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COMMUNICATION WITH MARS.

Nikola Tesla has noted on his electrical instruments disturbances which he claims could have had their origin nowhere excepting on one or more of the planets. He believes them to be an attempt of the residents of Mars to communicate with us and also believes that he can construct an apparatus by means of which we may communicate with them.

It is by no means certain that there are inhabitants in Mars, but scientists generally incline to the belief that conditions there are favorable for animal and vegetable life. On the assumption that nothing exists in nature without a purpose, the probability of the existence of human life on the planet seems great.

It is altogether improbable that the present century will come to a close without these interesting problems being satisfactorily solved, and it is not improbable that Tesla may have a large share in overcoming the greatest difficulty in the way—inter-planetary communication—if there be intelligent beings upon any of the other planets with whom to communicate.

In reply to an unfavorable critic, Mr. Tesla wrote the following explanatory communication to the New York Sun: "In your issue of Tuesday Sir Norman Lockyer, in commenting on my observations, is reported as having stated: 'Communication with Mars is absolutely outside of the domain of practical science.'"

"Before I had obtained with electrical oscillations results such as were outlined in a recent article, I would have unhesitatingly agreed to this statement, but now I have the unmistakable experimental evidence before me that the transmission of a message to that or some other planet is possible and, what is more, easily practicable.

"Necessity of avoiding general details, unintelligible to the general reader, compels me to illustrate the advantage of the new means of communication over the old by a comparison which, though not exact, is sufficiently correct to convey an approximate idea. Suppose that the entire available power of Niagara, about five million horse power, should be turned into an equivalent amount of radiant heat and light energy to be used for the purposes of signalling. Assume further, that the observer in a planet at a distance of fifty million miles away would be able to utilize integrally the energy falling upon one hundredth of a square mile of the planet's surface. This would be a difficult, if not impossible task, but if he were successful he would then only have 1-3, 140,000,000,000,000th of that horse power available for the operation of his instrument.

"On the other hand, let us examine how much energy could be conveyed by the methods and apparatus I have devised. In this case we should provide a conducting surface, connect it through a coil to the ground, and impress electrical oscillations upon the system. By availing ourselves of certain adjustments and artifices we should, according to my experiences, encounter no insuperable difficulties in setting up a movement of electrical energy equivalent to a rate of five million horse power, with but a small actual expenditure of energy. Supposing the observer in the planet should avail himself of similar means, we should then have, as in my system of energy transmission or telegraph without wires, two resonating situated circuits connected through a condenser. A great advantage would be at once secured, since the energy does not diminish with the square of the distance, as with light, heat or

Hertzian rays, but in a linear proportion to the same.

"Estimating the capacity of the condenser formed by the earth, the planet and the intervening medium, I find that we should be able to transmit in this manner to Mars, at intervals, energy at the rate of 1-50,000th of a horse power, which in the tuned circuit on the planet, by skillful construction and adjustment of apparatus could be intensified to a rate of one-fifth of one horse power, and a considerable portion of this accumulated energy would be available for the operation of the receiving instrument.

"The attainment of this enormous rate of energy delivery is made possible by the fact that in using these novel means we should not dissipate the energy at the transmitter uselessly in all directions through space, as we should when employing rays: we should simply transmit electrical stresses through the medium. It is as if we had a weightless, elastic bar extending from our globe to the planet, and as if we were transmitting energy by pushing this bar back and forth. The above rough estimate is obtained by ignoring the disturbing influences of the sun and of other planets, but by making all due allowances, we could still convey to its place of destination an amount of energy many million times that possible with radiant light or heat. As far, then, as our ability of communicating with Mars is concerned, far from believing it impossible, we are justified in considering it practicable.

"Why should Sir Norman Lockyer doubt that the energy would reach the planet? Does not the fact that electric disturbances are produced in the earth by changes in the sun offer a sufficient warrant? While I do not consider myself infallible, I feel confident that I am neither capable of mistaking earthquakes for novel electrical manifestations, nor incapable of noting what might have escaped the attention of others. I did not state that I had obtained a message from Mars. I only expressed my conviction that the disturbances I had observed were of planetary origin. It does not follow that they could be detected by magnetic instruments. These are delicate only in a certain sense: in another sense they are very crude. Sir Norman Lockyer asks what ground I have for assuming Mars inhabited? I do not hesitate to admit that I am convinced of it. Perhaps part of my conviction is derived from the personal of Sir Norman Lockyer's admirable papers. I am sorry he attaches no value whatever to my observations."

WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS.

Aside from the fact that thirty-one state legislatures and several million cases of the grip are in session, the country is doing quite well.—Kansas City World.

It appears from the Washington dispatches that President McKinley has had the grippe. Plain grip is good enough, or bad enough, for any of us.—Kansas City World.

May it not be possible that the grip is not so much an epidemic disease as the result of suggestion from the afflicted to those who are free from it.—Minneapolis Tribune.

A member of the Missouri legislature said that if Andrew Jackson were alive today he would be glad he was dead. Missouri may yet win a reputation for wit and humor as well as for mules.—St. Paul Globe.

The United States postal officials in Chicago have decided the weighty question that it is not an offense under the law to write the word "rats" on an envelope and mail to another.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Developments in the sharp contest for the vacant marshmanship at Nome indicate that the most successful way of mining for gold in the frozen north is to know how to pull political wires at Washington.—San Francisco Call.

It seems something like poetic justice that the millions of the dead London shiplock, Sam Lewis, should go to Fannie Ward, the gay burlesque actress. Probably no better way could be hit upon for putting the money in circulation again.—San Francisco Bulletin.

The electoral vote of Nebraska has been cast for McKinley and Roosevelt, the Republican state officials have taken up their duties and the Antelope state takes its place with the redeemed.

There will be no backsliding, either.—Omaha Bee.

The Chicago Tribune estimates that 360,000 persons in the United States have the grip. Allowing 1,450,000 microbes to each person, this opens a field of figuring which will doubtless appeal

to the individual who has grown tired of ringing the changes on the census report.—San Francisco Bulletin.

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Mistress—Did you tell the lady I was out? Servant Girl—Yes, ma'am. Mistress—Did she seem to have any doubt about it? Servant Girl—No, ma'am; she said she knew you wasn't.—New York Herald.

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MEETING NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers Association will be held at the office of the company, at Astoria, Oregon, on February 8, 1901, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors and for such other business as may properly be considered. By order of the president, GEO. H. GEORGE, Sec.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD.

Leave PORTLAND. Arrive ASTORIA. 8:00 a.m. Portland Union Depot 11:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m. For Astoria and intermediate points. 9:40 p.m. (mediate points).

SEASIDE DIVISION. ASTORIA. 7:45 a.m. For Portland & in 11:30 a.m. 6:10 p.m. (intermediate points) 10:30 p.m.

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Chicago-Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Portland, Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul, Chicago and East. 9:15 a. m. 4 p. m.

Atlantic Express 9 p. m. Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East. 7 a. m.

Spokane Flyer 6 p. m. Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane, Missoula, Mt. St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago and East. 8:40 a. m.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. All sailing dates subject to change. For San Francisco—Salt

7 a. m. Columbia River Steamers to Portland and Way Landings. 6 a. m. Ex Sunday. 6 a. m. From Portland WILLAMETTE RIVER Oregon City, Newberg, Salem & Way-Land s.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

In the County Court in and for Jackson County, Oregon, in the matter of the estate of Thaddeus W. Barclay, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale made and entered by the Hon. County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, dated January 23d, 1901, and recorded in volume 12 of the probate records of said county, on page 149, I will on and after March 1st, 1901, proceed to sell at private sale for cash, lots 24 and 48 in block 8, of the town of Flavel, Clatsop County, Oregon, and the S. E. 1/4 of section 10, in Twp. 6 N., range 23 W. of W. M. in said Clatsop County.

GERTRUDE BARCLAY, Administratrix of estate of Thaddeus W. Barclay, Deceased, Ashland, Ore. E. D. BRIGGS, Atty., Ashland, Ore.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, on the 26th day of December, 1900, upon a judgment and decree rendered therein on the 21st day of December, 1900, in favor of Thomas Doig, plaintiff, and against E. Z. Ferguson, Sai Get and Chung Get, his wife, and the Clatsop Mill Company, defendants, for the sum of \$3927.75, together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 21st day of December, 1900, the costs and disbursements of this action taxed at \$20.20, and the costs of and upon this writ commanding and requiring me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit:

All of the east thirty-five acres of lot No. 2 and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-four (24), in township eight (8), north of range ten (10), west of the Willamette meridian, in Clatsop County, Oregon, that is to say, all of said lot two (2), and said forty acre legal subdivision adjoining the same on the south that lies east of a line drawn through said subdivision parallel with the east line thereof, such a distance west of said east line thereof, as to include thirty-five acres of land of said subdivision, between the east line thereof and the lines run through the same, also all of lot numbered five (5), in block numbered thirty-three (33), in that part of the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, all being in the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, together with the tenements, hereditaments and all appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1901, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in front of and at the court house door, in the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, sell the above-described real property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the judgment, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

THOMAS LINVILLE, Sheriff of Clatsop County, Astoria, Ore., Dec. 26, 1900.

NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Bids will be received by the county commissioners' court of Clatsop County, Oregon, until Monday, February 4th, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m., for re-building the Washburn bridge, plans and specifications can be seen at the court house. Bids must be in compliance with section 4141 of the laws of Oregon, and a deposit or certified check by each bidder of ten per cent of the amount of the bid must accompany the same. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

By order of the County Commissioners' Court. H. J. WHEATLEY, County Clerk, Astoria, Ore., Jan. 15, 1901.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 23, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, George A. Weed, of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2997, for the purchase of the lots 1 and 2, and E half of NW quarter of section No. 30, in township No. 10 N, range No. 3 W, W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at Vancouver, Wash. on Wednesday, the 13th day of February, 1901.

He names as witnesses: Bernard Birt, of Knappton, Washington; Miss Brock, of Nasel, Washington; Alfred J. Gray, of Knappton, Washington; William Matheral, of Knappton, Washington.

Any and all persons claiming adversely by the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 13th day of February, 1901. W. R. DUNBAR, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, December 15, 1900. Notice is hereby