

PHONE COMPANY CLAIMS INCOME SHOWS DECREASE

That there has been a loss of revenue to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company since rates were increased, March, 1921, according to the company, and that service has deteriorated, was a member of the Housewives' Council, was the burden of the testimony introduced Thursday before the public service commission at the continuation of the rate rehearing. Besides a loss in the number of telephone stations due to the high rates it was claimed that there had been a loss of income to the company on account of the members changing from one and two party lines to four or more party service.

Witnesses contended that the continuation of the present rates would result in a continuing decreased net revenue to the company.

Another point covered in the rehearing was the tolls on long distance service. Engineers and rate experts testifying on behalf of the commission said that Portland only gets 30 per cent of the revenue from this source, whereas 50 per cent would be a reasonable credit.

It was also the opinion of these witnesses that the depreciation made by the company is excessive and that the reserve built up by setting aside from 5 to 6 per cent of the yearly revenue should be reduced if not discontinued altogether. The reserve on account of depreciation was declared to amount now to 30 per cent of the entire value of depreciable property owned by the company. A reasonable reduction would be 50 per cent, it was said.

Mrs. J. C. Ohus, appearing on behalf of the housewives' council of Portland, testified that from her observation and information obtained from others the telephone service has deteriorated badly since the present rates went into effect in 1921.

The commission will fix a date Monday on which the rehearing will be resumed. At the same time the investigators of the commission to gather information, and by the telephone company to assemble and present its defense of the present rates.

WOMAN TELLS HOW BLOWS WERE STRUCK

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described how Mrs. Phillips and she went to Mrs. Meadows' apartment the night before the day of the murder, but failed to find Mrs. Meadows there. She also told of a drinking party at the apartment of a man in Long Beach which she and Clara Phillips attended a few hours before Mrs. Meadows was killed.

MEETS VICTIM

They met Mrs. Meadows at a parking station and on the pretense of obtaining a ride to the city, she deceived Mrs. Meadows to the lonely hillside near Montecito drive.

In fragmentary sentences, blurted out under rapid fire questioning of Deputy District Attorney Fricke, Mrs. Caffee gave a picture of the murder that made a courtroom jammed with women nearly sick.

"Why did you stop on the deserted road?" Fricke demanded.

"Clara said she wanted to talk to Mrs. Meadows."

To the next few questions she replied that they stopped near a concrete wall where the road curved a few yards ahead and that the car was facing up hill.

SAYS BLOWS STRUCK

Omitting the questions, Peggy's story was as follows:

"Clara got out first, then Alberta and I followed. Clara said to Mrs. Meadows, 'My husband purchased these tires for you.'

"Mrs. Meadows said, 'Why, no, Mrs. Phillips.'"

"Where were you?" asked Fricke sharply.

"I was about three yards above. Just then Mrs. Phillips struck Mrs. Meadows on the right shoulder."

"What with?"

"I think it was a hammer."

Defense Attorney Herrington objected, but Judge Houser overruled the objection.

"Was anything else said?" pursued Fricke.

"Clara said, 'He did' and struck her with the hammer."

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"It was the iron end."

SAW HAMMER BLOWS

"Mrs. Meadows ran down the hill screaming. I ran up the hill hollering for help. Mrs. Meadows was stunned with the second blow. She put her hand on her head."

"I saw the hammer go up and down. I tried to get to the bottom of the hill, but I could go no further, my knees were so weak."

She said the next thing she knew she saw Mrs. Phillips driving down the hill in Mrs. Meadows' coupe, and that Clara stopped near her and commanded her to get in.

"Her face was covered with blood; her hands were covered with blood; her clothes were covered with blood," were the words in which she described Mrs. Meadows.

Gas and Power Companies Show Increased Profits

An increase of 23 per cent in the net earnings of the Portland Gas & Coke company during September, compared with the corresponding month of last year, was shown in a financial statement of the company issued today. A gain of 12 per cent in net earnings was shown for the 12 month period ending with September. Gross earnings for the 12 month period showed an increase of 4 per cent and operating expenses an increase of 5 per cent. The figures for September were as follows:

1922	1921	Inc. P.C.
Gross \$ 284,998	\$ 261,748	\$ 23,250 9
Oper. .. 157,350	174,795	18,445 10
Net .. 127,648	86,952	40,696 23

For the 12 months ending with September:

1922	1921	Inc. P.C.
Gross \$2,245,941	\$2,380,676	\$14,735 4
Oper. .. 2,235,797	2,424,214	188,417 5
Net ... 1,060,144	956,462	103,682 12

Net earnings of the Pacific Power & Light company for September showed an increase of 21 per cent over the same month of 1921 and for the 12 months ending September a net gain of 6 per cent was shown. September figures were as follows:

1922	1921	Inc. P.C.
Gross \$ 281,284	\$ 253,524	\$ 27,760 11
Oper. .. 137,194	184,547	2,647 2
Net ... 144,089	118,977	25,112 21

For the 12 month period:

1922	1921	Inc. P.C.
Gross \$2,072,789	\$2,823,029	\$156,740 6
Oper. .. 1,818,045	1,524,424	293,621 19
Net ... 1,254,744	1,298,605	63,119 6

In each instance net earnings are given prior to deductions for depreciation, interest on bonds and dividends on preferred stock.

Spokane Man on Last Lap of 19,500 Miles

El Campo, Texas, Oct. 27.—(U. P.)—W. J. Johnson of Spokane, Wash., was resting today preparatory to taking up the last lap of what is believed to be the longest walking tour ever attempted. According to Johnson, he is one of nine young men who left Spokane, March 11, 1918, to complete a walking tour of 19,500 miles through

TAXES CRUSH OREGON FARMER, SAYS PIERCE

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FARMERS' LOAD HEAVY

"In this state we have a peculiar situation about 22 per cent of Oregon is arable. We have a population of about 800,000. We are just in the early development stage, but still we have been spending money and bonding ourselves as if we had the wealth of Iowa and Michigan. The load that the farmer is obliged to carry in the shape of his taxes is today crushing the very life out of the farming industry. If accurate figures could be made I believe it would be found that the taxes alone in Oregon are taking directly and indirectly from 25 to 50 per cent of the gross value of the farmers' products."

"One of our particular difficulties in this state is that practically one-half of the wealth of this state is exempt from taxation, a conspicuous example of this being forest reserves, and other property like farms is being taxed to protect the said forest reserves from fires and expenses that naturally follow civilization, then one-half of the

remainder is paying little or no part of the burden which it ought to pay, leaving the farmers directly and indirectly to bear practically the entire cost of the state government.

"When we consider this fact and add to it the fact that while Oregon stands thirty-sixth state in the union in wealth, it nevertheless collects more money by direct taxation than any other state in the union when we consider wealth and population. Leaving out a comparison of wealth and population, it is found that there are only nine other states in the union that are collecting more from its people by direct taxation than Oregon. We are collecting each year for state purposes more money by direct taxation from our people than great states like Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin and California.

"Under this frightful load agriculture is breaking. Boys and girls are leaving the farms. Cities are prospering, but the ones who are producing the necessities of life find it impossible to make ends meet. Farm mortgages are increasing, taxes are being delinquent and we face disaster if there is not a cutting down of state expenses and a redistribution of the burden."

M'NARY SPEAKS BEFORE AUDIENCE AT PENDLETON

Pendleton, Oct. 27.—Discussing the Oregon political campaign with reference to its bearing on national politics, Senator McNary Thursday night addressed a large meeting of Pendleton citizens. "I have been told that the citizens of Oregon are apathetic regarding the political situation," said the senator. "I believe since reaching here that this is due to content with the present state and national administration. That being the case, I hope to see an indorsement of the administration by the return of the members of the Oregon congressional delegation and the governor to the places they now occupy."

Senator McNary asserted that because of the governor's opportunity for building up a political machine and his power to fill vacancies in the national congress caused by resignation or death, it is essential for the best inter-

13 Inches Added to Dwarf's Height by Delicate Operation

(Special Wireless to The Journal and Chicago Daily News)

Berlin, Oct. 27.—German scientists have made a discovery which enables dwarfs to cease being dwarfs if they so desire. A professor in Leipzig has performed an operation on a dwarf, a man 32 years of age, which has increased his height by 13 inches. The dwarf was only 3 feet and 1 inch tall before the operation but now he is 4 feet 2 inches tall. He is still undressed, but otherwise a fairly normal human being.

The Leipzig surgeon amputated the dwarf's legs close to the thighs, grafted into them pieces of human bones and elongated the flesh. The man who submitted to this experiment is now selling newspapers in Leipzig. The scientist who accomplished this feat made his first tests on frogs, lizards and various reptiles, then on mammalian animals and finally and successfully on this human being.

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PENDLETON COURT TO HEAR 17 CASES

Salem, Oct. 27.—There are but 17 cases on the docket for the Pendleton October term of the supreme court, which convenes in the Eastern Oregon city Monday. Of these three are criminal cases. The cases on the docket are:

W. H. Homan vs. L. Hirsch et al. appellants; appeal from Malheur county.

Okanogan State Bank of Riverside, Wash., appellant vs. M. Belle Thompson, et al.; appeal from Morrow county.

W. J. Case vs. J. L. McKinnis; appellant; appeal from Union county. (Two cases, one a law action, the other an equity action.)

W. H. Lisan vs. Mary L. Green, appellant; appeal from Baker county.

Fraser Ferguson, et al. appellants, James Holborn et al.; appeal from Union county.

State of Oregon vs. T. J. Kleelan, appellant; appeal from Union county.

Arizona Barnes, appellant vs. George W. Anderson et al.; appeal from Grant county.

T. R. Sheridan vs. Pacific States

Fire Insurance company, a corporation, appellant; appeal from Baker county.

Grace M. Saylor, appellant, vs. Enterprise Electric company; appeal from Wallowa county.

George S. Anderson, vs. East Oregon Lumber company, appellant; appeal from Wallowa county.

State of Oregon vs. Stanley Burreas, appellant; appeal from Gilliam county.

State of Oregon vs. Art Beason, appellant; appeal from Gilliam county.

Daniel Sword vs. East Oregon Lumber company, appellant; appeal from Wallowa county.

Northern Pacific Railroad company et al. appellants, vs. John Day Irrigation company et al.; appeal from Wallowa county.

H. L. DeWolf, appellant, vs. Carl Kippers; appeal from Umatilla county.

George E. Carmichael, appellant vs. Mabel E. Carmichael; appeal from Umatilla county.

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Tillamook Cheese Salad

By Alice Bradley

- 1/2 cup Tillamook cheese diced
- 1 slice pineapple, fresh or canned, diced
- 1 cup diced cut small pieces
- 1/2 cup celery
- 1/2 cup shelled walnuts
- Sprinkle a few grains of salt and juice of 1/2 lemon over above ingredients. Beat 1/2 cup heavy cream until stiff and beat in 1/2 cup mayonnaise dressing.

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