

TELEPHONE RATES INCREASED

Tillamook County Mutual Telephone Co. Allowed Higher Rates.

The Public Service Commission has decided, on the application of the Tillamook County Mutual Telephone Company, that it can increase its rates to become effective the first of this year.

The Commission bases its decision on the following points: The Tillamook County Mutual Telephone Company was organized August 27th, 1908, and established its first service in December of the same year. The system now operated consists of exchanges at Tillamook and Beaver, with interconnecting circuits and lines for the two communities and extensive rural territory adjacent thereto. The operation of the system is in direct competition with that of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. From the system of bookkeeping used by the applicant it is impossible to determine the actual cost of the property or an exact division of the expenditures between operating and capital accounts. Testimony introduced at the hearing indicates that to reproduce the property in normal, new and usable condition would require the sum of approximately \$33,500.00, and that the deduction of accrued depreciation will reduce the amount to \$21,500.00. It is quite likely that the actual original expenditure incurred in the construction of the property was considerably less than the estimated reproduction cost, although the latter is based upon normal pre-war conditions. This seems to have resulted, as is usual, in the early development of mutual or co-operative companies, to a great extent from the cooperation of stockholders and others in furnishing labor and certain materials at abnormally low cost. His method of construction is not now available normally and results accomplished by it are not in themselves alone a fair indication of value. A considerable share of the property has been constructed from earnings. Only \$4750 of the authorized capital stock of \$5,000.00 has been issued and paid up and the remaining obligations of the company consist of \$5,000.00 and a \$1750.00 note. Cash was received in consideration for the transfer of both stock and notes.

The applicant does not contend for a fair return upon the entire value in its property, but desires that its revenues be made sufficient to meet operating expenses and fixed charges upon such indebtedness as it may now have. The value of the system is therefore only for secondary consideration to this investigation, but in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 279 of the Laws of Oregon for 1911, and after due consideration of all pertinent factors, the amount upon which the applicant might be reasonably entitled to expect a return will be placed at \$26,000.00.

Service is given from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. with provision made for the answering of emergency calls at night without extra charge. The operations of each exchange is accomplished by working only two operators. Living quarters for one operator are supplied in each instance as a part of her remuneration in order that continuous attendance may be had in case calls at night are necessary.

The monthly revenue available from 500 subscribers under the present rates, together with a small amount accruing from toll service will amount to approximately \$560. This business if continued should produce an annual operating revenue of \$6,720.00.

Examination of the company records shows that there was expended in 1917 approximately \$7,050.00 which included interest and principal payments on company indebtedness and also the cost of minor extensions and addition to capital accounts. Analysis indicates that if adequate service is maintained and if all reasonable operating requirements are fairly met, the operating expenses for 1919 may conservatively be expected to be not less than \$7250, exclusive of capital charges and debt obligations, but including a fair allowance for depreciation, maintenance and uncollectable operating revenues.

It is contemplated under this estimate that the company will, as is necessary, meet required increases in operators' and linemen's wages and provide for the better maintenance of the system in general. Although no definite classification has as yet been prescribed for the accounts of this company, it should provide for the accumulation of a fund for replacement due to depreciation now accruing. It is estimated that the amount of \$1100.00 per year in addition to current minor repairs not to be classified as replacement will be sufficient for this purpose. This amount should be credited to a reserve account each year and charged to operating expenses and such monies as are available therefore should be set aside in a depreciation reserve fund to be expended only as provided by Chapter 279 of the Laws of Oregon for 1911.

In view of the above circumstances and the fact the present rates are low in comparison to others generally effective throughout the state for service under similar conditions, it is readily determined that an increase should be granted in order that adequate service may be given and sufficient revenue obtained to

meet expenses and fixed charges. The schedule proposed by the company does not provide a classification of service sufficient in extent to meet without unfair discrimination the demands of a business of this character and magnitude and will not be approved. Instead the following schedule of rates is found to be just and reasonable and not unjustly discriminatory for the Tillamook County Mutual Telephone Company to charge for service which it gives:

Business Service.
Individual line—unlimited service \$2.50 per month.
2 party line—unlimited service, \$2.00 per month.
4 party line—unlimited service, \$1.75 per month.
Suburban service—party line, \$1.75 per month.

Residence Service.
Individual line—unlimited service, \$2.00 per month.
2 party line—unlimited service \$1.50 per month.
4 party line—unlimited service, \$1.25 per month.
Suburban service—party line, \$1.25 per month.

These rates contemplate the maintenance of batteries by the company and are to be applied irrespective of whether the subscribers are or are not stockholders in the company.

This is an increase of 50c. per month for individual lines and 25c. per month for business and residence service.

To Plan for Reconstruction.

Transformation of labor and industry from a war to a peace basis is to be worked into definite program at a Reconstruction Convention called by Governor James Withycombe at Portland, January 9, 10 and 11th. The details for staging the great state-wide conclave are in the hands of Mayor George L. Baker of Portland.

Letters of invitation have been sent to the leaders of every branch of activity in the state. City and county officials, members of the legislature and federal officials from Washington, D. C. who are in touch with problems to be considered will be among those attending. Industrial organizations, both large and small will be represented and labor, both organized and unorganized will have delegates in attendance to take an active part in the discussion of Oregon's most vital problem.

Through the three days' meeting, definite plans will be worked out to handle the reconstruction problems, which are now facing every state in the Union. It will be the purpose at this convention to work out plans which will eliminate all chance of unemployment, provide employment for the returning soldiers and sailors of Oregon, and also bring about the greatest development of industry throughout the state in history. This development will include such industries as agriculture, shipping, mining, shipbuilding, lumbering, fishing, road building, stock raising, etc. The recognized leaders in each of these lines will attend the convention and participate in the discussion, and definite programs for each endeavor will be outlined before the convention is adjourned.

The reconstruction problem is one which affects the entire state and it is the purpose of the convention to bring together men interested not only in various lines of endeavor but representing all sections of the state, so that a satisfactory state-wide program can be placed into effect.

In sending out the call for delegates, Mayor Baker has adopted the slogan—"It can be done."

Joseph Zirr Heard From.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams. It has been a long time, way back in Camp Lewis since I have written you. As I have a few minutes time at present I want to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still well after the battles I have been in. I am not allowed to write you very much news as the censor is very strict with us. Any way, after I left Camp Lewis in June 26, 1918, and went to Camp Merritt from there to England, then to France, where we stayed at one place for nearly five weeks. After that went into action once in reserve, then, on Sept 26, went into action again in France. That's the first time I got near shell fire, and we certainly had plenty of it for nine days straight. A good many times I thought I would be a goner for good, but it seems I was lucky enough in not getting hit. Our division made a good name for itself, but lost a lot of men. I tell you that a Signal Corps man's work is very exciting at times while in battle. For instance, I and two other fellows got called out one night at two o'clock to go ahead to find trouble on the wire. Well it was so dark that we had to feel our way along the wire over shell holes, wire entanglement, ditches, dead men or horses out in No Man's Land, and shells bursting all around us, and also getting gas shells, and, probably, you would not know how long before you ran into some German snipers they left behind but everything went fine and we got back from that drive safely of course. Our division lost lots of men after traveling nearly all over France. They put us in box cars and shipped us up to Belgium, attached to the French army. Well, we have been in action once up here and have been

on the lines when the armistice was signed. At first, we thought they were going to send us to Germany to see that the Germans don't start trouble again, but they changed their mind and they are going to send us back to France where we probably will stay for a little while, then go back to the good old U. S. A., which I think will be soon. I will be able to tell you a whole lot when I get back home. Are you still running your farm alone or have you got it rented out?

Give everybody my best regards. Have they taken many men from Tillamook in the last drafts? I guess you are all very glad that the war is over now and all the boys will soon be coming back again. I sure will be glad to get back to the good old U. S. A. I think I will come to Tillamook for a while when I get out of the army before I start to work again for the railway at Spokane. Well this is about all for this time, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am your friend, Jos Zirr.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned Thomas McGlinchy, by an order of the County Court for Tillamook County, Oregon, has been appointed administrator of the Estate of Edward McGlinchy, deceased, late of Tillamook County, Oregon. Notice is further given, that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers, to the undersigned administrator, at 548 Marshall St., Portland, Oregon, or to his attorneys within six months from this date. Dated this December 17, 1918.

Thomas McGlinchy, Administrator of the Estate of Edward McGlinchy, deceased.
Johnson and Handley, Attorneys for the Administrator, Tillamook, Oregon.

Executor's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned Earl N. Filsinger, by an order of the County Court, duly made and entered, has been appointed executor of the Estate and the last will and testament of Karl Graumann, deceased, late of Clark County, Washington. Notice is further given, that all persons having claims against the said estate must present the same to the undersigned, or to his attorneys, within six months from this date, with vouchers duly verified, according to law. Dated this December 17, 1918.

Earl N. Filsinger, Executor of the Estate and the last Will and Testament of Karl Graumann deceased, Address, Salem, Oregon.
Johnson & Handley, Attorneys for the Executor, Tillamook, Ore.

Notice of Bond Sale.

Tillamook City, Oregon, offers for sale \$14,500.00 of its bonds, to be dated October 15th, 1918; payable twenty years after date; redeemable after five years; interest six per cent, payable semi-annually. Bids will be received up to the 6th day of January, 1919. Must be accompanied with a check of five per cent of the amount of the bid to guarantee purchase of bonds, if bid accepted. Right reserved to reject any and all bids. Bids to be addressed to and filed with:
A. E. Gaylord, City Recorder.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Tillamook Hotel Co.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Tillamook Hotel Company will be held at the parlors of the hotel building at Tillamook City, Oregon, on Monday, January 6th, 1919, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing directors, and transacting all and any other business that may properly come before the meeting, including the approval and ratification of all contracts, acts, by-laws and proceedings, authorized, adopted, and had by the Board of Directors; and generally considering the affairs of the company, and taking any action competent for the stockholders to take with respect thereto.
Dated December 19, 1918.
Robert H. McGrath, Secretary.

Notice of Final Account.

Notice is hereby given that Louisa Zurlfueh Grab, the executrix of the estate of Henry Zurlfueh, deceased, has filed with the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, her final account requesting that the same be approved by the Court and that the administration upon said estate be closed; and that the court has fixed Saturday, the first day of February, 1919, at 10 o'clock a.m., at the court house in Tillamook City, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any objections to said final account, and all persons concerned are required to present their objections, if any, at said time and place.
Louisa Zurlfueh Grab, Executrix of the estate of Henry Zurlfueh, deceased.
Geo. P. Winslow, Attorney for said estate.



Revised Prices

The assurance of material for quantity production of Buick cars enables the Buick Motor Company to establish the following prices on the various Buick models, effective January first, 1919. These prices will not be changed during our present dealers' selling agreements.

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| Seven Passenger Open Model H-Six-49 | - - 1785 |
| Seven Passenger Closed Model H-Six-50 | - - 2585 |

Buick Motor Company, Flint, Michigan
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Ackley & Miller, Tillamook, Ore.

Notice of Hearing on Petition to Extend Drainage District.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Tillamook County. Notice is hereby given that hearing on the following petition will be held at the Court House in the City of Tillamook, County of Tillamook, State of Oregon, on the 5th day of February, 1919, for the purpose of determining whether the prayer of said petition shall be granted. All persons owning or claiming an interest in lands described in said petition are hereby notified to appear at said place on said date and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer in said petition should not be granted.

Erwin Harrison, Clerk of the County Court. To the Honorable County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon: The undersigned being the Board of Supervisors of Tillamook Drainage District of Tillamook County, Oregon, being thereunto duly authorized by a resolution adopted by said board of supervisors in session on the 5th day of December, 1918, do hereby respectfully petition your Honorable body, and ask that the boundary lines of said district be extended so as to include the lands hereinafter described, which lands are not described by and included in the petition and decree of the court incorporating said district.

The lands which we ask to have included in the district are all those included within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at a point 20 feet east of the west line of section 31 in township 1, south of range 9, west W. M. and 30 rods south of the northwest corner of said section, said point being the northwest corner of the original Tillamook Drainage District, as described in the petition therefore, and running thence north to the north line of said section 31; thence east to the west line, extended of Third Avenue East, in Tillamook City, Oregon, and running thence north to a point 60 feet west of the southwest corner of Block 30 of Thayer's Addition, to what is now Tillamook City, Oregon, and running thence east along the south line of said Thayer's Addition or Additions, and an extension thereof to a point south of the southwest corner of Block 16, of A. A. Miller's Addition to the town of Tillamook, now Tillamook City, Oregon; thence north to the southwest corner of said block 16 thence east to the south west corner of Block 15, of said Miller's Addition; thence north to the northwest corner of said Block 15; thence east to the northeast corner of said

block 15; thence north to the northeast corner of Block 13 of said Miller's Addition; thence east to the east line of lot 4 in Ell Goodspeed's Park, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence south to a point 60 feet south of the south line of said Goodspeed's Park, thence west to the northeast corner of Block 1 of Highland Addition to Tillamook City; thence south to the southeast corner of said block 1; thence west to the west line of said Highland Addition; thence south to the north line of section 31 aforesaid; thence west 300 feet; thence south 30 rods, more or less, to the north line of Tillamook Drainage District, as originally established; thence west to the place of beginning.

That it is proposed by the district to reclaim such lands for sanitary and agricultural purposes, and that such proposed reclamation will be conducive to the public health and welfare, and public utility and benefit.

That all the lands to be included as herein described, would be properly included within Tillamook Drainage District, and can be drained into the present drainage ditches of this district, and all of the lands desired to be added to the district as herein described, will be beneficially affected by the operations of the district.

That the benefits of the proposed reclamation of said lands will exceed any damage to be done thereby, and that the best interest of the land included, and of the owners of such land, as a whole, and of the public at large, will be promoted by the proposed extension of said boundaries, and the operations of the district in relation thereto and that this would be a proper and advantageous method of accomplishing the reclamation of said lands. That Tillamook Drainage District proposes if said lands are included within its boundaries, to drain said lands by constructing a ditch through the lands running in a northeasterly direction from the present main ditch in the district, to or near the northeastern boundary of said proposed extension, to be of suitable size to carry off the excess water upon the lands; the detailed plan for such ditch to be furnished by the engineer of the district hereafter; provided that the additional project and all expenses and tax levies thereof or connected therewith to be kept separate from the original reclamation project of the district. That the number of acres of land to be added to the district by the proposed change of boundaries will be thirty-seven acres, and that the owners, together with the quantities

owned by them respectively, are as follows:

- M. W. Harrison, 12 acres.
- Henry Rogers, 3 6-10 acres.
- Claude Thayer, 7 acres.
- N. M. F. Dawson Estate 3 3/4 acres.
- T. J. Harris, Sr. 3 1/2 acres.
- H. A. Miles, 2 1/2 acres.
- F. R. Beale, Trustee for J. R. Eldridge, 1 acre.
- T. J. Harris, Sr. and wife, Mary E. 2 acres.
- D. W. Ijams, Estate, 3 1-3 acres.

That the present main ditch of Tillamook Drainage District is constructed across the south part of the lands proposed to be added to the district, and by constructing a ditch leading therefrom in a northeasterly direction all of the land to be added to the district by the proposed change of boundaries, can be drained and made more sanitary and productive, but the same are low, wet and swampy at this time for lack of such drainage.

That the said drainage can be provided for a small cost per acre, and the value of the lands will be increased much more than the cost of reclaiming the same will amount to. We further petition your Honorable body to appoint three commissioners, as provided by law, to assess benefits and damages on account of said proposed change. Dated this 5th day of December 1918
Geo. Williams, Carl Hunt, M. W. Harrison, Supervisors of the Tillamook Drainage District of Tillamook County, Oregon.
State of Oregon, County of Tillamook ss.
I, M. W. Harrison, I George Williams, and I, Carl Hunt, being first duly sworn, each for myself, say that and that the matters therein stated are true, as I verily believe.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December, 1918.
Geo. Williams H. T. Botts, Carl Hunt, Notary Public for Ore.
M. W. Harrison My commission expires Dec. 21, 1919.

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