 25c Brown English Tea Pots priced at only 19c \$1.00 Covered Willow Clothes Hampers for 50c 75c Wood Wall Clocks, with weight and chain; good timekeepers; priced at only 39c 10c Lamp Burners, No. 2 size, selling at only 5c 10c Folding Coat or Hat Racks selling at only 5c Enamelware for 49c See this splendid new line of four coat blue and white enamelware—Dish Pans, Tea Kettles, Sauce Pans, Kettles, Coffee Pots 49c Preserve Kettles, Pudding Pans, etc; your choice for only 49c. OUTING FLANNEL, YARD, 5c—HEAVY UNBLEACHED STANDARD CALICOES, YARD 4 1/2c Comes in navy, red, gray, black and white and light grounds. 72-INCH MERCERIZED DAMASK, YARD, 59c 19x37-INCH BATH TOWELS FOR 12 1/2c