

INCIDENT OF 50 YEARS AGO TODAY

This Suggests a Review of All of the World's Telephone History

A Salem man suggests that one of the most dramatic and influential episodes in the early life of the telephone took place on June 25, 1876, exactly 50 years ago today, and just three and a half months after the first successful sentence had been transmitted by telephone.

The International Centennial exhibition was held in Philadelphia in the summer of 1876. Exhibits were sent from all over the world and many distinguished guests visited America to attend. Among those who exhibited at Philadelphia was the young Alexander Graham Bell who, only a few short months before, had invented the telephone. Mr. Bell's modest exhibit of a half dozen pioneer instruments was located on a table in an inconspicuous corner near the great Hook & Hastings organ, one of the wonders of the Centennial, on the east gallery of the main building.

Late in the afternoon of Sunday, June 25, 1876, a party of the judges of electrical instruments and instruments of precision, including Prof. Joseph Henry, secretary of the Smithsonian institute, and Sir William Thomson of England, one of the most famous scientists of that time, accompanied by a number of distinguished visitors, including Don Pedro, emperor of Brazil, and the Empress Theresa, passed along the gallery at the end of a long and somewhat tiring tour of the exhibits. With them, though but little noticed, came Alexander Graham Bell.

The party stopped just in front of the great organ. A suggestion to adjourn was offered and agreed upon, and the party had started to disband when the Emperor Don Pedro noticed Mr. Bell, whom he had met in Boston and in whom he had become interested because of Mr. Bell's work with deaf mutes.

Instantly interest was aroused in this young man whom the emperor was greeting in a friendly way. Mr. Bell explained that he had an exhibit he had hoped the judges would consider. The emperor asked to see it and was conducted to the small table in the corner where Mr. Bell explained that his invention was a device to "talk by electricity."

He asked the emperor to try his invention and showed him how to place the telephone to his ear. Mr. Bell then went to the other end of the wire and talked into a transmitter.

As the emperor listened, the look of incredulity changed to amazement and slowly taking the telephone from his ear he exclaimed in awe-struck tones, "My God! It talks!"

Quickly the other members of the party took the receiver and listened to Mr. Bell's words coming over the wire.

The significance of the event was not lost to the scientists present, for then and there Bell's invention was accepted as a scientific achievement of tremendous importance to the future. Both Joseph Henry and Sir William Thomson praised Mr. Bell's invention in no uncertain terms. Sir William Thomson there stating that "it is the most wonderful thing I have seen in America."

PHYSICIANS BACK FROM PORTLAND

Child Health Demonstration Chief Broadcasts Talk Over KOIN

Dr. Walter Brown, head of the Marion county child health demonstration, has returned from Portland where he addressed the Pacific coast dental conference twice. Dr. Karl E. Mills of Salem was also on the program.

Dr. Brown's talk Wednesday night was broadcast over radio KOIN of Portland. Dr. Miller told of the work that the state dental board does in cooperation with the child health demonstration throughout the county.

Dr. E. L. Brunk of Salem, dentist for the demonstration, is in charge of this work, cooperating with Dr. Miller.

POULTRY RATINGS WILL BE STUDIED

Committee of Fanciers Appointed to Investigate Local Conditions

Accrediting of poultry flocks is being investigated by a committee of poultrymen which met yesterday in Salem. It was appointed by C. W. Nicholson of Hood River, president of the Oregon Poultrymen's association.

Subcommittees were appointed to investigate the matter of accrediting flocks more thoroughly. These committees will take up the details and report to the poultrymen's convention, which will meet in Corvallis July 21.

Other details of the poultry business are also being investigated by the committee.

CLAN OF VEATCH GATHERS SUNDAY

Mrs. A. W. Veatch of Salem, Present at Row River Picnic

Mrs. A. W. Veatch of Salem was the local representative at the Veatch clan's annual picnic on Row river, near Cottage Grove, last Sunday.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Veatch, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Veatch, Mr. and Mrs. Verville Veatch, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Short, Margaret and Patricia Short, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Mary Jane and Richard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Trask, Mack Trask, Elizabeth McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quigley, Betty Jane, Margery and Robert Quigley, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Robert Mosby, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Mosby, Gladys Mosby, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hemenway, J. N. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wynne, Naomi Wynne, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Veatch, Sibil and Sylvester Veatch, Vera Scott and Mrs. Lucy Shields, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Ann Sears, Mrs. Ralph Sears, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin, Mrs. Margaret Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Benter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Benter, and Helen Carter, of Creswell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Prather, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lincoln, Taft, Cal.; Vena Renfro, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Renfro and children, Fall Creek; Mary E. Prather and son, Verl Veatch, Triangle Lake; Mrs. A. W. Veatch, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Veatch, Milton Veatch, Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lemmons, Wendling; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey N. Veatch Coburg; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chandler, Marcola; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Veatch, Emid and Wanda Veatch Halsey; Frank Wooley, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Medley, Eugene; S. I. Stratton, Lyle Wash.; James T. Veatch, Chas. E. Veatch, Portland.

DETROIT-FISH LAKE ROAD TO BE PUSHED

Protest of Albany Expected to Carry Little Weight, Demand Seen

Marion county is expected to keep on with its plans for a road from Detroit to Fish Lake, in spite of the request made by a delegation from Albany which appeared before the county court here recently and urged it to abandon all efforts to complete the road.

No attention is expected to be paid to the appeal, as there is a demand for extension from Detroit. The reason given by the Albany delegation was that Linn county influence would be used to back up the Marion county road later, if it were dropped now.

The new road, together with the road being built from Sweet Home is expected to draw a share of Eastern Oregon traffic from Prineville and the nearby region.

POLK COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM STARTED

Kings Valley, Dallas-Lewisville and Wallace Roads Set for Work

Chief expenditures under the Polk county market road program, adopted in 1925, will be for the Kings Valley market road, the Dallas-Lewisville road, the Wallace road north from Salem, and the Buena Vista road south from Independence, according to a statement by County Judge Hawkins. The program, adopted last year, is just now being started.

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