

## NEW PHONE LINES ALONG THE COAST

50 Per Cent Increase in Efficiency of Service With New Equipment

Additional long distance telephone circuits have just been put in operation direct from the Pacific northwest to San Francisco. The new circuits—one from Portland, another from Puget sound—provide an increase of 50 per cent in facilities for conversation between Oregon and Washington in the north and California in the south.

Improvements and new construction carried forward since the middle of last year now make available a total of three talking circuits for regular service from Seattle to San Francisco and three more from Portland to San Francisco.

The above announcement by W. H. Dancy, Salem, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, was accompanied by the statement that in addition to increasing facilities for connections between north and south, the quality of speech transmission will be decidedly improved. This improvement results from the new and late equipment installed at various points along the route bringing into operation the latest development in the art of long distance telegraphy.

Important units of transmission terminal equipment have been installed in telephone buildings at Tacoma, Portland and Sacramento. This work, recently finished, is associated with the additional circuits in a dis-essential in making the serviceable.

At Eugene, Oregon, and also at Roseburg other transmission equipment has been provided to contribute to the evenness of the quality of long haul telephone conversation.

New Building, Medford  
In Medford, Oregon, the new building just finished and dedicated a few days ago contains important apparatus. At Redding, California, a building and equipment similar to that at Medford were also recently completed.

Extensive outside work has been carried on during the past year between Tacoma and the Columbia river in Washington and between Portland and California points. This included placing new wire and rearranging other wire already in place so as to connect and make possible the unification of numerous stretches of heretofore short distance circuits into unbroken through channels for conversation.

North of Tacoma the three circuits which extend to Seattle are continued on wire enclosed by Tacoma-Seattle long distance "toll" cable completed by the company in 1925.

From Sacramento south the six circuits terminating in San Francisco are enclosed in the new San Francisco-Sacramento toll cable completed last fall.

"These added facilities," said Mr. Dancy, "furnish additional significant evidence of the growing Pacific coast unity and spirit of closer contact between the states and cities of the west."

## BODIES OF PAIR FOUND IN MAIL PLANE WRECK

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ground beneath the descending machine when the crash came. The pilot was crushed beneath the engine. His legs were practically torn from his body and his chest was crushed.

Schaller's face was horribly mutilated, his legs severed at the knee and bones of his body broken.

The bodies were extricated with difficulty from the wreck and in-quest was held.

The plane was northbound from Los Angeles and left Fresno early Sunday for San Francisco, where it was due to land at Crissy field about daybreak. Schaller was on his first inspection trip of the Pacific Air Transport offices.

## THE CHERRY COST INVESTIGATION

Official Letter Received by Secretary of the Cherry Growers' Association

(The following letter, received under date of Washington, March 31, from Geo. P. Comer, chief investigator of the United States tariff commission, to O. E. Brooks of the Salem Cherry Growers association, is self explanatory.)

"The tariff commission has instituted an investigation for purposes of section 315 with respect to cherries, in their natural state, sulphured, or in brine. This section of the law requires that the president must base changes in rates of duty, if any, upon the difference in the cost of producing the article in question in the United States and in the principal competing country.

"Beginning with April 7 repre-

sentatives of the commission will be on the Pacific coast seeking the necessary costs and other data with respect to cherries for purposes of this investigation. It will greatly facilitate the work of the commission in this connection if you will have assembled all of the available price and cost data for cherries for the crop of 1926 preparatory to the visit of our agents.

"There is enclosed an orchard cost schedule which indicates the nature of the information desired. It is not expected that you will be able to fill out this schedule in detail, but rather it is to be used as a guide by the commissions agents in compiling and checking the costs and other data which you have available.

"No schedule has been prepared for obtaining the processing cost of cherries. It is assumed that these data are recorded on the books of the processing companies, and may be obtained directly from them.

"The commission's representatives will notify you when they may be expected."

## CANSE REPRESENTS HISTORICAL GROUP

Kimball School President to Prepare Memorial Book of Washington

Dr. John Martin Canse, president of Kimball School of Theology, who returned from Tacoma yesterday, has been commissioned by the State Historical society of Washington to prepare a memorial book for the Tercentenary anniversary of George Washington. President Canse will correspond

with the chief executives of each state in the union to secure personal paragraphs relative to the first president.

President Canse went to Tacoma to represent interests of Kimball at the Methodist Ministers Union meeting in that city. Tuesday he spent in Centralia, where he added three students to the Kimball roll for next year.

President Canse was also authorized to represent the Washington Historical society at the Champeo anniversary celebration.

## Highway Commission Will Consider Bids at Meeting

Bids for approximately 37 miles

of new road and construction of a comfort station will be opened by the state highway commission at a meeting to be held in Portland April 19.

The several projects, for which proposals will be received follow: Curry county—Construction of 28.2 miles of broken stone and crushed gravel surfacing on Meyers Creek-Chetco River section of the Roosevelt coast highway. Work to be contracted in two units.

Jackson county—Construction of .36 mile of crushed gravel surfacing on Gold Hill section of the Pacific highway.

Lake county—Grading of 9.5 miles of Chalk Cliff-Paisley section of Prineville-Lakeview highway.

Umatilla county—Comfort station for concession purposes at Emigrant Springs Park near Meacham. Building to be 28 by 56 feet in dimensions and two stories high.

## Electric Sweeper Being Used at Cooking School

A General Electric sweeper, furnished by the Giese-Powers furniture store, is being used to clean up the crumbs at the Giese-Powers Statesman cooking school. This school is being held at the Grand theatre this week and is well attended.

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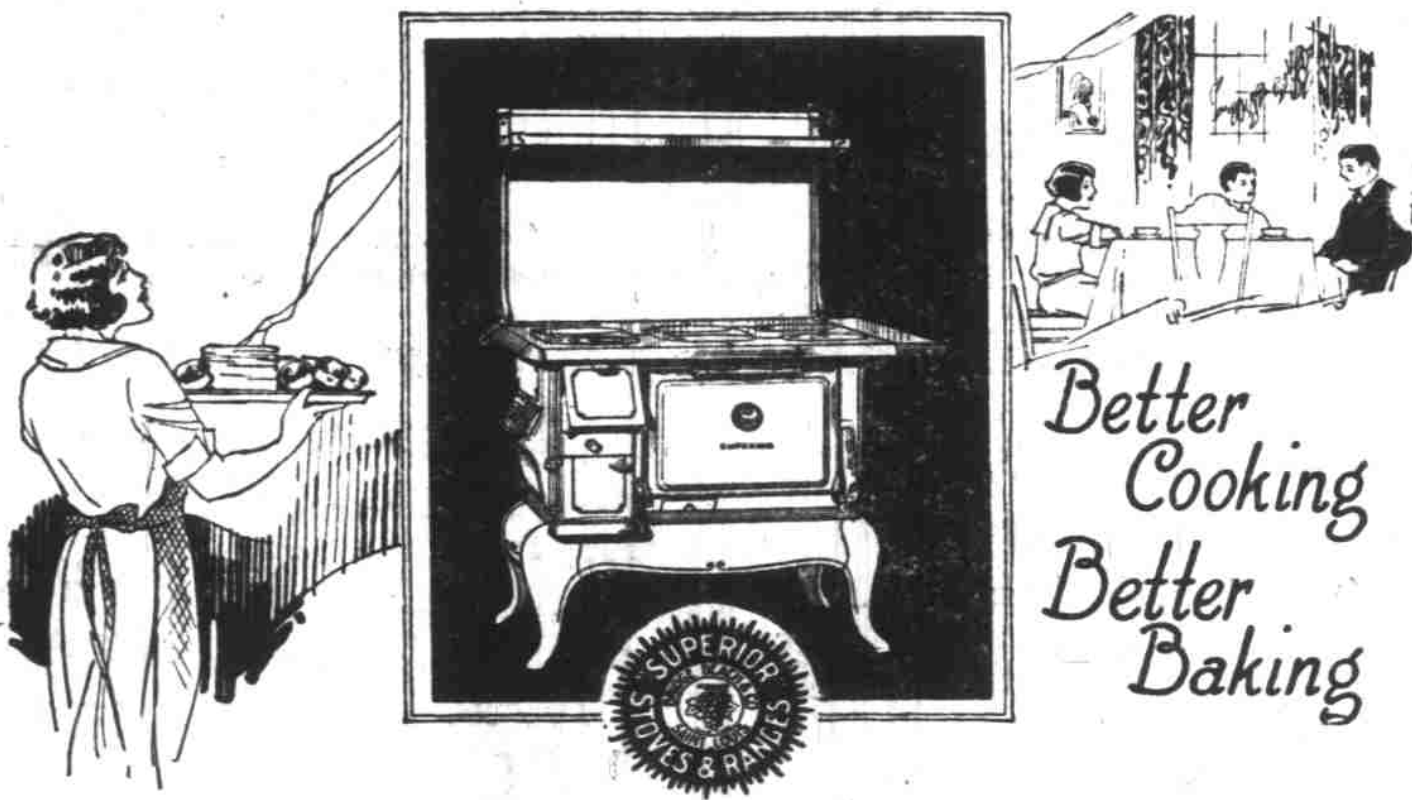
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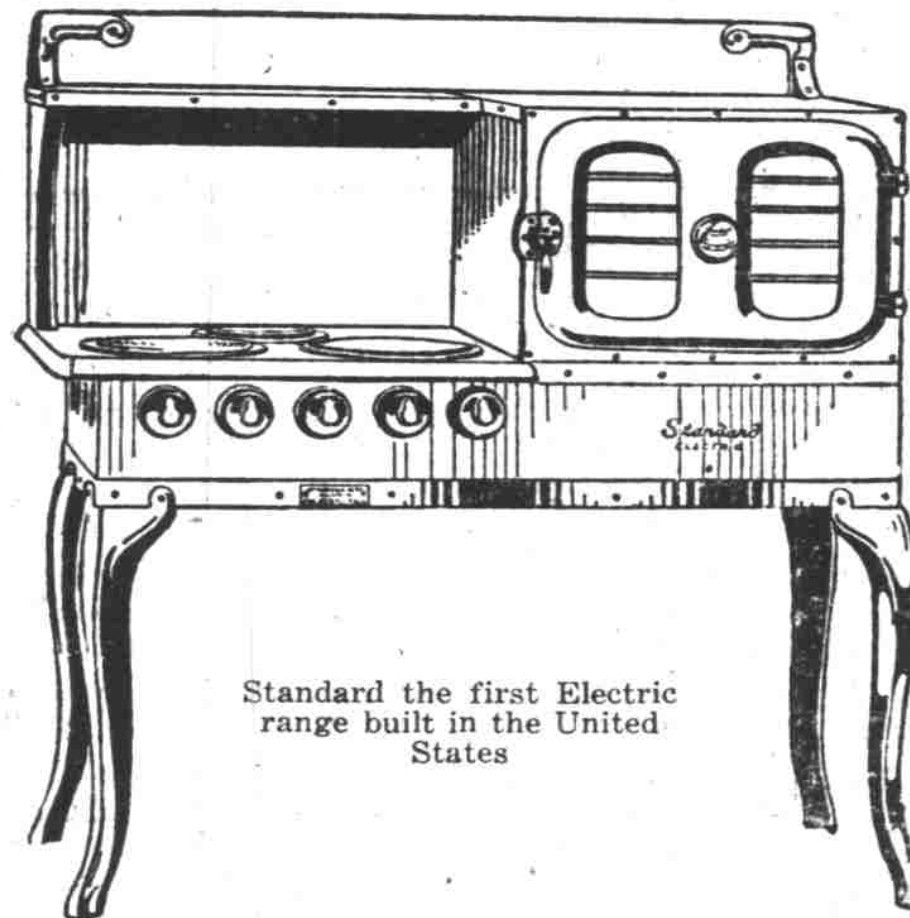
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