

HOME PHONE PLANTS ABSORBED BY PACIFIC

Merger Effected After More
Than Year's Negotiations.

SALE APPROVED BY COURTS

Patrons of Home Company Will Be
Allowed to Retain Automatic
Phone Under Arrangement.

Transfer of the holdings of the Home Telephone company in Portland, Oregon City, Albany and Corvallis was formally made yesterday afternoon to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for a consideration of slightly more than \$2,000,000, and the consolidation of the two companies was thus effected.

According to officials of the Pacific company it will take about one year to consolidate the physical properties of the two companies. Under the consolidation, the Pacific officials declare patrons of the Home company will be allowed to retain the automatic instruments and secure service over the lines of both the Pacific and the former Home company.

Patrons now using both telephone service will be allowed to select the service desired and have the other service removed, thus cutting the present telephone bill of many business establishments of Portland in half.

Consolidation Is Complete.
The consolidation of the two companies is the culmination of more than a year's effort on the part of bondholders of the Home company, represented by Oswald West, recently elected the insolvent Home company. Seeing that suspension of operations was obvious under existing conditions, Mr. West began negotiations which led to a modification of a previous order issued by the United States department of justice restraining the Pacific company's officials from negotiating for the purchase of the Home company.

With the control of the Home company carefully conserved through the holding of a majority of the stock of the company, Mr. West secured a contract, with the officials of the Pacific company, agreeing to a purchase price in the event that the sale was consummated by March 1, 1919.

Council Approves Merger.
Last Thursday the city council, after several days' negotiations, effected an agreement with the officials of the Pacific company whereby the consolidated company would pay the city \$15,000 yearly for franchise privileges and also furnish without cost to the city necessary telephone service.

On Friday the circuit court confirmed a foreclosure sale to the Security Savings & Trust company of the Home company's property in Portland, Oregon City, Albany and Corvallis, and yesterday, in accordance with the terms of the agreement previously entered into by officials of the Pacific company and the bondholders of the Home company, a second transfer was made assigning the properties of the Home company to the Pacific company.

All Patrons Protected.
The transfer will not interfere in any way with the present operation of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company, which has been protected in the decree of the department of justice, when a modification of the order restraining the Pacific company from negotiating for the purchase of competing plants was made. Jay Bowman, attorney for the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company, in a statement issued yesterday, outlines the standing of this company.

The statement follows:
"The Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company is not in any way affected by the consolidation of the local exchanges in Portland belonging to the Home Telephone company and the Bell Telephone company. On March 26, 1914, a decree was rendered in the United States district court by Judge Bean, under the terms of which the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company was authorized to connect with all of the local telephones of the Bell company in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland.

Bell Company Enjoined.
"Other conditions have enabled the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company to secure connection with all of the Bell telephones at other points. By this decree the Bell Telephone company was perpetually enjoined from buying up any competitive telephone companies in this territory. Before the Bell company was able to purchase the local plant of the Northwestern Home company it was necessary to secure a modification of this decree.

The attorney-general of the United States refused his consent to any modification until provision was made for the protection of the rights and interests of the Northwestern company. Ample protection has been provided in this; the consolidated exchanges in Portland will serve the long-distance patrons of the Northwestern company and the Pacific company in the competitive territory on equal terms. No favoritism will be permitted.

Business Methods Outlined.
"As soon as the mechanical details can be worked out, all telephone calls will be made under what is known as the 'questioned call' method, that is, the operator will inquire of the caller which service is desired and after the patron has selected the service of his choice, he will be connected with the long-distance operator of that system. A similar system will eventually be

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OLD ENGLISH REMEDY FOR CATARRH,
CATARRH, DEAFNESS AND
HEAD NOISES.

If you know of some one who is troubled with Catarrh, Deafness, head noises or ordinary catarrh cut out this formula and hand it to them and you may have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps from total deafness. In England scientists for a long time past have recognized that catarrh is a constitutional disease and necessarily requires constitutional treatment.

Sprays, inhalers and nose douches are liable to irritate the delicate air passages and force the disease into the middle ear, which frequently means total deafness, or else the disease may be driven down the air passages towards the lungs, which is equally as dangerous. The following formula, which is used extensively in the damp English climate, is a constitutional treatment and should prove especially efficacious to sufferers here who live under more favorable climate conditions.

Secure from your druggist 1 ounce of Eucalypti (Double strength). Take this home and add to it 1 pint of hot water and 1 pint of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day. This will often bring quick relief from distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils should open by breathing steam from a bowl of water improved as the inflammation in the nasal cavity acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system and has a tonic action that helps to obtain the desired result. The preparation is easy to make, costs little and is pleasant to take. Every person who has catarrh or head noises or is hard of hearing should give this treatment a trial.—Adv.

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In order to avoid duplication in collecting charges it has been the practice of the Northwestern to have its collections made by the local company owning the plant where the business originated. The Home company has performed this service for the Northwestern for the last 13 years. Under the new arrangement the long distance tolls due to the Northwestern company will be billed to the subscribers at the time they receive their statements for their local service and the money will be paid with the charge for the local service to the Pacific company.

Securities Given Protection.

The fact that this arrangement for collections is being continued must not be taken as meaning any more than a convenient method of making collections. The Northwestern is in every sense of the word an independent, competitive, long distance telephone company. Under the new arrangement the court has not only the Bell company, but its officers and directors are perpetually enjoined from buying up any of the stock or bonds of the Northwestern company.

Its securities are all held by men who have no connection whatever with any of the Bell Telephone companies.

WOMAN BANK HEAD PASSES

Miss Eva Coolidge Dies at 63. Soon After Going to Silverton Theater.

SILVERTON, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—The death yesterday in this city of Miss Eva Coolidge, long president of the Coolidge & McClaine bank, is deeply felt. Death was the result of a hemorrhage of the brain in the early hours of the morning.

Being one of the wealthiest residents here and native-born, Miss Coolidge had been most active in all charitable and patriotic work in this community in the past few years and more particularly her work was opened. With friends, Miss Coolidge was attending the theater Thursday night and upon entering the lobby fell ill and was rushed to her home. She never regained consciousness. Miss Coolidge was born August 22, 1856, and was 63 years old. She was the only woman bank president in this state, a position which she had held for years. Her parents were among the first pioneers to cross the plains and settle in this country.

Mr. Talbot Gains Strength.

The condition of Guy W. Talbot, who is recovering from an operation at St. Vincent's hospital, was reported much improved yesterday. Mr. Talbot is president of the Portland Gas & Coke company.

TWO PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE CAMELIA CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR, PATRONESSES FOR DANCE MARCH 7.



Mrs. Jacob L. Feldman.

Keen interest is shown in the coming dancing and card party to be given by Camelia Social club on the evening of March 7 at Masonic temple. The various committees are busy perfecting plans for a delightful evening. Patrons and patronesses for the event are the matrons and patrons of the several Eastern Star chapters of the city, as follows: Messrs. C. W. Hopkins, P. L. Lerch, W. F. Dillon, Dell Morgan, Oscar Smith, J. H. Rankin, Finley McGrew, James A. Stephens, Andrew Rugg, Arthur Hobson, V. A. Crum, John N. Keeler and Dallas F. Smith, Messrs. Marion Cole, Anna Dudley, Dixie M. Lewis, Mesdames J. Emil Nelson, Mary Mullen, H. E. Chipman, V. C. Birney, Fred S. Pickering, Roy E. Nichols, O. A. Hess, Fred W. Enke, G. L. Hopkins and L. M. Snow.

FEBRUARY RAINFALL HEAVY

TOTAL FOR MONTH AMOUNTS TO
8.36 INCHES.

Precipitation for Period From September 1 to March 1 Yet 1.57 Inches Below Normal.

The total precipitation at Portland for the month of February, 1919, was 8.36 inches, or 2.63 inches above normal for the month of February, according to the monthly report of Edward L. Wells, meteorologist, issued yesterday. In spite of this unusually heavy rainfall, however, 1.57 inches is still lacking to bring the precipitation up to normal for the period from September 1 to March 1. The greatest precipitation for any 24-hour period in February was 1.8 inches, registered on the eighth day of the month.

There was only one clear day during the entire month, according to the report, while eight were partly cloudy, 13 were cloudy and on 22 of the 28 days rain fell.

Only 33 hours of actual sunshine were registered out of a possible 720. The average hourly velocity of the wind during the month was 6.7 miles, the maximum velocity being 30 miles an hour on February 25.

The highest temperature reached was 53 degrees on February 19, the lowest was 23 on February 3 and the average temperature for the month was 42.4 degrees.

The Willamette river at Portland was at a stage of 6.7 feet when the month began, reached its maximum height of 10.5 on the 12th day, dropped to its lowest stage of four feet on February 25 and was rising and had reached a stage of 7.4 feet at the close of the month.

Measure of snowfall, too small to be measured, fell during the entire month.

BATTALION DRILL ORDERED

Chief of Police Johnson Outlines Work for Summer Months.

Battalion drill of the whole police force is to be a feature of the summer work this summer, according to orders issued yesterday by Chief of Police Johnson. Captain Moore is to be battalion commander with Patrolman Young as drillmaster.

The chief issued instructions to the captains to the effect that all policemen must be furnished with uniforms regardless of the duty to which they are assigned.

The bulletin yesterday announced that the police bureau would march

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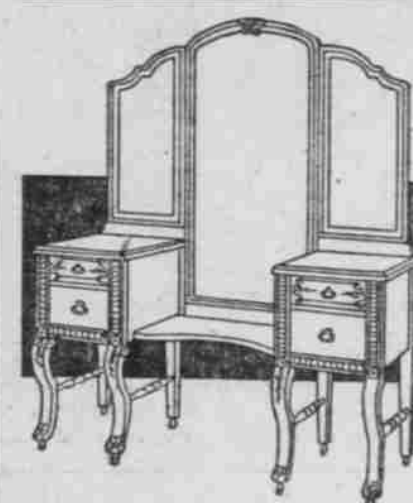
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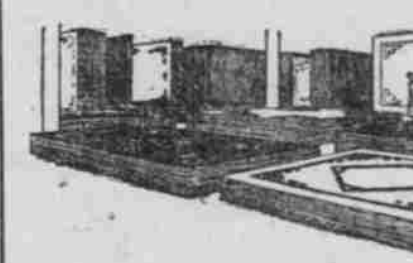
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in some of the Rose Festival parades. The drill also was recommended as tending to promote discipline in the bureau.

Bills Traveling "Rocky Road."

YAKIMA, Wash., March 1.—(Special.)—President Tiffany of the Yakima Commercial club, who is in Olympia working for the state land settlement and state reclamation bills, has written to friends here that both measures, now in committee, are having a "rocky

road" to travel. Mr. Tiffany expressed the belief that if the bills could be

gotten out of committee they would be passed.

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Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of Eucalypti phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

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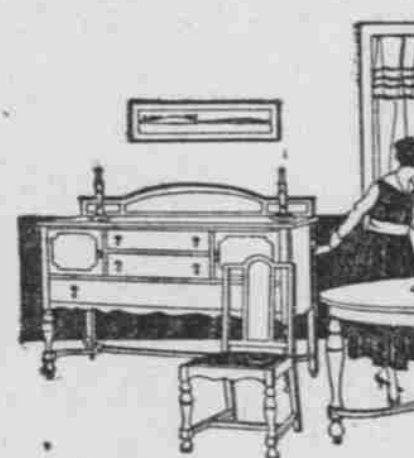
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