

TELEPHONE RATES ARE CUT

EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED BY SERVICE COMMISSION TO BE EFFECTIVE DEC. 1

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 30.—The Oregon public service commission today ordered a considerable reduction in rates charged for service throughout Oregon by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, effective December 1 and for six months thereafter, pending fuller hearing on the question. The commission designated its order as an emergency measure.

Under the order rates for residence and a few other classes of service are reduced to the approximate level in effect before the increase ordered by the previous public service commission nearly two years ago. No reduction is ordered in the rates being paid for business phones, except party lines and the cheaper classes of service.

The commission in its findings holds: That present rates are unjust and unreasonable. That service is inadequate. That equipment is obsolete. That the value of service and the patronage has diminished since the higher rates have been in effect. That toll rates are discriminatory. That the depreciation fund is excessive. That the telephone company evaded the Clayton anti-trust law in its relations with the Western Electric company and the American Telephone and Telegraph companies. The new rates as promulgated decree a reduction of 50 cents a month in the flat rate for a two party, four party and ten party service to business houses and residences. There is no reduction for unlimited service. C. E. Hickman, commercial manager for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company said the rate order probably would be contested in court.

Perhaps no other news of the year will be as welcome to the average Salem householder as this announcement of the commission's lowering of telephone rates. It came entirely without warning, apparently being forecasted by no one in Salem.

Rates Are Compared
The old rates, that prevailed before the commission allowed the raise were \$4 a month for the ordinary office phone, and 25 cents additional for the portable desk phone. The present office rate is \$6.25. The old residence rate was \$1.50 for a four-party line, \$1.75 for a two-party line, and \$2 for an individual line. The present rates are \$2.25 for the four-party service, \$2.50 for the two-party line, and \$3 for the individual service. This is a cut of 33 1-3 per cent in all cases save the two-party line.

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The Last Day of The GREAT SUBSCRIPTION BARGAIN OFFER

Closes at 6 p. m. Today Your Last Chance

Offer No. 1—
The Daily Oregon Statesman one full year by mail, outside City of Salem. The Pacific Homestead one full year by mail, and the Automobile Road Maps of Oregon and Idaho. Total regular value... \$7.00 Bargain offer, only... \$3.75

Offer No. 2—
The Daily Oregon Statesman one full year by carrier in City of Salem, regular value... \$6.00 Automobile Road Maps of Oregon and Idaho... 1.00 Total regular value... 7.00 Special bargain offer only 5.50 Statesman Publishing Co.

TALKERS FOR G. O. P. RALLY ARE LISTED

Olcott, Hawley, Eddy, Mrs. Perozzi and Others To Appear at Rally Friday

Salem Republicans are to have one grand, old-fashioned rally, Friday night, November 3, when Governor Olcott and a number of other speakers are to appear on the platform. The Cherrian band is to be on hand for music for the whole evening, the Epley quartet is to appear in several original campaign songs prepared by Dr. H. C. Epley, and State Chairman Walter L. Toose Jr., is to preside.

The speakers are to be Governor Olcott, Congressman W. C. Hawley, State Senator B. L. Eddy of Douglas county, and Mrs. Louise Perozzi, of Ashland, member of the executive committee of the state central committee. County Chairman Walter L. Toose Sr., promises that it will be the big meeting of the whole year, and that it will look like the days of old when men had real parties and fought for them.

An important meeting is to be held at Turner tonight which is to be addressed by Lloyd Reynolds, candidate for the state legislature from Marion county; Henry S. Daly of Scotts Mills, a pioneer of Oregon; and Rev. J. W. Perkins of Salem. County Chairman Toose is to preside. The Willamette Glee club is to sing for the occasion, its first appearance for the year.

Another meeting is set for Saturday night at Aurora, which is to be addressed by John H. McNary and Chairman Toose, of Salem.

HAVRE MURDER NOW TANGLED

Mother of Dead Woman Has Pointed Questions to Ask District Attorney

HAVRE, Mont., Oct. 30.—(By The Associated Press)—Mrs. Joseph Pyle of Butte, mother of Mrs. Margaret Carleton, who, with the Rev. Leonard J. Christler, was shot to death in the Christler home early Friday, will tomorrow go to Max Kuhn, prosecuting attorney, with four questions, she announced tonight.

Weapon Causes Suspicion
The questions are: What motive have you established for the double killing; if it was done it was decided by the verdict of the coroner's jury by my daughter?

"What effort has been made with what result to establish ownership of the weapon with which the shooting was done?"

"What effort has been made to recover two diamond rings observed at 9 p. m., the evening of the tragedy, on Mrs. Carleton's hands?"

"If the rings were removed from her fingers is it not also possible that this revolver, which was not her own, for her own was in her bag at her room, was placed in her open palm at the time the rings were removed?"

Long Conference Held
"Your determination of the facts in these respects will materially aid my own and public understanding of the tragedy not yet explained."

Mr. Pyle arrived in Havre today and spent six hours with Mrs. Pyle and Mrs. Joseph Davis, a lifelong friend, going over evidence taken at the inquest and all information on the matter they have gathered.

Careful examination was made today of all of Mrs. Carleton's effects, including contents of a trunk which was in the home she and former Judge Frank E. Carleton occupied when he was on the district bench in Havre. Mrs. Carleton appeared to have been

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OBSERVERS TO WATCH PARLEY AT LAUSANNE

United States Government Prefers Not to Take Active Part in Peace Conference of Allies.

RIGHTS IN NEAR EAST WILL BE SAFEGUARDED

Washington Officials Not Unmindful of Humanitarian Interests

PARIS, Oct. 30.—(By The Associated Press)—The attitude of the American government as regards the peace conference at Lausanne for the settlement of Near Eastern questions was communicated to Premier Poincare this evening by the American ambassador, Myron T. Herrick.

The substance of this communication, which was made public this evening, indicates that the United States is desirous only of sending observers to the proposed conference for the purpose of safeguarding certain rights such as protection of philanthropic, educational and religious institutions, freedom of opportunity, protection of minorities, freedom of the straits and archaeological research and study.

Peace Treaty Purpose
After pointing out that the principal purpose of the proposed conference will be the drawing up of a treaty of peace with Turkey and dealing with problems resulting from the state of belligerency between the allied powers, Turkey and Greece, the reply says:

"The United States does not desire to participate in the final peace negotiations or assume responsibility for the political and territorial adjustments which may be effected, for the reason that it is neither at war with Turkey nor party to the armistice of 1918. The United States government, however, does not desire to leave the impression that United States interests are less entitled to consideration than those of any other power; neither is it desirous of relinquishing rights enjoyed in common with other powers nor is it unconcerned with the humanitarian interests involved.

Points Are Set Forth
"Among the points to be taken into consideration are:

"First, the protection and proper guarantees of philanthropic, educational and religious institutions.

"Second, appropriate undertakings as regards freedom of opportunity without discrimination of special privileges for commercial purposes.

"Third, suitable provisions for the protection of minorities.

"Fourth, assurances touching the freedom of the Straits.

"Fifth, reasonable opportunity for archaeological research and study.

Observers Held Sufficient
"The above summary, though not exhaustive, may serve to indicate the general nature of American interests. The United States government is prepared to send observers to the proposed conference, if this action is agreeable to the powers concerned, for the purpose of safeguarding interests such as the above and to facilitate the exchange of views.

"The United States, while it desires to protect its rights and assure a policy of the open door, has no intention of seeking for itself or its nationals a position of special privilege. It further desires to assure the protection of Americans who wish to continue relief, educational or other humanitarian work which has been carried on in the Near East for generations and which under

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NEW LEGION COMMANDER IS ACTIVE MAN IN HOME STATE



Alvin M. Owsley of Texas was elected head of the American Legion at its annual convention at New Orleans. The new commander of the Legion gained distinction as a soldier and statesman and was appointed assistant attorney general of Texas, and as head of the Legion's legislative committee in that state won a fight for a \$2,000,000 hospital for disabled soldiers.

GOVERNOR OLCOTT ASKS VAN WINKLE TO CONDUCT PROBE

In response to request by resolution coming from the World war veterans' state aid commission, Governor Olcott yesterday directed Attorney General Van Winkle to attend in person, or send one of his assistants to attend, any term of circuit or grand jury investigation into the frauds alleged to have been perpetrated in Deschutes county relative to real estate offered as security for loans under the bonus and loan act. Conditions said to exist in Deschutes county are the reason for the commission's action.

It was these alleged frauds, in the form of alleged padding of realty values, that caused the commission some time ago to oust H. J. Overturf and O. B. Hardy, members of the board of appraisers under the bonus and loan act in that county.

"You are hereby directed" says the governor's note to the attorney general, to attend in person or by one of your assistants any term of court or appear before the grand jury of any county for the purpose of managing and conducting in such court or before such jury the following specified criminal actions or proceedings, to wit:

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CHALLENGE OF ACCUSER MET BY MRS. HALL

Mrs. Gibson, Pig Raiser and Ex-Circus Star, Dares Rector's Widow to Deny She Saw Murder.

PRESENCE OF LAWYERS DEMANDED AT SCENE

Day's Investigations Devoid of Spectacular — Witness is Watched

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 30.—Timothy N. Pfeiffer, counsel for Mrs. Edward Wheeler Hall, whose rector husband was slain with his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor B. Mills on the Phillips farm, September 14, said tonight that his client was perfectly willing to accept the challenge Mrs. Jane Gibson extended last night.

Mrs. Gibson, ex-circus rider, pig raising farmer and self-styled witness of the Hall-Mills murder had dared the rector's wife to meet her and deny that she was not present when her husband was killed.

Would Confront Woman
Pfeiffer said Mrs. Hall was ready to confront Mrs. Gibson at any time, if the authorities so

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BASEBALL MAN FACIST LEADER

Bats Used as Clubs and Mask and Chest Protector As Armor Plate

ROME, Oct. 30.—(By The Associated Press)—The "baseball" man, as he is known throughout Italy because of his adoption of the baseball bat as an offensive weapon, and a catcher's chest protector and mask as defensive armor, was expected to lead the Ancona contingent of the Fascist, had it been decided that the fascisti should enter Rome.

Blast is Italy's baseball man's name. He saw American soldiers at a hospital in Italy playing baseball during their period of convalescence and became impressed with the efficiency of the bat as a weapon. He therefore discarded his riding whip and cane and sent to a cousin in the United States for a complete outfit, including six bats.

The baseball bat has been used with telling effect in clashes between the fascisti and the communists in Ancona during the past year. Many communists there have literally "been struck out." Blast has now reached number 3 in his stock of bats. Two of them have been broken owing to Blast's inexperience in holding them correctly when launching into an affray.

General Cesare Rossi, commanding the Ancona contingent of the fascisti which numbers 500, and which is now quartered five miles outside Rome, thinks well of Blast and his batmanship.

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON AND OREGON
Local Weather
(Monday)
Maximum temperature, 49.
Minimum temperature, 35.
River, 9-10 foot below normal level.
Stationary.
Rainfall, .16 inch.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, south.

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WOMAN SAYS HER MIND WAS BLANK

Mrs. Rosier Affected by Ordeal When Quizzed on Witness Stand

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Catherine Rosier, charged with the killing of her husband Oscar and his stenographer, Mildred, said today that her mind was blank when she was quizzed on the witness stand.

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