

PORTLAND PHONES TO NEW YORK CITY

First Direct Communication Brings Roar of Surf From Rockaway Beach.

MOUNTAINS ARE OVERCOME

Free Public Demonstration Planned for 2 Nights This Week—1000 Receivers to Be Installed in Old Baker Theater.

Portland and New York were in direct telephone communication yesterday. Miss Reba Smith, long distance operator at the local main office, and W. J. Phillips, district commercial superintendent of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, talked with New York directly across the ice-cold mountains, with a little disturbance of traffic as if they had been talking to Seattle.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of this week the public will have an opportunity to listen and talk across the continent at a free public demonstration, which will be given at the old Baker Theater, Eleventh and Morrison streets, at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock each night. Then, on Saturday, January 22, commercial traffic between Pacific and Atlantic Coast points via Portland will be permanently established.

George W. Peck, who is in charge of the transcontinental demonstrations for the American (Bell) Telephone & Telegraph Company, arrived yesterday with his six experts and immediately set up connections with the Pacific company and the lines to the Atlantic Coast. Miss Smith, in the long-distance operating room, "plugged in" for the direct communication, and for the first time Portland was in actual direct communication with the Atlantic Coast.

Relays Not Used.

This connection was not one of relays, but was a direct conversational connection across the entire United States. The roar of the surf at Rockaway Beach, just outside of New York, was heard in Portland. Music and ordinary conversation also passed over the line. It took just six and a quarter minutes to establish the communication from the time Mr. Phillips took the receiver off the hook in his office and asked for New York. After Saturday commercial connections will be made from almost any Pacific telephone in Portland direct to New York in about five minutes. Mr. Peck announced yesterday.

More than 1000 receivers are being installed in the Eleventh-street Theater for the demonstrations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. There will be two receivers attached to each of 500 seats and 500 people will be accommodated in connection with New York. The demonstrations will last about half an hour, starting exactly at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock. Connections will be made from Portland, through Walla Walla, Baker, Boise, Salt Lake.

Denver, Omaha, Chicago, Buffalo and then to New York. More than 6500 miles of wire will be in service, double copper wires being employed over the 3400 miles of distance. These wires will be for exclusive use of the transcontinental service.

Mayor Asked to Speak.

Furthermore, the messages will travel over the tops of about 120,000 poles and towers. Mayor Albee and other men and women are expected to be asked to speak over the wires. During the demonstrations there will be talking moving pictures, showing Thomas Watson, originator of the telephone; Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, and Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone. The messages sent from Portland will be recorded in New York.

The connection between Portland and New York is made at a free public demonstration, which is the transcontinental service was not merely an exposition feature," said Mr. Peck yesterday. "We are giving the demonstrations throughout the Northwest to show that the entire Pacific Coast has direct conversational connections with the Atlantic Coast ports.

Difficulties Are Conquered.

"After Saturday we will be able to bring almost any city along the Atlantic Coast of intermediate points into conversation with Portland. Heretofore Portland's commercial traffic on the telephone has been confined to the Northwest cities and up and down the Coast. We have conquered the mountains on this transcontinental service even better than we have conquered similar obstructions on up and down Coast traffic. We will reach New York as quickly as we do Seattle."

Officials of the telephone company yesterday refused to announce what the telephone talking rate after Saturday would be to New York, but admitted it would be "about \$20 for three minutes' conversation." The rate will be worked out during the week. Charles J. Hall and J. A. Halliday, officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, announced yesterday that the Portland office had installed all necessary apparatus for continental and transcontinental conversations.

DRIFT ALTERS CITY LAW

Patrolman Modifies Order to Fit Shifting Conditions.

The city ordinance says walks must be cleaned one hour after snow has stopped falling, and police are ordered to notify residents to that effect.

But Patrolman Trout believes in the extenuating circumstances of local conditions. He reported yesterday, as follows:

"Resident at 111 East Fortieth street complained of snow at 1111 Harold avenue. The wind was blowing a heavy snow out there and the snow was drifting so bad that it wouldn't last half an hour if they did clean the walks. So I told them to clean the walk as soon as it quit drifting."

Oregon City Youth Goes to Trial.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Arthur Stinger, of Metolia, left for Tillamook this morning to face a statutory charge. A complaint was issued in the coast county early in the week, and Sheriff Wilson was notified yesterday. Last night he located Stinger.



ORPHEUM BILL FINE

Act of William Rock and Miss White Unusually Clever.

BOY VIOLINIST IS WONDER

Boomerang Throwing Is Dandy Novelty, While Exciting Farce and Other Comic Numbers Contribute to Winning Show.

ASHLAND LIBRARY SHOWS GROWTH.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The literary taste of Ashland residents is indicated by the fact that in the patronage of its City Library the class in which the gain is largest is represented by non-fiction works. The library has 6022 volumes on its shelves, a gain of 231 during 1915. Total circulation during the year was 32,220 volumes. Newspapers and periodicals to the number of 62 are currently received. Receipts were \$3559.19 and expenditures \$2783.38. Of its nine directors eight are women. Miss Blanche Hicks is librarian and Miss Minnie Jackson assistant.

ORATORICAL TRYOUTS HELD.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The preliminary tryouts for the final contests which is to decide the two winners of the local contest for candidates to represent the Oregon Normal School in the intercollegiate oratorical contest which will be held here in March, were held here recently and the winners were Miss Phena Anderson and Miss Alice Jacobs. The last tryout is scheduled for the last of January.

ROLLER SKATERS ON BILL AT EMPRESS.

They have a sparkling song-chatter about the "lady or the ship" and a travesty in French that is novel. Their act is further enhanced by the splendid piano playing of E. L. Rosebrook, who contributes in fine style Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody.

Frank Fogarty returns with a fine collection of stories about his countrymen, the Irish. He has a native wit, a delightful appreciation for a keen story and a rare joyous way in telling. Their act is further enhanced by the splendid piano playing of E. L. Rosebrook, who contributes in fine style Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody.

Novelty Is Offered.

The two husbands gallop through the plot and something happens every minute. The denouement is a genuine surprise and is too good to spoil for those who are yet to see the sketch.

John R. Gordon, C. H. McKenny, Elvith Belmont and Anne Hamilton cleverly enact the roles.

Boy Violinist Is Wonder.

Major Mack Rhoades is a phenomenal boy violinist who sings also. His violin playing arouses great interest and his evident youth appeals. His programme varies from the classical to the merely classy.

Van and Belle have one of the dandiest of vaudeville acts, a demonstration in boomerang throwing. The boomerangs are pointed like birds and Van chatters in bird lingo as he deftly spins them out through the auditorium, only to have them return to his hand. Belle has a big share in the act and the novelty pleases mightily.

Closing the Bill Is Another Bill.

Closing the bill is another bill, Billy Bonnces, who does just that. On a huge net he somersaults and revolves daintily, while a flock of lads, amateurs picked from the audience, watch closely and try to imitate him later. The contest arouses a frenzy of fun.

Monmouth Spellers Rated.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The pupils of the Monmouth Public School made the following averages

SCENE AT PORTLAND OFFICE OF PACIFIC TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY YESTERDAY WHEN DIRECT CONVERSATION WAS HELD BETWEEN PORTLAND AND NEW YORK.



Miss Reba Smith, Operator "Plugging In" to New York, and W. J. Phillips, District Commercial Superintendent, Talking to New York.

BAKER PLAY STRONG

Sympathy of Audience With "Woman" Is Apparent.

HIGH TALENTS DISPLAYED

Production Lifted Out of Ranks of Stock by Artistic Performance of Walter Regan, Winifred Bryson and Support.

CAST OF "THE BUTTERFLY ON THE WHEEL"

Hon. George Admonson—Henry Hall
Roderick Collingwood—Edward Woodruff
Lord Ellerdine—Will Lloyd
Sir John Burroughs—William Dills
Sir Robert Fyfe—Walter Regan
Gessie McArthur—John E. Sumner
Jacques—Walter Siegfried
Jean Dobois—William Lee
Mr. Parks—Raymond Johnson
Stuart Mansie—Walter E. Gilbert
Lady Atwill—Mary Edgett Baker
Pauline—Elizabeth Ross
Peggy Admonson—Winifred Bryson

The man who first used "tense" and "gripping" in dealing with products theatrical, had a large advantage over those who were doomed to come after him in years when the words had become threadbare with hard usage, and placed especially at a disadvantage whoever must deal with the drama of "The Butterfly on the Wheel."

Walter Regan, as Sir Robert Fyfe, was a fine characterization of the polished legal thinking machine that British courts produce, and his treatment of the part of the cross-examiner became a masterpiece of scarp play among the tenderest nerves of the witness.

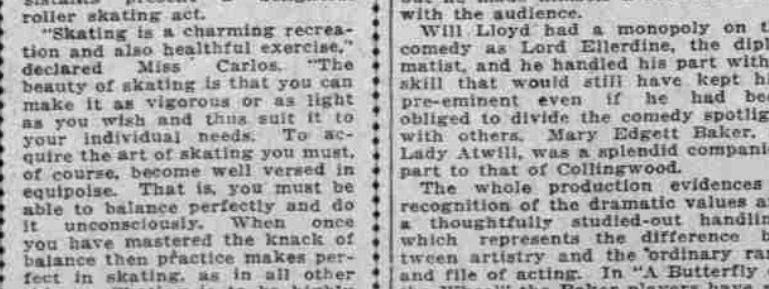
Walter Regan and Winifred Bryson soared far up and away beyond the realm of ordinary stock production in that second act yesterday afternoon.

Edward Woodruff, as Collingwood, the co-respondent in the case of Admonson vs. Admonson, had a rather ungracious part at best, with the exception of the moments when he was the sutor magnificent in the first act, but he made himself a beloved villain part to that of Collingwood.

Will Lloyd had a monopoly on the comedy as Lord Ellerdine, the diplomat, and he handled his part with a skill that would still have kept him pre-eminent even if he had been obliged to divide the comedy spotlight with others. Mary Edgett Baker, as Lady Atwill, was a splendid companion part to that of Collingwood.

The whole production evidences a recognition of the dramatic values and a thoughtfully studied-out handling, which represents the difference between artistry and the ordinary rank and file of acting. In "The Butterfly on the Wheel" the Baker players have set a new mark for themselves.

The lands most free from earthquake convulsions are Africa, Australia, Bussia, Siberia, Scandinavia and Canada.



Helen Carlos and Her Skating Partner.

DEMOCRATS HAVE MANY CANDIDATES

No Dearth Appears in Aspirants as Delegates to St. Louis Convention.

ALL SECTIONS HAVE MEN

W. H. Canon, Alex Sweek, Judge J. H. Stevenson, C. C. Jackson, Hubert Bernard, F. J. Holmes and Others Are Mentioned.

Although they must pay their own expenses this time, a whole lot of aspiring Democrats want to be delegates to the National convention of their party in St. Louis next June.

At least one candidate already is in the race for each of the 19 places allotted to the state. Others are looming up in the distance. By the time the primaries take place in May it is probable that some lively contests will have developed.

So far there seems to be sort of a tacit understanding among the Federal office holders openly approved and chosen by the Kentucky Klick to let the "other fellows" scramble for these jobs. Whatever glory attaches to the post of delegate is to be distributed in an apparent effort to placate those who may have been disappointed when the Federal patronage was passed around with the advent of the Democratic Administration at Washington. Under the present apportionment Oregon is entitled to four delegates at-large and two from each of the three Congressional districts.

W. H. Canon Likely Candidate.

Prominent among those who are on the eve of launching into the contest for delegate at-large is W. H. Canon, of Medford, who was a candidate for National committee two years ago and who was defeated by H. M. Estey, of Portland. Mr. Canon, it is understood, was supported in that memorable contest by Will R. King, the present National committeeman, and is supposed to stand close to the throne of ex-Secretary Bryan. If the present apparent differences between Mr. Bryan and President Wilson develop into a serious breach, it is expected that Mr. Canon will be found on the side of Mr. Bryan.

Portland doubtless will produce several candidates for the places at large. Alex Sweek and Municipal Judge Stevenson are counted among this number. If the race for delegates-at-large becomes too hot it is probable that Mr. Sweek and Judge Stevenson will be candidates in the Third district, consisting of Multnomah County. Then there are Newton McCoy, Fredrick Holm, R. D. Inman, Jefferson Myra and E. Versteeg among those who would not be amiss to the honor of attending the convention.

The First Congressional District already has produced two candidates in C. C. Jackson, ex-Sheriff of Linn County, and Hubert Bernard, a retired farmer, of McMinnville.

Several Aspirer in Eastern Oregon.

The Second District, comprising the counties of Eastern Oregon, has several tentative aspirants. One of them is Fred J. Holmes, a prominent merchant of La Grande. Will M. Peterson, of Pendleton, has already announced himself.

Other Eastern Oregon Democrats who are anxious to go to St. Louis include George C. Blakely, a druggist of The Dalles, and Judge T. H. Crawford, of Union County. It is understood that those who have not determined whether they will enter the field of the state at large or of the Second District.

Under the new direct primary law, as amended by the recent Legislature, candidates for any office, including that of delegate, can enter the field merely by filing a declaration with the County Clerk or Secretary of State and depositing a filing fee. The fee in the case of delegate is \$15. This precludes the necessity of circulating a petition.

In becoming a candidate under the fee system, it is necessary to take oath to support the choice of the state primary for the party nomination for President.

It has been pointed out that under the petition system it will not be necessary to take oath to this effect and that delegates elected under this system will be free to exercise their own preferences in voting for the Presidential nominees.

Inasmuch as President Wilson apparently will have no opposition for the Democratic nomination, it is immaterial to the Democratic candidates whether they enter under the fee system or under the petition system.

UTOPIA REBEKAHS INSTALL

Mrs. Isabelle Faulkner Takes Over Office of Noble Grand.

Officers of Utopia Rebekah Lodge were installed at the meeting of that order Thursday night. Presiding officials were Mrs. Lena Westbrook, district deputy president; Mrs. Jennie Kistler, deputy grand marshal, and installing staff of 20 past grand officers.

Officers installed were: Noble grand, Mrs. Isabelle Faulkner; vice grand, Mrs. Emma Maple; secretary, Miss Jessie Henderson; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Currier; chaplain, Mrs. Lena Westbrook; right supporter to noble grand, Mrs. J. V. Swan; left supporter to noble grand, Mrs. Jennie Andrews; right supporter to vice grand, Mrs. Mary Tomlinson; left supporter to vice grand, Mrs. Emma Sharon; warden, Mrs. Anna Romacle; conductor, Mrs. Christine Anderson; inside guardian, Mrs. Ella Chrisman; outside guardian, A. K. Currier.

Mrs. Jennie Kistler was appointed captain of the degree staff and Mrs. Anna Holt musician. The following trustees were elected: Mrs. Mary Tomlinson, Mrs. Jennie Andrews and Mrs. Nellie Minor.

D. E. Frost Holds 5 Public Jobs.

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- Exposition Peaches, fancy quality, 25-lb. boxes \$2.25, lb. 10c

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- Naptha Soap, Victor brand, 7 bars for 25c
- White Soap, Premium brand—7 bars, specially priced at 25c
- Borax Soap, steam refined, today 4 for 25c
- Cleaning Powder, Gold Dust or Pearlina, the package 20c
- Banner Lye, regular 1-lb. cans today 7 1/2c

—Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.



SKIRTS CUT TO MEASURE FREE

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