

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Use and Abuse By Some of Its Patrons.

AS A MATRIMONIAL BUREAU

Requires the Patience of Job and the Disposition of an Angel to Listen to Levers Making Dates and Women Discussing the Fashions.

A telephone office is a school where patience is taught. After having served several years as a "hello central," a young lady has either one of the sweetest dispositions in the world or else is a candidate for a lunatic asylum. Sometimes they are driven to desperation and get married. If each one of the telephone girls were to have been and now are engaged in the Astoria telephone office could write a book, publishing only what they have heard going over the wires, it would result in numerous divorces and drive a pole cat into convulsions.

As a rule, telephones are for business purposes and to get quick action between the business men and consumer, or between him and some one in some other line of business, or for sending in orders. The service is usually prompt and satisfactory and is a great saving in time. Sometimes, when some women are discussing the spring fashions, or the Easter bonnet delays result and the business man who is always in a hurry and has an idea that when he is on the line he gets warm under the collar and uses cuss words. But who can blame him. It comes under the head of justifiable profanity.

There are some women, however, who regard the telephone service as a means of gossiping about their neighbor, discussing the latest fashions, the new Easter hat, or baby's tooth, or what a lovely time they had at a party the night before during which time they tell of everyone who was there, what they wore, how horrid some people looked and what a mean, nasty thing Miss Blank was. All of this consumes from an hour to half a day while some indulgent man or woman who unfortunately happens to be on the same line, is cursing because central informs him that "the line is busy" and the man wants to know if the party that has been using it all the forenoon owns the system. The operators have to take all the abuse and be cheerful and patient. It is said that telephone girls make charming wives. Well, they ought to. Any young lady that can put up with the abuse heaped upon her over a party line, has a constitution to stand the abuse of one husband without flinching.

But the telephone on the party line affords considerable amusement and pleasure for the customers. A number of women take a chair, sit close to the phone, take down the receiver and spend a pleasant afternoon listening to what is going on over the lines. She knows when Mary and Charley make a date, when they are going to the theater, what a lovely time they had at the what club; the opinion one woman entertains of her neighbor; all the faults and shortcomings of everyone in the neighborhood, what they are going to have for dinner. As soon as they get all the information in the neighborhood they ring up some lady friends in a distant part of the city and inform her of the latest scandal, who in return repeats it to some one else and party lines are kept hot.

Some women have been known to stand at the telephone for two hours telling what a horrid time they had last night on account of baby's tooth, and from 12 to 20 women are consulted on "baby's tooth" and the best cure. Being all of this time some other customer on the same line is abusing central because the line "is busy." Husband come home for their dinner and find nothing in the house, simply because the wife was unable to get the butcher or the baker on account of the line being busy, or else she became so animated in telling of the shortcomings of her neighbor over the line as to forget all about dinner.

The telephone system is intended for the transmission of business. It was never intended as a purveyor of scandal nor a matrimonial bureau. It is not the proper method of making love, nor of discussing the spring fashions or the exclusion of other people who pay for and desire to use the line. These are some of the reasons why people complain of the poor service. The fault is not always with the office, but with the customers, who seem to have no knowledge of what a telephone system is for. If people would use the system for what it was originally intended, a great deal of unnecessary trouble and annoyance could be avoided and people would appreciate the system. They certainly ought

to have some consideration for the poor telephone girl who has to take abuse or lose her situation.

KILLED THE MOOSE.

Remarkable Exploit of a Hunter in the Maine Wilderness.

A day or two ago Elja Morehouse, a young man living at Zealand station, Me., was in the woods not far from home partridge shooting, when he came across a big bull moose. The big fellow instead of fleeing, showed fight, in a way graphically depicted by a writer in Maine woods. "Young Morehouse had only a double-barreled shotgun and no ball cartridges but his resources were equal to the occasion.

"Opening out a small pocket knife which he carried he put it down the barrel of the gun on top of the shot cartridge, and in the other barrel he put an old table fork which he happened to have in his pocket. Taking steady aim at the angry moose, which was steadily coming toward him, Morehouse discharged both barrels of his gun in quick succession.

"The barrel into which the knife had been rammed was burst, but Morehouse escaped uninjured. The moose fell in his tracks, either the knife or the fork having gone right through him and piercing a vital part.

"Mr. Morehouse secured assistance and got the big carcass home and is pardonably proud of his exploit. The moose head, a magnificent one with antlers spreading 58 inches and carrying 16 points, is being mounted."

TELEGRAM FROM FULTON.

The Appropriation for the Bar is Now \$700,000.

Washington, D. C., March 9. Editor Morning Astorian:

In issue of March 4 you say the river and harbor bill provides only \$400,000 for the mouth of the river, which you say, is \$100,000 less than the original bill. You are mistaken. The bill as passed provided \$700,000 for the mouth of the Columbia, which is \$100,000 more than the original bill, and which increase I secured in the senate.

C. W. FULTON.

CASEY KILLED.

Was Shot in Wichita, Kansas, by Jas. Oliver.

Wichita, March 10.—J. C. Casey, head of the Casey wholesale Mercantile Company, was shot and killed today by James Oliver. Mr. Oliver lost \$23,000 by the failure of the Casey & Garret Mercantile Company a few months ago, which drove him to desperation. It is thought he was insane over the loss of his money.

Real Estate Transfers.

United States to James P. Tamjeski southwest quarter of section 23, township 5 north, range 10 west. Patent.

United States to Rose Wilcox, south half of north half of section 3, township 4 north, range 10 west. Patent.

J. Q. A. Bowby to John Dragolich lot 7, block 141, Shiveley's, \$500.

Michael P. Logan to Ella M. Casey, lot 8, block 45, McClure's; lots 1 and 2, block 111, Olney's; tract in section 16, township 6, range 8 west, \$5.

Henry Fleckenstein et al to Lydia H. Taylor, lot 6, block 1, Inglenook, \$100.

Tom F. Cowling, Jr. to T. F. Cowling 160 acres in section 18, township 4 north, range 7 west, \$1900.

United States to Ruth A. Tamjeski, 15,287 acres in sections 3 and 4, township 4 north, range 10 west. Patent.

Accident at Svensen.

An accident occurred at Svensen yesterday in which Artie Strom suffered a fracture of the right leg close to the hip joint. He and four companions were sitting on a railing when it broke, throwing all four to the ground below, a distance of about 10 feet. The other three escaped with but slight bruises. Strom was brought to Astoria last night and taken to the hospital and Dr. Henderson called, who reduced the fracture.

Another one of those hold-ups occurred last night at 10:20 at the corner of Ninth and Commercial. A sailor of about 19 years of age was intoxicated and having visited the bad lands, where he held up a woman, knocking her down and stealing some jewelry, started to run up the street. Four other sailors who were with him caught him at the corner of Ninth and Commercial and started to drag him back. His lungs showed 10,000 horse power and he succeeded in waking up everybody in the neighborhood and collecting a large crowd, who thought someone was being murdered. Officer Thompson appeared on the scene and landed him in jail. Six months in the city jail is about the right dose that should be meted out to him, and the men who sold him liquor ought to have their licenses forfeited. Such disgraceful proceedings should be stopped.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

Reopened Under New Management. John Blasich has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

COMMON COUNCIL

Whipple Franchise Ordinance Is Introduced.

IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS

Neither of the Ordinances Are Satisfactory to the Promoters, But Council Favor the Restrictions Provided and Will Stand by Them.

An adjourned meeting of the common council was held last evening, all the members and officers being present.

The committee reported on the petition of John Stephenson to change his liquor license recommending that it be granted.

The ways and means committee reported favorably on a bill for \$109 for payment of costs in the case of Davidson against the city of Astoria.

The report of the city surveyor on the slide at Smith's point was referred to the street committee.

An ordinance providing for a street cleaning department to consist of two men, one horse and one cart, the foreman to receive \$70 a month and the assistant \$60 a month, was passed under suspension of the rules.

An ordinance appropriating \$320 for the benefit of J. A. Fasteband for constructing a sidewalk on Duane street was passed.

The following ordinance licensing bill boards was read twice and laid over:

Section 1. Bill posters shall pay an annual license of \$75 or a quarterly license of \$20. And no person shall post any sign or advertisement upon any bill board or post or on the side of any building without first obtaining a license as in this ordinance provided.

Sec. 2. No bill board shall be allowed or be attached to any sidewalk or elevated roadway of the city of Astoria, and it shall be unlawful to place or construct any bill board along the line of any street, unless the same is attached to posts firmly set in the ground in a good substantial manner so as to be firm and secure, and no bill board shall be constructed except upon the written permit of the superintendent of streets of the city of Astoria.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the owner of any bill board now constructed contrary to the provisions of this ordinance to remove the same within 24 hours after notice so to do by the superintendent of streets.

Sec. 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, or by imprisonment in the city jail not exceeding 25 days.

An ordinance granting W. W. Whipple and J. R. Clinton a franchise for supplying the city with gas was read a second time. The ordinance was amended giving them 60 days instead of 30 days to accept the franchise, extending the time to nine months to commence work and expend \$25,000. The ordinance was laid over in order to give certain citizens who object to the franchise an opportunity of being heard.

An ordinance granting W. W. Whipple and J. R. Clinton a franchise for constructing a telephone, telegraph and electric light plant was read and amended by extending the time to 60 days to accept the franchise and nine months in which to commence work and that they expend \$30,000 within that time instead of \$20,000.

Several resolutions were adopted making assessments for the improvement of streets.

WHISKY IN LARGE DOSES.

Hostler Says He Had the Time of His Life Before He Died.

Springfield, L. L. March 10.—Jim, the race horse, who was pulled out of a Springfield swamp where he had been a prisoner in the mud for four days, died yesterday.

"But anyway," said the hostler, "even though Jim underwent some discomforts for a time, he had the time of his life just before he shuffled off, and what self-respecting horse could ask anything better?"

Jim disappeared mysteriously from Henry Mills' stable in Springfield last Monday, Friday Jake Burden, an en-

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gineer on the Long Island railroad saw a horse's head sticking out of a swamp a mile from Mills' farm. At Jamaica Burden told John Bedell, a towerman, who lives in Springfield, of the horse's predicament. Bedell, who knew of Mills' loss, told the Springfield farmer, and the horse was pulled out with block and tackle. Again in his stable, despite a stiff rub-down and several warm blankets Jim shivered so hard that whisky was administered in large doses. As the chill left Jim's bones, there stole in a feeling he had never before known. In spite of his recent unpleasant experience he felt better than a 2-year-old. He pranced about the stable after the manner of a circus horse. He tried dancing upon his hind legs. He had a "bun" as one of the men later explained, that made him feel handsome. Jim was no sneak. When he achieved a jag he did not attempt to conceal it, but announced the fact in the best way he could.

Finally tired of occupying the limelight Jim lay down in a pile of new straw. He was covered with several blankets and left to perspire and meditate upon the evils of intemperance.

Yesterday morning Jim showed such weakness that there was no hope of saving his life. Veterinary Surgeon Foster said, and although his admirers did all in their power for him, he died before noon.

Agonizing Burns.

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E. H. Jones, Pastor M. E. Church, Grove, Md., writes: "About seven or eight years ago I had a very severe cold which physicians said was very near pneumonia, and which they afterwards pronounced consumption. Through a friend I was induced to try a sample of **Foley's Honey and Tar**, which gave me so much relief that I bought some of the regular size. Two or three bottles cured me of what the physicians called consumption, and I have never had any trouble with my throat or lungs since that time."

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