

FACTS REGARDING HOME TELEPHONE LABOR TROUBLES

Company Manager Says There Is No Strike; Union Declares Strike Is on for Recognition of Union.

There is an unsettled difference between the Home Telephone company and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. A statement intended to cover the facts of both sides and to be entirely fair to both has been secured by The Journal.

A demand that the Home Telephone company subscribe to an agreement with the electrical workers' union and the company's refusal to do so is the basis of the trouble.

The telephone company manager, J. B. Middleton, insists that there is no strike and that an appearance of a strike is being maintained by the electrical workers.

C. W. Palmer, acting business representative of the electrical workers, says there is a strike and that it will continue until the Home Telephone company recognizes the union, or, in other words, signs the agreement. Said Mr. Palmer:

"An agreement with the electrical workers was made by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company last January. This agreement recognized the union and put the electrical workers on a satisfactory wage scale. We then turned our attention to the Home Telephone company.

"Says About 15 Walked Out. Their treatment of us at first led us to believe they were favorable to us and would sign the agreement. This went on for six weeks, then they turned us down cold. We put the matter up to the Central Labor council and the electrical workers of the coast. They advised us to pull the job. Not over 15 men walked out when the strike was called, and of these six or eight were union men. The strike was declared May 1. We look for a satisfactory settlement. We do not believe the telephone company will hold out. We are sure the strike is hurting it. We want the wage scale \$4 a day and recognition of the union. The company has been paying \$2.50 to \$4 a day. We have had some banners made. We have spoken to workers for the company on their way to work asking them to come into the union. We haven't tried any violent methods. We have forbidden violence. The trouble at Oswego was something the electrical workers had nothing to do with and was started by one of their own men. We have sent out letters to Home Telephone users and we have gotten results from one of about each 50 letters. We are satisfied with progress."

"It was a bunch of outlaws that caused the trouble at Oswego," declared J. B. Middleton, manager of the Home Telephone company. None of the company's men had anything to do with it. None of the company's men have had anything to do with the strike."

Eighty-five per cent of the men working for the company have signed a statement declaring that they are perfectly satisfied with the hours of work, the conditions and the wages. There is no strike so far as the company or the men who work for it are concerned. Perhaps ten men left us and of these two or three were union men. We hadn't had more than that number of union men working for us before. All the trouble is being made by outsiders. We were and are getting along well, and I repeat that the men are satisfied. Outsiders are making all the trouble. It hasn't affected us more than in the most incidental way. We have lost, perhaps, 15 subscribers. We hold that these outsiders have just as much to do with our work as any other man who could go to a property owner, tell him his house needed painting, and then proceed to boycott and fight him if he said he would use his own judgment about the painting of the house. We do not have a right to pay them what they are worth to us, and not pay an ordinary worker the wages of an expert and skilled worker. We have been liberal with salaries. We have treated the men well. They have shown appreciation by staying with us. The trouble makers, however, have been using the coward's methods, cutting up cables, endeavoring to precipitate riots, placing pickets about our premises to intimidate the men, carrying banners and so forth."

What Union Demands. Manager Middleton issued some time ago a formal statement setting forth the company's side of the contention. In it he says that the electrical workers demand that men who have been members of the union but are not now, be discharged, that the company sign an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to increase the rates of pay of some employees be increased. He adds:

"None of the parties making these demands are now, nor ever have been in the employ of this company, nor were they able to show that they represented any of the employees of this company."

"This company employs, and will continue to employ, both men and non-union men and women just as long as both classes exist, because it is chartered by a vote of all the people to serve all the people."

"No difference exists between this company and any of its employees so far as known."

Mr. Middleton proceeds to say that the company pays some of its employees more, some less than the Bell company, because of difference in the nature of the work, and then concludes:

Equal Treatment Promised. "The matter is submitted to the people in accordance with the company's invariable policy, and it will abide by the public's decision. If the public as a whole wish an additional tax (the company is allowed by its charter to charge more than the present rate), or if they wish competent men, performing faithful service, to be discharged without cause, this company will bow to acquiescence."

"The right of all labor to organize is admitted, but the right of an individual to join or not to join such organization is just as clear. Both sides will receive equal treatment from this company, and neither will be allowed to dictate."

CAPTAIN U. B. SCOTT, PIONEER DESIGNER OF FAST RIVER STEAMERS (Continued From Page One.)

he had been a skipper and builder of boats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers prior to that time. The first year he was here he built a river vessel that was a marvel of her kind.

Boat Draw Eight Inches. This was the light draft steamboat Ohio. It drew only eight inches light, and from 12 to 18 inches laden, and was the lightest draft craft that ever ran on the upper Willamette. Before she demonstrated her ability in a notable trial trip in which she went as far up the river as Eugene, this boat was the butt and laughing stock of nearly every river man in this section.

She was an uncouth appearing craft, with an utter lack of polish and fine varnish. But in the first three months of her service she cleared \$10,000 for her owners, and became a model for other boatbuilders to pattern after. There is an interesting story in how she came to be built.

On his arrival here, Captain Scott, who was not overburdened with money, tried to get employment with the People's Transportation company and the Oregon Steam Navigation company. Turned down by them, he took the machinery out of an old dredge and built the Ohio.

Interested with him in this venture were Lamar E. Seelye, Samuel H. Brown, the late E. W. Crichton and J. J. H. California. The remarkable partnership between these men that began then continued unbroken until the Columbia River & Puget Sound Transportation company, into which their business grew, was sold a year ago.

The death of Mr. Crichton last week was the first gap in their membership. Captain Scott's is the second. Triah Seelye, brother of Lamar E. Seelye, was not here in 1913, but for 20 years was associated with them as agent of the company on Puget sound.

Exciting Race Recalled. Other boats designed and built by Captain Scott include the City of Salem, another Willamette river boat, and the Fleetwood, which ran on the Columbia to the Cascades and later to Astoria, and cost the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, its competitor, a mint of money.

The first Telephone was built in 1882, and burned in 1887. Her burning was a dramatic episode. It took place in the summer beach season, when the Telephone was running as night boat between Portland and Astoria, connecting there with the little old Ilwaco for North Beach points. One morning the Telephone, after an uneventful night trip, swung into the upper bay and headed for Astoria. There were hundreds of passengers aboard, mostly women and children, bound for beach points.

Astoria was about four miles off when Captain Scott, at the wheel, was called through the speaking tube by the engineer. "Engine room's afire," came the tense message. "It's driving us from the engine."

hauled aboard. Later he told Captain Scott about it. "What!" said Scott, "charge him? When a man will jump overboard to save the Telephone, he rides free. Give him back his money."

Captain E. W. Spencer is another river man who was under Scott for a number of years. Captain Scott leaves a widow and two sons, E. B. Scott, of Woodland, and Charles O. Scott, of Seattle.

JAPANESE FINDS A WAY TO EVADE LAND LAW

Wenatchee, Wash., June 23.—O. Namba, a Leavenworth Japanese, has hit upon a plan to acquire, to all intents and purposes, real estate in this state. He recorded a contract of sale from Mary Hainston to himself of a certain lot. There is no law prohibiting contracts for land by Japanese. Namba is to receive a deed in 1917 upon payment of \$6000 in installments. He expects to sell the land at a profit by that time.

DIRECTORY CENSUS OF BAY CITY HALF MILLION

San Francisco, June 22.—The new city directory, completed today, gives San Francisco's population as 505,652, a gain of 23,702 for the year. These figures are based on the usual directory multiple of 2 1/2 per name.

CONVICT GOES ON HONOR TO FUNERAL OF SISTER

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., June 21.—Without guard, Elmer Christianson, a convict serving two to five years for burglary, was released Saturday on his honor to cross the state to attend the funeral of his sister.

MEN MORE THAN 50 TO MEET AT BASEBALL

(Special to The Journal.) Dallas, Or., June 23.—Preparations are well under way for a monster fourth of July celebration. The oration will be delivered by Senator Burkett of Nebraska. A display of fireworks will be given in the evening. The program includes a big automobile parade, a baby show, two baseball games, one between the Dallas Bushers and the Willamette Giants, the other between the Pioneers of Dallas and a picked team from the county at large, the latter game to be participated in by men only who have passed the half century mark in life; foot races, sack races, ball driving contests and such out-door sports. One of the big features of the day will be the tug of war across the La Creole river between teams representing the Moose and Woodmen lodges of this city. Arrangements are also being made for a push ball contest on foot between Dallas and the rest of the county.

KLICKITAT FALLS SITE UNDER HAMMER JULY 26

(Special to The Journal.) Klickitat, Wash., June 22.—The Klickitat river settlers have their attention fixed just now on the final disposition of the well known undeveloped water power site at Klickitat Falls. E. B. Cole was recently rendered a judgment for \$1321.30 and costs on a foreclosure against K. Murray, and Ham, Yearley & Rysie, a Washington corporation, and Erskine Wood and E. J. Waddell, trustees. The sheriff of Klickitat is now advertising the sale of the 160 acres involved. The date of sale is fixed as July 26.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS BEGIN TO FILL SALEM

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., June 23.—Nearly 100 delegates to the first annual Epworth league institute of the Oregon conference, which is to be held here on the campus of the Willamette university all of this week, registered today, while fully as many more are expected to come. Delegates are coming from all parts of the state. Instead of being a convention of the usual sort, this is an institute for the training of Epworth league workers, and is under the direct charge of Dr. William T. Sheridan of the central office of the Epworth league at Chicago.

Every Tailored Suit in the Store Selling Regularly From \$32.50 to \$42.00 Clearance . . . \$20.00

The property lies on the river near Pitt station and is of importance as a link in the chain connecting the undeveloped water power at Klickitat Falls. Should Mr. Cole be compelled to buy in the property he considers he will be a lucky purchaser.

Only Dozen Moose Will Lose Skin

(Special to The Journal.) North Yaluma, Wash., June 23.—Eva Robillard, the child who was desperately burned several weeks ago while playing with matches and towards whose recovery the local Moose lodge pledged

"Lowest in the City Prices" Sale

High Tide for Bathing Suits

—Everybody seems to be coming here for a bathing suit this season. Every day some one comes in saying "Miss So-and-so told me to be sure to go to Lipman Wolfe & Co. for my bathing suit, as they have the most attractive line in the city."

—Never have bathing suits been more becoming than this season, with their splashy touches of Bulgarian coloring. Then, too, there are many attractive modifications of the regulation suit in serge, alpaca and silk. The new caps are fetching things, with large, pergy bows and rosettes, and, of course, there are all sorts of plain rubber, snugly fitting, brightly colored caps, that are always good.

Bathing Suits \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.50, \$7.50
Fancy Caps 50c, 75c to \$1.75
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Bags for Bathing Suits 50c

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60c Fancy Curtain Nets, Clearance 48c
\$1 Sun-Fast Draperies, Clearance 83c
SILKOLINE COMFORTERS
Clearance \$1.68, \$1.89 to \$3.95 Pair
COUCH HAMMOCKS
Clearance \$7.50 and \$9.75 Each

DELTOX GRASS RUGS
Clearance \$1.65, \$3.25 to \$8.95
\$2.50 Hemstitch'd Scrim Curtains \$1.68
Chintz and Art Taffeta, Clearance 31c
Figured Silkoline, Clearance 11c Yard
50c Curtain Nets, Clearance 39c Yard
COLONIAL RAG RUGS
Clearance \$1.19, \$1.47, \$1.68 Each
COTTON FLEECE BLANKETS
Clearance 68c to \$1.47 Pair
HAMMOCKS WITH VALANCE
Clearance \$1.47, \$1.89 to \$3.95
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—Third Floor

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