



New Telephone System.

The Newberg Telephone Company which was started in a small way some years ago by a few of our citizens in order to avoid a condition which would put them at the mercy of the big corporation known as the Bell Company, has served its patrons well, but the company feels that the time has now come when substantial advancement must be made in order to meet the demands of the rapidly growing business.

Nearly all the towns in the country are finding that they are not able to get satisfactory service from the long distance company and consequently home capital is being put into local companies and new and up to date systems are being installed. These are not only giving good service, but they are paying good dividends on the money invested. Different systems have been investigated by the officers of the local company and a number of meetings have been held at which the whole proposition has been gone over. As stated last week it has been decided to increase the capital stock of the company and rebuild the system, thus putting it in shape to take care of the interests of its patrons in a way that will be appreciated, and which will, as a consequence, get the business.

It is proposed to install what is known as the Central Energy system, with probably four phones to the line, but it is so constructed that when the receiver is taken down connection is had with central at once without ringing, and when a ring is heard you know it is your ring, as no other comes to your phone.

Such a system will cost a good deal of money, but it is proposed to make it so satisfactory that no other will be wanted. The present officers of the company are C. J. Edwards, president; J. C. Porter, vice-president; W. A. King, secretary; J. C. Colcord, Treasurer; with S. J. Madson as additional member of the board of directors. These officials will solicit subscriptions for stock and in addition a committee composed of J. G. Bennett, J. Carl Nelson and Dr. George Larkin has been appointed to assist in the work.

Williams' Jubilee Singers.

In presenting this company to the public the management has made special effort to have a high moral as well as musical standard. Therefore, our members have been selected from the best Christian homes and have been trained in some of America's best schools: Rust University, of Miss.; Knoxville College and Fisk University of Tennessee, and Obelin College, of Ohio, are represented in our company.

Our Quartette is a special feature and is always a favorite. Our Prima Donna was trained by one of the best instructors of Chicago, she has a lyric voice possessing the flute quality which is classed by the European masters as being the rarest and most beautiful. Our race has produced few singers as great as she.

Our Contralto has been a student at the Obelin Conservatory of music, and also traveled with the Famous Fisk Jubilee Singers. She possesses a rich and charming voice of great depth and power, which has won for her many admirers.

Our Pianist is a trained accompanist of great natural ability. She also has a rich

mezzo soprano voice.

For several seasons we have made return dates and every season our audiences are larger and the circle of our personal friends is wider, because we always give our patrons a new programme. Another cause of our great popularity is the fact that we keep the same personnel. This season you see the same familiar faces and one additional face. This makes our Company much stronger, as we now have both a Ladies' Quartette and a Male Quartette, who will compete for honors before our vast audiences all over North America.

Our selection of songs varies from the Opera to the Negro Boat and Cabin Songs.

Duncans Hall March 11.

"As the Twig is Bent the Tree is Inclined."

In an able article under the above quotation, on the low degree of real mental interest in the study of the principles of farming shown by farmers in general, the Farmer's Advocate of Canada rightly attributes this condition to the poor quality of the education given farmers' children in country schools.

But the Advocate falls into the general error of saying we must not teach agriculture as a "subject in the country schools." We must teach "school gardening" and "nature study." Of course we cannot teach agriculture in all its breadth, as a subject. Neither can we teach anything else, reading, writing, arithmetic etc., in all their breadth.

But just as these subjects are taught in an elementary way, can we teach the elements of agriculture as a subject. All we do teach now in country schools are taught as subjects. They are not taught as finalities. The object is to barely open the door to the farmer's boy or girl. Give them a glimpse of what they may know in the future if they will but "keep up a mental interest." A special exercise should be taught in the country school, in the form of definitions of the meaning of the scientific terms used in agricultural chemistry, physics, etc.

When we were boys, in the back part of Sander's spelling book were several pages called "Definitions" commencing with "ail" to be ill, "ale" a malt drink, etc. We have never gotten over the effect of those lessons. They opened the door to us of the meaning of very much we subsequently read.

The trouble with the average farmer today is his inability to understand the meaning of the terms that are used in farm papers and books. His early education, or lack of it, is the cause of this. He understands the terms used in arithmetic because he learned them, but no pains were taken to instruct him in the meaning of the terms used in farm literature, and so, much of it is the same as Greek to him. He cannot be expected to have an interest in things he cannot understand. Hundreds of farmers have written us to this effect.

The country school is to blame today for all the lack of understanding among farmers of arithmetic, grammar, geography and elementary knowledge of agriculture. Men in towns and cities are what their schools have made them. The farmers of the United States are just what their schools have made them.

The real points is to make the country school do its duty by the country boy and girl, make it teach country children the knowledge that will enable them to understand as they grow older the literature of their own profession.—Hoard's Farmman.

High School Items.

(By the Pioneers Press Committee.)

Monday being Washington's birthday school was not in session.

A new table has been placed in the room occupied by the juniors and seniors for laboratory work.

The Misses Ella Moffit and Iva Hughes read their Senior essays in assembly last week.

Our basket ball teams returned home Sunday night from Chemawa where both teams were badly defeated. All reported a fine time and have many funnystories to tell about their trip. Especially about the customs and rules of the Chemawa school. They visited the legislature, the state penitentiary and the asylum.

Rev. Stannard gave the High School students a very enjoyable talk last Thursday morning. He had four distinct thoughts to impress on our minds and leave with us for future meditation. They were as follows:

"To think without confusion, clearly;"

"To act from honest motives purely;"

"To love our fellow-men sincerely;"

"To trust in God and heaven securely."

The High School is very proud of its debating team who won the debate Friday night with Astoria. We received an unanimous decision of the judges, but was sorry for our opponents for we knew they were badly disappointed. The Astoria team deserve credit for its excellent preparation on the subject. The musical numbers were of high quality and greatly appreciated. At the close of the debate an informal reception was held to which all present were invited. Impromptu speeches were given after which games were played and light refreshments served. As a whole the evening's entertainment was pleasing and very satisfactory.

Last Saturday night to Mrs. McIntoshes' surprise when returning home from choir-practice, she found twenty young ladies who went to express their best wishes for many happy birthdays. A taken of love was presented to her which she greatly appreciates. We are sure not one of the girls will forget the few words she spoke as she accepted the gift. A good time playing games were given to all, then refreshments were served and all retired at the midnight hour. Mrs. McIntosh is held in the highest esteem by her former pupils.

The Secret Service.

The secret service of the United States government is a growth rather than a sudden single creation. For some time previous to 1860 counterfeiting had been increasing, and in that year Congress appropriated ten thousand dollars to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury in checking the evil. Private detectives were employed and rewards were paid to the heads of municipal police departments for the apprehension of counterfeiters.

By 1864 the issue of paper money in greatly increased quantities led to a corresponding increase in counterfeiting. Congress therefore raised the amount of the appropriation to one hundred thousand dollars, which the Secretary of the Treasury used in the establishment of the permanent detective bureau which has since been known as the secret service, and is a branch of the Treasury Department.

The service consists of a chief,

whose salary is four thousand dollars, an assistant chief at three thousand, and a small clerical force. All these make Washington their headquarters, and remain there most of the time; but there are also twenty-five districts, into which the country is divided, in each of which a representative is stationed. In addition, there is a group of trained detectives who remain in Washington when not "on a job," but hold themselves in readiness to go anywhere at a moment's notice.

The two special duties which have always belonged to the secret service are the detection of frauds upon the Treasury and the guarding of the person of the President, both when he is in Washington and when he travels. Within recent years, however, the force has been used for special investigations in other departments, as, for example, the detection of postal frauds, the examination of beef-packing methods, and the tracing of dishonest dealings in public lands. In such cases the head of the department which desired their services has proffered a request to the Treasury Department, and has paid from his own appropriations the salaries of the men assigned.

The members of the service never knowingly allow themselves to be photographed, and seldom admit their identity. That there are plenty of romantic persons who would like to join the force, in spite of small pay, is evident from the existence of a waiting-list of seven hundred names.—The Youth's Companion.

Dundee Items.

The Dundee Orchard & Packing Co. has started its packing house and expects to be in operation in some thirty days.

The epidemic of sickness among horses which has been prevalent about Dundee throughout the winter continues to be serious. The latest loss from this source was suffered by James Morrison.

Mrs. Elwin S. Geer entertained a few of her neighbors at a Washington's birthday party. The evening was pleasantly spent playing games. Delicious and fitting refreshments were served. The guests were, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Powell, W. H. Meyer, Wm. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin A. McCornack, and Miss M. Ethelyn Adams of Portland.

Mrs. H. B. Powell gave a very pleasant valentine party on valentine eve. The guests were given very pretty valentines as favors.

Trifling Mistake.

They had been engaged just 17 minutes by the clock, when a scornful look appeared on her face that was calculated to wither the orange blossoms.

"I can't imagine, dear," he said, "what has come over you so suddenly. I simply asked if you were romantic, when—" "Oh, George, forgive me!" she exclaimed, with a convulsive sob, as she threw her arms about his neck. "I thought you asked me if I was rheumatic."—The Obermayer Bulletin.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude for the kindness and sympathy shown us by our many friends and relatives during the recent illness and following the death of our beloved husband and father. Respectfully,
Mrs. Anna M. Jones & Family.

Notice of appointment of Administrator.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that Nels P. Jensen has been appointed by the Honorable E. P. Bird, Judge of the County Court of Yamhill County, State of Oregon, Administrator of the Estate of Charlie C. Jensen, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly verified, at the law office of C. W. Corby, in the Jones Edwards Block, Newberg, Oregon, within six months from the 25th day of February, 1909.

NELS P. JENSEN, Admr. of Estate of Charlie C. Jensen, Deceased.

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