

### CONGRESS TO TAKE 30-DAY VACATION

#### Both Houses to Adjourn on or About August 20.

### SPEED-UP ORDERS GIVEN

#### Farm Credits and Tax Revision Bills to Be Passed Before Law-makers' Rest Begins.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—Speeding-up orders were given in congress today under an agreement between President Harding and republican leaders for a 30-day adjournment of both houses and senate about August 20, providing that in the meantime the agricultural credits measure is enacted and the house passes the tax revision bill.

Under the tentative plan the railroad debt funding, the allied debt refunding and other bills will go over until September. Enactment of several other important measures before the recess date, however, is contemplated.

The recess and legislative programme was arranged more definitely by the president at a luncheon today with Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader, and Senator Curtis, Kansas, assistant leader, after the president's decision yesterday with house leaders.

#### Recess Favors Dispatch.

Representations by Senators Lodge and Curtis that the allied debt refunding legislation would actually be expedited by the proposed recess were said to have figured largely in the president's assent to the 30-day vacation. The senators said that the senate finance committee, by working uninterruptedly during the recess period, could make much greater speed on the tariff and tax bills.

The speeding-up process, it was pointed out, rests with the house, where the tax and agricultural credit bills are pending. The senate has before it only minor bills and plans a week-end recess beginning tomorrow. Before the recess leaders expect to complete enactment of the Capper-Tincher grain anti-gambling bill, the shipping board's deficiency appropriation bill and the Willis-Campbell anti-beer measure. The new republican bill to extend the Fordney emergency tariff law until the permanent bill is enacted, it was indicated, probably will go over until after the recess.

#### House to Pass Two Bills.

In the effort to obtain their vacation, the house tomorrow is to take up the shipping board deficiency bill and on Friday the agricultural credits measure passed recently in the senate. Both are scheduled for passage before the week-end, leaving the shipping board appropriation bill for senate action next week, together with the conference reports on the agricultural credits, anti-beer and other bills.

Next week is to be devoted primarily by the house to the tax bill. It is to be introduced Monday and taken up for debate by Wednesday. Representative Mondell, republican leader, today expressed hopes for its passage possibly by Thursday or not later than Saturday of next week.

The only senate action contemplated on the bill before the recess is formal reference to the finance committee for work during the recess.

### VISITING BANKER DEAD

#### George Gibson of Nebraska Passes Away at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—George David Gibson, 65, of Fremont, Neb., died Tuesday at St. Vincent's hospital of heart disease. He is survived by his widow, two sons, W. R. Gibson of Omaha, Neb., and Grant Gibson of Belgrade, Neb., and three daughters, Mrs. D. C. Allen, Fremont, Neb.; Mrs. M. H. Hooper, Battle Ground, Wash.; and Mrs. Stella Gibson, Long Beach, Cal.; two brothers, Charles, Pasadena, Cal.; C. J. Gibson, Long Beach, Cal.; and two sisters, Mrs. Martha A. Thayer, Parapano, Mich., and Mrs. E. S. Fay, Paris, Ill.

Mr. Gibson was returning with his wife and daughter to Nebraska from California. He had stopped over in Vancouver to visit their daughter when he was taken ill.

In Nebraska he was director of the Dodge County bank, at Hooper. The body was sent today to Fremont.

### Obituary.

#### Mrs. Mary Hale.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Hale, who died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Tuesday. She was a granddaughter of the late Rev. William Sperry, who helped found the first Baptist church in this vicinity, and a daughter of Rev. Carpus Sperry, who helped found the first Baptist church at Brownsville. Mrs. Hale is survived by seven children and her husband, Elias Hale of this city. The children are Herbert Hale, Carpus Hale, Mrs. John Gross, Mrs. Anna McFarland, Mrs. Maud Austin, Mrs. Alice Cooper and Mrs. Myrtle Stevens.

#### James Kester.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late James Kester, 73, pioneer resident of Linn county, who died at his home in Portland Sunday, was held at the Fortmillier chapel here this afternoon. Mr. Kester crossed the plains to Oregon in 1865 and settled in Linn county. He resided in this county until he went to Portland 12 years ago. He was native of Ohio. Mr. Kester is survived by two sons, T. C. Kester of Jefferson, Or., and S. J. Kester of Mollala, Or.

#### Mrs. Clara D. Trekkell.

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#### As Irretrievable as the snows in their great north country are the

#### "Man Tracker"

Lincoln street, died at St. Vincent's hospital Tuesday, August 2, after a short illness. She is survived by three sons and one daughter, Mrs. Carrol Davis, Carl and Allan Trekkell, all of Portland, and Loren Trekkell of Enid, Oklahoma; two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. E. Mathews of Portland, George W. Mathews of Mosier, Mrs. Lucy Cooper and Loren A. Mathews, both of The Dalles.

#### Albert Harryman.

BEND, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Following an operation Monday, Albert Harryman, rancher near Bend for the past 11 years, died here this morning. He was a native of Illinois, 62 years old, and was one of 21 children. His wife and twin children survive him.

### ROTARY CLUBS TO PICNIC

#### 550 MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EXPECTED TO MAKE TRIP.

#### Programme at Priest Point Park Arranged Under Auspices of Olympia Organization.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Approximately 550 Rotarians and their families representing Rotary clubs of the Pacific northwest, are expected to assemble Friday at Priest Point park for the first annual picnic of the district as guests of the local club.

Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and Everett have signified their intention to send large delegations. The picnic does not include the Bellingham club nor the clubs of the mountains in Walla Walla, Spokane and Yakima. The picnic will feature the possibilities of auto touring and areas will be laid upon the development of this feature. A programme has been arranged which will include a picnic dinner, races, swimming, a band concert and dance. Reverend R. Franklin Hart of Olympia, will deliver the address of welcome, which will be responded to by Ernest L. Skeel, district governor.

The committee in charge follows: H. L. Whiting, John H. Post, Fred W. Convery, Claude C. Aspinwall, S. Raymond Holcomb, Peter G. Schmidt, Hugh N. Steiklin, Fred R. Klumb, Leiland P. Brown, Carlton I. Sears, Glenn A. T. Fowler, W. A. W. Branson, Jesse D. Mansfield, Roscoe Fullerton, Dr. Frank J. Phillips, J. Law Johns and Robert G. Wright.

### FAMOUS WRITER IN SALEM

#### Nelson McKenna Confers With Heads of Oregon Institutions.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Nelson McKenna, nationally known writer and contributor to several of the most important magazines in the United States, arrived in Salem last night in search of material for a series of industrial stories.

Mr. McKenna is a veteran of the world war and has spent much of his fighting forces of two nations. During his stay in Salem he will confer with L. H. Compton, warden of the Oregon state penitentiary, and Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital.

Mr. McKenna said that he was an enthusiastic supporter of the "land for ex-servicemen idea." He said there were vast tracts of undeveloped land in Oregon which could be made to produce heavily under proper cultivation. To make these lands successful he would like to see the ex-servicemen under terms which would allow them to pay out and establish a home.

### SUB-BASE DISCONTINUED

#### Medford Patrol Service Equipment Moved to Eugene.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Barbar Field has ceased to be a sub-base of the aviation forest patrol service and is now a mere landing place for the daily patrols of that service. Eugene, tomorrow morning Lieutenant Carter and all the men who have been stationed here except two will leave by train for Eugene and the equipment such as hangars, extra motors, personal effects of the men, and motor cars will be sent to Eugene. The planes already have gone.

### GROWERS TO HOLD PICNIC

#### New York Dried Fruit Expert to Give Chief Address.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Members of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association from practically all sections of the state, and others from Oregon will hold their annual picnic at the state fairgrounds here tomorrow.

Ernest S. Sergeant, authority on dried fruits, will address the picnicers. Mr. Sergeant is connected with the New York commission which handled 52 carloads of Oregon prunes during the past year as well as an assistant in the state of Washington, where he has been in charge of the prunes grown in this section of the Pacific northwest.

### POMONA GRANGE MEETS

#### Master Tells Members of Work Done at Corvallis.

AMBOY, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Sixty members of Pomona grange were in attendance this morning at the opening session of that organization. The principal address of the morning was that delivered by C. F. Buss, master of the grange, who described the work done at the state grange convention at Colville.

During the noon session a number of committees conferred on the arrangements for the Clarke county convention to be held in Portland this fall.

### PHONE RATES SOAR IN SPITE OF SAVINGS

#### Parent Concern's Economies Make Public Pay More.

### BENEFITS ALL ONE-SIDED

#### Outside Plant Engineer Admits American Company Gets First Cut From Gross Earnings.

Large savings effected by the general staff of the American Telephone & Telegraph company in telephone equipment used by associated companies, including the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, has not reflected any decrease in telephone rates, but instead increased rates have been in vogue, according to testimony gained from Frederick Lealand Rhodes, outside plant engineer of the American company, under cross-examination by Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson.

From 12 o'clock yesterday morning until 5 o'clock last evening, when the hearing adjourned, Attorney Tomlinson and Engineer Rhodes "fenced" continually but rarely ever scored a point. Attorney Tomlinson was using questions in an effort to lay the blame for his brief, while the witness was extremely cautious in his replies to the interrogations.

#### Expert Assistance One-Sided.

During the morning session Attorney Tomlinson devoted his time to asking questions pertaining to rate hearings in which Mr. Rhodes has participated. In this line of questioning it was apparent that Mr. Tomlinson was attempting to prove that in the majority of these cases, states, cities and towns did not have the aid of any competent telephone engineers to refute testimony given by Mr. Rhodes on the question of the 4 1/2 per cent charge made by the American company on the gross receipts of its associated companies.

While Mr. Rhodes indicated that he had a splendid memory as far as his side of the case was concerned, he was unable to testify as to the qualifications of the engineers engaged on the opposite side of the table.

#### Ring System Obsolete.

During the major portion of the afternoon Mr. Tomlinson put questions to the witness to prove that the American company was ignoring the selective ringing plan for four-party lines, and by refusing to develop this so-called improvement in the telephone world, were keeping from its associated companies a device that would decrease cost of service to the subscribers and insure improved service.

The witness was not ready to concede, maintaining, however, that such matters were in charge of the department of development and research of outside plant, and that he was not in intimate touch with the development of selective four-party ringing devices.

#### Witness Parries Questions.

For an hour or more Attorney Tomlinson sparred to gain an admission from the witness that he should acknowledge the development of this particular phase of the art, but the witness consistently maintained that his department dealt in cable line development, and in this work, the number of parties on a line made no difference.

He admitted that the number of parties on a line did make a considerable difference in the cost of operating a plant, but cables, he said, were constructed to carry line sets, with no regard for the number of stations on the individual lines.

#### Profit Made on Materials.

It was late in the day when Attorney Tomlinson began to score some points. His questioning of the witness Mr. Tomlinson obtained the information that the specifications prepared by the general staff of the parent company, sent to all of the subordinate companies, call for the purchase of equipment and supplies manufactured and sold by the Western Electric company.

On such materials sold by the Western Electric company, the witness admitted, a profit was made. When the new equipment was installed in a plant of the associated company, the cost of the purchase and installation was included in the valuation upon which such company receives a reasonable return.

#### Increased Rates Add Revenue.

The American company, he developed, which prepares the specifications calling for the purchase of equipment from the Western Electric company, another subsidiary company, receives 4 1/2 per cent of the gross receipts of the associated company, and as a result of this arrangement Attorney Tomlinson developed the fact that the greater the revenue derived by rates charged by the associated company the greater return to the American company.

All of this did not come out in an instant, but required an endless chain of inquiries. Mr. Rhodes explained that he felt that the service given to the associated companies by the Western Electric company was valuable, desired to explain his answer.

### Parent Company Watchful.

Qualifications thus given brought out the fact that the American company does not force its ideas upon the

### PORTLAND BOY COMES BACK IN PANTAGES ACT.

Roe Reeves, who is principal comedian with "The Whirl of Mirth" at Pantages theater this week, is a former Portland boy. He is very busy meeting old friends and renewing old acquaintances. When a boy he learned the iron foundry trade, not the Willamette iron works, then located at Third and Glisan streets. The call for him to come to Portland by his liking and he joined the Lewy Dockstader minstrels here, playing in the band and filling one of the end chairs. Since then Mr. Reeves has spent most of his time in musical comedy and in vaudeville. Reeves says Portland has grown to be some real village.

associated companies, but instead the general staff allows the engineers of the subordinate companies to follow their own lines except when it is evident that the local engineers are embarking upon a venturesome flight.

Then, the witness explained, a conference is called, and all parties go into the subject and finally "get together."

"What happens if you don't agree?" asked Attorney Tomlinson.

"Oh we are all reasonable men and we always get together," the witness testified.

"Nobody Rules as 'Papa.'" "But you do have arguments, then, don't you?" the assistant city attorney asked.

"Yes, we have family quarrels at times."

"Who's the papa?" "No one to trample it out and get together like reasonable people."

Mr. Rhodes explained further that his trip to Oregon was beneficial to the American company in protecting its revenue, profitable to the Pacific company in maintaining valuable relations, and of tremendous value to the telephone subscribers of Oregon, to insure the best of service in the future at the lowest possible rates.

#### Rates Soar Despite Economies.

Attorney Tomlinson brought out the fact that despite the economies spoken of by Mr. Rhodes, telephone rates are on the increase, and asked the witness if it were not true that the savings granted to the Pacific company by the parent organization were not actually the cause of increased rates.

Mr. Rhodes maintained that the rates for telephone service had increased since the war because of increased cost of labor and materials, but that if it were not for the services given to the Pacific company by the parent company telephone rates would be higher than they are at present and service would not be as high grade.

#### American Gets Rake-off First.

Mr. Tomlinson brought out the fact that the American company gets its share of the gross revenues before any other expenses are paid, but the witness held that this was not significant, merely being in conformity with the accounting system prescribed by the interstate commerce commission.

Attorney Shaw of the Pacific company entered vigorous objection when Attorney Tomlinson asked Mr. Rhodes the salary paid him by the American company.

"I object to this question," said Attorney Shaw. "It has no bearing on this case and is a personal matter. This question is invading the privacy of Attorney Tomlinson."

"Would you do that?" asked the witness.

"Well, I would be fair," returned Mr. Tomlinson.

"God help the witness if he was to rely on your idea of fairness," volunteered Attorney Shaw.

"Well, I am afraid you might recommend a 10 per cent increase," said Mr. Rhodes amid laughter in all parts of the room. "At any rate, it's not so high but that it goes much farther than covering living expenses in New York," the witness concluded.

#### Instrument Rentals Huge.

Mr. Rhodes testified under cross-examination that the services rendered associated companies cost the American company from \$4,770,000 to \$16,435,000, depending on the manner in which the cost of instruments are computed. The lower figure is determined by the cost of manufacturing instruments on book accounts, while the larger figures are computed on actual costs based on figures obtained during the last three years.

The revenues obtained by the parent company for the rental of instruments and other services amounted to \$1,747,000 in 1920, the witness said.

#### Telechronometer Is Discussed.

The telechronometer, referred to as a "dingbat" earlier in the session, was discussed by Mr. Rhodes on direct examination. He told the jury that measured telephone service had been a subject of study by the general staff of engineers of his company since 1909, but thus far no device which gives satisfaction has been perfected.

The tests made on devices on which the American company has obtained patent rights, he said, indicated that the effort of time telephone calls subscribers' stations added cost to the operating company, and also added cost to the associated companies, but giving any compensation returns to such subscribers for the added cost.

In outlining the value of service given to associated companies by the American company, Mr. Rhodes stated that in the beginning of the telephone business Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone instrument, supplied only the bare instrument to the Bell company for use.

At that time, the witness related, there were no switchboards, no call bells or any of the other adjuncts that go to make up the telephone service.

#### Success Laid to Research.

"If the American company had not started immediately to improve the telephone service, and if the associated companies had been forced to conduct their own development I am certain that the service would have fallen into chaos," said Mr. Rhodes.

The success of the telephone industry throughout the United States the result of time telephone calls most directly to the constant research work carried on by the parent company, he said. Mr. Rhodes said that the parent company had done considerable to improve the art of telephony, but even more so in the development of the Western Electric company, he said, the witness said, engineers of the general staff of the American company took the service of the telephone instrument into invention and worked until it was fitted for practical and commercial use.

The relation of the American Telephone & Telegraph company and the Western Electric company, which supplies all equipment to the subsidiary companies, is very close, according to the witness. Mr. Rhodes said the offices of the engineers of the two companies were located in New York to afford opportunity for close co-operation.

The New York laboratory of the American company is located in the Western Electric building, he said, and the American company pays the Western Electric company for all tests and experiments made on any devices and plans which have no connection with the department in question.

#### Use Based on Service.

The general staff of the American company, he said, evolves the fundamental plan, and the engineers of the Western Electric company construct it, after which the device is returned to the American company for approval. Since the device is returned to the American company for approval, the witness declared, but the question of service to the telephone subscribers was the sole thought in the minds of the engineers of the general staff.

The American company does not operate exchanges, the commission was told, although it operates as a separate division known as the "long lines" department. This bureau is on the same rating as an associated company and pays the parent company for the use of its gross revenue for use of instruments and other services. The long lines of the American company are operated out of Denver, and all long lines in the

territory of the Pacific company are owned and operated by the Pacific company.

In closing his direct testimony, Attorney Shaw developed the fact that through his witness, that the American company does not force its ideas upon the associated companies, but allows the officials of such companies to use their own judgment on all devices and suggestions offered to the parent company. Mr. Rhodes told the commission that his salary and expenses incident to his trip from New York and his stay in Oregon during the present hearing are paid for by the American company.

#### FORESTERS TO MEET HERE

Conference to Be Held in September, Says T. T. Morgan.

A conference of representatives of lumbermen's associations, forestry clubs, state foresters and forest guards of the American west will be held in Portland in September, according to announcement of Thornton T. Munger of the local office of the forest service. The meeting will be called to discuss methods for reforestation of logged-over land and proper ways of cutting timber on private lands.

"It is hoped that the economic objections to the practice of forestry on private lands may be removed by proper legislation," said Mr. Munger. "The only way in which we can accomplish anything is by co-operation and the conference will be called to discuss all phases of the question." Definite dates will be announced soon.

### SCHOOL TO GET \$9710

#### Vancouver Students Cost District 65 Cents Each Daily.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The cost of educating one student one day at Vancouver High school is 65 cents, according to statistics compiled by school authorities. The cost is the lowest in the

### KOZER BACK FROM HELENA

#### Secretary of State Attends National Convention.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, returned today after ten days passed in Montana, where he attended a national convention of the secretaries of states and auditors. The conference was held at Helena. Later the delegates went to Yellowstone National Park, where they passed several days viewing the wonders of the resort.

Mr. Kozar said the convention was well attended and that many matters of interstate importance were discussed.

### Auto Destroyed by Fire.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—An automobile driven by John E. Caviness of Hasto was destroyed by a fire which started from an unknown cause as he was driving last night between here and Warrenton. Caviness sustained several burns about the hands and arms while trying to extinguish the flames.

### Wreck to Be Seen in Films.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Five photographers went out to the wrecked steamer Canadian Explorer, Sunday, to get views of the sunken vessel, but were too sick to

take views except Alex Singleton of the Fox Film company. Tuesday he and George Sizer went out again in a fishing boat to get some close-up views of the vessel. The views will be shown in Reiner's picture show here and in Raymond as well as elsewhere.

### YOUTH IS PAROLED AGAIN

#### George M. Spiker Freed After Lecture by Judge Kelly.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—George M. Spiker, paroled from the state training school for boys here some time ago, later arrested for passing a worthless check and again committed to the institution, today was paroled for the second time. He will be employed by Clarence Miller of Turner.

In paroling Spiker today Judge Kelly gave the boy some good advice and informed him that should he again appear in court charged with a crime, he would receive a prison term.

### Hoover Urged to Buy Salmon.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Dan A. Sutherland, delegate from Alaska, today urged Herbert Hoover to purchase 1,000,000 cases of Pacific coast salmon for use in Russian relief work.

Every large city has one newspaper which, by universal consent, is the Want-Ad medium of the community. In Portland it's The Oregonian.

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