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TELEPHONE ADVANCES.

A great step in advance is announced by the American Telephone company. This step is the underground connection of Boston with Washington, so that the human voice can be heard under the new system practically as distinctly as it now can be heard through the use of overhead wires.

At the same time, the company announced that as the result of many years' experience with underground wires, it soon will be possible to use the telephone for commercial purposes between New York and San Francisco. The distance from Boston to Washington is 452 miles, and from New York to San Francisco more than 3400 miles.

It may appear like a simple matter to install an underground telephone system 452 miles in length. But the problem of telephone conversation over underground wires is a peculiar one. The retarding effect of the earth upon the telephone wires is said to be so great that one mile of underground wire formerly was considered as troublesome in cutting down clearness of speech as 100 miles of overhead wire. Up to eight years ago there was no underground telephone cable of more than 20 miles in length. At present the underground telephone system between New York and Boston, a distance of 220 miles, which is in good working order, is fully twice as long as any similar system in Europe.

According to the Boston news bureau there is a picturesque statistical side to the Boston-Washington underground line. It carries 74 pairs of wires which permit of 25 phantoms or 99 talking circuits. This underground cable weighs 9,070 tons, of which 2,982 tons is copper, 5,630 is lead sheath and 458 tons is paper insulation. It represents 400 freight cars of freight. The total cost has been about \$5,000,000.

The perfection of the underground telephone system is another case of necessity being the mother of invention. Year after year the telephone company suffered great loss of money and impaired efficiency of service through storms and sleets, which tumbled down the overhead wires. This continued aggravation led to the imperative order that something must be done to solve the underground difficulties, and after years of experiment we have the result.

HATING THE OTHER FELLOW.

Most animosities are caused by misunderstandings. The Mexicans hate us because they do not understand us; many of us are inclined to despise Mexicans because we do not understand them. Racial and personal antipathies are due almost entirely to the fact that men won't take the trouble to get acquainted. International peace will be nearer realization when the nations of the world get together, intermingle more, study each other's languages, manners, customs, history,

tradition and so come to realize the reasons for the peculiarities that today are such fruitful sources of friction.

In industry there is a strong tendency toward co-operation where formerly there was the bitterest competition. Men in the same line of business get together and exchange ideas for their mutual benefit. Not so many years ago dealers in the same line looked on each other as natural enemies. It did not seem reasonable that they could be anything else. Cut-throat methods were in vogue. To ruin the other fellow seemed the best way of aiding one's self; today we help the other fellow and so help ourselves. It is still selfishness but it is a more enlightened selfishness. Acquaintance has made it possible.

Personal antipathies still linger. Ninety per cent of them are due to misunderstanding. If we could look into men's hearts as into an open book the chances are that we would hate very few of them. We would see that they are very much like ourselves, striving, of course, for themselves, but willing to do some incidental good to us and to others. We would see that the rough edges which we now dislike are there because of environment, heredity, incidents in their lives which have made deep impressions. If we could not sympathize we at least could understand and find their petty traits very human even while we recognized them as petty.

In an interview at Chicago Governor West remarked, "there are many of us who should be in the penitentiary." He might also have added that the asylums are not caring for every person entitled to be there.

Flora is to have a bank. Since the Golden Rule company invaded that section money is becoming more plentiful, evidently.

There is a general feeling that if a boy does not play marbles for keeps, how will he be able to get money away from other people when he grows up?

A Free Lecture on Economy. Breakfast comes first. Tell your grocer you want a sack of 10 lb La Grande made mush, 35c. If this was put up in 2 lb boxes it would cost you \$1.00. Here's 65c for you. Keep it.

Now comes lunch. Buy a 10 lb sack of whole wheat flour or graham. Ask your doctor about these; he knows. Here's 65c more. Put up in 10 lb sacks only. Then comes hot biscuits for dinner. Oh you Blue Stem flour. These goods are all made in La Grande. Any grocer has them. You all know tax time is now upon us, which is some higher than last year. And if you follow these instructions just take them from your taxes and call it your rebate. 3-14-2t

SALTS FINE FOR ACHING KIDNEYS

We eat too much meat, which clogs Kidneys, then Back hurts and Bladder bothers you.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

Adv.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

J. R. Grill of Nampa, left this morning after visiting in the city.

J. W. Bush of La Grande, left this morning for Cove on business. He will return tomorrow or Monday.

Mrs. D. Hamlin of Telocaset, returned home this noon after shopping in the city.

J. W. McCracken of this city, left today for Ontario where he will visit and transact business for a number of days.

Mrs. Frank Hanlon of Kamela, left for home this morning after shopping in the county seat.

B. Mayfield of Enterprise, and K. W. McKenzie, of Wallowa, were registered at the Foley last night.

Bruce Cox, of Wallowa, and Jenkins Raynard of Elgin, were guests of the Sommer Hotel last night.

Mrs. M. J. Byrne, of Richfield, Ida., arrived in the city this morning to be the guest of her sister Miss Grace Murphy for a few days.

Mrs. P. Batchelor of Cove, left this morning for home after visiting her daughter Mrs. Dan Peterson of this city.

Mrs. Cleo Blaker, sister to Mrs. Bruce Dennis, went to Hot Lake this morning. She will be at the famous health resort several days.

N. Peterson of Walla Walla, left for home this morning after a delightful visit at the home of Mr. Rainwater, of La Grande.

Mrs. Geo. Gilbert and son Henry left this morning for North Powder where they will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Fisk, parents of Mrs. Gilbert.

Geo. W. Benson and Will Hutchinson, both extensive land owners near Union, are here today on business. They are interested in the proposed drainage of low lands at Union.

Robert Mason is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred King of South La Grande. Mrs. Mason is the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King and now makes her home in Baker.

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PERRY CLUB FORMED

Interesting Program Precedes Actual Formation of the Club. Perry, March 14.—(Special).—Last night a Parent-Teacher association of the Perry school was organized as a result of the efforts of Mr. Snyder, in charge of the local school. A large number of people were present and listened to the eloquent addresses by Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent; Geo. T. Cochran and Manuel Snyder, and a splendid program consisting of selections by the choir, recitations and solos was rendered. All addresses were along the line of parent co-operation with the teacher and the school in training the children and teaching them the practical things of life, honesty, industry, etc. After the addresses and program a committee was appointed by Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, acting as ex-officio chairman, to read the constitution and present it for adoption, and also report on the nominations. The association was then organized with the following officers: Horace J. Nelson, president; Manuel Snyder, vice president; Geo. W. Perry, secretary and treasurer. Three committees, consisting of the following were appointed to look after the work necessary: Program committee—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stoddard, Mrs. Earl Stephenson, Miss Alma Nelson, Miss Magdalene Hansen, Mr. Geo. W. Perry. Membership committee—Mr. and Mrs. N. Y. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Nelson, Mrs. C. F. Robertson, Mrs. W. W. Gray, Mrs. Bert Coalwell. Kindergarten committee—Miss Goldia Pohrman, Miss Matilda Pfel, and Miss Olga Matheson. This movement is what has been desired in the little mill town community for some time and no doubt will be one of the most desirable and far-reaching steps in reaching the children, in establishing harmony, love and industry in the home.

Suffragettes Join With Progressives.

Cleveland, March 14.—Woman suffrage joined hands with the Bull Moose in a constructive way here today when 600 progressives and suffragettes sat down to a "drinkless, smokeless" banquet in the chamber of commerce auditorium. Chief speakers were Miss Alice Carpenter, national organizer for the progressive party in suffrage states, and Gifford Pinchot former chief forester and candidate for the Bull Moose nomination for the United States senate in Pennsylvania. Prominent Ohio progressive leaders were also on the program.

Federal Investigators Start.

Washington, March 14.—Investigation of conditions in the garment trade

was expected to begin today under the direction of the federal industrial relations commission. The body pro-

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