

COMMISSIONER FAILS TO SEE REDUCTION IN NEW TELEPHONE RATE

Will H. Daly Will Place Mat-
ter Before Council Next
Wednesday.

REPORT IS COMPLETED

Statement Is Made That New System
May Lead to Increase in Cost In-
stead of Reduction.

Containing that the new \$1.50 a month rate of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is in no sense a reduction from the \$2.25 two-party unlimited service which the city needs, Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, and father of the movement for cheaper rates, has taken steps to require the company to replace its two-line-five-party service.

In recommendations to be made to the council next Wednesday, Commissioner Daly will ask that his original resolution demanding the company to replace its discontinued two-line-five-party service and other rates which may have been discarded be adopted. In his report, compiled yesterday, Commissioner Daly says that while the new rate will probably furnish a satisfactory service to subscribers having little use for a telephone, it is in no sense a reduction, and is in effect a \$1.50 ready-to-serve rate.

"If the process of elimination by substitution of service is continued by the company, as in the past," says Commissioner Daly, "I can see where the measured service may greatly increase the cost to those subscribers now using the present \$2.25 unlimited service."

"There is no question in my mind that the consumer should elect the class of service he needs. As long as the company can substitute or dictate the class of service it is willing to install for the consumer, the way will be open for the company to force the measured service on the subscribers who have a normal use for the telephone, and thereby greatly increase its revenue."

CITY AFTER LOWER RENT

Effort to Be Made to Reduce Price Paid for Use of Bridge.

The O. V. R. P. & C. company may be forced to rent its bridge to the city for less than the present yearly charge of \$40,000, according to statements made by Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, yesterday. He did not divulge what scheme he had to make the company lower its rate.

It was agreed at a meeting of the city council Thursday afternoon that when negotiations for a new contract for the use of the upper portion of the structure were started that the city should seek the elimination of provisions requiring the city to assume responsibility for accidents on the structure.

The present contract expires October 5, and it requires the city to repaint the structure and make repairs. It was decided to negotiate for the rental of the structure without such requirements.

Friends Intercede For Convicted Pair

A petition purporting to be signed by 35 Bellview women asking that Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buchanan, who were convicted a week ago of beating their 8-year-old son unmercifully, be shown leniency, was offered to Miss Emma Butler of the juvenile court yesterday. The Buchanans appealed from the sentence of 10 days' imprisonment imposed on each by Municipal Judge Stevenson, but the transcript of the appeal has not yet reached County Clerk Coffey's office. The petitioners were advised to wait until Circuit Judge Morrow, who is handling criminal cases, returns from vacation, and left with the intention of filing the petition at that time. The juvenile court is not a party to the case as it was brought by the humane society.

AUSTRIAN ARTILLERY LEAVING FOR SERBIAN FRONTIER



—Photo by International News Service.

GERMANY'S PLACE IN THE SUN

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. There is a passion for progress in Germany. It is the home of original thinkers. There the application of intellectuality to material problems has amazed the world. German philosophers long dominated the field of pure reason even before Prussian armies welded together the minor states and created a nation in a form worthy of the aspirations of the inhabitants. Science has been given a new meaning by Germans and a new field of operation. The German universities have become beacons of light in human progress. In no department of science have they failed to acquire knowledge and use it for the uplift of the race. Out of Germany, too, have come some of the most powerful arguments and capable and eloquent advocates of democracy and liberal theories of government. It would be fair to say that no nation, unless it be the United States, has contributed so much to the progress of the world in the last half century as Germany.

It is a tragedy that the war drums now summon the energies of so great a people and martial law deflects their activities. It is a pity that Germany's great thinking machines are being made targets for bullets. There is a prayer from all the world that, whatever doom the war may send, it will not dry the wells whence such a flow of useful arts has come. Civilization can survive the loss of a great man; it staggers when a great people, among whom art and industry and culture have flourished, are humiliated, destroyed as a nation, or manacled by political shackles which hamper their influence and atrophy their mental achievement.

Germany's place in the sun must not be blotted out; it cannot be. Indeed, a Germany relieved of militarism, free to advance in the peaceful arts, would push its commercial and intellectual frontiers around the globe. It has done so already in spite of armies. If Germany belongs to France, in material achievements has been the United States of Europe. Its thinkers in many ways have dominated modern thought. One of the chief assets of the world is at stake in the titanic contest.

Two New Bridges Out Houlton Way

Houlton, Or., Aug. 21.—Two steel bridges are being built across Milton creek in Houlton, one on Main street, where the bridge built 10 years ago has just been torn out. The street will be straightened and generally improved. The other bridge is on the road leading to St. Helens, through Railroad addition. There has been no bridge here for a good many years—merely a ford, which became impassable in very high water.

Several other building projects are going forward in St. Helens. J. H. Griffiths has just completed a remarkably fine dwelling for Matt Hazen, and A. M. Williams is putting up a nice dwelling on Oak street. Mr. Hummelt is excavating for the basement of his new dwelling on his farm just outside the city limits. E. A. Crouse is pushing the work on the two-room schoolhouse he is building for Columbia Heights district near here, and the work on the Yankton schoolhouse is nearing completion.

A farm implement which does the work of a plow, disk harrow and roller in a single trip over a field is a German invention.

DEUTSCHLANDS PLATZ IST IN DER SONNE, NICHT IM SCHATTEN.

In Deutschland wohnt die Leidenschaft für den Fortschritt, Deutschland ist die Heimat ernster Denker. Dort hat die Verwendung des Geistes zu materiellen Problemen die ganze Welt in Erstaunen versetzt. Deutsche Philosophen behaupten schon lange das Feld reiner Vernunft, sogar schon die preussische Armee die kleineren Staaten zusammenschmolz und eine Nation schuf, in Umfang völlig würdig das Verlangen ihres Volkes zu erfüllen. Die Deutschen gaben der Wissenschaft eine neue Bedeutung und ein neues Arbeitsgebiet. Die deutschen Universitäten wurden Leitsterne für den Fortschritt der Menschheit. In keinem Fache der Wissenschaft haben sie verfehlt Gesetze zu sammeln und zum Fortschritt des Volkes zu verwenden. Auch aus Deutschland kamen einige der wichtigsten Argumente und die tüchtigsten und beredtesten Vertreter der Demokratie und liberalen Theorien für Regierungszwecke. Es war nicht mehr als wie recht zu behaupten, dass keine andere Nation, es sei denn die der Vereinigten Staaten, soviel zum Fortschritt der Welt im letzten halben Jahrhundert beigetragen hat wie Deutschland.

Es ist ein Trauerspiel, dass Kriegsgewitter jetzt die Energie dieses so vortrefflichen Volkes zwingt und notwendige Gesetze ihre Arbeitsfreudigkeit vom Felde der friedlichen Tätigkeit ablenkt. Es ist zu schade, dass Deutschlands grosse Denker-Maschinen zu beweglichen Zielgeschossen für Kanonenkugeln gemacht werden. Nur ein Gebet durchzieht die ganze Welt, dass, welches Verderben der Krieg auch anrichten mag, er wird doch nicht

Joe Knowles "Filmed."

Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 21.—Joe Knowles, who claims to have completed his 30-day "back to nature" stunt in the Siskiyou forest, will arrive in Grants Pass this evening from Holland. Yesterday he was photographed in his wilderness home by a moving picture operator.

Tacoma Sugar Drops. Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 21.—Following the inauguration here of a federal investigation of price boosting on foodstuffs, the price of sugar dropped 50 cents a hundredweight on the local market today. The market remained steady and jobbers predict a further reduction in the price of this commodity before the week is over.

Returns With Prisoner.

Deputy Sheriff Dick Tennant returned from Marshfield Thursday with Jay Potter, wanted here on a charge of non-support. Potter was placed in the county jail to await a hearing before the district court.



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UNFAIRNESS CHARGED AGAINST COUNCIL IN SELECTION OF PAVING

I. N. Day Asserts in Five
Cases When He Was Low
Bidder, Bids Were Rejected

COMMISSIONERS ANGERED

Brewster and Dieck Declare They Re-
sented Charge of Underhandedness—
Alleged Methods of Companies.

Charging that the city council had been unfair to his company in not awarding it contracts for street work when its bids had been the lowest, I. N. Day of the Oregon Independent Paving company appeared before the city commissioners yesterday and gave some information as to alleged methods of paving companies to induce property-owners to petition for their particular type of pavement. His charges of unfairness and of strange coincidences caused several tilts between him and Commissioners Brewster and Dieck.

Mr. Day stated that a large majority of the petitions specifying some certain type of pavement were circulated by paving companies interested, and not by property-owners. He said that signatures were secured through promises of rebate and other representations. His plea was that the council should be the judge of a class of pavement to be laid, and not the paving companies.

Day pointed out that on five streets where his company had submitted the lowest bid the bids were rejected. He said that in some instances his prices were remarkably low. Partial explanations of the council's action were made, but were not satisfactory to Day.

Other charges were made, and Commissioner Brewster stated that he resented any charge or insinuation that the council had been "underhanded" in its actions. Commissioner Dieck also retorted that he resented the charges, and it was only when Mayor Albee interposed that harmony was restored.

Mr. Day said the treatment of contractors such as his company had received is not that which would warrant fair and open treatment in return. He asked whether it was still necessary to get petitions signed by property-owners before a contract for work could be secured as was the practice in former years.

PRICE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE

Although it is held at about three times its assessed valuation the city council proposes to purchase the H.

C. Campbell tract of 31 acres near Troutdale for the establishment of a municipal detention and industrial home for women. The matter was discussed by the council Thursday afternoon and it was the consensus of opinion that the Campbell tract should be purchased for \$3000.

Last year the tract was assessed for \$3500, including the value of the land with buildings. Several months ago some of the buildings were burned, and according to Deputy County Assessor Funk the property is now only assessed at \$2750. Yet the city proposes to pay \$3000 for the acreage.

According to Mayor Albee the plan to buy a portion of the county poor farm land is unfeasible and it is necessary for the city to buy property of its own.

He says that land in the vicinity is being held at about \$100 an acre and the city has a chance to secure the tract at about \$258 an acre.

SYRIANS' LICENSES REVOKED

Because of alleged misrepresentations being made to the city license department, the city council yesterday revoked the licenses of H. Abadi, Amed Hasan, Ally Ahmed, Esaw Ahmed and K. Ahmed, Syrians, to sell fancy work from house to house. Commissioner Bigelow charged that the men had been ordered to first make representation of their goods to the license department but the order had never been complied with. If caught peddling now the men are to be arrested.

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