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ELEPHONE HALF CENTURY OLD

Patent Was Granted to Alexander Graham Bell, then 29 Years Old, Fifty Years Ago Today

nder Graham Bell in 1876

Thomas A. Watson in 1876

t has sometimes been termed est valuable single patent ssued in any country was d by the United States patent to Alexander Graham Bell fty years ago today.

March 7, 1876, Bell received atent for which he had ap- n February. The application ed the invention as "for the e transmission of noises or of any kind."

re was no name for it in any world's languages. It was "an improvement in phy." Yet it was as dif- from the telegraph as the nguage of the deaf mute is he language of an orator.

ething entirely new had been d. The patent office desig- it No. 174,465. A second more accurately descriptive invention of the telephone ued the following January e initial one was granted just lf century ago today.

award of this patent was, er, only one of a series of in the history of the tele- which occurred early in The other day Manager J. nd of the telephone company attention to Dr. Bell's birth- March 3. The inventor had d his twenty-ninth birthday anniversary just four days prior to the issuance of his valuable patent.

Mr. Bland says that Bell had months before demonstrated that sound could be electrically transmitted by wire but had not yet, even on the date he received the patent, succeeded in convincing a complete spoken sentence which could be understood at the other end of the line.

It was three days later, March 10, 1876, when this feat was accomplished and when the usefulness of the new invention for carrying on conversation was successfully demonstrated. That is the occasion which the men and women of the telephone organization are asking the public to join with them in observing next Wednesday as the fiftieth anniversary of the telephone. Each patron is invited to visit the central office through which his or her telephone is served.

While people will be received at almost any time if they visit the central office during the day the hours most suitable for this visit will be from 12 o'clock noon until 5 p. m. The members of the local telephone organization request that as many of their friends observe these hours as possible in order to avoid congestion .

O CHANGES METHOD NAVIGATION OF SHIPS

s Visiting Coast Ports Get Direct Signals

pondence of the Associated Press)
FRANCISCO. — Radio, has dissipated the pall of ess that once overhung ships e isolated parts of the high also is effecting a marked e in navigation methods.

re than half of the larger visiting Pacific coast ports ow getting direction signals the sound wave and as a re- he older, more cumbersome of figuring distance, longi- and latitude are fading.

information that goes to the n in his chart room through direction finder" enables him termine his exact position at ithout reference to the ship's or detailed log. A "loop," is the antennae, is operated rings like a weather vane at p of its shaft. When this is into a position that gives aximum intensity of sound, ained by ear, it is pointing ly at the signalling shore sta- It then is swung at right so that no signal whatever eived.

this position dials and hands ting over a Sperry-gyro com- record the direction of the eliminating the necessity of ng variation because of mag- attraction, as must be done compass.

hips Given Correct Time

other advance in navigation able to the radio is the man- giving ships at sea the cor- me. In the old days the cap- t his chronometers when in or offshore, where he was range of a flashing light the dropping of a metal ball whine of a siren. These ts are still employed but the tor need not depend on For he can get his time ted intervals no matter in part of the world his ship e.

e on the Pacific—from to Korea—are given a time every day at 10 p. m. San isco time. It has been caught points as distant as London. time given to the navigator curate to one part in 170,- which in lay terms means t is not in error more than a econd. To the average man cond" means little; to the Island naval observatory it 6,400th part of a day. Time asured much more minutely by "seconds," however.

observer gets his time, not the sun as is popularly sup- but by the movements of which are invariable. If a e of a half second should be one day it would almost in- ly be corrected the next time bserver peeped through his pe and saw a certain star fixed point in the heavens, ined by a line on the tele-

adio Contest Is Slated

OA Radio Station operated Seattle Times will celebrate turn of the Silvertown Cord tra by broadcasting a special m on the night of March 8. es will be awarded to senders egrams only. The prizes from auto accessories to a of Goodrich Silvertown cord ns. The contest is limited to outside of Seattle. Every tenth telegram will be a prize winner unless the method should be changed later.

Western Union is prepared to handle the telegrams fast and telegrams telephoned to the local office may be charged to subscribers telephones.

Oregon Farm Pointers

Potatoes Demand Light.
Yellow Corn Recommended.
Best Wheat Varieties.
Fat Shows Beef Quality.

The market situation on potatoes has made little or no change since last week, says the O. A. C. extension radio reports. The demand has been light and prices have stayed at about the same level. Newspaper accounts report a prosecution and fine for a violation of the potato grading and labeling law.

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Yellow varieties of corn are recommended for all growers in Oregon by the experiment station. In chemical composition, different colors of corn are the same, but the feeder has always noticed that livestock prefers yellow corn. Experiments indicate that yellow corn contains vitamin A, which is lacking in white corn. While there is no pasture, as in dry lot feeding, this may be a very practical consideration. "Standardize on yellow varieties," says the station.

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Fall wheat, when sown in the spring, does not usually do as well as when fall planted, nor does it usually do as well as spring wheat planted in the spring. In cold sections spring wheat is unsafe for fall planting but in the Willamette valley where the winters are mild, spring varieties, like Jenkin club, foisy, rink and little club, may be sown either fall or spring, and unless the winter is unusually severe, stands will be maintained. Jenkin club is probably the best of these varieties for fall use.

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According to varietal tests conducted for a good many years, the most productive spring oat varieties are victory and three-grain. These have been rather consistent high yielders for a good many years. Occasionally there is a special market calling for some variety like Swedish select or shadeland climax, but for the most part, where one desires to get a good yield of oats, victory and three-grain are best.

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Oregon meadows suffer more winter injury where the ground is either very dry or very wet, the experiment station has found. A moderate moisture content tends to prevent root injury and favors the activity of nitrifying bacteria and the liberation of other necessary plant foods. Hard varieties such as Grimm alfalfa are less subject to winter injury.

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Farmers in many parts of Oregon are beginning to treat seed wheat for spring planting with copper carbonate dust. By treating the seed in advance, sowing may take place promptly when conditions are right. The standard treatment recommended by the experiment station is two ounces of copper carbonate to the bushel. Growers find that in order to be successful it must be thoroughly put on. The treatment in no way injures the seed, as formaldehyde and bluestone do.

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The quality of beef is determined by the color and the fat, according to the Oregon state experiment station. A dense, clear, white fat is associated with the best meat. Inferior meat usually has a dark colored or yellow fat. The best meat is that in which the fat is abundant and well distributed through the lean portion. The best meat when freshly cut has a bright cherry red color. Beef showing this color comes from beef-bred cattle.

Cattle Sales Are Improved by Orderly Marketing

Plan, as Worked Out on Portland Market for Number of Years, Results in Greatly Reducing Fluctuations.

Orderly marketing as advocated by the Oregon Cattlemen's association has been operated on the Portland market for a number of years and cattle receipts at the stockyards have been more orderly than before, says H. A. Lingren, livestock fieldman of the state college. Along with this was less fluctuation in prices last fall than for the past three years.

"The system as planned is commendable and deserves the support of every cattle producer and shipper in Oregon," says Mr. Lingren. "To sell cattle, as any other commodity, it is wise to know how many will be needed on the market on any given day, then attempt to ship in just the number needed. There must be cooperation by all if the system continues to function.

"When a cattleman is out of food and his stuff is ready to go there is but one thing to do, and that is to sell. But if there is a prospect of a crowded market and the shipper is in a position to hold, he saves money not only for himself but for his neighbor, by holding.

"The plan is well understood by most of the cattlemen, but for others who do not understand, it is here given. An office is maintained at the central plant of the stockyards to collect information as to what each buyer will need one week in advance. Information is also obtained from the shippers on what they have ready and intend to ship on that day. If more cattle are coming in than the market needs the shipper is so advised.

"This briefly is the plan of operation. It is sponsored by the Oregon Cattlemen's association and is well worthy the consideration of every cattleman as it means much to the success of the business in the future."

Newsy Notes and Gossip of the Old-World Capitals

LONDON

King George Advised to Take Cruise for Health

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)

LONDON,—The Prince of Wales may accompany King George on the health cruise which the monarch intends to take as soon as he completes his social duties to his subjects, which are represented by the three courts to be held at Buckingham palace and possibly a fourth in Scotland this year. The king's physicians have advised such a trip each year.

Queen Mary, it is generally understood, is not a good sailor and does not enjoy sea voyages and it is understood she probably will not accompany her consort on this year's cruise. The heir to the throne is expected to take the queen's place.

If this is the arrangement followed, it will be the first time that the king and queen have been separated on an occasion of this sort, and probably the longest period their majesties have been away from each other since their marriage. The cruise is expected to last six weeks or longer.

H. G. Wells is working on a novel, which, it is reported will contain a quarter of a million words. This work, which probably will be completed in the late spring, is said to be somewhat in the style of his novel, "the new Machiavelli." Although Mr. Wells denied it, the general opinion was that many of the characters in that novel were thinly veiled sketches of celebrities, including Lord Balfour.

No matter what Paris may say, English girls are going to continue to wear skirts short this spring and have adopted gray as the fashionable color. This is the first example of such independence by British costumers and of their desire to create instead of copy styles.

At the first display of spring styles at the new British model house, established to show English designs, the spectators included mony French designers who hurried home to put some of the English ideas into their spring creations. Probably the short skirts will survive the spring in Paris also, but is seems almost certain to disappear in the summer, English designers say.

Mayfair is taking sides in a battle between bridge and poker to decide which one is to be the favored pastime of London society. Bridge has been the standard card game of Park lane and its side streets for many winters, but this year the Americans living in the aristocratic section have introduced poker parties, which have become so popular as to alarm bridge enthusiasts. Women, it is said, largely make up the poker supporters.

Lincoln's inn, one of London's four ancient legal institutions which exercise the exclusive right to admit persons to practice at the bar, recently held its first "moot" or mock trial since 1683.

Lord Cave, Lord Chancellor, presided and a hundred lawyers and students were present to hear two young barristers thrash out an imaginary case concerning a baker.

The inns of court—Lincoln's inn, Grave's inn, the Inner Temple and Middle Temple—are societies of "students and practicers of the law of England."

Professional guests have become numerous in England and on the continent since the war. Many men and women of breeding and education empoverished by the war, have entered into the employ of the newly rich who require assistance in the forwarding their social ambitions.

Many of the newcomers in society are socially rather "difficult" especially many of the men, and trained society women who can talk politics, business and sports are in much demand to mingle in companies where such men are and lead in keeping up conversation.

PARIS

Thrifty Frenchman Hides Gold Coin in His Stocking

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)

PARIS—At least one billion francs in gold coin are still hidren away in the proverbial woolen stocking of the thrifty Frenchman, according to authoritative calculations made in connection with numerous recent arrests for buying gold coins and melting them down for sale.

Groups of men are traveling through the country and paying as high as 70 or 80 paper francs for 20 francs gold pieces. In persuading the holders to sell they frequently use the argument that the gold coins are sure to be demonitized before the country gets back to a normal gold basis. The agents say that even at the price of eighty paper francs the 20 franc gold pieces can be melted and sold at a profit.

Dogs may howl, asses may bray, horses may neigh and goats may bleat but the cock, proud emblem of the French republic, may not crow at night in Paris under pain of death. So the law stands.

This strange anomaly was brought to light by a distinguished artist, who, recovering from a long illness, was kept awake at night by the barking of a neighbor's dog. He applied to an eminent lawyer, Leon Barthou, brother of former premier Louis Barthou, but on looking up the authorities, it was found that the cries of all animals are tolerated with the single exception of the crowing of the cock.

Among the bills introduced in this session of the chamber of deputies is to amend a bill passed by the senate 26 years ago, which has been slumbering in the chamber ever since. Regularly every year during a quarter of a century that bill has appeared on the chamber calendar, but no decision has resulted. A measure passed by one of the chambers of parliament does not die at the end of the session, as it does in congress if it is not acted upon by the other house.

The bill in question was framed to regulate the procedure of cases of offenses against the president of the republic providing penalties which would be "lese majeste" in a monarchy. It would give the correctional court jurisdiction over such case.

BERLIN

Reichsbank Head, Urging Thrift, Puts Foot in It

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)

BERLIN—When Dr. Hjalma. Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, in a recent thrift appeal urged women to be content with one new hat every two years he "put his foot in it," in the opinion of at least one women's journal.

Though the guardian of Germany's finances probably did not mean exactly what he said, women are writing to newspapers denouncing him for picking on members of their set, whose greatest joy in life, the writers say, is buying a new hat every time a next door neighbor blossoms forth with a new one.

Some have gone so far as to advise Dr. Schacht that economy must start at home. They call attention to the fact that this trip to the United States with his daughter cost more than $10,000. They also want to know how many hats a year Frau Schacht buys while her husband is drawing a salary of $25,000 a year and has additional income said to amount to $40,000 a year.

February 22, a national holiday in America as Washington's birthday, is also well marked in the German calendar because of the number of celebrated men and women born on that day.

Arturo Schopenhauer, the philosopher, was born at Danzig February 22, 1788, while the same date in 1455 saw the birth of Pferzheim of Johann Rechlin, famous humanist and hebraic scholar.

German socialists remember the date as the birthday of August Bebel, their great parliamentary leader, who was born in 1840. Other birthdays on February 22 are those of Ottilie Von Wildermuth, one of the most popular writers of stories for children, born in 1877, and of Heinerich Herz, noted physicist, born at Hamburg in 1857.

Poland's greatest composer, Frederic Chopin, was born February 22, 1810, at Zelazowa-Wola.

The high suicide rate among non commissioned officers and men of the Reichswehr is worrying the government. Of a standing army of 100,000 men, 160 killed themselves last year.

While the large number of suicides among the civilian population is ascribed principally to poverty, the ministry of defense is at a loss to account for the high rate in the army. A similar suicide epidemic prevails in the Austrian army. The chief motive for the suicide, however, has been caused by gambling, which has now been prohibited.

Hand kissing scenes in the grand manner has cost many a German motion picture producer the chance to sell his film abroad. Passionate kisses on the lips are universally liked by movie patrons, but the courtesy kiss on the hand accompanied by sweeping gestures is appreciated only in Austria and Germany, says Dr. Arthur Landberg.

When in a dramatic moment the hero suddenly grabs the heroine's hand and kisses it, Dr. Landsberg declares, a foreign audience, instead of being moved to tears, struggles to keep from laughing out loud.

The discussion over the question of eliminating the hand kissing from motion pictures has caused many people to advocate the abandonment of the practice in real life. They say it is a relic of the middle ages.

IN MIXUP

Mrs. Ruth M. Fernel, divorced wife of Dr. J. Paul Fernel of Chicago, is suing David G. Maxwell, Los Angeles real estate man, for $30,000 in the courts of that city, charging breach of promise. A $500,000 alienation suit against Maxwell, filed by Dr. Fernel, is still pending.

IN CHURCH FIGHT

Recommending that accusers and accused get together in a spirit of Christian charity and settle their differences, three neutral judges in the Palmyra, Ind., "recreational heresy" church battle have thrown the case of Professor W. Clyde Martin, above with his wife and two children, into the lap of the church to settle.

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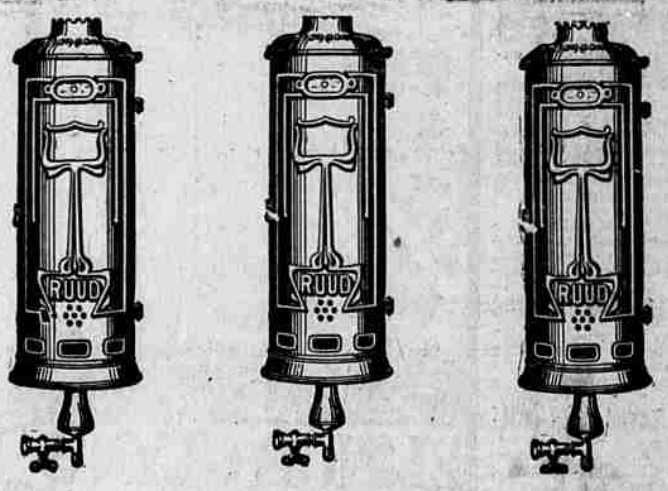

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