

Pacific Telephone Shows Operating Revenues Cut

Net operating revenues of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in the state of Oregon during the year 1925 aggregated \$1,415,014.06, or \$54,753.73 less than the year 1924, according to the annual report of the corporation filed in the offices of the public service commission Wednesday.

Receipts for the year 1925 were \$6,833,404.21. These included exchange service revenue of \$5,087,757.29; toll service revenue of \$1,801,918.54; and miscellaneous operating revenue of \$56,727.71. The increase in these revenues over the year 1924 was \$511,442.10.

The operating expense was \$4,623,222.97, or an increase of \$344,571.66, when compared with the annual report for the year 1924. The operating expenses included maintenance costs of \$2,359,599.17; traffic costs of \$1,769,730.28; commercial costs of \$564,429.20; and general costs of \$160,464.32.

Deductions were classified as follows: Uncollectible operating revenues, \$35,140.16; taxes assignable to operations, \$897,364.70; rent deductions, \$67,179.20; and miscellaneous deductions, \$4483.12.

The report showed the increase of fixed capital of the company in Oregon at \$2,458,184.91, based on the records for 1925. New stations aggregated 7618. The increases in fixed capital in the state of Oregon were classified as follows:

Right of way, land and buildings, \$201,894.97; central office equipment, \$1,044,280.08; station equipment, \$300,120.02; other exchange accounts, \$656,676.78; toll accounts, \$251,469.06; and general equipment and other accounts, \$3653.

The Northwestern Electric company, with headquarters in Portland, had net operating revenue of \$862,299.05 in the year 1925. The operating revenues were \$2,495,300.66, and operating expenses of \$1,322,844.90.

Howard & Grimes, stage operators at Medford, reported net operating income of \$26,523.95. The operating revenues of this corporation were \$58,239.08, while the operating expenses were \$31,715.13.

The Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad, with headquarters at Cottage Grove, had a deficit of \$739.30. The operating revenues were \$69,022.10, and the operating expenses \$69,761.49.

MUSSOLINI IS HIT IN SENATE DEBATE

Italian Premier Is Said to Menace the Peace of the Entire World

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Vigorous attacks on Premier Mussolini marked senate debate today on the Italian debt settlement.

Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, declared the Italian premier threatened "the peace of the whole world" and that if this country assisted Italy in obtaining more loans the premier would make war on Germany and other European countries.

"He talks fight, he dreams fight, he thinks fight, he makes war," shouted the Mississippi senator.

"He is mad for armaments. He wants Rome again sitting on the hills."

Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, also expressed the opinion that if the Italian premier were given more money "he probably will plunge Europe into another war."

Cancellation of debts also figured in the senate discussion. Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee, declaring there was a campaign on in England for cancellation of the British debt to the United States. Senator Cope-land, democrat, New York, who with Senator Bingham, republican Connecticut, spoke in favor of the Italian settlement, declared the United States would be "shamed"

into concessions to the debtor nations within 25 years. He added that after this country had retired its own debt it would be asked to forgive the remainder of the foreign debts.

Senator Harrison said the Italian agreement should be returned to the finance committee, adding that the committee had spent less than half an hour considering it before ordering it favorably reported. He said Secretary Mellon had appeared before the committee but had "given no facts, only his opinion."

This was disputed by Chairman Smoot of the finance committee, in charge of the settlement bill, who declared all the facts were available.

THREE TRAINS ARE MAROONED IN SNOW

Passenger Trains Are Held Up by Storm; Snow Plow at Work

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—Two of three passenger trains marooned in snowbanks in Oklahoma were still awaiting deliverance to-night. One Rock Island train near here was liberated and efforts were about completed to bring another on the same line out of a snow filled cut. A snow plow was boring its way to the beleaguered passengers and was expected to reach them early in the night. Both trains were tied up yesterday and the travelers spent the night wedged in the snow.

At Foraker slow progress was being made toward a Midland Valley passenger train with 35 occupants which was not only in the snow but also had its way barred by a freight train, stuck like itself, and with two oil cars off the track.

Seven engines were battering at the heavy wet snow, but there was no assurance that the train would be extricated before morning. A roadway was finally opened to the train late today from Foraker over which a wagon was taken and all passengers who wished were able to come into town. The four cars were well heated, however, food had been provided, and none has elected to leave the train early to-night.

WHISKEY STILL TAKEN DURING SURPRISE RAID (Continued from page 1.)

sloner, working in conjunction with D. D. Tow and Lloyd Linville, two federal men who had obtained the information as to the whereabouts of the plant, and Roy Bremmer, Marion county deputy sheriff. They returned to Salem late last night, bringing Jette and the still with them.

According to Jette's own admission, Mr. Levens said, the still had been in operation for about three months. During that time it had run off approximately 40 gallons of liquor a day. The product was sold mainly in Portland and Newberg, it is said, although some of it found its way to Salem.

The still was in operation when the officers arrived, and a large batch of mash was in readiness for another "run." Eighteen gallons of moonshine in gallon jugs was discovered in one room, and in another 140 pints in flasks were found. The mash barrels were sheltered in the rear of the house.

"The outfit could be smelled all over the place," Mr. Levens said. "Evidently, an effort was made to cover up the odor to some extent by means of an incense burner. This only succeeded, however, in making the place smell like an opium den."

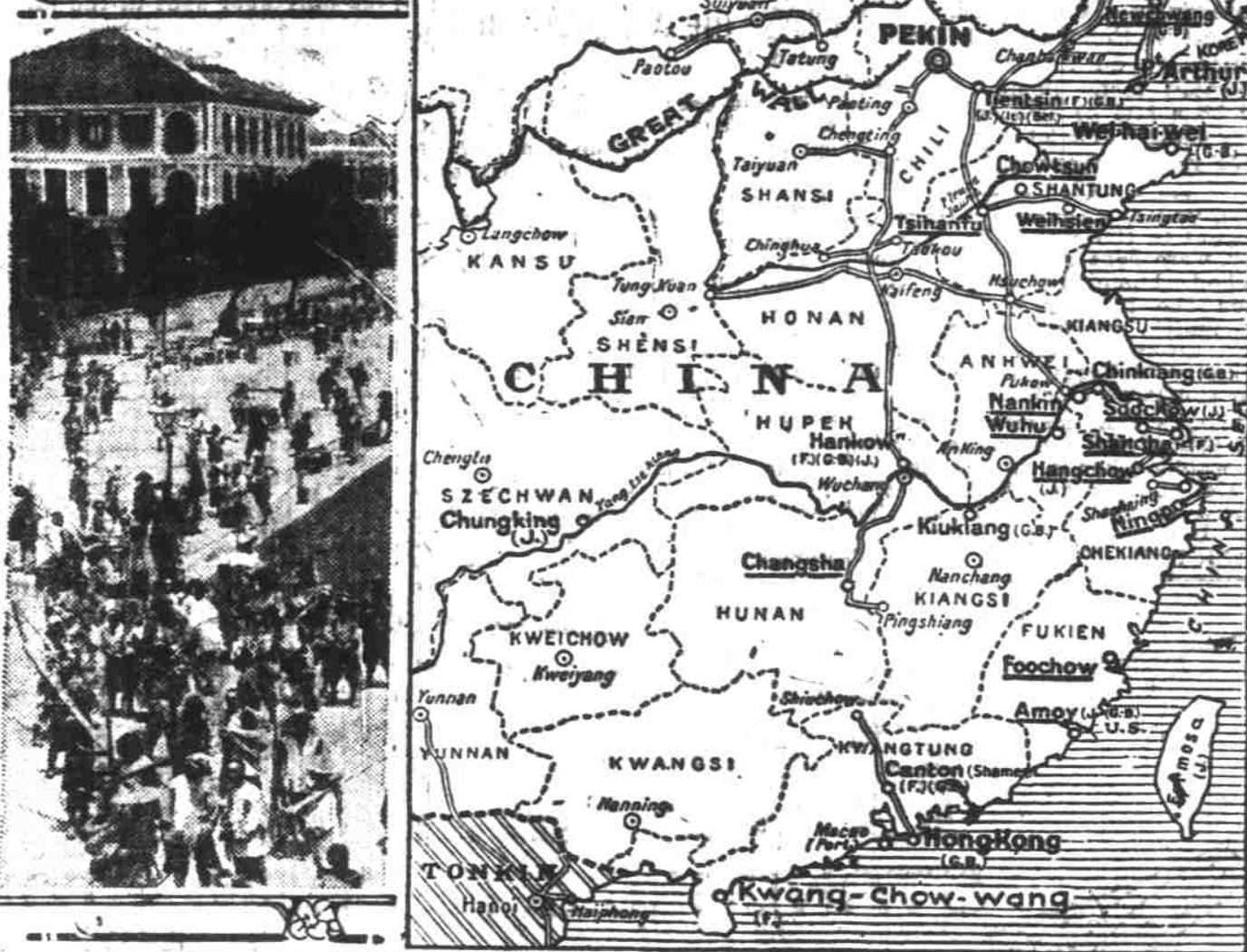
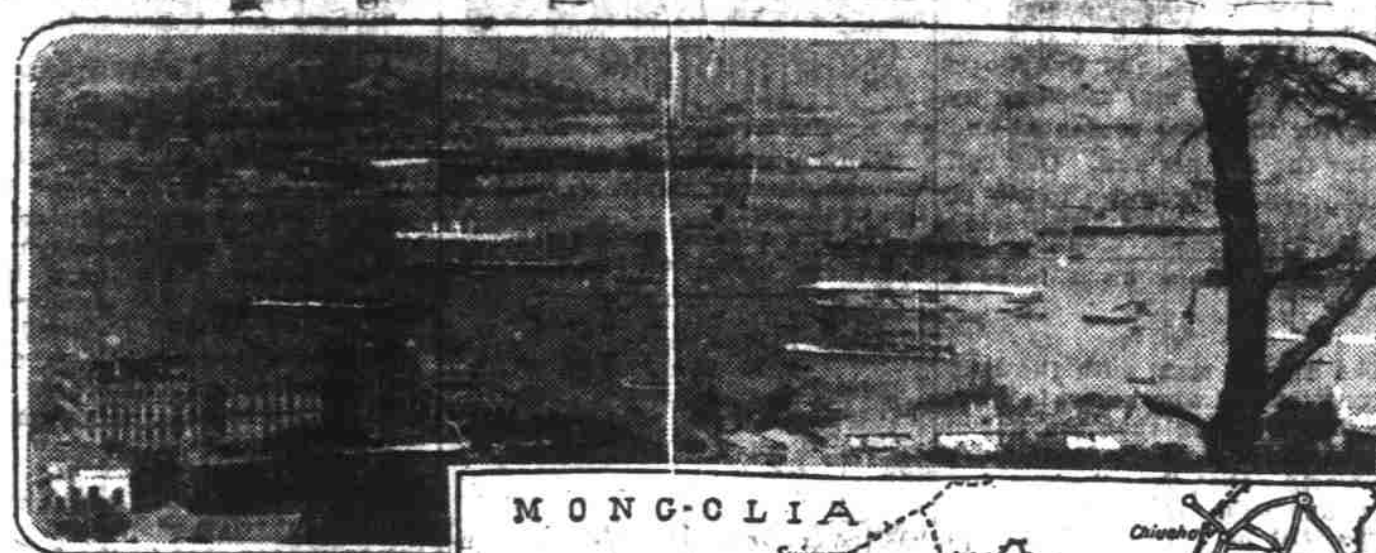
Jette is married and has five children. He comes of an old pioneer family of Champoege and is well known in that district. He is 35 years old.

SCORE SEEKING PRIZES IN AUTO GIFT CONTEST (Continued from page 1.)

be decided by only a subscription or two in the few remaining days of the contest. Your subscription to your favorite candidate may be the one that means victory to him or her. There are just ten days to go and every subscriber should help his favorite contestant in these next ten days.

Next week the ballot box will be sealed, starting Monday, and will remain sealed and be carefully protected until the end of the contest when it will be handed over to the committee of judges responsible, Salem business men, who will make the final count and award the prizes in accordance with the rules of the contest.

Battle For Possession of Peking



Chinese troops are waging a severe battle for possession of Peking. Associated Press dispatches state. The picture above shows a map of China and two views of Peking, the capital city.

LONDON, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—A severe battle for the possession of Peking is raging, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from the Chinese capital. The fighting is taking place 16 miles distant and the booming of guns is plainly audible in Peking.

The detonations are causing alarm to the populace, who are flocking inside the walls. Wealthy Chinese continue to send large quantities of valuables into the legation quarter of Peking.

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OLDER RESIDENTS WILL BE HONORED

Those Who Have Lived in Salem for 70 Years to Be Banqueted

All persons who have resided in Salem for 70 years have been invited to attend a dinner to be given by the Salem chamber of commerce in observance of the third annual Champoege day in Salem, to be held Monday, April 26.

More fact that a person is 75 years of age does not make him eligible for the dinner—he must have lived continuously in Salem for that length of time. The Salem Champoege day is held the Monday before the Champoege celebration at that town. May 1 has been set as the date for the celebration this year.

J. A. Baker, who has resided in Salem since 1849, will serve as chairman of the dinner. Judge P. H. D'Arcy, who has also lived here for over 70 years, will be the principal speaker of the evening.

Among the guests whose fathers were at Champoege May 2, 1843, will be Abner Lewis, son of Reuben Lewis, who voted at Champoege for Oregon to become a part of the United States rather than of Great Britain. Oliver Beers, son of Alanson Beers, who also figured in the historic Champoege vote, is planning to attend the banquet. There were 15 or 16 who made the long distance age qualification last year.

Burns—Sam Motherhead sells "Harney County Times" to Douglas Mallarky.

MACADAM ROADS TO BE COATED WITH OIL

State Highway Commission to Begin Operations in the Near Future

PORTLAND, March 31.—(By Associated Press.)—The state highway commission today announced that oiling operations on a number of the macadam highways in eastern and central Oregon will be started in the near future. One oiling crew will begin near Arlington on or about April 4, and similar operations will start at Bend and Pendleton April 15, and at Huntington about May 1.

It is planned to oil the following sections of highway as rapidly as possible:

The old Oregon trail complete from The Dalles to the Idaho state line; those sections of The Dalles-California highway, from The Dalles to Dufur; the Jefferson county line to Bend and from Lava Butte to Lapine; the Sherman highway from Biggs to Wasco; the McKenzie highway from Redmond to Prineville.

In eastern Oregon, in addition to the old Oregon trail, it is planned to oil the La Grande-Wallowa lake highway between La Grande and Elgin and short section of the Oregon-Washington highway Pendleton and McKay creek. There are other sections of the state which will be oiled later in the season.

Wherever possible through traffic will be detoured around the sections being oiled; however there are certain sections where this procedure will be impossible. Slow speed signs will be erected at various places in conformity with the condition of the road. It is declared imperative that the speed be held to 12 miles per hour or less, on those sections covered by wet oil.

The commission called the motorists attention to the danger of applying brakes on wet oil surfaces as there is practically no traction.

Would Set Quarter Century As 'Lifetime' of Statues

NEW YORK.—The suggestion of Governor Moore to the New Jersey Legislature that all laws carry automatic time limits by which they were repealed when they had served their purpose, has brought to light a nation-wide movement to make 25 years the "lifetime" of all statutes.

The Governor in his inaugural address said that "to read all the laws of the United States would take eight years and four months, reading eight hours every day, including Sundays and holidays." The movement, its sponsors asserted, aims to remedy this condition by shortening laws so that laymen can grasp them.

AT THE THEATRES

OREGON—Raymond Griffith and Marion Nixon in "Hands Up!" from the story by Monty Brice.

BLIGH—Myrtle Clayton and Harry Carey in "Prairie Pirate."

HELMG—Peggy Hopkins Joyce in "The Skyrocket."

"Fore!" yelled the golfer, ready to play. But the woman on the course paid no attention.

"Fore!" he shouted again with no effect.

"Ah," suggested his opponent in disgust, "try her once with 'three ninety-eight.'"



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Co-operative Marketing Sessions Expected to Bring Harmony, Relief



The sessions now being held in Washington in connection with the annual conference of co-operative marketing associations, mainly the idea of getting congress "behind" the legislative bill for the handling of the surplus farm products, are expected to result not only in some tangible relief for the farmers but in the bringing about of complete harmony among the farm groups of the east and west. The photos show three of the men in the foreground at the sessions. Above, at left, Judge R. W. Bingham of Kentucky, chairman of the national council. Below, Gov. Francis O. Lowden of Illinois. At right, C. H. Richardson, Des Moines, Ia., president National Corn Growers Association.

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