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## INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY

### Application For Franchise Will Be Submitted to the Council

### Parties From the East Are Behind the Enterprise and They Promise to Install the Very Latest System

For several days it has been rumored that a new telephone company would make application to the city council in the near future for a franchise to construct and operate a system in the city of Salem but the report was so indefinite and uncertain that little credence was given the story.

This morning however, a Journal reporter learned that an Eastern man had called at the office of Mayor Waters and made a number of inquiries concerning the likelihood of the council granting the independent company the right to do business in the city.

When the mayor was asked concerning the visitor he said, "Yes, a man claiming to represent an eastern telephone company has talked to me regarding the new company. While he did not go into details, he gave me to understand that the system would be one that would have connections with other lines now operated in the valley by the independent companies and would soon prove a formidable rival or even superior in point of the number of subscribers reached."

"He informed me that the instruments would be of the very latest and best make or what is known as the express system. One point especially that he spoke of was the new ring in, light arrangement. When a receiver is removed from the hook the drop to central at once falls without the useless ringing of the bell every time you want to call a number. A small electric light also shows the number of the phone which has called, if you are on a party line and if more than one is removed the corresponding numbered light at central shows, thus cutting off all possibility of eavesdropping on the party-line."

"The improvement will be a great one considering the present out-of-date instruments in use in this city, and as far as I am concerned I am in favor of the new franchise being granted. The petition will probably be presented at the next meeting of the council, and I think the parties are willing to guarantee to complete the system in a short time."

Whether this is the DeVarney company that has recently entered Corvallis and has a franchise to build lines in Albany is not certain, but from present indications it probably intends to make connections with that line at any rate. The "Independent company," as it is known, has recently absorbed the west side independent farmer's lines and only lacks about eight miles of a link in Polk county to complete the circuit into McMinnville. The line is already established in Monmouth, and will construct into Independence at an early date.

## FIEND EXPLODED BOMB

Butte, Mont., Aug. 9.—Unknown persons exploded two sticks of dynamite in a room occupied by G. E. Simmons and wife in a local apartment house at 4 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Swan Johnson on the floor above and Mrs. Guy Sweet in the room below were seriously injured and taken to the hospital. Both Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were uninjured, but the room was wrecked and everything blown to bits. There is no clue to the persons who committed the deed.

**Against LaFollette Ticket.**  
Madison, Wis., Aug. 9.—The supreme court today granted leave to Cook and other stalwart Republican candidates on the state ticket to bring a suit against the secretary of state to restrain him from placing the LaFollette ticket on the official ballot. The petition claims that the LaFollette faction stole the regular convention. The case will be argued early in September.

## STRIKE GROWS SERIOUS

### Belief Is General That Almost Every Union Will Be Involved

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Pickets were stationed today at all meat markets where the products of the big packers are sold and the situation is more critical so far as the public is concerned than since the strike began. Two hundred and fifty markets are on the boycott list which is being enlarged. The purpose of the strikers is to prevent the delivery of ice to these markets. The chief of police is preparing a counter campaign to prevent the non-union men from delivering ice, and clashes are predicted. The teamsters council meets tonight to consider the extension of the strike to down town truck teamsters, market and express wagon drivers and lumber box and shaving teamsters. There are secret arrangements under way to get the freight handlers and switchmen on a sympathetic strike.

**Another Injunction Granted.**  
Sioux City, Ia., Aug. 9.—The attorney for the Cudahy company today secured a Federal injunction restraining the strikers from acts of violence. The writ will be served by 700 detectives.

**Employers Get Busy.**  
Chicago, Aug. 9.—A secret meeting of the members of the Employers' association was held today to consider means of extending aid to the packers. Many large houses in this city have experienced great difficulty in delivering supplies to the packers, and the merchants have become tired of the interference of strikers. The extension of the strike to the Teamsters' union convinced the Employers' association that it was time to put an end to the business.

## BOYS ROBBED STORE

Silverton, Aug. 9.—The Thompson store in this city was entered by burglars on Sunday night and about \$26 in money was secured. The thieves entered through the back door and the burglary was discovered shortly after the deed was committed.

Suspicion at once attached to two young boys named Messinger, aged 9 and 11 years, and when they were sought on Monday it was learned that they had left town and were in Woodburn.

The officers at that place were notified and the youngsters were taken into custody and brought back here. It has not been determined what course to pursue in the prosecution of the youthful criminals, but arrangements will probably be made for their incarceration in the Boys' and Girls' home or the reform school.

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## UNITED STATES ACTS

### Recalls Minister Leishman from Turkey- May Lead to War

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9.—Secretary of State Hay today sent instructions to minister Leishman at Constantinople to hand his passports to the Sultan and prepare to leave Turkey, provided the demands of the American government have not been acceded to at the time the squadron arrives at Smyrna and in case things come to this pass to leave Turkey on the American warships. Rear Admiral Jewell will remain in Turkish waters and assume diplomatic functions in addition to his duties as naval officer. This is not official but it is admitted by members of the cabinet that the visit of the American vessels to Smyrna is to bring back the American minister.

**The Oregon Missouai.**  
Oregon City, Ore., Aug. 9.—A double-headed snake and an egg within an egg are two animal freaks that were exhibited in this city yesterday. The snake which is about seven inches long, was captured on the hill by C. Fisher. The reptile, which is an ordinary garter snake, is alive and has two perfectly developed heads and the necks merge into a single body about three-quarters of an inch below the heads.

A more remarkable curiosity is the double egg that was gathered by Mrs. Harris, of Oak, from her flock of Brahma hens. Mrs. Harris observed that the egg was abnormally large, and from an investigation discovered that it appeared to contain something other than its natural contents. She made an opening in either end of the shell and emptied the contents, which were found to consist of the proper proportion of the white and yolk. An inspection then showed that the shell contained another perfectly formed egg. The inner egg is of average size and the shell is hard, in natural color and condition.

London, Aug. 9.—The Times and other London newspapers this morning contain editorials strongly approving the circular issued by Mr. Hay, the American secretary of state, as to what constitutes contraband of war.

## REPORT NAVAL FIGHT

### Heavy Guns Heard Off Mouth of Port Arthur Harbor

Chee Foo, Aug. 9.—Officers of the German cruiser Furst Bismarck lying in the harbor say that firing was heard last night and it was undoubtedly an encounter between detachments of belligerent war ships, approximately 20 miles northwest of Chee Foo. Two junks and three steamers arrived today but heard nothing of naval engagement.

Tokio, Aug. 9.—It is reported today that the Russian forces near Liao Yang are retreating northward through Chan Tien on the road to Mukden, leaving the cavalry alone to act as rear guard. The report is unconfirmed. A dispatch from General San in Korea states that yesterday 30 Russians appeared before the town and were repulsed by the Japanese outposts. The Japanese attacked Port Arthur July 27 with a terrible artillery fire directed especially on Juplazu Hill, but were repulsed with tremendous losses. The Russians retreated July 30 without a fight from Wolf Hill, being greatly outnumbered. The Russian artillery has checked the Japanese who number 70,000.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—A dispatch from General Stoessel commanding the forces at Port Arthur confirms the capture of Wolf Hill by the Japanese, and reports the Japanese losses very heavy. He adds that reinforcements for the Japanese have already arrived.

**Japs Lose Many.**  
St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—The Russian estimates of the Japanese losses thus far as a result of the siege of Port Arthur aggregate 23,000 men.

**Changed Capital City.**  
Melbourne, Victoria, Aug. 9.—The house representatives today selected Dalgety in Bombala district as the federal capital. The senate had previously voted for it. Dalgety is 20 miles south of Sidney and 32 miles from a railroad. The population is about 300.

## PORTE ASKS QUESTION

### Insists That Russian Volunteer Fleet Pass the Straights Unarmed

Constantinople, Aug. 9.—The Porte, supported by England persists in asking Russia for a written communication regarding her intentions in respect to the passage of the Dardanelles by the volunteer fleet. The Porte demands that the vessels in question pass the strait separately and without guns or munitions of war, in accordance with the agreement of 1890.

## SCOTTS MILLS ACCIDENT

Silverton, Aug. 9.—Columbus Whitlock and Wm. Morris met with a severe accident at the hophouse of the former near Scott's Mills this morning, and from accounts received here they are probably fatally injured.

The two men were on a scaffold about 40 feet from the ground at work on the hophouse, when the supporters gave way and the two were precipitated to the ground. They struck on their heads and shoulders and it is feared that they are fatally injured.

Drs. Brooks and Clark were summoned and are still with the unfortunate men. Both are well known in Marion county and the accident causes universal sorrow.

**Will Maintain Order.**  
Devils Lake, N. D., Aug. 9.—Special trains from Duluth and St. Paul, bringing several thousand people, arrived this afternoon. More have registered than can secure homesteads. There will be no repetition of the scenes at Bonesteel, S. D.

**Pope's Anniversary.**  
Rome, Aug. 9.—The first anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius X. was celebrated by mass at St. Peter's this morning. Cardinal Merry Del Val officiated. Many congratulatory messages were received by the pontiff, 648 coming from America.

**FREE** Tickets to children under 16 years of age to the big **W. O. W. CARNIVAL** none given after noon tomorrow.



**Jos. Meyers & Sons**  
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE  
THE "WHITE CORNER" (TRADE MARK) REGISTERED

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## Clearing Sale Carnival

A great Carnival of Clearing Prices is being held at this store, where you will find all summer goods reduced to the lowest notch. Don't delay your buying but come NOW while this great Clearing Sale is at its best.

We are renovators of prices, we force opposition to acknowledge exorbitant profits.

**SATIN GIRDLE CORSETS**  
No so-called \$1.00 values, but regular 50c value at our store market special 39c sale  
**TO CLOSE AT 25c**

**DRESS GOODS**  
Elegant values in those pretty, fancy voiles in colors, blue brown, black, etc. During our clearing sale we offer them at  
**39c yd**

Two toned Brillantines in a fine assortment of colors. Regular 75c value. Clearing sale price.  
**37 1-2c yd**

**KIMONAS**  
Our entire stock to choose from including both the long and short ones in pretty goods.  
**Half Price**

**SILK SHIRT WAIST SUITING**  
Other stores ask \$1.00 for same.  
**55c yd**

**St. Louis Fair Contest**

**Last month of voting**  
A typographical error appeared in Sunday's issue announcing the contest would close Wed., Aug. 10. This should read Contest closes Wed., August 31. Result of voting up to 5:30 p. m. yesterday.  
Total vote cast ..... 72,761  
Number voted for ..... 65  
Miss Mellen, East ..... 28,548  
Miss Shelton, Music ..... 28,505  
Miss Bushnell, Park ..... 3,553  
Miss Cosper, East ..... 3,306  
Miss Thomas, Park ..... 2,339  
Miss Gordon, North ..... 1,523  
Miss Kramer, East ..... 1,037  
Miss Knight, Music ..... 845  
Miss Patrick, O. E. S. .... 573  
Miss Frank, Elocution ..... 528

**TOMORROW ONLY**  
Our 18th Wednesday surprise sale. This week we offer a fine grade

**Boy's Stockings**  
of fast black, seamless ribbed compare them with 25c hose shown elsewhere. Wednesday only.  
**15c pr**

**Summer Petticoats**

Great clearing reductions in our petticoat department consisting of mercerized sateen, batiste, percales etc.  
\$.50 values ..... \$ .25  
.75 values ..... .38  
1.00 values ..... .50  
1.25 values ..... .63  
2.75 values ..... 1.38

**Golf Shirts**  
A fine assortment of men's golf shirts, with cuffs to match, regular 75c values, clearing price.  
**38c**

**Go-Carts**  
Those pretty carriages and folding carts are rapidly being wheeled away. Think of it carriages at half price.  
\$12.00 values ..... \$ 6.00  
18.50 values ..... 9.25  
21.50 values ..... 10.75  
22.50 values ..... 11.25  
4.25 values ..... 2.13  
4.75 values ..... 2.38

**If You Buy on Time**  
you are always a month or more behind on your bills. You're paying a high rate of interest for this time.

**Why Not Trade at a Cash Store**  
and keep your accounts up to date. You'll save the extra profit "credit stores" are compelled to charge for the extra expense and losses of the credit system.

**Reliable Merchandise**  
sold on a cash basis accounts for the great popularity of

**The New York Racket**  
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS, HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR—everything for the whole family.

**ALL STRAW AND CRASH HATS EXACTLY ONE HALF PRICE**  
New Idea dress patterns 10c. Postage 2c extra by mail.

**Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store**  
E. T. BARNES, Prop.

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