

The Telephone.

It will sell hogs, cattle, stock, or other products. Knowledge of latest quotations may save the price of the telephone in one transaction. It will help; it will bring the latest news from the neighborhood, from the nearest town from the state, the country and the world. If a machine break down it will order repairs; if berries be ripe, it will sell them before they are picked; it will make neighborhood concerts possible every evening; it will enable ladies to visit each other without the troublesome necessity of dressing and driving long distances over hard roads with a team needed in the fields; it encourages and makes easy an interchange of thought that is not possible even in the largest city without its aid.

The telephone has come into the lives of our people to stay, and must be considered as a necessity for all and not as a luxury for the very rich alone. While the residents of towns and cities have need for and do use it extensively, to go class of people does the telephone bring so many advantages of every kind as it does to the families of the farmers, the dairymen and the stockmen of the country.

Many a weary ride in inclement weather, many a long haul over roads almost impassable, many anxious hours in times of illness, and many dollars will be saved the farmer who has his house connected with the adjacent town.

Have you children living on farms of their own, whom you would like to be in talking distance with? Do you, or your wife, or your children, ever spend long and weary hours of loneliness, which would be filled with keenest pleasure instead, if your acquaintances for miles around could be called in for conversation and interchange of thought or news?

In times of illness, when the grim spectre of death is trying to enter and desolate your household, is it not a great blessing to be able to communicate instantly with your physician?

The telephone is a savior of time, an annihilator of distance, and the greatest boon of modern life. If telephones cost more than carriages, they would be cheap at the price, because each telephone renders a service far greater than any carriage. But on the other hand, it is a fact that no other household necessity is lower in price than telephone service and when it is more generally understood at what small expense it is possible to install a system, every farmer, every ranchman, and every village will be supplied with perfect telephone service. Then will life upon the farm be truly ideal, and the farmer's wife will have as much companionship as though she lived in a town or village, and much more than if she lived in a crowded city where no one knows her next door neighbor.

The Pension Service.

The general facts contained in the annual report of the commissioner of pensions were made public in advance of the issuance of the report. It was already known that the number of pensioners reached the high-water mark at the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, being then 997,734, 4,000 in excess of the number in any previous year. The value of the pension roll at the end of the year was \$131,568,216, which was only a slight increase over the preceding year. The total disbursements for pensions during the year was \$138,531,493.84. There are now 5,694 Spanish war pensioners. At the close of the year over 403,000 claims were pending, more than half of these being for an additional allowance.

What the public is not so familiar with is the fact indicated that there is much dishonesty in connection with pension claims and that this is costing the government annually a considerable sum, how much it is quite impossible to determine. Under the act of June 7, 1888, which the commissioner pronounces bad and vicious, because a standing invitation to file fraudulent claims, widows are given an unlimited time in which to file claims for pensions on account of the death of their husbands. Some of these claims have been filed thirty-five years or more after the soldier's death and it is almost impossible for the government to decide whether they are fraudulent or genuine. The arrangements in such cases are so large, the chances of detection so small, and the inducements so great to commit perjury in preparing claims, that there is great opportunity for fraud. Commissioner Evans expresses the opinion that every legitimate claim for pension, by reason of death during the war,

or for years succeeding the war, has long since been filed and that in the interest of honest government and an honest system of pensioning this law should be repealed.

Another abuse pointed out by the commissioner is the action of guardians appointed for insane or mentally feeble pensioners. Many of these pensioners are cared for as paupers in public institutions, the guardians drawing and retaining the pension money, thus defrauding the pensioners and the government alike. Cases were found in which guardians were drawing pensions on account of their wards long after the death of such wards. Sums of money ranging from \$1,000 to \$26,000 have been accumulated in the hands of guardians while the pensioner was being cared for by the public. Hereafter this abuse will be met by making the guardian a government agent under the direction of the commissioner of pensions.

No one who will read without prejudice the annual report of Commissioner Evans can, we think, have any doubt that he has administered the pension service with an earnest desire to treat fairly and justly all proper claims for pensions, while at the same time vigilantly guarding the government against possible fraud. There are unquestionably many defects in the present system, but these cannot be remedied by the commissioner and it is unjust to hold him responsible for them. It will be well for Congress to give heed to his suggestions, to the end that the expenditures of "such vast sums of the people's money should rest upon a system containing more of the elements of protection to the government than can be found in the methods now in setting pension claims."

Canal Treaty Signed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The new Hay-Pauncefote treaty was signed today at 12:05 by Secretary Hay, for the United States and Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador for Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—This treaty is intended to replace the first Hay-Pauncefote treaty. That convention was amended so extensively by the United States Senate at its last session that the British Government declined to ratify it. Within a few weeks negotiations began afresh between Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote, which have just resulted in the signature of the new treaty, drawn with special reference to the objections found by the Senate with the first treaty.

From a due sense of the courtesy which must be observed towards the United States Senate wherever a treaty is concerned, the State Department is abstaining from making public the text of the new convention, and that will remain secret until the Senate itself shall break the seal of confidence. It is said at the State Department that the various publications which have been made of the alleged text of the treaty are all erroneous and conjectural, though, in view of the rather free admissions that have been made of the purpose of the negotiations it has been possible by the use of the text of the first treaty to construct one similar in general terms to the new convention.

The principal point of difference between the new and the failed treaty is the withdrawal of Great Britain from the joint guarantee of the neutrality of the canal, thus leaving the United States the sole guarantor. The excision of the old provision respecting the right to fortify the canal leaves that right by inference optional with the United States. All commerce of whatever nationality passing through the canal will fare alike; there will be no discrimination in rates in favor of United States shipping.

A Big Haul of Diamonds.

During the absence of Albert F. Lewenthal from his room in the Hotel Portland Sunday, a thief broke open his trunk and stole diamond set jewelry approximately valued at \$10,000, and escaped. A few jeweled stickpins were found in the street.

For the past 18 years Mr. Lewenthal has been coming to Portland and selling jewelry and he is well known to the local trade. He has an establishment of his own at 37 and 39 Maiden Lane, New York, and makes these trips every three months, carrying with him a fortune in jewelry on each journey. He arrived in Portland Saturday night. Two trunks filled with jewelry were deposited in his room, "D," and his unmounted gems were placed in the office safe. Sunday evening Mr. Lewenthal visited Mr. Lesser, a local jeweler, and on his return to his room, about 11:30 o'clock, he found the door partly open and the bed covered with trays of jewelry, while other trays lay on the floor. He saw at once that he had been robbed. The po-

lice were notified, and Detective Day and Weiner were assigned the case.

Daring Burglar Killed.

SEATTLE, Nov. 10.—Since last Thursday night T. D. Rush had been slowly boring his way into the Northern Pacific ticket office in this city. About 6:30 Thursday evening Ticket-Seller Kelsey heard the work going on, but at first thought it was rats. His suspicions were aroused, however, and he notified the police department that some one was trying to bore their way into the office through the floor in the vicinity of the safe. The police set a watch, and during Friday and Saturday nights the work went steadily on. Monday morning the police made an investigation.

A ticket case standing close to the safe was removed, and two large holes were evidently using an inch bit in its auger, and there were already 15 holes in the floor. These holes were within two inches of the right edge of the safe. Just under the right edge of the big money box was a trapdoor of about the same dimensions as the aperture under the coupon case. This trapdoor was fastened by hinges and a bolt.

Final touches on the job were completed Sunday night. Rush was at work but a short time. He probably put a bolt on the trapdoor in order to cut off pursuit in case he should be discovered while at work within the office.

Last night two policemen and Private Detective Hunt, of the Northern Pacific Railway, ambushed the cracksmen. Rush opened the trapdoor and started work on the bottom of the safe at about 1 o'clock. The officers in some way alarmed him, and he dodged through the hole, closed the trap and stopped to bolt it. Detective Hunt fired two shots through the floor, one of which broke Rush's arm and the other penetrated the base of his brain. He fell from the platform on which he was standing to the ground, and was shortly afterward removed from under the building in a dying condition.

He breathed his last at the hospital at 5 this morning. He was identified by a bankbook found in his shoe. It is not known whether he had a confederate.

Gets Away With \$300.

A nice-looking young man, who first gave his name as George Logan, but who, it was learned subsequently, owned the name of Samuel Mills, has disappeared from the city with between \$300 and \$500 in coin belonging to the Pacific Floral Nursery Company, on the Powell Valley road, not far from the Clinton-Kelly Schoolhouse, Stephens' Addition.

Edwin E. Covey, the manager of the nursery company, is mourning the trust he reposed in Logan two weeks or so ago when the young man came to him seeking employment. He looked like an honest fellow, and Mr. Covey decided to put him to work collecting bills in the vicinity of Gresham. He furnished the young man with a horse and cart to make the rounds of the country with. There was \$500 in bills coming to the company in the country east of Portland for stock sold. Mr. Covey has an idea that about \$300 of the amount due was collected by Logan, or Mills.

Mills is thought to have relatives in Tillamook. He came from the East recently. Because of his alias it is naturally presumed that he had previously been in trouble.

No trace has been found of the horse and cart.—Portland Telegram.

NETARTS.

Ed. Leach has been visiting with Geo. W. Phelps the past week.

Frank Withrow and wife went to the head of the bay Sunday.

Frank Mills and wife and brother left for their home at Hubbard, Marion Co. last Sunday.

Chas. Mills and family returned to their home on South Prairie Sunday after a week's stay on the bay.

HEBO.

Miss Bella Lewallen, had the misfortune to carve her arm quite seriously with the butcher knife a few days ago.

Fred Mills gave a dance in his new house Saturday night. A good time is reported.

We are sorry to state that H. M. Farmer fell from the roof of A. J. Veatch's new house and sustained a severe sprain of the left ankle, which will lay him up for several weeks.

Jas. Edwards and family have been visiting the home of James Atkinson, of Sand Lake, for a few days.

A literary society was organized last Thursday night at the school house with the following roll of officers: President, A. P. Wagner; Vice President, Nellie Jensen;

Secretary and treasurer, Carrie Judd; Editor, G. H. Ward, asst. R. L. Fullerton.

Real Estate Transfers.

Louise Baxter to Foreman S. Baxter, tract in tp. 4 S, R. 10 W.

Oregon & California R. R. Co. to Olean Land Co., various tracts.

C. E. Hadley to W. B. Powell, various tracts.

C. & E. Thayer to Wm. Scott, lot No. 3, of block No. 2, of Malaney's add. to Ocean Park.

U.S. to Charles Grissen, W 1/2 of W 1/2 of sec. 24, tp. 2 S, R. 7 W.

U.S. to W. J. Wiscaver, E 1/2 of W 1/2 of sec. 24, tp. 2 S, R. 7 W.

Amos Bergseth to Winton Lumber Co., E 1/2 of Ne 1/4, Nw 1/4 of Ne 1/4 and Ne 1/4 of Nw 1/4 sec. 18, tp. 2 S, R. 6 W.

Leroy Lewis to Winton Lumber Co., E 1/2 of E 1/2 of sec. 24, tp. 2 S, R. 7 W.

August Greenbush to Gertrude S. Murray, E 1/2 of Se 1/4, Nw 1/4 of Se 1/4 and Se 1/4 of Ne 1/4, sec. 13, tp. 1 S, R. 8 W.

Prank Murray to Geo. W. Kiger, tract in sec. 21, tp. 1 N, R. 10 W.

Robert Crawford, to Theodore Kingsley, various tracts.

John Welch to M. S. Copeland, S 1/2 of N 1/2 of sec. 16, tp. 3 N, R. 10 W.

J. E. Pantou to M. S. Copeland, Se 1/4 of sec. 16, tp. 3 N, R. 10 W.

Joseph Lyons to M. S. Copeland, various tracts.

M. S. and W. H. Copeland to Nehalem Coal Company, various tracts.

Daniel and M. E. Cronen to Nehalem Coal Company, various tracts.

A. A. McNary to W. E. Thomas, E 1/2 of Ne 1/4 and F 1/2 of Se 1/4 of sec. 12, tp. 6 S, R. 9 W.

R. H. Holmes, et al., to Louis Olsen and L. Snuffer, bond for deed, tract in Tillamook City.

Louis Olsen, et al., to A. R. Gangloff, quit claim deed, tract in Tillamook City.

U.S. to Amos Bergseth final receipt, E 1/2 of Ne 1/4, Nw 1/4 of Ne 1/4 and Ne 1/4 of Nw 1/4, sec. 18, tp. 2 S, R. 6 W.

H. McDermott to Anna B. and Susan O. Todd, tract in block 15, town of Tillamook.

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Report of Tillamook Public School.

Month ending Nov. 8th, 1901.

	Attendance	Average	Wholesome	Attendance	Average	Wholesome
Grades	Days	Days	Times	Days	Days	Times
Mrs. Hays	1 & 2	754	58	1	16	40
Miss Newell	2 & 3	916	27	4	31	50
Miss Cooper	4 & 5	850	8 1/2	0	32	44
Mrs. Severance	6 & 7	791	15	0	28	42
B. O. Snuffer	8, 9 & 10	741	10 1/2	0	30	38
This year totals		4043	118	5	137	214
Last year totals for same month		3644	223	65	98	208