

PIONEER PHONE PROMOTER DEAD N. Y. HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Apr. 15.—Theodore N. Vail, aged 74, chairman of the board of directors of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, died in a hospital here this morning from a complication of cardiac and kidney ailments. He was brought to the hospital last Sunday in a serious condition and his death was not unexpected.

As president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, Theodore Newton Vail was the head of the largest telephone system in the world. He was not only its nominal head, but he was from the first the genius that promoted the popular use of the telephone, the first man to establish long-distance communication by telephone, and, when past 70 years of age, he was still the initiative head of a system that numbered 9,000,000 telephone subscribers and represented an investment of \$1,250,000,000.

Mr. Vail was 31 years old when Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, and, notwithstanding his age, he was filling the responsible post of general superintendent of the railway mail service. Still earlier, however, he had been a telegraph operator, and, interested in the possibilities of electrical communication, he had visions of Bell's "toy" would some day be a great factor in American life. Bell and his associates had equal faith in Mr. Vail's organizing genius, for he had already made a name for himself as an organizer in the promotion of the railway mail service, and he was easily induced to resign his government post to become the general manager, in 1878, of the first American Bell Telephone company.

Even the most optimistic backers of the telephone then thought that the invention would serve only for local communication, but Mr. Vail had visions of its long-distance use. It was he who inaugurated successive steps of inter-city communication. The first line from Boston to Providence was ridiculed as "Vail's side-show," but some of the persons who indulged in the ridicule at that time lived to see Mr. Vail telephone, not only from Boston to Providence, but from New York to San Francisco, in 1915, 35 years later. Further, in October in that year, they found that it was possible to send the human voice more than half way around the world, as was done by wireless telephone from the government station at Arlington, Va., the words being recorded simultaneously at Honolulu, in the mid-Pacific, and the Eiffel Tower, in Paris.

Mr. Vail was known as "the biggest telephone man in the world," not only in tribute to his genius for both mechanical and financial organization, but from the fact that he was personally a man of remarkable

MICKIE SAYS.

OBOM! OBOM! I'M ALL IN! WHY CAN'T FOLKS LOOK OVER THEIR STOCK OF ENVELOPES N' PAPER N' STATEMENTS 'N ORDER WHAT THEY'RE GOIN' TO NEED INSTEAD OF WAITIN' UNTIL THEY'RE ALL OUT 'N THEN RUSHIN' TH' POOR PRINTERS 'N POOR OL' MICKIE 'T PIECES 2 OH, BOY! 'S A CRAOL 'O' WORLD!



MEXICO WANTS TO MOVE THROUGH U. S. ON SONORA

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—Mexico has asked permission of the United States to move troops through American territory in order to attack the state of Sonora, which has declared an independent government, from the north.

OPENING NIGHT GRAMS BUILDING

With the exception of the four Elks who operated the cashier's cage at the Elks Temple last night, no casualties are reported as the result of the first of the three nights of wild and woolly western entertainment. Law and order was effectively maintained by a number of sheriffs and deputy marshals who amassed all the experience needed in dealing with tough characters when Abilene and Dodge City were in their siddy, hectic youth.

The evening passed without gun play, every one being too intent upon the various games and diversions to pick a serious row. The four who were removed from the hall to a local hospital at 2 o'clock this morning were not the victims of an attempt to hold up the bank, as first reported, but are suffering from temporary paralysis of the finger joints and forearms from the prolonged exertion of handling so much money. They will be all right in a day or two, and in the meantime the show will go on as usual, four equally competent substitutes having volunteered to serve tonight.

Tomorrow night is the windup of the three nights' jamboree and the management is thinking of building a tent pavilion in the rear of the hall to take care of the crowd that is expected. Last night all available space was filled and flowing over from the time the doors opened until long past midnight.

Special officers today reported the appearance in town of a notorious con man and sure thing artist who is expected to attempt some of his tricks on the unwary and fresh excitement is promised tonight if he opens operations.

physique. He was six feet, two inches tall, and weighed about 280 pounds. With this great physique he had an infinite capacity for hard work, and a genial disposition.

He was born in Carroll county, O., July 15, 1845, of Quaker ancestry. His father, Davis Vail, removed from Ohio to Morristown, N. J., when the son was four years old, and became associated with a brother, Stephen Vail, who had founded the Speedwell Iron works, near Morristown, where they built much of the machinery for the first trans-Atlantic steamship. Alfred Vail, another brother, was one of those associated with Samuel Morse in the invention and promotion of the telegraph. Theodore Vail was educated at the old academy at Morristown, and for a time studied medicine, but becoming interested in the telegraph, he learned to operate the key and went west in 1868 as an operator for the Union Pacific railroad at Pine Bluffs, Wyo. Pine Bluffs was at that time the principal supply point for wood for the Union Pacific, which had not yet been completed. Through the friendship of General Grenville M. Dodge, chief engineer of the Union Pacific, Vail, in the next year, was appointed a clerk in the railway mail service, and here his ability to systematize and organize was soon felt. At that time the railway mail service was in an undeveloped stage, and Vail prepared special studies on the question of distribution and dispatching of mail, which brought him quick recognition from the authorities at Washington. It was just after he had been promoted to the general superintendency of the railway mail service that he acted against the advice of his friends, and accepted the position of general man-

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THE NEW SCHOOL SITE

Next Wednesday, April 21, there is to be submitted to the voters of School District No. 1 two important questions. First, shall the directors of the district purchase a new school site at this time; second, shall they purchase one of two sites submitted. Today we are going to touch only upon the question of the two sites that are to be submitted for selection—that of the advisability of buying a site will be discussed next week.

We are taking up the question of the sites this early, for the reason that we are going to appeal to the voters of the district to visit the two to be voted upon. Weather conditions permitting, Sunday will be a good day to do this. Go to each one of the sites, look them over carefully, pick out the bad points of each, weigh one against the other and select the site that you believe will best serve the interests of the district, for in doing so you are only serving your own.

Some years ago a grave mistake was made in the selection of the site for the Riverside school—the one perched on the hillside on the west side of the city. There was not a person voting on that site, with the possible exception of two, that really knew the exact location, and it was with a gasp of astonishment that even the advocates viewed the spot when the work of construction started. Let this be the last time that the voters of the district shall be guilty of this blunder. No man or woman can intelligently pass judgment on these sites without a personal investigation, and it becomes the duty of every voter within the district to fully acquaint himself or herself with all the facts connected with what is going to be the most important move made by the district since its formation.

The Herald is going to do its part in placing before the voters all of the facts connected with this question, to the end that a full vote may be polled. The first step in this campaign is for the voters to visit the sites. They are located:

Site No. 1, is the block bounded by Sargent, Donald, Fulton and Worden streets. The southern end of this block was for several years occupied by the Catholic church.

Site No. 2, is the block bounded by White, Donald, Lookout and Upham. This block is located at the corner where the turn is made onto the Shippington road. After the tunnel is passed you turn east for about a quarter of a block, then you turn north onto the Shippington road. Site No. 2 is the block at your left as you face Shippington and the one through which the deep cut is made. The Herald would suggest that the school board place appropriate signs on both sites so that there may be no doubt or confusion.

As a further means of enlightening the voters, The Herald will be glad to receive suggestions for or against either site. These suggestions may be verbal, or they may be written. If written they must not exceed 300 words. The writer's name must be signed, but it will not be published unless requested. This rule is adopted so as to remove any embarrassment anyone might feel about stepping into the limelight. Under no circumstances will the name of the writer be revealed and it is asked only as an evidence of good faith.

Visit the sites Sunday.

STRIKE WEAKENS BANK DEPOSITS BEFORE GOVT'S DRASTIC ATTACK INDICATE CITY'S ADVANCEMENT

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—The railroad labor board perfected a temporary organization at its initial meeting today. Henry Hunt, former mayor of Cincinnati, was elected chairman and G. W. Ganger, of Washington, secretary. Both are members of the public group.

UNDATED.—Return of strikers and general improvement of service was reported today, by railroads in various sections as the newly appointed railroad labor board assembled in Washington to consider the wage demands of rail workers. In the New York district there were conflicting reports concerning the number of who men returned after the railroads last night had delivered an ultimatum that their last chance would expire at noon tomorrow. Some roads announced that strikers are flocking back; others reported sporadic walkouts.

Chicago, Apr. 16.—Speedy disintegration of the unauthorized railroad strikes in the Central and far west sections was forecast today with a serious blow struck by the government in the strike stronghold, Chicago, by the arrest yesterday of 25 strike leaders.

CHICAGO, Apr. 16.—Plans of the Industrial workers of the World to advocate a one big union movement during the present unrest among railroad workers is revealed in a statement by William D. Haywood, former general secretary and treasurer of the organization, and John Sandgren, editor of the one big union monthly, published here today.

Five cars of merchandise are attached to the freight due here this afternoon, reported the S. P. station today. Yesterday only one merchandise car got by the embargo and on the previous day there were no cars. The indication is that the road is getting sufficient labor to handle traffic.

There are over thirty plants used in different parts of the world as substitutes for tea.

MARY PICKFORD DIVORCE ATTACKED BY STATE

MINDEN, Nev., Apr. 16.—In the interest of the state of Nevada, a suit asking that the decree of divorce granted March 2 to Gladys Moore, more familiarly known as Mary Pickford, from Owen Moore be set aside will be filed in the district court here today by the attorney general.

ARTISTS HERE FOR CONCERT

Music lovers who have seats for the concert at the Houston opera house tonight probably will not agree with the statement—but the important member of the Bulotti family is not here. Charles Bulotti arrived last night and is rested and refreshed after the trip and promises that he will be in perfect voice tonight. Mrs. Bulotti accompanied her husband, and enjoyed the trip, one of the few they have taken together since their marriage. Before they were married she was the noted tenor's accompanist and toured both east and west with him. Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Bulotti's mother, is also along but that does not lessen the fact that the brightest star of the accomplished family remained at home.

Mrs. Lillian Jeffrys Petri, the pianist on tonight's program brought the interesting information to light in a pertinent and pointed question—"But what on earth did you do with the baby?"

So Mr. Bulotti explained that he left the treasure well guarded, inasmuch as the housekeeper who usually works only on day shift, is staying overnight while he and his wife are away and also he added, "my four sisters-in-law live in the same block."

It developed on inquiry that the younger Bulotti is well along in his second year, a lusty specimen of masculinity, whose advent was greeted with flowers from a humorous friend, and a card which in place of the usual felicitations read—"Congratulations, but I hope to God he isn't a tenor." Mr. Bulotti says he is confident he will be a tenor, nevertheless.

All of which is merely to indicate that the artist has a happy, normal home life and is not to be taken to indicate that he does not take his profession seriously, for he does. The first step after breakfast this morning was a rehearsal of tonight's performance and he and the pianist kept hard at work until long after noon.

Mr. Bulotti came especially for the local concert from his home in San Francisco. His next scheduled appearance is in Los Angeles early next month, and he will appear in Portland in June.

Mrs. Lillian Jeffrys Petri is a new comer among the artists of the west. She is the wife of Paul Petri, tenor, and she and her husband maintain separate studios in Portland. They came west two seasons ago, having previously had studios in New York and Newark, New Jersey, which latter place they called home before the transplantation. Now they are of the west and never want to go back. For several years before the war they toured Europe and were received most favorably by the critics.

She is an artist who has the ideals of the profession always foremost, fortune being a small consideration. However far she travels on the road to fame, the climb will be unswervingly upward for she tolerates no compromise with her ideals. As an example she appears here tonight because she was told that an appreciative audience, eager for the better kind of music, would greet her. She was in the midst of a hard study program at home and the money consideration did not weigh heavily but the argument of a sympathetic audience prevailed immediately.

Two press notices by American critics give an idea of the pianist's charm; one from the Chicago Musical Leader, before the European tour, one from the Newark News on the return:

"Mr. and Mrs. Petri make a

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DECOLETE DRESS IS TARGET FOR CRITICS' DARTS

Now along with the housing problem, the sanitation problem, the juvenile delinquency problem and a few other problems which the community betterment survey has called attention to, there comes another problem—baffling in all of its phases to mere man—the problem of how to get enough clothes on the backs and—well, this is not an anatomical essay—of the fair sex to save them from falling victims to any of the different brands of pulmonary disease and protect male promenaders from shocks, that while perhaps less deadly than the pneumonia germ, are not without a noticeable effect in upsetting normality.

Where there is much smoke, the sage said, there is likely to be a small blaze and from the discussion of the topic of women's dress, or lack of it, heard in a good many different circles, the writer gathers that a small conflagration is under headway in Klamath Falls. The ultra conservatives declare in unmeasured terms against the situation, which they assert has gone too far by several inches, viewed upwards or downwards, and by several layers viewed front or back.

"They're a bony bunch of busy bodies," is the declaration of the radical element, who evidently believe that the light of their pulchritudinous charms should not be concealed under a bushel—nor yet a small fraction of that measurement—"and that 'bony' applies both below and above the thorax. Just because they can't change what Nature gave 'em to conform with the latest styles, they want everybody to stop being stylish."

It's nothing against the fertility of Klamath county to say that it is not a fig-growing region, and at the present rate of progress toward the prevailing mode of dress in Eden, perhaps it's just as well. It may stave off temporarily that return to the earliest mode of dress which the prophets predict, as far as this locality is concerned. But at the present rate of upward and downward revision of the schedules any relief is only temporary, according to the more pessimistic observers.

Just now the weather is on the side of the righteous and the enveloping cloak is a protection to the pedestrian's vision on the street, but a round of shops and offices would convince the most unobservant, maintain the critics, that "something should be done about it." Abandonment of the street wrap when mildy settles down to her day's employment reveals exactly what the world is coming to or—perhaps more exactly—where it started from, the critics declare.

Of course, it is not a local condition, every one admits, but it seems particularly out of place in a climate as cold as this. In Arizona, where torridity compels certain concessions to comfort, one would think to find tolerance. But the clergy have had to set a firm foot down in Arizona as the following dispatch indicates:

PHOENIX, Ariz.—On the doors at all four entrances to St. Mary's Catholic church notices appeared today saying that "entrance into this church is forbidden to women wearing low-necked dresses."

The name of Rev. Father P. Novatus, rector, was subscribed. Members of the congregation said Rev. Novatus frequently had protested in public utterances against present-day tendencies in women's clothes.

INSTALLING BOOTHS

New booths are being installed in the Maze confectionery, next door to the Rex cafe, for the benefit of customers who desire a degree of privacy. The improvement will add greatly to the comfort and convenience of patrons.

DIVORCE IS HEARD

Testimony was taken in the circuit court yesterday in the divorce suit of Josephine Centers against Marlon S. Centers and the court decision under advisement.