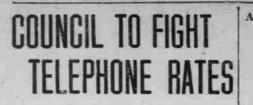
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Cost of Business Phones Is Declared Higher Than in Other Coast Cities.

# POSSIBLE MERGER TALKED

City Will Launch Battle in Public Service Commission and Seek Speedy Decision in Pending Toll Case.

With the claim that Portland is pay ing a higher rate for business telephones than any other city on the Paciflic Coast, the City Council is preparing to wage a determined fight before the Public Service Commission for a decrease in these rates.

Some steps may also be taken by the city to aid in effecting the pro-posed merger of the two telephone companies of the city, on the grounds that there is no effective competition, and the two companies operating as separate units are acting as an un-necessary burden to all telephone sub-scribers in the city.

### Speedy Hearing Urged.

Speedy Hearing Urged. An early hearing on the new long-distance telephone toll system, which went into effect on January 1, is de-sired by the city, and a resolution directed to the Public Service Commis-sion was adopted by the council at an adjourned meeting yesterday, urging a hearing immediately. The council contends that Portland telephone sub-scribers are forced to pay between \$2000 and \$3000 monthly in excess tolls on calls from Portland to points out-side of the city because the hearing has been delayed from time to time. No immediate action is expected in

No immediate action is expected in No immediate action is expected in the matter of attempting to secure a decrease in the rates for business tele-phone connections. The council is unanimous in the opinion that action on this subject should be deferred un-til the Supreme Court has passed upon the appeal of the 6-cent carfare suit. The decision in this case, the council believes, will be an important factor in establishing the city's jurisdiction and power in connection with the con-trol of public utilities. The council was told yesterday by

E. M. Cousin, traffic expert in the employ of the city, that the telephone charge of business connections in Portland is \$8, whereas the same service connections in other Coast cities costs between \$5 and \$6 monthly.

Petition for Decrease Likely. Petition for Decrease Likely. ... Data pertaining to the rates have been collected by the city and follow-ing the decision of the Supreme Court in the 6-cent case, it is likely that the council will begin its fight for lower business connection rates by petition-ing the Public Service Commission for an immediate decrease. Members of the City Council say the telephone company representatives have

telephone company representatives have informed them that Portland was forced to pay a high business rate because it was a growing city and the greater number of instruments installed caused higher cost for service. The Commis-sioners hold that this policy is not consistent when San Francisco and Los Angeles, with far more population than Portland, are paying a lower business

rate. Mr. Cousin reported that the residendential telephone rates were approx-imately on a par with the rates charged for the same service in other Coast cities.

The council has not yet determined how it can aid in the consolidation of the two telephone companies, but has



Above-Mrs. Delva D. Weller, Director: Mrs. Zoe Baldwin, Enrolling Officer: Mrs. Helen Dover, Miss Nellie Cochran, Mrs. H. Cheney, Mrs. T. Dunderdale, Mrs. G. W. Sutton, Mrs. W. J. Ritz, Mrs. W. H. Benley, Mrs. B. Honnette, Mrs. Jane McGreer, Mrs. Marian Murphy, Mrs. N. E. Lynch, Miss Ruth DeFontaine, Mrs. E. H. Bridger, Mrs. E. H. Mosse, Mrs. John Grant, Mrs. H. E. Schauer. Below-Party of Lincoln High School Girls, Who Will Förget School and Books While Picking Berries, Ready to Leave the Union Depot Thursday.

the help necessary to harvest and can the crop, but this year, owing to unusual conditions produced by the exigencies of the war, the berrygrow-ers of Hood River have been compelled to appeal to the Chamber of Commerce

to appeal to the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations for help. The farm labor situation has become Portland Asked to Assist in so serious that a special bureau has been established in this city by the Federal Government for the employ-ment of farm laborers. J. W. Brewer, the Federal agent, with offices in the Oregon building, is compiling a list of men and women who will work in the fields, and is supplying farmers and fruitgrowers with labor as fast as it can be obtained. One party of 40 Port-BUSINESS MEN TAKE HAND can be obtained. One party of 40 Port

land school teachers, especially chap-croned, is going into the loganberry **One-Day Employment Bureau Will** districts next week, and it is expected that members of the United States Boys' Working Reserve will also aid in Be Opened in Liberty Temple harvesting the loganberry crop, which will be ready for picking on June 24. A great many women have responded to the call for help in the berry fields and many of them are planning to take

Cripples of All Kinds to Be lard, **Treated Free.** 



Institute of Barking, comprising a membership of about 300 young men from the staffs of the several local banks, has just closed its season of study. The object of the American In-stitute of Banking is to train young bankmen in the most efficient and up-to-date methods of banking and to qualify them for executive posts in their chosen profession. To this end, a two years' course of study in com-mercial law and negotiable instruments is provided, under the supervision of nstitute of Banking, comprising a

mercial law and negotiable instruments is provided, under the supervision of competent instructors. The following men, having just com-pleted this course and passed the final examinations, will be awarded cer-tificates by the American Bankers' As-was sent to fight in France two or

and a set of the American Bankers Association:
J. King Bryon, J. F. Healy, Arne C.
Zahl, Park B. Myers, A. T. Matthews,
M. L. Eastham, Andrew Morris, Matt
Harris, Edward B. Sterling, Ivan Polaris, Edward B. Sterling, Ivan Polaries, Pola Training of Reconstruction Aides at Reed College Calls for Patients With All Sorts of Func-tional Ailments. With All Sorts of Func-the following officers were With Sorts All All Sorts of Func-Sorts All the recent annual meeting of the Sorts of Func-Sorts All the recent annual meeting officers were Chapter the following officers were

have no country and no country wants to adopt them.' I tried to tell him that he was wrong, that the allies wanted

to help Russia to get back, but it was

head that he was distrusted because he had been born a Russian. It wasn't true. But he thought it was. He said

so. One day he went up in an altitude test with an observer. He was acting as pilot, but the machine had a double

By and by this man took it into his

were orating from soap boxes against the draft and against what they called "this profiteers" war," are among the hottest young patriots and keensi fighters in the American Army.

fighters in the American Army. I saw some of those boys at Camp Upton last Autumn. I saw one who was sitting in a corner blubbering like a small child because he was being sent to Spartanburg. He was continually beg-ging to be allowed to go home. His captain told me that the only thing to do with him was to send him so far away from New York that week-end visits home would be impossible. I saw other Jowish boys who were unwilling soldiers then, but every one I saw in France was enthusiastic about his work and as little of an interna-tionalist as the young man in the avis-

tionalist as the young man in the avia-tion camp. The Jewish soldier has made good. I was told so by many officers and I saw it for myself.

### Merely Lonthe Germans.

Merely Loathe Germans. Our soldiers have not been taught to hate the Germans and I don't think they do hate them. It is certain that the French people with whom our men associate do not. But they scorn and leathe the Hindenburg method of mak-ing war and this attitude our men share. They regard the Germans with horror rather than hatred and so must all Americans who even faintly realize what is going on every day and hour in what is going on every day and hour in the invaded districts of Belgium and France.

Our soldiers, many of them, have seen this terrible thing and it has made their blood run hot in their arteries, it has set their jaws hard and caused their eyes to blaze. What theories they have ever had about international-ism have been dissipated by the facts

as nave been dissipated by the facts with which they are faced. In a Y. M. C. A. cantonment I came upon a young corporal who had found a seat behind the plano, and he was sitting there weeping his heart out over a letter from home, a letter telling him how his brother had died when him how his brother had died when the Germans torpedoed the Tuscania. I sat down beside this soldier. He seemed to need somebody, and I was

Brother was a good swimmer and he managed to rescue his chum and to get him back on the raft. But while he was in the water two more men, half drowned and desperate, had climbed aboard, the the raft was now several inches under seas. So this heroic young American soldier, unwilling to jeopard ize his comrades' lives, gave up hi

0.45'75. "Tell my mother and the family that

"Tell my mother and the family that I am sorry I didn't have a chance to fight for America," he said," and sank into the black and icy ocean. "Well, I can fight," said the soldier who read me that letter. "And every time I am allowed to go over the top I shall remember how they killed my kid brother is the dark"

kid brother in the dark."

American men are accustomed from their childhood to see women treated with respect and children with tender-ness. They see with horror-stricken eyes the women and children refugees from the war-invaded districts flying before a foe that knows no pity, that treats combatants and noncombatant with equal cruelty and wrath.

### Refugees a Pitiable Sight.

I have told of a Sunday I spent in railroad station in the first days of the great Spring offensive, and of the southward bound trains beafing the wounded and the homeless. With me on that platform were several American soldiers, two or three members of the military police. They were there primarily to look after our soldiers passing up and down the line, but they worked hard to help the stricken refu-gees, hundreds of whom were fed and ministered to that day by the French ministered to that day by the French Red Cross.

They were mostly women and chil-dren and old men, and their plight was pitiful. This was the second time that they had fied before the German hordes. Last November, after the "victorious and with the aid of their government

and the American societies for French reconstruction had begun life again. In their shells of houses and in their

The their shells of houses and in their shattered little farms they gladly took up the work of gaining a little bread. Then, without any warning, the awful flood of war swept over them again. They fled, half clad, never pausing to collect their poor belongings. With-out the blessed help of the Red Cross they would be still of the rest in a

they would have died of starvation on the road. Everything they ever had was gone. They stumbled off the trains, dazed, with white, blank faces

I saw those American soldiers carrying old women and little children into the Red Cross canteen, feeding them, ministering to them, all the time mut-

tering curses on the fiends who had brought them to this bitter pass.

one of these men said to us over here, one of these men said to me. "God help the Kalser when we get fairly into this war." And then he exclaimed: "Are there really any pacifists left in America" If there are I wish they

could see what we have seen today." I wish so, too. I wish I could show the theorists, the "internationalists," what I saw of those French refugees,

the poor, despoiled working people and farmers who fled, as the hordes of old

fled before Attila, another scourge of God, but one not less tigerish or void of soul. Something of what I saw I

Age. Never Fails. Painless.

Watch my step? What's the use I go along "right side up without care, even with corns, because I use "Gets It." the painless, off-like-a-banana peel corn remover. I tried other ways

galore, until I was blue in the face and

Step Lively! Corns

shall attempt to describe.

"Oh, we have work to do over here,

and staring, empty eyes.

LaRoche for an investigation and re-

GIRL IN HER HOME SHOT

Wedding Set for Afternoon Is Now

Postponed. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. June 15.— (Special.)—With her wedding set for this sender, aged 13, of Oakhand, was shot and seriously who entered the house through a rear (Special.)—With the sender, aged (Special.)—With her wedding set for this sender, aged (Special.)—With her wedding set for the committee of business men, working the conjunction with the Portland Cham---ber of Commerce, met yesterday and ployment bureau in Liberty Temple to fill the demand of the cannery people for 50 workers, who must be secured window at 8:320 A. M. and fired at her as to once. A set who at set of potatoes at points method the set on the secured (Special.)—With her wedding set for this set out and the set of potatoes in order to the set out and the set of potatoes at points method (Special.)—With the set of potatoes at point

afterward by her fiance. Theodore Waidley, an 18-year-old shipbuilder, employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company at the Alameda plant. It was de-cided to postpone the wedding awaiting Miss Bender's recovery. Her wound, though serious, will not prove fatal, physicians say.

HOUSING PROBLEM TOPIC

Rotary Club Will Hear Lloyd J

Wentworth at Tuesday Meeting.

Solution of the housing problems that

confront Fortland is promised by the Rotary Club at its weekly meeting at the Hotel Benson Tuesday. Herbert Gordon, who has been giv-ing a great deal of attention to the

uestion, has been invited to present hat he regards as the solution. Lloyd

Wentworth is to head the programme y presenting the desires of the Goy-nument for proper housing conditions

Carl Jones, a member of the club, will tell what the owner should expect in return for his investment, and H. E. Plummer, City Building Inspector, will speak on the subject "What Portland Needs."

FREIGHT RATES PROTESTED

City Council Says Cheap Coal for

Oregon Is Threatened.

The resolution calls attention to the fact that cheap coal suitable for do-

Tact that cheap coar suitable for no-mestic use exists in nearby points in this state and in Washington, and that freight charges heretofore on this com-modity have been approximately 31 a ton. The new rates as announced will

aggregate advance of 45

Protest against the increase of the freight rates on coal shipments was made in a resolution rassed by the City Council yesterday. The resolution was addressed to the Federal railroad au-thoritles, who recently decided upon a general 25 per cent increase in 1

workers.

freight rates.

cents a ton.

a constantly growing army of

The danger to the berry crop of Ore-gon does not only lurk in the fact that labor is scarce in the fields, but also in the scarcity of labor in the can-neries, which may mean that after the NEW FREIGHT RATE ALARMS crop is picked it may go to waste be-cause it cannot be canned fast enough. Strawberry canners of Hood River have issued an appeal for help to can

Saving Berry Crop.

to Provide Fifty Workers for Hood District.

this patriotic

CLEVER ROSE CITY PARK CHILDREN GIVE A DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME.



Left to Right-Cinderella's Stepsisters, Alice Julia Collins and Siling Jewitt; a Servant, Milton Albin; Fairy Godmother, Carol Schoene; Cinderelin, Rose Roherts; the Prince, Harold Frauendorf; the Bishop, Walter Wheelock.

The children in the fourth grade, Rose City Park School, gave entertainment Friday in the assembly hall. Their teachers, Mrs. Katherine Meagher and Miss Rowena Arthur, wrote especially for the children two playlets-"Cinderella" and "The Modern Old Woman in

At the close of the programme Mrs. San-Juel Crawford, of the Uni-versity of Portland, sang for the children. She was accompanied by Miss Ethel Vera Edick.

from the country west of the Missis-sippi River have enrolled in the second

work and at the same

Reconstruction Aide course at Reed College, and these aides will be trained by competent physicians and military nurses, to handle the cases of wounded

who entered the house through a rear window at 3:30 A. M. and fired at her as the was fleeing through the front door. The girl's mother, Mrs. Mary Bender, followed the marauder and fired three shots at him from her revolver as he that her daughter's assailant may have been a rejected sultor, taking revenge on her wedding duy; but this the girl no finance. The girl was rushed to the receiving hospital. where she was visited shortly afterward by her finance. Theodore Waldley, an 18-year-old shipbullder, employed by the Bethlehem Steel Com accidents of minor and major signifi-

cance. Aim Is Thorough Training.

Until the clinic opens applications for treatment should be made to Reed College, but when the clinic opens applications may be made by calling

breations may be made by calling Breadway 566. Dr. W. T. Foster, president of Reed, yesterday explained that there will be no limit to cases that can be handled. The aim is to give the aides all the said practical training possible, and to do this, innumerable cases will be want-ed. The work will be done under War

ed. The work will be done under War Department's specifications, and the purpose is to prepare the reconstruc-tion aides to handle wounded soldiers as soon as they return. President Fos-ter has been informed by the War De-partment that 150.000 wounded soldiers partment that 150,000 wounded soldlers may be expected back in the United customed to an active life for many years and would not care at this stage to retire to the Vice-Presidency.

States within two years. The operations and treatments by the surgeons will be only the first half

the surgeons will be only the first half or the task. To prepare the disabled men to reaume their places in abciety and make a living they will have to be taught new functioning powers, how to use artificial limbs and a new psychology of life. Cases handled at the clinic, of course, will be subject to competent surgical and medical rec-ommendations. A blind charge of the State has recently been sent to Port-land, to be treated by one of the aldes. L is thought that proper massage may It is thought that proper massage may at least partially restore the sight function. This case is being handled at Reed by one of the aides who fin-ished the first course, which ended

Ished the first course, which ended June 1. Specialist Service Assured. One of the head aides at the Govern-ment hospitals for returned soldiers at Washington has been promised to Reed College this Summer, and in ad-dition Miss Ragnhild Johansson, Stock-holm graduate and for five years in holm graduate and for five years in Boston and New York hospitals, has been released for service at Reed. Women already enrolled for the sec-

ond course come from 18 states, and all housing accommodations at the College have been engaged for the Summer. out of 400 have been accepted, and it county. Is likely that this number will be in-

creased steadily, as housing accommo detions can be obtained.

Cripples of all descriptions, convales-cents from operations and patients with various functional aliments, are wanted in numbers at the Reed College tree clinic, which opens June 24 in the tree states of the following officers were marked in sumbers at the reed College tree clinic, which opens June 24 in the the tree tree the tree tree the following officers were tree clinic, which opens June 24 in the tree tree the following officers were clicked to the flying men are idle half the time. Epton.

wanted in numbers at the Reed College free clinic, which opens June 24 in the old Lewis home. Nineteenth and Glisan streets. They will receive the latest scientific restorative and reme-dial treatment known to War Departtest scientific restorative and reme-ial treatment known to War Depart-ient surgeons. Several hundred women and girls rom the country west of the Missis-appl River have enrolled in the second appl River have enrolled in the second the several hundred course at Reed

no good.

their path. Now nobody trusts them to fight. They are outcasts. They



SENATOR POINDEXTER AVERSE TO BEING VICE-PRESIDENT,

Washington Solon Thanks Adherents for Urging Him to Run on Ticket With Roosevelt in 1920.

control and the man with him was a cool and capable flier. Otherwise the thing might have been even worse than it was. For when they were 6000 feet up and still climbing, the Russian sud-denly unbuckled the belt that secured OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

orkedomin's NEWS BUREAL, Wash-ington, June 15.—Senator Poindexter, of Washington, who recently was boomed for Vice-Fresident on a 1520 ticket with Roosevelt at Republican gather-ings at Tacoma and Kent, Wash, today followed the lead of his proposed runhim in his seat and before the observer could even guess what he was about to do, he stepped over the side of the ma-

chine into space. ning mate and declined the proposal Announcing his declination, the Senator Propagandists Are Blamed.

"That settled me. I said to myself that I would rather be dead than be a man without a country. That's what that poor fellow figured that he was and all other Russians. But I'm not a The Great Corn - Loosener of the "I appreciate very much the suggestion of my name for the Vice-Presiden-cy. While appreciating very much the honor, I would not under any circum-

and all other Russians. But in the nor Russian, nor an internationalist, nor anything else but a 160 per cent Amer-ican and if they want me to kill boches. I'm ready to begin any minute." A man without a country. Is there any sentence in the language, any com-bination of words more dreadful? Yet

what the German propagandists, which is the real name of many of the paci-fists and "internationalists," have been trying to do to American youth is to take their country away from them. They nearly succeeded and the proo of that was the three years of indif-ference we loltered through before we woke up to the fact that this war was ours, as well as England's, France's and Belgium's. We failed to realize that our country

was in immediate peril, because we had almost forgotten that we had a country. Are we all awake to the fact yet: No, because, if we were, there would not be left anywhere from the Atlan tic ocean to the Pacific one single dis loyal citizen, one single copperhead o so-called . internationalist. No

munity would tolerate them. There would be no corner where they could hide.

Corns Simply Can't Stop Us, We Use "Gets-It!"

red in the toes. No more for me. Use "Gets-It." It never fails. Touch any