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mimpaired," is the terse introduction of the city of Portland, represented by City Attorney Grant and Deputy City m the rehearing before the public servasion of Oregon in the matter the application of the Pacific Teleity to increase rates.

Delving into details, the municipality's erief continues along much the same line, setting forth that the telephone Interests are now deriving a greater enue than is justified.

nain that the company's rates have been that previous to the last increases in the prices of labor and material, due to was not necessary for those purposes; that the company, after the elimination of commetition, which should have a by the commission." to reduce rates, is receiving higher rates than it ever received in its history; that in Portland rates are higher than in other cities in the United bregon where the Pacific company opin cities of comparable size in Oregon independent companies operate. For instance, rates are much higher in Pendleton, where the Pacific company than in La Grande; where an

The brief goes on to relate that facts crease," the city brief says: "This conorroborate the "already overwhelming firms our repeated assertions that it is widence" that the rate base is too high; the policy of the Bell interests to make

catract a burden rather than a benefit, have also reduced freight rates for the toll expenses disproportionately ap-portioned and that the company had not

CRITICISE COMMISSION

The city narrates that the first "33 pages of the company's brief are devoted mainly to a criticism of this com-mission and of the representatives of the public on account of the petition for and the granting of the rehearing, and the company also contends that the re-

In reply to repeated queries of the perusing the company's brief company in its brief as to why the city that it contains nothing new did not appeal to the court, the city the full force of the case and brief sets out that the reason was simented by the people remains ple in that, under the laws of Oregon. the court cannot review the case on its merits and "it was on the merits the review was desired."

The brief of the city is embraced in 44 Tomlinson, in its reply brief pages, and throughout it is replete with hearing before the public servof the company. On page 29 reference is made to the east office of the company as having been in a "distorted and obsoshone & Telegraph company for author- lete condition" when a visit of the commission to the plant was decided on and that it was inclined to resist and re

"When the company found the commission was going to look at it in spite of its protest," says the brief, "it hurried to remove the stacked-up and distorted switchboard and apparatus in it, "The large and conspicuous facts re-sain that the company's rates have been way. Our disclosure at that point icreased 50 per cent since May 1, 1919; brought results, one step in the right direction, but that is only a small beginning. The east exchange is still an obwar, had already been provided for solete and expensive-to-operate affair. by the commission, and the last increase The Main-Marshall exchange is still worse, as is shown by the unrefuted testimony, as well as the inspection made

ARLETA PLANT "SECOND HAND" The "second hand" plant at Arleta is referred to. The brief says: "We be-States with approximately double the lieve that the full truth would reveal population; and that in other cities in that the Bell system in the East made considerable money by selling it to the erates the rates are much higher than Pacific company, in addition to the profit in repairing it." Going into the matter of present-day

wages and suggested cuts in salaries of "officers and employes other than meindependent company operates; they chanics and operators," the brief delves are higher in Dallas, which is a Pacific into the closing paragraph of the camhange, than in Medford, which is an pany's brief, in which reference was independent exchange, and so on down made, "it expected a restricted development on account of the last rate in-

same purpose,'

In conclusion it is asked that the commission make a substantial reduction of exchange rates in the state and the readjustme quitable basis.

A light crane has been invented thelp nurses to handle heavy patients.

outcome of the case today, saying he looks for a decision early in December, possibly by the first. New rates, if ordered, would therefore be in effect as

Reclamation Meet

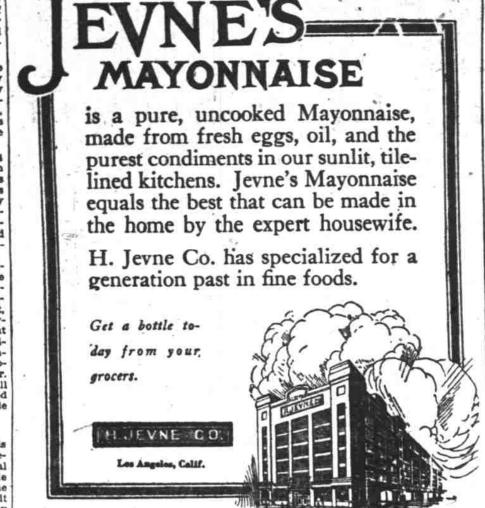
ney L. Boise, Portland; A. A. Smith,

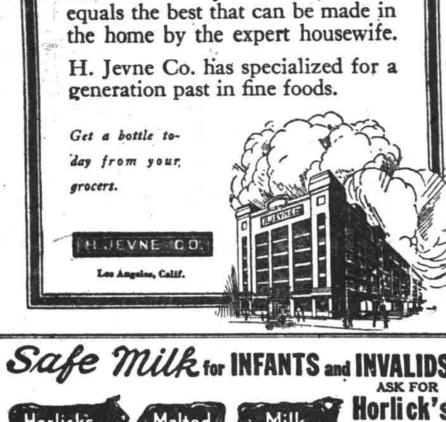
to attend a meeting of the Western States Reclamation association, to be held at Salt Lake City, November 29 and 30. Those who have agreed to go tary of the Klamath Irrigation district, at their own expense because of their interest in the reclamation development of Oregon, are as follows: Pro-fessor W. L. Powers, Corvallis; Whit-

Klamath Falls; Sam Mothershead, sec-retary Harney Valley Irrigation dis-trict, Burns; Judge Will R. King, Washretary Harney Valley Irrigation dis-trict, Burns; Judge Will R. King. Wash-ington, D. C.; William Hanley, Burns; 206 as compared with 38,468,753 10 years Fred Henshaw, United States geologi-





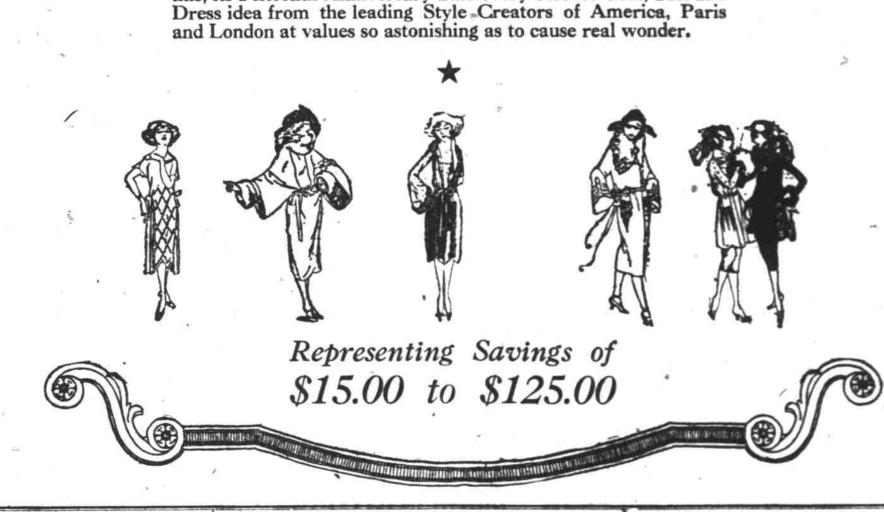






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