

ENGLAND HAVING PHONE TROUBLES

"Line Engaged" is Prevailing Excuse for Not Troubling to Oblige Customers.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 22.—Government ownership of telephones in England has proved anything but a glittering success, thus far. Since the postoffice department took over the lines and equipment of the National Telephone company, the first of the year, most of the time of Postmaster General Samuel, when not making political speeches, has been occupied in answering complaints of angry subscribers or writing to the papers in defense of the system.

The service, which was execrable before the government took hold, has become worse. Apparently the authorities either underestimated the magnitude of the task or overrated their ability to master the situation. In order to give proper effect to the kicks that are being made all over the United Kingdom, a Telephone Users' association has been formed, whose ranks are being recruited by hundreds daily.

The Morning Post, which has taken up the cause, makes the following indictment:

"The service has become slower; the trunk lines are insufficient for the business; wrong connections are constantly made, and 'line engaged' has become the prevailing excuse for not troubling to oblige customers. Out of six calls made at random, one was 21 minutes in getting the proper connection, and the others 12, 11, 6, 4, and 2 minutes respectively."

KOLB AND DILL MAKE UP; ARE TO APPEAR TOGETHER AGAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Kolb and Dill, Dutch slapstick comedians, whose feud split a team which made many laughs for many years, kissed and made up here and will appear together again—beginning on St. Patrick's day.

Kolb—Clarence—had sued Dill—Max—to prevent his using their joint play, and Max Magner, a producer, had sued Kolb for breach of contract. The reconciliation came in Judge Graham's chambers, and in honor of his descent, it was arranged that the Dutch comedians shall make their reappearance as a team on the "seventeenth of Ireland."

War Prize to Be Sold. Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 22.—Orders were

The Anti-Knockers (Man From East With Money Gives Experience)

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"I'd like to have a steady job to knock 'em on the head."

"Now, I'm no knocker, understand," said Bluffington to me, "But the orchard that you mentioned isn't worth a sou markee; I've known the place since ninety-one—frost hits it every year—I've no interest in the matter but to give the proper steer To an unsophisticated, trusting stranger like yourself, Whom I hate to see unloaded of his hard-earned eastern pelf; Don't think that I am knocking, for I'm not, as you can see—I merely state the simple facts," said Bluffington to me.

"Of all things, I hate a knocker," John Henry Mossback said; "I'd like to have a steady job to knock 'em on the head; You say you think of buying a place in Ashfordville? Just take a friendly tip from me: That town is strictly nil, And taxes! say, it's scandalous the way they sock 'em on; 'Twould bankrupt you to pay 'em, believe your Uncle John. I've always been a booster, but unless you would be bled Do not invest in Ashfordville," John Henry Mossback said.

"My motto is, 'Don't knock, but boost,'" said Hezekiah White; "I always find the bright side, and I boost from morn till night— But—er—speaking of that gold mine that you looked at yesterday, I am bound in truth to tell you that the thing will never pay; The vein pinched out some three years since—worked now just as a bluff To catch some eastern sucker who has more coin than enough; Now, mind, I am not knocking, for I know you wouldn't bite, And I do despise a knocker," said Hezekiah White.

So I did not buy the orchard, and it sold in thirty days For more than it was priced to me—a clean three thousand raise; Nor did I buy in Ashfordville, and values there enhanced Enough to pay the taxes for ten years, had I but chanced And bought the place a month before; and that confounded mine Is yielding like a yellow mint. There's no use to repine, But I want to say, good people, that I take but little stock In the statements of those persons who do not like to knock.



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received at Mare Island Navy yard was a Spanish war prize. It has been used for some time to quarter sailors to selling the vessel. The Manila prisoners of the Pacific fleet.

HAY APOLOGIZES; FLING AT HOBSON IS ERASED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 22.—Following the demand of Representative Hobson for an investigation of the charges made against him Saturday on the floor of the house by Representatives Hay and Fitzgerald in connection with the army bill debate, the language used that was offensive to Hobson was stricken from the record. Mutual apologies were made. Concluding the debate today Representative Hay said:

"On Saturday in the stress of debate, I referred to the gentleman from Alabama in an uncalled for manner. I used the word 'cowardly,' but I want to say now that I never believed the gentleman a coward and never wanted to allow the word to remain in the record."

Representative Hobson then withdrew his remarks on the matter, closing the incident.

BAY CITY BARTENDERS DEMAND 1 DAY OF REST

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 22.—San Francisco union bartenders are demanding enforcement of the law providing that no person shall be denied one day's rest in seven. They are compiling a list of those saloons in which bartenders are compelled to work seven days a week, and when the list is completed will institute proceedings.

War Hero Dead.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—William H. Lewis, 78, who was paymaster of the "Ram" fleet in the Civil war, and who because of personal bravery was made a captain by President Lincoln, is dead here.

Afternoon Train to Dallas Leaves Union Depot.

Southern Pacific train 75, Portland to Dallas, leaves Union depot, not Jefferson street, via the east side and Oswego at 4:30 p. m. Train 107 Jefferson street at 4:30, does not make connections at Oswego.

Warehouse and Manufacturing Floors.

Low rental. In new brick building, 35x100, just being completed at Hood and Baker streets. This is the best proposition in South Portland from a rental standpoint. A. L. Fish, care The Journal.

There are still some splendid bargains left from our alteration sale that will be worth your while to investigate. Prices have been reduced again to clear our floors so that the workmen can work. An opportunity for Mr. Piano Buyer to secure a piano cheap. Evening appointments can be made by telephone. Kohler & Chase, 375 Washington street.

Trics to Blackmail Arnold.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 22.—Bessie Green, a mulatto, 23 years old, is under arrest here, charged with attempting to blackmail Francis Arnold, father of Dorothy Arnold, who mysteriously disappeared some months ago.

HOP SINGS WILL NOT PAY INDEMNITY FOR "LOUIE"

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Renewal of the long war here depends on whether

the Hop Sing sing meet the request of the San Sing Sing long for \$12,500 indemnity for the life of "Big Louie" Fong, killed in a recent battle. The Hop Sing object to paying so much, declaring that \$2500 is ample to compensate for the death of Fong.



Brother Kane is Very Sick

"BROTHER KANE of our lodge is very sick with typhoid fever at his home on Chestnut Avenue. Will you please notify the visiting committee and see his wife in regard to sick benefit?"

When the lodge secretary in a fraternal order gets word over the Bell Telephone of the sickness of a brother, he acts promptly.



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THE LAST DAYS!

DEPARTMENT STORE BEING SOLD OUT

Tomorrow at 9 A. M., Begins Final Slaughter of This Stock of Women's, Men's, Girls' and Boys' Wearing Apparel JUST 2 DAYS MORE

Tomorrow—Friday, and Saturday will be the finish. Cost and values will be ignored for Saturday night at 10:00 P. M. the doors close and the stock must be sold. MAKE A BID ON THE FIXTURES.

A Few of the Prices Quoted--All Other Goods Are Marked Proportionately

MEN AND BOYS

- \$15.00 Men's All-Wool Suits cut to\$4.89
- \$20.00 Men's All-Wool Suits cut to\$7.89
- \$25 to \$35 Men's All-Wool Suits cut to...\$10.89
- Kirchbaum and Kuppenheimer Overcoats, \$25 to \$30 values\$4.89
- \$20.00 Men's Overcoats cut to\$7.89
- \$3.50 and \$4.00 Boys' Suits cut to\$1.89
- \$3.50 Men's and Young Men's Pants cut to...89c
- 25c Rubber Collars5c
- 15c and 20c Socks cut to6c
- Cluett, Manhattan, Star and E. & W. Shirts...39c
- Linen Handkerchiefs3c
- \$1.00 and \$1.50 Sweaters59c
- \$2.00 and \$2.50 Sweaters89c

- 50c Neckties cut to19c
- 50c Boston Garters cut to13c
- 50c Suspenders cut to19c
- \$1.00 Dress Shirts cut to49c
- \$1.50 Dress Shirts cut to69c
- 50c Work Shirts cut to29c
- 75c Work Shirts cut to39c
- 50c and 75c Winter Underwear cut to19c
- \$5.00 Silk-and-Wool Union Suits cut to...\$1.59
- \$2.50 Men's Hats, Felt and Derby, cut to...59c
- \$3.50 Hats cut to\$1.39
- \$6.00 J. B. Stetson Hats cut to\$2.58
- \$3.50 Men's Shoes cut to\$1.89
- \$5.00 High-Top Shoes cut to\$2.89
- 200 Pairs Shoes at\$1.00

WOMEN AND MISSES

- \$3.50 AND \$4.00 SILK PETTI-COATS CUT TO\$1.79
- \$17.50 Wool Suits cut to\$4.89
- \$17.50 Wool Suits cut to\$7.89
- \$25 and \$30 Wool Suits cut to\$10.89
- \$18.50 New Spring Coats cut to\$12.45
- \$27.50 New Spring Suits cut to\$16.45
- \$15.00 Messaline Dresses cut to\$6.98
- 65c Children's Rompers39c
- \$12.50 Long Wool Coats cut to\$4.89
- \$18.00 Long Wool Coats cut to\$7.89
- \$25.00 Long Wool Coats cut to\$10.89
- \$6.00 Wool Skirts cut to\$3.49
- \$40.00 Jap Mink Furs cut to\$6.89
- \$1.50 Lawn Waists cut to39c
- \$2.00 Tailored Waists cut to79c
- \$1.50 Petticoats cut to98c

- Children's New Spring Dresses.....\$1.23
- Misses' New Spring Dresses\$1.69
- 15c Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs cut to.....4c
- 75c Brassieres cut to39c
- 12 1/2c Valenciennes Laces3c
- 20c Hose cut to9c
- 25c Hose cut to11c
- 50c Women's and Misses' Underwear cut to 23c
- \$1.00 Underwear cut to47c
- \$2.00 Wool Union Suits cut to98c
- \$3.50 Women's Shoes cut to\$2.35
- \$2.50 Women's Shoes cut to\$1.49
- \$3.00 Misses' Hi-Cuts cut to\$1.98
- \$2.00 Misses' Bluchers cut to\$1.49
- \$3.50 Boys' Button and Laces cut to\$1.98
- \$2.50 Youths' Bluchers cut to\$1.29
- \$2.00 Children's Shoes cut to79c

This Sale Opens Tomorrow, Friday, February 23, at 9 A. M. NEW GOLDEN EAGLE, Third and Yamhill