

EL PASO TO BE THE CENTER OF NETWORK OF TELEPHONE LINES

Southwestern Company to Be Transferred to Another Company and This City to Be Headquarters—Toll Lines to Denver, Douglas, Bisbee, Globe, and Eventually to Los Angeles, Cal.

El Paso is to be the center of a network of telephone toll lines, connecting this city with those of the southwest as far north as Denver, east to Dallas, and west to Bisbee, Douglas, Globe, and eventually with Los Angeles and the Pacific coast cities—if plans now formulated are carried out.

BENEFITS FROM THE NEW PHONE COMPANY.

Tri-State Telephone company to take over all Bell lines in El Paso and the two territories. Headquarters will be located in El Paso, with executive offices here.

Dallas headquarters will no longer have jurisdiction here.

El Paso to be the operating center for all Bell lines in the entire Southwest. New toll lines to be built at once.

The company's office, and H. W. Bellard, the auditor of the new company, will arrive here in a few days with their families, and will make this their home.

Needs for a broader and more comprehensive toll line system is the reason for the proposed transfer of the company franchise to the new Tri-State company, according to Mr. Hamlin.

The company's plans.

"For some time," said Mr. Hamlin, "we have been confronted in New Mex."

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TAFT IS ASKED TO SETTLE THE STRIKE

New Castle, Pa., March 10.—Will president Taft attempt to settle the Philadelphia Strike. He has been asked to try.

The committee appointed yesterday to devise ways and means of carrying into effect the resolution calling for a country wide labor strike in the event that arbitration of the Philadelphia street car strike fails, reported to the convention of the State Federation of Labor this morning.

President Greenault was authorized to call upon president Taft, senator Oliver, senator Penrose and governor Stuart to use their best efforts to compel arbitration within ten days, otherwise an appeal will be made to the American Federation of Labor to call a nation wide strike.

The committee announced that it had issued a request that all state union and local organizations vote immediately on the question of a state wide strike within fifteen days and report the results by wire.

RIOTS FEARED AT PARK TODAY

Gathering of Strikers Will Not Be Permitted, Police Officials Declare.

UNION MEN SAY THEY WILL MEET

Trouble Feared When Meeting Is Attempted—Strikes Called in Other Cities.

Schenectady, N. Y., March 10.—Companies E. and F., of the second regiment, were today ordered to proceed to Saratoga immediately for strike duty.

The companies left about 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The sending of troops is due to violence of striking paper mill employes.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 10.—The Rapid Transit company today operated more cars than on any day since the strike was declared.

But serious trouble is feared today, nevertheless.

The city authorities declare they will not allow the advertised mass meeting at National League park to take place this afternoon, while labor leaders assert that the meeting will be held, nevertheless.

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SCHOOL BOARD MAY PROBE DEEPLY

General Discussion of Purchases by Board May Lead to Investigations

WELSH TALKS OF HIS SHOP SALE

The El Paso school board may, in self defence, take up for investigation, numerous other matters that have been the subject of street corner talk and corridor gossip during the past day or so, since the Welsh matter became public property and the investigation asked by Mr. Welsh has been started.

The talk of various kinds in business circles following the Welsh incident, may lead the board to make public investigation of other matters that have become a source of common gossip about the city, especially certain alleged sales of goods to the board by firms with which members of the board are said to be connected.

Talk has it that several such sales have been made, in some instances the sales being made in the name of the firm, but by the firm in the name of some individual member.

Transfer of a Firm.

Concerning the report that he had disposed of his business long enough for the H. Welsh Co. to do some work for the school board and then had taken it back, Henry Welsh today said:

"In June, last year, I gave E. A. Caddy, who was already a stockholder in the company, an option on my stock, which he long time to pay for it. He conducted the business from June to December, and then he decided to go to ranching and I again assumed charge of the business.

"My object in disposing of the stock was to seek a new location, Mrs. Welsh being in St. Louis at the time. I was not employed by Caddy during the time he had the business, but received mail at the office and was often called there by him to leave the business.

"Yes, during the time Caddy conducted the business he did considerable work on the addition of the Mesa school. I was a member of the school board.

"The business was continued under the name of H. Welsh company. I have a deal on at this time looking toward the sale of the business, the negotiator stating that it was the name he wanted as well as the business."

Sold Goods to Schools.

Asked if he had sold goods to the schools he replied:

"Before the enforcement of the law after the sale of goods by trustee J. G. Froese, of the firm Iron and Brass works, was called to the attention of the"

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10,000 STEEL CARS ORDERED

Pittsburg, Pa., March 10.—Orders for 10,000 steel cars of all classes approximating in cost \$12,000,000 have been placed according to announcement here.

One hundred and twenty thousand tons of steel will be required and enough air brakes, wheels and other accessories to keep the mills busy for many months.

The orders come principally from the Union Pacific, Southern railway and the Burlington road.

NO NIGGERS AND NO BOOZE

After Voting Whisky Out of County, a New Motto Is Adopted by Big Springs.

23 THE MOTTO OF THE PROS

Big Springs, Texas, March 10.—"No niggers and no booze" is the new watchword of Big Springs. The "niggers" were run out and booze has been voted out, hence Big Springs is "a white prohibitionist's town."

The count of Tuesday's vote shows that Big Springs and Howard county were carried by prohibition, the majority being 271 votes. The total vote was as follows: Prohibition, 719; for saloons, 248. The prohibitionists doubled them and had 23 to spare. And the majority was 23 more than the total vote secured for saloons. So 23 is the lucky number for the Howard county prohibitionists and this vote means 23 or "skidoo" to the saloons.

"No niggers, no saloons, the finest climate under the sun, and the purest water that was ever drunk," is to be the cry.

MRS ROOSEVELT TO MEET HUSBAND MONDAY

Khartoum, Egypt, March 10.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt left Taifika yesterday and is expected to arrive here Monday.

He will be met Monday evening by Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel Roosevelt.

The Roosevelts are to be entertained until the following Thursday at the sirdar's palace.

APPROPRIATION FOR NEW POSTOFFICE IS POSSIBLE

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Congressman W. R. Smith is confident that an appropriation of \$100,000 for a new postoffice site for El Paso will be secured at this session of congress.

If the appropriation for a site is secured at this session, it is quite likely that it will be possible to secure money for the building at the next session.

Customs collector A. L. Sharpe, since he has been here, has added his arguments to those of postmaster Smith, congressman Smith and others, as to the necessity of a new postoffice in El Paso.

This would leave the present federal building for customs, court and other federal uses, and would make room for housing the boundary commission, the weather bureau and all federal officials.

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The Mess Water.

GARFIELD IS PUT ONTO THE STAND

Former Secretary of Interior Testifies in the Ballinger Case.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Former secretary of the interior J. R. Garfield, resumed his testimony before the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigation committee today.

He explained the Alaska coal bills introduced in congress during his administration of the interior department.

At the hearings Mr. Garfield said he and Mr. Ballinger differed on the question of whether the proposed future classification of Alaska coal and the increase of price over \$10 an acre should apply to locations already made and entered.

Witness said Mr. Ballinger thought the lands already entered should be allowed patent at \$10 an acre, provided by the old law. This would have allowed the Cunningham claims to be paid for at that price.

Questioned by senator Sutherland, Mr. Garfield said he himself believed such locations made in good faith were entitled to that price.

Doesn't Approve Bond Issue.

Witness was asked if the \$30,000,000 issue of bonds, recommended by president Taft, was not made necessary to relieve the hardships growing out of the cooperative plan between the government and water users, which plan was adopted by secretary Garfield, but stopped by secretary Ballinger. Mr. Garfield declared the proposed issue would cover a much wider field of reclamation than that begun under his administration.

"In fact," he said, much to the surprise of the committee, "I don't believe it is necessary to issue any bonds at all."

Mr. Garfield made this statement in defence of the cooperative agreements. He declared that it was evident that attorney general Wickersham and president Taft did not have the proper facts before them when they reached opinions adverse to the legality of the reclamation act.

He also implied that Mr. Ballinger might have been responsible for this.

To Restore Power Sites.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Large parts of lands withdrawn by secretary of interior Garfield along the Grand river in Colorado and Utah on the ground that they contained power possibilities, are to be restored to entry by secretary Ballinger. It was announced today, examination having shown only 12,392 acres serviceable for that purpose.

RUN ON BANK STILL CONTINUES

Long Line of Depositors Wait for Money From Cleveland Bank.

Cleveland, O., March 10.—A run on the Society for Savings, one of the big banking institutions in Cleveland, which began yesterday, was resumed this morning.

Hundreds of depositors were held in a line a block long by the police and thousands of persons crowded the public square near the institution.

Officers announced this morning that the bank had more than six and a half million in currency on hand, ready to pay off depositors.

The run was started by rumors originating in the foreign section of the city, according to one report. Another report was that like the run on a Chicago bank, it was started by thieves who expected to reap a rich harvest in the excited throng.

HERALD COUPONS SAVE CRAWFORD VAUDEVILLE FOR HERALD FAMILY

20¢ ON SHOW TICKETS

Saturday The Herald will print the first coupon for the Crawford vaudeville shows next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday another coupon will be printed. One of these coupons and ten cents, if brought to The Herald office, will be good for a seat anywhere in the house on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights or at the Tuesday matinee.

The tickets must be bought at The Herald office, however, as coupons will not be good at the Crawford box office. Tickets bought there will cost ten, twenty and thirty cents. All tickets, if bought at The Herald office and accompanied by Herald coupons, will be ten cents. Thus you save ten to twenty cents on a seat, if you belong to "The Herald family."

Two shows are to be given nightly—at 7:30 and 9:15—and as the tickets will be good for either performance on either evening or at the Tuesday matinee, everybody ought to be able to get a thirty cent seat for a dime. The first to arrive get first choice of seats at each of these performances. The Herald makes no discrimination.

Watch for the coupon and save its tickets cost the regular price if you haven't got The Herald coupons.

ALLEGED ROBBERS ARE IN PRISON

Are Suspected of Robbing Postoffices in the Southwest.

Coleman, Tex., March 10.—A. W. Perkins, alias Clarence Douglas, George Davis, James Fielding, a gang alleged to have robbed the postoffice at Nowata and railroad camps on the Texico cut-off, were captured last night by postoffice inspector Charles G. Kensler, sheriff W. T. With and county attorney W. C. Woods.

The men were caught by surprise and offered no resistance. One hundred and fifty dollars in cash, a large amount of stamps and other booty was recovered.

Perkins and Davis are wanted in New Mexico and Oklahoma for similar robberies. It is charged.

ALBUQUERQUE STILL KICKING

Makes a Protest at Construction of Elephant Butte Dam.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 10.—At a meeting of the Albuquerque Commercial club last night, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions protesting against the government appropriating funds for work on the Elephant Butte dam on the ground that the dam would irrigate only 18,000 acres in New Mexico, and would prevent the irrigation of 400,000 acres on the upper Rio Grande.

SOME REAL GOLD BRICKS AT SILVER

Silver City, N. M., March 10.—One of the largest shipments of gold bullion that ever passed through Silver City, arrived from the Mogollon district yesterday. The several large gold bricks were valued at \$10,000.

TO EQUALIZE SALARIES OF TEXAS FEDERAL COURT OFFICERS

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Representative Garner's bill to equalize the salaries of United States district attorneys and marshals in Texas was today favorably reported to the house by representative Henry, of the judiciary committee. The salaries will be \$4000 annually.

BRICK WALL CRUSHES 20 ONE VICTIM ASKS FOR TOBACCO

Pittsburg, Pa., March 10.—A 50 foot brick wall, left standing in the ruins of a fire, collapsed this morning, burying 20 workmen.

Two of them were killed and ten probably fatally injured. Most of the victims were foreigners.

An hour after the accident two workmen were found alive but crushed in a crevice between the timbers and brick piles.

Directing the efforts of a relief party, one buried man asked for a chew of tobacco, which was handed him through a crack in the piled up timbers.

AGAIN HOGS BREAK RECORD

Fort Worth, Texas, March 10.—All previous Texas records for the price of hogs were broken today when a load of 70 brought \$10.15 per hundredweight on the local market. The load was shipped from Burnett today.

Four large loads of hogs went over the \$10 mark today, two going from Oklahoma. Even higher prices are predicted for tomorrow.

Hogs sold for \$10.50 in Chicago today, breaking all records there.

YOUNG KNOX MAY BE A REPORTER

Newspaper Offers Position to Young Man Disowned by Parent.

Plattsburg, N. Y., March 10.—The opportunity for Philander C. Knox, Jr., son of secretary of state, who it is reported has "cut off" his son because the latter took unto himself a bride against his father's wishes, was tendered to him today when a Plattsburg evening newspaper wired him an offer of a position as reporter.

Young Mr. Knox, who eloped with Miss May Boier, of Providence, R. I., and married her in Vermont, was quoted yesterday as saying his father had warned him that he would have to shift for himself.

THE RIOTING CEASES DOWN IN COLOMBIA

Bogota, Colombia, March 10.—The anti-American rioting practically ceased last night. All Americans here are safe.

The ending of disorder is due chiefly to the firmness and tact of Elliott Northcutt, United States minister.

SENATE AIDS MEN ON HOMESTEAD LAND

Washington, D. C., March 10.—The senate yesterday passed a bill authorizing homesteaders on irrigation reclamation projects to leave their claims until water is available.

ATTORNEYS COME TO BLOWS IN A FORT WORTH COURT

Fort Worth, Texas, March 10.—State senator W. A. Hanger and Ben G. Houston, opposing attorneys in a case in judge Buck's district court, came to blows in the court room this morning, causing confusion. They were fined \$25 each.

VETERAN DIES

Terrell, Texas, March 10.—C. C. Calens of Elmo, near here, died this morning, aged 49 years. He fought with distinction under Col. Roosevelt in Cuba during the Spanish-American war. The Elmo schools will suspend to attend the funeral in a body.

WATTS WELL; IT DIDN'T KILL ME YET

What is the city of El Paso going to do for a permanent and adequate supply of good water? This question has been before the people of El Paso for years and is rapidly becoming more serious. All of us who are making El Paso our home, be we large property owners or not, are anxious to have the problem solved and the matter settled.

Commissioners have been appointed to investigate, and reports and suggestions have been made, but the city is farther from a solution, and in more desperate need of it, now than ever before.

Of the two daily papers neither one has suggested a practical remedy. One point, however, everybody agrees—the city's water supply is inadequate and the quality of water supplied is harmful, notwithstanding all statements to the contrary.

Frequently one will hear the assertion: "I have lived in El Paso for 20 years or more, and used water from the"

ENGINEER SAYS GET SACRAMENTO WATER

Would Have Reservoir On Mount Franklin To Supply the City

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The Mess Water.

The analysis of the water from the water company's mess well shows it is comparatively pure, but that is a poor consolation if you don't get it; the supply is not there and the water com-

pany has been unable to furnish it. I shall take occasion to say here that the men at the head of the International Water company have probably suffered more worry, mental anguish and certainly more financial loss than any of their customers, in their fruitless efforts to satisfy the public.

The Hunt Engineering company wound up their report thus: "Based upon our examination and the evidence submitted, it is our opinion that the quantity of the ground water in the Lanoria mesa is sufficient to more than supply all the future needs of the city of El Paso; and that this ground water can be tapped along the eroded border of the mesa.

In my humble opinion it is extremely doubtful if this deduction is correct. The water level in the mesa wells is stated

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