

WHAT PENDLETONGRADE


ACTIVE steps toward the recall of the public service co mission are beiny taken in Portland. Only oine commis
sioner is subject to recall at present but the two other members may be recalled, if the people desire, after a lapse of six months.
Resentment toward the commission grows out of a series of
sets by the commission but is chiefly founded on the ruling of the commission in favor nf the heavy increase in telephone rates. At a time when other prices are falling and an unemployment situation confronts the state the commission has authorized the phone company to advance rates an ayerage of 30 per cent or
more. In some instances the increase has been 100 per cent, it is claimed.
All this in the face of an audited report by the Bell system howing that its net profits ior last year were the largest in his-
tory, being over $\$ 50,000,000$ after taking off some $\$ 65,000,000$ ory, being over $\$ 50,000,000$ after taking off some $\$ 65,000,000$
for depreciation and the further showing that telephome stock is far stronger in the market than railroad stock or other industrial stocks or even Hiberty bonds.
In the judgment of this newspaper the public service com-
mission acted very incompetmitly in the telephone case. This iew may be entirely wrong but why in the name of common sense does a utility corporation that has just finished its most slorious financial year need a rate boost at a time when labor nd material costs are deelining?
As to the recall that is a weapon to be used with caution, it
is true, yet the recall was adopted so as to give the public the on portunity to replace a servant who is believed to be incompetent or unfaithful. If it is the judgment of the publice that our commissioners are in this category the plain and obvious course is to
remove them. If a man is not doing his duty the sooner he is disremove them. If a man as notdieing his duty the better. This applies in private business and it is equally true in public life

## ABOUT TEACHING GERMAN

$\mathrm{R}_{\text {EPORTS received by State Superintendent Churchill show }}^{\text {that in the high schoonls of Oregon there is only one pupil }}$ There are people who will applaud this and feel that thereby they perform a patriotic act, the wortd's principal langaages. A knowledge of that tongue is a good thing, be you a supporter or an enemy of Germany. One can stady German with pront and pleasure and yet not for moment countenance German ruthessiess in war or the atobligations. During the war this country and our allies would have been seriously handicayped if they had not had many trustworthy people who could read German and talk it. German America along with french, Spanish and other modern languages. We have differences with Germany but we need not blacklist the German language on that account, any more than we should allow that used in America
Let us forget the German language and concentrate on the
more important task of seelng that the Ebert govermment does not escape paying for the ruin it caused in Belgium and France. GENEROSITY DE LUXE
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HERE is a report that when President Wilson moved out
of the white house he left his successor a well stocked wine cellar. Such netts will produce two very different reactions. Cot. Bryan will have his version, but on the other
hand there will be many who consider the retiring president was exceedingly generous ts the new occupant of the executive mansion. There may have been more than people realized back of
that Harding smile on inagguration day, but anyway it will be that Harding smile on inauguration day, but anyway it will be
wel? to note those who feel they have urgent business in Washington in the near future.
The president of the Chicago \& Alton railroad says that passenger and Chicago \& Alton mad has a president with a keen vision.
The purpose of the present cool weather is to keep the fruit from catching a cold later in the spring; it is very wise not to bring on too much June weather so early in the season.
A farmer who died near Big Rapids is classed as a "man
without an enemy." li he was like Mack Foster he probably had a lot of friends who neeted watching.
The Automotive Show was a deserved success.
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