

"HELLO"

When Alexander Graham Bell, after nearly a life time of effort, perfected the telephone and gave it to the world, neither he nor the world really knew what its great value would be. From a crude and indifferent beginning the telephone has become a necessity of our modern day commercial life. Long ago it became a great convenience to the busy housewife for she could go to her phone and in two or three minutes place her order for the day and thus save the trip of an hour to the shop which would otherwise have been made.

The telephone today reaches every part of the civilized world. It has penetrated darkest Africa; it has stretched its wires and poles over ice clad ground in wintry Alaska; it has connected the islands of the seas with each other; in turbulent China it has made great strides and thousands of people are on the waiting list; in fact every where the phone has gone it has met with favor and so great has been the demand that the manufacturers have not been able to supply the instruments fast enough.

On January the first of this year there were approximately 12,453,000 in use in all parts of the world. Of this number the United States had 8,362,000 in use. This is 67.1 per cent of the total phones in use. Canada had 335,000 phones, all of Europe, including Great Britain, had in use 3,239,000 while all the other countries combined had 517,000. Thus it will be seen that the United States alone has more than two-thirds of all the telephones of the world.

To accommodate all these subscribers everywhere the telephone companies have had to string up 29,566,000 miles of wire, or enough to go around the earth at the equator 1182 times. If stretched out in a line toward the sun this amount of wire would reach about one-third of the way to that burning orb which gives us heat and light.

In this country alone there are 18,179,000 miles of wire strung along poles in order that the people may be accommodated with the service. Nine people out of every hundred in the United States have a telephone. This of course is an average, and the actual number of subscribers exclusive of duplication would be less.

In actual money the telephone companies of the world have invested the enormous sum of \$1,729,000,000. \$1,025,000,000 of this amount is invested in the United States.

We go to the telephone and talk with our friends and don't think very much about it. We may finish our conversa-

tion in a few words or it may stretch out for a number of minutes. Each one of these conversations represents a call into "central". This call must be answered by the operator and the connection made. And there were 22 billion of these calls last year. Just think of it—22,000,000,000. It is beyond comprehension. In the United States alone there were nearly fifteen billion calls into "central". If it took one minute on an average to make the connection, complete the conversation and close the call on the switchboard it would represent 1,528,111 days, provided the calls came one after the other through a single central operator. In other words it would take 4,184 years to finish the 22,000,000,000 calls that were made last year. And yet under the splendid system of the telephone companies these calls were handled quickly and easily without any great tax on the energy and effort of the operators.

The latest figures obtainable, those for the the year 1909, show that the gross earnings of the telephone companies for that year were \$328,717,721. Every phone in this country earned, on an average, during the year 1909 the sum of \$32.67. These are the gross earnings. What the expenses were in relation to the earnings the statistics do not show.

The investment of telephone companies in this country is only exceeded by the investment in iron and steel, lumber and timber and gas, illuminating and heating. There are 228,000 people employed in various capacities by the telephone companies in the United States.

Surely this is a gigantic business. It has so entered into our life as a nation that it would practically stampede business should the phone be wiped out over night. We could get along without it but it would be like going back to the sythe after using the modern reaper and binder in the field, or like transporting mail by stage or horseback after carrying it by express trains.

Alexander Graham Bell has done as much for humanity as did Gutenberg when he invented the hand printing press. Bell ranks with Stevenson, who created the first steam locomotive; with Fulton who designed the first steamboat; with Samuel Morse who made the first telegraph; with Elias Howe who made the first practical sewing machine; with McCormick who built the first harvesting machine and with Edison who invented the incandescent lamp.

The minds of these men grasped big ideas. They solved these ideas and gave them to the world, the fruits of their genius. They have by their labors made communication between mankind easier, they have reduced the cost of labor in the field and home. They have made life easier and better for the average man. They stand out among the men of their own day like the milestones along the corridors of time.

NEGRO IS ACCUSED OF EUGENE MURDER.

Leader Of Strange Cult At Walla Walla May Have Killed Mildred Green

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 14.—That authorities at Eugene, Ore., think W. M. Bryson, the negro man of mystery, who of late has been the center of a mystery, who left last night for Seattle after occupying the spotlight for two days, may know something of the murder of Mildred Green at Eugene August 29, was evidenced by a telegram received today.

The message from the sheriff at Eugene asked that his connection with the case be investigated. Bryson left last night and the message was forwarded to the officers at Seattle. Bryson came here in August from Seattle, according to the family of E. H. Allen, white, at whose home the black man stayed for three months without neighbors knowing he was there. Allen will not give the exact date, except that it was about three months ago. The Allens are much exercised that Bryson has been made to leave town. They say that the people of Walla Walla will have to answer to Bryson and the Lord for what they have done. Allen said that there was the house of God, the only one in the world.

Mrs. Allen says that Bryson had no influence over them, but that she is a medium. She avers that through

her connection with the spiritual world she got a straight tip on the results of a prizefight before it came off and that her husband won a good sized sum on betting on the pre-ordained winner.

BOLSINGER ACCIDENT IS MYSTERY TO COMPANIONS.

Marshfield Record Says Cause of Accident Will Never Be Known.

Roscoe Bolsinger, the young man who was injured at the McDonald-Vaughan logging camp on Daniels creek yesterday, died an hour after reaching Mercy hospital, yesterday afternoon. The victim of the accident was rear brakeman on the logging train and fell from the string of cars while enroute from the woods to the landing. The train crew saw brakeman Bolsinger on the cars when a mile from the landing, but missed him soon afterwards shortly before reaching the landing. On searching for him they found the victim with a crushed skull, but there were no obstacles near that indicated he had struck anything other than, perhaps, the logs or a truck of the car when he fell. There was no way to find what had caused the accident and it will remain a mystery. Mr. Bolsinger was about 24 years of age, and was a part owner in the Allegany-Drate auto line. During the winter months he was engaged

with the McDonald-Vaughan people to fill in the time when the autos are not running. Mrs. McDonald is an aunt of the deceased and Mrs. W. W. Gage is also an aunt. Mr. Bolsinger's father lives at Roseburg and the remains will be taken there for burial, accompanied by Jack McDonald. The dead man's father was for many years a blacksmith at Brockway, a small country settlement, eight miles this side of Roseburg, on the Myrtle Point stage road, and of late years had lived in Roseburg. The death caused a general feeling of sorrow among the loggers in the camp where the deceased was one who was very well liked.—Marshfield Record.

CHANGE IN TRAIN SERVICE.

The Southern Pacific Company announces, effective Wednesday, November 20th, they will have the following changes in train services.

No. 17 leaves Portland 1:45 p. m., Salem 4:27, Albany 5:30, Eugene 7:00, Roseburg 10:05 p. m. Dining car, Portland to Cottage Grove.

No. 27 leaves Portland 2:50 p. m., Salem 5:38, Albany 6:30, Eugene 7:50.

No. 28 leaves Eugene 7:20 a. m., Albany 8:40, Salem 9:30, Portland 11:30.

Nos. 27 and 28 will carry cafe parlor car.

Additional service will also be inaugurated locally between Portland

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and Albany. No. 10 leaves Albany 6:30 a. m., Salem 7:24, arrive Portland 9:50 a. m. No. 9 leave Portland 6:00 p. m., Salem 8:30, Albany 9:35 p. m.

A local standard sleeper will be operated between Portland and Eugene on trains 15 and 16.

Salem Geer Branch Line is completed and local service from Salem to Woodburn via Geer will be inaugurated leaving Woodburn 8:05 a. m., arriving Salem 9:25 a. m., returning leave Salem 5:30 p. m., arrive Woodburn 7:00 p. m.

Two additional trains will be put on between Albany and Corvallis; leaving Albany 6:35 a. m., arriving Corvallis 7:10 a. m., returning in time to connect with No. 28, also leave Albany 9:35 p. m. on arrival of No. 9, and returning leave Corvallis 10:10 p. m.

SPECIAL SONG SERVICE.

A service of song at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:30. Come and help us dedicate our new song books. The following special numbers will be given by the choir:

Send Out Thy Light.....Gounod
The Choir

The Divine Lullaby.....Parks
The Choir

The Homeland (Trio).....Hanscom
Mrs. Fory, Miss Althaus, Mrs. Colt.

The Ninety-First Psalm.....MacDermid
Mr. Fory

Quartet: Rock of Ages.....Dudley Buck
Mrs. Fory, Miss Haldemann, Mr. Stone, Mr. Fory

Abide With Me.....Shelley
Mrs. Fory

The Lord is Exalted.....West
The Choir

I'm a Pilgrim.....Marston
Quartet n16

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Ore., 24 hours ending 5 a. m., November 15, 1912.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths:

Highest temperature yesterday 56
Lowest temperature last night 38
Precipitation, last 24 hours02
Total precipitation since first of month02
Normal precip. for this month 4.37
Total precip. from Sep. 1, 1912, to date 8.20
Average precip. since September 1, 1877 5.76
Total excess from Sep. 1, 1912 to May wet seasons, (Sep. to May inclusive) 32.36

WILLIAM BELL
Observer.

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