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TELEPHONE SITUATION IS EXPLAINED

J. A. Halliday of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company Clears Up Some False Impressions—Company Will Make Improvements.

There has been some misunderstanding regarding the telephone situation in Heppner which we are able to explain in this issue through a recent interview obtained from J. A. Halliday, a representative of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. It has been widely rumored and supposed by many that T. J. Humphreys had been relieved of the position of manager. According to Mr. Halliday this is not correct, as Mr. Humphreys will remain as manager as long as the telephone office remains in his store. "Any rumors about him being removed," said Mr. Halliday, "are due to a misunderstanding." Mr. Halliday was accompanied to this city by two other representatives of the phone company, J. R. Davies and W. D. Scott, also superintendents.

Mr. Halliday said that for some time the company had contemplated placing the Heppner district on the same basis as other districts in which the company operates. This would have required a manager to be located in Heppner and he would have supervision over Morrow county and probably some adjoining territory. This would have resulted in the office being located in quarters separated from any other business institution, and where more space would have been available. The company's engineer visited Heppner about the middle of January to see what additional apparatus would be required. He returned to Portland and placed an order for a switch board that would permit two operators to work at the same time so that during busy periods calls could be handled promptly. Mr. Halliday and Mr. Davies expected to come to Heppner about March 1st to see Mr. Humphreys about the proposed change, as Mr. Humphreys had previously advised the telephone company that he was ready to relinquish the office whenever the company was ready. Before March 1st arrived the complaint was filed. This has resulted in considerable embarrassment to Mr. Humphreys and his operators, and also to the telephone company, as it has placed them all in an undesirable position.

It is unfortunate that such a controversy should be injected into the affairs of the community and particularly so in view of the facts that we have learned. Mr. Halliday said, "the company's dealings with Mr. Humphreys have always been very satisfactory. No other agent in my territory has a better standing in the estimation of the telephone company, and it has been our intention to have Mr. Humphreys remain as our manager as long as the office is in his store." As soon as a new location has been obtained for the office, the fact will be announced in this paper. When the intention of the company became known, the complaint filed with the Public Service Commission was withdrawn.

In conclusion, Mr. Halliday said, "our many subscribers will undoubtedly be glad to learn the facts in the case as the complaint has caused considerable comment."

"The Unattainable."

Because Bessie Gale, an actress, made sure to protect herself from intrigue, she was known as "the unattainable" among the fast set that spends its leisure hours in pursuit of pleasure along New York's "Great White Way." Because she was left accidentally stranded among the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, while on a theatrical tour, she met and married a real man, albeit he was a sheep herder. Because there came to Bessie the longing to see once more the "bright lights," and because she listened to the call of the stage, Bluebird Photoplays have been provided with an excellent scenario for "The Unattainable," the feature to be exhibited at the Star Theatre on Saturday only, with Dorothy Davenport and Emory Johnson leading a splendid company in an engaging entertainment. Pictorially the work is made beautiful by the natural scenery of the Sierras and expensive "sets" depicting the haunts of the millionaires in New York. Its dramatic artistry is assured in the efforts of a carefully selected company, chosen to interpret the various roles because of the adaptability of the artists to the requisite impersonations.

Boardman

C. G. Blayden went to Pendleton Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Ballenger went to Wasco Monday.

E. W. Mack was a visitor between trains Thursday.

Sidney Mack has installed two pool tables in the north room of his block.

S. Oldaker and Mr. Walpole had a friend out over the project Thursday.

Wm. Mitchell, a friend of Mr. Dillabough, is a new comer in this section of the country.

Dr. Waincott was called to attend Fred Emberger Wednesday. He pronounced it another case of measles.

N. A. Price drove over from Portland Thursday to make his home on his homestead he filed on last summer.

Farmer Smith, agriculturist for the O-W. R. & N. Co., spoke to a very appreciative audience Thursday afternoon in the Dodd-Kennedy hall.

Cary Voven was called to Hermiston Wednesday to assist Mr. Phelps in the store. Mrs. Voven is still visiting with her mother who is suffering with a severe cold.

O. H. Warner went to Heppner Saturday, returning Sunday evening. While there he purchased a Ford to use in his livery business. Bert Bowker drove over from Heppner Tuesday morning with Mr. Warner's auto.

E. P. Dodd and L. K. Harlan were here Saturday. Mr. Harlan is interested in the newspaper business in Pilot Rock at present. He expects to print a paper for Boardman the coming week. He calls the paper the "Boardman Bulletin."

O. A. C. POULTRY SPECIALIST TO BE HERE

LENA SNELL SHURTE, County School Superintendent.

Arrangements have been made for Mr. C. C. Lamb of the Extension Service to work in Eastern Oregon, February 26, 27 and 28.

Mr. Lamb is a specialist in Poultry Husbandry, and will give a lecture on some phases of Poultry Husbandry work, at each of the meetings arranged, as well as take up the various lines of Industrial Club work and assist in organizing and explaining this work.

Following the lectures Mr. Lamb will be glad to take up in personal interviews, or through a general discussion, any phase of Poultry Husbandry that the people may be interested in.

He is scheduled for Heppner Monday evening, February 26, Lexington, Tuesday afternoon, February 27, Ione, Tuesday evening, February 27, Boardman, Wednesday afternoon, February 28, and Irrigon, Wednesday evening, February 28th.

A short program is being arranged by the different schools where the lectures will be given.

These lectures will be given at the school house in the different districts, about 2:30 in the afternoon, and 7:30 in the evening.

The following program will be given in the local high school auditorium under the direction of Miss Marian Long on the evening of February 26.

Drill Kinderpolka
Directed by Laurannah Groshens - Solo Neva Childsey
Song Selected
Directed by Clara Brown
Solo Loa Briggs
Music Selected
Directed by Elizabeth Phelps
Lecture C. C. Lamb
Dismissal Garnett Barratt, Pres.

Mission Societies Will Meet.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Federated church will entertain the Ladies Missionary Society of the Christian church in the parlors of the Federated church on Tuesday, February 25. The program will begin at 2:30. All ladies of both societies are invited to attend.

W. L. Houston, building contractor is spending a few days in Heppner on business. Mr. Houston at the present time has the contract for putting up two new buildings in Ione. Work will be commenced the first of the month on the Mason store building and the Rivers Auto Garage. Both of these buildings will be substantial structures, the former being constructed of brick, tile and concrete and the garage will be of brick and concrete.

W. O. Minor and family have returned to their home in this city after spending several weeks in southern California.

Bhp Eskelson of Meadow Brook Home was in the city today transacting business.

FIFTEEN OREGON COUNTIES NOW EMPLOY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

Fifteen Oregon counties now employ county agricultural agents, according to M. O. Evans, assistant county agent leader from the Extension Department of O. A. C.

Mr. Evans was in town Tuesday evening as advance agent for the Wool Exhibit Car which is to be here Saturday of this week.

The agents are proving a great help to the farmers in many ways, especially along the following lines: cooperative marketing, drainage, control of crop pests and diseases, seed selection and testing, crop rotation, field demonstrations with fertilizers and improved varieties, organization of cow testing and feeders associations, boys' and girls' industrial work. Over 1200 county agricultural agents are employed in the United States and several hundred in Canada.

In Oregon the state pays one-half the salary, traveling and office expenses if the county makes provision

to pay the other half. The expense is small compared with the benefits derived. The county agent is really the farmers' hired man. One of his chief functions is to serve as a clearing house for county agricultural information; this which has been accumulated by experience within the county as well as that available from outside sources.

Mr. Evans stated that it is not the policy of the Extension Service to attempt to start the work in a county until a large percent of the farmers of that county want it. Resolutions recently passed at a county meeting of the Farmers' Union indicates that there is considerable interest in this county. No one directly connected with this department of the Extension work has visited this county before.

The following Eastern Oregon counties employ county agricultural agents: Klamath, Crook, Deschutes, Wasco, Wheeler, Union and Malheur.

HELLO BILL! IS GREETING IN HEPPNER TODAY

"Hello Bill!" is on the lips of everyone in Heppner today as greetings are extended to all visiting Elks. It is the one big social event of the year and as a result, the city presents a holiday appearance. The merchants have entered into the spirit of the occasion, and store windows show a pretty coloring of purple and white. Through the artistic sense of the decorating committee, Main street has been lined on both sides with evergreen boughs. At night the purple lights will shine forth, adding their part to the color scheme and withal the visitors should be impressed with this feature of the entertainment.

Nothing has been left undone that might detract from the success of the affair, according to Exalted Ruler, H. H. Hoffman. The Condon special will be met by the home boys and the visitors will be brought up town by automobiles. Beginning at two o'clock, work will start in earnest in the lodge hall, in putting through the large class of candidates. This will take all afternoon. The visiting ladies will be feted and cared for in the Masonic building, which has been secured for the occasion.

The town belongs to the visitors, everything they want is theirs. We are all Elks in spirit today. While Heppner Lodge No. 358 is acting as host, we must all remember that we can do our little part in giving the visitors a royal welcome.

This evening will come the capping climax of the day's festivities, when the annual ball will be held in the Fair Pavilion. The pavilion is a riot of colors and the decorative effect is said to be the best ever produced for such an occasion by the lodge. Refreshments will be served buffet style and under the supervision of a caterer brought up from Portland to handle the job in an efficient manner. Parson's orchestra of Portland will play for the dances. Other music will be furnished by Romig Brothers band.

H. A. Conger, representing the Delco-Lights Products of Portland, was in the city this week establishing an agency for this well known lighting system. Mr. Conger announces that Vaughn & Sons have taken the agency here and Delco lights may be seen at their store. See advertisement in another column of this paper.

HAWAIIANS TO BE AT OPERA HOUSE FEBRUARY 27th



John Kilkenny Is Married In Portland

A wedding of interest that was solemnized yesterday morning in the Church of the Madeline was that of Miss Lottie Russell, of Condon, and John Kilkenny, of Heppner. Rev. Father Thompson officiated, and the couple were attended by Miss Marie Summers and Edward Russell. The bride wore a pretty gown of old gold taffeta and Georgette crepe, embellished with pearls, and she carried an arm bouquet of Killarney roses. The bridesmaid was attired in apple green taffeta and lace, and she also carried Killarney roses. Following the ceremony an elaborate wedding breakfast was served in the Hotel Imperial. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Kate Russell, a wealthy ranch owner of Condon, and she attended St. Mary's Academy and College, later attending a school in The Dalles. Mr. Kilkenny also is a wealthy ranch owner in Heppner, where the couple will make their home. Attending the ceremony and the wedding breakfast were: Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Summers and children, John Kilkenny, Jr., Rose Kilkenny, of Heppner, both children of the bridegroom; Luella Wain, of Portland, and Dr. J. F. Wood.—Oregonian.

Man Starving—

Cannot decide whether to part with his priceless violin or not. Death stares him in the face. Plenty is his if he will part with his cherished Cremona, but—Come and hear "The Soul of the Old Violin" Wednesday night, February 28th, high school auditorium.

SECOND IDAHO BILL HITS AT JAPANESE

Hearing on Alleged Lobby in Anti-Allen Land Bill Set for Today. Attorney Boos Up Again.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 20.—With the avowed purpose of preventing marriage between Japanese and Americans, a bill was introduced in the Senate today that promises to add complications to the Japanese difficulties.

Senator Atherton, of Twin Falls, is the author of the bill. He said he introduced it because of a case that arose in his own county Monday when a Japanese had applied for a license to wed an American girl. The clerk had refused the license on the grounds that Japanese were classified under the law as mulattos. Later he discovered his mistake.

Wednesday the Senate opens the hearing into the charges of an improper lobby maintained during the present session to defeat the anti-alien bill. E. M. Booth of Twin Falls, the attorney who is said to have handled the lobby for a \$10,000 fee, will be here to testify. Senator Mitchell, president pro tem of the ing evidence that Booth told many Senate is in possession of corroborative people he would get the fee if the bill was defeated. Booth appeared at Twin Falls as attorney for the Japanese seeking to marry the American girl.

Judy-Hughes.

R. J. Judy of Ione and Miss Mildred Hughes of this city were married last Saturday in this city, Rev. Turner B. McDonald of the First Christian church performing the ceremony. The marriage came as a surprise to the many friends of the young people.

Mr. Judy is a native of the Ione country and is now engaged in business in that city. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hughes, prominent people of Heppner, and one of Heppner's popular young ladies. The Gazette-Times joins in extending congratulations and well wishes.

St. Valentine Party.

A social event of the week, among the younger set, was the Valentine party given on Thursday evening last, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Humphreys, Miss Leta Humphreys honoring a number of her young friends. Decorations about the home consisted of a profusion of big red hearts, and everything was suggestive of the season. The evening was so quickly passed in numerous games, the plan of entertainment having been nicely worked out in advance by Miss Humphreys. A delicious luncheon was served as a fitting climax to the evening's enjoyment. Those present were: Misses Cecil Shurte, Flossie Barlow, Cecile Stevens, Virginia Crawford and Messrs. Guyle Shurte, Loren Mikesell, Will Morgan and Jesse O. Turner.

WOOL MEN TO GO AFTER COYOTES

Additional Bounty Will Serve to Cause Systematic Hunt on the Lamb Killer—Will Observe Poison Month.

In a letter from State Veterinarian W. H. Lytle, he says "Poison Month" is being generally observed throughout the Northwest during the month of February.

The Oregon State Legislature passed a coyote bounty law which provides a bounty of \$3.00 on all coyotes killed in the year 1917, with an increase of \$1.00 per year on females thereafter. This will have a natural tendency to materially assist in the eradication of the coyote. It is the intention of woolgrowers and sheepmen in general to conduct a crusade in coyote poisoning before whelping time.

Dr. Lytle calls attention to the fact that live stock was never so valuable as at the present time. A good lamb at birth is well worth from three to five dollars and a calf is easily worth from seven to ten dollars.

Herewith we publish a report of the National Woolgrowers' Committee after they had conferred with U. S. Biological Survey with a view to recommending practical and effectual methods of poisoning coyotes.

Systematic Poisoning of Coyotes Urged.

The conclusion reached after thorough discussion with officials in charge of the government operations in poisoning coyotes, is that, under winter conditions best results are obtained from small baits composed of lard and sugar, each with a poison dose of two and three-fourths (2 3/4) grains of strychnine (powdered alkaloid). The strychnine may be contained in a No. 2 capsule, or it may be placed in loose form in a cavity in the center of the bait. In the latter case, it is essential that the lard be cold and hard when the poison is added, since warm lard quickly absorbs the extremely bitter taste of strychnine.

The entire process of preparing the baits should be by means of clean wooden or metal implements to avoid the taint of human hands. Probably the most important recommendation of all, is that each bait be kept in a small, clean paper bag from the time it is prepared until placed for the coyote. It is advised that paper bags for the purpose be plainly labeled, "Coyote poison."

The materials are usually at hand for any stockman to prepare his own baits. Good, odorless, home-rendered lard is considered better than the market article.

The committee strongly advocates that each live stock association employ a competent man to make the baits in quantity, to supply members and cooperators, and that every effort be made to poison the ranges during the remainder of the winter.

In general operations of the kind it is important that inhabitants of the district be notified and other arrangements be made to insure the safety of dogs that are valued.

Directions for Preparing Poison Baits: (A)—In a warm place, mix thoroughly together home rendered lard and sugar in about equal quantities. Place outside to cool until stiff enough to mold into balls about the size of a small walnut; or into discs of about the same bulk. Press in the cavities for the poison; place in rows on a clean board and set outside to become thoroughly cold and hard. With a large pointed quill or other suitable measure, place the poison in the cavities with care that none be left on the surface. Close the cavities by applying the lard-sugar mixture with a case knife. Cool the baits; lift from the board with a case knife and transfer each bait to a small paper bag and twist securely shut. Keep in a cold place.

(B)—A modification of the above method well worthy of recommendation when the strychnine is used in loose form, is that the cavities for the poison be made with a red hot iron, thus forming a pocket with the scorched walls which prevent the strychnine from being absorbed by the lard.

Good poison baits are little more than half the game—the remainder being in their proper use in the field. It may be said that poison baits should be placed as carefully as are traps. The following methods are recommended:

(1)—Place the poison lard balls in and about carcasses, and especially on trails twenty to a hundred feet from them. Old carcasses are attractive to coyotes even when little more than bones and hair remain. There is no better place for poison than in or near the remains of an old sheep.

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