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## Not Until Fortunes Had Been Made

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## PROTEST AGAINST TOLL CHARGE

### JOINT COMMITTEE WILL CONFER

Citizens from Upper Valley, Odell and City Discuss Matter—Local Merchants to Attend Bonneville Picnic.

The action of the Home Telephone Co. in inaugurating a toll charge of 10 cents for all messages between the Upper and Lower Hood River Valleys has been met with a strong protest from the Upper Valley Progressive Association, the Odell Development League and the Merchants' Association of this city. At a special meeting called by the former organization last week, J. R. Putnam, W. S. Gribble and G. M. Utegrove were appointed as a committee to meet with similar committees from the Odell and Hood River associations and devise some means of conferring with the management of the Telephone Company in an endeavor to get it to rescind its action.

The matter came before the Hood River Merchants' Association at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night at which, in addition to the above committee of Upper Valley citizens, the Odell committee, composed of L. P. Boyd, E. P. Fols and E. C. F. Smith, and a number of other Odell citizens were present.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Gribble stated that the people of the Upper Valley would have to bear the brunt of the telephone company's special rate charge. "Especially will it work a great hardship on the merchants of the upper district," he continued. "In my own place of business, if the rate is enforced, it will add from \$10 to \$15 per month to my expenses." In the course of his talk Mr. Gribble gave some of the early history of the county's telephone systems. A telephone to the Mt. Hood region becoming a necessity, the people of the district made an attempt to get the Bell Telephone Co. to install a system.

However, although promises were made, the company delayed action, and finally taking the matter in their own hands, they installed an independent line to this city. Later the Home Telephone Co. formed for the purpose of maintaining a telephone service for the people of the Valley. In order to avoid a competing line the Mt. Hood people sold to the new company.

Members of the Odell Development League, who addressed the meeting, expressed a fear that if the company now found it necessary to charge an additional fee for the Upper Valley service that it would not be long until the phone users of that neighborhood would be similarly assessed. President Enoch Brayford, of the Merchants' Association, stated that in this matter should be carried before the State Railroad Commission, which by the Maloney bill has the power of a general utilities commission throughout the state.

The members of all the organizations seem to evidence the sentiment that the telephone company should receive a reasonable profit from its service, but there is a feeling that no more than a reasonable profit, it is necessary to receive an additional revenue, to distribute the assessment against all the users of the system. The members of all the organizations feel that when the matter is put up to the telephone company in such light that it will change its present action. The toll rate of 10 cents was originally to have been inaugurated on June 15. The company, however, later deferred the levy of the assessment till July 1.

At the Tuesday night meeting of the merchants, President Brayford announced that the Merchants' Association of Portland would hold a picnic at Bonneville Wednesday, July 12. He told the members of the organization they should attend the festivities in a body. Several of the local merchants spoke briefly and in favor of attending the picnic. D. McDonald, J. W. Perigo and J. M. Wood were appointed on a committee to canvass among the merchants and try and secure a special car to take them and their families to Bonneville for the day.

The secretary of the organization, J. M. Wood, read financial report, which showed that the treasury now had on hand \$136. Because of the fact that his duties were small during the summer months Mr. Wood agreed that his salary of \$25 per month should be decreased to \$10.

After drawing for the five dollars, by the plan recently adopted by the association in order to secure a full attendance of its members, the merchants entertained their visitors with an informal luncheon at Parker's Cafe.

## CHEAP POWER IS PROMISED

### P. P. & L. CO. ANNOUNCES RATE CUT

The Hydro Electric Company Promises Power to Consumers of Community at a Minimum Cost.

From the recent announcement of the Pacific Power & Light Co., in which its management states that it will make a sweeping reduction in the present rates charged in this city for electric power and the declarations of the management of the Hydro Electric Co., the people of the community will soon enjoy the privilege of enjoying decidedly cheap electric light and power. The reduction in rates, which it is stated by the management of the Pacific Power Co. is made possible because of the construction of several plants thus decreasing operating expenses, has, the company also asserts, met with the approval of the State Railroad Commission, which under a recently enacted law is the commissioner of a general utilities commission. The same cut in rates is announced in all cities in which it has plants.

## NEW HOME FOR TIP TOP COMPANY

"Our business demands that we come into the city," states Captain C. P. McCann, who with Mrs. McCann returned last week from Pleasanton, Calif., to spend the summer here. "Our present building is not near large enough and our facilities are not near commodious enough to enable us to do justice to our customers."

Captain McCann plans building a large concrete structure on the property owned by him at the foot of Third and Fourth street. The building will be two stories in height on Third street and one story high on Fourth street. It will be divided into a number of small storerooms. The big garage, which will be the new home of the Tip Top Motor Car Co., will occupy the whole of the second floor and will be entered on Fourth street.

## STRAWBERRY CRATE MATRIMONIAL MEDIUM

M. B. Appleton, the local fruit dealer, in unpacking a crate of strawberries the other day from Hood River, Oregon, found the following self-explanatory message from some love-sick swain:

Mr. George M. Warden,  
Hood River, Oregon,  
R. F. D. No. 2, Box No. 24.  
"I am 20 years old, black hair. I graduated from college in Maine. All of the Hood River girls are trying to make a mash but I would prefer a girl about 5 foot, black hair, very pretty, white teeth, and elegant shape, write soon."

Evidently George has got the matrimonial bug bad. We fear, George, however, is rather stretching it when he says he is a college grad. as his spelling would indicate. It is a far call from a Maine College to Oregon strawberry fields. This is a good chance for Yorkton girls who can fill the necessary qualifications and include in their list of accomplishments the Hood River girls who are endeavoring to capture the fair George.—The Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Times.

## CITIZENS OF LYLE PLAN BIG FOURTH

Nothing will be left undone, says the Lyle Washingtonian, to make the coming Fourth of July celebration at Lyle the most enthusiastic that has ever been held there. The event has been widely advertised and the people of Lyle are hard at work preparing the program and for the entertainment of their guests. A display of fireworks will be one of the features of the day. An oration by a well known speaker is planned. The fan may watch an interesting game of baseball. And still others, says the Washingtonian, can lead off in the dizzy whirl with "joy unconfined" at the largest pavilion on the Columbia while the more sedate can shy out of hearing and worship according to the dictates of a less expanded conscience.

## Enormous Ant's Nest.

While exploring the Mosier View tract of the Hood River Orchard Land Co. Sunday a party of people from Hood River discovered an enormous ant's nest. A stick was thrust into the big nest, which must have been three feet in diameter, and in a moment the infuriated insects swarmed in a mass an inch thick on the broken twigs of which it was constructed. The ants which were nearly a half inch in length and were of a dull red color, are known as Carpenter ants.

## Eloping Chickens.

A dispatch from Pendleton to the Portland Journal states that James Connors, of that city, has two adventurous young chickens which arrived in Pendleton one evening last week, after having successfully ridden the rods beneath the express car all the way from Spokane. They were found there shortly after their arrival, black and grimy like any other hobo's. The expressman remembers hearing a noise shortly after leaving Spokane, but thought nothing of it until they were dragged forth in Pendleton by Agent T. F. O'Brien and turned over to Connors. Both were scarcely past the pin-leather stage, one being a plump young pullet and the other a rangy young chicken, which gives their adventure something of the aspect of an elopement.

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## Central Vale is Growing

A few weeks ago the surveyor divided the lands of the Central Orchard Co., in the Heart of the Hood River Valley, into 23 lots. To date seven of these lots have been sold. A crew has been put on the land to clear two lots for one of the buyers. The other buyers will finish the clearing on their tracts, beginning next month. The clearing is easy in the light brush which has been slashed and sprouted several years. Thirty acres already in orchard, partly in bearing. This property is reasonably priced and the terms are made to suit purchaser. Call or write.

Ask C. R. BONE, Pres.,  
or J. E. MONTGOMERY

**Central Orchard Co.**

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