

Another Road to Dispatch Trains by Telephone.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company has recently placed an order with the Western Electric Company for telephone equipment for a circuit extending from Portland, Oregon, to The Dalles, Oregon, a distance of ninety miles.

Today the telephone has supplanted the telegraph on over 48,000 miles of track on the railroads of this country. Most of the large trunk lines are using the telephone, and thirteen of these have over one thousand miles thus equipped. At a recent convention of the Railway Superintendents of Telegraph held in Boston, everyone of the seventy-five delegates were positive that it was only a question of a few years when the telephone would largely, if not entirely, supplant the telegraph for use in connection with the handling of train movements. That the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company has adopted this up-to-date method of handling its traffic is significant. It is further proof that the telephone will eventually take the place of the telegraph.

Mrs. T. J. Humphreys returned home Friday from a visit of three weeks with relatives at Portland and Hillsboro.

BORN—At the home of M. J. Davis, in Heppner, on Thursday, July 13, to the wife of E. H. Wyland, of Hardman, a son.

Quite a number of Morrow county farmers have left for the harvest fields of Umatilla county, taking their teams with them. Five different parties left the Iowa section last Friday morning for Pendleton, each taking 12-horse teams, and they will assist the Umatilla farmers in gathering in their big harvest of grain.

OUTWITTED THE ORIENTALS.

An Experience With the Customs Officials at Kermanshah.

In eastern lands the collecting of customs dues is attended with perhaps more than ordinary fraud. In his book, "From Batum to Baghdad," Mr. W. B. Harris has told his experience with the customs officers of Kermanshah. The incident had its comical feature as well as its serious lesson:

Two hours later than I had intended we made a start and, proceeding through the long tunnel-like bazaars, emerged from the town. Here fate had annoyed us in store for me. At the local custom house the guards wanted to search us and make us pay duty on our scanty baggage.

I had hired a mule to carry our saddlebags as far as Baghdad, using the owner of the mule, a wily old Arab who accompanied us, as a guide. These two, mule and man, the guards absolutely refused to let pass without my bestowing a perfectly illegal and illogical bakshesh. This I stoutly refused to do, and, knowing that in the east a show of temper is of no avail, I swallowed my wrath and argued coolly and collectedly with the soldiers.

Soon they confessed that they had no right to touch either me or any animal of mine, but they maintained that the mule and the rider were both Arabs and that therefore I could not interfere.

This was just what I wanted, and I solved the matter in a minute. I put the Arab on my horse and I rode his mule. There was no question about it then. The guards on their own confession could stop neither me nor my horse, and we rode quietly on amid the laughter of the men to change our mounts again fifty yards past the custom house.

GARBLED QUOTATIONS.

Popular Passages That are Frequently Rendered Incorrectly.

Almost everybody who quotes at all misquotes. Nothing is more common than to hear:

A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.

"This is an impossible condition of mind, for no one can be convinced of one opinion and at the same time hold to an opposite one. What Butler wrote was eminently sensible:

He that complains against his will is of his own opinion still.

A famous passage of Scripture is often misquoted thus: "He that is without sin among you let him cast the first stone." It should be, "Let him first cast a stone."

Sometimes we are told, "Behold, how great a fire a little matter kindleth," whereas St. James said, "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth," which is quite a different thing.

We also hear that "a miss is as good as a mile," which is not as sensible or forcible as the true proverb, "A miss of an inch is as good as a mile."

"Look before you leap" should be "And look before you are leapt." Pope is generally credited with having written:

Immodest words admit of no defense, For want of decency is want of sense, though it would puzzle any one to find the verses in his writings. They were written by the Earl of Roscommon, who died before Pope was born.

Franklin said, "Honesty is the best policy," but the maxim is of Spanish origin and may be found in "Don Quixote."—Pearson's Weekly.

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