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Farmer Eavesdroppers Excoriated OPERATORS TESTIFY IN RATE CASE THAT VILE LANGUAGE IS USED BY PHONE SUBSCRIBERS

SALEM WOMAN TESTIFIES IN RATE HEARING

Mrs. Hollingsworth Says Operators Would Be Relieved if Rural Users Minded Own Business.

CHRONIC KICKERS SHOWN WORKINGS

Shaw, Cousin and Williams Engage in Three-Cornered Altercation

Farmer patrons of the telephone lines who "listen in" or answer every ring they hear on their lines were excoriated from the witness stand in the telephone rate rehearing yesterday by Mrs. B. M. Hollingsworth, chief operator of the Salem exchange of the Pacific company. Mrs. Hollingsworth declared that perfect telephone service is dependent upon co-operation between the public and the telephone company.

The witness said there are five farmer line positions in the Salem exchange and that more time and work is required in taking care of farmer calls than city calls.

Best Operators Used
"We have to use our very best operators for that service," said Mrs. Hollingsworth. "The farmer subscribers seem to have a habit of answering all calls but their own. When a call is rung a dozen of them will take down their receivers and say 'hello,' then inform us that we have the wrong number. It is necessary for the operators to stay on the line until the right party answers. If the subscribers would mind their own business we wouldn't have to do that."

Speech Often Indistinct
Other difficulties of the telephone service in general was attributed by the witness to carelessness on the part of the subscribers in speaking indistinctly or in making their number calls with scolding the babies.

Abuse Wears on Nerves
"We have to be polite. But when the subscriber swears at you and says he doesn't believe you, it rather gets on your nerves."

Eagerness of the telephone company to show visitors through the exchanges and accounts in them with all operations was brought out in Attorney Shaw's direct examination of the witness. Mrs. Hollingsworth told of instances in Salem in which notorious kick-

ATTEMPT MADE TO BLOW DAM, MANY LIVES IN DANGER

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 16.—Failure of a bomb containing 73 pounds of T. N. T. to explode behind a dam at Leavenworth, Wash., is believed to have prevented the possible loss of hundreds of lives and destruction of property worth millions, according to a report published by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer tonight.

Had the dam broken, it was pointed out, a rich agricultural district would have been flooded. The report said the explosive was found in a heavy stone jar with three sticks of dynamite arranged as a detonator. It had been lowered into position behind the stone masonry by means of a wire. A fuse had burned to its end, and the failure of the bomb to explode is attributed to choking of the lighted fuse by tar used to seal the opening.

Workmen repairing the dam discovered the bomb, according to the report. Federal secret service men were said to have gone to Leavenworth tonight.

BRUMFIELD MAY BE KEPT IN PORTLAND LYNCHING IS FEAR

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 16.—It is intimated here this afternoon that Dr. R. M. Brumfield may be held in jail in Portland for several days before being brought to Roseburg. This will enable the officers, it is thought, to slip him into this city without the knowledge of Russell's friends. District Attorney Neuner's statement to the effect that Brumfield would not be brought here before the first of next week leads to this conclusion.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 16.—Haggard and dirty, Dr. R. M. Brumfield, dentist of Roseburg, Or., and held in connection with the death of Dennis Russell, arrived here tonight at 8:35 p. m. over the Spokane International railway from Calgary, Alta., and was placed aboard the O. W. R. & N. train which left for Portland at 9:15. He was accompanied by Sheriff Starmer of Roseburg and was handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff Webb.

The officers said tonight that the prisoner relinquished his assertion that he was Dennis Russell late this afternoon and admitted that he was Dr. Brumfield following receipt of a telegram from his wife in Roseburg. At first he claimed to have no knowledge of the sender of the message, the authorities said, but in the afternoon he appeared more normal and told them who he

HIGHTOWER IS IDENTIFIED BY HOUSEKEEPER

Priest's Housekeeper Positive That Prisoner Deceyed Murdered Man From His Home on Day of Crime.

DOES NOT HESITATE AFTER MEETING MAN

"I Get the Idea" Says Accused Man When Confronted by Two Women

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 16.—Positive identification of William Hightower as the man last seen with Reverend Patrick E. Heslin, murdered priest, was made today by Miss Marie Wendel, the priest's housekeeper and Mrs. Irene Bianchi, a neighbor.

After 15 minutes given to close scrutiny of the prisoner in the office of District Attorney Franklin Swart in Redwood City, they stated emphatically and without hesitation that it was Hightower who called for Reverend Heslin the night of August 2 to answer a sick call and who drove away with the priest in an automobile.

Identification Positive
"If you knew that the hanging of this man depended upon your identification would you hesitate in your statements?" District Attorney Golden asked Miss Wendel. "I would not hesitate," she replied.

Hightower was taken from the county jail to confront the women. He was freshly shaven and had exchanged his prison clothing for the apparel he had on when arrested. They regarded him closely from every angle but said no word to him, nor he to them.

Hightower's only comment to the officers during the scrutiny was "I get the idea."

When Hightower was taken away Miss Wendel and Mrs. Bianchi told the officers there was no question of his identity.

"Dolly" Is Mysterious
The personality of the mysterious "Dolly Mason" who Hightower said had given him the clue by which he located the grave of Reverend Heslin near the ocean shore, bobbed in and out of the examination today. Mrs. Dorothy Fisher Gifford of Oakland, a cabaret entertainer, who had been identified as Dolly Mason through descriptions given by Hightower confronted him today and neither recognized the other.

Hearing Set.
The preliminary hearing of Hightower tentatively was set for next Thursday.

Throng gathered at times around the jail in Redwood City today but there has been no concerted demonstration of popular feeling against Hightower the police said, although there is an undercurrent of tense feeling.

Prisoner Guarded.
Every possible precaution is being taken, they said, to guard Hightower from personal injury from any source.

Willingness to stand trial before a jury composed of Catholic clergy was expressed by William A. Hightower, held here in connection with the death of Father Patrick E. Heslin, murdered Colma Catholic priest. The prisoner said as follows:

"I have such a high regard for the Catholic religion and the Catholic priesthood that I would be willing to be tried by a jury of Catholic priests. I am assured of my own innocence but I cannot expect a fair trial because of the ignorant prejudices of the public mind.

"It would do me no good to make a public statement of the case now because I would not be believed. I presume I have always been a little unsettled mentally and my present predicament has accentuated this condition.

HOSPITAL MAY BE WON OVER UNIONS HOPE

Salem Central Council Holds That Hospital Needs the Friendship of Workers, Drastic Action Opposed.

MEMBERS DECLARE I.O.O.F. JOB FAIR

Organized Labor and Odd Fellows are Friendly—Scale Recognized

Announcement that the new Odd Fellows building would be built by union labor "from cornice to foundation" was made at the weekly session of the Salem Central Labor council last night.

Another important development was a general sentiment expressed by all of the 20 members that the building committee of the Salem hospital would adopt a "reasonable" attitude toward organized labor. The council refused to institute a fight against the hospital at this time.

"There is a general resentment of Salem business men against the arbitrary methods attempted by the hospital committee against organized labor," asserted W. Darby, a delegate from the carpenter's union.

Van Patten Fair
"C. Van Patten, who is in charge of construction work, has always been fair to organized labor and we hesitate to take action against him in this case as believe that the hospital board has taken the employment question into their own hands."

By unanimous vote, the council decided to postpone definite action on the hospital question until next week's meeting. Members of the council asserted that all trades unions of Salem were determined to aid the carpenters and that no man would work on the job until the protested \$6 scale was done away with and the union scale of \$7.20 recognized.

Reports Are Denied
Rumors that the building committee of the Odd Fellows lodge has had been making efforts to undermine the building trades scale was emphatically denied by L. J. Simeral, president of the council, and also by several other members who labeled the report as "propaganda" circulated by

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MARKSMEN FOR STATE NAMED

Team Representing National Guard Will Leave for Camp Perry, Ohio

At a conference of a board appointed by Colonel George A. White, adjutant general, to select marksmen of the Oregon national guard to attend the national matches to be held at Camp Perry during the latter part of this month and early September, the following recommendations were made:

Major Fred M. West of Portland, team captain; Captain Eugene Libby of Portland, team coach. Others in the team are: Captain Clarence Collins of Albany; First Lieutenant A. A. Schwarz of Portland; Lieutenant Lawrence Jensen of Eugene; Private Andrew J. McAllen of Ashland; Private James Q. Adams of Ashland; Corporal Orville Cart of Portland; Private Manley W. Bevins of Dallas Private Arthur G. Robinson of Portland; Sergeant Leonard McGee of Albany; Sergeant Glenn Terrell of Eugene and Staff Sergeant Victor R. Stratton of Eugene.

These marksmen who will represent the Oregon national guard at the national matches will meet at the army in Portland August 22, to make final preparations to leave for Camp Perry.

Six Carloads of Wheat Purchased at Sheridan

SHERIDAN, Ore., Aug. 16.—(Special to The Statesman)—G. M. McKinney of Portland, who has been purchasing grain here for the last fortnight, left the field today, refusing to buy more wheat. He is said to have purchased about six carloads at a price of 98 cents per bushel less dockage.

Mother Rescues Tots, Suffers Severe Burns

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 16.—In saving from death her three small children during a fire which destroyed the upper story of an apartment house here today, Mrs. Earl Purcell was badly burned. Her 14-month-old baby Harold, whom she carried through the flames, suffered serious burns while her 2-year-old twins, Floyd and Lloyd, were slightly burned.

CAPITOL STREET PAVING IS ON CLUB PROGRAM TONIGHT

The monthly Open Forum meeting of the Salem Commercial club are to be held tonight at the club rooms at 8 o'clock promises to be one of the most interesting meetings for many a month.

In addition to the report of the membership committee, which has been working overtime the past four or five weeks, there will be brought up the report of the committee appointed about one year ago to investigate the opening of Capitol street.

Fred Erixon is chairman of this committee and it is understood he will present the report of his committee and this report will go right to the bottom of the matter as to how and why the street should be paved to meet the paved road of Fairgrounds road.

The report will be of special interest to residents of Summer street, who are also attempting to solve the problem of paving to meet Fairgrounds road. The Summer street residents prepared a petition which was presented to the city council, but before action was taken a remonstrance was offered.

C. O. Rice, director of the social department of the Commercial club, promises an entertainment worth while.

STATE EMERGENCY BOARD IS CALLED BY SECRETARY KOZER

Acting upon a request of the World war veterans state aid commission under date of August 13, Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, yesterday issued a call for the state emergency board to meet in the capitol building in Salem Tuesday, August 23, to consider a request for the appropriation of additional funds for administration of the so-called soldiers' bonus law.

"The matter for the consideration of the emergency board is the pledging of funds or authorization of additional expenditures by the World war veterans' state aid commission in the administration of the loan and bonus law," said Mr. Kozer in his call. "The appropriation as included in the law authorizing the payment of a bonus or loan is grossly insufficient for the proper and reasonable administration of such law. Inasmuch as the administration of this law imposes considerable additional duties upon the department of state, the matter of pledging funds or authorizing additional expenditures by the secretary of state will also be discussed."

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MAHONEY FACES SANITY QUERY

Many Who Faces Charge of Slaying Aged Bride Must Pass Mental Tests

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 16.—Before a jury passes on the charge that James E. Mahoney murdered his wealthy, elderly bride, Kate M. Mahoney, identified with the recovery of a body in a trunk from Lake Union here last week, a medical commission first must decide whether he is sane. This was the ruling of Judge Otis W. Brinker in superior court here today when Mahoney was called to plead to a first degree murder accusation.

Case Reviewed
Mrs. Mahoney disappeared last April, and since early in May Mahoney has been held on several charges, including forgery complaints for procuring an alleged fraudulent power of attorney to gain possession of his wife's property. It was only after dragging and diving operations of two months yielded the body of a woman that the murder charge was filed. Before that, Mahoney had displayed no unusual symptoms, but since he was arraigned on the murder information, they said, he has acted strangely.

Seek Insanity Trial
Lee A. Johnston, defense counsel, read to the court affidavits dealing with the alleged peculiarities of Mahoney's conduct in the last week—since the murder charge was filed. While defense counsel demanded an insanity trial by jury, Prosecuting Attorney Malcolm Douglas protested, contending that it was discretionary with the court whether such proceedings were by jury or by medical commission. Judge Brinker upheld the state's argument, but allowed the defense until tomorrow to submit additional authorities. Unless the ruling is reversed, it is planned to hold the mental examination sometime tomorrow.

Cursing Morning Habit
"It was his habit every morning to get tangled up in his telephone calls and curse the operators. One morning when one of the girls came to work she said 'job or no job, I'm going to get even with so-and-so this morning. Sure enough, he began to use profane language."

"Why, Mr. So-and-so, the operator said back at him, 'I am angry.'"

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The girls used the word "blunk." They didn't resent the cursing of their hearers with the actual words used, but left them to the imagination.

"Stupid," the girls said, is common, every-day term applied to them.

Supervisor Bears Brunt
The testimony brought out an assertion that the great majority of calls coming into the offices are completed without trouble. The calls that lead to trouble ordinarily are referred to the supervisor and it is she who falls under much of the abuse that is hurled over the wires into the exchanges.

Mrs. L. Norton, a senior supervisor, opined that the great majority of subscribers who make calls are referred to the supervisor do not know how to use telephones. To obtain accurate service, she related instances of profanity directed at the girls. Much unreasonableness, said Mrs. Norton, is manifested by subscribers in calling information relative to numbers of other subscribers.

Some Patrons Easily Angered
"They may ask for Mr. Smith's number," she said, "and when I ask for the initials they become angry."

Mrs. Norton related one instance of how an operator, at the deliberate risk of her job, decided to get even, and she did it and incidentally cured the offending subscriber.

"This man," said the witness, "is a prominent citizen of Portland a great church worker, and," she added sarcastically, "claims to be a great friend of the working girl."

Vermon I. Finko
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—Vermon I. Finko, first baseman and team captain of the Seattle team, was a pitcher's duel between Faith and Crumpler, Hannah, who made the first run, reached first on O'Connell's error advanced on singles by Zelder and Finko and scored when Kelly fumbled the ball in center. The Seals had several chances but were unable to hit with men on base.

Los Angeles
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 16.—Los Angeles lost its first game in the series which opened here today, in a 10-inning contest. The Seals' pitcher, Finko, pitched a 10-inning game, but Los Angeles' pitcher, Kelly, fumbled the ball in center, and the Seals scored four runs in the ninth and tenth innings. The Seals had several chances but were unable to hit with men on base.

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STANDING OF THE CLUBS

San Francisco	57	11
Sacramento	57	11
Seattle	57	11
Oakland	57	11
Los Angeles	57	11
Portland	57	11
Salt Lake	57	11
Portland	57	11

DETOUR TO TWELFTH STREET IS ORDER BEGINNING TODAY

For travellers who intend to go south by way of Commercial street, there will be considerable detouring, as today at noon the street will be closed from the monument works to Jefferson way.

For those who do start south on Commercial and find the barricade at the monumental works, it is suggested that the turn be made to the left until Twelfth street is reached. Then south on Twelfth street to the bottom of Morningside Hill.

At this point turn right on a gravel and dirt road, cross the planks on the cement pavement of Jefferson way and continue until Liberty road is reached.

PASTOR IS DEAD, BOY IS RESCUED

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 16.—Reverend Henry E. Giles, pastor of the Hope Presbyterian church and oy Scout master, was drowned today in Sanry river here after he had rescued Barnes Napier, a Scout who had gotten beyond his depth. The minister's death is believed to have been due to exhaustion following his struggles with the boy, who is declared to have grasped his rescuer around the neck.

After the boy had been returned to his companions it was discovered that the minister had disappeared in the water. His body was found later.

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