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GOVERNOR TO SEEK LOWER PHONE RATES

SALEM, Aug. 3.—Governor Pierce this morning announced his intention of filing a complaint with the Oregon public service commission against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in an effort to obtain relief from what he terms "excessive rates and charges" made by this utility.

This complaint, the governor states, will be the first step in his program to obtain reduced rates from public utilities generally in Oregon. The governor is asking Colonel A. E. Clark, Portland attorney, to represent him in the telephone rate case and has been virtually assured of Clark's services in this connection.

In selecting the telephone company as his first objective in his war on public utilities, the governor does so because he regards it as "probably one of the greatest offenders against the public in this state."

While the complaint against the telephone company will be filed with the public service commission, it is plain from the tone of the governor's letter to Clark that he has little confidence in his ability to gain relief from that body and that he is only appealing to them as the first step, because the public utilities law requires such action, and that, failing to obtain relief from that quarter, he will carry his fight up through the courts.

"I think that the regulation and supervision of public utilities in this state has been very unsatisfactory for many years from the standpoint of the public interests," the governor declared in his letter to Clark. "I think the people of the state of Oregon are paying excessive rates and charges and have been for many years. Especially is this true of rates for telephone service and electrical current."

"Probably consumers in the city of Portland have as much or more to complain of in this respect than any other part of the state. Indeed, in many instances the rates and tolls paid to the telephone company are almost as much as the entire rent of the office space."

"Investigation of the telephone situation reveals some most extraordinary facts. Practically all of the capital stock of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is owned by the American Telephone & Telegraph company of New York. The latter company leases to its own child, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, all appliances and instruments at rentals agreed upon between the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the New York company, which controls it."

Profits Are Big
"The American Telephone & Telegraph company also owns practically all of the capital stock of the Western Electric company, which in turn sells substantially all of the supplies and materials purchased by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company at prices, of course, fixed between the two companies, both of which are owned and controlled by the parent company, the American Telephone & Telegraph company. This latter company pays large dividends to its stockholders and, in addition, puts aside a handsome surplus each year out of the earnings of its various subsidiary companies, including the telephone company of this state."

"In other words, the American Telephone & Telegraph company has a great many children, two of whom are the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the Western Electric company, and both of which, at the expense of the public, are making contributions to the parent company, which enables it to pay enormous profits and dividends to its stockholders."

Valuation Held High
"I have no doubt it can be shown that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is now collecting rates on an excessive valuation and even upon this excessive valuation is getting a return very much larger than what ordinary business can hope or expect to get."

"Ever since taking the office of governor, I have been endeavoring, in one way or another, to get some relief for the public from these conditions," the governor points out in his letter to Clark. "Because of the very unsatisfactory manner in which public utilities were and are regulated, and the fact as appeared to me, these utilities were practically allowed to fix their own valuations and rates and their own conditions of service, I said in my message to the 33d legislative assembly."

Change is Urged
"The public service commission should be re-constructed. It would be far better to abolish the commission than to let it continue in its present form. I trust that no appropriation will be made for such continuance." And again in a later message to the same legislature, the governor voiced his lack of confidence in the public service commission in these words: "In this connection I wish to say that the public service commission has often appeared to me as being a servant of the public utilities rather than of the public. In fixing rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company,

A. E. CLARK NOT READY TO SAY WHAT ACTION HE WILL TAKE

A. E. Clark, designated as counsel for the governor in presenting the telephone situation before the public service commission, said today he had just received the governor's letter containing material and data supplementing subjects discussed at a previous conference, and had insufficient time to digest it thoroughly.

"I will have to decide first of all, whether to act in the matter at all," said Clark. "I will have to make a careful study of the situation first. I probably will decide this within a few days."

Annual Meeting of Religious Education Assn.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Clackamas County Council of Religious Education, which convened at the Mt. Zion Camp Meeting grounds Sunday Aug. 1, was considered very profitable and inspiring. A well arranged program was conducted throughout the day. After the Sunday school session of the morning, Dr. Geo. B. Pratt of Portland spoke very convincing on the subject: "Is It Worth While", and showing conclusively that Religious Education is abundantly worth while. In the afternoon Rev. R. D. Everett of Portland gave an inspiring address after which Rev. T. L. Kirkwood led in a general discussion. The splendid music interspersed throughout the program was under the able leadership of Mr. David Horner.

At the business session the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolution:
Whereas week-day study of the scriptures has proven of much value to those taking part, and whereas we realize that to accomplish the most, this phase of our work must not be neglected, and whereas by the laws of our state, we are entitled to two hours a week with credits during the school term, for this work, therefore: Be it resolved by the Eastern Clackamas Council of Religious Education, assembled this 1st day of August, 1926, that we recommend and urge every community to work toward the establishment of a Week Day Bible School.

Signed by committee on resolutions:
Ira F. Rankin
M. C. Glover
Betty S. Weatherby
T. L. Kirkwood

S. P. TO OPEN NEW LINE ON AUGUST 30

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 4. — Trains carrying delegations from Portland, Klamath Falls, Sacramento and San Francisco business and industrial organizations to the "Trail to Rail" celebration will be the first to operate over the Southern Pacific's new 289 mile Cascade Route, was announced here in a special wire received by the Trail to Rail Association from J. H. Dyer, general manager at San Francisco. The event will unite eastern and western Oregon long separated by the Cascades barrier.

The cast now being organized for the production of the pageant Klatawa is enrolling nearly 1500 people at rehearsals. Singers, dance principles are studying and rehearsing their parts. The enrollment will approach more than 2000 when the cast is complete, according to Mrs. Doris Smith, pageant directress.

Construction of a huge stage is now under way at the university athletic field. It will be 260 feet wide and 150 feet deep. Sufficient floor space is provided to hold the entire pageant cast at one time. Ramps, exits and entrances will permit oxen, covered wagons and stages as well as singing and dancing groups to pass on and off the stage as the spectacular review of transportation and pioneer development unfolds itself. Stage carpenters and professional scene painters from Portland with the aid of landscape gardeners will assist in the work so that when completed the stage will represent an Oregon mountain gorge opening to the fertile valley of the Willamette.

15 QUARTS OF WINE FOR ONE DOLLAR

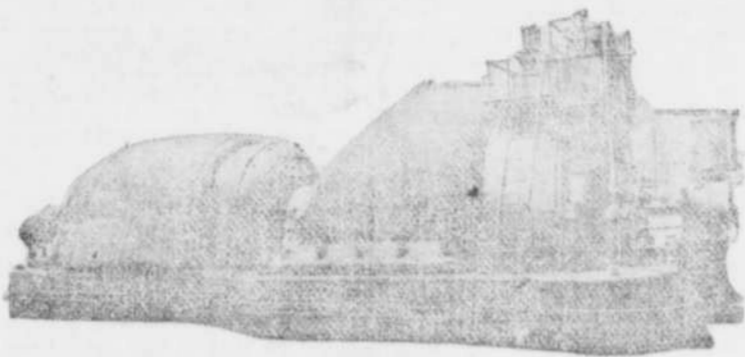
American with 100 American cents can go shopping in France and return to his hotel with any of the following: Fifteen quarts of "ordinary" red or white wine.

Thirty pounds of bread.
Six dozen eggs.
One four-pound lobster, a pair of ducks fit for roasting, or a fat turkey.
Twenty-four pieces of French pastry, which are a meal in themselves.

With this dollar the tourist may purchase 140 French daily newspapers, may ride 10 miles in a taxicab or have the best seat in any French theater except the "profiteering" music halls.

For example, the commission has allowed an excessive valuation on this property and then made the rates high enough to earn dividends upon such excessive amounts, after also allowing excessive costs of operation."

New 27,000 h. p. Curtis Turbine Just Installed by PEPCO



ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR BETTER SERVICE

Because of the continued and substantial industrial and commercial growth of Portland and the nearly 70 communities served with light and power by the Portland Electric Power Company, it has become necessary to increase the service facilities for its 85,000 customers by continual additions to physical plants and equipment.

During 1926 the Company is adding approximately \$3,500,000 to its fixed capital investment solely for the purpose of keeping step with service requirements.

One of the most important additions to the facilities for maintaining adequate and dependable service to meet present and prospective demands has been the installation of a mammoth Curtis Steam turbo-generator to the productive system in Station "L". This massive machine, which has just been put into operation, has a capacity of 27,000 horsepower and will give the

Station "L" plant a total generating capacity of 55,000 horsepower—the largest plant of its kind in the Pacific Northwest.

This turbine, which is the last word in modern application of electrical science, represents an outlay of about \$575,000.

When the high-pressure boilers have been installed next year, changing the operating pressure to 385 pounds, the total expenditure for this unit will exceed one million dollars.

The electric power generated by this turbine will assure the company and all of its great army of industrial, commercial and domestic customers a more stabilized service and will make it practically impossible for any serious interruptions of service to happen. The energy from this turbine will be turned into the general power reserve maintained by the company through the entire generating structure, comprising nine well-equipped and modern electric plants, which now have a combined output of over 181,272 horsepower of energy.

MR. W. G. MOORE'S SISTER PASSES IN PORTLAND

Mr. W. G. Moore was called to Portland on Friday, his sister, Mrs. Barratt, having passed away very suddenly on that day.

Mrs. Barratt was born in Quebec in 1831. She later came west to Chicago and took the nurses training at St. Luke's hospital, from which she graduated. She also served as chief nurse in the surgery at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. There she met Dr. I. N. Barratt to whom she was married in 1912. Two sons were born to this union. They made their home in Tigard, Oregon.

The funeral services were held from the Episcopal church at Hillsboro, Tuesday and interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery there.

She was a devoted church member and popular among the various organizations of the community in which she lived.

PIONEER PASSES

James Daniel Palmateer, born June 22, 1847, in Michigan, departed from this life July 27, 1926, at Clackamas, Oregon, age 79 years, 1 month, 5 days.

At the age of five years, he with his parents, brothers and sisters moved to Oregon, crossing the plains in 1852, and settling in what is now Portland. One year later, 1853, his parents with family moved to near Estacada, which is now the H. D. Trapp place, residing there a number of years.

He was married to Anna T. Davis in Clackamas, Oregon, Jan. 1871. He was the proud parent of six children, three girls and three boys, of which none are living.

He was one of the oldest pioneers and a real woodsman and hunter. The last 27 years he has resided in Lodi, Cal., but has spent most of his summers in Oregon. He is survived by his wife, three grand children, Leonard M. Welch, of Lodi, Cal., Bernard W. Welch, of Warrick, Wasco county, Oregon, and Dorothy G. Palmateer, of Lodi, Cal. Also one sister, Mary Burlingame, Wash.

Rev. Gregory officiated at the funeral services at Holman's place in Oregon City on Thursday afternoon. The remains were shipped that evening to Lodi, Cal. for burial.

JUDGE CAMPBELL SAYS CITY OF ST. HELENS WILL GROW

Judge J. U. Campbell is back from holding court in St. Helens and predicts that the city of St. Helens is sure to grow decidedly during the next few years.

Judge Campbell particularly noticed the new paper mill that is being erected there by the Hawley interests, and says that the unit construction is so used that it will be possible to add to the mills at any time in the future. Forty acres has been platted within the vicinity of the mill, which is located about a mile north of the court house. This will still further scatter St. Helens, as the town has already grown noticeably in the direction of the paved highway.—Courier.

SUPREME COURT MANDATES COME

No Rehearings Asked in City-County Case and Mount Libel Suit—Judgment for \$5,000 is Paid

It is announced by Earle C. Latour, attorney, that mandates have been received from the supreme court in the city case against the county and in the Dr. Mount case against various other Oregon City physicians.

This means that the 20 days having elapsed following the filing of the judgment of the court and no rehearings having been asked, that the decrees are in full force.

The men against whom judgment for \$5,000 was allowed by the court, have paid the amount and are not further obligated. This closes the case that has been in the courts for the past four years. The Mount judgment was based upon a libel, in which the defendants filed charges against Dr. Mount with the county court.

The city case against the county is where the city sued for \$40,000, claiming this much had been retained by the county from the road fund collections. The supreme court decided in favor of the county. The city has since filed another claim, to which has been added \$10,000 interest, and this claim will come before the county court at its August meeting. The county has offered as a compromise its original agreement to improve two of the county roads that are really Oregon City streets if the city will take over all such roads and assume their upkeep.

MONTGOMERY-HAYDEN NUPTIALS

Friends of Miss Florence Montgomery and Mr. Ray L. Hayden in this vicinity will be interested to learn of their marriage on last Friday, July 20th.

They are now away on their honeymoon and upon their return will be at home at Camp 8 where Mr. Hayden is employed.

Miss Lillie Dale visited her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dale last Thursday and Friday on her way home from Monmouth when she has been attending summer school preparatory to taking a school in Eastern Oregon. Mrs. Heylman and Mrs. O'Connell were Portland visitors on Friday of last week.

Mrs. M. T. O'Connell of Winlock, Wash., is visiting with Mrs. Heylman for a few days. Mrs. O'Connell is a member of the City Council of Winlock and an active member of City, County and State organizations in the interest of law enforcement and better government.

FAIR AT GRESHAM

The Multnomah County Fair at Gresham this week is attracting many local people. The fair opened on Tuesday and the display in all lines is wonderful. Due to such an abundance of all products and flowers this year the exhibit rooms are crowded but the specimens are unusually fine.

Mr. Ben Joy of Eastern Oregon has brought a fine string of horses and each evening a Wild West show or Round-up is being staged.

An elaborate program of races and amusements consisting of vaudeville acts of various nature is entertaining the crowds of the afternoon. Rather extensive plans and features have been planned for this year and are drawing enormous crowds every day.

JENNINGS LODGE CLUB ORGANIZED

OREGON CITY, Aug. 3.—Organization of a community club in the Jennings Lodge district is the most recent movement for cooperative development in the county. Officers of the group, which filed its articles of incorporation with the county clerk on Monday, are Fred Wilson, president; B. E. Bruchert, secretary; C. H. Swinling, treasurer; W. Swart, R. O. Thompson and B. E. Bruchert, directors. A membership of more than 300 is expected.

Among the activities in view for the club are erection of a clubhouse, establishment of playgrounds and equipment of all sorts for the use of the children of the community and general improvement plans for the district.

Class of 1916 Holds Successful Reunion

The Class of 1916 of the Estacada High School held their ten year Reunion at the Estacada Hotel on Friday evening July 30th with ten of the seventeen original members present.

A most sumptuous dinner was served at 7:30 o'clock after which the guests entertained themselves by telling tales of high school days, and of events since leaving school up to the present time. These chats were interspersed with occasional dancing. Needless to say the evening passed all too soon and had been one grand event long to be remembered.

Those present were Mary Woodie Pogue, of Turner, Oregon, Helen Keth Grantham, of La Center, Wash., Veneta Page Hogan, Erma Graham Burris, and Leo Havens of Portland, Della Lovell Ewalt, Lloyd Ewalt, Carl Kimmel, Lella Howe, and Elva Adams Ahlberg of Estacada.

Plans were made for the next Reunion to be held five years hence.

UPPER EAGLE CREEK

Nearly everyone in this immediate neighborhood is through threshing. The grain turned out well.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Clester left last Tuesday for the coast, where they will stop a few days.

Guy Wilcox and H. S. Gibson motored to Eastern Oregon on Tuesday—went over near Wapinitia or Antelope—where there is a ranch which Mr. Wilcox wished to see.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglas were calling on Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gibson on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Deming and Ed Douglas and family and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Saunders were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglas were Portland visitors on Wednesday.

Leslie Woodie and C. Murphy made a trip to Gresham last Saturday afternoon.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION MEET

The Clackamas Co. Pioneer Association will have a get-together meeting on Aug. 12, 1926, and have a banquet dinner at 7 p. m. in the Gem Theatre building in Estacada. Music will be furnished by Estacada band. Come and bring your basket lunch. Coffee will be furnished by committee. The object of this meeting is to arrange for a picnic later on, time and place to be decided at this meeting. All Pioneers are requested to come that can and help boost for a big picnic this fall. All are eligible to join who have lived in Oregon 40 years or more.

M. Lonsberry, J. Duus, R. Gibson Committee.

MRS. DEMING IS FETED

Mrs. Russell Reed entertained most charmingly on Tuesday afternoon at her home at Faraday in honor of Mr. Reed's sister, Mrs. Roscoe Deming, who is visiting here from California.

The entertainment for the afternoon was most unique, it being in the form of a china painting party.

Each guest was given a plain white china pitcher and which they might paint or decorate as they so desired. These were very cleverly done and at the close of the afternoon the guests were presented with the models they had designed.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Reed. The following guests were present: Mrs. Roscoe Deming, Mrs. Mae Reed, May Alice Reed, Miss June Oakley and Miss Simmons of Seattle; Mrs. Aycock, Mrs. Raymond Lovelace and Mrs. Fred Bartholomew.

Mary Pickford, long the idol of women and children the world over, becomes the idol of the men through her portrayal of Rosita, a Spanish street singer, in her newest screen success, "Rosita," coming next week to the Liberty theatre.

COUNTY FAIR TO EXCEL RECORD OF PAST YEARS

At an extended meeting of the Clackamas County Fair board with the department superintendents, and some of the advisory council, Friday night, matters of importance were decided. The designation of the various days were discussed and the following appointments are to be used: the first day, September 21, will be called School Children's day; the second day, September 22 will be Livestock and Poultry Day; the third day, September 23, will be Farm and Industrial day, and the last day, Friday, September 24, will be Greater Clackamas Union of Clubs day.

The racing program will be for prizes amounting to \$2000 and about \$4000 has been set aside as premium money.

Season Tickets \$1

The question of Clackamas county participation with exhibits at the state fair and the Pacific International Livestock exposition was taken up and the following committee appointed to ascertain ways and means to bring about an exhibit at these affairs: John Robinson, chairman; H. W. Kanne and John R. Humphry.

The fair board announced that the season ticket price this year would be \$1 instead of the \$1.50 formerly asked. Through advertising and the efforts of the board a great number of season tickets are expected to be placed throughout the county.

Live Wires Present

Those present and taking part in the discussions were: Herman Chidgren, chairman; H. W. Kanne, secretary; J. Benton Vedder, Ward Lawton, all members of the fair board, and Charles Kuse, and R. A. Wright of the county court; I. M. C. Anderson, county club leader; W. A. Holt, county agricultural agent; Mrs. W. H. Thompson, superintendent of the poultry department; John Robinson, pavilion superintendent; E. Gribble, E. B. Evans, Carl Joehnk, Martin Stauber, dance superintendent of Canby; Mr. and Mrs. L. Shibley of Springwater; John T. Humphry, representing the Oregon City chamber of commerce; Barney O. Barrett, representing the Kwanan Club, and C. F. Bollinger, of the Oregon City Enterprise, which is handling the advertising work for the fair—Enterprise.

60th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Sarah Fifer at her home on Seventh and Zobrist street celebrated her 60th birthday Tuesday, 3d. A pleasant social hour was spent after which a delicious lunch was served. Those present were Mesdames Fifer, Henthorn, Wright, Tucker and Holder. Other friends called during the afternoon. Mother Fifer is well and is a very interesting entertainer, and always tries to see the bright side of life.

MRS. A. E. SPARKS DEAD

Mrs. A. E. Sparks, beloved wife of our townsman A. E. Sparks, died at a Portland hospital Sunday, following a brief illness.

Funeral was held Wednesday in Portland where interment was made. Mrs. Sparks was well and favorably known here and the entire community joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved in their hour of sorrow.

A full obituary will be given next week.

LIBERTY THEATRE PROGRAM

Saturday, Aug. 7th
BORDER SHERIFF
JACK HONIE with his wonderful horse "Lightning."

Sunday, August 8
"THE COUNTRY KID"
WESLEY BARRY
Womer Bros. Classics of the Screen

Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 9-10
"ROSITA"
MARY PICKFORD
A Spanish Romance

Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 11-12
"LOST—A WIFE"
With Adolphe Menjou, Greta Nissen, Robert Agnew and Clara Beranger.

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15
"THE COHENS AND KELLYS"
George Sidney and Charles Murray with Vera Gordon

The biggest laugh on the screen
Only the best pictures shown at the Liberty.