

CONFIRM RUMOR REGARDING PLANS OF BELL COMPANY

Claim Bonds of Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company Were Bought for The Bell People.

Confirmation of the rumor that the Bell company has bought the bonds of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company with the purpose of buying the plant when offered at the receiver's sale, was conveyed this morning to Manager Mason of the Northwestern company in a telegram from Jay Bowerman, attorney of the receiver for the company.

The message says: "We have conclusively proven the bonds and stock of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company were bought for the Bell people who admitted the intention of using them to acquire plant."

The message was forwarded to President Samuel Hill of the Home Telephone company, and he intends to use it, according to announcement this morning, in forwarding his demand for federal investigation of the Bell lines. Bowerman, accompanied by a federal agent, has been making investigations in Los Angeles and San Francisco. His telegram was sent from the latter place, and he is now on his way to Portland.

That the Home Telephone company intends to continue its fight to give independent, competitive service in this district, and does not wish to consider selling its plant to the municipality was settled by a resolution unanimously adopted by the directors at the annual meeting of stockholders and directors yesterday afternoon.

Closely related to this action was the statement in the report of the president, Samuel Hill, that by continuing to give as at present the best automatic telephone service in the United States at the least possible cost to subscribers the powers of independent competition with the telephone monopoly will become more and more apparent, and especially since the merger of the Bell and Western Union interests.

As a result of a suggestion made by the manager, J. B. Middleton, the railroad commission will be called upon to act with the national government in protecting capital invested in the Home Telephone company, against "the depredations of the Bell monopoly."

It was stated that by recent enactment the powers of the railroad commission have been enlarged. It has power to rule upon whether the Bell company, if it succeeds in buying the Northwestern long distance telephone company plant, will have power to disturb the long distance service given by contract to patrons of the Home Telephone company.

"It is thought," reads the manager's report, "that if the railroad commission of Oregon in any way follows the precedents set by the Washington and other commissions, the present long distance service will be unimpaired. Washington and other commissions have held that the service at present enjoyed cannot be discontinued."

Mr. Hill left this morning for Salem.

having as one purpose to lay this proposition before the railroad commission.

The election of officers by the directors yesterday resulted in the re-election of Samuel Hill as president; A. L. Mills, vice president; Eben F. Wells, treasurer and director of purchases; J. B. Middleton, secretary and manager; J. C. Foster, auditor; R. W. Montague, attorney. Directors elected by the stockholders were: Edward Cookingham, Elliott R. Corbett, Henry L. Corbett, William M. Ladd, A. L. Mills, J. C. Potter, Eben F. Wells, Theodora H. Wilcox.

President Hill's report to the stockholders was in effect a congratulation upon the present financial soundness of the company. The number of telephones in use has increased from 6600 to 15,700, and but 11 interruptions of individual service are reported a day, or less than any other company. There are no demand obligations save current bills, and outstanding bonded obligation amounts to \$2,925,000. Whereas there was danger some years ago that the plant would be thrown into the hands of a receiver it is now clear of floating indebtedness and upon a permanent and successful basis of operation.

A German nitroglycerine factory is completely covered with a network of wires, suitably grounded, as a protection against lightning.

King of Norway May Give Up Throne



King Haakon and Queen Maud of Norway.

Berlin, Jan. 17. — Much credence is given here to the rumor that is making

the round of European court circles to the effect that King Haakon of Norway may, in the near future quit his throne

as a result of the open opposition to his reign, which is being constantly manifested in the storming.

M'MINVILLE EMPLOYED AGRICULTURAL TEACHER

(Special to The Journal.) McMinnville, Or., Jan. 17.—J. C. Gibbs, of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, has been obtained as instructor in agriculture in the McMinnville schools. Mr. Gibbs is a graduate of a normal school and did part of his work at the state college at Ames, Iowa. He will graduate at the Oregon institution in June and begin his work in the local schools on February 1. McMinnville is among the first towns in the state to incorporate agriculture in the school curriculum.

SLATE SEEMS TO SATISFY BOURNE

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NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKES GOOD AT START

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 17.—Tried three times on a charge of horse stealing, Lynn Hill was finally found guilty and will be sentenced to the penitentiary today. Three different prosecutors represented the state in the three trials and the conviction which resulted from the last has aroused great confidence in the new district attorney, Frederick Steiwer, whose first case since taking office it was.

Want Bounty on Magpies.

(Special to The Journal.) Condon, Or., Jan. 18.—Resolutions to be presented to the legislature asking that bounty on magpies be placed on bobcats and coyotes and to place a small bounty on magpies were drafted last night at a meeting of the Condon Gun club.

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Many protests against Williams' slate are coming in; Lafferty has some, also Hawley. If Bourne has heard from home he's not telling. Senator Chamberlain admits receiving many protests, most of them being aimed at Parker named as collector at Astoria, Burgard at Portland; Pearl, postmaster at La Grande; Brown, postmaster at Lebanon, and Miller, postmaster at Jacksonville. As for confirmations, apparently none will be made just yet.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Dr. J. N. Coghlan and his bride are here en route to Europe, China and Japan.

REPORT FAVORABLY ON NEW POSTOFFICE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 17.—The senate today received favorable reports from a committee recommending the following buildings: Ellensburg, Wash., \$85,000, and Aberdeen, Wash., \$120,000.

BAKER YOUTH WILL TRY FOR ANNAPOLIS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 17.—Senator Chamberlain has nominated Addison Y. Finklerburg of Baker as first alternate for the Naval academy. He will come on to attend a preparatory school at Annapolis for the April examinations.

SLAUGHTERING QUAIL IN WALLA WALLA VALLEY

(Special to The Journal.) Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 17.—Quail are being slaughtered in the Walla Walla valley, according to complaint received by Sheriff Mike Toner, and it is expected that several arrests will be made this afternoon. Since Sunday's heavy snowfall birds have been easy prey for the gunners, as they haunt the barnyards where the only food available is to be found.

Klickitat Road Supervisors.

Goldendale, Wash., Jan. 16.—Road supervisors for Klickitat county have been appointed by the new board of county commissioners as follows: No. 1, J. Q. Churchill; No. 2, Mark Crider; No. 3, Jack Sellers; No. 4, Herman Anderson; No. 5, Erta Clark; No. 6, W. E. Onesi; No. 7, Herman Kummhusert; No. 8, Elwood Thompson; No. 9, Charles Thornton; No. 10, Charles Premeo; No. 11, E. H. Saksdorf; No. 12, C. S. Temple; No. 13, Guy Needham; No. 14, Valentine Barker; No. 15, Herman Falmer; No. 16, Cecil West; No. 17, James Yanhoj.

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