

WILL BEGIN TO WORK AT ONCE

Automatic Telephone Company
Will Start Surveys for
Conduits.

CAPITAL IS SUBSCRIBED

F. H. Stow, the Local Manager, Tells
of the Plans of the Corporation
and the Method of the
New System.

The franchise obtained, the promoters of the automatic telephone are losing no time getting to work. Within two days they will have the city covered with sections for subscribers, and by the middle of next week their engineers will be here from Los Angeles to lay out the city, survey conduits and decide upon the best location for the offices.

Work will start as soon as possible, as the financing of the company has already been completed. F. H. Stow, the local manager, telegraphed to Los Angeles Monday night that the franchise had been secured and by last night he had received word that the whole \$1,000,000 had been subscribed for among the same people who backed the automatic system in Southern California. A very large sum of money, probably \$1,000,000, will be placed upon deposit in this city, as the expense of doing the work is very great, as it progresses simultaneously all over the city.

The city can be taken care of by three stations, one on the West Side and two on the East. The two East Side stations will be small buildings, filled with switchboards merely, but in the one on the West Side will be the main offices and the long-distance operators. The company anticipates spending \$100,000 on this building.

Conduits All Over City.

The franchise calls for a certain limited district of underground wires. The company will extend this considerably as a matter of convenience. Conduits will be laid all over the city, two blocks on one street being torn up and laid again in one day, and the cables containing 600 pairs of wires and four inches thick will be pulled through the conduits. The franchise calls for preparations for 10,000 subscribers. The company will provide for 20,000, in order to supply the demand without tearing up the streets or relaying cables for years.

Mr. Stow asserts that the class of work which will be done by the company and the quality of material used will be a surprise, as the intention is to use nothing but the best and prepare for a big future. The material has already been telegraphed for, and some of it will be on the ground as soon as it can be shipped. Meanwhile it is not necessary to wait for it, as the laying of conduits, and the stringing of wires can progress without it. Switchboards can be installed simultaneously.

As a merely local system would not pay, the new company, says Mr. Stow, will begin immediately to spread out. It will readily be able to make connections with many independent country lines not in connection with the Pacific States Company.

What name to give the new company has not yet been decided upon. The Home Telephone Company is the name which has been used in California, but the word "automatic" has become well known here and the Automatic Company is what it will probably be. A company will be incorporated under the laws of Oregon, as soon as all the chief stockholders can gather here. A. King Wilson is the local attorney and Charles E. Sumner, under whose name the franchise was taken out, is the general attorney for the automatic interests.

Method of Use.

The automatic telephone is worked in this way: All lines are single and lead directly to switchboards, from which they are connected with other switchboards, without the intervention of an operator. It is altogether automatic, and they say to see a switchboard work would give one the belief that it had human intelligence. The instrument contains within itself all the necessary apparatus. If one desires the number of the place to which he wishes to call, he places the number in one of a row of holes in the dial on the instrument designated "K," pulls it around to the clicking point, then letting it go, does the same with the other two numbers. Immediately he is connected and can talk as soon as the one on the other end of the line takes down his receiver. The moment one hangs up, both are cut off.

Readers of a magazine article which has recently appeared have been led to believe, says Mr. Stow, that one line can be tied up by another receiver being allowed to hang down, but this will not be the case with this system. One line cannot cut another out of commission, he declares.

City Offenders Before Municipal Judge Hogue

"You're a fat and a rummy." These words, addressed to William Reeves by Judge Corbelle, stage manager of the Belasco Theater, caused a lot of trouble. Corbelle was arrested, arranged before Municipal Judge Hogue on a charge of using abusive language, and was found guilty. Sentence was suspended, however, as it was not shown by the prosecution that the defendant used a certain phrase of general use in the West, as was specified in the complaint.

The trouble was over wages. Reeves had a grievance against Corbelle, and "knocked" him at the box office. It was stated, then, at the first opportunity, Corbelle gave vent in strong words.

When A. F. Lench told Judge Hogue and Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald that he had been drinking whisky for his health, and that he had been drunk for three weeks from the use of liquor and medicine, the officials laughed.

"Are you cured now?" asked Judge Hogue.

"No, but the treatment is not ended," replied Lench.

"It's ended for a while, at least," said Judge Hogue, and he gave the prisoner a significant look.

"Lynch has been holding high carnival in his room in my house," said C. C. Shunbeck, the complainant. "I have a rooming place at 251 Front street. The other day I went into his apartments and found the basin full of whisky and whisky bottles."

"He was using the basin for a punch bowl," said Fitzgerald.

Lynch was positive that the charges against him were wrong, and the case was continued in order that he might bring witnesses.

"Did you not at one time carry a pair of trousers up the street?" asked

Attorney A. Walter Wolfe of Frank Doman, colored, when he was called to the stand to testify in the case of B. Leith, colored, charged with stealing a violin.

"What on earth is the purpose of such a question as that?" asked Deputy District Attorney Hanes, disgustedly.

"If Your Honor please," said Wolfe, addressing Judge Hogue, "I wish to impeach the witness."

"You may answer the question," said Judge Hogue to Doman.

"Yes, sir, I allow carries a pair of trousers when I goes out," Doman replied.

After a general laugh, in which the court and all present joined, the case was continued until tomorrow. At that time the defendant is to produce witnesses to show that he was out of town when the theft he is charged with was committed.

It is costly business to strike sailors over the head with stuffed clubs, as B. Schroeder became convinced yesterday when he was fined \$40 on two assault and battery charges by Judge Hogue. Charles Mueller, jointly charged with Schroeder, was discharged, and it was not clearly shown that he struck either of the two sailors who made the complaint.

The fight that landed the defendants in jail and cost one of them \$40 took place in the Royal Cafe, a resort on Stark street, after the close of the saloon. The proprietor, who is to be prosecuted for violation of the early-closing ordinance.

John Bay was held to the grand jury by Judge Hogue on a charge of burglary, preferred against him by L. Freedman, of Freedman Bros., junk dealers on Davis street.

Bay is alleged to have broken into the junk store one night last week. He is said to have used an ax to effect an entrance through a window, and it is said he carried away a sackful of old brass. He was arrested by Patrolman Endicott on Third street, and said he found the brass. He was taken to headquarters and locked up. Not long afterwards Mr. Freedman appeared and reported the burglary.

Other Matters Which Come Before the Body for Its Approval or Rejection.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is about to become a magazine writer and editor, the members of the Northwest, at a meeting of the board of trustees held yesterday morning it was decided to prepare an eight or ten-page article for the Northwest edition of the World's Work, which is to be published.

S. B. Huston, representing the magazine, was at the meeting and explained the intention of the publication in putting out its Northwest edition.

W. D. Wheelwright, R. R. Hoge and Julius Meier were appointed a special committee to gather data for the article to be furnished, and put it in shape. It is expected that the contribution will be of great value to the Northwest and particularly to Portland, as it will contain very sort of information that might be desired by the prospective Northwestern traveler or resident.

The board has decided it to be wrong for the shipowners and operators to allow their boats to be raced in the Portland harbor, and some time ago appointed J. Earnest Laidlaw as a special committee to interview the various shipping men interested and show to them the disapproval of the Chamber. Mr. Laidlaw reported yesterday that he had interviewed nearly all of the shippers and had represented to them that their racing was the cause of broken boats, and that the part of the ships and profitably on the part of sailors resting at the docks. Upon hearing this, the majority of the speed-loving rivermen promised to see to it that their craft acted with dignity while guests in the Portland harbor.

The Chamber expressed its appreciation of the kindness of the O. R. & N. and of Mr. Worthington in tendering the Open River Association the use of a special train to the exercises attendant upon the opening of the portage road at Celilo on Saturday last. Resolutions were adopted, which will be sent to the officials of the road and to Mr. Worthington at Pittsburg.

It was also decided that the Chamber would make definite protest in regard to the parcels post bill. Upon the re-convention of Congress a letter will be sent to each member of the two houses, in which will be set forth at length the reasons why the Chamber is opposed to the bill.

An invitation was also read from Colonel R. Richardson, secretary of the National Good Roads Convention, asking that the members of the Chamber attend the convention and that President Wheelwright be one of the speakers.

The following were elected to membership in the Chamber by the board of trustees: The P. J. Cronin Company, J. N. Friedman, W. C. Holman, H. C. Tanager, J. H. Page, Franklin & Co., Kenneth Beebe, George T. Merton, Portland Implement Company, T. B. Wilcox, Frank Robertson, Feder Kerr, Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, Robert Wakefield, K. S. Irvin & Co., F. G. Sykes, Jaeger Bros., Sealy, Mason & Co., H. Lebes & Co., Oregon Fuel Company, H. Sutcliffe, Roberts Bros., S. G. Reed, L. J. Goldsmith, A. A. Mack, A. L. Craig, A. D. Charlton, Laus-Davis Drug Company, Rickard Milling Company, Portland Paint & Wallpaper Company, Howe, Davis & Kilham, Albert Bernal, F. R. Chown, Marsh Printing Company, F. H. Wiencko, Toft Pine & Co., Multnomah Printing Co., J. C. Lincoln, J. C. Gevarts, Sons, Covert & Stapleton, Arles, Campbell & Gault, Harry Young, G. Arthur Smith, the Pidelity Press, J. W. Minto, Burrill Construction Company, John P. Sharkey.

MAY CUT RATE TO ORIENT

Effort Made by Railways to Divert Travel This Way.

The Transcontinental Passenger Association yesterday morning decided that clerical men could not pay a minimum rate of \$1.50 from the lines thought should be the case. At the present time the association has established a minimum rate of 25 and 50 cents. This was thought to be too low by some of the members of the association and an effort was made to change it to \$1. The proposition was voted down after a great deal of discussion.

An effort is being made to place transcontinental fares at such a point in connection with trans-Atlantic charges as will meet the cuts made recently by the Swiss canal route to the Orient and enable the traffic to be brought across the American continent.

This question is now before the convention and the association will try to induce the Eastern trunk line roads to co-operate in the scheme for the purpose of securing a part of the traffic which is now being diverted by the lower rates through the Swiss canal.

New York Society Meeting.

The New York Society will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting in the City Hall, Marquam building, this evening at 8 o'clock. An especially interesting programme has been arranged and a delightful evening is expected. All visiting as well as resident New Yorkers and members of the other state societies are cordially invited to attend.

July Delineator Now on Sale at the Butterick Pattern Department at 15c Copy

The Meier & Frank Store

PORTLAND'S LARGEST AND BEST STORE

Headquarters for Lewis & Clark, Portland, Oregon, and Northwest Souvenirs; Big Display Sole Portland Agents for the Famous "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses; All Sizes "Willamette" Sewing Machines at \$15 to \$35, Superior to Agency Machines at \$35-\$75

Great June Sale of Women's Hosiery

30,000 pairs of Women's and Misses' fine Hosiery marked at special sale prices; all the most desirable styles in the best grades; Hosiery that we guarantee to give perfect satisfaction; every item a worthy one. Look to your needs and profit by these splendid offerings:

500 pairs of Women's black lace lisle Hose, all-over lace and boot effects; 50 patterns to select from; guaranteed fast colors, all sizes; every pair regular 50c values; your choice, pair..... **35c**

Women's plain black gauze lisle thread Hose, reinforced foot and garter tops; handsome sheer gauze Hose of the best style, all sizes; regular 50c values, on sale at this low price, pair..... **35c**

Just received, 400 dozen pairs of new tan Hosiery for Women, in plain gauze, lace and embroidered effects, in all the latest patterns and shades, all sizes; greatest showing in city at, pair..... **50c**

Misses' fine 1-and-1 ribbed Ingrain Lisle Hose, full fashioned foot and narrow ankle; sizes 5 to 9; values up to 80c pair, pair..... **35c**

Misses' medium-weight black cotton Hose, guaranteed stainless, all sizes; best 25c values, on sale at this low price, pair..... **17c**

Sale of Drug Sundries and Notions

25c French Tooth Brushes, four rows of bristles, gents' and ladies' sizes; great special value at..... **14c**

Pure transparent Glycerine Soap, 3 cakes in a box; unequaled value at this low price, box..... **4c**

2-lb. bars of Borden's Castile Soap, 25c value..... **15c**

Peterman's Discovery, a permanent destroyer of bedbugs, one application will clean them out completely..... **12c**

White's famous Tooth Powder, recommended by dentists..... **16c**

Eastman's Benzoin and Almond Lotion, large bottle..... **19c**

100-roll case of Okayed Toilet Paper..... **\$2.75**

Large roll Krecht Toilet Paper, 7c roll; 100 rolls..... **\$6.75**

Toilet Waters in all popular odors, 69c value..... **39c**

"4711" Perfumes, quadruple extract, all new odors, oz..... **23c**

Extra Sperm Machine Oil, will not gum, bottle..... **4c**

Sale of Men's Nightshirts

Four great lots of Men's White Muslin Nightshirts at "June White Sale" prices. All are made good and fully no skimping of material; with or without collar; all sizes. Note the splendid saving if you buy here:

\$.50 values for, each \$.39
\$.75 values for, each \$.63
\$1.00 values for, each \$.79
\$1.50 values for, each \$1.18

Men's white Oxford Golf Shirts, striped and figured effects; all sizes; our best \$1.00 values, on sale this week at..... **.79c**

Men's white Balbriggan Sox, 7c values, at, pair..... **18c**

Men's white honey-combed Mesh Underwear, shirts and drawers, all sizes, 50c value..... **39c**

Men's 20c all-linen Handkerchiefs..... **11c**

Men's 25c all-linen Handkerchiefs..... **17c**

Men's \$1 Silk Neckwear at..... **73c**

June Sale of Table Linens

62-inch all-linen bleached Table Damask, great "June White Sale" value at this low price, yard..... **45c**

All-linen Satin Damask Table Linen, bleached, 66 inches wide; handsome patterns, grand value, yard..... **67c**

72-inch bleached all-linen Satin Damask Table Linen, great variety of the very best patterns, \$1 value, yd..... **89c**

72-inch bleached all-linen Satin Damask Linens, beautiful patterns and quality, great value at, yard..... **\$1.09**

\$1.50 grade of 72-in. bleached Satin Damasks, yard..... **\$1.21**

\$2.00 grade of 72-inch bleached Satin Damasks, yard..... **\$1.65**

20x20-in. all-linen Table Napkins, reduced to, dozen..... **\$1.35**

\$2.50 all-linen Table Napkins, 21x21 inches, dozen..... **\$2.18**

\$3.50 grades of all-linen bleached Napkins for, dozen..... **\$3.05**

\$2.50 Teacloths, **\$2.18**; \$3 Teacloths, **\$2.60**; \$5.00 Teacloths, at the low price of, each..... **\$4.20**

June Sale of Undermuslins

Women's fine cambric and nainsook Gowns, trimmed in fine laces, embroidery, heading, tucks, insertion and ribbon, round, square, V and high necks, also round neck Bishop gowns drawn at neck with heading ribbon, all widths and wide hems, long and short sleeves; regular \$2.50 value, for this sale your choice at..... **\$2.39**

Fine lot of women's cambric and nainsook Gowns, trimmed, lace, embroidery, tucks, insertion, heading and ribbons, round, square, V and high necks, long and short sleeves; regular \$2.50 and \$2.75 values, for this sale your choice..... **\$1.79**

Special lot of cambric and nainsook Gowns, trimmed in good quality lace and embroidery edgings, insertion, tucks, heading and ribbon long and short sleeves; regular \$2.25 values, on sale for..... **\$1.49**

\$.75 Nightgowns at..... **58c** \$1.00 Nightgowns at..... **75c** \$1.25 Nightgowns at..... **97c** \$1.50 Nightgowns at..... **\$1.10**

Great lot of women's nainsook Drawers, wide ruffles, trimmed in Val lace edging; regular 60c values on sale at the low price of, pair..... **39c**

Women's fine cambric and nainsook Drawers, trimmed in very fine laces and embroidery edging, insertions, tucks and headings; regular \$2.75 values, for this sale, your choice at, pair..... **\$1.89**

Women's fine cambric and nainsook Drawers, with wide embroidery flounce and wide flounces, trimmed in laces and insertions; regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 values for the great June sale, your choice at..... **\$1.29**

Special lot Women's Drawers, made of cambric and nainsook, trimmed in good quality, embroidery and lace edgings and tucks; best \$1 value 100 dozen women's hemstitched tucked Drawers; also lace trimmed, all sizes, regular 25c values on sale for the June white sale at..... **23c**

Four Great Petticoat Special

60c white cambric Petticoats, trimmed in embroidery and tucks, full width, good style skirts, marvelous value at..... **79c**

Special lot of cambric Petticoats, trimmed in embroidery, lace edgings, insertions, clusters of tucks, wide hemstitched, tucked flounces; regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 values on sale for..... **\$1.33**

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Petticoats..... **\$2.50** \$2.50 and \$3.00 Petticoats..... **\$2.50**

Headquarters for Waiters' Apparel

Waiters' White Duck Coats, in round cut and military style, all sizes, \$1.25, \$1.50 and..... **\$2.00**

Heavy White Drill Bar Coats, with white hoops and standing collar—All sizes, each—\$1.50 and..... **\$2.00**

Fine Black Twill Water Coats, lined, each..... **\$1.50**

Fine Black Twill Full Dress Vests—All sizes..... **\$2.00**

Extra fine quality Black Serge heavy-weight Tuxedo Coats—Black satin lined and faced—All sizes—Great values at..... **\$4.00**

Waiters' Aprons in many styles, each..... **25c**

White Duck Trousers—All sizes—Pair..... **\$1.50 and \$2.00**

The Meier & Frank Store

Children's White Dresses Reduced

Children's fine White Dresses at extraordinary low prices during the "June White Sale." All the prettiest styles and grades are included. Economical mothers are interested. Second Floor.

Children's fine white Lawn and Nainsook Dresses, trimmed in dainty embroideries and laces, edgings, insertions, headings, tucks and ribbons; Mother Hubbard, short-waisted and long-waisted French styles; all grades greatly reduced.

\$1.25 Dresses reduced to..... \$.92
\$1.50-\$1.75 Dresses reduced to \$1.29
\$2.00-\$2.25 Dresses reduced to \$1.69
\$2.75-\$3.00 Dresses reduced to \$1.98
\$3.50-\$4.00 Dresses reduced to \$2.98
\$5.00-\$6.00 Dresses reduced to \$3.98

Children's white Cambrie and Nainsook Skirts, trimmed in fine laces and embroideries, edgings, insertions and tucks—
\$1.25 values now \$.97 **\$1.75 values now \$1.29**
\$2.25 values now \$1.79 **\$2.75 values now \$1.98**

EXPOSITION VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Make this store your headquarters. Waiting-room, information bureau, phones, parcels checked free, etc. All the conveniences of Portland's largest and best store are free to you to use as often as you please.

Women's Knit Wear Specials Today

50 doz. women's jersey ribbed knit Vests, light-weight, high neck, and long sleeves; all sizes; great special value-for..... **27c**

100 dozen women's fine jersey ribbed Union Suits; perfect fitting, knee-length; all sizes; marvelous value at..... **25c**

Women's fine white ribbed Vests, high-neck, short sleeves, all sizes; best 25c values, for..... **18c**

Women's fine white ribbed Vests, low-neck and sleeveless; fancy stitching; best 35c values..... **25c**

Children's white ribbed Vests, high-neck and long sleeves, also high-neck, short sleeves, for..... **25c**

Women's \$3, \$3.50 Low Shoes \$2.12 Pr.

800 pairs of women's Oxfords, \$3.00 and \$3.50 values at \$2.12 pair, comprise the good shoe news for those who have footwear needs to supply—All this season's very best styles in patent colt, Bluchers, vici kid oxfords, patent tips, ox-blood ribbon lace Oxfords, patent colt lace Oxfords, light and heavy soles—All sizes and widths, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 values—Every pair guaranteed to give satisfactory service—Choice for few days at this low price, pr. **\$2.12**

Misses' and Children's vici kid and patent leather fancy 3-strap Sandals, all new goods at sale prices, 12 to 2 for **\$1.20** pair; 8 1/2 to 11 for **95c** pair; 12 to 2 for **\$1.05** pair.

Misses' and Children's vici kid Oxfords at special low prices, all sizes, very best styles; 5 to 8 for **85c** pair; 8 1/2 to 11 for **95c** pair; 12 to 2 for **\$1.05** pair. Best values of the season.

Men's Suits at \$15.35 Each

Men's high-grade Outing Suits at an unusually reasonable price. Light and medium dark shades in fancy Cheviots, Tweeds and Homespuns, also fancy Flannels; all are finely tailored; Suits the exclusive clothing store would ask you \$22.50 for; our sale price..... **\$15.35**

Great display of new Washable Vests in all the best materials and patterns; regular and stout sizes; great values at **\$1.25 to \$3.00** each.

Men's Suits at \$16.85 Each

Stein-Bloch's famous Suits for Men in fancy Worsteds; all the new patterns and colorings, Suits of attractive style, splendidly made and trimmed throughout, ready-to-wear clothing that is equal to the best custom-made garments; the quality clothing the exclusive clothier asks you \$25.00 for; our sale price..... **\$16.85**

Men's fine \$18.00 Suits in all-wool black Thibets and navy blue Worsteds, with best Serge linings; this season's styles; the greatest black **\$12.85**

Sole Portland Agents for "Hawes" Hats

Sole Portland agents for the celebrated "Hawes" \$3.00 Hat for men; new Spring blocks, derbys and soft styles. See working exhibit in the Manufacturers' building, the most interesting manufacturing demonstration on the grounds. You can see how "Hawes" Hats are made—why they are the best Hat the money can buy.

\$10 Silk Petticoats \$6.45

Don't let this great Silk Petticoat bargain slip by without taking advantage—Never before have you had the opportunity to buy petticoats of equal grade for so little money—Made of fine quality plain and changeable taffeta silks in a variety of styles, deep flounce and ruffle, two rows of shirring and ruche or deep pleating and ruffle stitched—All the leading shades, black, white, greens, tans, browns, cardinal, purple, navy, black-and-white plaids; every one **\$6.45**

DRESS GOODS GREATLY REDUCED IN PRICE FOR THIS SALE

32-INCH PERSIAN LAWNS.
32c grade, yard..... **22c**
35c grade, yard..... **25c**
38c grade, yard..... **28c**
40c grade, yard..... **30c**
42c grade, yard..... **32c**
44c grade, yard..... **34c**
46c grade, yard..... **36c**
48c grade, yard..... **38c**
50c grade, yard..... **40c**

IMPORTED LAWNS.
32c quality..... **25c** 40c quality..... **35c**
35c quality..... **28c** 42c quality..... **38c**
38c quality..... **30c** 44c quality..... **40c**
40c quality..... **32c** 46c quality..... **42c**
42c quality..... **34c** 48c quality..... **44c**
44c quality..... **36c** 50c quality..... **46c**

WASH CHECKS.
40c quality for, yard..... **35c**
42c quality for, yard..... **37c**
44c quality for, yard..... **39c**
46c quality for, yard..... **41c**
48c quality for, yard..... **43c**
50c quality for, yard..... **45c**

36-INCH INDIA LINONS.
25c grade for, yard..... **21c**
30c grade for, yard..... **26c**
35c grade for, yard..... **31c**
40c grade for, yard..... **36c**
45c grade for, yard..... **41c**
50c grade for, yard..... **46c**

BATISTE MULL.
25c quality for, yard..... **21c**
30c quality for, yard..... **26c**
35c quality for, yard..... **31c**
40c quality for, yard..... **36c**
45c quality for, yard..... **41c**
50c quality for, yard..... **46c**

FRENCH LAWNS.
44-inch 32c quality, yard..... **19c**
46-inch 32c quality, yard..... **21c**
48-inch 32c quality, yard..... **23c**
50-inch 32c quality, yard..... **25c**
52-inch 32c quality, yard..... **27c**
54-inch 32c quality, yard..... **29c**
56-inch 32c quality, yard..... **31c**
58-inch 32c quality, yard..... **33c**
60-inch 32c quality, yard..... **35c**