

PEOPLE GIVE UP TELEPHONES WHEN FIGHT IS FORCED

Increase of Rates in Wallowa and Union Counties Met by Organized Effort Among Farmers and Business Men.

(Special to The Journal.)
Enterprise, Or., Aug. 3.—The fight is on in earnest between the people of Union and Wallowa counties with the Home Independent Telephone company over a recent announcement of an increase in toll charges. Since Tuesday there has been a stream of visitors to the central office in this city placing orders for the removal of telephones. Practically all of those who signed the protest addressed to the company are making good their statements that the instruments would be ordered out unless the increase in rates be abandoned. The manager of the company, who is located at La Grande, said he would answer the protest, but nothing has been received. The people have learned, however, that his answer is to be a statement of contemplated improvements in the lines and service, by extending the working hours of the operators from 14 hours per day to 16 hours. The people have demanded that the company make good its promise upon its entrance into the counties of a 24 hour service at all of the exchanges in Wallowa county, and a return to the old toll arrangements between the towns of the county. Every business house in Enterprise has ordered the telephones out and individuals in both city and country are following suit as fast as they can reach the central office.

Elgin Telephones Go, Too.
(Special to The Journal.)
Elgin, Or., Aug. 3.—Keeping their pledge of a month ago when resolutions of protest, adopted by the Farmers' Union of Union county, were circulated in Elgin and vicinity demanding the return of the old rates by the Home Independent Telephone company or the telephones would be cut out August 1, practically every business man and farmer in this vicinity has ordered the telephones taken out.

When the Home Independent Telephone company secured a foothold in the counties of Union and Wallowa four years ago, promises were made and certain rates established and maintained until the company bought out the Bell Telephone company last May, after which announcements were made that on July 1 telephone rates would be raised. The matter was taken up by the Farmers' union at the annual convention here July 1 and a petition of protest put in circulation. Instruments are being cut out in all other towns of Union and Wallowa counties the same as in Elgin and vicinity. The Farmers' union at this point is considering the construction of a new line.

No Service at Joseph.
(Special to The Journal.)
Joseph, Or., Aug. 3.—Owing to the dispute between subscribers and the Home Independent Telephone company service was discontinued here Tuesday morning. By 10 a. m. 100 telephones

were ordered discontinued. The dispute arose over the increase in rates. Several days ago the subscribers signed resolutions of protest, which were forwarded to the company's office in La Grande, but up to last evening nothing was heard from the company in regard to the matter. The subscribers are asking that the old rates be restored and a 24 hour service installed. The exchange girls here also discontinued work, their demand for an increase in wages being ignored by the company, which practically leaves the town without any service. Advice from the neighboring towns, Enterprise, Lostine and Wallowa, state that the same conditions exist there.

TWO SISTER STATES MUST STAND TOGETHER

A large number of members of the Southwest Washington Development association have signified their intention to attend the meeting of the Oregon Development league to be held at Astoria, August 14, 15 and 16. Assurances to this effect have been received by Secretary Chapman of the Oregon league from many sources. M. B. Coffman, a prominent Chesham banker who is vice president of the Southwest Washington association, has accepted a place on the program to speak on the methods pursued by the association he represents.

President Theodore B. Wilcox of the Oregon Development league is a firm believer that the development organizations of the two sister states should work in the closest harmony for a mutual benefit. He considers the success of one the success of the other, as both have the same identical aim, that of developing the country of the Pacific northwest.

Conditions in southwestern Washington are practically the same as in western Oregon and development methods that apply here apply equally well there. He believes in the closest cooperation between the two organizations, and this view is also to be taken by the leaders and members of the Southwest Washington Development association.

The Oregon Development league during the past year has referred to the Southwestern Washington association about 3000 inquiries, received by it for information in regard to western Oregon and southwestern Washington, and by working hand in hand, it is believed that many settlers can be induced to come here who would remain away if the two organizations were not working in harmony.

Matron Determined to Die.
Seattle, Wash., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Bernice Ratliff, wife of J. W. Ratliff, a cabman employed by the Seattle Electric company at Georgetown, committed suicide yesterday by inhaling chloroform. Mrs. Ratliff was 26 years old. Her home was at 1946 Sullivan street. She was found last night. Mrs. Ratliff secured three bottles of chloroform and went about her preparations for death with care. She wrote a letter requesting that her funeral sermon should be preached by Rev. M. A. Matthews, that she should be clothed in white robes and that her body should be cremated. Then Mrs. Ratliff saturated strips of cloth with the chloroform, placed them over her face, and held a pillow so that the fumes would not escape. She used six ounces of chloroform and the indications are that she continued pouring the fluid on the cloth as long as she retained consciousness.

MILLERS DEMAND PORTLAND RATES

Send R. B. Miller a Telegram Calling for Equal Delivery to Sound Cities.

(Special to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 3.—Joining with the commercial bodies of Tacoma and Seattle in their fight for wheat rates from inland points to the sound, equal to rates from the same points to Portland, the executive board of the Washington Millers' association yesterday put their organization on record with the following telegram to Traffic Manager R. B. Miller of the O-W. R. & N. company: "At a meeting of the executive board of the flour millers of the state of Washington, held today at the Tacoma hotel, it was the unanimous sentiment that the association should make a demand on the O-W. R. & N. company for a rate for Tacoma and Seattle delivery on wheat covering the territory now in dispute and under consideration and that the rate now prevailing on flour, oats, feed or barley should be made to apply thereon."

Yesterday's action was the first formal recognition of the rate contest by the association, although a majority of the members of the committee were known, through their connections with the Seattle and Tacoma commercial bodies, to favor the equalized rates. The telegram means that the fight of the millers has become state wide and a matter for united effort.

The telegram was sent to Chicago, where Mr. Miller now is. He left Portland several days ago after sending an incisive answer to demands of the Tacoma and Seattle commercial bodies. The millers believe the company, which has been somewhat suspected of a desire temporarily to avoid the issue, will soon announce a definite answer.

Should the company refuse, the line will be made to feel a difference in income from other commodities, the millers said yesterday. Furthermore, if the rates on wheat which goes through Oregon on its way from inland points to the Sound are not reduced the case will be brought to the attention of the interstate commerce commission, it was said. At present rates to the Sound and to Portland from inland points are equal on every cargo except wheat. The millers will contend that this is discrimination.

The decision to send the telegram was reached yesterday after several hours' consideration. Despite the fact that members of the committee personally thought the rates should be reduced, they were unwilling to put the state association on record until after full discussion.

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25c Frostilla, special 13c
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25c Cascarets, special 17c
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25c Listerine, special 15c
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