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## Competition in Telephone Service

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Will the telephone users of Astoria be wise and profit from a knowledge of the unfortunate experience of other Pacific Coast cities with the double telephone system?

**Read this letter from a citizen of San Bernardino, California, where the so-called Home Telephone Company was given a franchise some five years ago:**

San Bernardino, Cal., June 4, 1907.

Mr. C. G. Lundblade, Eureka, Cal.

Dear Sir: Yours of May 28th at hand. In reply will say, yes, we are in a fight to get rid of our double telephone system and that fight will go on until the end for which it was started shall have been accomplished.

Our people have learned from experience that a double system is the most absurd institution ever devised by man. Nothing more senseless can be conceived. A double system means in reality a half system. Because not three per cent. of residence owners can afford two phones and as but one phone gives communication with but half of all who have phones, our residences are doomed perpetually to half service.

My neighbors who pay for the home phone must come to my house if they would speak to anyone who has a Sunset and I must go to my neighbor if I would call anyone of half our city who regularly pay for phone service. Mayor Barton tells me that his neighbors use his phone about as much as they do their own. And so it will be with you if your people are so foolish as to establish a phone system that necessitates it. The merchants are of course compelled to pay for both phones. This they cannot escape so long as residence people must order goods. They see the uselessness of the thing and curse it every time they pay double for service; our grocers and butchers are determined that it shall not continue.

Our people are practically a unit against the double system. Had they known a few years ago what they have since learned, a proposition for a second system would not have been tolerated.

Do not be misled by the fallacy of "competition." It does not exist. Each company has its schedule of prices to which it rigidly adheres and that is the end of their warfare. Remember this, it is a thousand times easier to keep a corporation out than it is to oust one that has a foothold.

What the city needs is not poor service from two systems, but good service from one.

Yours truly,

(Signed) N. A. RICHARDSON

### STOPPED IN MID OCEAN.

Big Vessel Pauses While Surgeon Operates On a Woman.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—While in mid-ocean the Cedric of the White Star line was stopped for nearly three hours last Sunday afternoon so that a surgical operation could be performed on Mrs. Thomas Trebell, of New York, a cabin passenger.

Mrs. Trebell, who was returning with her husband from a visit to friends in England, was taken suddenly ill, and the doctor was called in consultation. He decided that an operation was necessary to save the woman's life.

Captain C. A. Bartlett, commander of the Cedric, was informed that the least possible motion of the ship was required in the operation room and a notice was posted telling the passengers that the ship would be stopped for a time after half past one o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Two surgeons participated, and the hospital staffs and nurses on the ship were through with their work after an hours delay, but the condition of the patient was so critical that the ship was not sent ahead at her normal speed for two hours more. On arrival in port Mrs. Trebell was taken to the New York hospital, and it is believed she is on the road to permanent recovery unless new complications sets in.

### JAPAN'S NAVAL STRENGTH.

Is Making Great Strides In Construction of Small Craft.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Lawrence Speer, vice-president of the Electric Boat company, who is considered the leading authority on submarines in America, has returned to New York after a tour of observation abroad. He will immediately begin the construction of submarines for the United States government.

"I have had an opportunity to learn something about the extent of the building of fighting craft in foreign countries," he said, "and it may be put down as a certainty that Japan is not buying battleships or cruisers from Brazil or Chili, but is making great strides in the torpedo destroyers and submarines in her own yards. "No one knows what they have or what they intend to build. They are courteous and conservative. England and Germany have been called upon by Japan to submit plans for the construction of shipbuilding plants."

### RIVAL SECTS WARRING.

Roman and Greek Catholics In a Lively and Deadly Warfare.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 8.—Bullets flew thickly at a camp of Austrian laborers near the smelter town of Garfield, 18 miles from here last night. Constable Ben Culley was wounded in the back while trying to re-establish order. Sam Neckis, a foreigner was taken to a hospital with a bullet in him. A boy is said to have been killed, but this has not been definitely established. A score of peace officers large enough to control the situation was sent there and three arrests were made. The outbreak is an incident in the guerrilla warfare that had been maintained for months between Roman and Greek Catholics and has already led to several murders.

### HAS A STRING TO IT.

John D. Rockefeller Proffers Gift to the "Uncle Remus" Association.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Atlanta Ga., says: The \$1,000 subscription of John D. Rockefeller to a fund to establish a memorial for "Uncle Remus" (Joel Chandler Harris) has a condition attached to it.

President Joyner of the "Uncle Remus" memorial association received a letter from Mr. Rockefeller yesterday stating that he would give \$1,000 provided the association raises \$49,000 in a year. The letter surprised the officials of the association and they will inform the oil magnate that his gift will not be accepted with the conditions attached. The association has fixed no limit to the memorial fund and does not intend to.

### MAY STOP BETTING.

TOKIO, Aug. 8.—The government is investigating the nature of the betting at the various race meetings and if it is found to injure social order in any way it will be strictly prohibited.

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## TIMELY TOPICS IN ILWACO TOWN

CORRESPONDENT SENDS LIST OF SOCIAL ITEMS AND OTHER HAPPENINGS IN THE NORTH SHORE CITY.

Mrs. W. B. Hawkins, who has been visiting for a few days in Portland, returned home Friday.

Hon. J. J. Brumbach, present county prosecuting attorney, returned from an extended trip on Puget Sound and Portland, Thursday. While away he closely studied the political situation and like all good democrats, thinks his party will surely win in the coming contest this fall. We understand Mr. Brumbach will be a candidate to succeed himself as prosecuting attorney of Pacific county this fall.

Mrs. Artie Graham, and her two children, left the latter part of the week for her home in Edmonds, Wash., after spending a few days visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. J. R. Wright, who underwent an operation in Portland a short time ago, returned home the first of the week with her daughter, Mrs. Ray and her two little grand children, who expect to spend some time visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miller, of Centerville, Wash., and Mrs. Jolliffe of Portland spent Thursday in Ilwaco visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James L. Vaughn.

Mrs. Frank Embree, who has for some time past, been running the boarding house, found it impossible to continue owing to other duties, and was obliged to close Saturday. So far we are unable to ascertain who will take Mrs. Embree's place.

Mr. Ray of Portland arrived Friday and will spend a short time with his wife, who is visiting her parents here.

Henry Brown died at Seaview Tuesday morning and the remains were sent to Portland for interment. He was an old and respected citizen of Portland and had resided on this coast for several years.

Miss Blanche Hirschner returned home Thursday, after a visit with her friend, Miss Alvena Peterson, at Long Beach.

Mr. O. W. Heath, the tinner and plumber has moved his shop into the Fraternity building just in the rear of the jewelry store.

John R. Goulter returned home Saturday from South Bend where he has been spending a few days attending a commissioners meeting.

Miss Mona King, formerly of this city, who for the past two years has been acting as a nurse in the St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, is spending a week or two visiting friends and relatives in Ilwaco and Chinook.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee W. Paul are enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. Paul, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton of Denver, Colorado. This is their second visit in the past two years to Ilwaco and they are very much delighted with the fine climate and surrounding country.

Prof. Angus Jack, who taught in the school here last term, is making a short stay in Ilwaco among his friends. Mr. Jack is a candidate for county school superintendent, from Pacific county, on the democratic ticket. We know of no one who would be more capable of filling this position than Mr. Jack, and the people of Ilwaco wish him all success in the coming election.

Miss Hazel Hughes returned Thursday from a month's visit with

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relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Markham, in Lebanon, Wash.

Mr. Moore, who has been in the employ of Mr. Kerlee for a month or more received a very urgent call to Portland the first of the week. His place so far has not been filled.

### STOCKS ARE FIRM.

Market Gamblers Pleased With the Outlook on Every Side.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The confident operations for higher prices of stocks have "proceeded" through all contending factors during the week. Faith in the ultimate degree of betterment with the tendency toward improvement definitely established is the motive prompting the demand, buttressed by the security of the strong money market position and the growing assurances in the pro-

fitably final yield of the crops.

Reports of damage to spring wheat and fears of harm to corn from heat and drought bring occasional wavering in the price movement. Higher demand and advancing prices for copper and new contracts for steel products were the most notable evidences of the business improvement which is admittedly moderate yet.

### LONG DISTANCE LINE.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Milwaukee, Wis., says: The second link in the underground telephone system between Milwaukee and Chicago, which will be finished this fall at a cost of over \$1,000,000 was yesterday formally opened for business between this city and Kenosha.

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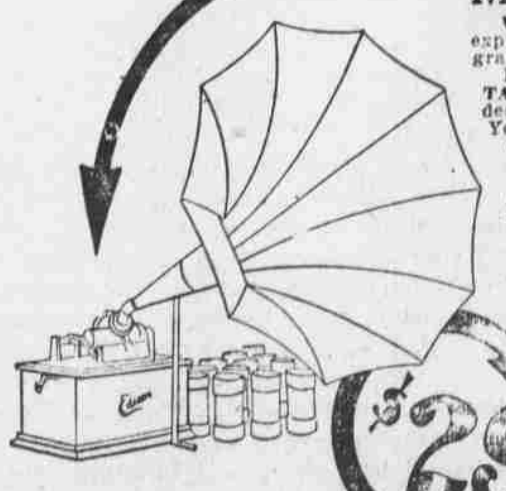
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