originated before the World war put a quietus on public improvements and revived several months ago—subject of some of the most spirited hearings ever R. Bruno, card room at 248 First street; R. Bruno, card room at 248 First street. held in the city council chamber- NEW HANDBALL COURT reached the point this forenoon where the city council by unanimous vote awarded the contract for the trunk sewer to J. F. Shea.

This action was taken after City Attorney Grant, had presented a report showing that the litigation instituted by G. W. Chilson, in which he sought an order restraining the city from awarding the contract or proceeding with the

ed that Contractor Shea has agreed that he would not hold the city responsible in such a contingency and that the general fund of the city would thus be protected: but it is understood that Shea later stated that he would expect the city to reimburse him for such work as he might have performed prior to the decision should the matter be taken to the higher court and the decision should be adverse to the city.

The contract price for the trunk sewer, from Sixty-second to Ninety-second street, is \$319,911.49, or 20.7 per cent below the estimate of the city engineer, and is a saving of \$18,000 to the property owners over the original bid of Shea. This was made when he agreed to meet an alternate bid put in by another contractor. The rate is \$15 instead of \$18, the original bid, per lineal

Shea stated today that he would be prepared to start the work on this large project within a month and he expects to make rapid progress before the rainy season sets in.

CITY COUNCIL TO ACT ON PUBLIC WORK ACCEPTED

The city council at its session on August 3 will consider the acceptance of the as follows: following public work on which notices of completion have been filed:

Sewer in Forty-first avenue southeast, from 130 feet west of Fifty-second street southeast to Fiftleth street southeast; Lane & Pasanen, contractors. Sewer in Saratoga street, from 100

East Fighteenth street; Latta & Kaady, Improvement of Sixty-second street theast from Woodstock avenue to Fifty-fifth avenue southeast, General Contracting company, contractors,

Sewer at Forty-second avenue south-east from 120 feet west of Fifty-second street southeast to Fiftieth street southeast, Lane & Pasanen, contractors.

CHILD SELF GOVERNMENT INSTALLED; MAYOR TALKS Mayor Baker, Park Superintendent

C. P. Keyser and Harry Coffin, representing the national safety council, were the speakers at Mt. Scott playground at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when the children's self government council was to pay the amount

The officials for the new government, which is the first of its kind instituted at the Portland public playgrounds, are: Mayor, Alvin Garretson; commissioners, Hart, Maud Tollman, Harold Charles Hurd; chief of safety commis-

### department, Kath Herschel Wright. COUNCIL SETS DATES IN LICENSE BEVOCATION CASES

Thursday, August 4, as the time for pub-John Perkusick, card room at 68 North

Third street; Mike Loso, soft drink establishment at 40 North Third street; Peter and Josie Bosatti, hotel license for a hotel at Eleventh and Washington

BEING LAID OUT BY CITY A new handball court is being con-structed at the Johnson creek play-ground by the park department and surveys are being made for the location of the second baseball field at Pier park in the St. Johns district. The first ball field located there has proven so popular that there is a demand for fur-ther ball facilities.

Pier park includes 65 acres of rolling

work, had been cleared away.

The question was raised by Commissioner Bigelow as to what position the city would be in if the contract were awarded and an appeal was taken by Chileon to the summer awarded and an appeal was taken by Diped to them. The nearest point to this SECOND \$5000 SUM GIVEN Chilson to the supreme court and the su-perior court were reversed. Grant stat-street, on the St. Johns carline, the entrance of Pier park being about three blocks from that point.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BIDS WILL BE OPENED AUGUST \$ the city council August 3 on the follow-

ing public work : Improvement of Humboldt street, from Denver avenue to Interstate avenue. East Nineteenth street, from Oregon to Pacific streets. East Twenty-second street, from Wy-

ant to Alberta street. East Clay street, from East Forty-fifth to East Forty-sixth street. Sewer in East Clay street from East Forty-fifth to East Forty-sixth street. Sewer in Forty-second street southeast, from Twenty-sixth avenue southeast to Twenty-seventh avenue southeast.
Sewer in Buffalo street from East
Fifteenth to East Thirteenth streets.
East Tenth and Holman street sewer

BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CITY OPENED BY COUNCIL

When bids were opened at the session of the city council today, the low bid ders in the following public work were For improvement of Simpson street

from Campbell street to Interstate avenue Simonsen & Johnson, \$4570.75. City engineer's estimate, \$6162. street, from Lambert avenue to the north line of Southmoreland, Simonsen feet east of East Thirteenth street to & Johnson, \$3586.25. City engineer's esti-

mate, \$4574. Improvement of Cora avenue, from East Thirty-seventh street to Fortysecond street southeast, Sim Johnson, \$7338. City engineer's estimate, \$9406.

COMMISSIONER MANN ON

DEFENSIVE, BUT WINS OUT City Commissioner Mann, under whose supervision comes The Cedars, had an uncomfortable few minutes at today's council session over an item of \$1122.90 expended for a septic tank and con-nections at this institution, which he had constructed without having obtained authority therefor from the city coun-

Mann won out, the council agreeing

Mayor Baker read the riot act, declaring that no commissioner must make expenditures of this character without having first secured the approval of the council. Mann's defense was that an emergency situation was created which ures presented by Willard.

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Washington, July 27.—(U. P.)—Presi dent Harding today had a success appointments with organizations and

appointments with organisations and persons who have been urging him to release Eugene V. Debs and other political prisoners.

Announcement of the appointments followed reports that Debs and possibly the others convicted of violations of war-time laws are to be released soon.

properties.

company.

LIKE GREEK TO LAYMAN

Willard's exhibit on the decrease of

er," who, by the way, is mostly con-spicuous at the hearing because of his entire absence, the attendance being al-

most entirely made up of engineers and

attorneys representing either the tele-

The high cost of living and Einstein's theory of relativity afforded ground for a lively battle of wits between Shaw

Willard's exhibit showing the relative

position of the cost of living and wages paid employes of the telephone company between April, 1917, and the present time,

In spite of Willard's repeatedly uttere

contention that his chart was merely prepared for comparative purposes

Shaw persisted in his declarations tha

it was an "engineering absurdity," a

false comparison, and meant absolutely

The chart, which was evidently in-

of wages of employes of the telephone

company as one means toward reduc tion in telephone rates, shows tha

whereas wages have increased 80 per cent since 1917, the cost of living is

today only 41 per cent higher than it

was at that time, due to sharp decline

in the past few months.

A reduction of 10 per cent in wages

would mean a saving of approximately \$300,000 in operating revenues to the company and should be reflected in re-

duced rates to the telephone subscriber

Insisting that to begin at a commo starting point in 1917 was grossly mis-leading, Shaw reminded the witness that his company had been bitterly criticised

If the chart were made to show the

it would not now show the wage line as having crossed the cost of living curve at all and would leave no room for an

argument for lower wages as a means toward lowered telephone rates.

PORTLAND PAYS HIGH

COMPARISON MADE

Willard was still on the stand under cross examination when the hearing adjourned for the noon luncheon.

With the exception of Atlanta, Ga., Portland pays a higher rate for telephone service than is paid in

any other of a group of 20 cities in the United States, ranging in population from 200,000 to 500,000, according to an exhibit presented by Willard at Tues-day afternoon's session.

The cities listed in Willard's exhibit include Milwaukee, Washington, Newark, Cincinnati, New Orleans, Minneapolia, Kansas City, Seattle, Indianapolis, Jer-

sey City, Rochester, Denver, Toledo, Providence, Columbus, Louisville, St. Paul, Oakland, Akron and Atlanta.

In Portland the exhibit shows the sub

DECREASED COSTS CITED

Willard, whose testimony and cross-examination consumed the entire after-

oon, introduced in all eight exhibits, icluding one on materials used in tele-hone plants, and others showing the

MEASURED SYSTEM ADVOCATED

Replying to a question from Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson, who is conducting the rehearing for the city of Portland, Willard declared that the measured service is the most equitable method of handling the telephone business, for the reason that in this way every user of a telephone pays for exactly what is used. Institution of such a service, by admitted, wound probably cost the big user more, but it would mean cheaper telephone service for the small user.

Very material decreases in the price of lead, copper, tin, pig iron, wire nails and steel bars, all of which enter largely

and steel bars, all of which enter largely into telephone plant construction, are shown in the exhibits entered by Willard, who contended that these decreases should be reflected in reduced rates to patrons of the telephone company.

Strenuous objection was interposed by John McNary, associate counsel for the telephone company, when it appeared as if the petitioners for a rehearing of the talephone rate case were going to attempt to tear open the order of the public service commission in 1916, fixing

non point four years ago.

EINSTEIN THEORY HORNS IN

for the noon adjournment.

nothing at all.

it has been argued.

COMPANY CRITICISED

phone company or the patrons of the

shington Postal raw materials entering into telephone construction was also submitted to a heavy bombardment, with Shaw insisting that it was misleading in that none Washington Postal

Washington, July 26. — (WASHING TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL) park in the St. Johns district. The first ball field located there has proven so popular that there is a demand for further ball facilities.

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The high cost of hearings before the public service commission was empha-sized today, when the city council made its second appropriation of \$5000 to aid in carrying on the present telephone rate hearing. It was explained that the city Bids will be opened at the session of has several very important witnesses which it desires to hold at the hearing When the matter was originally considered by the council it agreed that if necessary an appropriation of \$10,000

PARKING MEASURE THURSDAY

The city council has fixed 2:30 o'clock coming to the rescue of his floundering flursday afternoon as the time for a witness and Chairman Williams inter-

hearing of the Portland Automotive rupting the cross-examination in an Trade association relative to parking effort to clear the atmosphere in time of automobiles on Broadway. The new ordinance provides for a limit of park-ing to 30 minutes on the northerly portions of Broadway, where many auto concerns are located. The association desires a time limit, but wants it extended to two hours.

CONTRACT FOR TWO FIRE ENGINES GRANTED BY CITY

The city fire fighting equipment is to be increased by the purchase of two endation of Commissioner Bigelow the city council this morning awarded the contracts for these engines. The contract for an American La France engine was given to the A. G. Long company, while the other, for a Stutz engine, went to the Stutz Fire Engine

93 ALARMS IN JUNE

The report of Fire Marshal Grenfell for the month of June shows that the fire department responded to 93 alarms, of which 35 entailed losses amounting to \$141,672.82. There were \$468 inspections made and \$14 hazards abated. Two arrests were made for violations of city

# IRE OF TELEPHONE CO. his company had been bitterly criscism at that time because of the inadequate of its wage scale which had resulted to the inadequate of its wage scale whic

(Continued From Page One)

a strike of telephone employ been called before the con explain the condition. pany this morning proceeded to lay down a barrage of technicalities in an at-tempt to batter down the facts and figtrue conditions at that time with wages below the cost of living. Shaw insisted demanded immediate attention and that | Sharp exception was taken by Shaw

aluation" of the properties of the Pa- CLAIMS SCOPE LIMITED

ific company in this state. There is a road distinction between "fair valuation" and "valuation for rate making arposes," Shaw insisted, in renewing the figures presented by Willard inhearing of the telephone rate case in largest harms. The order of the commission granting the rehearing, McNary pointed out-limited the scope of the rehearing to the recent order establishing increased rates. point and explained that the figures presented in his exhibit—\$12,429,507 represented the valuation of the com pany for rate-making purposes as fixed by the Oregon commission, rather than the "fair valuation" of the telephone

After Tomlinson had assured the com-mission that it was not proposed to al-tack the valuation of the company's property but that it was merely desired to analyse the report for the purpose of comparison. Chairman Williams permit-ted Willard to introduce his exhibit on a rate basis which shows a valuation of the company in 1916 of \$12,429,505 of which approximately \$2,000,000 was in-tangible assets. QUALIFICATIONS QUESTIONED

James T. Shaw, attorney for the telephone company, devoted his effort in
cross-examination of Willard to undermining the claims of the witness to recognition as an expert on telephone valuations. Willard admitted that his engineering experience had not included telephone plants except in connection with
light and power plants, street railway
and interurban systems and other public
utilities, which experience, Shaw insistad did not qualify the witness to express of the materials listed were used in their raw state; that labor, freight and other items must be added in bringing the product into a finished state ready for use in telephone work and that the entire exhibit was misleading because it failed to set out all of these facts together with other information and sta-listics which must be considered in coned, did not qualify the witness to express an expert opinion on matters affecting the telephone business. solved itself into a battle of technical experts employing weapons of such long range as to completely overshoot the comprehension of the humble "rate pay-

Two more witnesses are to be called by the city of Portland and several valley patrons of the company are expected to testify regarding service this afternoon, after which the hearing will be turned over to the tele company, which has a dozen or more witnesses on hand ready for stant action, with many more said to be subject to call if their testimony should be needed.

OSWEGO CLUB GETS ATTORNEY TO FIGHT HIGH PHONE BATE Attorney G. G. Smith of Portland has

been retained by the Oswego Lake Hydroelectric club to represent the Oswego Lake district in the telephone rate hear-

long distance service and reestablishment of the direct service system which the stressed at a meeting of the club held Monday night. Also attention was called by one speaker after another to the abpresented the excuse for the wordy ar-gument which hinged upon Willard's surdity of paying a \$2.25 telephone rate authority to start the two factors at a privilege of telephoning free to neigh-bors who live upon the 40 acres on which Oswego is located.

One merchant stated that the present rates, including tolls, had jumped his telephone rate to considerably in excess

of his combined taxes on his store property and stock. Another man whose telephone is used solely to communicate with his business house in Portland, reported an increase of from \$1.50 to \$9 a month. One speaker said that he untended as an argument for a reduction



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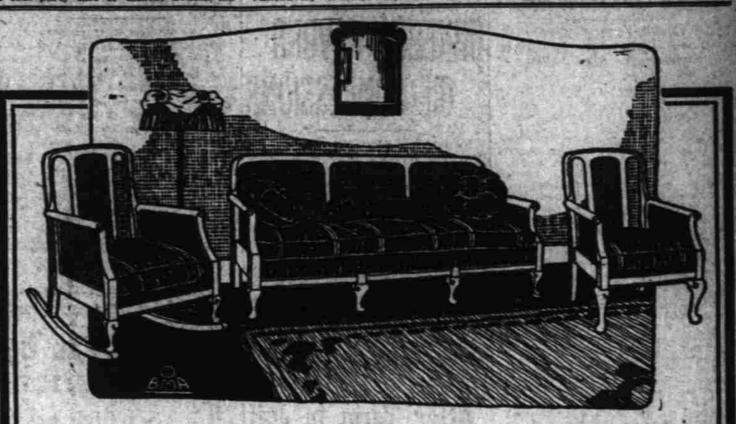
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