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STUNG AGAIN.

The telephone users of Klamath Falls are to be stung up against the wall and robbed again. This time the robbery has to do with the residence phones. Just a few weeks ago when the business men of the state were robbed, the telephone people, with all the grandiloquence of any green-goods sharper, told the people that the rate did not apply to private phones. The plain inference was that there was to be no immediate increase. But the officials knew at the time that there was to be an increase. They also knew that if the increase had been applied to both business and private phones at the same time, public opinion would have forced a change, so they decided to make two bites of the cherry, and now we are presented with the statement that beginning tomorrow you will pay an increase of about nine dollars a year.

There is only one of two remedies for those affected—a municipal system or discontinuance of phones in the homes. Perhaps both should be adopted. If every private phone in the city was ordered out, there would be no need for business phones. Then the city could install its own system. One thing is certain, the people of Klamath Falls should never submit to this damnable piece of robbery.

Under the direction of the so-called government management the people were robbed first by exorbitant installation charges; then the business men were stuck up and their pockets picked; now the private users come in for their medicine. Are they going to fight or submit? One or two cannot do it and win. It must be a united move.

LET US MAKE A CLEAN-UP.

There is no question about the indignation with which the new increase in telephone rates will be met in this city. But let us not stop with just indignation. Let us take off

our coats and put in a municipal system, and while we are at it let us put in light and water systems, also. While the streets are opened for the water main, it will be possible to lay the conduits for the wires. Out in the sparsely settled districts where the use of poles would be cheaper, the one pole would answer for electric and phone wires. The conditions here are intolerable, and now is about the right time to get things under way to secure permanent relief.

PACIFIC FLEET WILL RECEIVE BIG WELCOME

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Outside of war and peace no event of recent years has received the attention which Pacific coast cities will give to the visit of the new Pacific fleet.

Scheduled to arrive at San Diego on or about August 10 the fleet then is to proceed to Los Angeles harbor, San Francisco, Puget Sound and from there to Honolulu where Secretary of the Navy Daniels will officially open the great Pearl Harbor dry dock. Everywhere the fleet is to stop ambitious receptions are being planned to eclipse any similar event in Pacific Coast history.

At San Francisco about August 15, President Wilson is expected to greet the fleet on his tour of the country in behalf of the League of Nations. President Wilson, if nothing interferes with his itinerary, will review the fleet in San Francisco bay or just off the Golden Gate. This, naval men say, will be the greatest naval pageant ever witnessed in waters of the Pacific ocean.

In every city the fleet is to visit, committees to arrange for its welcome have been named. Parades will be held in every city visited, it was said.

In most places it is planned to make at least one day of the fleet's stay a legal holiday. From the inland cities and towns thousands of persons are expected to make their way to the shore cities and aid in extending welcome.

It is planned to out-do the memorable receptions which attended the visit of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific coast in 1908 during its famous trip around the world.

At San Diego a great aerial display in connection with the fleet will be held. There, many army airplanes will fly out in welcome with navy airplanes. At San Francisco airplanes are expected to come from Mather Field at Sacramento to aid in the celebration.

There is something better than knowledge—compassion; something worse than sentiment—cruelty."

Cruelty reacts upon the cruel and cuts its ugly lines deeper and deeper into the substance of the soul.

Boys Accused of Killing New York Stationer Get \$200 From Cashbox



Edward F. O'Brien
Edward Earle Paige

These are two youths who are alleged to have slain Gardiner C. Hull, a New York stationer, who was their employer, for \$200 which disappeared from the firm's cashbox. The police say O'Brien has confessed he struck Hull with a hammer while Paige held the aged stationer. These photographs were taken the day the boys were brought to New York. O'Brien from Freehold, N. J., and Paige from Philadelphia. They disappeared the day of the murder, and were arrested three days later.

BIG INCREASE IN PHONE RATES MADE

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which have been paid since May 1st. Validity Attacked

The validity of the commission's action and of their order has been attacked in the state courts, and the federal administration and the telephone company are forced to the conclusion that the only rates, the legality of which is beyond question, are the rates actually approved by the Postmaster General during the period of federal control. They are the rates contemplated by the act of congress, and which will be effective for four months after federal control, or until revised by state authorities.

The company has filed a letter with the Public Service Commission in which it is stated that they recognize the commission's jurisdiction is the Postmaster General during the power to review the rates now made effective after due hearing and order.

The following changes are made in rates for residence telephone service:

- Individual line—Old rate, wall, \$2; desk, \$2.25. New rate, wall, \$2.75; desk, \$3.
- Four-party line—Old rate, wall, \$1.50; desk, 1.75. New rate, wall, \$2; desk, \$2.25.
- Extension (without bell)—Old rate, wall, 50 cents; desk, 75 cents. New rate, wall, 50 cents; desk, 75 cents.
- Extension (with bell)—Old rate, wall, 65 cents; desk, 90 cents. New rate, wall, 65 cents; desk, \$1.

The increased rates will yield an annual increase of upwards of \$250,000 in the State of Oregon, but as the increase in wages is upwards of \$225,000, the net returns to the company with the rates now made effective is approximately 2 1/2 per cent on the valuation of the company's property at \$13,464,000, as found by the Public Service Commission.

A GOOD HOME.

Women always value highly a good home, for they spend most of their time there. We have one in Hot Springs Addition that will surely please. It has five big rooms and a sleeping porch in main part of house, also large screened back porch, bath, large closets, fire place, cabinet work, pantry cold storage room lawn and large lot. It also has an addition with two good bed rooms and large wood house and garage, making a fine place for a large family. Owner expects to leave soon to care for other interests and will sacrifice at \$3500.00 on terms. Better look at this today; it may be gone tomorrow. Chilcote & Smith, 635 Main St. Phone 66. 30-21

SALSIG LUMBER COMPANY FINED FOR CAUSING FIRE.

Investigation into the cause of the Anderson Creek fire, in the Crater National Forest, west of Talent, disclosed that the Salsig Lumber Company had been operating a donkey engine, using a home-made spark arrester entirely inadequate for stopping sparks. July 14, a big fire started in a snag and burned over three hundred acres. W. W. Salsig, manager of the Lumber company, plead guilty before Justice Taylor, of Medford, and was fined \$25.00 and costs.

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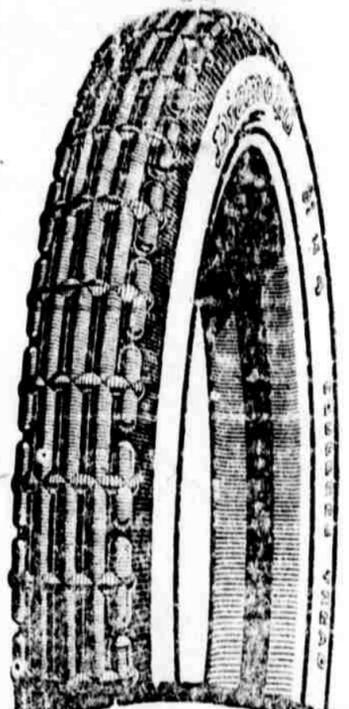
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