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AN INTERESTING LECTURE

**'Automatic Telephone Exchange'
Discussed Before Engineers.**

The Engineering society met last evening in M 211. After a short business session Mr. Minhinic, of the General Engineering company, who is in charge of the installation of the new telephone system in the city, addressed the meeting.

He said that to his mind the man who makes something, whether it be a railroad, or some less important thing, is the man who is valuable to society, and that engineering has done more for the advancement of civilization than any other profession.

The most successful engineer is not necessarily the best man in his profession, for the successful engineer's education must be broad, as well as complete along certain lines.

When a new telephone exchange is to be installed the franchise must be secured first. The construction work may be done by the local company or a contract may be let for work.

A map of the city is then secured and every subscriber, actual and prospective, is rightly located. Lines are then drawn in showing the route of pole lines, cables, etc.

The speaker emphasized the necessity of every engineer's being a neat and accurate draughtsman. Good work is no more trouble than poor and many times a contract depends on a drawing.

When the contract is obtained the preliminary map is revised and the lines finally located. In doing this the other aerial lines must be avoided and in underground work the lines must not hit water pipes, gas pipes, etc.

An ordinary telephone system uses only two wires to each station, but the automatic system requires three.

It is interesting to note that the invention of this system is not due to an electrician nor to a mechanic, but the scheme was first worked out as a problem in pure mathematics.

The automatic system saves about 80 per cent of the time required to get a connection in the old way, there is no possibility that anyone can hear a conversation except the two talking, and the instant that the receiver is hung up another connection can be obtained.

Mr. Minhinic is thoroughly conversant with his subject and his lecture was one of the most helpful that the society has heard for some time.

Pedagogical Club Meets

The Pedagogical club held another successful meeting last evening. The first part was social and the sound of lively conversation which greeted one as he approached the room gave evidence that the opportunity for social converse was being improved. Though the inconvenience of a room with fixed seats prevented that circulation of members which is most desirable in a social hour, was felt, it only emphasized the need of our Temple.

The speaker of the evening was State Superintendent Fowler, whom Professor Luckey introduced with appreciative words. After giving a few statistics and office experiences showing some of the teaching conditions in the state and referring to the opportunities for University recruits in the service, he went in to picture some of the circumstances which meet a teacher in introducing herself to the profession and gave some useful advice as to meeting them. Some of the simplest matters, things some times passed over carelessly or regarded as of minor account, he showed were liable to be weighty elements with school boards. His talk was a practical one. He illustrated it with concrete facts and spiced it with some well turned tales.

The meeting was a good one. The next meeting will occur in four weeks, when Mr. Allen, of the Board of Regents will be the speaker.

Pioneers Meeting

The Territorial Pioneers' Association of the State Historical Society met in U. 106 yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock with an encouraging membership. The business of the association was all more or less informal and a good share of the afternoon was spent in

exchanging remembrances of old times in the territorial period of the state. Ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas was re-elected president of the association and Jay Amos Barrett, who has been acting in the capacity of secretary, was elected secretary and treasurer.

At 6 o'clock the society adjourned to the Lindell hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. The business meeting was resumed at 8 o'clock in Memorial Hall, where the surviving members of the convention of 1875 held a "round table." The present officers of the society were re-elected.

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