

SETS OLD PROVERBIAL ON DULL DAY

Evening Editor of Oregonian Hastens to Apologize for Printing Fake Story of the Pacific-Home Telephone Merger.

Sensation Rewritten to Suit Local Conditions—Officials of Both Companies Show No Combination Has Been Even Suggested.

Denials from every hand, even that which was the first report of a merger of the Pacific and Home Telephone companies, show that the "reliable" article printed in the Oregonian's evening issue of Thursday was to the combination of the two companies was a bald fake.

Not only have the officials of both the Portland companies denied the truth of the article, but John W. Gilkison, division superintendent of the Bell company, has written a public denial, and the head officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company at San Francisco declare they have no interest and are planning to acquire none in any Home or independent concerns.

A telegram was received from San Francisco this morning entering a denial on the part of the Bell officials that any combination or arrangement between the companies had even been suggested. General Manager Alfred I. Hays declares the article to have been an old canard frequently sprung before and containing no more truth than that which had when first originated. General Manager J. H. Thatcher made a similar statement, saying he had never even so much as heard of the new item.

It is the general opinion that the evening issue, having seen a similar rumor printed elsewhere, decided to lift the story and apply local conditions, thus finally getting something first. From the tone of the apology printed yesterday it is not clear that the last of the article, however.

Gilkison's Declaration. Division Superintendent Gilkison of the Bell company in a letter declares that not only is the institution that the two companies have or may form some sort of agreement untrue, but that furthermore, the subject matter of the article in question is erroneous throughout. Our business is growing steadily and we have no intention of abandoning the field or consolidating with any other organization.

JOHN W. KERN (Continued from Page One.)

He was a member for United States senator, and once served under in a campaign for state senator. He has the office of state senator in the prosecutor of Kokomo, reporter of the state court of Indiana, which corresponds to the subject matter of the article, and was for 10 years city attorney of Indianapolis.

The Rise of John W. Kern. At the age of 19 he was graduated at the University of Michigan and he took up the practice of law. He became prosecuting attorney for his home town and later sought larger rewards in Indianapolis, where he now lives in a house of some pretensions on Pennsylvania avenue. Kern was elected to the reportship, a lucrative office, and during a number of years in which he was suffering defeat for higher offices he remained at the helm of the capital. He gave that post up when his practice, aided by Taggart and Crawford Fairbanks, became large.

Kern to Be Chief Campaigner. Despite these things that separate him from the Bryan end of the party, or perhaps because of them, Kern is Bryan's chief orator as well as his running mate. Chief W. Bryan today authorized that statement. The indications are now that Tammany and the other powers that thought Bryan was waiting upon their decision to ratify a candidate, were playing a forlorn hope. Kern had been the certain nominee for four days. Kern, who in a small way has been regarded as a powerful "convincer," as they say in Indiana, will probably do the heavy work of the

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TO GIVE PERRIN CONNELL HOTELS FOREVERMORE TO A SQUARE MILE OF WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

Bonaparte Sends a Man, Following Perrin's Visit to Oyster Bay. Managers Plan Vast System to Serve the Traveling Public.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, July 11.—William B. Harr, assistant attorney under United States Attorney-General Bonaparte, is in San Francisco investigating the case of Dr. Edward F. Perrin, who was indicted in New York for fraud and has appealed his case to the higher federal courts.

Dr. Perrin recently returned here from Oyster Bay, where he interviewed President Roosevelt, and the visit of Harr to this city is taken to mean that the refusal of the federal grand jury to indict Perrin is being reviewed. Harr's report will be made to Washington.

San Francisco Gamesters Invent Lottery Device and the Police Are On.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, July 11.—Acting under orders from Chief of Police William J. Higgy, the police department today began a crusade against slot machines here. The police have been quietly gathering evidence for the past few weeks tending to show that several machines have been offered prizes for combinations of cards that do not appear in the machines. Eight of these men were arrested last night and more were arrested today.

Chief Higgy is proceeding under the section that defines a lottery as a device for giving away goods by chance.

stump and platform campaign, leaving the dignified utterances for Bryan, who will probably make a tour of the principal cities.

W. Bryan, when asked to voice his views on the choice said: "Mr. Kern is absolutely satisfactory to W. J. Bryan. There is no one whom he would have preferred to Bryan in Indiana man. He is a perfect candidate and adds great power to the ticket. He is an expert on the anti-trust law and has figured in the important development of that law in his own state."

Admits Taggart Made Him. He ran for governor in 1900 and finished ahead of Bryan; again in 1904 he was defeated, running well ahead of Bryan. He has since been in a campaign for the senatorship and the first time that Kern was a candidate for the state legislature, Kern voted for Bryan. Kern had ambitions to become a member of the national committee. Despite his close alliance with Taggart, his ambitions led him to venture a test of strength. Taggart, apparently, was not confident that he could muster more delegates than Kern, for he called him off with the attractive proposition to make Kern the candidate for the vice-presidency. Kern, without any reserve, today said that Taggart had been his Warwick.

What Kern Looks Like. Kern is a tall man, 58 years of age. He affects a broad tan hat of felt and is more vociferous than at any other time. He is dressed in the rural voters of his state. He wears a beard which is black and streaked with gray. He has a mustache which is black and merges into the beard with no visible boundary line. He was born on a farm near Kokomo, Indiana, in 1850. Two generations before him his progenitors were Germans. They moved to Indiana when he was a child. He has three children, of whom three live. His oldest son died of fever in Cuba in 1898. Of his first marriage a daughter, Julia, now 12 years of age, is alive, and the two children of the second marriage are John W. Kern Jr., 8 years of age, and the younger Kern, 7 years of age. His wife is a daughter of a physician and her name before marriage was Araminta Cooper.

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CONFESSES TO THEFT (Continued from Page One.)

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COAST STEEL PLANT SOLD FOR MILLION

San Francisco, July 11.—Control of the Pacific Coast & Steel company passed out of the hands of Louis and Joseph Sloos today. A. L. Scott, H. J. Morton and W. T. Smith, who were associated with the Sloos brothers, now have complete control of the great concern.

Three Killed on a Handcar. Hammond, Ind., July 11.—T. E. Trimmick, 25, of Ohio; E. E. Williams, 25, of Hicksville, Ohio, and an unknown man, all on a handcar on the Lake Shore track near this city, were run down by a passenger train that was making up time, and all were killed.

What Do They Cure? The above question is often asked concerning Dr. Pierce's two leading medicines, "Golden Medical Discovery" and "Favorite Prescription."

The answer is that "Golden Medical Discovery" is a most powerful blood-purifier, and tonic or invigorator and acts especially favorably in a curative way upon all the mucous lining surfaces, as of the nasal passages, throat, bronchial tubes, stomach, bowels and bladder—curing a large per cent. of catarrhal cases whether the disease affects the nasal passages, the throat, larynx, bronchial tubes, stomach (as catarrhal dyspepsia), bowels (as mucous colitis), bladder, uterus or other pelvic organs. Even in the chronic or inveterate stages of these affections it is often successful in effecting a cure.

Old Things Passed Away Forever, Says William Allen White, When Gray's Nominator Sat Down and Platform Was Carried In.

When Pomp of Oratory Grew Stale Convention Further Repudiated Old Things in Roaring Down All Speechmakers.

By William Allen White. Denver, July 11.—When the hand-made enthusiasm for Bryan died down at midnight Thursday night the convention listened with more or less patience to the speeches nominating Johnson, and when the Johnson demonstration came, showing how with only a handful of delegates a noise almost as large as the Bryan noise might continue indefinitely, the organization of the convention grew restive.

Conservation's Farewell. The nomination of Judge George Gray began. The convention and the galleries were tired. The orator was appealing to the conservative, and the more radical. Three hours of cheering for Bryan had put a maggot in the brains of the convention.

Federalism Everywhere. Then the platform was read, in a rather pompous and punctilious manner, by Governor Haskell, who typifies the new Democracy as Judge Gray typifies the other. It was a platform radical enough for Dixon, and conservative enough to discuss everything under the shining sun and recommended federal control and supervision for banks, railroads, waterways, forests, waterfalls, post roads and the public beaches.

Funny Side of Convention Life. But a time came when the patience of the great crowd strained and decided that the orator was not a dozen men made in the south, but a man that this world knows. An angry man trying to talk to a laughing crowd, the crowd roared and howled, and still the waters of oratory flowed over the cataract.

Quiet Crowd Hears Result. It was fine sport. A human being battling against a laugh makes finer sport than a fish struggling with a hook. It is cruel, but we have not the time for a description of the scene that remains the last vestige of oratory men have since they quit burning each other at the stake, and pillorying and putting them into the stocks.

Buttons Fined For Fighting Reporter. Honolulu, July 11.—Lieutenant Commander Carter of the naval training station here was fined \$25 in police court for an assault on a reporter in his office at headquarters. Carter objected to a statement made by the reporter in his paper, and he was in a hot temper. He was fined \$25 for the assault. He pleaded guilty in court and took his medicine.

Truth and Quality

appeal to the Well-Informed in every walk of life and are essential to permanent success and creditable standing. Accordingly, it is not claimed that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is the only remedy of known value, but one of many reasons why it is the best of personal and family laxatives is the fact that it cleanses, sweetens and relieves the internal organs on which it acts without any debilitating after effects and without having to increase the quantity from time to time.

It acts pleasantly and naturally and truly as a laxative, and its component parts are known to and approved by physicians, as it is free from all objectionable substances. To get its beneficial effects always purchase the genuine manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and for sale by all leading druggists.

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY Bulletin No. 7—Part 2.

MORE ABOUT ACCIDENTS AND THEIR BY-PRODUCT, THE AMBULANCE CHASER. Familiarity with rapid transit breeds carelessness. The average man is more or less forgetful, and children are notoriously so. Drivers will cross tracks from intersecting streets without giving a thought to the possibility of an approaching car. Frequently a pedestrian will cross one track when his vision of the other is obstructed. If it so happens that there is an oncoming car, the usual consequence is a distressing and sometimes a fatal accident, which the motorman could by no possibility have avoided.

THE COMPANY'S POLICY. Our motormen and conductors are required to make a contemporaneous report of all accidents, giving full details and the names of all witnesses who will permit their names to be used. These witnesses are forthwith interviewed for the purpose of verifying the report, and thereafter an effort is made to effect a prompt and fair settlement with the claimant, not only where the company is clearly responsible, but also where the facts show a reasonable doubt about the company's responsibility. All cases are settled out of court except where, after careful investigation, we believe: (1) That the claim is a manufactured one; (2) or that the injury was due to gross carelessness on the side of the claimant; (3) or that the claimant is demanding excessive damages.

HOW THIS POLICY WORKS. Statistics show that in more than half the cases tried the plaintiffs get nothing from the jury and in a large proportion of the verdicts for the plaintiff, the amount recovered is less than the sum which could have been gotten without litigation. In addition the plaintiff must divide with his lawyer and the lawyer's "runner" and "medical expert."

THE EVIL DISCLOSED BY THESE STATISTICS. No claimant can be justly criticized for consulting a lawyer if the company declines to pay his demands, and it may happen sometimes that the lawyer will be misled by his client as to the facts. But when you consider that in 21 out of 26 damage cases (covering in part the damage cases of this company) called for trial during the last year, the plaintiffs did not recover one cent for damages aggregating thousands of dollars, is it too much to say that most of these cases were merely so many attempts to levy blackmail? Moreover, great is the danger that the temptation to bear false witness will prove irresistible, when it is considered that many, if not most, of the cases are solicited by "runners," nursed by "medical experts" and tried by lawyers—all of whom depend upon the verdict for their pay.

HOW THE PUBLIC CAN HELP THE SITUATION. There are many ways in which the people interested in securing a square deal for good service can help the company. (1) When you witness an accident, let us know whose the fault was. This does not mean that you will be making trouble for the conductor or the motorman, because allowances are made for mistakes. Moreover, you or some member of your family may be the victim of the next mistake, and it is to the interest of all concerned that carelessness should be noted and checked. (2) When the car you are about to take is crowded, wait for the next one, if you can do so without inconvenience; you will generally find a half-filled or empty car just behind. (3) It is your right to have the car come to a full stop before you get on or off; do not attempt to board or alight from a moving car unless you are willing to assume the risk. (4) Remember that riding on the back platform or on the running board is not safe. (5) Never cross a track when your vision of a car or wagon that may be coming in the opposite direction is obstructed. (6) Teach the little children that the car track is a danger signal. (7) Help us in our fight against blackmail by giving us promptly (whether for or against us) your account of any accident which you may have witnessed; and remember that we gladly receive at all times criticisms and suggestions for the safety of the public and the betterment of the service.

Portland Construction Company OF PORTLAND, OREGON ENGINEERS AND BUILDERS OF ELECTRIC RAILROADS, POWER GENERATING PLANTS AND CONCRETE DAMS. CAPITAL STOCK, \$500,000 Par Value \$100 Per Share \$100,000 PREFERRED, \$400,000 COMMON

Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is an absolutely pure distillation of malted grain; great care being used to have every kernel thoroughly malted, thus destroying the germ and producing a predigested liquid food in the form of a malt essence, which is the most effective tonic stimulant and invigorator known to science; softened by warmth and moisture, its palatability and freedom from injurious substances render it so that it can be retained by the most sensitive stomach.

These projects are being financed by a bond issue of the Wasco County Electric & Water-Power Co. to the amount of \$15,000,000, and the money secured from the sale of this bond issue will be devoted to the payment of the above-mentioned contracts.

We Offer \$100,000 of the Preferred Stock of This Company, Paying 8 Per Cent Per Annum, at \$92 Per Share; guaranteed by contract with the promoters to turn over to a trust company twice the amount of the par value of this stock in bonds of the Wasco County Electric & Water-Power Co., to be held in escrow as security for the payment of this stock at the end of 10 years. A sinking fund to retire this \$100,000 of stock at the end of 10 years being a stipulation in the preferred stock, which will pay, as above mentioned, 8 per cent dividends per annum.

This stock controls the entire assets of the company. The money secured from the sale of this preferred stock will be used for the purchase of equipment and for actual construction of 40 miles of grading and contractors' skeleton railroad to haul material for construction of power dam at the John Day river, and for all other purposes incident to the carrying forward of the work involved in these contracts. We can recommend this stock to be a first-class investment. COOK & TRUBY 511 Corbett Bldg. Portland, Oregon A-8184