

THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Competition in Telephone Business Brought to an End in Michigan.

CLEVER PLANS TO DODGE PROMISES

Review of the Many Uses to Which Electricity is Put-Danger of Overcrowding Electrical Profession.

The consolidation of the independent and the Bell Telephone companies in Michigan recently is generally accepted as the beginning of the end of competition in the telephone business.

When the practical consolidation of the telephone companies was effected, says the Detroit Journal, the management made public the announcement that the rates would not be advanced as a consequence, but on the contrary that the rates would remain undisturbed while the service would be greatly improved.

It cannot be that this is the first step taken to provide a better service, for both President Flowers and President Glidden are on record against any increase of price for bettering the service, yet there is something about it quite suggestive of the way of the heathen Chinese.

"One cannot, in view of all the circumstances, see in this new enterprise anything less than a subterfuge under which the monopoly, having got control of the field, purposes to renege the price of telephone service.

"Ten years ago," our contemporary adds, "the graduate from an approved school of engineering could command a large salary."

There has been much local talk about the heading of the earth's magnetic field by the earth's atmosphere, and around the curvature of the earth's surface.

"One can travel," he said, "by electric cars from Paterson, N. J., via New York City, to Portland, Me., with only three intermediate stops."

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FEW COMPLAINTS OF TAXES

Values Are Appraised and Assessments Made with Infrequent Protests.

SACKETT MAKES A SHOWING OF ECONOMY

In a Year When Deficits Are the Rule the Tax Commissioner Points to Balance on Right Side of the Ledger.

In speaking of wireless telegraphy the speaker stated that it was not yet "effective" and therefore only one set of apparatus could be operated in the same locality at the same time, the electric wave interfering.

In his report for the year ending December 31 Tax Commissioner Sackett calls attention to the limited number of complaints filed during last year before the Board of Review and the Board of Equalization.

While the result of the 1900 assessment is in a great measure satisfactory the operation of the present charter provision relating to assessments there is no authority to result which a large number of taxpayers expected from it, nor is it possible for this department to make an assessment which will satisfy the general demand for a reduction of taxes.

The cost of conducting the department for the year 1900 has been kept well within the limit of the appropriation made by the council and the city.

ENJOINED FROM CUTTING ICE

Polar Wave Indirect Cause of Novel Litigation Begun in District Court.

Frank L. McCoy and R. H. Olmsted have instituted injunction proceedings against the Reservoir Ice Company to restrain the cutting of any ice on a section of the river just north of the water works pumping station.

WRECK KILLS THREE PEOPLE

Disaster on Plant System in Florida Believed to Be the Work of Train Wreckers.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 1.—The fast train on the Plant system was wrecked twenty miles north of here last night. Engineer Kennedy was instantly killed. One passenger was killed, but the body was so mutilated it has not been identified.

F. B. Terrapin, health inspector of Chicago, says: "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cannot be recommended too highly. It cured me of severe dyspepsia. It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia."

RELIEF FOR SUPREME COURT

Remedy Recently Suggested by The Bee is Quite Generally Discussed.

OPINIONS OF THREE DISTRICT JUDGES

Doubt the Constitutionality of the Plan of Calling on the Judges of the Lower Courts to Assist Supreme Bench.

Among the letters received regarding the much-needed relief for the supreme court, as suggested recently by The Bee, those from the district judges will be read with interest. Here are four:

WAHOO, Jan. 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: In reply to your inquiry I will say that all lawyers and litigants are interested in the question of giving speedy relief to the supreme court.

NORTH PLATTE, Jan. 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: Regarding your suggestion that I read The Bee's editorial, I will say that I read the editorial of the district judges of the state taking the place of the late supreme court commissioners, with much interest.

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: Replying to your favor regarding the plan in Sunday's Bee, I will say that I am in favor of any plan to relieve the overworked supreme court, but do not think the plan suggested would be legal under our present law.

FAIRBURY, Jan. 31.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am inclined to look with favor upon the plan which you suggest to relieve the present congestion of business in the supreme court of this state.

DRINK MAKES HIM INSANE

Thomas McCaffrey, a Douglas County Farmer, Becomes Violent and is Arrested.

A closed back backed up to the jail door at 1 o'clock yesterday morning and two deputy sheriffs lifted Thomas McCaffrey from the vehicle and locked him in a cell.

It is said that for a long time he has had a habit of drinking a mixture of liquor and laudanum. He is also said to be addicted to the use of other drugs. He has had periodical fits of derangement for several further investigation.

ALL ARMOUR HOUSES CLOSED

Plants Shut Down and Offices Locked During Funeral of Young Armour.

ACTIVITY OF WYOMING MINES

Twenty-Five Properties Will Probably Be Operated This Winter.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, Wyo., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The extent of the mining operations in this district during the winter is the oldest and best-informed miners. It was supposed that with the coming of winter there would be little if any development work going on outside of the Rutledge and Rambler mines, which have been shipped for some time.

The King Mining company is now engaged in sinking a 700-foot shaft on the Carbon claim. This is one of the biggest contracts for a mining camp. From present indications the ore which will be taken from the shaft will more than pay for the expense of the work.

NO DOUBT THE WHEAT WAS TAKEN.

It Was Found in Bisset's Barn, But He Asserts Innocence.

SIoux Falls, S. D., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Dennis Bisset, a well-known farmer who lives near Webster, finds himself in a serious predicament. Robert Strayton was left in charge of a granary containing about 150 bushels of wheat belonging to Louis Bisset, who has been arrested on a charge of stealing wheat.

THREE YEARS IN RUSSIAN PRISON.

Fate of a Former Aberdeen Man Who Went After Earl Roberts.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Word has reached here that Fred Bechtold, a former resident of Aberdeen, is serving a three years' sentence in Russia. Bechtold left here for his old home in Russia in 1897, when he was a member of the 10th Cavalry.

Run Down in a Cloud of Smoke.

EVANSTON, Wyo., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Nebbi De Loney, a son of an ex-state senator, who is at present supervisor of the national timber reserve west of the Yellowstone National park, left Evanston on a freight train intending to ride back from Richmond, Wyo., to his home in Piedmont.

Mitchell Needs More Houses.

MITCHELL, S. D., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—A building boom is assured for Mitchell this year. There is not an empty dwelling house in the city.

Pay for Governor's Carpet.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The carpet in the governor's office, which was given to him by a donor, has been paid for by the state.

Soldiers to Give a Ball.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Members of the First South Dakota regiment now living in Aberdeen will give a ball at the Hotel Aberdeen Monday evening, February 1.

Lee to Buy a Big Ranch.

SIoux Falls, S. D., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Governor Lee and his partner, Prentice, are arranging to engage in the stock-raising business on a large scale even than heretofore.

Artificial Night.

A Russian inventor has perfected an electrical appliance which he claims will enable the blind to see. This will bring much happiness to those who have defective eyesight.

Assaults on Ice Harvesters.

Bert Kimberlin went out to Hammond's ice house in the morning and was assaulted by a party of men who were engaged in cutting ice.

ALLIANCE MALT PURE MALT WHISKY. Dangerous Negligence. Some people have an ill regard for their health as the man who goes into a place of refreshment and orders a glass of the most precious gift of nature. To preserve it at all times and prevent and cure the disease known as Bright's Disease, Malt Whiskey. It is a strengthening, sustaining, blood-purifying, and health-giving tonic, and builds up the most delicate health. It will cure consumption.

VIADUCT IS WELL UNDER WAY

Structure Will Probably Be Completed Much Earlier Than Expected.

PRELIMINARY WORK IS ALMOST COMPLETED

Foundations to Bear Weight of the Huge Pile Are Now Being Laid in the Earth—Railroads Are Doing Their Part.

PRIMARY OFFICIALS CHOSEN

Republican Committee Will Assemble Judges and Clerks for Instruction.

Owing to the fact that Secretary Whitehorn of the republican city committee has gone to Danville, Ill., to be married, Charles Morgan officiated in his stead at the meeting of the committee Thursday afternoon in Washington hall.

As it is recognized that the judges and clerks of election are going to be given about all they can handle in the wards in some of the wards it was decided to call them together prior to the primaries and give them explicit instructions as to their lawful duties.

In response to numerous inquiries as to whether or not in securing signatures to their petitions candidates should be allowed to secure the names of voters who had already signed the petitions of other candidates for the same office it was decided that no limit should be placed upon the signing of petitions and that a voter can sign as many as he may see fit.

The special order for the meeting was the selection of judges and clerks of election, but when it came to that work objections were urged by representatives from the Ninth and Fifth wards, who said that the candidates had been requested to hand in names for those positions, but had failed to do so.

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THE FOLLOWING HIGHS AND LOWS were recorded at the office of the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ended at noon Monday, January 30, 1900: Births—Charles Johnson, 135 North Fifth street; Edward Dodder, Twenty-third street; Louis Johnson, Alcott, 119 North Seventeenth street.

Deaths—Helen P. Copeland, 1322 Wirt, 4 years.

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