

TELEPHONE CO. IS ORGANIZED AT A MEETING SUNDAY

TWENTY-THREE SIGN UP FOR PHONES

Those Attending the Meeting State That There Are Seven or Eight More Who Will Sign the Contracts. Line and Phone Will Cost Farmer \$85, and Switching Fee Will Be \$1.20 a Year—Other Lines Soon.

At a meeting of the water users living between here and Merrill, held yesterday afternoon at the Henley school house, the Reclamation Rural Telephone company was organized, with 23 members. The officers elected are:

- President—J. S. McClellan.
- Secretary—Tom Walters.
- Treasurer—John Koontz.
- Directors—James Henley, H. J. Lester and the officers.

In addition to the twenty-three farmers who signed the contract yesterday, there are seven or eight others who will sign when the contract is handed them. Eventually, it is believed, the system will have telephones on farms along the Griffith lateral and along other government canals where there are telephone poles. The poles erected by the reclamation service are to be used as much as possible by the farmer line, which means a big saving in construction expense.

The farmers will build their lines to the city limits, and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will construct the line from there to the switchboard. The farmers will get switching service at this exchange for \$1.20 a year, giving them all the privileges accorded the local subscribers.

The cost of the system complete to installed telephones will be about \$35 per subscriber, it is estimated. The average line, where poles must be furnished, costs from \$80 to \$100. The latest type of rural telephone is to be installed. One feature is selective ringing, by which the subscriber, by pressing a button, can ring central and not ring any bell on the line, or can ring a party on the

Mexican Told He Will Be Held Responsible by U. S.



VENUSTIANO CARRANZA First Chief of the Constitutionals.

line without the call coming in at the central office.

This instrument also has a condenser, which makes it possible, in case of emergency, to ring through to central if the line is busy.

Will Elect President.

At tomorrow's meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, a president will be chosen to succeed Mrs. F. B. Kinnear, the efficient officer who leaves the city soon to reside in California. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Rose Harpold, Seventh and Canal streets, beginning at 2:30.

CARRANZA MUST PROTECT LIVES OF FOREIGNERS

UNITED STATES MAKES LEADER RESPONSIBLE

Still Sharper Note Dispatched to Constitutional Leader, Who Again Says He Will Withdraw His Troops From Mexico City, Leaving the Foreigners There at the Mercy of Mob Violence.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Carranza has confirmed the report that his forces under General Obregon will evacuate Mexico City, according to a dispatch received today by the state department.

In reply, it is understood that Secretary Bryan sent the "first chief" a still sharper note than Saturday's communication.

Today's note stated that Carranza is held responsible for the conduct of General Obregon, who has menaced the peace of the inhabitants of Mexico City.

It notified Carranza that if any foreigners are slain in Mexico as the result of the withdrawal of Obregon and his command from Mexico City, Carranza must assume the responsibility for their deaths.

The note sent to Carranza Saturday is said to be the sharpest ever sent to any nation.

Carranza was told in no uncertain language that the starvation now threatening Mexico City must be relieved at once. He was warned that the United States does not approve of the plan of General Alvaro Obregon, Carranza's troop commander, to withdraw his troops and leave the capital to its fate at the first sign of a riotous demonstration. All official and unofficial advice received by the state department showed the food situation is menacing, and that something must be done immediately.

Meantime General Francisco Villa has been informally advised that a massacre of foreigners would be "very unfortunate." It is reported that Villa is pressing his campaign against Tampico, but it is doubtful whether he can force a change in the military situation in time to prevent a crisis.

CITY ELECTION NEXT ON BILL

FIVE COUNCILMEN TO BE CHOSEN, AND ANKENY CANAL MAY BE UP—REGISTRATION BOOKS ARE NOW OPEN

With an entire new council to be selected May 3, city politics are beginning to get lively again, and a few little bees are already a-buzzing. The prospect of the Ankeny ditch amendment going on the ballot is also adding interest to the coming voting.

But to vote, it is necessary to register. And to register it is necessary to appear at the city hall during office hours between now and April 15. No votes can be sworn in at a city election.

OLIVER BACK FROM 'FRISCO

KLAMATH COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE SAYS FULLY 90 PER CENT OF THE VISITORS NOW ARE FROM THE EAST

Fully 90 per cent of the visitors registered at the Oregon building at the exposition are from Eastern and Middle Western points, according to C. T. Oliver, who has returned after installing Klamath county's exhibit there. He states that this is the time that a representative should be maintained, as the rush of visitors is earlier than usual.

Oliver is being warmly commended for the manner in which he arranged the Klamath exhibit. This is one of the most attractive and unique in the Oregon building. Tonight Oliver will make a complete report to the Chamber of Commerce.

DAMAGES ASKED ON UNDERTAKING

FORMER SALOON MAN BRINGS ACTION AGAINST MAN WHO ATTACHED HIS BAR, AND FIRM ISSUING THE BOND

Suit to recover \$1,025 damages was filed in the circuit court today against Tom Love and the National Surety company by Al Crystal. W. H. A. Renner is the plaintiff's attorney. Crystal was arrested last year on complaint of Love, who held that Crystal withheld money belonging to Love. A civil suit was also started, and Love, under this, attached the saloon, the surety company issuing the bond.

Crystal was acquitted of the criminal charge, and the attachment was dissolved without trial of the action. Crystal maintains that he was damaged to the extent of the judgment asked by the shutting of the saloon.

SCHALLOCK DIES FROM POISONING

TOOK CREOSOTE AT A POOL ROOM SATURDAY NIGHT—THE FUNERAL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY IN THIS CITY

Mark Schallock, who dramatically swallowed creosote just before midnight Saturday, died at 9 o'clock last night at Blackburn hospital. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Stablesfield being selected to conduct the services. In his last hours Mark was perfectly rational, and by his aunt, Mrs. Fred Melhase, sent thanks to the friends who had assisted him in his trouble recently. He thoroughly appreciated his situation, and expressed himself as glad that the end of this life was near.

EVANS' CLOTHES CAUSE OF SUIT

MAN ARRESTED FOR WITHHOLDING THEM SAYS HE HELD THEM WAITING FOR PAY—SUIT OFFERED IN EVIDENCE

OREGON LIVE STOCK MAN OFFERS BLOODED CALVES AT LOW PRICES—CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTERESTED

The preliminary hearing for E. Doir on charge of larceny by bailie started in the justice court this afternoon, with Sam Evans, complaining witness, the first to be called. W. H. Shaw represents the defendant, and the state is represented by Prosecuting Attorney John Irwin.

Evans accuses Doir of withholding two suits of clothes, worth \$50, which Evans sent him for cleaning. Doir says he is holding these clothes to get the money for the work, and says that Saturday he called Evans and told him that if the clothes were not taken and the work paid for, he would advertise them for sale.

Evans says that Doir owes more than the cost of the work for advertising. Doir denies this. Doir's valuation of the suits is different from that of Evans. He said one suit is worth \$5 and the other is worthless. Doir's bill is for \$5. Evans says his advertising bill is for \$3.35.

"SICK MAN" IS OUT OF PRISON; COUP EXPECTED

ABDUL HAMID BEING WATCHED BY WORLD

Sultan Who Was Deposed Six Years Ago Appears on the Scene Again as Head of a Peace Party, Which May Mean Return of Old Turks to Power, and Turning of Turkey to Allies—Other War News.

United Press Service

LONDON, March 8.—Abdul Hamid, the former sultan of Turkey, is free again, according to the latest dispatches from Bucharest.

It is understood that "The Sick Man of Europe" has surrounded himself with numerous friends, and plans to execute a coup that may have an important bearing upon the European war.

It is understood that a dramatic entry into Constantinople is planned. Although the message of the sultan's release from prison has not been confirmed from any other source, it is arousing the greatest interest in international circles.

Government officials are speculating on the possibility of Abdul Hamid making a master stroke for the allies, forcing Turkey to sue for peace.

Abdul Hamid dropped out of sight in 1908, when the Young Turks revolted and took the government.

It is reported that his re-entrance at the head of a peace party, now that Constantinople is threatened, may be part of a carefully staged plan to regain control by the old Turks.

A French cruiser was put out of action and an English cruiser damaged yesterday in the Dardanelles bombardment.

United Press Service

PARIS, March 8.—In a bloody hand-to-hand engagement along the Vosges, the Germans were repulsed yesterday with extremely heavy loss, the French gaining 400 yards of trenches.

Longs Leave Tomorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell M. Long, Miss Jennie Harris, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Marquette leave in the morning for Harrison, Neb., where they will reside.

WORK IS STARTED ON ENLARGEMENT OF THE LATERAL

CAMP AT DIVERSION DAM STARTED TODAY

In Addition to This Outfit, Government Will Establish Another Near Merrill Wednesday, and Maybe a Third Near the Staket Bridge Today—Side for Schedules Will Be Opened Wednesday Evening.

With at least twenty-five teams, work toward the enlargement of the Griffith lateral was commenced at the diversion dam this morning. This outfit is in charge of Elmer W. Smith.

Wednesday another camp will be opened by the reclamation service at the Merrill end of the lateral, near the Hill ranch. The third camp will be started Friday at Staket bridge.

Besides these camps, working force account, there will be several portions of the work contracted to private individuals, as the work is to be rushed through to completion the latter part of April.

E. M. Hammond will have charge of the camp near Merrill. As yet, the foreman for the Staket bridge contract has not been selected. Engineer A. H. Shadler is in charge of all the operations for the government.

WARNER'S BOND RAISED TODAY

MAN ACCUSED OF ARSON RESTRICTED SATURDAY NIGHT, AND TODAY HIS BOND WAS RAISED BY MAGISTRATE

Edward Warner, bound to the grand jury on a charge of setting fire to the Peterseither cafe, is now in jail, with his bond fixed at \$2,500 cash.

Warner has been at liberty under \$1,000 bonds. He was rearrested Saturday night, the state fearing that he would leave the country, and today the bond was increased.

Birds Shun War Zone

Migratory Birds Have Changed Courses of Flight

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 18.—(By mail to New York)—Even the birds have gone wrong in Europe. Man's madness has upset their lives and habits, and the very few ornithologists in England and France who can stick to their study of birds, in spite of the war, are scratching their heads about it.

The pathways of the birds, as they fly southward in winter and back again in the spring, have been mapped out for years in Europe. But the birds have forsaken their old routes and the birdsmen say it is because of the war.

Shore lights, and even the lights of the towns, it seems, are guides for the birds in their long southward journeys, and this year the lights are gone. The same lights that would direct a little feathered fellow toward sunny Italy would also direct a huge Zeppelin toward an English coast town. So all the folks of the air, whether covered with feathers or canvas, are traveling in the dark this year. The canvas birds can carry their own lights, in a pinch, but the other kind must get along as best they can, without lamps. There is no

doubt that the birds found their way to the south, as usual, but they groped their way, and it was probably slow traveling. Their return to the north, when spring comes, will be as dim.

The birdsmen have proved, beyond a doubt, that the birds are disturbed by the sounds of firing. The Rev. Charles Kent of Thorford, one Saturday night recently, heard a terrific chattering of the pheasants and small birds around his house. There was a terrific fuss in birddom. The cries were shrill and wild. The birds left their beds in the trees and flew about in terror. Their ears were catching sounds in the air that the rector and his family were missing.

But when the rector picked up the Sunday morning paper, he saw that the German Zeppelins had bombarded the coast some miles away during the very hours of the birds' excitement. He was so impressed that he wrote a letter to the Times about it, whereupon many other residents of that part of England said that all the birds in their neighborhoods had conducted themselves in the most excited manner.

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Get Information on Beets

Chamber of Commerce Hears From Other Sections

As a result of inquiries sent to sugar beet producing communities, the Chamber of Commerce is daily receiving letters giving statistics regarding beet culture. The following was received from Sterling, Colo.:

"Your letter received inquiring about sugar factories, beet growing, etc. A sugar beet factory is a good thing for the farmer provided it is in a country where sugar beets can be grown successfully.

"Counting expense from the time one commences plowing ground until beets are at the factory, the cost is about \$40 per acre. That includes preparing the ground, cost of seed, planting, hoeing and all hand work, cultivating, pulling, topping and hauling to the factory.

"The hand work, done here especially by Russians and Japanese, includes hoeing, I think, about three times during the season, thinning or blocking or spacing as it is generally called, leaving one plant out of a bunch and these plants ten inches apart. Blocking and thinning is the best work done after the plants come up, and is done when there are from two to four leaves. Next is hoeing,

which is done during cultivation to keep all weeds down. This part of the hand work is finished when the beets cover the ground unless later some high weeds come up, which should be pulled. The rest of the handwork is in the fall, when the harvest commences. This consists of pulling, topping and throwing into piles.

"This finishes the hand work, which costs about \$30 per acre. The rest of the cost is in seed, preparation of ground, cultivating, plowing beets out of ground (this part of the work is done with a special plow, which only raises the beet partly out of the ground, making it easy to pull) by the hand laborers and hauling to beet dumps or factory.

"This the farmer may count, making their time, about \$10 per acre. Five dollars per ton is about the average price paid here for beets. Sugar companies pay on a sliding scale, which means that the amount of sugar in the beets determines the price. An average price paid in this section, eight tons per acre, would be \$50 per acre.

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