

BOOKS ARE OPEN FOR INSPECTION ASSERTS MR. HILL

Underhanded Acts on Part of Home Telephone Co. Denied by President, in Answer to W. D. Fenton.

Samuel Hill said yesterday that the Home Telephone company, of which he is president, does not want to be included in the "enact-no-legislation-affecting-us" plea of other corporations, as represented before the legislative committee at Salem Tuesday night by Judge W. D. Fenton and Charles H. Carey.

In a letter written to Judge Fenton, Mr. Hill asserted that the Home Telephone company exists by virtue of a 96 per cent referendum vote of the people, and he adds that he has no fear of treatment that will be accorded the company by the people so long as it faithfully endeavors to give efficient, independent service.

The letter was written because both of the corporation attorneys in their addresses before the legislative committee, had implied that Mr. Hill personally had secured the intervention of city and state in pending foreclosure proceedings against the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company and by the same implication had credited him with an ulterior motive. Mr. Hill answers that resolutions were adopted by the city council and the legislature without his knowledge during his absence. The letter reads:

Says Times Have Changed.
"My attention has just been called to reference that you make to me personally in The Journal, which calls for a reply. The resolution to which you refer was passed by the legislature and the city council during my absence from the city, and without my knowledge, and I am much surprised that you should have made the statement you did without consulting me."

"I admire your brilliant genius and your greatness as a lawyer, and congratulate those large interests which have attached you so firmly to them. As attorney for the Bell Telephone trust, the railway trust, the transfer trust, and many other trusts, you have as an associate another distinguished lawyer, Mr. Carey, who has rendered good and faithful service to those interests, but times have changed, and the people are now demanding their rights as never before, and the people are coming more and more to discern where their interests really lie."

Books Are Open.
"It is true I am president of the Home Telephone and Telegraph company of Portland, Oregon. It is also true that with my associates and distinguished directors, I am trying to aid the people who were wronged and compelled to accept the stock and bonds of this company, at that time worthless, in lieu of their deposits, but in doing so I am not attempting any underhanded methods. Our books and acts are open to the public. We are not secret owners of other property, as is the Bell of the Spokane company, masquerading as the competitor of the Bell. We have performed no unlawful acts of bidding in and destroying our rivals, as did your company in the case of the Bellingham, Tacoma and Seattle telephone plants."

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Early History Bared in Cornerstone Bishop Scott Academy Relics Are Intact

Historical Data Removed From Tin Box in Corner Stone of Old Bishop Scott Academy, Which is Now Being Razed. Picture Shows Copies of Local Newspapers and Box in Which They Were Inclosed Thirty-Four Years Ago; New Building Planned.



An event of 1878, which was of great importance to Portlanders at that time, especially to those who were interested in the Bishop Scott Academy, Ninth and Couch streets, was recalled Wednesday, when from the cornerstone of the old academy building, which is being razed to make room for a modern improvement, a small tin box was resurrected.

"What a wealth of pioneer history is to be found in here, and what memories it awakens," exclaimed C. W. Hodson, vice-president of the Fred A. Jacobs company, who secured the box yesterday, and who with the aid of a cold chisel and mallet was able to open it. Although the box was diminutive, there was a large number of newspapers, school publications, catalogues of the old Bishop Scott grammar and divinity school and St. Helens Hall pressed into it. There was also a prayer book and a Bible in the box. One of the newspapers found was

dated June 6, 1878, and announced the program for the laying of the cornerstone that afternoon. Another paper was dated November 8, 1877, and in it was contained the story of the burning of the old building which the structure for which the cornerstone was being set was to take place. These papers also included stories that told of the great rivalry that existed between the volunteer fire companies and of their efforts to be first on the scene of a fire and to get water on the blaze. The returns of a county and state election were also given in one edition, which showed that the total vote was about 4000 in Multnomah county.

A copy of the Portland Daily Bee, which was edited by W. S. Chapman, now a deputy in the city engineer's office, was in the box, also copies of "The West Shore," the "Oregon Churchman," the "Oregonian," "Telegram" and the "Pacific Christian Advocate." Everything was in a remarkable state of preservation, the papers not having even turned yellow, in spite of their great age, more than 34 years.

Musical Program Found.
A program of a musicale given at St. Helens Hall, June 6, 1878, was found, and among those who participated were Misses Margaret and Katherine Green, who are now Mrs. Charles J. Reed, widow of the former United States marshal, and Mrs. Major Burr, of the United States army; Miss Lizzie Irving, now Mrs. Captain E. W. Spencer; Miss Bessie Goodenough, Miss May Felling, Miss Alice Wygant, now the wife of W. M. Whidden, the architect; Miss Lizzie Lewis, now Mrs. George Good; Miss Virginia Wilson, Miss Alice Chance, daughter of Dr. George H. Chance, and now the wife of F. A. Kenny, and Miss Netta Brook, now the wife of Major Parke, of the American legation at Brussels.

These papers, the box in which they were contained, and the Bible and prayer book are to be turned over to Bishop Scadding for the Episcopal church. The building that is being destroyed has been known for some time as the Glendora hotel. It is to be replaced by a modern apartment house.

"Could you carry out your clever plan of controlling all the telephone service in the United States, rest assured, Judge Fenton, the people would not endure it; they would find a way to reach you; and so I say, that good honest competition is the best protection, not only to the people, but also to your investors."

"I dislike to try law suits in the newspapers, but my apology is that your action necessitates this letter.

"With high regard for you personally and your great ability, and regretting that the same is not enlisted on behalf of the people, I am, very truly yours, "SAMUEL HILL."

PORTLAND SUPPORTERS TO GO IN SPECIAL TRAIN

The special train excursion to demonstrate the Portland supporters' desire for the passage of the agricultural extension bill as drafted will go to Salem early next week, according to plans made by the special committee of business organizations, of which A. C. Cullum is chairman.

Alarmed by information that politically organized opposition seeks defeat of the purposes of the bill while permitting its appropriation, the committee decided to act at once.

The bill is numbered 73 in the senate. It provides an appropriation of \$25,000 with which to carry on demonstration education under the direction of the Agricultural college extension division. This means that to the people who have gone out on Oregon lands would be sent practical instructors capable of demonstrating on the ground, and with cost off, how to succeed, what crops to plant, how to care for them, what in the way of livestock to breed.

Wasco Taxes to Be \$277,000.

(Special to The Journal.)
The Dalles, Or., Feb. 7.—On the Wasco county tax roll for 1912, which has just been turned over to the sheriff for collection, the total taxes amount to \$277,874. The total taxable property, as shown by the roll is \$13,311,067. Sheriff Christian reports the collections thus far light.

FORECAST SHOWS GOOD BUSINESS CONDITIONS

A review of statistical reports in the February business forecast issued by the Merchants National bank, indicates that mercantile, manufacturing and banking conditions have reached a stage which denotes complete prosperity for the country as a whole. Only once in the past 10 years, the report says, has general business reached its present high level. That was during the month of December, 1909. The present high level of business conditions is said to follow a fluctuating period which began on May 1, 1911. Investment conditions are reported as not experiencing the prosperity of other general lines, but improvement is expected as soon as the bulk of 1912 crops have been moved and cashed.

Total commercial failures for December were greater in number and in total liabilities than in either 1911 or 1910. The failures of 1912 were more numerous than in 1902, or any other year except 1904. Failures for the entire western third of the United States were less, however, and more for the rest of the country.

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