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TYPICALLY AMERICAN.

The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph company is always interesting reading because it is a record of achievement which is typically American.

It is a democratic institution with uniform and universal service. Fifty years after the first words were transmitted by telephone, 15,906,550 telephone stations in the Bell System are serving some 110,000,000 people.

Rich or poor alike use the telephone. Service to the most isolated farm is the same as that rendered to the finest mansion in New York City. In both instances it is possible for each station to talk with any one of the other 15,906,550 stations. The average telephone user has no conception of the value of equipment at his disposal when he has the power to connect up with 15,906,550 other telephones.

Today it is owned by the people of this nation as it has a total of 345,465 stockholders which number is increasing at a present rate of over 60,000 a year.

Among the more recent telephone accomplishments are ship to shore wireless conversations, trans-oceanic radio telephoning, broadcasting of a presidential message to the whole nation and photographs sent by telephone circuit almost instantaneously.

While the rest of the world is astounded by the American telephone system, we take it as an everyday matter the same as we drink a glass of water.

A COMMON SENSE DECISION.

A point of great public interest has been raised by the United States Treasury Department in its ruling that city officials and employees of Chicago whose salaries are paid from the city water fund are not exempt from federal income tax.

This ruling applies to the earnings of all employees of publicly owned utilities such as water works, street-car, electric light and other systems. It is held that public utilities are proprietary rather than governmental activities. The employees are not performing governmental functions in operating a street-car system any more than they would be if operating a municipally owned brick yard or grocery store.

E. D. Chassell, secretary of the Farm Mortgage Bankers Association of America says: "If the earnings of men employed by publicly owned utilities are subject to federal income tax, the interest on money invested in tax exempt bonds of these same public utilities ought to be subject to federal income tax. Municipal bonds issued to finance an institution operated for profit cannot consistently be held to be in the same class as municipal bonds issued for purposes of government, like a police station, public park, bridge, sewer, public library or school."

Extravagance in spending public funds secured easily by the sale of tax exempt bonds, and losses to the government treasury resulting from tax exempt incomes derived from such bonds, are growing public problems. The great importance of the principle involved and the distinction laid down between purely governmental functions and business operations, carried on in the name of government will compel the early submission of this question to the Supreme court of the United States.

The Sunday Welcome pays the following very fine tribute to the late Judge Stapleton:

"Young lawyers never hesitated to appear before the able jurist, for he made them feel at ease. They never feared that he would criticize them unjustly and they knew that he would treat them kindly."

County Declines to Buy Park Site.

J. C. Thomson, who owns the quarter-mile strip of land along the Sandy river just east of the Troutdale bridge which has been so generally used by the public as a fishing ground during the annual run of smelt, made Multnomah county an offer of the ground for \$5,000 recently. Mr. Thomson was of the opinion the site would be desirable for park purposes and as he was intending to dispose of it, wished to give the county the first chance at the property, but the commissioners have decided that the county is not in a position to purchase park properties at present and have so advised the owner.

Home Reminders.

A small amount of kerosene on the brush of a carpet sweeper will brighten the carpet.

Starting with a small amount of hot water in washing dishes and adding more as needed will save much time.

Sponge or angel food cake can be cut successfully with a silk thread.

Steam oranges or pour boiling water over them to remove the skins more easily.

Serving Time. "Yes," mused the Old Timer, "when a man's single he's free. After he's been married a year, he's usually fastened to a bawl and Jane."

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OUR CROSS WORD PUZZLE

The puzzle this week by Martha Wagner is conventional in design but well worth the effort in working. It might be called the "Four X" puzzle. There are one or two sticklers hidden in the seemingly easy three and four letter words but the well-known system of filling in from all angles they most likely will work themselves out. Why don't you time yourself on this puzzle? Speed in accurate "thinking" is a valuable personal asset.



- HORIZONTAL: 1. An effeminate boy. 2. The Roentgen rays. 3. Light blow. 4. Old age (poetic). 5. To fasten. 6. To splash gently. 7. Preposition. 8. Central state. (abbr.) 9. Preposition. 10. Editor (abbr.) 11. I love (Latin). 12. Willingly. 13. Behold. 14. Narrow woven band. 15. To remove entirely. 16. To cultivate land. 17. Sand. 18. Send out. 19. Fruit bearing part of a cereal. 20. Prong. 21. Plump. 22. Note of the musical scale. 23. To be. 24. Negative (Latin). 25. Nine (Roman). 26. Covering for head. 27. Tool for boring. 28. Southern state. (abbr.) 29. Deface. 30. Shelter. 31. River in Va. 32. Animal in South America. VERTICAL: 1. Pronoun. 2. Weaken. 3. To eject from the mouth. 4. Peruse. 5. Chain of Mts. in Europe. 6. A unit of measure (abbr.) 7. Wading birds. 8. Chemical particles. 9. Forty-one (Roman). 10. Sense of smell. 11. An evil glance. 12. Instrument for propelling a boat. 13. Be worthy of. 14. Adapt for some purpose. 15. Preposition. 16. Assemble. 17. Seize. 18. Pronoun. 19. Soft white metal. 20. Long seat. 21. Boy's name. 22. Number. (Latin abbr.) 23. Unusual. 24. U. S. unit of money. 25. Second son of Noah. 26. Beverage. 27. A parent. 28. Printer's measure. 29. American Medical Association. 30. To permit. 31. Craft; cunning. 32. Note of musical scale. 33. Company. (abbr.) 34. Equality as to value.

Fashion Hints

Business in women's belt lines, which is now in full swing, shows a persistent demand for colored suede which is resulting in more varieties of color in these skins than have hitherto been shown. There are all the shades to match the flannels which are now so popular and there are a number of shades for linen and the lighter summer fabrics. All browns lead at present, particularly that light shade of grayish tan which matches natural kasha cloth. Many new models are shown, including some unusual novelties based on French design. One favorite style is a set consisting of an inch and a half belt of suede finished along each edge with a narrow beading of steel, and a set of leather bracelets to match. These bracelets are worn over long sleeves with a slight fullness gathered in at the wrist. There is an abundant use of metal trimmings this spring, applied in such fashion as not to interfere with the belt's flexibility. Other popular styles, according to the United Belt League of America show patent leather stitched over suede and a suede belt with its buckle covered with Roman striped ribbon. Belts of moderate width are favored, the range advancing from an inch and a half to three inches.

Tunics have enjoyed considerable favor this past week, according to a statement from the United Waist League of America. Prints continue to lead among this style of garment. Many tunics can hardly be distinguished from dresses, except in the matter of price, as they come close to the hem of the underslip. One popular model is a print with a variety of colors on a white background and an applied hem of red crepe. Tiny buttons for trimming and a V-shaped neck opening are the distinguishing characteristics of this style of tunic.

Tailored neckwear is very good just now, on the authority of the United Neckwear League of America. Striped linen is successfully used for the development of some of these sets. Tailored vests are shown again and there are some high collared effects that have a strong style appeal. Lace combinations are holding their own and there is a big business done in rufflings of all kinds.

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The first woman not of royal blood to receive a decoration from the ex-kaiser was Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the ex-American ambassador to Germany.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land office at Portland, Oregon, May 9, 1925. Notice is hereby given that Raymond C. Judd, of R. 1, Troutdale, Oregon, who on September 23, 1922, made Homestead Entry No. 97329, for SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 13, Township 1 S., Range 4 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 15th day of June, 1925. Claimant names as witnesses: Delbert Fay Davis, of Troutdale, Ore.; Edward Alberto Sloop, of Boring, Ore.; David B. Thomas, of Bull Run, Oregon; Arthur Johnson, of Corbett, Oregon; Multnomah County, Act 6-9-16. WALTER H. TOOLE, Register. Notice will be published five consecutive weeks in the Outlook, Gresham, Oregon.

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