

WHAT IS YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE WORTH?

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has built up a telephone system in Oregon from 7027 stations in 1900 to 94528 stations in 1920. This development was secured for the most part during a period when cost of labor and materials was normal. During these 20 years the Telephone Company has carried out its part in the building of Oregon. Its operating expenses have increased faster than its revenue—for the last five years it has been operating at an increasing deficit. This condition cannot permanently continue.

New capital cannot be obtained by public utilities at all except when rates are such as will afford reasonable assurance, with efficient management, of earnings sufficient to care for legitimate fixed charges and establish for them a basis of credit. This does not mean that rates should be such as in themselves will supply new capital, but that they be such as to justify capital investments in competition with other business ventures.

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Adequate service is dependent upon adequate rates.

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people who choose to devote part of the Sabbath to harmless diversion will certainly not permit any denial of the privilege. If the "Puritan Sunday" movement ever gets past the preliminary stage of agitation, it need only afford occasion for ridicule, not apprehension. Our lawmakers well know that their political bread isn't buttered by the bigots, and will promptly kill all fanatical measures.

FORGOTTEN ALREADY?

The nation demanding that its young men fight its battles must at least see that its sick and disabled defenders are properly cared for. It may theorize that they owe the gift of their young manhood to their country in time of need; but when all they have has been given, the nation is a despicable ingrate that will permit its invalid soldiers to be reduced to beggary and privation. When the tocsin of war again resounds throughout the land, such a nation may perish, for it has taught its youth to fear the sting of ingratitude in return for their patriotic zeal. The national commander of the American Legion finds that "ten thousand disabled veterans are dying in cellars, poor houses and insane asylums." Whatever her faults, Germany would never be guilty of neglect like this. Even in defeat and distress, she has endeavored to look after her disabled veterans. The State of Oregon should indeed provide some sort of a soldier bonus measure to atone in a degree for the callous disregard of its soldiers displayed, through bureaucratic mismanagement, by the federal government.

After a comprehensive survey The Editor and Publisher (New York) ranks The Portland Oregonian as one of twelve newspapers in the United States having the best editorial pages. The Oregonian is the only paper west of Kansas City in the list. Oregonians generally will take pride in the distinction thus accorded their great pioneer newspaper.

Harry Bowmer, who years ago published the Weston Leader, is now running a paper at Oak Harbor, Wash., which contained the following item in a recent issue: "A Seattle boy, visiting in Walla Walla died of sleeping sickness. Yes, that seems entirely possible."

In attempting to discredit Hoover's work in behalf of Poland, Senator Reed refers to Bolsheviki Russia as "a friendly power." We assume that the troublesome Missouri senator regards the Red Russian efforts to bolshevize America as simple pure benevolence.

Senator Johnson doesn't want to see Root, Hoover or General Wood in the cabinet. This should constitute conclusive ground for their appointment, their qualifications otherwise being unimpeachable.

Perhaps a saving period of introspection may some day enable a certain celebrated "flivver" manufacturer to behold in his mirror the reflected visage of an equally celebrated ass.

While the president-elect is playing golf in Florida, it might be well for resourceful office-seekers to plan a strategic greeting at the nineteenth hole.

Confronted with the usual army of job hunters, our printer president will perhaps find less difficulty than his predecessors in distributing the "pl."

There are certain promising signs that Germany realizes she will not be able to get anywhere by sitting down and feeling sorry for herself.

It will become an ideal "readjustment" when the man who has been getting more than he needs will be needing more than he gets.

In Thursday's Oregonian Perry pictorially presents the view that too many builders spoil the cabinet.

The Industrial Workers of the World are not finding the world so easy to "work" as formerly.

Exposure of the collar profiteers shows that the public has been likewise getting it in the neck.

Easter Sunday arrives early this year—falling upon the 27th day of March.

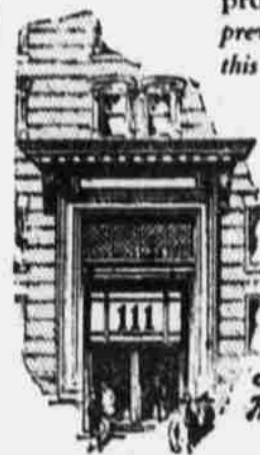
Portland has been given exciting occasion to be afraid of its "Shadow."

What is wanted is not a bigger congress, but bigger congressmen.

Dispensed With Surplus Employees. L. J. Shannon, the new county roadmaster, has been directed by the county court to dispense with all surplus employees under his direction until such time as a definite road program can be shaped up and work can be resumed.

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To Prohibit Pistol Toting

Indiscriminate carrying of small arms must cease, reports the Pendleton East Oregonian, as a result of an edict that has gone forth from the office of District Attorney Keator, because of the universal carrying of small arms.

This gun toting has come to light lately through arrests made by the peace officers of the county, when they invariably find weapons concealed on prisoners taken into custody. Few of the men bearing small arms have the authority to do so, the district attorney pointed out, and this is due he says to a disregard of the state law by persons selling pistols and revolvers.

"Pistols, revolvers and automatics must not be sold to any person who does not present a permit," quoted from the state laws. "These permits to purchase small fire arms may be obtained by responsible parties from the justice of the peace in his precinct. A dealer who does not require the permit is violating the law. This office will prosecute any and all cases coming to its notice where any of these provisions are violated."

"The state law even prohibits the display of small arms for sale. A dealer may have them in stock for sale, but pistols and their kind must not be displayed either in the show cases or show windows."

Frequent reports of sales of pistols to persons who have no right to carry concealed weapons have come to the district attorney's office. One such case is now in process of prosecution.

Unorganized Relief Effort.

Although unorganized in this county, the appeal for relief of the 45,000,000 starving Chinese in the north part of China, is being brought to mind by the W. C. T. U. and other charitably inclined bodies. Articles dealing with the terrible conditions existing among these suffering people are referred to by Mrs. Charles Betts, secretary of the local W. C. T. U. as published in the Country Gentleman, The Curtis Publishing Co., publishers, Philadelphia, and the Christian Herald, New York City, both of which are receiving donations. Address, Christian Herald China Famine Fund, Bible House, New York City, in sending money, or The Country Gentleman, as above.

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PUNCH BOARDS.

At a recent meeting Oregon district attorneys discussed the subject of punch boards, with results (if any) that have escaped our attention. One of them was disposed to regard these dime-snatching devices as harmless, but such was not the view of the majority. Perhaps the punch boards used for selling candy boxes and the like may be innocent enough, although they lure the sporty young man to spend many a dollar for something he doesn't want, even though his best girl may be pleased thereby. But there can be no two opinions as to the character of the punch boards which offers gold money prizes in the guise of watch charms, together with watches, rings, knives and other glittering plunder. Such constitute an enticing and dangerous form of gambling, and many a man has been tempted thereby to spend money needed by his family. They are worse than faro, craps, chuck-a-luck, poker, twenty-one or other old-time games of chance wherein, if honestly conducted, the player had a "run for his money." The man who "bucks" the punch board plays against outrageous odds—worse, even, than the slot machine—now happily taboo. If this sort of punch board is to be permitted, let us call back the white-hued and slim-fingered knights of the green cloth and tell them to release the tiger.

"BE NOT AFRAID!"

Prohibition of the liquor traffic is in line with the democratic theory of government—"the greatest good of the greatest number." This sort of prohibition is sound in theory and will ultimately prevail in practice—with the passing of a thirst-trained and law-dodging generation. Sunday "blue laws," however, are the straight-laced offspring of intolerance and bigotry, and would restrain individual liberty without commensurate benefit to the race. These facts are so well understood that such laws can never be enacted in this free and enlightened republic. Prohibition laws were largely brought about through the support of drinkers themselves, familiar to the point of disgust with saloon methods. But the millions of

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