

OPERATOR TELLS OF COMPANY'S METHODS

Bell Telephone After Absorbing the Independent Company Gives Service.

BUT SHUT IT OUT BEFORE

Calls Were Delayed and Patrons Inconvenienced Until Company Was Forced to Sell.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., May 6.—Sensational testimony showing discrimination against the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company, and failure to abide by the order of the commission, against the Pacific States Telephone company, was given by Mrs. Oscar Peterson, formerly Gertrude Thomas, a long distance telephone operator, before the state public service commission, which is meeting at the chamber of commerce here today.

Mrs. Peterson was an operator on the Seattle exchange through which calls came, and told how the calls of subscribers to the former Independent Telephone company, absorbed by the Bell trust, for connection with the Northwestern company were delayed and often never answered, and how, whenever possible, these calls were diverted to the Pacific States long distance lines.

The hearing today is on charges made by the Northwestern company that the Pacific States company violated an order of the public service commission, that the latter company should maintain a long distance board of the Northwestern company at the latter's expense and connect it with all calls from Seattle subscribers for service with this concern.

Forty witnesses are ready to testify for both sides and the hearing may last several days. Former Governor Bowerman, of Oregon, is here in the interest of the Northwestern company.

The first witness called today was H. J. Roak, auditor of the Northwestern company, who told the receipts had dropped following the absorbing of the Independent company here.

EUGENE STIRRED UP OVER BASEBALL CONTEST

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Eugene, Ore., May 6.—Great interest is being manifested in the baseball games between the University of Oregon and University of Washington here Wednesday and Thursday. The fact that Oregon defeated Washington twice on the recent northern trip, is having no effect on the preparations of the varsity team, as they recognize the Washingtonians as being their most formidable rivals in the conference games.

OREGON ELECTRIC WILL BUILD NEW BRIDGE

The Oregon Electric Company will build a new bridge on Mill creek and make other street improvements, it was announced last night at council meeting. The grade matter has been satisfactorily adjusted, and, it was announced by Stolz, the street will be placed in better condition than at present. He said the city is getting more than the charter provides. Twelve inches of gravel is to be used.

CONGRESSMAN WOULD HAVE LAW TESTED

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Washington, May 6.—Declaring that California undoubtedly has exceeded its rights in passing a law discriminating against the Japanese, Congressman Britten, of Illinois, today introduced in the house a resolution proposing that the departments of state and justice should cooperate to test the California law in the courts. He asked that the judiciary committee report this resolution.

Indians Want Their Coins

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Washington, May 6.—A band of Sioux Indians in full war regalia, headed by Chiefs Pinebird, Bear-in-the-Wood and Bear Shields, entered Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's office today and squatted on the floor. They asked McAdoo to pay the tribe \$200,000, the amount due under tribal allotments. McAdoo refused to act until Secretary of the Interior Lane had considered the matter.

Think He Is the Bandit.

Kansas City, Mo., May 6.—Answering fully to the description of the train bandit who recently shot Jesse Short, a wealthy passenger, during the holdup of a Kansas City Southern train, a man has been arrested at a contractor's camp near Birmingham, Mo. The suspect wore a bloody shirt and one foot was wounded. It is believed he was hit by Short's pistol bullets in the duel which resulted in the passenger's death.

MAINTENANCE COST IMPORTANT MATTER

Proposition of Taking Care of Street by City at Large After Paving Is Expensive.

Because of a report that South High street residents have started a petition of remonstrance against the work, Councilman Turner, at the council meeting last night, moved that action on the bids of the Ambrose-Burdal Company be postponed for a week. The property owners, at a meeting held last week, decided in favor of bituminous macadam.

Turner later stated that the proposition of taking care of streets after being paved was a serious one, and he believed it had never occurred to many of the councilmen until recently. He found that the cost of maintenance was greater than the improvement, and the city, as a whole, paid it.

Brown said that was the reason he was opposed to Macadam. A hard surface pavement was necessary to stand the wear.

Stolz said he was glad to see the council waking up to the facts. He had been aroused six years ago. However, the travel on some streets was light, and it was not necessary to have a hard surface pavement.

Macy thought it cost a lot to take care of the hard surface streets down town. He did not believe the side streets cost very much.

The council voted to improve Brooks street. It was pointed out that the travel on that street would not be heavy.

The paving of an alley in block 70 was ordered.

SPECTACULAR TRIAL BEGINS AT MARSHFIELD TODAY

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Marshfield, Ore., May 6.—The trial of J. S. Barton, of Coos county, representative in the state legislature, was begun in the circuit court at Coquille today before Judge J. S. Coke. Barton was indicted on a charge of assault, the complainant being Miss Made Youakam. The assault is alleged to have taken place in Barton's office. A crusade movement figured in the indictment of Barton, a petition asking that the matter be investigated having been presented to the grand jury.

Strange differences of femininity appear among fowls and brutes as well as among humankind.

YEW PARK DRAINAGE TO BE INVESTIGATED

Engineer Will Look Over Situation Near Yew Park With View of Bringing Relief.

The council last night adopted a resolution introduced by Jones calling for an investigation of the drainage of Yew Park and vicinity by the city engineer. Jones said he wanted the question settled as property owners were kicking. Stolz thought it hardly the right time to take the city engineer off the paving work. It was finally agreed the work would not take much time.

It was voted to give Johns & Company the final payment on Union street improvement, it appearing that the gravel left by the contractors would be used by paving men.

The petition of Fairmount addition property owners that the council rescind action of October, 1912, calling for new cement walks was granted. It appeared that new board walks were built two years ago and there is no need of cement walks.

THEIR POCKETS HURT NOT THEIR PRIDE

Arizona Passes Anti-Ownership Bill More Drastic Than California's.

BUT THE JAPS IGNORE IT

This Because There Is No Land in Arizona That They Want, at Least at This Time.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Sacramento, Cal., May 6.—Commenting on the passage of an anti-alien land law by the Arizona legislature yesterday, far more drastic in its provisions than the California bill, which today awaits the signature of the governor, Progressive and Democratic law makers here alike agree that it demonstrates that Japan's "pride" is touched only when she "is thwarted in getting what material things she wants."

"It shows conclusively to my mind," said W. A. Sutherland, administration leader, "that this super-sensitive pride of Nippon is all bosh. There was no worrying of the Arizona legislature from either Tokio or Washington. This makes it patent that the Japanese want only the California lands for the present. They regard this state not only as fruitful, but as the natural outlet for the overflow of their crowded island."

"It is our lands they want," added Hugh Bradford of Sacramento, Democrat, and author of one of the anti-alien bills here. "Their 'pride' is touched only when they are blocked from some concrete aggrandisement, not when they are discriminated against in the abstract."

Gets Life Annuity.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Christiana, May 6.—A life annuity of \$1620 is voted today to Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole by the Storting. The vote was unanimous.

KILLS ADOPTED BOY AND THEN HERSELF

Aged Woman in Oakland, Fearing Separation From Child, Puts an End to All.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] San Francisco, May 6.—"We loved the boy and he loved us. My wife thought it better that we all die than be separated. That's the answer."

This explanation was assigned here today by Chauncey W. Hale, aged 74 years, for the slaying of their little five-year-old Japanese ward "Jimmy," by his wife, Mrs. Ida W. Hale, a comely white-haired old woman, who then ended her own life.

"We passed out at 2:30 o'clock," was the note left by Mrs. Hale to her husband. Both had been shot.

Hale, a bent and broken man, today sobbed out the story of the tragedy. "Hei'na Yamaguchi was Jimmy's real name," said the old man. "We found him in our wanderings in Japanese curio shops and my wife loved him at the first glance. The boy's mother is a nurse at a Japanese hospital. She gave him to us to keep. Recently we learned that it was planned to take Jimmy from us. It preyed upon my wife's mind constantly. Then she must have decided to put the little chap beyond their reach. I don't expect any one to understand just how we felt toward the boy. Our greatest pleasure was discussing plans for his future. We wanted him to grow up to be the kind of we would want our son to be. Then came the plans to take him away. It was too much for Ida."

When Hale returned from work yesterday, Jimmy failed to meet him. He found the bodies of Mrs. Hale and the boy, wrapped in flower colored robes, lying on the bed.

"The boy looked like a beautiful bisque doll with its eyes closed," sobbed the old man.

A Big Blaze.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Buffalo, N. Y., May 6.—A \$500,000 loss is represented here today in the destruction by fire of the American Agricultural Chemical Company plant.

Commission government will be an interesting thing to watch and study.

Seventeen Years of Flying.

Washington, May 6.—The Smithsonian Institution observed "Langley Day" today by presenting gold medals to Glenn Curtiss, and, by proxy, to Gustave Eiffel, the French scientist. The French ambassador received the medal for Eiffel. This afternoon a tablet to Professor Langley's memory was unveiled. It was on May 6, 1896, when Professor Langley first flew in a heavier-than-air machine.

ILLIHEE CLUB HAD BOOSTER GATHERING

A Hundred or More Took Part and There Was Snap and Go From Start to Finish.

Something like one hundred members of the Illihee Club last night planted their feet under the banquet table and partaking of the excellent menu, were entertained by various club boosters with addresses, comments and music. In the words of that proverbial southerner, the Illihee boys "had one by-gosh good time."

Probably there never has been a meeting held by the Illihee members more enthusiastic. They boosted at every whip-stitch and upon every occasion some one plugged in a good word for the organization. George F. Rodgers acted as toast-master and among the speakers called upon were: Judge C. L. McNary, Thomas Kay, Charles Dick, August Hucklestein, A. N. Moores and Dr. Harry Olinger. All of these men compiled and shot forth buckets full of those materials which tend to make an organization a success.

After the speakers had finished whooping 'em up, other entertainment was in order. A good orchestra furnished the music, while T. G. Bligh, as usual lent his assistance by introducing two specialties from his popular playhouse, together with Frank Snyder, the soloist who rendered several pleasing selections in splendid voice.

Carl Gabrielson made a decided hit by singing the following little local song, his own production, dealing humorously with local affairs:

Just Some Rumors.

Oh, Georgie dear and did you hear the rumors that have risen, About our Gid, it's plainly said That he is getting his'n.

He put old Corrie on the rolls in a way that's very neat, And had himself appointed to the committee of the street.

Now he's riding round in motor cars Where the pavement's very thin, For he don't want to find a hole Some one can put him in.

And his favorin' of the contractors, To lay the pavement down, Is the sumthin' fierce, Oh, Georgie dear, The rumors goin' round.

And Georgie, dear, you'll surely hear How it's handed to him now, Contractors know and Taber knows The Where, the Who and How.

He wants to buy the water works and close up every bar, And make us drink his soda pop and sour vinegar.

And for sewers that you ne'er can see he wants some one to pay, And for all of us except our Gid, it's a bitter, bitter day.

But Georgie listen, he's getting his'n, And I'm telling to you right, For Taber in his paper is pounding it out each night.

That the club is growing with great strides remains without saying. Since January 7, the club has received 100 new members and the prospects for many more is very promising. The organization is both financially and socially progressing and before long the members hope to place the club in the front ranks of the best and most influential ones in the state.

Smothered His Brother.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Winfield, Kan., May 6.—The three-month-old son of L. D. Neal is dead here today, smothered by a 2-year-old baby brother. The elder boy piled pillows upon the baby's head.

Weather Forecast.

Oregon—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Northerly winds.

BIDS ON BOND ISSUE ARE NOT UP TO PAR

Best Bid Takes \$19 Off Every \$1000 Making Bid a Trifle More Than 98 Per Cent.

WOULD BRING \$372,780

Next Best Bid Is \$369,550 Flat—And Both Are Made Subject to Opinion of Eastern Firms.

Bids for an issue of \$380,000 in 5 per cent sewer bonds, authorized at an election last December, were opened at the meeting of the council last night, and the best bid was found to be that of Morris Bros., of Portland and Boston, who offered \$1001 for each \$1000, less \$20 per thousand for expenses, and stipulated that they be issued \$50,000 following the awarding of the contract, and \$50,000 a month until the entire issue is taken care of. The bid figured out, means an offer of \$372,780 for the issue. The fact that the money will not all be forthcoming at once also means a drawback of considerable importance.

Weal, Roth & Company, of New York, offered \$369,550 for the bonds.

Both of the bidders stipulated that the bonds must be approved by a Boston firm before they would accept them.

The bids were referred to the mayor, city attorney and committee on accounts, with power to act.

The reasons given for the low bids are that the city proposes to redeem \$10,000 annually for 20 years, and that the interest is payable annually, instead of semi-annually. Had it been a straight 20-year issue par would likely have been offered.

The bid of Morris Bros. is over \$7000 below par, but it is considered the best.

The bond issue will take care of most of the indebtedness incurred in the construction of the North Salem, South Salem, Union and Marion street sewers.

LID IS ORDERED PUT ON METOLIUS

Governor West Takes Action in Case of City Which Recently Held an Illegal Election.

Governor West today notified the mayor and assistant district attorney of Metolius that an election recently held there to legalize the sale of liquor is not effective for the reason that such election should be held in November, according to law. It was also pointed out that in any event the vote would not become effective before January 1.

The governor forwarded opinions of the attorney-general to back up his notice.

Metolius was incorporated last December and prior to that time was a part of Kutchin, which is "dry" by a large majority vote of the electors.

The county court, without authority whatever, granted a petition for a special election, and it was held February 28, the "wets" winning by a heavy majority. Since then saloons have been running in full blast, and although licensed by the city, having absolutely no legal right.

As a result of the action taken today it is believed the booze emporiums will be closed.

Shot by Hold-ups. Butte, Mont., May 6.—Shot by two masked desperadoes in an attempted hold-up here last night, under the full glare of an electric light, Harry Drum, deputy clerk of the United States court, today is at the point of death, with three bullets in his body, and Theodore Thomas, secretary of the mining exchange, also is dying. Thomas was shot twice.

Two men have been arrested on suspicion, but neither Drum nor Thomas have been able to identify them.

He Was Mistaken.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] St. Louis, May 6.—"Ho, hi, hum! Nothing to do for two weeks," exclaimed Edward Reidel, who intended leaving on a vacation trip today. Then something about his jaw snapped.

Reidel is suffering from a bad jaw dislocation," said physicians. "He will be out of the hospital before his vacation leave expires."

An Attempt at Murder.

Union, Or., May 6.—Sheriff Hng is in Union today investigating the attempted murder of Lee Thomason, who was attacked while sleeping, by an unidentified man armed with an axe. The intruder invaded Thomason's room in a ranch house, and after locking his bed, began to chop indiscriminately with the axe. Thomason slipped from the bed in the darkness and hid beneath some sacks. The only injury he suffered was a badly cut right arm.

FRONT STREET TO BE GIVEN GRADE

Council Finds That Majority of Property Owners Want It and Will Go Ahead With Work.

At the council meeting last night the street committee reported unfavorably on the remonstrance of Front street residents in regard to the proposed change of grade. The committee found that 206,900 square feet were represented on the remonstrance, while the total property reaches 468,800. The report was accepted, and later in the meeting it was decided to have Milton and Turner act as a committee in settling damages claimed by some of the property owners. Eight are said to claim damages because of the change in grade.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Liberty street, between Wilson and Superior, was passed.

The city engineer was instructed to issue a permit to Judge D'Arcy to erect an addition to the Ye Liberty theater to consist of a 12-inch wall.

A claim of Front street property owners for \$400 for land taken for street purposes was referred to the street committee.

R. R. Ryan's amended petition for a permit to construct a building on Commercial street came up, and was referred. Siegmund said he could not vote for it because it was in violation of the building ordinance.

The bid of E. S. Bpdlong for some sidewalk construction was accepted.

SOCIETY CELEBRATES ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The members of the Salem German society, about 40 strong, tied themselves to the big ranch belonging to John Neiger, of Polk county, last Sunday where they spent the day in healthful enjoyment.

The jovial rancher was all prepared for his guests. Good things to eat, music by the German Singing Society, games of all kinds and speeches were indulged in. August Kehrberger, president of the local society, delivered an address in which he expounded the success of the German organization and spoke highly of the genial family who invited the Salem folks to their nice home. Everything was first class, state those who took advantage of Mr. Neiger's invitations, and everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

The occasion marked another milestone for the Salem German Society. The members Sunday celebrated the fifth anniversary of the society.

WIRELESS SERVICE BADLY DEMOLISHED

Only Four Land Stations on the Coast in Operation—Vessels Not Supplied.

San Francisco, May 6.—Declaration that the affairs of the Marconi company on the Pacific coast now are in a state of demoralization as a result of the wireless operators strike was made here today by S. J. Kanenkamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union. He announced the receipt today of a telegram from Seattle stating that the land stations at Ketchikan and Juneau, Alaska, are closed, leaving only four land stations in operation on the coast.

Conditions at sea, Kanenkamp declares, are steadily growing worse. Incompetent non-union operators, he says, make it impossible for shippers to get an accurate line on the movement of vessels.

Eat Oregon apples and onions and be healthy and happy.

PROPOSITION MADE TO DIVIDE THE STATE

Senator Would Have California Divided and a New State Created.

WANTS MORE SENATORS

State Has 155,662 Square Miles and Could Sustain Population of Twenty Millions.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Sacramento, Cal., May 6.—A senate joint resolution, relative to the dividing of California in two states and instructing the secretary of state to place the proposition of state division on the ballot was introduced today by Senator J. B. Sanford, of Ukiah.

The resolution, which calls for a division of that part of the state south of the Tehachapi from that portion north of the Tehachapi, was sent to the printer and will be brought up for action in the senate later in the week.

Senator Sanford's resolution, which was unexpected on the part of the majority of the senators, was introduced in a full in the debate on various bills. It sets forth the fact that California comprises 155,662 square miles, and is capable of peopling 30,000,000 souls, and declares that with the opening of the Panama canal California will advance by leaps and bounds, and will need increased political influence in the United States senate in order that her people and varied interests may be properly protected.

EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE FORMED AT SILVERTON

The Citizens' Educational League of Oregon organized a branch league in Silverton last night, at which time they had a large attendance of prominent citizens of that live city. T. H. Fisher, of the Silverton flouring mills, was elected president, and F. E. Callister, secretary. Speeches were made by Dr. C. W. Keene, Custer Ross and others.

The following ladies and gentlemen signed the constitution: Geo. W. Hubbs, Minnie M. Keene, Fields McClaine, A. O. White, Geo. W. Steelhammer, C. W. Keene, C. M. Wray, C. E. Ross, P. E. Kinsorge, C. B. Latham, W. S. Bowen, John H. Brooks, O. G. Steelhammer, O. E. Thompson, W. F. Cannon, R. G. Allen, A. Wolf, J. C. Spencer, G. W. Hubbs, Eva Cooldge, T. D. Davis, J. K. Mount, Claude P. Slade, S. Aurelia Burch, Clara M. Blais, Grace Hogue-Callister, T. E. Callister, M. G. Gunderson, Ed. R. Adams, W. A. Reynolds, R. A. Cowden, I. H. Fischer.

The following resolution was strongly endorsed:

"Whereas, A referendum is threatened on the appropriations made by the last legislature for a new recitation building and betterment of other buildings at the University of Oregon, aggregating \$175,000, and

"Whereas, The university is badly in need of additional rooms to accommodate its largely increased enrollment of students, and

"Whereas, The invoking of this referendum will be to a great extent responsible for bringing on the state a special election in November, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000; therefore be it

"Resolved, That such a referendum is both unwise and unprofitable and should be strongly discouraged by all who have the educational interests of the state at heart."

THINK THEY HAVE BEEN WORSTED IN SEWER DEAL

North Salem residents of the vicinity of Center and Frederick streets last night protested to the city council against paying any assessment for a sewer. They recited that 30-inch tile was unneeded in their vicinity, but was never used, being hauled away after a few weeks.

The matter was referred to a committee for investigation.

To Conserve in Portland.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Portland, Ore., May 6.—The Conservation of Human Life conference will be held at Reed College on May 9, 10 and 11. The subjects for discussion will be "Human Life, Its Wastes and Conservation," and "Social Service." The conference will also include exhibits, lectures, discussions, out of door sports, May pole dances and meetings of educational societies.