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LINES EXTENDED

Independent Telephone Lines Convenient to Farmers. Defy all Monopolies

The More Local and Rural Telephones the Better, Farmers Should Own Their Own Lines

Almost every Oregon paper picked up for weeks past contains items about the erection or extension of local telephone lines. These useful and valuable agencies of intelligence and business are now a feature of every small town and settlement, and ramify throughout many rural districts. They are a significant and important element of modern suburban and rural development, and are to be encouraged by all residents of the localities served and interested.

Corvallis is the center of one of the most extensive of these independent telephone systems, whose lines have been gradually extended to many of the smaller towns and settlements of Benton, Lincoln and Polk counties.

These local independent telephone lines are at once evidences and agencies of advancing civilization, comfort, intelligence and independence. Let them defy all monopolies; they can successfully do so. They are in operation all through the eastern states, and the big would-be monopoly companies let them alone—have to do so—and so the would-be monopoly should and must here.

A telephone in a farmer's house is a convenience, a valuable acquisition. Under this independent system he, along with his neighbors, can acquire it, pay for it and use it, and is beholden to no foreign corporation for tolls, moderate or extortionate. So can the people of small towns, and even comparatively remote settlements. It is the enterprise of these people who have built and extended these lines, and they have a right to all the benefits accruing from them, and should resent any interference or any attempt at intimidation or coercion.

The more local and rural telephones the better. And the more they are kept in local hands and under local control the better. The people of these communities should own their own telephone lines just the same as they own their own vehicles.—Portland Journal.

HERMIT POSSESSES FORTUNE

Edwin Hurd, a Hermit of The Hills Falls Heir to Fortune Left By Parents

With all of his life behind him, his 70 years of mispent existence bearing the imprint of most of life's hardships and few of even its tawdry pleasures, Edwin Hurd, an eccentric character and hermit of the hills about Salmon, Idaho, is now in possession of a fortune of \$70,000 cash and securities. Hurd's career is probably as romantic as that of any prospector of the west. Without kith or kin; avoided by everyone; counting his friends on a single finger, he has lived a recluse for years. From his physical make-up he became an ogre and bugaboo for children, so ugly was he. Several crimes of more or less magnitude have been traced to his door; he has been in the criminal courts more than once, and has served at least one term behind the bars of a penitentiary.

Fifty years ago Edwin Hurd ran away from his home in New York.

The only son of well to do parents, a shadow rested on his name. His was a wild, adventurous spirit, but he finally became remorseful and wanted to see the old home again. The most searching investigation, however, failed to reveal the whereabouts of his father and mother, and he at last gave up in despair. His parents seemed to have completely disappeared after selling the old home in New York. But all the time Hurd had been searching for his parents, they had been untiringly seeking some trace of their erring boy. The father died, however, with his wish unfulfilled, and his mother followed. They left investments that have yielded \$70,000 in cash and securities whose value is constantly increasing.

Some time ago, tiring of his lonely life to an extent and desiring someone to share his humble cabin with him, Hurd sought a wife through a matrimonial agency. The contract was made and the unsuspecting woman, arriving late on the Salmon coach, was led three miles through the snow and mud of the rough trail to the cabin of the hermit. Kept a prisoner for almost a month, she finally managed to escape, her nerves shattered by her terrible experience.

This is only one of the several shoddy stories related of Hurd. At first when he spread the tale of his newly acquired wealth his statements were received with natural disbelief and many thought the old man had become crazed by his unholy life. Finally, Hon. H. G. Redwine, a prominent attorney of Salmon, took charge of his affairs and the true condition of his estate was brought to light. Hurd's right to the fortune has been indisputably established, according to Lawyer Redwine, the recluse's family being traced through the records of realty transfers and bank accounts.

WHIPPING POST

BILL WAS PASSED

Senator Siebel's bill establishing the whipping post for the punishment of wife-beaters passed the house Wednesday evening after a spirited debate. Linticum advocated the bill and referred to the excellent results which had followed the enactment of a similar law in Maryland. Wife-beating had been common in that state until it was made punishable by corporal punishment, and then it ceased almost altogether. Mears also spoke in behalf of the bill.

Smith of Josephine opposed the bill on the ground that the enactment of such a law would be a relapse toward barbarism. He insisted also that it would result in one punishment for the rich man and another for the poor man, for only the latter would be sent to the whipping post, while the rich man would escape with a fine. It was plain that Smith had taken the unpopular end of the discussion, but he was not daunted by that and made an eloquent protest against the passage of the bill. Linticum replied warmly to Smith's argument, insisting that a crime so revolting to humanity must be punished with unusual severity. The bill passed by 37 yeas to 15 noes, 8 members being absent.

Real Estate Transfers.

Polk Co. Bank to Salem, F. C. & Western Ry Co, right of way over lot in Falls City; \$1.00.

Moses Manston and wife to Albert Teal, lot in Dallas; \$225.

William Utgonant to Katie Hartfield, 107.87 acres in 6-4; \$3000.

H. W. McElmurry to Mary S. Alexander, 10 acres in 9-4; \$1.00.

Silas Orchard to E. C. & Vesta Richmond, lot in Dallas; \$900.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Albert A. Bernard to Olevia Rasmussen.

SOON TO ORGANIZE

Knights of Pythias Preparing To Institute Lodge at Dallas Feb. 20.

Knights are Planning Big Day At Lewis and Clark Exposition In Month of October

Preparations are on for the institution of a lodge of the order of Knights of Pythias at Dallas Monday night. When the question of organizing a lodge at the county seat was brought up at a meeting of the Independence and Falls City lodges at the latter place in January, doubt was expressed as to the possibility of securing enough charter members to start on. The doubt was soon dispelled. Committees went to work at once and already have twenty-four names. When this lodge is organized, Polk county will have four strong K. of P. orders one each at Independence, Falls City and Dallas.

Knights of Pythias are planning a big day at the Exposition in October. On the 10th of that month the grand lodge of Oregon will hold its session on the grounds and it seems that California and the other portions of the Coast will join in a big reunion of Knights.

Either October 10 or a day soon following is expected to be made memorable by the members of the order, who are now laying plans for the occasion. With this in view, Colonel Thompson A. Nerney, chief of Staff of Brigadier-General McGlashan, of the California Brigade, Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, is in Portland and will confer with the management of the Fair in regard to a recognition of the Pythian order by the Exposition by setting apart one day to be known as "Pythian day."

If the Oregon Knights of Pythias and the Lewis and Clark Fair management will do their part of the work the California Knights will join in making "Knights of Pythias day" one of the biggest of the Lewis and Clark Fair this Summer.

Colonel Nerney says that California is taking a great interest in the coming Exposition, and there will be thousands and a Knights of Pythias day in which various states would participate in rank work and drills, a greater impetus could be given the travel to Portland.

There will be big doings in K. of P. circles at Corvallis next Wednesday night. A district meeting is to be held and from six to ten lodges will be represented. The Independence lodge has the matter of running a special motor under consideration.

BANK ROBBERS TAKEN TO ALBANY

The Lebanon bank robbers, J. A. Crossley, alias Harry Reynolds, James Dunn, A. D. Hendryx and J. Darland were taken to Albany Wednesday by Sheriff White of Linn county, and Deputy Sheriff Millhollen. The officers were accompanied by Deputy District Attorney Gale S. Hill, of Linn county, who is looking up the evidence in the case. The robbers were sent off by Sheriff Word as quickly as possible to be rid of certain attorneys who were troublesome at the jail.

This gang is believed to have been concerned in other safe rob-

beries recently perpetrated, and in the O. R. & N. Co. train hold-up, but these are mere suspicions as yet.

Kingsley, the leader of the band, who escaped, is thought to be in British Columbia. Crossley has lived in Portland for some time past, going under the name of Harry Reynolds. He is an engineer and is supposed to be the man who did the mechanical work of blowing up the safes. Dunn is also known in Portland. His wife has been implicated, but it is said she and her father, Hendryx, will only be used as witnesses.

Reception in Philippines.

Miss Minnie Schlungel of Beloit went to the Philippines some time ago to marry Hoke Simpson, also of Beloit. The bride writes home that all the natives of the surrounding country met them on their arrival at San Estaban, after their marriage at Manila, and escorted them to their home in Santa Maria, a distance of four miles.

The bride and groom rode in a two-wheeled cart drawn by an ox, and their baggage was borne in carts drawn by bull teams, then a cavalcade of 200 natives followed on foot. At every house they passed the rest of the natives came out to greet them. In the evening the natives gave a big reception to the bridal couple, and there were welcoming addresses, songs and an orchestra.—Ex.

AGED PIONEER

PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Beulah Riggs age 85 years, died at her home near Rickreall Tuesday morning. Her death was the result of old age. Mrs. Riggs was an honored and respected pioneer of Polk county. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom are still living, the youngest son Seth is serving his second term as Commissioner of this county. The funeral was held from the residence on Wednesday and the burial took place in the family cemetery on Etna Farm.

BILLS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

During the session of legislature just closed 644 bills were introduced in both houses as against 609 at the last regular session.

Following is the list:

Senate bills introduced	272
Senate bills passed	180
Senate bills failed	57
Senate substitute bills	6
Senate bills withdrawn	3
Senate bills left in committee	25
Senate bill vetoed by Governor	1
House bills introduced	372
House bills passed	233
House bills failed	91
House bills left in committee	48

Independence Athletic Club

An Athletic club was organized in Independence last week with about twenty members, the following officers being elected: Geo. Burton, president; Neville Eldridge, vice president; Julien Hurley, secretary; Ed Wallace, treasurer. The apparatus which the old club had in the gymnasium is being appropriated to the use of the new organization. Quite an interest is shown on the part of the members and it is their intention, after a time, to secure more apparatus and organize a strong basket ball team to play match games with other teams.

Yesterday's prices in the wheat market in Chicago are the highest for eight years, or since the famous Leiter operations in 1897 when wheat struck the high point at \$1.85. May wheat was sold in Chicago yesterday at \$1.21 1/4.