

The Evening Herald

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THE TELEPHONE OUTRAGE

The business men of Klamath Falls are going to face the question as to whether they will quietly accept the dictum of a supinely subservient Public Service Commission and be robbed by a new telephone rate or assert their manhood and refuse to pay tribute to the Bell Telephone company, which dictated the new rates. Under the new rule of these same carrying time service, whom the people of this state lauded by electing to the High office of Public Service Commissioners, the business men of this city will have to pay one dollar a month additional for the use of the telephone. If it is a desk phone there is an additional penalty of twenty-five cents. Thus practically every business man in Klamath Falls is penalized to the extent of \$1.25 a month, or an increase of 50 per cent on present rates, or fifteen dollars a year. Are the business men of this city going to submit to this hold-up? Are they going to permit the so-called "Public" Service Commission to set aside our contract with the telephone company, under the terms of which there was to be no increase in rates until one thousand phones were in use? Are we going to quietly accept the action of this "Corporation" Service Commission in this telephone robbery, as we have accepted similar action in the case of the increased light and water rates? Not if the expressions heard today are an indication of the sentiment and determination of the business men of the city to resist to the last ditch this new move to pick the last nickel out of their pockets. The business men of Klamath Falls will not pay the rates they will throw out their phones and keep them out until such time as the city itself can install a telephone system of its own—on that the corporation serving public officials can not dictate to and one that will not be made the medium of filching the last cent from the already overburdened, over taxed business man.

Under the new ruling of the "Corporation" Service Commission, the increase applies only to business phones. Why? It's masters figured that business houses could not get along without a phone if the residents kept theirs. Consequently they have planned to rob the business man first. In announcing this decision, we are informed that this increase is good only for one year, during which time a full investigation is to be made and if it is found that the increase was not warranted the charges will be reduced. At the end of a year it will be found that the poor business man was discriminated against and the residence phone charge will go up, but there will be no reduction in the charge for business phones. If anyone doubts that such a program will be followed, all he has to do is read the decision of the "Corporation" Service Commission when it announced the increased rates for light and water. And yet there are some who can't account for the spread of red handed anarchy throughout the world!

Any hope of securing relief thru the courts need not be entertained for following the twentieth century plan of "let the people rule," our honored and respected supreme court has ruled that a franchise between a city and a corporation, fixing rates is a mere scrap of paper and that our "Corporation" Service Commission has unlimited authority to set aside such a franchise and to raise or lower rates or anything else.

So there is just one thing for the business men of Klamath Falls to do and that is to refuse to recognize the rulings of the "Corporation" serving Commission and not pay the increased charge. Monday morning an agreement will be circulated, under the terms of which every user of a business phone will agree not to pay the increased charge. Every business and professional man should sign it and then every resident thruout the city should order his phone removed

Klamath Falls can do without telephones until such time as it has its own system. Then when Burleson hands back to the Bell Telephone crowd the system he took over for the purpose of doing what that corporation dare not do, it will not have an asset the state funds of one independent American community.

The attention of the city administration is called to the great danger to life and property due to overhead wires. An ordinance should be immediately passed ordering all wires underground. Even the "corporation" serving commission can't interfere with such an order.

Let the business men of Klamath Falls stand as a unit against the highway robbery of the telephone people. Don't pay one cent of tribute. Be a full-blooded, independent American!

While you are considering this increase in Telephone rates, also consider if the people are not the goal in this "let the people rule" legislation hump that was handed out in the direct primary, initiative and referendum. Where could you find a "boss" that would O. K. a rotten deal of this kind? Anyone who thought a Public Service Commission would serve the interests of the people had better just study the situation now.

While considering the new rates of telephones, the business men should remember that the local representatives are in no way to blame. Mr. Ludden and his assistants occupy an unenviable situation, irresponsible to the extreme, but it should not be made more so by unjust criticism. They have rendered this city splendid service and let us show our appreciation of it by leaving them out of the question. They will undoubtedly continue to efficiently render the public such service as may be demanded.

Geraldine Farrar makes her first appearance in Goldwyn Pictures, the play chosen for her being "The Turn of The Wheel," by Tex Chaffin. When the international celebrity appears at the Star Theatre, beginning Sunday, it is said that she will have a role of her own choosing, which means that "The Turn of The Wheel" is a play of today, the star having announced that she means to appear only in modern roles.

The story of "The Turn of The Wheel" is a highly dramatic one, beginning at Monte Carlo, where Rosalie Dean, an American girl, is sojourning with her aunt. At the Casino she sees a stranger, also an American, playing recklessly, and he loses. Feeling a powerful attraction Rosalie follows him and stops Maxfield Grey when he is on the verge of suicide. Like all gamblers, he is sure that he could win back everything if he had one more chance. Rosalie insists that he take that chance with money she gives him and Grey does win back—everything.

Remanded to the Tombs, Grey refuses stubbornly to say anything to clear himself. His attorney is helpless. Grey says that he visited his wife the night she was shot, but beyond that will tell nothing. Rosalie's belief in his innocence never wavers. Her astute work in uncovering the real murderer brings a thrilling and interesting conclusion.

AT THE CHURCHES

NOTICE—In order to insure publication, copy for church announcements must be at The Herald office not later than Friday evening.

First Baptist Church, corner Washington and Eighth. J. B. Griffith, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m., C. R. DeLap, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m.

Sacred Heart Church, corner 8th and High streets. Rev. Hugh J. Marshall, pastor. 8th & High Streets 1st Mass at 8:00 A. M. 2nd Mass at 10:00 A. M. Evening Services at 7:30

The Christian Science Society of Klamath Falls holds services at 113 Fourth street every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and every Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are welcome. The subject of lesson for Sunday, "Adam and Fallen Man" The Sunday school session is from 9:45 to 10:45 every Sunday morning. The free reading room and free lending library is open from 2:30 to 4:30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Tenth and High. Rev. Simpson Hamrick, pastor, 1117 East street. Phone 67W. You will want to attend the service Sunday morning in honor of the greatest person you have ever known—your mother. Wear a red flower if your mother is living, a white one if she is dead. The subject for the morning "The Greatest among Women" In the evening, subject "The Sorrowful Young Man" Don't forget to come to the church meeting Monday evening. Lieutenant Frank James will be present.

Presbyterian Church, Pine street, near Second. Rev. E. P. Lawrence pastor. Morning worship 11 A. M. Subject "The Old Fashioned Mother" versus the Up to Date Mother" Evening service 8 P. M. Moving pictures A Red Cross Reel, entitled "The Children of No Man's Land" Said to be very fine.

Subject of sermon "The Big Girl and her old fashioned mother" Sunday school at 10 A. M. with special cartoons at the opening Christian Endeavor service here at 7 P. M. Subject "The Lure of the World" Special music by the choir in the morning. Miss Francis Wiley will also sing for us the touching song "Mother Macrea" In the evening Miss Vera Houston will sing a solo "Tell Mother I'll be There," assisted by a quartet on the chorus. As this is Mother's Day everyone is requested to wear a white flower in honor of their mother and attend some church service.

First Christian Church, corner Ninth and Pine streets. C. F. Trimble, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermon. (Mother's Day Address) Eleven o'clock. Christian Endeavor 7 P. M. Sermon at 8:00 p. m. Sermon and Baptismal service Wednesday 8 P. M. Sunday evening the pastor will give "Some lessons from 'The Shepherd of the Hills'" Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.

Lutheran services at the Baptist church, corner Eighth and Washington, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. M. Rossman pastor, residence 137 First street. Since Rev. M. Rossman has gone to Gold Hill Oregon to preach, no Lutheran services will be held. However services will be held again on Sunday May 18 at 7:30 P. M. Rev. M. Rossman 137 First St. Sunday school will be held at 2:00 p. m.

All are cordially invited to worship with us

Emanuel Baptist Church, Eleventh and High streets. W. L. Wilson, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning services at 11 o'clock. Evening services at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Mothers' Day at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Morning subject "Mother" Evening "The Value of Man" All evening services begin at 8 o'clock.

HOUSTON'S Metropolitan Amusements

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DARING RAID BY MEXICAN BANDITS

DOUGLAS, May 10.—Twenty two mounted bandits last night raided the town of Cananea in Sonora, robbed the bank, killed five of the police officers and the city jailer and released all the prisoners. The Chief of Police was among the officers killed. The bandits escaped to the mountains.

PAGE MAY RESIGN

PARIS, May 10.—It is stated in high quarters that Thomas Nelson Page, Ambassador to Italy would resign his post on the conclusion of Peace.

The great popularity of the Travelers LOW COST Guaranteed life policies is reflected in the fact that during 1918 this progressive company issued more than \$213,000,000 of new life business. Ask Chilcote & Smith about the NEW 1918 policies. 9-11

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