

TELEPHONE GOVERNMENT GREATLY INCREASED

Discrepancy Uncovered in Rate Hearing Case.

SUBSCRIBER GAIN 1700

Mr. Hickman Insists Number of Stations or Income Have No Effect on Revenues.

An apparent discrepancy in sworn auditor's statements of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company that would add something like 2400 subscribers with an earning power of \$122,400 per annum to the company's income in this state, was uncovered at the telephone rate hearing before the state public service commission yesterday.

Then, Mr. Hickman, if these amended auditor's reports are correct your company, instead of a loss of 1700 subscribers, would show a gain of 1700, or gain over all of 2400 based on the prior reports made to this commission and this number of stations would earn approximately 1 per cent on the investment your company claims in this state.

Mr. Hickman insisted that the number of stations or the income had nothing to do with the net revenue. It was Hickman day at the rate hearing, resumed after a vacation of several months and will continue tomorrow, with a possible adjournment at that time until January 22, when high officials of the telephone company are expected to be on hand to aid in untangling the rate snarl as it is claimed to exist by the public service commission.

Party Lines Discussed. Much of the time has been devoted to four or more party lines, and it seemed to be the opinion of company officials that there was a chance of remedying the present overcrowded situation by means of installing single party lines or other best type of service as approved by company engineers.

BERRY SESSION CLOSED

CULTURE AND CANNING ARE DISCUSSED BY EXPERTS.

Growers of Woodburn District Ask Legislature to Provide Experiment Station.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A most well-attended two-day berry institute closed this evening. Among the speakers and their subjects were: J. C. Oure, president of the local berry growers' association, said the loganberry men should get a fair price next year. D. L. M. Blaney, of Woodburn, talked on "Loganberries and English Walnuts."

BOOK CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

Move for More Reading by School Children Gets Results.

During children's book week in November, the public library instituted a campaign to have every child above the second grade enrolled in the schools of Multnomah county read at least one good book during the week. As a result of this attempt, fostered by the principals of the several schools, 22,207 children read books during that period.

Davis, 97 per cent; Sitton, 87 per cent; Williams, 97 per cent; Failing, 86 per cent; Montavilla, 96 per cent; George, 95 per cent; Hill, 95 per cent; Linton, 94 per cent; Alameda, 92 per cent; Dunway, 92 per cent; Richmond, 92 per cent; Glencoe, 91 per cent; Hawthorne, 91 per cent; Holladay, 91 per cent; Lents, 91 per cent; Shattuck, 91 per cent; Beaumont, 90 per cent; Holman, 90 per cent; Woodmere, 90 per cent; Multnomah, 89 per cent; Oakley Green, 89 per cent; Brooklyn, 88 per cent; Woodlawn, 88 per cent; Chapman, 87 per cent; Rose City Park, 87 per cent; Alinsworth, 86 per cent; Beach, 86 per cent; Glenhaven, 86 per cent; Ladd, 86 per cent; Marysville, 85 per cent; Atkinson, 85 per cent; Oregon, 85 per cent; Woodstock, 85 per cent; Kerns, 84 per cent; Kenton, 83 per cent; Portsmouth, 83 per cent; Tellwigger, 82 per cent; Hudson, 81 per cent; Mount Tabor, 81 per cent; Sabin, 81 per cent; Scott, 80 per cent; Errol Heights, 80 per cent; Gregory Heights, 80 per cent; Highland, 80 per cent; Ferrwood, 79 per cent; Joseph Kellogg, 78 per cent; Thompson, 78 per cent; Kennedy, 78 per cent; Sunnyside, 77 per cent; Sellwood, 76 per cent; Elliot, 75 per cent; Couch, 74 per cent; Shaver, 72 per cent; Mills open air, 71 per cent; Vernon, 70 per cent; Peninsula, 68 per cent; Willabrook, 68 per cent; Parochial schools—St. Rose, 100 per cent; Academy of the Holy Child, 98 per cent; Holy Redeemer, 92 per cent; St. Ignace, 83 per cent; Assumption, 83 per cent; Sacred Heart, 87 per cent; St. Rose industrial, 86 per cent; Madeline, 85 per cent; St. Philip Neri, 85 per cent; St. Patrick's, 81 per cent; St. Francis academy, 71 per cent.

\$10,000, TELLER GONE

B. L. STANFORD SOUGHT ALL OVER COUNTRY.

Ex-Employee of United States National Bank Vanishes From Rochester, N. Y.

Search throughout the country is now being made for Burton L. Stanford, ex-employee of the United States National bank, whose short-ages total almost \$10,000. Stanford resigned October 1, 1922, and was on service with the bank. With his wife he went to Rochester, N. Y.

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UMATILLA COUNTY FARMERS WAGE WAR ON JACKRABBITS

Thousands of Animals Are Destroyed in Shooting Contests and Poison Campaigns Conducted During Past Year.



One More Shot There Without Changing His Position

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Alfalfa hay growers of the west end of Umatilla county, have had serious losses from invasions of the jackrabbits upon their hay stacks. Last year was extremely bad and this year with the fall of snow the rabbits have come again.

The chief methods to destroy the pests in the past were rabbit drives staged by all the able hands of that county who would circle wide areas driving the animals into corrals where they were slaughtered by the hundreds. This method was of some success and provided some sport, but required much time and labor. In the past two years, poisoning of rabbits by setting out poisoned barley or alfalfa hay in rabbit runs, has been employed with better results. In addition rabbit shoots have been staged by sportsmen of the county and thousands of the animals have been killed. Many have been shipped to coast cities for food.

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BOOTLEGGING RING GIGANTIC IN SCOPE

Autos and Speed Boats Are Used in Smuggling.

BOOKS SHOW BUSINESS

Arrest of Herbert B. Hallowell Is Said to Disclose Big International Organization.

BALLARD GANG ROUNDED UP

Week-Long Moonshine War in Kentucky Brought to Close.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 16.—The roundup of the "Ballard gang," which furnished opposition to federal prohibition forces in Menifee county's week-long moonshine war, was completed tonight with the capture of Charles Ballard.

Ballard, according to reports received at prohibition headquarters here, was arrested in Bath county by Sheriff Ben Wells. The outlaw, according to the report, was weakened by exposure and loss of blood from bullet wounds that he made no resistance.

Robert Ballard, brother of Charles, and reputed leader of the outlaw band, died "with his boots on" when his cabin in Menifee county was surrounded by a force of 20 picket federal men yesterday. Charles escaped from the cabin, but was wounded before he gained the shelter of the neighboring woods.

After the fight at the Ballard cabin the federal men arrested the father and another brother of the ballards and three alleged members of the outlaw organization.

RUM RUNNERS CAPTURED

Two Schooners Taken by Revenue Officers Off Massachusetts.

SANDWICH, Mass., Dec. 16.—The schooner Salvatrice, with 2000 cases of alcohol aboard, flying the French flag upside down as a sign of distress, and the Boston schooner Star, well stocked with ship's supplies, were captured together off this port today by the coast guard crew commanded by Captain Chris Sullivan.

The Salvatrice, ostensibly bound for Santiago from Antwerp, was put under armed guard as a probable rum-runner; the Star was similarly guarded as a probable supply ship for vessels in this contraband trade.

Both vessels will be taken to Boston, where the coast guard cutter Aushnet.

The Star was caught after a chase in which Captain Sullivan fired a shot from his revolver after Frank Nolan, the mate, who was in charge, failed to heed an order to stop.

With alcohol aplenty on board the Salvatrice, Ernest Poulard of St. Pierre, Miquelon, and Ange Caveller of Halifax, N. S., he curtly refused to obey the order, and the schooner crew, were almost dead of thirst, having no fresh water. They had tried to drink salt water, with sickening results. Both hands of Poulard, mate of the vessel and in temporary command, were frost bitten. Caveller was at the point of exhaustion and fell asleep after the vessel was boarded.

The schooner itself, a trim little knockabout built for fishing, was in a bad shape. Beaten by many storms—the last of them off Nantucket a few days ago having blown her out

CITY DEPARTMENTS PLAN PROGRAMMES

Approval of Appropriations Permits Development.

LOT OF WORK PLANNED

First Unit of Third Bull Run Conduit to Be Laid—Cost Is Estimated at Million.

LEGION POST ELECTIONS OFFICERS.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Springfield post of the American Legion has elected the following officers: C. M. Olson, commander; H. B. Freeland, first vice-commander; C. B. Senseney, second vice-commander; E. W. Howells, third vice-commander; C. A. Swartz, adjutant; Trubert Henderson, finance officer. The Springfield legion auxiliary has elected the following: Mrs. Flora Huntly, president; Mrs. Ida Swartz, vice-president; Mrs. Ida Swartz, secretary; and Mrs. Eula Henderson, treasurer.

Longview Postmaster Named.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Wesley Vandercreek has been appointed postmaster of Longview, Coville county, Wash.

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Additional Work Planned.

A considerable amount of additional work is planned by the water bureau, as all of its construction work has been curtailed since the world war.

In the public works department sewer and street improvement work amounting to \$1,600,000 will be undertaken for bids, and in addition the work contracted for this year, including the Lents trunk sewer, will be completed.

Minor improvements will be undertaken by the park bureau and some of the new parks and playgrounds acquired will be developed. City Commissioner Pier, in charge of this department, has not yet outlined his year's programme.

In other city departments no construction work will be undertaken, but new equipment and supplies will be purchased.

Property to Be Sold.

The coming year will not be a harder one for the city as a whole, it is believed, for the city officials have agreed that nothing is to be attempted that is not absolutely essential. However, the same city officials are determined to rid themselves of a large amount of property held for delinquent taxes

and assessments and in the sale of this property lies the administration's hope for a record.

It is almost certain that the city will enter into an agreement with the Portland Realty board for disposal of about 3000 lots now held by the city, allow this body to organize a stock company, dispose of the property, accept a reasonable profit or commission and turn the remainder of the money into the city treasury to offset money paid out during the last five or six years.

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The general conference committee, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., which is to the Adventists the same as the board of bishops to the Roman Catholic church, is expected to meet in the city of Washington, D. C., on December 17 and 18. The celebration should include by a week of prayer.

Medford Elks Hold Yule Fete.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Christmas tree doings of the Medford lodge of Elks were held last Thursday night with hundreds of members present from all parts of Jackson county, as a result of whose efforts that night \$1700 was raised to aid the fund which the lodge will disburse among the needy poor within its jurisdiction. It was one of the most successful Christmas "trees" for this purpose ever held by the lodge.

Advertisement for Sonora Phonographs. Features the slogan 'The Instrument of Quality' and 'Clear as a Bell'. Shows various models like Baby Grand, Imperial, Pembroke, Marquette, and Queen Anne. Text includes 'The Highest Class Talking Machine in the World' and 'Plays the best record better'. Lists prices from \$50 to \$3000 and provides contact information for Sonora Phonograph Company and The Magnavox Company.