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GRANTS PASS LEADS IN TELEPHONE SERVICE

First to Have Central Energy System—Automatics Will be Next Improvement.

The undertaking to secure a complete telephone system for Josephine county with free switching with Grants Pass has been given a setback by the Pacific States Telephone Company. This company could have had its income from telephone rentals and long distance business in Josephine county increased by fully \$1000 a month by the close of the year had General Manager Thatcher and County Manager Oium been more broad and business-like in their methods, but carrying out the modern corporation methods of greed and monopoly they succeeded in checking the progressive movement that would have benefited their company quite as much as it would have the business men of Grants Pass and the farmers, miners and millmen of Josephine county.

The fact is that this movement started by the Courier for a betterment of the telephone service in Josephine county has forced the Pacific States Telephone Company to give Grants Pass the central energy system, which will be a decided improvement over the present system, but not the equal to the automatic system in efficiency or cheapness. All that the central energy system differs from the present Bell system is that no bells ring on a line except that of the phone called, and there is no bell ringing to call central. Grants Pass is the only town in Southern Oregon that will have the central energy system and there are but few towns on the Pacific Coast of 5000 population or less that have been given this betterment by the Bell Telephone Company.

Instead of getting the business from a score or more of rural telephone lines in the county the Pacific States Telephone Company through their greed will really come out the loser by the telephone controversy that they brought on for they will get only one small line out of Grants Pass to the Lee district having half a dozen telephones on it. The Applegate Valley Telephone Company will not lease the Williams line from the Pacific States Company as the latter's terms are too exacting, they demanding a five year lease and the payment of the taxes which would be about \$12 a year and the return of the line in as good condition as when taken. As the poles are badly decayed the entire line of 30 miles would require new poles before the five years would be up thus making the undertaking too expensive to those holding the lease. The Applegate farmers will not give up their telephone venture but will this Summer build an independent line to Grants Pass. And it is the plan to establish an independent system in the Illinois Valley and connect it with the Applegate Valley lines and thence to Grants Pass. A local station will be established in Grants Pass for the free use of the public. With the installation of the automatic telephone system in Grants Pass, which is expected within the year, connection will be made with it by the rural lines and the beginning made for a system of telephones for the entire county giving free switching to all subscribers.

Josephine county is not the only locality in which the Pacific States Telephone Company tries to hog the whole thing. That company now has an injunction suit on in Albany to prevent a local company from installing the automatic telephones. Only last month the Pacific States Company had a suit in Salem to keep out a local automatic company and lost it. They tried to block the company now putting an automatic system in Portland, and the Applegate farmers when they attempt to run an independent line into Grants Pass will quite likely encounter an injunction suit as will the Automatic company when they enter this field, for the Bell Company claim vested rights by the perpetual franchise they have in Grants Pass and in most other towns where they have a telephone franchise. A series of articles lately appearing in the Success magazine on the telephone business in the United States gives a clear insight into the desperate efforts the Bell Company is making all over the country to retain its telephone monopoly by resorting to injunctions and every other method known to unscrupulous corporations. But despite this bitter opposition hundreds of towns and cities are putting in automatic and other independent telephones and there are now more than a million such telephones in use than of Bells.

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STUDENTS HEAR THOUGHTFUL TALK

President Crooks of Albany College Addresses the High School.

Principal Harrison will represent our High School at Salem the 11th of May, for the purpose of helping to organize the debating league between the High Schools of Salem, Albany, Roseburg and Grants Pass.

The prize-debate contest to be held in the High School Assembly room Wednesday evening, May 9, should be patronized by every student of the High School. The question for debate is, "Resolved, That the government should own and operate all the railroads and telegraph systems of the United States." The question will be affirmed by Randall Hood, Fritz Dean and Nina Paddock; denied by Henry Norton, Amy Isaacs, and Herbert Gilkey. Prizes will be awarded to the best two contestants. The debaters are working hard and a very enthusiastic contest is assured.

On Friday morning, April 27th, the superintendent's office was the scene of a pleasant surprise. The teachers of the Central Building had gathered and Mr. Patrick, the faithful and genial old janitor, was called up to the office just after the 8:30 bell. Seeing all the teachers and the seriousness of their faces gave him the idea that he was called up to be court martialed. However, his fears were soon relieved by Mr. Turner, who explained the occasion to be that of Mr. Patrick's 61st birthday, and with a few words of commendation and congratulation, presented Mr. Patrick with a very pretty gold watch fob, as expressive of the good wishes and friendship of the teachers of the Central Building. Mr. Patrick, though much taken by surprise, was able to respond with a few words of thanks and appreciation.

One of the most interesting talks that the High School students have had the good fortune to hear was given on Tuesday morning, May 1st, by President Crooks of Albany college. After a few pleasant remarks by way of introduction and a suggestion that he would like to see some of the graduates from the Grants Pass High School at the Albany college, he proceeded to speak to the students along a line which young people are prone to overlook. He began by saying that every young person there owed from \$2000 to \$3000, and he reminded them that beside this they were indebted to their parents, their friends and even the government for very many things which money cannot buy. Although they are not generally expected to repay this debt in cash, nevertheless, there are certain things which these people have a right to expect from the young people for whom they have sacrificed. Among these things he mentioned honesty—not just honesty in certain things, but a high standard of honor for everything—and industry. Regarding industry he said "There is work that is work; play that is play; play that is work, and work that is play." He showed that only the last is worth while; that it is work in which one is interested, work for someone, work with some great end in view, work in which a pleasure is taken, that counts. President Crooks' talk was made most interesting by pointed illustrations and well told stories. All who heard him would be more than pleased with an opportunity to listen to him again.

LELAND

We have no sickness to report. Some new sidewalks are being made. That is what has been needed. Very few idle men in Leland, and plenty of work for willing hands. George Strong has finished his building; other people will follow suit. A wedding in the near future. People are getting their cow bells ready, guns are always ready. Mr. Berglin, our packer, was in town last week with his pack train packing down the creek. Rain in abundance. It came in good time, although crops were not suffering. No use now to irrigate for a long time. Bob Gibson is visiting our town. He has been employed at the Opp mine at Jacksonville. He says that mine is a big paying investment. We understand that Mr. Wilson, one of our merchants, has bought the Greenback store. That store handles a large amount of goods. Some of our people will send supplies for the needy at San Francisco as soon as we can get information where to ship and who to. Some of our voters don't like the candidates that were nominated at the primaries, but they will have to submit to the majority. We have the right man on the republican ticket for constable; he weighs 300 pounds and will be able to take his man to the cooler or county jail. WIDE-AWAKE.

PROPOSED LAW TO TAX ALL NOTES

Would Make a Note Invalid if it Did Not Bear the Assessor's Stamp.

From Albany comes the following report of a new law to be introduced in the next legislature, which it seems to us will make quite a difference in the revenues of the state:

"To prevent modern Shylocks from exacting interest on money which they conceal from the tax collector, to force the money lender to turn in a correct statement of his personal property and to bear his portion of government expenses, as does the man whose entire estate consists of a few acres of tangible realty, is the purpose of a bill being considered for presentation to the Oregon legislature at its next session.

"The proposed law provides a remedy which, it is thought, will prove efficacious. The assessor's stamp of 'reported for taxation,' is required to appear on the back of the note, if collection of the note is to be forced in the courts. The practical working of the proposed law is something like this:

"When the assessor is listing the property of the people, all notes reported will be stamped across the back by the assessor, with the date, and some statement conveying the information that the notes were reported and listed on the date given. The holder of the paper will, of course, then be required to pay taxes on the notes, as on other personal property.

"The efficacy of the proposed law lies in the penalty for failure to so report all notes. Whenever a note is concealed, and the stamp of the assessor is not secured, to indicate that it has been reported for assessment, the proposed law will provide that collection of the note cannot be enforced in the courts.

"The enforcement of such law, if passed, would result in the assessment and taxation of hundreds of thousands of dollars in Oregon now escaping taxation. The provision of the proposed law which would indicate that it would be easy of enforcement, is that which provides that unless the assessor's stamp is upon a note as having been listed for assessment, no collection can be legally made, that is, it is optional with the maker of the note whether he pays it or not. The idea, it seems to us, is a good one and will work well when put into practical shape."

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Reduced Round Trip Rates Eastern Points Season 1906.

On July 3d and 8d, 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.

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