



TURNED DOWN.

Portland Against Independent Telephone Company.

Speaking of telephones, it is proper to state that the people of this part of the valley and especially of Corvallis, cannot understand what the business men of Portland mean by allowing the franchise of the Independent Telephone Company to be turned down.

We have been working hard for one year in the endeavor to get our lines into Portland, so that we could have direct communication with the Portland wholesale houses, with the idea of bettering our trade conditions, hurry orders with quick returns, etc., and when we ask to be admitted you turn us down.

When the farmers of Benton county went to the trouble and expense of buying and placing in operation their own telephone system they asked to be connected with the "Bell" system, then in vogue in Corvallis, that they might talk direct with the business men, they, too, were turned down. The "Bell" people would not consider any worthy or just proposition from them.

It was then that the farmers came to the business men of Corvallis and said, "Here, what are you going to do for us? We want connection with you and the 'Bell' company will not give it to us. Now, if you can't help us to get our lines into Corvallis we will have to look elsewhere—Altany, perhaps, or Independence, will take us on."

We did not do then as Portland is doing us today, but instead, we organized an "Independent Telephone Company," and as a result we have in Corvallis today the best up-to-date central energy system in the Northwest, with 755 subscribers and a cash investment of \$20,000. We have on file 300 applications for phones, which are being filled as fast as possible. This list does not include subscribers in Linn and Polk counties.

We are talking over our lines with free switching to Harrisburg, Tangent, Lebanon, Dallas, Independence, Alsea, and many other towns in adjoining counties having independent connection with the Corvallis system, for \$1 per month residence, and \$1.50 per month business phone.

The Benton County Citizens' League, which was instrumental in the formation of the Independent Telephone Company in Corvallis, adopted the following resolutions at their last regular meeting, May 2nd, 1905:

"Be it resolved by the Benton County Citizens' League, That we urge the commercial organization of the City of Portland to give the Independent Telephone movement earnest approval to the end that arrangements may be made whereby the 1,000 users of Independent telephones in Benton county may have direct connection with Portland business houses through their Independent phones."

We firmly believe that there are some business men in Portland who will help us in what we consider a just enterprise. We do not think because your city council voted against the franchise that it necessarily means that you all are opposed to our Independent telephone system.

The other day a certain traveling man made the statement to one of his customers, "I must hurry back to Portland today, because the 'boss' wants to get out and do some work for the telephone company, as the matter of franchise comes up before the council today."

Upon inquiry, the customer was very much surprised to learn that it was in opposition to the Independent company that the "boss" was going to work. At this the customer became very indignant and informed the salesman that in the future he need

not call, as he would buy his hardware in San Francisco. Is this the way that Portland is going to help the remainder of the state? We know that she has ever been selfish, but we had begun to think that she had about outgrown the fault, as she is old enough to be wiser. Just so far as she helps Benton, or any other county in the state, in a worthy enterprise just, so far does she help herself.

Yours very truly,
JOHN F. ALLEN,
Secretary Benton County Citizens' League.

To Parole Prisoners.

A new law is to go into effect May 19th. A dispatch recently sent out from Salem gives a clear idea of what may be in store for a prisoner if he be not too bad. The article referred to is as follows:

Oregon's experiment with the parole system in the punishment and reformation of criminals will begin on the 19th of this month, when the acts of the last Legislature upon this subject will take place.

Two acts were passed, one authorizing the Circuit Judge to parole a prisoner at the time of passing sentence, and the other authorizing the Circuit Judge to sentence the defendant for an indefinite period and empowering the Governor to parole him for good behavior after he has served the minimum time prescribed by law. An indefinite sentence will expire by limitation of law when the prisoner has served the minimum time provided as a penalty for the offense.

The new laws are expected to accomplish two results—encourage men to reform, and relieve the state of the burden of maintaining them in prison. The parole system is intended, of course, to be resorted to only where the offender is not a confirmed criminal and will probably not violate the law again if given his freedom. A large proportion of men now confined in the penitentiary are confirmed criminals and many have been sentenced to terms in prison two or three times. There are many, nevertheless, such as those now on the trusty list, who would be safe if turned loose to go where they please.

Hereafter, when a man is found guilty of a crime for which he may be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary from two to ten years, for example, the Judge may pass sentence in one or two ways. He may sentence him to a definite term of imprisonment. He may sentence him to a definite term of imprisonment and then make an order pardoning him during good behavior. He may sentence him to an indefinite term of imprisonment and leave the matter of parole to the discretion of the Governor after the minimum term of two years has been served.

Governor Chamberlain says that his experience as a prosecuting attorney leads him to believe that about one in twenty persons who are convicted of a crime would be suitable persons to be paroled by the Circuit Judge when they are sentenced. If the Judges exercise fully their power to parole, there will be comparatively few who will be suitable for parole by the Governor. Those paroled he thinks will be nearly all young men.

A Creeping Death.

Blood poison creeps up towards the heart, causing death. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Minn., writes that a friend dreadfully injured his hand, which swelled up like blood poisoning. Bucklen's Arnica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound, and saved his life. Best in the world for burns and sores. 25c at Allen & Woodward's drug store.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor with the will annexed of the estate of Rhoda Taylor, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from this date.
WALTER E. TAYLOR, Executor
Dated this 5th day of May, 1905.

ROOSEVELT'S CABIN.

This Cabin Forms a Part of North Dakota's Exhibit at the Exposition.

The log cabin in which President Roosevelt lived for three years while he was a rancher has been placed in the Agricultural building at the Lewis and Clark Exposition as a part of the state of North Dakota's exhibit. The cabin was taken apart and the pieces numbered, so that it could be put together again exactly as it was when the president lived in it as a cow boy. It stands near the south wall of the Agricultural building.

It was in 1883 that Mr. Roosevelt went to North Dakota and purchased a Maltese Cross ranch, a place on the Little Missouri River eight miles south of the town of Medora. On taking possession Mr. Roosevelt changed the name to Chimney Butte, on account of a chimney-shaped butte a short distance away. The rough cabin which he bought with the ranch was the future President's only home for nearly three years, and in it he lived the life of a cow boy.

In the cabin there will be exhibited also a number of mementos of the President's life at the period. An old straw hat which Mr. Roosevelt wore when he went to the ranch, but which was discarded shortly afterwards as unsuitable to the kind of life he must lead, was found in an old sack in the corner of the cabin, and will be shown to visitors at the Western World's Fair. Other relics include the President's old gun, his chaps, boots and the war bag in which he stored these articles when he gave up his cow boy life.

While the Roosevelt cabin will probably prove the most popular feature of its participation, North Dakota will have a most interesting display at the Fair. The citizens of that state are proud of its resources, and when the Legislature refused to appropriate money for representation at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, they raised the required money by private subscription, under a plan proposed by Governor N. Y. Searles. North Dakota, being an agricultural state, has placed its entire exhibit in the big Agricultural building at the Exposition, where space 36 feet wide by 90 long is occupied. In this space an exhibit of grains and grasses and other farm products has been installed, with a view of showing to the world the greatness of the state as a farming country. Commissioner Warren N. Stoel, of Bismarck, is in Portland, superintending the installation of the exhibit, which is practically completed.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

BEAVER CREEK.

Andrew Ireland came up from Mouth last Tuesday to visit friends and relatives and will remain indefinitely.

Ezra Thompson has just completed an addition to his house and is now building a goat shed. Mr. Thompson has some very fine goats.

Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Duffy, Sherman Gleason, C. L. Winters and Noma Ireland were visitors at Philomath last week.

A stock buyer passed through here last week, buying cattle, sheep and hogs.

Sherman Gleason spent Sunday with relatives at Bellfountain.

Mr. Decker and family were visiting at Mr. Daniels last week.

Mr. Daniels was a business visitor at Corvallis last Saturday.

J. S. Ireland is having a new bed made for his back. Mr. Duffy is doing the work.

Mr. Phillips, of Alsea, was visiting here last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Decker.

Memorial services will be held at the Beaver Creek school house for Grandpa Butler, Sunday, May 14, at 11 a. m. Elder Turnage, of Polk county, will conduct the service.

Jeese Walker, of Corvallis, will move

to his farm in the near future. Uncle Jesse says he is tired of city life.

OAK GROVE.

Messrs. Jones and Wentz returned from Salem, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Williamson spent Sunday with relatives at Wells.

T. J. Ristly is teaching school in Alsea, where he has a three-months school.

Miss Anna Pagenkopp has been visiting a few days at the home of Mr. Karsten.

Gus Pagenkopp, of Independence, was in Albany on business Saturday.

John Brown, who has been running a donkey engine for the sawmill on the John Harris place near Wells, expects to move his mill to the Smith place on Soap Creek, the first part of the week. Mr. Brown is getting out timber for his plant at Newberg. He has shipped six carloads of sawed timber from Wells since he began work there last winter. In the plant at Newberg the timber is made into ax, hoe and pick handles and placed on the market.

There has been a goodly number of our people going to Dead River of late to try their hand at angling for catfish and almost every night witnesses a jolly crowd with fishing tackle and bait in hand making their way toward the still waters of that noted stream, hopeful of outdoing their predecessors, who have returned and reported such wonderful luck in being able to land so many fine fish.

Karsten Bros. and Elmer Williamson spent many long hours Saturday evening by the still waters of Dead River angling for catfish. Needless to say that they came back loaded—with experience.

Steve Parker, late of Soap Creek, has located near Tangent, Linn county, where he has bought 30 odd acres, upon which he expects to make his future home.

Dr. Hodges and wife, of Albany, were visiting the doctor's father, Drury Hodges of Wells, Sunday.

John Harris, who has been suffering so much with rheumatism, has gone to Mud Springs to see if he can regain his health.

Ed Miller entertained some 25 of his friends Friday evening. The evening was spent in a social way. Refreshments were served later to the delight of all present and consisted of coffee and cake.

ALSEA.

Washington Tom, of Corvallis, was in the valley last week transacting business.

W. H. Malone and wife, of Portland, were in the valley this week looking after their business interests.

Mrs. S. N. Warfield and Miss Inez Seeley are visiting in Albany this week, with their brother, E. J. Seeley.

Bill Gellatly was in the valley last week buying beef cattle.

The supervisors of Alsea have done some good work on the roads the past week. J. E. Banton is working on the mountain this week. On account of the open winter the roads are unusually good for this time of the year on the mountain.

In a recent issue of the Gazette we noticed an article giving a description of Mr. Moore's poultry farm, also the number of chicks hatched by different tests. W. J. Warfield, of Alsea, has a sure hatch incubator and claims to have been more successful than Mr. Moore. Out of 96 eggs, Mr. Warfield hatched 83 chicks. Another lot of 108 were hatched. Mr. Warfield has 200 full blood Brown Leghorns chicks at present and 50 turkeys. He also has some of the

finest bred goats in the state, having purchased all of the registered goats that Oscar Tom had.

BELLFOUNTAIN.

Cattle buyers were much in evidence the last week or ten days. Young stock are in good demand.

A few flocks have been sheared. Shippers find sheep in good condition, but rather scarce.

Mrs. E. H. Belknap has gone to Southern Oregon for an extended visit among her people.

Mrs. Ings has been quite poorly for the past few days.

Geo. Hall, Jr. is erecting a large goat shed.

Ben Porter sold a team last week for \$450.

John Perin has gone to Salem with his little girl to consult with Dr. Gillias as to some trouble with the child's eyes.

E. H. Belknap expects to move his sheep to the mountains the last of the week.

Ed Williams and others are running a butcher business this summer.

Prof. Mack, who is principal of the Halsey public schools, will be home in two weeks.

Hon. H. B. Nichols, father of R. J. Nichols, of OAC, is confined to his bed on account of advanced age and ill health. He is past four score years.

Arrangements are already made for an elaborate picnic on June 3d.

Cold weather has stopped the rapid growth of spring grain, but crops look fine.

Last Wednesday evening there was a social at Grange Hall under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. A highly hilarious time was enjoyed by all. Over \$20 was realized.

Last fall a telephone company was formed here. It took hard drumming to get 20 members. Another was organized a few days ago, with 15 members, but when the time came to sign up there were about 25 ready to sign and others coming, and still more to hear from. The question whether it was best for each system carrying from 12 to 18 phones to run separate lines to Corvallis or establish a switch somewhere and use one trunk line to town is being enthusiastically discussed.

Artistic Dressmaking.

Ladies wishing artistic dressmaking at reasonable prices, should call on Mrs. L. Estes, of San Francisco, at the residence of Gene Simpson, Corvallis. Indep. Phone No. 254. 40tf

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Both Phones. Bus Meets all Trains.

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Our customers are satisfied with our way of doing business. They know if goods are not as represented we will make it right or refund the money. We shall continue this liberal policy as long as we are in business, and hope to receive a continuance of your generous, liberal patronage.

Yours for business,

Hollenberg & Cady.