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## GRANTS PASS MAY HAVE AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES

### Pacific States Company Make no Contract With the County Independent Company

The movement to secure a complete system of telephones in all sections of Josephine county and with free switching between all these rural lines and with Grants Pass is making highly satisfactory progress. The undertaking, which was begun some time ago by the Courier, is receiving the hearty encouragement of the farmers, miners, millmen, merchants and others of the county and of the business men of Grants Pass and it is now certain that Josephine county will be the first in Oregon to have free switching on lines to all parts of the county and, Grants Pass will be the central for a larger number of telephones than has any other town of its size in the state. And what is of special interest to the business men it will insure to the city the latest improved and the cheapest telephone service of any town in Southern Oregon.

It is the plan to have four rural telephone companies to handle the telephone business of the districts within the trade zone of Grants Pass. The organization of the first of these companies was completed last Saturday at Provoit when the stock was signed up and the officers elected for the Applegate Valley Telephone Company. Judge Geo. H. Durham, who had contributed his services in preparing the articles of incorporation and the other papers required in perfecting the legal organization of the Company, accompanied Mr. Meserve to Provoit and attended to the signing up of the papers and the swearing in of the board of directors. In electing the board of directors they were chosen so as to represent the various districts that will be covered by the telephone system of the Company. There was no contest for the positions as the directors, as do the other officers, serve without salary. The board chosen were E. Badger and E. N. Provoit, for Provoit, C. O. Biglow and B. S. Sargent for Williams, J. W. Pernoll for Applegate, W. B. York for Missouri Flat, J. W. Gilmore and C. C. English for Murphy and Charles Meserve for Grants Pass. E. Badger was elected president of the company and C. O. Biglow vice-president, J. W. Pernoll treasurer and Ellis A. Imbler secretary.

G. O. Oium of Grants Pass, county manager for Josephine county for the Pacific States Telephone Company was present and submitted a contract which had been prepared by J. H. Thatcher, general manager of the Company. The terms were too indefinite as to the service to be rendered and too binding on the Applegate Valley Telephone Company so the contract was rejected. Charles Meserve submitted a contract, which he had prepared, that more equably bound both companies and definitely stated all the terms of the contract, the main points of which were similar to that submitted by Mr. Thatcher. The proposition was that the Pacific States Company lease to the Applegate Company its wire from Grants Pass to Williams for five years, rent free other than that the latter company was to pay the taxes on the line, about \$12 a year, and keep the line in repair and return it in as good condition as when taken; rent telephones at 50 cents per month, payable six months in advance and keep them in repair, the subscribers to furnish the batteries. Free switching with

Grants Pass and all independent lines that enter this city using Bell telephones. The Applegate Company to build its own branch lines. Mr. Oium stated that General Manager Thatcher would not sign the contract submitted by Mr. Meserve and as the board of directors would not sign Mr. Thatcher's contract negotiations were ended for the time being. The matter though was placed in the hands of a special committee composed of Charles Meserve, E. Badger and C. O. Biglow with full power to act.

In compliance to the request of a large number of the business men of Grants Pass negotiations have been opened with the Automatic Telephone Company, of New York, the giant rival to Bell Telephone Company. A contract will be entered into with either the Pacific States Telephone Company, which is a branch of the Bell Telephone Company or with the Automatic Telephone Company covering Grants Pass and the entire county, and the Company offering the lowest rates and the best terms will get the business. No contract will be signed up though until the companies now under formation are organized and can be a party to the deal. The Lower Rogue River Telephone Company will be organized first. The articles of incorporation and stock have been prepared this week under direction of Judge Durham, Miss Grace Good, stenographer for Joseph Moss doing the typewriting work free of charge, as she did for the Applegate Company. A meeting will be held this Saturday evening at Lee school house to begin the organization of the Company, when four men will be chosen to be directors to represent this section of the territory to be covered by the Lower Rogue River Telephone Company. The other five directors will be chosen at a meeting to be held at Merlin on Saturday next at 2:30 p. m. At the meeting the legal formation of the company will be effected and the directors and other officers elected. The stock will be \$1000 and the shares \$5 each. So soon as the Lower Rogue River Telephone Company is in working order Mr. Meserve will take up the organization of the Illinois Valley Telephone Company and a meeting will be held in Kerby on Saturday, April 28, at which he will be present and assist in the details of the formation of this Company. As early a date as possible the formation of a company will be effected embracing the territory in the trade zone of Grants Pass lying up Rogue River from this city.

The Automatic Telephone Company is the owner of a new telephone system that is rapidly coming into use in all sections of the East, and in California, Washington and it is now being introduced in Portland and Salem. In this system there are no girls to do the switching, that being done by electric devices. The telephones are small affairs and have no batteries, all the current coming from the main station. On their front is a dial on which there are numbers and a hand. To make a call this hand is moved to above a figure at a time of the numbers of the telephone wanted, the hand is pressed down on each of these figures to make the electric contact and then a button is pushed and that will ring the bell of the telephone of the person wanted, and it rings the bell of no other telephone. These telephones are being introduced at a rate so fast that the Company can hardly supply the demand. The competition created has resulted in a lowering of rates and improvement of service by the Bell Companies in the places where the Automatic is being introduced. At Salem the Pacific States Company has made a cut, beginning with this month of city phones to \$1.00 per

## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP WINS IN EUGENE

### The Typhoid Fever Epidemic Stirs the City to Put in Their Own Water Supply.

Municipal ownership has at last won a sweeping victory in Eugene. Last September the city voted on the issuance of bonds to put in a city owned light and water system and the propositions were carried by a big majority. The council after delaying and opposing municipal ownership again submitted the question to a vote in January when it again carried. And still the council refused to obey the public demand. Then came the typhoid fever epidemic which threatened to depopulate the city, for during January and February there were frequently as high as 100 cases at a time and deaths were numerous. The disease is yet in the city, though the city and state authorities have adopted stringent measures to eradicate it.

An investigation proved that it was the impure water supplied by the water company that had caused the typhoid fever. The water company showing no disposition to bring in mountain water to replace the Willamette river water they are supplying their customers and the council still refusing to obey the vote of the previous elections, a municipal ownership league was formed and a ticket was nominated on that platform. At the election Monday their entire ticket was elected by a very large majority. Unless the new councilmen are bought up Eugene will have pure water from the Cascade mountains within a year or so and also have a city owned light plant.

## STREETS BEING GRADED AND CLEANED UP

### Surface Left Loose to Be Dust in Summer and Mud in Winter.

Street Commissioner Gildilan has begun his Spring campaign of street cleaning and improving. With the grader he put the top coating of mud and refuse, that had accumulated on the business streets during the Winter, into a windrow and then with a team hauled it away. He is using the grader to good purpose to fill up the mudholes and crown up the streets in the residence districts and he will grade several streets that are required to be improved by reason of the growth of the city.

Grading of the street again brings up the necessity of having a large steam roller to pack the loose earth. Were a 15-ton roller run over these newly graded streets while the ground is damp and soft the surface would be made so compact that it would not become the dust banks as is now the case so soon as this loose earth becomes dry. It will take a year for these newly graded streets to become settled so that during the Summer months clouds of dust will not follow each vehicle to stifle both man and horse, and in the Winter months to be one mass of mud. But neither the city nor the county has a roller so those using these newly graded streets and the residents along them may expect the usual sequence of dust and mud for the year to come.

month and to \$5 per year for telephones and free switching for their rural subscribers, while independent companies using other make of telephones are given switching for \$1.00 a year. This fierce competition is certain to affect the profits and the salaries of the Bell Company. President F. P. Fish, of that company gets a salary of \$100,000 a year and in his annual report submitted at a recent meeting of the directors showed that the receipts of Bell Company for last year were \$100,440,264, and gross expenses were 74,110,795, leaving a net profit of \$26,329,469. With this enormous profit the dividends were not high as the stock is capitalized at \$324,524,000. Of this amount fully \$150,000,000 is watered stock the other \$150,000,000 representing the actual value of the property of the Company.

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## THE BRADEN MINE TO BE EQUIPPED

### J. W. Opp Who Made the Opp Paying Mine Has Bought the Braden Property.

The Braden mine, located three miles south of Gold Hill has been bought by J. W. Opp, who is now in San Francisco purchasing machinery with which to equip it. The Gold Hill News states that a force of men will be put at work so soon as Mr. Opp returns and that Jim Dawson will be foreman. The Braden is one of the most promising mining properties in Southern Oregon and it is probable that under Mr. Opp's management it will become a big gold producer.

Mr. Opp is well known to Southern Oregon mining men as the former owner of the Opp mine, near Jacksonville. Mr. Opp on coming to Southern Oregon a few years ago from Montana bought the mine, then a mere prospect, for \$27,000 of C. C. Beekman the Jacksonville banker, and J. H. Huffer, a well known pioneer miner of that place. With the three stamp mill that was on the property he demonstrated that it was a mine and selling an interest in it to Dr. Reddy and Fred Perry of Jacksonville they a year ago put on a stamp electric power mill. Last Fall they sold the mine through Foster & Gunnell to New York capitalists. The new owners are now adding 10 stamps to the mill and will add 20 more this Fall. It was currently reported that Mr. Opp realized \$150,000 for his controlling interest in the Opp mine. With this large sum at his command Mr. Opp will be able to fully equip the Braden mine and develop his new purchase into a profitable property.

## TWO GOLD HILL MINES TO BE EQUIPPED

### Electric Power to Be Used—Both Highly Promising Properties.

The following mining news from the Gold Hill News will be of interest to the mining men of this section:

The Bill Nye people started up their mill last Friday with the new electric power furnished by the Gold Hill Canal Co. They report operations under the new power very satisfactory and have ore enough on the dumps and blocked out to run the mill steadily for a full year to come. All of their machinery is complete except a motor for the shaft which is now on the road from the east, as soon as this arrives they will resume work in sinking the main shaft.

The Millionaire shaft on Blackwell Hills has now attained a depth of 150 feet. This is a double compartment shaft 6x10 feet in the clear and is intended for a deep shaft. The Gold Hill Canal Co. has a power line established to the mine, and new and extensive machinery will soon be on the ground to sink this shaft to the depth of 600 feet without stopping.

## Reduced Round Trip Rates Eastern Points Season 1906.

On July 2d and 3d, August 7th, 8th and 9th and September 8th and 10th, 1906, Round Trip tickets will be on sale to points named under the following conditions:

Both ways through Portland, to Chicago, \$80.45; St. Louis, \$76.45 Milwaukee, \$78.65; St. Paul and Minneapolis, \$68.95; Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, St. Joseph, Atchinson, Leavenworth and Kansas City, \$68.95.

One way through Portland, and one way through California, to Chicago, \$85; St. Louis, \$81; Milwaukee, \$83.20; St. Paul and Minneapolis, \$81.40; Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, St. Joseph, Leavenworth and Kansas City, \$73.50.

Tickets will be sold to Milwaukee, only on August 7th, 8th and 9th. Limits: Going, 10 days; tickets must be used going on date of sale; final return limit 90 days from date of sale but not beyond October 31, 1906.

Stopovers: Stopovers will be granted in either direction within the transit limits, west of Missouri River, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, also New Orleans, when through that point, except that no stopovers will be permitted in California on going trip. A. L. CRAIG, G. P. A.

The Opera House will be crowded on Thursday April 19th, to hear the Dixie Jubilee Concert. Secure your tickets early if you wish to get good ones.

## ROGUE RIVER WATER DECLARED UNWHOLSOME

### Is Statement of State Board of Health—Council Orders Sections of Sewers Relaid.

At the council meeting Thursday evening an ordinance was passed providing for a board of examiners for plumbers and for an inspection of plumbing and fixing license fees under this ordinance, which are \$10 per year for plumbing shops and \$5 for journeymen plumbers. Property owners to pay \$1 for a permit to have new or repair plumbing done, the inspection to cost them nothing. Street Commissioner Gildilan was appointed inspector and F. L. Coran and W. R. Rannie were appointed as the board of examiners for plumbers.

A report was read from the bacteriologist of the state board of health of an analysis of Rogue river water that showed that water supplied Grants Pass was unwholesome. The samples of water had been sent to the state board at their request by Dr. Love, county health officer.

The contractor was ordered to relay the upper section of the Seventh street sewer and put it down to the required grade at his own expense. The street commissioner was ordered to relay a 400-foot section of the Second street sewer that has the grade toward town instead of to the river. The cost will have to be borne by the city and will be about \$150. On motion of Councilman Hall the city attorney was authorized to prepare an ordinance requiring property owners to pave those sections of Sixth and G streets within the business district of the city.

Lights were ordered at Fifth and A and on B and E streets at the Gilbert creek bridges on those streets.

## FINE PERCHERON HORSE FOR ILLINOIS VALLEY

### Imported From France and Costs \$4000 and Is One of the Best Animals in Oregon.

T. G. Burrows and Nicholas Sauer returned this Friday morning from the East where they visited the stables of McLaughlin Bros. at Kansas City and Ogden to select a Percheron horse for the Kerby Breeders Association. In the Ogden stable they selected a horse and landed him in Grants Pass in perfect condition and as full of life as though he had not taken an eight day trip on a railroad. The horse will be three years old May 18, and weighs 1800 pounds. He is jet black of perfect form and has unusual good action for so large a horse.

Messrs. Burrows and Sauer will take the horse as far as Wilderville this Friday and on to Kerby Saturday. The horse will make the season in the Illinois Valley and the farmers of that section of Josephine county in buying this \$4000 Percheron have shown a progressive spirit that is commendable and a confidence in an investment that is sure to bring them very profitable returns.

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The justice of the peace for Grants Pass ranks next to the county judge in the amount of business had in his court and in the difficult and varied legal points that are tried by attorneys that require the justice to give ruling on. It is thus an important matter that the justice have a thorough knowledge of the law. A justice who is not well posted on law will have many of his cases appealed to the circuit court that would have been allowed to stand had his ruling been based on the provision of the statute, thus making more litigation and more court expenses for the taxpayers to meet. Should the citizens of Grants Pass elect C. H. Clements as their justice of the peace they would have an official who has a good knowledge of the law and who would, thereby be less likely to entail needless expense on the taxpayers and the litigants by his erroneous rulings than would an inexperienced man. Mr. Clements has in the six months he has held the office made a commendable record for himself in the discharge of the duties of justice of the peace.

Don't miss the jubilee singers on April 19th.

## Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar.

Wm. Thos. Lanorgan, provincial constable at Chapleau, Ontario, says: "I caught a severe cold while hunting a burglar in the forest swamps last Fall. Hearing of Chamberlain's Remedy, I tried it, and after using two small bottles, I was completely cured." This remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds. It will loosen and relieve a severe cold in less time than by any other treatment and is a favorite wherever its superior excellence has become known. For sale by M. Clemens.

You'll be sorry if you do not hear the Dixie Jubilee on Thursday, April 19.

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