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LEADING OFFICIALS OF S. P. HERE

DIRECTOR JULIUS KRUTTSCHNIT, GENERAL MANAGER J. P. O'BRIEN AND CHIEF ENGINEER G. BOSCHKE HERE

Yesterday morning early, there issued from the handsome private car, "Guadalupe," of Julius Kruttschnit, director of maintenance and operation of the entire Harriman system, standing in the A. & C. yards here, a party of gentlemen composed of Mr. Kruttschnit, General Manager J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Southern Pacific interests in Oregon, and Chief Engineer G. W. Boschke, also of the same system in Oregon, guided by City Agent G. W. Roberts and headed for the Nahcotta's slip at the O. R. & N. piers.

The party had enjoyed a perfect breakfast on board the "Guadalupe" and were eager for the pleasant experience of crossing the beautiful bay of Astoria on one of the perfect summer mornings for which she is famous, and despite the radical chill of the hour, the voyage was most thoroughly enjoyed. At Megler, on the northshore, they were met by Superintendent E. H. Budd on a special car and they were swung along down the new line recently completed by that gentleman for the company, upon the plans laid down by Chief Boschke. Every detail of construction was looked into by Mr. Kruttschnit, ties, rails, sub-structure, bridges, culverts, depots, switches and all the impedimenta of the new extension, all of which was approved, save one important matter, to wit, the varying phases of chrome-yellow with which the depots along the route were painted, and which looked, as Mr. Kruttschnit laughing said, "as if the painters had lost the combination early in the game" so distinct were the shades of yellow that marked those buildings en route.

The party returned to this city on the 3:30 p. m. trip of the Nahcotta, and the party then made a detailed examination of the O. R. & N. docks and adjacent properties, their boundaries and condition, of which the big chief took ample notes for future reference.

In an interview had with Mr. Kruttschnit he said that the visit had no peculiar significance aside from the purposes already stated and that he was in Astoria simply to get in touch with the company's interests here, and nothing to impart of especial concern to the public at this time, unless it might be that Chief Boschke had determined to spray the great dock sheds of the O. R. & N. here a strong, even brilliant, chrome-yellow at an early day, in order to bring it within the rule of the Harriman lines to paint all its docks and depots in uniform tone.

The party went aboard their car in time to have it attached to the 6:10 express for Portland and left up at that hour. This is Director Kruttschnit's first visit to these particular properties.

Franchise Is Signed— Mayor Wise signed the automatic telephone franchise yesterday, and the grant now stands lawfully completed. The city charter provides that the mayor shall sign or veto all ordinances within ten days, and in this case the time would have expired today. In those cases wherein the mayor does not sign or veto an ordinance within the ten days it becomes valid and stands without his signature. Mayor Wise said he delayed appending his signature in the matter of the phone ordinance until yesterday because he wished to take time to thoroughly consider the matter and because the short delay might have wrought something to the fore that should have been known before he formally made it a binding law. As the matter stands, Mayor Wise says he is well satisfied with the ordinance. It is expected the telephone company will now proceed with the organization of their local corporation without delay. They have thirty days in which to accept the ordinance and it is taken as a foregone conclusion that they will accept it at once. It is understood that certain leading citizens are becoming interested in the matter and may take a financial interest as soon as possible.

SAARBUEKEN, Germany, Aug. 11.—Thirteen men are dead and eight are badly injured as the result of an explosion of fire damp in the Dudweiler mine, five miles from here.

NORTH SIDE NEWS

Miss I. M. Williamson, of Ilwaco, is the accredited representative of The Astorian and will take care of all items of news, orders for subscriptions and all kinds of printing.

ILWACO

Astor Seaborg, Jr. left the latter part of last week for Lebam, Wash. where he will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sol Markham for a short time.

Miss Hattie Hedrick, of Portland, a former resident of Ilwaco, came down Saturday evening on the Potter and spent Sunday at Long Beach, returning Sunday evening.

A very interesting and exciting baseball game was played Sunday at Long Beach between the Chipook and Long Beach teams. The Chinook team came out the winners, the score being 6 to 8. A large crowd of both Chinook and Ilwaco people witnessed the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Graham and Mrs. Edward Hawkins spent Sunday at Ocean Park with Mr. West Miller and family. They returned in the evening bringing with them Miss Jess Miller who will spend a few days in Ilwaco.

Evangelistic meetings are being held at the Methodist Episcopal church, under the auspices of Mr. S. C. Sherril of the Baptist church.

Mr. Gunther and wife arrived last week for a short stay in Ilwaco and on the beach. Mr. Gunther is the inventor of some of the new machinery used in the McGowan cannery at Ilwaco.

Saturday evening some of the Il-

TELEPHONE NOTES

Plans For New Building Arrive

The plans and specification for the PACIFIC TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S new pressed brick office building were brought to Astoria yesterday noon by Mr. N. Glass, constructing engineer and at once placed in the hands of four separate local contractors, who are to return their bids inside of five days. This action should "give pause" to those who have been inclined to question the honesty of purpose of the telephone company.

Automatic Service Too Slow and Uncertain.

J. H. Crew, Grocer, 1840 South Hope Street, Los Angeles. I prefer the Manual to the Automatic. It is easier to tell an operator what you want than to make a reluctant machine figure it out for you. The service is too slow and uncertain for a business house. It is also out of order more often than the old style.

A Live Operator Better Than a Mechanical One.

Wm. Malbon, Harness Shop, 2732 Street, Los Angeles. I used the Home Automatic on Twenty-fourth street about two months and did not like it well enough to continue when I moved to my present location. A live operator suits me better than a mechanical one and gives quicker service.

It Is War, Grim Visaged War!

There is no such thing as competition in the telephone business. It is war pure and simple. Who wants to invest money under such conditions, particularly when "the need is not apparent."

I Use The Automatic Only When Compelled To.

Figueroa Market, 655 West Washington Street, Los Angeles. I prefer the Manual every time. I have no time to do the company's work for them. I use it only when compelled to; it is too slow.

You Get Angry And That Is All You Do Get.

Despars & Sons, Grocers and Hardware, 2452 South Main Street, Los Angeles. Our Automatic phone is out of order fully one-third of the time. We do not begin to get the service that we did before changing from the Manual system. We try to raise a number and get no results, no information of any kind; then we get "Central" and are told to get "Trouble." We do so and are told they do not know why we cannot raise our number. Then we get angry, and that is all we really do get. No! Not much! No Automatic for us if we could help ourselves.

No Dividends.

At least 15 Home telephone companies in Central and Southern California have a record of no dividends and are anxious "to be shown" where they get their PRINCIPAL back. That's what the man from Missouri wanted. The opposition telephone promoter says: "I give it up." That's what Jonah did with the whale!

Opposed To System That Compels Subscriber To Do The Work.

Max Hoffman, Liquors, 1313 West Washington Street, Los Angeles. I have had only the Automatic for the past year and consider it a nuisance for a public place. The system of numbering is cumbersome and largely increases the liability to error. It is also out of order at least two days each week. You can put me down as opposed to a system which compels the subscriber to do work which the company should pay for.

It Seems a Shame.

It really seems a shame that people not familiar with the telephone business should be led to believe there is money to be made in the opposition telephone field when in fact, there is only worry and financial loss awaiting those who are finally left to operate the plant. There is of course profit for the promoter if the capital can be raised.

Summer Excursions

During the months of August and September the Ilwaco R. R. Co. will sell round trip tickets daily from all points on North (Long) Beach to all points on Clatsop Beach at rate of \$1.75. Return limit thirty days.

TEACHERS' EXAMS. TO OPEN TODAY

MISS WARREN, SUPERINTENDENT, WILL BE ASSISTED BY PROF. A. L. CLARK AND MRS. C. A. GEARHART.

Teachers' examinations will be held in the office of the county superintendent of schools in the court house for four days commencing today.

Miss Warren, county superintendent, will assume charge of the examinations by virtue of her office, and will be assisted during the four days by A. L. Clark, city superintendent of schools, and Mrs. C. A. Gearhart. The examinations will commence at 9 o'clock this morning, and the full program for the week is as follows:

For State Papers—Commencing Wednesday, August 12th, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, August 15th, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, composition, algebra, English literature.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, school law.

For County Papers—Commencing Wednesday, August 12th at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, August 14th, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading, physical geography.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, school law, civil government, English literature. EMMA C. WARREN, County School Supt.

One-half of the questions in literature on "Merchant of Venice," "Ivanhoe," "Sketchbook."

ASTORIA THEATRE.

What the Walla Walla Statesman Has to Say of "The Claman Co."

Any one who saw the clever production of "On the Frontier" at the Keylor Grand last night, will be ready to accept the above recommendation of "Wife in Name Only." The play last night was a really good production of a first-class western comedy-drama and it was one which pleases from curtain to curtain, every member of the troupe had his or her part down in good style and there was no uninteresting or dull moments during the whole evening; a western play dealing with frontier life is apt to be tiresome but last night's was not at all so. Nor was it alone the play which pleased, the players were a well balanced troupe of artists who played their parts naturally and without the usual overdone ness seen in that class of plays. It was a good show and one worth while. The Claman Company will appear at the Astoria Theatre in "On The Frontier," Sunday evening, August 16th.

WE FEARED JAPAN.

TOKIO, Aug. 11.—Count Okuma, in an interview published by the Hochi, attributes the present naval expansion policy of the United States to the sudden rise of Japan to the importance of a world power. The interview says in part: "Judging from the fragmentary speeches of President Roosevelt as they have been transmitted here, it is not difficult to infer that the augmentation of the United States navy in the Pacific is directed a Japan." Count Okuma doubts, however, that the views and ideas of President Roosevelt will long continue to govern public opinion in America.

TOMATOES AND BULL DOGS FOR HIS!

HOW RICHARD S. SMITH, EX-ASTORIA, VARIES PRACTICE OF LAW OUT IN THE KLAMATH COUNTRY.

The following joke on Dick Smith, the popular young foot-ballist and lawyer, once very popular in Astoria and about the mouth of the Columbia, is reprinted from the Klamath Falls Evening Herald, of August 7, and sounds very much as if George Noland, his friend and partner, inspired it, if he didn't write it:

"R. S. Smith is the proud possessor of what he considers the largest tomato-vines in the county. He has them planted in his garden at his home on Ewauna Heights and he is so proud of them that the first thing he shows any of his guests are the vines and the last thing he tells about are the very same vines. He got the plants from Mrs. Brandenburg when they were quite small. He planted them himself and has cared for them ever since. In order to make sure that his vines were larger than the others planted at the same time he went to the home of Mrs. Brandenburg to look at her vines. He came at a time when there was no one at home, but notwithstanding this he was determined to inspect the tomato vines. He went to the garden and was stooping over measuring the vines and counting the green tomatoes on them, when something grabbed the seat of his trousers. The family dog objected to his peering with the tomato vines and as Dick made his way across the garden with the dog close behind he beat any record that he ever made as the star football player for Columbia. He lost not only the seat of his trousers but also a few patches of cuticle."

RECEIPTS FALL OFF.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The financial depression since last Fall is responsible for a decrease of 6.54 per cent in the revenues of the New York Post Office for the fiscal year ended June 30.

The net revenue of the general post office and stations for twelve months ended June 30, was \$11,815,137, compared with \$12,643,867 for 1907, or a loss of \$828,729 for the fiscal year recently ended.

Gross receipts for 1908 were \$18,369,119, a gain over the preceding year of \$8,447. The cost of running the local office is on the increase. Expenses for 1908 aggregated \$6,753,981, an increase over the fiscal year 1907, of \$837,177. Notwithstanding the hard times there was an increase in the domestic money order business. During twelve months ended June 30, domestic money orders issued numbered 1,110,065 with a value of \$12,098,592. The statistics of 1907 show 1,021,639 domestic money orders issued representing \$11,096,170. Money orders paid, however, fell off \$1,543,066. Money sent through and received at the New York post office by the international money order system shows an increase. Foreign money orders aggregating 49,926 were issued, having a total value of \$1,319,303, or 4,730 more orders and \$358,671 more than in 1907. International money orders paid show that the increase for the twelve months is 12,572, with a value of \$281,635.

HAD MONEY LEFT OVER.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Only four fifths of the \$100,000 raised to bring the Republican National Convention was spent and the task of returning \$20,000 has been begun by the local committee on arrangements. That sum is to be divided between 508 subscribers to the fund, and after a brief conference between Fred W.

VOTE NOW AND VOTE AGAIN AND AGAIN

MISS WAHLGREN STILL LEADS IN QUEEN OF THE REGATTA CONTEST WITH MISS KINDRED SECOND.

JUDGE PARKER THERE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.— Judge Alton B. Parker arrived here yesterday by automobile from Los Angeles. He is headed for Seattle to attend the gathering of the National Bar Association, during the latter part of the month. Judge Parker has been asked to address the Democrats of this city, but is not anxious to do so. He will go to Yosemite before starting north.

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