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THE NEW TELEPHONE RATES
 The following statement has been made by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in regard to new rates:
 "The increased rates for telephone service effected July 29th, which affected the entire State of Oregon, are direct consequence of the heavy increase in wages effective 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 who render this service.
 The Public has been very familiar with the difficulties involved in attempting to give telephone service at wages heretofore in effect. These rates are put in by the Federal Administration effective at once, because of the financial necessities precipitated by this heavy increase in wages. The rates in each particular instance are rates approved by the Postmaster General on or before June 1919. These particular rates are effective for the reason that in that instance they are believed to be fair and reasonable, in and of themselves, for the service to which they apply.
 They also constitute the only unquestionable legal rates in each and every instance. The public has been hearing rates recently fixed in an order by the Public Service Commission of Oregon, which became effective May 1, 1919.
 With regard to the Public Service Commission and its order, it will be remembered by the public that the investigation instituted by the Commission last November, and one of the most thorough ever carried out by any commission, resulted in an increase of rates effective in May.
 The relief involved in that order, as ordered by the Commission, was designed to cover only wage increase which had been made effective the previous, with particular reference to wage increases in November.
 The Commission withheld the reduction of increased rates until first of May, and then made applicable the rates which have been since May 1st.
 The validity of the Commission's order and of their order has been attacked in the state courts and the Public Service Commission and the Federal Administration are forced to the conclusion that the only rates, the legitimacy of which is beyond question, are the rates actually approved by the Postmaster General. They are the rates set by Congress.

REMICK CLAIMS SETTLED.
 Insurance Companies and Heirs Agree.

Three life insurance companies which held policies aggregating more than \$100,000 on the life of Jesse B. Remick, sawmill operator, who was found dead in bed at his home in this city, April 7, last, have effected a settlement of all contestable insurance with heirs of the deceased, according to Roger Mac Veigh, former attorney for Mr. Remick, who says he has been authoritatively informed of the settlement by officials of the insurance companies. It was said the estate had been paid approximately \$100,000 in full settlement.
 Included in nearly \$1,000,000 in life insurance held by Mr. Remick was something over \$100,000 which had been taken out less than a year before he died. In case of suicide the companies would not have been required to pay this insurance.
 The coroner's jury returned a suicide verdict, but the family has always maintained that his demise was accidental. A quantity of cyanide of potassium was found at Mr. Remick's bedside at the time of his death. Members of the family have always insisted he took the poison in mistake for medicine, and in settling the contestable insurance, it is understood the insurance concerns, after complete investigation, have accepted this theory.

A Letter from a Bayocean Enthusiast
 To the Editor:
 Do Tillamook people realize all that Bayocean may mean to them? Destined, on its wonderful natural attractions alone, to become one of the greatest resorts in the northwest, Tillamook residents need only aid in getting the road between these points finished to add good business and publicity to their assets.
 The world has heard of Tillamook cheese, cream and butter. Visitors at Bayocean always visit this famous town and yet so often, even as I came away disappointed that they found no place to feast on the famous cheese, milk and butter. Has no enterprising Tillamook merchant ever thought of a dairy lunch? When I think of Tillamook I dream of a place where thick cream might be enjoyed and cheese served invitingly. I am sure a fortune awaits the one who opens such a place when the road is finished between Bayocean and Tillamook.
 Bayocean, to me, is a spot of wonderful natural attractions and an inspiration as well.
 Oh, beautiful spot! Where gracious nature bends,
 Her efforts brought to play,
 And made a wondrous panorama
 Of ocean, hill and bay.
 Stand on the verdure-clad cliffs
 Above the ocean,
 And view its restless waves,
 A symbol of life's ceaseless struggle,
 Void of the rest we crave.
 Then turn and contemplate the beauty
 Of hill encircled bay
 And see reflections there of peace eternal
 To follow life's short day.
 And o'er a sunset, gold and rainbow colors,
 Thy soul with rapture fill,
 Forgetting for a moment all things earthly,
 To feel the Heavenly thrill.
 Even now the memory of the murmuring ocean,
 The calling of the gulls,
 Combined with those wild scenes of beauty,
 My fevered spirit lulls.
 --Mrs. H. J. Martin,
 Manager Hotel Bayocean.

Forest Fires Are Numerous.
 Extreme dryness in all but the immediate coast country, with fast drying out of the latter, emphasizes the need for great care if the fire situation is to be held in check during August.
 The large number of fires which have so far occurred in Northwestern states and have been successfully extinguished is a tribute to the alertness of fire protection agencies but also serves as a warning that August may prove an extremely trying month.
 Reports received from Northwestern states by the Western Forestry & Conservation Association show that during July over 1000 fires occurred in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Some of these in the former state caused considerable loss of green timber. A force of over 1500 men is now at work to prevent the starting or spreading of fires. Favorable weather conditions the last week of July caused great improvement in the general situation.
 Washington had 150 fires during July caused by sparks from engines and berry pickers. Not over 1 1/2 million feet of green timber was killed but loss of bucked logs and camp buildings and equipment will be a considerable item. A force of 100 wardens employed by the Washington Forest Fire Assn., is now on duty.
 Oregon reports 400 fires, mostly small ones originating from lightning, campers and logging camps. There has been practically no loss of green timber but some damage to logs and buildings and logging equipment. The full force of patrolmen is now on duty composed of 53 State and Weeks Law wardens and 500 wardens employed by patrol associations and individual timber owners.
 Idaho had 470 fires during July caused by railroads, lightning, campers and loggers. Losses cannot be given at this time as many fires are burning. A force of over 1000 men were fighting fires in July.
 Protective agencies throughout the Northwest took advantage of the cool weather the last week in July to put out as many fires as possible in anticipation of unfavorable conditions later on. Smoke has rendered

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lookouts use axes in places and greatly reduced their efficiency throughout. This condition improved somewhat late in July.
 The accumulated shortage of precipitation in many sections together with the large number of fires still smoldering, mold burns and slashings, make it necessary that unusual precaution be taken to avoid disastrous August and September fires.

BAYOCEAN DELEGATION HERE TO SEE COURT ABOUT ROAD
 Twenty-five or thirty taxpayers and residents came up last Friday to see Judge Hare.

A delegation of 25 or 30 men and women waited upon County Judge Hare Friday and asked to know what prospects there were for the completion of the Bayocean road. The country has at present paved roads running down to the old shipyard, and thence it ends, about three or four miles from the Bayocean paved road. There is no track through the woods at present, or anyway a target to Bayocean except by ferry across the bay, and an old trail around by the lighthouse, and as many of the campers come in on machines, and do not like to leave them across the bay, Bayocean is handicapped, and does not get as many visitors as it otherwise would.
 Also they stated to the court, that many of them come from outside parts; Spokane, Walla Walla, Anacosta, and Boise, and have paid taxes to Tillamook county for as much as ten years, and received not a single benefit in return. The road is only justice they argue, as well as expediency. For with the completion of a highway to Bayocean, which is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful resorts on the coast, many more people would come into Tillamook, and buy produce here, as well as boosting for Tillamook when they get home.
 Many of the women came in with market baskets on their arms, mute proof of the good Tillamook would reap, if an open road permitted daily trips here for shoppers from Bayocean. The people said they were willing to do anything, anything at all to help in getting the road, and that they were tired and weary of waiting. Any assessment, or help that they can give would be gladly supplied, was the outspoken word of all.
 A road only two planks wide on either side from the shipyard down to the Bayocean city limits was suggested as a starter. This could be built without much cost, and anything to serve the purpose of a road in and out, would be welcomed by the Bayocean residents. If such a road were built, the visitors said that inside of two years, Bayocean would probably have grown enough to build its own road.
 The Woodrow Wilson Highway is to run from Ely, Minn., to Mexico City. It ought to run over some route that will enable it to meet itself coming back.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Under authority of the Postmaster General, on account of recent increases in wages to employees, totaling for the State of Oregon upwards of \$225,000.00, certain change rates have been approved and made effective July 29, 1919, for the State of Oregon.

The changes in rates apply particularly to residence service, changes having been made in the principal business rates May 1, 1919.

All new business taken on and after July 29th will be at the new rates and bills to present subscribers for the month of August will be rendered at the new rates.

A toll charge will be made for calls between Tillamook and Bay City commencing July 29th.

The increased rates will yield an annual revenue upwards of \$250,000.00, but as the increase in wages is upwards of \$225,000.00, the net return to the Company under the rates now made effective is approximately 2 1/2 per cent on the valuation of its property at \$13,464,000.00, as found by the Public Service Commission.

The new schedule of rates is identical with the one approved by the Postmaster General for the State of Washington, which has been in effect since March 1, 1919, and the rates are the same for exchanges that are comparable.

We believe that no proof as to the advanced cost of living and the general high costs prevailing for labor and materials is necessary and that the telephone-using public will accept this increase in rates in the same spirit of fairness and consideration as it has the advances in almost every other necessity in these unusual times.

THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE and TELEGRAPH COMPANY

The first cargo of Argentine wheat tons are on the way to Germany and marks for the transportation of contracted for by the German gov- 80,000 tons are now loading at American hides, by way of Copenhagen through Dutch sources has South American ports. The government has appropriated 100,000,000 the shortage in footwear.