

# OVERLOOKED

## Telephone Company Asks Rate to Insure Good Earnings.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—That rates be fixed so the profit of the company cannot fall below 5 per cent, was a request made by James E. Shaw, counsel for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, at a hearing before the State Railroad Commission today. The Commission, some time ago, upon its own initiative began an investigation of the affairs of the company with a view of ascertaining whether the rates in Oregon should be the most important telephone probe ever made in the Northwest.

## EXTENSION PROBE IS ON

It is the plan of the Commission to determine the physical valuation of the company's property and to adjust rates accordingly. Among the prominent officials who will be called upon to testify at the hearing were W. J. Phillips, division superintendent; C. H. Moore, district superintendent; N. H. Fowler, rate engineer; W. D. Moore, division superintendent of the plant; W. D. Scott, division equipment engineer; H. H. Dancy, manager in Salem; John H. Corcoran, division superintendent of traffic; and A. H. Griswold, engineer of outside plant. Officers of the Oregon & Washington Telephone Company also were in attendance.

## CITY MAY GIVE PENSIONS

COMMISSIONER DALY PLANS RELIEF OF OLD EMPLOYEES. Case of Disabled Laborer Who Waived Damage Claims May Result in Ordinance—Methods Are Studied.

A relief and pension system whereby city employees who have grown old in the city service will be cared for will be proposed by City Commissioner Dalrymple. He has started a special committee and an ordinance providing for such cases may be prepared within a short time. Commissioner Dalrymple is inquiring into the methods in use in other cities. The direct cause of Mr. Dalrymple's investigation and proposal is the case of E. Burns, a laborer in the city service who has been in the service for 10 years and who was injured recently. He is the third oldest laborer in the bureau in point of service. Mr. Burns in handling some heavy pipe recently got his hand crushed. At the request of Mr. Dalrymple he signed an agreement to waive his claims for damage, it being his intention to return to some sort of work in the water bureau as soon as possible. The ordinance for work, intending to carry water or care for signal lamps or do some other sort of work pending his complete recovery would be a relief and pension system for city employees who have given up their claims for damages.

## SILVER LAKE SHARPS

FERTILE GROUND UNCOVERED BY THREE SNOWLESS WINTERS. Ranchers on Shores Preparing to Plant Beans for First Time Since Late 70's.

SILVER LAKE, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Unless the snowfall in North Lake County is unusually heavy in the course of the next two months Silver Lake will be dry by the middle of next summer. This is the prediction of old settlers, who once farmed dry land on what is now a lake bed.

# WATER BUBBLES MORE

## Higher Prices Paid in Country Than at Coast.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows: Portland, \$1,388,000; Seattle, \$1,213,200; Spokane, \$758,181; Tacoma, \$749,412.

## MORE ROOM IN INTERIOR

But for Tonnage Situation Market Would Be Booming, as Export Demand Is Good and Reserve Stocks Are Light.

## PULP TO REPLACE BEER

COEUR D'ALENE BREWERY TO RE-OPEN PAPER MILL. Spokane Men Father \$4,000,000 Corporation to Establish Two Plants in Idaho in 30 Days.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—The establishment of a pulp and paper mill at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, into a paper mill and the opening of distribution headquarters for paper products in Spokane are plans under way by the Staub Pulp, Paper & Lumber Company, according to a statement of members of the company.

## MARKET OFFERED FARMER

Postmaster Asks for Description of Products at Ridgefield. RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—A market for butter, eggs, cheese, fruits and general produce to be provided by the Postoffice Department is being established at Ridgefield, Postmaster Blackburn recently was notified of this order.

## WALLA WALLA PUPILS TO GET MEDALS

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Fifteen large gold medals have been received by J. Harry Selz, of Chicago, for presentation to pupils of the city classes in prize in a manual contest. Mr. Selz also presented the rural schools with 45 medals for the same purpose.

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Local Jobbing Quotations. Local jobbing quotations for various commodities including wheat, flour, and other goods.

## WOOL TRANSHEEN NOT SO NUMEROUS

Prices Strong at Boston and Outlook is Good. BOSTON, Nov. 27.—The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow: "Business has been rather slow in the wool market during the last week, particularly as compared with the activity of the week preceding. Prices are very strong and the outlook promises no diminution of strength immediately."

## DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Nov. 27.—Maximum temperature 49 degrees; minimum 37 degrees; wind light; rain 0.10 inch; fog 1.00 inch; snow 0.00 inch.

## THE WEATHER

STATIONS. Baker, 50.0; Blaine, 49.0; Boise, 49.0; Bly, 49.0; Butte, 49.0; Calgary, 49.0; Chicago, 49.0; Denver, 49.0; Des Moines, 49.0; Detroit, 49.0; Eureka, 49.0; Galveston, 49.0; Helena, 49.0; Jacksonville, 49.0; Kansas City, 49.0; Los Angeles, 49.0; Madison, 49.0; Memphis, 49.0; Montreal, 49.0; New York, 49.0; Omaha, 49.0; Portland, 49.0; Reno, 49.0; Sacramento, 49.0; St. Louis, 49.0; St. Paul, 49.0; Tampa, 49.0; Washington, 49.0; Wichita, 49.0.

# DROPTROES TODAY

Heavy Sales Not Feared at Opening New York Exchange. Exchange on London Steady and Continental Cities Irregular.

OTHER MARKETS RESUME. Money Rates Easier for All Periods. Exchange on London Steady and Continental Cities Irregular.

Germany Piles Up Gold. NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Local interest in financial affairs was converted today mainly about the stock exchange and its reopening tomorrow for limited dealings in bonds.

Chicago Livestock Market. CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Receipts, 22,000; market, fairly active at a shade above yesterday's average. Bulk of sales, \$7.40@7.50; light, \$7.30@7.40; mixed, \$7.30@7.40; heavy, \$7.20@7.30; rough, \$7.20@7.30.

## STOCKS ARE STEADY

Former Quotations Maintained at Stockyards. Best Light Hogs Sell at \$7.25—Sheep Trade Quiet.

## PRICES ARE STEADY

Exchange, Silver, Etc. NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Merchandise paper, 4 1/2 per cent; gold, 100.00; silver, 100.00; silver, 100.00.

## PRODUCTION OF BUTTER IN LARGE

Prices Will Not Advance as Long as Weather Remains Mild. No advance in butter prices can be looked for as long as the present mild weather continues. The output of the larger creameries in this district is about as heavy as it was last month and Idaho and other outlying sections have surplus butter that they are seeking to market here.

# LADD & TILTON BANK

Capital and Surplus \$2,000,000. Commercial and Savings Deposits. STEEL TRADE LARGER. INDICATIONS OF IMPROVEMENT IN DOMESTIC DEMAND.

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## STEAMER SERVICE

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## FRENCH LIFE

Campaigne Generale Transatlantique. POSTAL SERVICE. Sailings for HAVRE. ROCHAMBEAU, Dec. 12, 3 P. M. LA TOURNAI, Dec. 19, 3 P. M. CHICAGO, Dec. 26, 3 P. M.

## SAN FRANCISCO

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