

BELL COMPANY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

Report Shows the Gross Earnings For the Year to be Over \$863,000.

GOV. WHITE ELECTED DIRECTOR

Chief Executive of Montana Succeeds Charles W. Clark on the Board—Officers Chosen.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company held its annual meeting this morning, in the office of President George Y. Wallace. The report of the president was in the highest degree satisfactory, especially the part showing that the increase of general business was 25 per cent greater for the financial year just closed than during the previous year. So that both stockholders and directors were in a very complacent mood, and the fact that another company is building with a view to compete, did not occasion any uneasiness. In his annual report, President Wallace showed the earnings of the telephone exchanges for the year, \$418,322.98; toll earnings, \$234,110.45; miscellaneous earnings, \$60,200.56; gross earnings, \$712,633.99. The total expenses amounted to \$648,101.37, making a net gain of \$64,532.62. Dividends paid amounted to \$134,853.50; balance to surplus, \$30,178.22.

The report showed 23 new exchanges established during the year, 2,310 new toll line wires strung, 5,250 new subscribers added, 200 of these being in Salt Lake. The total number of subscribers on the system now amount to 12,000. There are 16,000 miles of toll lines in operation, 35 exchanges, and 2,727 toll stations. President Wallace also said:

"I especially call your attention to our long distance lines, and it is with much pride that I say, that in the state of Montana there are but four places of more than 500 people where we have no exchanges, or which are not reached with our long lines, Columbia Falls and Kallispell in Flathead county, Glendive in Dawson county, and Havre in Chouteau county.

"In Idaho, there is not a city, town or village of more than 500 people, where we have not exchanges or toll line connections. In Utah, we are connected with every city, town and village of more than 500 people, except the following towns in the eastern and southern part of the state, viz., of Salt Lake in Wasatch county; Scofield, Castle Gate and Price in Carbon county; Castledale and Huntington in Emery county; Panguitch and Escalante in Garfield county, and Kanab in Kane county.

"In Wyoming, we have exchanges, and our long lines connect with every city, town and village of over 500 people, excepting Cambria and New Castle in the extreme northeastern part of the state, in Weston county.

"I believe the people appreciate our efforts and enterprise in building these long lines, and while they may not be very remunerative at present, these several states constitute our territory, and we are bound to do our part to develop their development. There is so little left to be done that I hope within a short time, we can say that every part of the state and village in the more than 400,000 square miles, which constitutes the territory of the Bell Telephone Company, is connected with our general system. And, having accomplished so much, why should we not push on until we can say that every mine, shaft house, miners' cabin, every farmer or rancher, as well as every business house or professional man, is brought into talking distance with one another by the medium of our exchanges and long lines."

The report was received and filed. The stockholders selected the old board of directors, with the exception of Charles W. Clark of Montana, whose place was filled by the election of Gov. B. F. White of Montana. The directors organized by electing these officers: President, G. Y. Wallace; vice president, G. M. Downey; treasurer, W. S. McCormick; secretary, H. C. Hill; general manager, D. S. Murray; auditor, P. R. Ferguson; assistant secretary, D. S. Murray.

As the business of the year was not entirely finished, there will be a meeting of the directors shortly, to complete the work.

COOLER TONIGHT.

Spring Weather of Today to be of Short Duration.

The minimum thermometer this morning registered 49 degrees above zero; and when the sun came out it proved that the first real spring weather of the season was at hand. Overcasts seemed superfluous, and open windows and doors were indulged in. However, the weather prophet predicts showers and cooler tonight and tomorrow. The severe cold weather still hangs on up north, and the rain states. At Winnipeg it was 71 degrees below zero this morning and at Chicago it was zero. It has been raining in southern Idaho and in Oregon.

EXPLOSION INQUEST.

Cause of Dreadful Jackson Tragedy Being Inquired Into at Ogden.

(Special to the "News.") Ogden, Utah, Feb. 23.—The inquest into the cause of the explosion of a car of dynamite on Friday at Jackson, in which 25 lives were lost, is being held in Ogden today. The testimony of a large number of witnesses is being taken, and a verdict will probably be reached this afternoon.

Geo. T. Tsolomitis, the Greek vice consul in Butte, is expected to arrive this evening to look after the interests of his countrymen.

CENTER-VERNON MAIL.

Service on It as a Star Route May be Restored Very Soon.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—There is a prospect of the restoration of star mail service on the route between Center and Vernon, which, after being maintained for 30 years has been curtailed for "economic reasons."

Representative Howell saw the second assistant postmaster general this morning in relation to the matter and that official has promised consideration if the arguments presented will be of service. It is said that the change was induced by the extension of the San Pedro railroad.

If the committee on miners and min-

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At The Doctor's Risk

ing is ever reached on call the first bill called up will be that providing additional appropriations for land grant colleges. This bill has been favorably reported and its friends are confident of its passage.

The case of Smith Woolley still hangs fire in the senate committee. It seems, however, that additional facts have been filed with O'Connell, solicitor of the treasury, who reported adversely to Woolley and that he has in a measure withdrawn his opposition and will make no fight against Woolley. The committee will probably take action next Tuesday.

CALIFORNIAN HOME.

J. C. Cutler Builds a Handsome Little Cottage in Los Angeles.

J. C. Cutler, in speaking of California this morning, after his return, says that northern California, down to a short distance below San Francisco, has been blessed with an abundance of rain, so that everything is booming and blooming in the line of vegetation, and people are in high spirits. In the southern part of the state, however, there is a different tale to tell. At the time Mr. Cutler left there had been but 2 1/2 inches of rain, and the annual rainfall is 15 inches. One and a half feet while he was there, and that freshened vegetation up wonderfully; but more rain is a necessity. Where there is irrigation, as in the fruit orchards, everything looks bright and fresh.

Mr. Cutler was informed that there had been 2,500 dwellings erected in Los Angeles during the 12 months, and there were then 30 families pouring into that part of the state every month, which shows how rapidly people are flocking in from the east. Mr. Cutler has just completed the construction of a handsome little cottage on St. Louis street, Los Angeles, which his family are now occupying, and where he spent most of the time he was away.

He says everybody regards the Salt Lake road now as a sure thing, a foregone conclusion, and when through connections are made with this city, there will be a season of rejoicing down there. Mr. Cutler spoke of a recent attempt of the territory of Utah to buy several women who were running a Los Angeles restaurant. The result was that when the newspapers got hold of the fact, the public indignation was so great that the attempt was abandoned.

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WEATHER MAN PROMOTED.

Edward L. Wells Succeeds the Late S. M. Blandford in Idaho.

(Special to the "News.") Boise, Ida., Feb. 23.—Word was received in Boise this morning that Edward L. Wells, formerly assistant observer of the local weather bureau, who recently succumbed to tuberculosis, has been promoted to observer and given charge of the Boise station and Idaho section of the meteorological crop and climate service.

BACK FROM TEXAS.

Utah Man Found Much Interest in the Smoot Case in Lone Star State.

Jed M. Blair of Logan has returned from a business trip to Texas, during the course of which he visited nearly all the prominent cities of the big state. He was greatly impressed with the people and the country and states that Texas is prospering as never before in history.

"The political pot is beginning to boil down there," remarked Mr. Blair at the Wilson this morning, "and there is considerable interest manifested among southerners in the Smoot case. But so far as I was able to observe, there is scarcely a man in the state who believes Senator Smoot should be unseated. They all say the same: 'No polyanym, no evictions, to dismiss him would be unconstitutional.'"

Mr. Blair says that Texas is for Judge Parker first as the Democratic nominee, but the faithful have lined up ready to support any candidate the convention may name and turn out the old-fashioned Texas majority for him.

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TRANS THROUGH TO GREEN RIVER.

Oregon Short Line Terminal to Be Extended to Point Further East.

CHANCE TAKES PLACE MARCH 1

Important Improvement for Benefit of Passengers and Quick Movement Of Freight to Be Inaugurated.

Commencing March 1, the Oregon Short Line will run trains right through to Green River, Wyo., where connection will be made with the Union Pacific instead of at Granger, as heretofore. That such a change was contemplated and was part and parcel of the Union Pacific-Short Line consolidation was outlined in the "News" on Jan. 14 last and was also strenuously denied officially and by the press from Omaha and Ogden.

This morning Assistant General Manager E. E. Calvin of the Oregon Short Line announced that such a change was contemplated and that the various departments were getting ready to have it occur March 1.

This change is in reality a return to old conditions which prevailed prior to the segregation of the Union Pacific and Short Line in 1897. When asked for a statement regarding the true intention of the extension of the Short Line operation of trains, Mr. Calvin stated that the change was to be made in the interest of good operation, better accommodation for passengers, and economy. With the abolishment of the Short Line terminals at Granger passengers on the eastbound train will go on to Green River and there, if necessary, wait for the delayed Southern Pacific connections that go to make up the eastbound Union Pacific trains. At Granger there are practically no accommodations, while at Green River there is comfort awaiting those compelled to lay over. This in itself is a feature which will be appreciated by the transcontinental traveling public. The handling of freight, too, will in consequence be expedited.

Contrary to statements which have appeared in the Assistant Superintendent Whitney of the Wyoming division will have his headquarters at Cheyenne, and not at Rawlins, as announced.

Mr. Calvin this morning stated that the change in the operation of the trains did not of necessity mean any other changes.

J. J. HILL GETTING READY.

President Filing Things Against Adverse U. S. Supreme Court Opinion.

New York, Feb. 23.—While bankers here do not generally believe that the United States supreme court will render its decision in the Northern Securities case immediately upon the reconvening of that event is causing much discussion in financial circles.

J. J. Hill, president of the Securities company has been actively engaged of late in conferring with the various bankers interested and it is now said a tentative plan has been agreed upon for use in case the supreme court decided adversely to the company. Mr. Hill has refused to discuss the subject in any way but one of the bankers' association in the enterprise is quoted by the Herald as follows:

"We do not in the slightest fear for the fate of the Northern Securities company, no matter what the findings of the supreme court. The two properties, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, are in no way connected out of the hands which now control them. How this end will be achieved I am not at liberty to state, but it will be accomplished nevertheless. If the supreme court finds the present manner of holding the securities of the two roads to be illegal it will indicate what shall constitute a legal manner of holding them and that manner of retaining them will be pursued."

If the plan of the lower court should be affirmed in all particulars there would be trouble to some other roads but not so much to Northern Securities, which has been preparing to meet the outcome.

In the event of an adverse decision and a sweeping decree the Northern Securities company will turn over the control of the Northern Pacific stock to other interests, either to a railroad corporation in no way connected with the merger roads or to a voting trusteeship. The joint guarantee of the Burlington bonds by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific will not be disturbed.

It is presumed that this plan contemplates the reduction of Northern Securities stock by the equivalent of the amount issued for Northern Pacific stock.

SMELTER SMOKE NUISANCE

Case of Ruined Farms and Orchards Before the Federal Court Today.

Judge Marshall's time in the United States court has been taken up today by the arguments in the case of David McLeery et al vs the Highland Boy Smelting and Refining company, in which the plaintiffs ask that the smelting people be enjoined from ruining their crops by the fumes from the plant, or be compelled to pay damages. Over 700 pages of testimony has been taken in the case, much of it being by experts, and today the arguments were made by Henderson and Bowdler for the farmers, and Van Cott for the defendant corporation.

THE HEARST BOOM.

Old California Politician Says That Nothing Can Stop It.

M. F. Tarpey, for 20 years the Democratic national committeeman for California, declares that nothing can stop the W. R. Hearst boom for the presidential nomination.

Returning from the east, Mr. Tarpey stopped over in Salt Lake last night, and is at the Kenyon.

"Throughout the east," said the politician, "I have found the Hearst sentiment simply overwhelming. In practically every district, especially in the south, there is a Hearst club, and many of the most prominent and untiring workers in the party are included in the membership rolls of these clubs. The Hearst candidacy is a way to glory associated with the name of Hearst, and today the arguments were made by Henderson and Bowdler for the farmers, and Van Cott for the defendant corporation."

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"The Democratic party never stood a better show of defeat than it does today. Men are encouraged as they have not been in eight years, and in the modern vernacular, 'Just watch our smoke.' Mr. Tarpey is going to California at once. While he has resigned as a member of the national committee, he will be prominent in the political battle next fall.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

President Francis M. Lyman returned from Millard county and other southern points this morning. While absent he attended conference and visited friends and relatives for the first time since coming home from his mission to Europe.

Elder J. Golden Kimball of the First Council of Seventies, is just back from the north after attending the conference of the Benson stake. He reports Elder Mariner W. Merrill of the Council of the Apostles, somewhat improved in health, and says that on Sunday last he was able to attend conference, on which occasion he spoke for about 15 minutes. Elder Merrill, despite his physical condition, attends to his many duties in a remarkable manner and his desire is to improve in health that he may be permitted to do all that is required of him as a church official.

Elder Kimball reports the general conference in Benson stake good, and says the delightful winter gives promise of an abundant harvest next summer.

Ward Entertainments.

FIFTEENTH WARD.

The Fifteenth ward reunion, previously announced in these columns, opened in the old Fifteenth ward hall yesterday afternoon. The affair was in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the organization of the ward and the figures, "50" formed a part of the electric effects, which bade all "Welcome" to the entertainment. The building was resplendent with bunting, potted plants, banners and bunting, while on the walls were portraits of all the Bishops who had presided over the ward since its organization. Tables were set for 300 and at the first call 400 persons were seated, while the second at 6 o'clock in the evening, was for those ranging from 20 to 40 years. The menu was an elaborate and delicious one and all seemed to enjoy thoroughly the treat prepared for them. Among those present were many old-timers, four of them members of the ward in 1849. They were Bishop R. T. Burton, Maria S. Burton, James A. Cunningham and Rodney Barber. Now old the latter was at the time referred to was not made known to those assembled; suffice it to say they had a good laugh when he laid claim to such distinction.

The day's program opened with remarks by Bishop R. T. Burton, who bade all a hearty welcome and hoped they would enter into the spirit of their final gathering as a ward organization. Elder Joseph E. Taylor of the stake presidency offered the invocation, after which there was orchestral music which continued at frequent intervals during the banquet. Other events were the reading of an historical sketch of the ward, prepared by Bishop R. T. Burton; violin solos by Prof. W. C. Cliver, remarks by Bishop Burton, Elders C. W. Penrose and Joseph E. Taylor; solo, "For All Eternity," Miss Julia Jones; song, "Courting in the Rain," Harry Gardner; recitation, Mrs. Laura S. Johnson; song, "Abow J. Stare." In the course of his remarks Elder Taylor called for representatives of the various Bishops of the ward to arise, and the response showed that all but two were represented. Elder Penrose made a witty, good-natured address, which cheered the hearts of all present.

From the banquet hall the guests were conducted to the old granary, now known as the young men's hall, where veterans mingled in the dance with companions of 40 years ago. This part of the program was continued till 11 o'clock.

Today the younger members of the ward are holding forth, while tomorrow night there will be a grand ball, for old and young, to close the festivities.

The reunion is perhaps one of the most complete events of the kind ever given in the history of the Church, and has a tinge of pathos connected with it from the fact that the ward organization has been dissolved and the old meetinghouse will soon be torn down and the property pass into the hands of the Oregon Short Line. In keeping with the spirit of the occasion the committee has issued an attractive souvenir program, giving a picture of the ward house and interesting data connected with the history of the organization. Since 1849 the ward has had eight Bishops, as with the following appearing on one page of the program referred to:

1849-1851—A. O. Smoot, Bishop; N. V. Jones, first counselor; Wm. Scarce, second counselor.

1851-1853—N. V. Jones, Bishop; A. Cunningham, Wm. Whiting, first counselors; Rodney Badger, Elijah Thomas, John McLagan, second counselors.

1853-1855—Rend. F. Mitchell, Bishop; Wm. Smoot, first counselor; Wm. Whiting, second counselor.

1855-1858—A. Cunningham, Bishop; R.

T. Burton, first counselor; Wm. C. Moody, Jos. Pollard, second counselors. 1857-1857—Robt. T. Burton, Bishop; Jos. Pollard, first counselor; Elias Morris, second counselor.

1857-1859—Jos. Pollard, Bishop; Wm. L. Binder, first counselor; N. V. Jones, Jr., second counselor.

1859-1859—Elias Morris, Bishop; Jos. R. Morgan, first counselor; R. C. Badger, second counselor.

1859-1863—Jos. R. Morgan, Bishop; R. C. Badger, first counselor; Nephi L. Morris, second counselor.

THIRTY-FIRST WARD.

The Saints of the Thirty-first ward had an enjoyable time last night, the affair being a ward anniversary. At 6:30 the houses were packed, at which time supper was served in the main hall, after which the room was cleared of its tables and an interesting program was carried out. This included a speech of welcome by Bishop Sheets, songs, recitations, instrumental selections and an address by Elder Joseph E. Taylor. The building was beautifully draped in the national colors and the event throughout was one of harmony and good feeling.

FIFTH WARD.

The children of the Fifth ward Sunday school enjoyed their annual party yesterday afternoon. The affair consisted of a grand spread, a dance and the distribution of oranges, candy and nuts to all present. In the evening the older members of the school and members of the ward socially tripped the light fantastic till a late hour.

SECOND WARD.

The reunion of the people of the Second ward was a very enjoyable affair. Over 600 assembled in the afternoon and listened to a choice program and partook of the refreshments provided by the committee. The program consisted of choruses by the children of the Primary association, an address of welcome by Bishop Iverson, vocal selections by Messrs. Sidway and White, and characteristic readings and recitations by Edw. Midgley. The rooms in the annex, where the tables were set were tastefully decorated, and the large crowd was served quickly and skillfully by the ladies of the Relief society and the Y. L. M. L. A. The main hall was given over to the children in the afternoon, and to the adults in the evening, for dancing. Elder C. W. Penrose of the stake presidency happened in during the interval between the dances, and favored the people with a felicitous address. The best of feeling was manifested throughout the entire occasion, and the social chat and interchange of friendly greetings served to knit more closely the bonds of union between old associates.

ELEVENTH WARD.

After months of hard work and patient drill by the Eleventh ward choir, the finishing touches have been given the ever popular and tuneful concert opera, "H. M. S. Pinafore," which will be presented in the Eleventh ward assembly hall for three successive evenings, commencing tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 24. Choirmaster Tucker, under whose direction the revival of the piece is to be given, is confident the production will be a success. The role of characters is confined almost exclusively to members of the choir, and embraces such well known local favorites as Maggie Bassett, Eva Wickens, Annie May Vine, J. G. Kelson, S. W. Lawson, A. H. Kelson, and others. An important auxiliary will be the Grand theater orchestra, under the baton of Prof. Clive, and Mrs. F. J. Hocking will preside at the piano. The proceeds will go to swell the choir fund. Curtain at 8:15.

TWENTIETH WARD.

The two-act musical comedy, "The Loan of a Lover," was presented in the Twentieth ward annex hall yesterday afternoon and night. The production, in the hands of such capable artists as Fred C. Graham, Elsie Barrow Best and others, was a finished one, and all who attended were much pleased with the bill given.

NINTH WARD.

The people of the Ninth ward held their annual reunion in the ward meetinghouse yesterday afternoon. The affair was held from 2:30 till 8:30 in the evening joy held sway and old and young mingled together in perfect unity. A feature of the affair was a delightful banquet served to over 300 people, tables being set in the annex. An interesting program was carried out in the main hall. Among those who took part were such veterans as Father John Reese, who offered the opening prayer; Thomas Gerard, Charles H. Clark, Edw. West, J. E. Nowlan, who indulged in reminiscences of the Confederate army, and A. O. Matheson, who gave an interesting address on "The Life of Washington." Elder Charles W. Penrose of the stake presidency was present and spoke for a short time, while remarks were also made by Bishop West and Counselors Woolley and Holt, the former making an address of welcome and the two latter offering greetings to the old and young people respectively. The benediction was pronounced by Don C. Robbins.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Today's local bank clearings amounted to \$567,536.97 as against \$515,737.05 for the same day last year.

Four sets of articles of incorporation were filed in the office of Secretary of State today. They were for the Logan Furniture company of Logan. Capital stock, \$25,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$50 each. Zeph Thomas is president; W. K. Burnham, vice president; N. A. Larson, treasurer; Fredrick Scholte, secretary.

The Bank of Southern Utah of Cedar City, the capital stock of which is \$25,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$10 each, for the first year are N. T. Porter, U. T. Jones, G. W. Middle, E. E. Clark, William Hedd, M. D. Higbee and J. L. Sevy.

The Park City Miners' hospital, which is capitalized at \$20,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$10 each. David Judge, 100 at 415, seller 5. Daily-West, 20 at \$4.50. Ingot, 1,500 at 14. Lower Mammoth, 100 at 414. Star Com., 1,500 at 21.

PIT IS IT.

A large shipment of Pit, the most popular of all card games, received today. Wholesale and retail. DESERET NEWS BOOK STORE, 6 Main St.

AFTERNOON ON 'CHANGE.

Daily-Judge Strengthens—The Sales Posted.

Five stocks participated in the limited trading on the Mining Exchange this afternoon. Daily-Judge strengthened to 4.15, a gain of 15 cents since the forenoon. The sales were: Daily-Judge, 100 at 4.15, seller 5. Ingot, 1,500 at 14. Lower Mammoth, 100 at 414. Star Com., 1,500 at 21.

British Fair Commissioner Coming

London, Feb. 23.—The White Star liner steamer Oceanic, which sails from Liverpool tomorrow for New York, will be among her passengers Col. A. Watson, the secretary of the British royal commission to the St. Louis ex-

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It was altogether fitting that the Continental Life Insurance and Investment company should be launched on the birthday of that great continental soldier, statesman and patriot George Washington. The board of directors who have been selected from the three great western states—Utah, Montana and Idaho were in session on Saturday and Monday for several hours listening to the reading of reports, formulating by-laws for the future guidance of the company and incidentally becoming better acquainted with each other. For this latter purpose an elaborate banquet was given on Saturday evening at which not only the directors were present but a large number of invited guests and the evening was spent in a delightful discussion of a splendid menu of choice viands and witty and appropriate toasts and responses. No company ever began business with more flattering prospects or with greater enthusiasm of its stockholders than the Continental Life. It was the unanimous opinion that the benefits to be derived to the State of Utah from the decision to have the headquarters of the company located in Salt Lake City were as great as if another great trunk line railroad or another great sugar factory or another great sm