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## INCREASE IN TELEPHONE RATES IS MADE

Will Apply Only to Private and Party Lines

TO BE STATEWIDE

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The latest hold-up game staged on the people of Oregon is to be played by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, and comes in the nature of an increase of 75 cents per month for private lines and 50 cents per month for four-party service. The rate applies to all cities and towns in the state, and becomes effective tomorrow.

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People Must Pay Bill  
May 1 a similar robbery was perpetrated on the business men of the state, and at that time it was intimated that there would be no change in the charge for private phones. But evidently the wheels of state have been well greased, and now the people are called upon to pay the bill.

The following statement has been issued by the telephone company:  
The increase in telephone rates effective today throughout the State of Oregon, as well as the City of Klamath Falls, is a direct consequence of the heavy increase in wages effective on June 16th, amounting to in excess of \$225,000 for the State of Oregon. These wages go to the people who work for the telephone company and render the service.

Rates Believed Just  
The telephone rates are put in by the company because of the financial requirements of the company by reason of heavy increase in wages. The rates in each particular instance are rates approved by the Postmaster General on or before June 6, 1919. These particular rates are made effective because they are believed in each instance to be just and reasonable rates for the service to which they apply. They also constitute the only unquestionably legal rates in the state and every instance. The public has been paying rates recently in an order issued by the public service commission of Oregon, which became effective May 1st, 1919. The public will remember that the investigation instituted by the commission last November was the most thorough ever conducted in an increase of rates effective in May, 1919. The commission advised at the time that the relief provided in their order was designed to provide only wage increases which had been made effective the year previous, particularly the wage increase of November, 1918. The commission withheld the application of increased rates until the 1st of May, and then applied the rates

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## JURY INVESTIGATES DEATH OF YOUNG BOY

Verdict given out last night by the coroner's jury that investigated the drowning of Robert Holliday was to the effect that the young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Holliday met his death Tuesday evening by accidentally falling off the Esplanade bridge into the waters of the government canal.

Acting Coroner Larsen conducted the investigation which was held Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in Whitlock's Undertaking Parlor. Members of the jury were, H. Dwyre, D. M. Smith, T. G. McHattan, Frank Wiley, J. E. Howie, and F. M. Garlich. Witnesses who were called in to give testimony were J. W. Bennett, L. E. Friend, W. L. Kades, F. E. Bewley, and John Holliday.

Funeral services for Robert Holliday will be held this afternoon from Whitlock's Undertaking Parlor, which will be conducted by Rev. E. P. Lawrence.

## WILSON CONFERS WITH SENATORS

WASHINGTON, July 31.—"My back is stiffer than ever for ratification of the Peace Treaty with reservation," said Republican Senator Keyes of New Hampshire today, following his conference with the President.

Senator New Republican from Indiana, said he told President Wilson that it would be "utterly impossible to get the Senate to accept the treaty as it now stands." He further declared that it would be ratified with reservations or it would fall completely.

## FORESTRY CLUB LEAVES

Passengers on this morning's train for Weed included the 60 or more members of the Massachusetts Forestry Association, who are on their way to San Francisco, after a trip across the continent.

They are traveling in three special Pullmans. Yesterday they visited the operations of the Pelican Bay Lumber company.

## CHILD BORN THIS MORNING

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Copeland of this city at the maternity hospital this morning. Both the mother and child are doing nicely.

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers receiving their papers through the mails are requested to examine the date following their names. It tells you when your subscription expires. When this date is reached, your paper will be stopped, unless you have renewed your subscription. During the past month we have been lenient on this point, because we have been revising and correcting our list and wanted to have it absolutely correct before publishing this notice. Beginning August 1, every paper will be discontinued when the expiration date is reached. No attention will be paid to the name of the subscriber. The mailing clerk will simply examine the date, and if it indicates that the subscription has not been renewed, then he will remove it from the list. It is not a question of credit or anything of the kind. It is simply a systematizing of our mailing operation, and must be followed rigidly to enable us to avoid making mistakes. When you renew your subscription, no receipt will be sent, but the date following your name will be changed. Watch this, and you will then know that your money has been received and that you have been given credit.

The attention of our city subscribers is called to the fact that on next Saturday the carriers will collect for the paper. Please be prepared to pay them so that they will not have to make more than one call. We ask this out of consideration for the boys, who suffer as much from the heat as do their elders.

## MODERN THEATRE TROOPS QUELL RACE RIOTING

WILL BE BUILT

H. W. Poole Buys Property Back of Present Theatre—Will Start Construction Within Thirty Days of New Playhouse.

Vision of the future of Klamath Falls as a thriving city was expressed in a deal that was consummated yesterday afternoon whereby H. W. Poole, owner of the Liberty Theatre, purchased from P. M. Reidy and Kerns Brothers a plot of ground on Klamath Avenue with a frontage of 103 feet.

The newly acquired property is directly behind the Liberty Theatre and was purchased by Mr. Poole with the express intention of starting construction within 30 days of one of the most modern and up-to-date motion picture theatres and playhouses combined on the coast.

Seating arrangements will be provided for 1800, which according to Mr. Poole can be enlarged when occasion warrants it. The present entrance of the Liberty Theatre will be entirely remodelled and enlarged and will be used as the entrance of the new Liberty Theatre which will extend thru the block on the recently acquired property.

Plans are being sketched in San Francisco at present for the theatre. A 10-foot stage has been provided for which will be amply large enough for use by the many traveling road shows that will no doubt play in Klamath Falls when the playhouse is put through.

A ladies rest room, refreshment parlor and smoking room for men are among the many features that Mr. Poole will incorporate in his big undertaking. A cigar stand will be placed on the side of the entrance.

Barring unforeseen conditions construction of the new Liberty Theatre will start within 30 days. Mr. Poole's decision to build a theatre of the size and standard that he has set, was reached after carefully studying the field, and foreseeing the future that lies before the Klamath country.

The consideration involved in the purchase of the property on Klamath Avenue from P. M. Reidy and Kerns Brothers was not made public. Cost of the new Liberty Theatre has not been determined as yet, but is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

## POSTS SOUGHT FOR COUNTIES IN STATE

A post of the American Legion, the national organization of ex-service men, in every county in the State of Oregon by August 20, is the goal set by State Secretary Dow V. Walker of Portland in an announcement given out to the public press.

This means that Oregon will be well-organized in time for the state convention in September. Already applications have been forwarded from 16 local posts about the state for charters in the national organization. A nation wide drive for a membership of 1,000,000 members will be conducted by the American Legion in September, during which time the Oregon State convention will be held in Portland.

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LONDON, July 31.—England arranged today to send a naval force to Russia to cover the evacuation of the Archangel district by troops there. Contingent regular Army troops are also being held in readiness to assist if necessary.

## GO TO DIAMOND LAKE

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## INITIATION STUNTS OF ELKS LODGE ARE ON BOARDS TONIGHT

Tonight will be a big evening for 30 or more candidates who will be initiated into the local lodge of Elks.

Full degree work will be put on by the lodge members, directed by the officers. Musical selections will be played during the lunch that will follow the initiation ceremonies. The regular business meeting of the lodge at which important features of the convention will be discussed will complete the evening.

The last initiation of the Elks before the big convention will be held on Tuesday evening, August 12. A good-sized class is expected to be initiated.

## AILMENTS FAIL TO STUMP BOARD

WASHINGTON, July 31.—It takes a great deal to stump the Federal Board for Vocational Education when it comes to finding something a disabled soldier, sailor, or marine can do.

"A perforated ear drum, valvular heart disease and mitral insufficiency" sound like the last words of the family doctor. A private in the infantry heard this diagnosis with a sinking feeling. He was a machinist, but that trade had to go now, and he wondered how he would ever live on the salary of a watchman. That was the only kind of employment he could get. The Federal Board found him with the will to carry on, but no way, and they provided the way.

It seems that he had a gift for drawing, and he was given a trial course in commercial design in a School of Industrial Arts. The trial course has developed into a regular term, he is doing as well.

A compilation of troubles isn't worth worrying about, if you can make them "Non Est" as Private B. is doing.

## CITY WILL INSTALL SEVERAL FLY TRAPS ALONG MAIN STREET

Six large fly traps made of galvanized iron and prepared with special bait will be placed along Main Street today, by order of Dr. A. A. Soule, city health officer, in an effort to rid the community of the ever-present pests.

"We simply must rid the city of flies," said Dr. Soule in discussing the situation. "They are distinctly a menace to the welfare of all the people in town. We are going to take the initiative in the matter and will ask the residents to co-operate with us in every possible way."

Housewives will be asked to install fly traps in their kitchens and other places about the homes where flies gather. Dr. Soule is particularly anxious that all garbage cans should be kept tightly covered and away from the rays of the sun. Likewise all refuse heaps should be disposed of to prevent flies from multiplying.

## AIRPLANES WILL BE USED TO FIND FIRES

TACOMA, July 31.—Answering a telegram from Mather Field, two army airplanes left Camp Lewis today for Salem, Oregon to assist in locating the numerous forest fires that have been reported raging in the hills. The two pilots are Lieutenant Buhlkeil and Sergeant Frank McKee. They will be assigned to duty on reporting by Governor Olcott.

## MINER HERE ON BUSINESS

J. U. Miner, one of the big timber owners of the county and president of the Chelsea Box Company, arrived here last evening from his home in Cupertino, Calif. He will be in the city for sometime looking after his extensive interests.

## BISHOP PADDOCK COMING

Bishop Paddock of the Episcopal Church will be in the city next Sunday, when he will hold services in the Odd Fellows Hall. This is his first visit to the city since leaving for service in France.

## GOVT. WILL TRY TO SOLVE HIGH LIVING COSTS

President Will Give Deep Thought to Problem

ALL BRANCHES TO AID

Government Takes First Steps to Sell \$125,000,000 of Army Food Stocks Direct to People, With Mail Carriers Acting as Salesmen. Trainmen Complain of Decreased Purchasing Power of Dollar.

Washington, D. C., July 31.—So serious has unrest reached over the country, due to the high cost of living, that President Wilson today declared he would give deep and very thoughtful consideration in solving the problem.

First steps were taken by the government today in inaugurating a plan for the selling of \$125,000,000 of army stocks direct to the people, with every mail carrier acting as salesman. Secretary of War Baker, Postmaster General Burleson and Representative Keller of Pennsylvania are working out the details of the scheme. Keller is the author of the house resolution proposing the plan.

Every branch of the government that might aid in clearing the issue will be put to work immediately. Advice given out by the White House told of the deep impression the statement presented to President Wilson by Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Mr. Stone said that the unrest over the country was due to the decreased purchasing power of the dollar. The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen also informed the railroad administration that they must have increased wages unless immediate steps were taken to reduce the cost of living.

## STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY HERE ON TOUR

State Labor Commissioner C. H. Cram, with his deputy, O. K. DeWitt, arrived here last night from Medford. They come on a tour of inspection of the various mills and factories of this district to see that they are complying with the law governing safety devices.

## BUYS NEWNHAM HOME

P. C. Knight has purchased the H. Newnham residence at 224 High street. Mr. Knight is a recent arrival here and he has shown his faith in the city by purchasing a home. He also shows that he is interested in its improvement, for he hustled around and signed the petition for the paving of High Street. It is his intention in the near future to erect a new bungalow on the property.

## LEAVE FOR WYOMING

I. P. Haws and wife left this morning for Wyoming where Mr. Haws has been transferred in the Indian service. He has been head clerk at the Klamath Agency for the past year. They are accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Hailman, who have also been changed from the Indian department here, to the one in Wyoming.

## LOCAL COUPLE MARRIED

A marriage license was issued yesterday to George Metriticas and Delight Kathleen Kiernan. They were married last night by E. P. Lawrence of the Presbyterian church. The young people are both residents of Klamath Falls, and will continue to make their home here.

## VISITING FRIENDS

Pearl Craine, who has been spending her vacation at Crater Lake, is in Klamath Falls visiting friends here. Miss Craine graduated this year from the University of Oregon.