

RESTRICTION OF IMPROVEMENT LAID TO TELEPHONE CO.

On the theory that the American Telephone & Telegraph company is restricting its subsidiary companies of the Bell system in the introduction of improved machinery, the cross-examination of F. L. Rhodes of the engineering staff of the American company was continued Thursday by Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson. It is the contention of the city that associated companies do not receive full value for the 4 1/2 per cent payment of their gross revenues to the parent company under the license agreement. It is also claimed that the parent company refrains from giving the associated companies the benefit of new improvements in order to preserve its financial interest in its present equipment which would in a measure become junk if improved machinery is introduced.

DOESN'T KNOW METHOD

Rhodes said that he had no personal knowledge of how the estimate of the cost of service rendered associated companies under the license agreement is made up. His only knowledge is that in the annual financial statement of the American company the total is estimated at from \$14,700,000 to \$18,000,000, according to the character of instruments used. He did not know how the cost was segregated. So far as the Western Electric company is concerned, he said that the American company pays the Western Electric for its laboratory services on transmitters, receivers and induction coils. In his department, research and development, the amount paid last year approximated \$1,400,000.

Out of 2000 employees the Western Electric has about 1000 in its engineering department, he said.

"Do you claim," asked Tomlinson, "that your company is responsible for all improvements in the cable?"

FAKES OUT BEST

"No, but we have taken the best from everywhere," Rhodes replied. Speaking of the relations between the Western Electric company and the associated companies, it was the understanding of the witness that the Western Electric charges for material furnished a price which embraces the cost of labor and material with an addition of 8 per cent. There was no reason, he said, why independent companies could not make telephone cables if they were qualified to do so, as there is no monopoly of the business.

So far as he knew, however, the Western Electric was the only company manufacturing 900 pair and 1200 pair cables.

Mrs. S. C. Pier Is Holding Own Despite Her Serious Injury

Attendants at St. Vincent's hospital reported this morning that Mrs. S. C. Pier was resting quietly in spite of serious concussion of the brain, crushed chest and severe cuts and bruises received in an automobile accident at East Thirty-second and Belmont streets Tuesday.

Provided complications do not set in, she has a good chance for recovery. Commissioner Pier, who was driving the automobile when it was struck by a Mt. Tabor streetcar, is recovering from severe leg injuries and probably will be able to leave the hospital this week.

KUYKENDALL TO HEAR TRUCK CASE

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 11.—E. V. Kuykendall, head of the department of public works, will be in Vancouver, August 17, to hold a hearing in the case of the Northern Transportation company, a Portland concern operating a truck line between Portland and Camas. This company has failed to secure a license required by a law passed by the last legislature and its drivers have been arrested repeatedly.

The law is not intended to create a monopoly, according to County Attorney Joseph E. Hall, but is for the purpose of bringing auto truck companies and stages under control of the department of public works on the same terms as the railroads. Before a license can be obtained a bond of \$10,000 must be filed to insure responsibility in case of damage to persons or property while being handled by the licensed company.

Rate Hearing Put Off Until Monday

Local hearing in regard to application of the railroads to the Interstate Commerce commission for relief from section No. 4 of the interstate commerce commission act on the movement of wool, which was scheduled for today, has been postponed until Monday because of a new protest made by Denver which necessitated a hearing in that city first. The application is to let the railroads issue tariffs which will permit them to meet Panama canal competition. Hearings are being held on this application in various cities of the West.

MEDFORD PEOPLE RISE UP AGAINST WATER SHORTAGE

Medford, Aug. 11.—Medford people's dispute in this city's water shortage came to a crisis last night when more than three score of the city's largest property holders passed a resolution demanding that the city council cut off the water supply of commercial orchards now using city water.

The resolution, which provided for a committee of five, contained the provision that if the request of the citizens is not granted immediately that an injunction suit be brought against the city to prevent the use of the water by the orchardists.

URGED NEW RESERVOIR

During the mass meeting, which was organized by residents who have repeatedly voiced indignation at the scarcity of water here, several speakers denounced conditions which they declared endangered the lives and property of Medford residents.

Delroy Getchel, president of the Farmers & Fruit Growers bank, one of the speakers, urged the construction of a new reservoir, the purchase of a pumping fire engine and the laying of additional pipe lines to lessen the fire hazard.

W. E. Phipps, attorney, editor and newspaper publisher, denounced the city council as having illegally permitted the orchards to use water for irrigation, while residents of the city suffered, destroyed lawns, lack of bathing facilities and faced the menace of having their homes destroyed by fire because of inadequate pressure.

INJUNCTION THREATENED

Phipps introduced the resolution calling on the council for action and containing the threat of an injunction should the council fail to act. The resolution was passed with but three dissenting votes, the crowd registering a standing ballot of approval.

The resolution offered by Getchel was defeated with objections based on assertions that the water supply here is sufficient if properly distributed and illicit use brought to an end.

MORELAND IS GRANDFATHER

Harvey Moreland, chief clerk for the state game commission, is all smiles this morning, for he is now a grandfather. A message was received this morning announcing the birth of a 9 1/4-pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Julius More-

Youth Held to Grand Jury for Stealing Auto

Henry Knecht, 15, 3210 East Fifty-second street, appeared before Acting Judge Barge Leonard Wednesday on a charge of larceny of an automobile, and was ordered held for grand jury investigation with bail set at \$1000.

The police have been hunting for the lad for two months, they say. Tuesday he surrendered himself in the juvenile court. Knecht and Thomas Abrams were caught some time ago by the police but escaped. Abrams was later apprehended and after a trial sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

SENATE COMMITTEE BREAKS IN A BRAWL

Washington, Aug. 11.—(I. N. S.)—A meeting of the senate interstate commerce committee, which is considering the administration bill to provide for the revival of credits through the intervention of the War Finance corporation, broke up in a row today when Senator La Follette (R., Wis.), one of the opponents of the measure, demanded that William G. McAdoo and Walter D. Hines, former director general of the railroad administration, be called to testify.

DIES FOLLOWING OPERATION

Band, Aug. 11.—Albert Harryman, 62, farmer near Tumalo for 13 years, died Wednesday, following an operation for cancer.

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Creditors File Petition Against Agate Company

Petition of involuntary bankruptcy was filed against the American Agate company, a firm of manufacturing jewelers with offices in the Couch building, in federal court this morning, by the creditors. Judge Charles E. Wolterton appointed Walter Critchlow as temporary receiver.

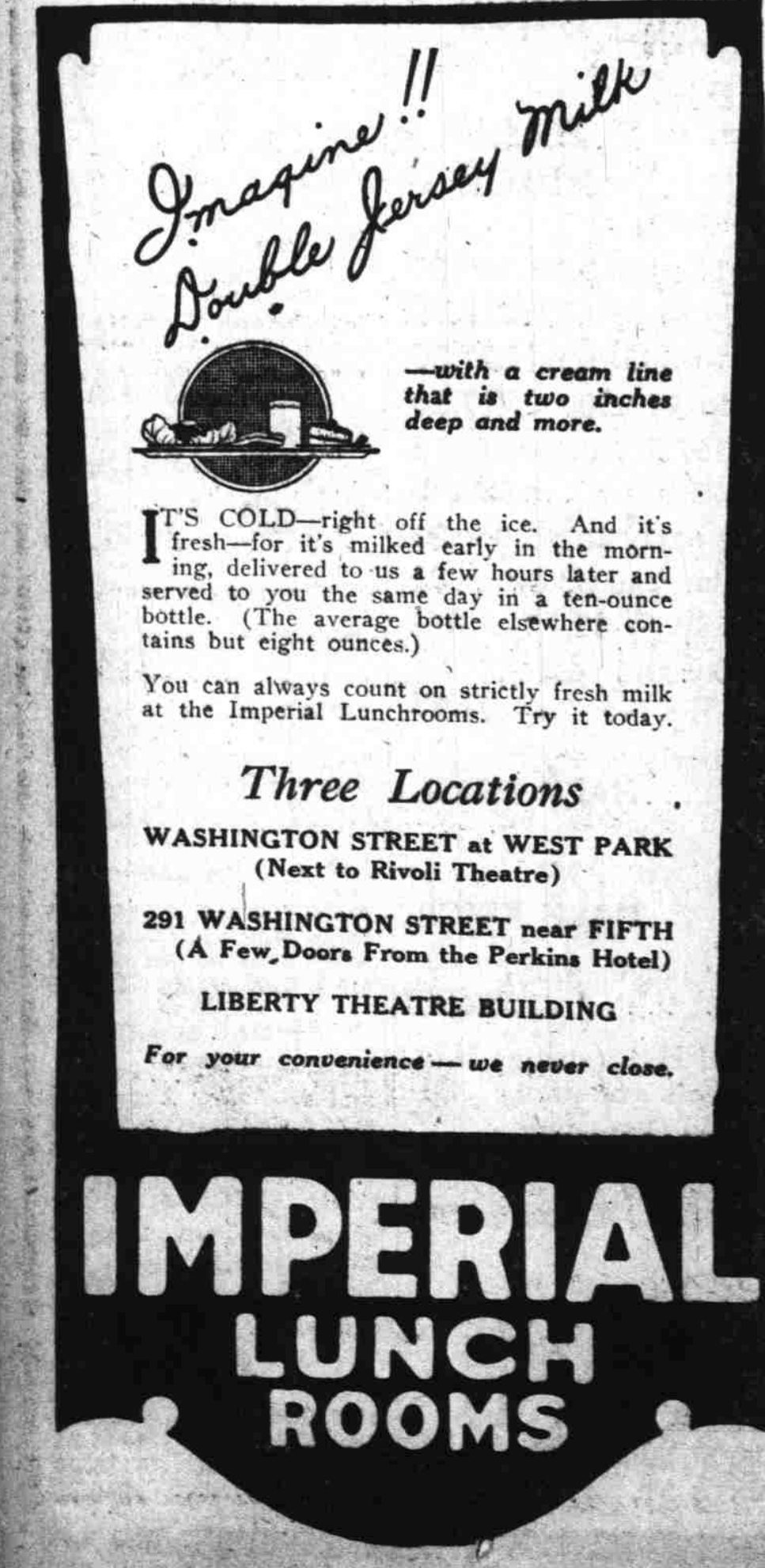
According to the petition the American Agate company has assets of \$2500 while the claims of the creditors amount to more than \$3000. William Cornfoot is the heaviest creditor, according to the petition, as he had made an advance of \$900 to the concern. Other creditors named were David Bais of New York, with a claim of \$24.65, and B. Meyerswiz, also of New York, with a claim of \$18.85.

Baker Man Urges Irrigation Project

To gain the support of the state and Portland chambers of commerce in urging appropriation of government funds for a new irrigation project in Oregon under government supervision, William Pollman of Baker, Or., was a Portland visitor today. Pollman is of the opinion that the time is ripe for efforts to convince the government that it should endorse an additional irrigation project for this state.

CHEVALIS MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chehalis, Wash., Aug. 11.—Marriage licenses were issued to the following here Wednesday: W. R. Gilber, Centralia, and Alice Clea Stokes, Spokane; James Chehols and Katie Williams, Rochester; Harrison Justice and Irene Blevins, Morton; Herbert McDougall, Aberdeen, and Lila Ingalls, Centralia.



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