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Phone Franchises

The Portland city council has adroitly passed the buck to the commissioner of public utilities the question of telephone rates for that city. It was "on the spot," faced by demands that it enforce rate reductions which it felt it could not sustain in court, and faced also with the maneuvers of Carey and Harlan for a fresh bill of sale on a portion of the city's income for "experts services". So it was a brilliant idea to wrap the "utility bomb" in a neat package and address it to Charles M. Thomas, public service commissioner, Salem. But as Mr. Thomas had in a way already asked for it, no sudden detonation is expected when the package arrives.

The action of the Portland city council impresses us as exhibiting a rare streak of wisdom. Pending determination of a franchise it would enable the company to operate under a revocable permit, with a gross earnings tax of 2 1/2%. In fact there is some agitation now against all long-term franchises and in favor of indefinite permits. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, one of leaders in the fight against utility overcharges and excesses, has fought vigorously against permanent or long-term franchises to utilities.

Portland and Oregon may well await the result of certain pending cases dealing with the American Telephone and Telegraph company and its operating units. An Illinois case was remanded back from the U. S. supreme court some months ago for further findings. There will thus be decided before long certain vexing questions of fact as well as law, with respect to the operations of the telephone company. The Oregon commissioner should proceed to assemble all the data concerning the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in this state; but he may as well save the state money and accept the decisions in the eastern cases with respect to those questions the ruling on which will apply here. This relates in particular to the relation between the operating telephone units and the great manufacturing subsidiary, the Western Electric.

The telephone franchise in Salem will expire in 1934. By that time the situation may be clarified so it may be renewed with a full understanding of what is involved. The action of the Portland city council in effect scraps what we always believed was a foolish piece of legislation sponsored by the "Joseph platform"—the "home rule" bill, which as enacted was "home rule" with hobbles.

Hoover and the Navy League

APPARENTLY President Hoover should have worn his "hair shirt" a little more cheerfully last month when the Navy League president accused him of "abysmal ignorance". While his own committee has condemned the statement of the Navy League president, William Henry Gardner, that official has refused to apologize as the president originally demanded; and now the League renews with vigor its attack on the president's naval policy.

The Navy League is clearly seeking to sabotage efforts at disarmament. While the peace organizations such as the National Council for Prevention of War are circulating petitions demanding radical cuts in armaments and military budgets at the Geneva conference of next February, the Navy League fights for naval parity with England, fights against the president's program, and uses the old slogans of naval supremacy which date back to Admiral Mahan's "Sea Power in History".

Judging from its list of officers the League is a group of Back Bay patrioters. They are like the Daughters of the Revolution with pants on. It is just because there are these Navy Leagues in most every large nation that progress in the direction of disarmament and accord is retarded. They represent the conception of imperialist-patriotism backed by military and naval force, forgetting that the last war demonstrated the folly of war in the modern economic world.

The president in showing his irritation at the vicious thrusts of the Navy League surely blew the draft of publicity on the coals of their fire. What would have been just another dig quickly forgotten assumes now the proportions of an "incident".

The Marion county game protective league ought to extend a benevolent protectorate over Tusko. While the game league's activity does not actually extend to elephants which are not native to the valley, still an elephant is an animal, and the game league is as good an organization as any to see that old Tusko gets food and drink through the winter season.

Salem stores, many of them, celebrate "Open House" tonight to start off the Christmas shopping season. It will be just a "visiting night" for the stores, from 7 to 8:30. See what the Salem stores have provided for the Christmas trade; then you will be happy to do your Christmas buying in Salem.

Women are thankful this morning: It is one "monday" morning they will not have to wash.

Daily Thought

Many and sharp are the numerous ill.
Interwoven with our frame;
More pointed still, we make ourselves.
Regret, remorse and shame;
And man, whose heaven-erected face
The smiles of love adorn,
Man's inhumanity to man,
Makes countless thousands mourn.
—Robert Burns.

New Views

The question asked yesterday was: "Do you think too much emphasis is being placed on relief for the unemployed?"
John Willoughby, holiday visitor: "Salem seems to be as fortunate as any place. You wouldn't think emphasis was too great if you could see the unemployed crowds on some of the larger places."
Cynthia Caplinger, housekeeper: "No, I don't."
Chet Baker, printer: "No, not if statistics which are given out are accurate."

High School Pupils Hear Messing Speak

SCIO, Nov. 26. — Dr. Messing, of the Oregon State Hygiene Society, visited the high school Tuesday. He gave a lecture to the general assembly on character building, then met with the boys and girls separately. He also showed pictures to the assembly and separate groups.
The freshman and sophomore interclass game was played Tuesday noon. The result was 5 to 3 in favor of the sophomores.
MRS. CORNELL VISITS
JEFFERSON, Nov. 26. — Mrs. Florence Cornett arrived from Grants Pass Tuesday night for a visit with her nephew, R. C. Thomas and family.

HEALTH

By R. S. COPELAND, M.D.
Not long ago an important child health conference was held in Washington. At that time the daily newspapers reported the debates and finally the conclusions of the conference. Recently little has been reported concerning the results of this important gathering. Nevertheless, the work is being carried on, even though the formal sessions ended some time since.

The conference expressed the views that although education is important, the health of our children must be considered first. It has been estimated that nearly three hundred thousand cases of communicable diseases are reported annually in the United States. Half of this number occur in children. This makes it important that the school cooperate with the health authorities and that greater public effort be made for better child health.

These authorities insist that all children be vaccinated for smallpox and be immunized against diphtheria and scarlet fever. It is important that this be done before the child is admitted to school.

Although typhoid fever cases are still reported, it rarely appears among school children. Typhoid is not easily transmitted from one child to another. If that disease should become prevalent, vaccines may be easily administered. But as regards smallpox, diphtheria and scarlet fever, the danger is greater because these diseases are readily transmitted.

This danger is a problem of the school, for in the schoolroom lies the danger of transmitting the disease. It is important that the school-child be vaccinated before entering school. When vaccinated against smallpox, as well as receiving the inoculation against diphtheria, he is assured of reasonable safety from these diseases.

Take the precautions. Although at one time it was hoped immunity to scarlet fever could be given, the method has not been as successful as desired. At any rate, it can be said that a child who receives inoculations against scarlet fever is not harmed, and in many cases may be markedly benefited. In actual cases of scarlet fever the advantages and benefits of the administration of scarlet fever anti-toxins are well worth while.

I mention these facts because there are many children attending school who have not received smallpox vaccination. In addition, there are many who should be subjected to the Schick test and "Dick test." The Schick test determines whether or not a child is susceptible to diphtheria and the Dick test does the same for scarlet fever.

Please remember that the health of your child is worth any price. By his being healthy he will be able to attend school without any loss of time. Also he will not be exposed to the many dangers that exist in school life.

If you have not already taken these necessary precautions, why not speak to your board of health, official or consult with your family doctor?

Yesterdays

... of Old Salem
Town Talks from the Statesman of Earlier Days
November 27, 1906

There is a decidedly heavy traffic on the river. The boats are handling all they possibly can and there is some talk of putting on an extra boat.

"The Relation of Our Present Day Courts to the Divorce Problem" was discussed by members of the City Ministerial association at their meeting yesterday.

The ladies of the Relief corps will present a fine American flag to the high school next Wednesday afternoon.

November 27, 1921
The legal voters of the Turner school district yesterday went on

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By EDSON
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"MASQUERADE" By FAITH BALDWIN

LOVELY FANCHON MEREDITH is wanted by the San Francisco police in connection with a murder committed by her sweetheart, "Tony". Fanchon did not know he was a gunman. She escapes by airplane under the name of "Smith". Aboard is Evelyn Howard, whom Fanchon had met on a voyage from Hawaii. Evelyn is going to New York to live with her aunt, the wealthy Mrs. Carstairs, whom she never saw. The plane crashes and Fanchon is the only survivor. To get away from Tony and the past, she goes to the Carstairs home as "Evelyn". A strong bond of affection grows between Mrs. Carstairs and her "niece". Collin Carstairs, the son, is at first antagonistic because of his "cousin's" Hawaiian escapades and her self-righteous attitude when his mother offered aid, but Fanchon's sincerity overcomes his objections. They fall in love. After a happy summer at Southampton, Fanchon makes her debut in New York. Collin, however, realizing that the relationship is a barrier, cannot resist professing his love. Fanchon cannot acknowledge hers without revealing her identity. A few days later a threatening note comes from Tony. She visits him and repulses his advances.

CHAPTER XIX

Fanchon flushed. Her heart quickened its beat. She asked, "But—how can I help you?"
He said, so serenely that she was deceived until the sense of his words reached her.
"As Mrs. Carstairs' niece—as Evelyn Howard—will it not be easy?"
She cried out then, clenching her hands on the fat flesh arms of the chair.

"But I am not her niece! I am not Evelyn Howard! You know that as well as I!"
"Do not speak so loudly," he suggested. "I said we are alone. We are—for all practical purposes. But there are people—upstairs."
She said, low, shaken.
"Tony, what are you thinking? What do you wish me to do? Tell me how you found me—?"
For the first time Evelyn looked from behind his mask a thwarted ugliness yet somehow tragic, for it was the expression of something both wounded and frustrated.

"It was not hard. Yet you covered your tracks well. You did not wish me to find you, Fanchon?"
She answered, low:
"No, perhaps not. Tony, I was hunted through the streets by the very newsmen calling out—Oh, you know what they called! I tried to get away from them and to hide somewhere. I thought I might be found, taken back, questioned—forced to say what I knew of you."
"You knew very little. I took care of that. You would not have given the police much satisfaction. I wished to spare you as much as I could, however. Was it not that you were afraid for yourself, rather than for me?" he asked.
"I was afraid for your sake, too," she whispered.

"You would have believed that once," he said, "not perhaps now. It doesn't matter much."
There was a silence. What had he meant. "It doesn't matter much?"
"It did not," he went on "hear of the accident for some time. I was hidden where I heard of nothing, saw no newspapers. Then much later I came across a reference to it in connection with a rather similar disaster. I went to the libraries. I looked up the newspaper files. I sent someone I trusted out to Oakland to get the report. I was not then in California. I had word—authentic word from that source that a Miss Smith had died in the crash. And that Miss Howard had lived."
He paused.

"For that," he said, "I don't forgive you easily."
Fanchon said nothing. There seemed nothing that she could say.
After a moment he went on:
"When I was able to, I went to the place where the accident had occurred. I wanted to talk with the people. To talk to the doctor. To see the grave."
He laughed shortly and Fanchon's heart was sick within her. He added, "I suppose I was sentimental. I—felt also responsible. A murderer. Not," he added with smoothness, "that murder was anything very new in my life. But this was different. You, I'd sent you to your death. A horrible death. I used to dream about it at night. The—falling. Flaming, perhaps. Anyway, I'd wake up, in a cold sweat."
She said, inadequately:
"Tony, I'm sorry. I didn't think of anyone, anything, except—getting away."

"From me," he decided. She did not reply. Tony went on.
"So I went there. I went direct to the doctor. It was easy to find the largest drove of cattle of all, over 100, and the number taken by the Applegates was nearly as large."
The closing words of the famous Nesmith address of 1876 are worth repeating here. They follow:
"The time rapidly approaches when we, the first settlers of Oregon, must go hence and leave to our posterity the fruits of our toils and our labors, and I feel this to be an occasion when, if sometimes we unkindness race of men and women, worthy to inherit the goodly land we spied out for them, and in your and their pursuit of all that is great and good."
In ploughman's phrase, "God send you to speed."
Still did you grow wiser, and may you better see the reds. Than ever did the adviser."



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him as he's the only one in the town of any consequence."
He paused, lit a cigarette, held it in his slim, brown fingers and continued.
"It was the doctor who told me that Miss Smith was—still alive."
A scream rose to Fanchon's throat. She crushed it back. Her breath stopped; she thought she must choke with amazement, incredulity, horror.
"Alive!"
"Yes," said Tony, "alive. I—you'll never know what I felt. I asked to see her. I did see her—"
"You saw Evelyn Howard?"
Fanchon gasped. She put her hand in her hand. She said, muffled, "Tony, I didn't know! Believe me, I didn't know! I thought she had died. I was told she had died. The reporters told me on the train to New York. I thought—you can't rob the dead. I didn't dream—Tony, if she were alive, why haven't I heard? Why wasn't it in the papers? Why didn't Dr. Warren write me? He had my address."
"You left him money to care for her," Tony said.
"She was dying. I wanted her to have everything—and afterwards—"
"The funeral? But there wasn't any funeral. As to the report of her death, she was not expected to live, of course. The rumor went out from the hospital from mouth to mouth that she was dying. When it reached the town it had anticipated matter. The reporters apparently did not verify it. As to her being alive, I believe there were occasional references to it in the papers. But she was no one. She had no relatives. And circumstances made it impossible for the authorities to trace any. As a matter of fact, they, through the doctor, had your own word for it that she was alone in the world, Fanchon."

"But she—I why couldn't she—"
"She began Fanchon desperately. "She remembers nothing," said Tony, gravely. "She is—like a child. They kept her there for some time. Put her, finally, in an institution nearby. She is quite—docile. I saw her. I expected to see you. I saw this stranger. I didn't guess, even then, Miss Smith? There might have been two Miss Smiths on the flight—the name Howard might have been wrong. I didn't know, of course. Yet I suspected—something. But was not clear. From the girl herself I could, naturally, get nothing. Having represented myself as—the fiancé of Miss Smith, I was forced to go through with it. Warren spoke of you, with great admiration. He told me about the money. I asked if he had communicated with this—charitable person. He said, no. That the girl was safe, where she was. There was nothing you or anyone could do for her."
He smiled again. "As far as Evelyn Howard is concerned," he told Fanchon, softly, "you are perfectly safe."
(Continued Tomorrow)

Home Cooking Club Meets; Health Exam For Boys is Given

JEFFERSON, Nov. 26 — The home cooking club, "The Happy Cooks", held its first meeting Tuesday. Members present were Doris Roland, Frances Weddie, Ellen Looney, Della Stephenson, Carol Lyons, Francis Starr, Thelma Bright, Geraldine Jones, Violet Chain, Geraldine Davis, Kathryn Foster, and Peggy Neubaum. Mrs. Flo Young is the club leader, Frances Weddie is president.
A health examination was given for the boys of the school Friday. There will also be an examination for the girls December 11.
The all-high play, "The Ghost in the House", will be presented at the Masonic hall the night of December 11. It is a mystery play written by Roger Wheeler. A small admission fee will be charged.



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