

PHONE HEARING TO END IN SALEM

Commission Complains of Expense in Portland.

BRIEFS TO BE FILED SOON

Conclusion Expected Thursday or Friday, When Rebuttal and Testimony Are Finished.

After four weeks' progress in the telephone rate hearing, the scene of the hearing will be switched back to Salem, where it will convene tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

In making the announcement that the hearing would be concluded in Salem, Chairman Williams explained that work of the commission is piling up in Salem, and the necessity of having a large number of the commission staff in Portland, where they cannot handle this work, is not only a heavy expense to the state, but is putting the commission behind in its docket.

"No one realized that the telephone re-hearing would consume as much time as it has," said Mr. Williams. "We changed the hearing to Portland in order that witnesses of the city might have opportunity to testify without traveling to Salem. All such witnesses have been given an opportunity to be heard, and to save the expense of the commission we have decided to conclude the hearing in Salem."

Hearing to End Soon.

It is practically certain that the hearing will be concluded this week, probably Thursday or Friday. As it is customary for attorneys on all sides of a rate controversy to file briefs with the commission instead of making oral arguments, the case will be concluded as quickly as all testimony and rebuttal end.

Attorney Shaw said yesterday he expected to complete his portion of the testimony within two days, and the city probably will occupy a day at least in rebuttal testimony.

Cross-examination of F. H. Leggett, general manager of the telephone distribution department of the Western Electric company, was completed yesterday morning. Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson, Major Garrison Babcock, telephone engineer, and E. M. Cousin, representing the Oregon Telephone federation, participated in this examination, which consumed the greater portion of the morning session.

Higher Rate Paid on Bonds.

It was developed that the Western Electric company will pay 88 per cent of its preferred stock of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, does not enjoy the financial assistance from the parent company that is accorded to the associated telephone companies.

Testimony previously introduced showed that the parent company loans associated companies money at a 6 per cent interest rate, but Mr. Leggett told the commission that the Western Electric company must provide for its own financing.

In 1920, he said, the Western Electric issued 5-year 7 per cent gold bonds amounting to \$27,000,000. This block of bonds was sold to the public at 98 1/2 cents, a price from which selling costs were deducted. Therefore the Western Electric paid far in excess for its money than do the associated companies, according to the witness.

Ratifiers Held Profitable.

The witness explained that the parent company was not in a position to aid the Western Electric financially, because it was unable to order a contract to aid in financing the associated companies.

Major Babcock asked several questions relating to manufacturing prices, but Mr. Leggett said he was not qualified to discuss in detail manufacturing prices of the business, as he was versed only in the distribution of supplies. The witness agreed to furnish data furnished to associated companies for a place in the record.

Testimony Is Attacked.

After it had been disclosed that Mr. Leggett was not familiar with the cost of supplies manufactured by his company, Attorney Tomlinson moved that all portions of his testimony relating to price comparisons be stricken from the records. Mr. Tomlinson maintained that such testimony had secondary information and should not have a place in the record.

Omni Spencer, Associate Counsel for the Telephone Company, Attacked the Plea of Mr. Tomlinson and Said the Testimony Had Secondary Information.

The commission took the objection and answer under consideration, reserving judgment until later in the case.

After Mr. Leggett left the stand, the city recalled H. A. Roak, general manager of the Northwestern long distance telephone company, who gave statistical information relating to the average length of calls. This testimony was a missing link in his previous testimony.

CHARGE BRINGS SUICIDE

ARTHUR A. SCHELL IS ACCUSED BY GIRL, AGED 9.

Notes to Wife and Parents Found in Clothing, Protesting Innocence of Charge.

CHICO, Cal., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—While police were investigating a serious charge involving a 9-year-old girl, Arthur A. Schell, owner of a music store here, was found shot to death late yesterday. Apparently suicide, authorities asserted, in his automobile near Orland, 30 miles west of Chico. He was shot in the chest and through the head and a revolver lay at his side, reports said.

Notes to his wife and parents were found in Schell's clothing.

A complaint against Schell had been signed yesterday by the parents of the girl.

Schell had declared he was guiltless, and Chico men announced they would support him and furnish an alibi.

Schell was charged with misconduct against Martha Meyer. He was said to have lured the girl into his automobile and to have made at-

tempts on her person. Johnny Corbett, her companion, aged 8, said he had witnessed all. Both identified Schell yesterday before Assistant District Attorney Gardner.

Schell was arrested, but was released on \$1000 bail. He left Chico and drove to Orland, where he shot himself after writing letters to his wife and parents protesting his innocence. The letter to his wife follows, in part:

"My darling, devoted wife—Forgive me. I want you to know I am innocent of the charge they are trying to bring against me, but the charges have been made public, so what's the use?"

"You are such a wonderful girl, such a pal, and all this suffering should not come to you, and my sweetest hope, my last wish, is that you get real happiness in life yet."

"You have been so true, so devoted, so wonderful, that the almighty in his justice must see that you are rewarded."

Mr. Schell was well known locally, having come here as director of the special events department of the Lewis & Clark exposition. After the exposition he was connected for several years with the Pacific States company as a department manager. Later he operated an advertising agency.

During his residence in Portland Mr. Schell had taken an active part in civic affairs, and was a charter member of the Portland Ad club.

Mr. Schell left Portland several years ago and moved to California, where he had been proprietor of a music store at Chico. He was president of the Chico (Cal.) Ad club, and when members of the Portland Ad club passed through there on the ad club caravan last year he provided a wonderful entertainment for his Portland friends and associates.

SUNDAY GOES SHOPPING

FIRST MOTOR TRIP TO TOWN SINCE ARRIVAL TAKEN.

Evangelist and Wife Show Healthy Tan as Result of Activities on Odell Ranch.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Accompanied by "Ma" Sunday, Rev. Billy Sunday, the noted evangelist, motored to Hood River yesterday for the first time since the two notables arrived on their Odell country place two weeks ago. They did some simple shopping and visited a meat market, buying a tongue, some wieners and a batch of meat for the dog.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunday did not linger long in the city. A thunder cloud threatened and the nationally known preacher, casting his weather eye upward, excused himself to friends who gathered to greet him, on the ground that the hay fields called.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sunday have been living the lives of frugal farmers since they came here. The former has aided in the harvest of 50 tons of hay, while Mrs. Sunday has been busy daily canning and preserving fruit. She prides herself on the excellency of her sun-dried raspberry preparations.

The healthy tan of the couple's faces evidence their outdoor activity. Testimony previously introduced showed that the parent company loans associated companies money at a 6 per cent interest rate, but Mr. Leggett told the commission that the Western Electric company must provide for its own financing.

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PORTLAND GIRL PAROLED

Nineteen-Year-Old Woman Is Released From Vancouver Jail.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Lucille Meacham, 19-year-old Portland girl, held in the county jail on a charge of grand larceny, was today paroled to her father, who lives in St. Johns, just across the border in the superior court giving the parole.

Mrs. Meacham was arrested here several weeks ago when a diamond ring valued at about \$150 disappeared from the home of Mrs. J. W. Shaw, wife of the Vancouver postmaster. The girl had been hired as a domestic by Mrs. Shaw the same morning. The girl was located by the police in a rooming house and the ring was found on her hand.

Mrs. Meacham told the court that her husband had left her and she was forced to make a living for herself. She has a child just a few months old.

Livestock Meeting Called.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Crocket county is scheduled to have a livestock meeting September 8 and 9. The first day's meeting will be held in Prineville and the second day at Powell Butte. Topics under discussion will be "Newer Methods of Raising Cattle" and "Feeds for Wintering Cattle." Several of the foremost authorities on stock industry will speak.

Woman Arrested as Speeder.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Hamilton F. Corbett, who gave her address as Portland, was arrested on the Pacific highway north of Salem today on a charge of speeding. The officers said she was traveling at a speed of 45 miles an hour.

Elks Have Marching Club.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—

THREE NEW TRUSTEES SELECTED FOR PACIFIC UNIVERSITY.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—In conjunction with the student movement, now in progress, three new trustees of the college have been selected—Mrs. Thomas D. Honeyman, Portland; W. J. McCready, Forest Grove, and Arthur J. Sellens, Portland.

Mrs. Honeyman is a prominent leader in Portland social and civic enterprises. Mr. McCready is a member of the lumber firm of Copeland & McCready, which has yards at Hillsboro and Forest Grove, and Mr. Sellens is superintendent of the Congregational church of Idaho.

The campaign is progressing rapidly and Pacific university promises to have a larger enrollment than on any previous school year.

ROSEBURG FETES ADMEN

EXCURSIONISTS GET ROYAL WELCOME IN DOUGLAS.

Julius L. Meier Solicits Co-operation of State to Assure Success for 1925 Fair.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—When the Portland Ad club excursionists to Crater lake, via the Pacific highway, motored late yesterday afternoon into the cool hills of the Umpqua, and saw a farmer busily engaged in shingling his barn with shakes, they said with one accord: "This fellow, a southern Oregon." But the test of geography was the hospitality with which Roseburg met the 80 dusty pilgrims, a banquet playing before the Hotel Umpqua and a banquet waiting their traveling-worn appetites.

Cottage Grove citizens had prepared them for the genial welcome by serving lemonade and ice cream and every excursionist.

J. W. Hamilton opened the banquet session, and introduced A. C. Marston, chairman of the Portland Ad club, who spoke for the Portland excursionists. Mr. Meier also addressed the gathering of Roseburg business men and Portland tourists.

Mr. Hamilton reminded the assembly that southern Oregon, as a thriving district of the state, recognized to the fullest extent its partnership with the metropolis. Mr. Meier, as the chief executive of the 1925 exposition, made the first public official announcement of the scope of the great enterprise.

He faced by a tremendous undertaking, he said, "but it is not destined to succeed through the efforts of Portland alone. The state must join in our enthusiasm for the plan for the advancement of Oregon interests, through the fair, if it proposes to know that the state will be with us."

Early tomorrow morning the Crater lake pilgrims will leave for Medford, where they are to be guests of the chamber of commerce, proceeding to the lake Sunday morning.

TRAVELERS SEE SAVAGE DAM

Luncheon Served by Construction Company Near Grants Pass.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Lunch was served today to the 50 visiting members of the Portland Ad club by the Shattuck Construction company at the Savage rapid, five miles south of this city.

The clubbers made the trip to this city from Roseburg without incident, arriving here about noon. They left this afternoon for Medford to spend the night before continuing to Crater lake.

Wilford Allen, manager of the irrigation district, which is to be supplied with water from the dam, made a short talk telling of the work being done and welcoming the visitors. E. J. Carrillo, superintendent, also made a brief talk explaining the work on the dam. Julius L. Meier and Eric V. House of Portland responded to the talks.

After the luncheon a trip over the dam was made. Superintendent Carrillo pointing out the various types of construction in the structure.

KANSAS OFFICIAL VISITS

Secretary of State Delighted With Oregon Climate.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—L. J. Pettijohn, secretary of state of Kansas, was in Salem today conferring with S. A. Koser, secretary of state, with relation to the conduct of the Oregon state department. Mr. Pettijohn is on his way to Jefferson, where he has relatives. He is accompanied by two assistants.

The eastern official said the weather had been very warm at his home and he was delighted with the climate in this section.

PAVING SAVING IS LARGE

Marion County Said to Have Cut Cost \$100,000 by Doing Work.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Operation of its own paving plants has saved Marion county approximately \$100,000 in the past year, according to figures made public by members of the county court yesterday. The county board of directors has been laid thus far this year, exclusive of several miles of macadam and other improvements.

Marion county now owns road-building equipment valued at \$200,000. The four plants provide material sufficient for paving of one-half mile of road daily.

VIOLENCE IS ALLEGED

Salem Woman Charges Husband With Beating Small Child.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—That her husband took their 2-year-old child by the heels and swung him, was among the charges in a divorce suit filed in the circuit court here today by Carrie H. Chapel against Orval A. Chapel.

Mrs. Chapel said her husband has a violent temper and that he admitted to her on several occasions that he might do her bodily harm. Mrs. Chapel asks for a decree and other relief.

Hop Carload Protested.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The department of public works has received notice from the railroad that the state to the effect that they have applied to the interstate commerce commission for the reduction of carload of hops to 15,000 pounds, to become effective about August 15. Heretofore the railroad has allowed 18,000 pounds to a carload, which shippers in Oregon and Washington objected to on the ground that it was insufficient to load that quantity into a car.

Battleground to Have Fair.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The committee will be held in Battleground, October 7, under the direction of the newly organized chamber of commerce. The latter organization will meet this week and the following officers were selected: C. W. Riddell, president; A. L. Dixon, vice-president; W. H. Dixon, secretary and George Noak, treasurer.

Soldier's Body on Route.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The body of Clyde Smith arrived in New York on August 5, and is now on the way to this city. Clyde, who was the son of Joseph and Mrs. Jasper N. Smith of Supia, was killed in action in the battle of the Argonne October 1, 1918. Funeral services will be in charge of Crook County Post American Legion, and interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

State Parks Safeguarded.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The discharging of firearms, mutilation of trees or leaving of campfires while still burning will not be permitted in public parks in the state, according to resolutions passed yesterday at a meeting of the state parks committee. Signs bearing these rules will be printed and posted in all the parks in the state. It was declared.

His Hearing Restored.

The invisible ear drum invented by A. O. Lewis, which is a miniature megaphone, fitting inside the ear entirely out of sight, is restoring the hearing of hundreds of people in New York City. Mr. Leonard invented this drum to relieve himself of deafness and he notes that it serves him successfully that no one could tell he is a deaf man. It is effective when deafness is caused by catarrh or perforated, or wholly destroyed natural drum. A request for information can be obtained by writing to 113, 70 Fifth avenue, New York City, will be given prompt reply.—Adv.

CHILDREN GIVE PAGEANT

SEASIDE THROUGH TO SEE TINY TOTS IN MOTLEY SHOW.

Variety of Dances Done by Offspring of Proud Parents Who See Little Ones Perform.

SEASIDE, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Fathers and mothers thronged to the dance hall today to witness the annual masquerade and pageant of the Tiny Tots, who are pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Oswald, dancing instructors of this city. A motley crowd of children participated in the affair. Clowns, fairies, Indians, pick-aninnies, Scotch lads and lassies, Chinamen, cupids and bathing beauties all sparkled in their childish beauty.

Special dances by several of the child prodigies did credit to their proud papas and mammas. Little Wharton danced an oriental ballet number with remarkable skill. Then followed a most pleasing duet by two of Seaside's most charming year-olds, who capered about the floor with very comical gesticulations.

The next dance was a sailor's hornpipe by the Misses Edessa Nudelman and Velda Kelsey. Finally there was rendered a most delightful interpretation of a Highland fling by the Misses Lola Wharton and Frances Nudelman.

The afternoon ended with a grand march and awarding of numerous prizes for the most bewitching costumes.

MOONSHINER FINED \$500

90-Day Jail Sentence Imposed on Offender Suspended.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—W. E. Rusk, arrested today on a charge of manufacturing liquor, pleaded guilty in justice court and was fined \$500 and costs. A 90-day jail sentence was suspended.

Rusk's farm near the county poor farm, on the Pacific highway, was raided by deputies headed by Nelson Steele and resulted in the seizure of 20 gallons an hour was seized. Eight sacks of sugar, eight sacks of corn and every excursionist.

Also were seized. Rusk told the court he was poor, but after sentence had been pronounced he was ordered to pay a fine of \$500 and to appear in court on the 15th day of the month. The minimum fine for the offense is \$500.

MARION HAY CROP LARGE

Capitol County Ranks Second to Polk in General Production.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Marion county farmers this year will harvest approximately 20 bushels of wheat to the acre, while Polk county must join in our enthusiasm for the same acreage, according to reports received from F. L. Kent, statistician for the state, and the county crop estimates, with offices in Portland.

The government report credited Marion county with 90 per cent wheat crop conditions August 1 and Polk county with 100 per cent conditions. Marion county has the best wheat in the state, the report said. Other crops in Marion county are slightly below the average.

Idaho Buys Linn Cattle.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The wonderful record made by the Linn county cattle examined thus far for tuberculosis, the fact that the county has concluded, has led to an order received by the county agricultural commissioner for carload of cattle to be sent to Idaho. Linn county has sent a number of its thoroughbred cattle to Idaho the last two years, and this event will be the first time that tuberculosis was found in this county caused the field dairyman of the extension division of the University of Idaho to send a request here for a shipment of cattle.

Portland Teacher Dies.

Miss Anna Iverson, formerly a teacher in the Graceland school, and a widely known Portland teacher, died last Wednesday at her girlhood home, New Hampton, Iowa, after a lingering illness. News of her demise was received in Portland yesterday. Miss Iverson had been a teacher in the Portland public schools for six years and was well known in scholastic circles. Her health broke down a year ago, when she resigned and went east in search of health. She is survived by her father and mother and a brother, Thomas, all of Iowa.

S. C. Pier Recovers Rapidly.

S. C. Pier, city commissioner, is recovering rapidly from the effects of injuries received in an automobile accident Tuesday night, according to reports of friends who visited him at the hospital yesterday. He left the hospital and went home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Pier is also reported to be progressing satisfactorily, although she is unable to leave the hospital. Mr. Pier expects to resume his duties at the city hall early in the week.

Bond Issue Up to Council.

An ordinance authorizing the sale of \$2,000 worth of fire bureau construction bonds to build a dock and fireboat house at the foot of Randolph street appears on the calendar for the council meeting next Wednesday. The contract for the new firehouse has been let and the work is under way.

Farm Week Schedule Made.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Discussions of crops, marketing, livestock improvement, farmstead improvement, farm home conveniences and kitchen arrangements will mark the program of farm week, which will be observed here December 13 to 17, inclusive, under the direction of the county board of agriculture.

Wool Rates Under Inquiry.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Hance H. Cleland, supervisor, and O. O. Calder, head of the department of public works, will leave Monday to conduct a hearing on wool rates in Portland, as the result of an application made by wool carriers to the department for the reduction of wool rates to meet winter competition. This is one of a series of hearings the department will hold, the second to be held in Spokane August 31. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

DEERSLAYERS ARE ARRESTED.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Three men were brought in from the mountains last night by County Game Warden McCurdy, charged with killing deer out of season. They are Francis and William Grant and Harry Myer, all of Battle Ground, Wash. McCurdy received information that the men were shooting deer, so followed them into the mountains, finally overtaking them. He said he found a part of deer in their possession when he arrested them.

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