

Venerable Nebraska Soldier and Statesman

Recent Progress in the Field of Electricity

Telephones and Telegraphs. BULLETIN of the census bureau reviews with great detail the development of the telephone and telegraph business in the United States up to 1902.

"Wireless telegraph," was the reply. "Wireless telegraph! Say, you can't fool us. We've read about that. You have to have a high tower."

At the census of 1890 the telephone industry was in embryo, few commercial companies being in operation prior to that year.

The automobile was equipped with brass rods, a receiving instrument and an operator. It received messages that were sent from headquarters in the Railway Exchange building in the south side station.

Although in some states the mutual systems and the independent farmer or rural lines are of great importance, the proportion of the telephone business transacted by such systems in continental United States in 1902 was very small.

The officials hold that the test demonstrated that messages could be sent for the distance with practically no upright wires.

The commercial and mutual systems reported 2,315,527 telephones in operation during 1902. Of these 10,381 were public exchanges, 80,870 were public or semi-public stations or telephones used by the general public upon payment of a stated fee, and 2,224,266 were private telephones.

While the electric roads continue from year to year greatly to increase the number of passengers carried, the steam roads are not losing ground materially in the patronage of travelers.

The commercial telegraph messages sent during the year 1902 numbered 90,934,750, or less than one-fifty-sixth of the telephone messages, and the pieces of cable telegrams that passed through the mails during the same year numbered 4,611,271,530, or not quite as many as the telephone messages.

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The commercial telegraph systems numbered twenty-five in 1902, as compared with twenty-seven in 1901. This striking decrease is due to the number of consolidations which have taken place, the magnitude of the equipment and business showing a great increase.

"Well, I never saw anything like it. The other girls called during the afternoon, too, but I saw right away it was all up for Nell. When she arrived Ned scarcely took time to acknowledge the introduction, and my plans melted away like ice in August.

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Gossip and Stories About Prominent People

The Nestor of Golf. SWR comes from St. Andrews, Scotland, that Tom Morris, the "grand old man of golf," may not be able to play his annual birthday match with H. S. C. Evrard.

three hours while enroute and upon arriving in the great mining camp immediately took a seat in a poker game which was then in progress.

Book Agent Rebuked. Henry James, the novelist, who, after an absence of twenty years, has returned to the United States, tells of a book agent driving many miles to a farmhouse, where on a previous occasion he had sold a book.

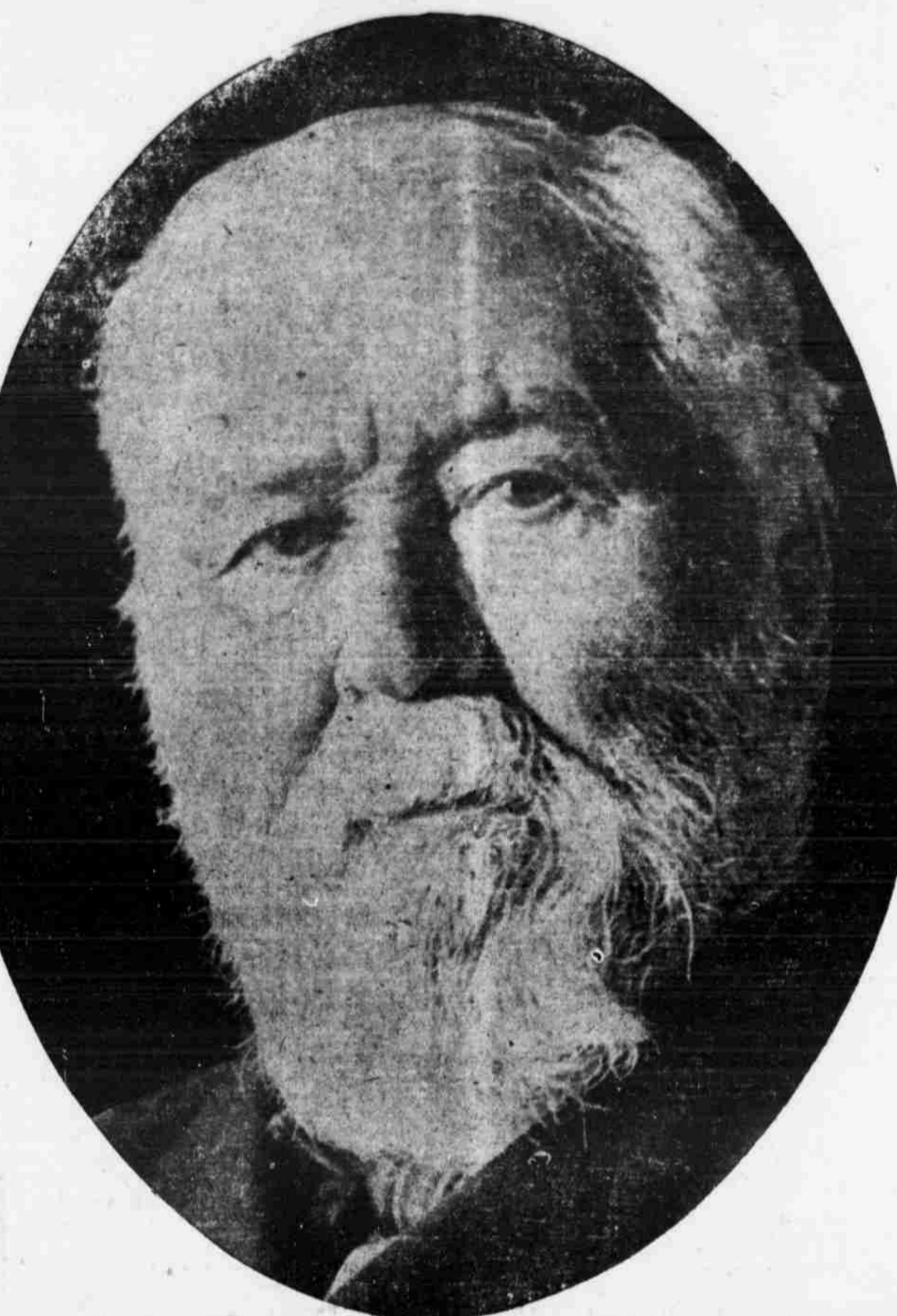
A Dreamer Rebuked. Pope Leo X is credited with having administered a most appropriate rebuke upon a presuming visionary who pretended to have discovered the philosopher's stone and demanded a recompense therefor.

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The Folk Family. Governor Polk of Missouri has four brothers, all of whom have attained to more or less prominence. The eldest, Rev. Dr. Edgar E. Polk, is president of the Southern Baptist Press association and one of the best known pulpits orators in the south.

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JOHN M. THAYER, WHO HAS JUST CELEBRATED HIS EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.—From a Recent Photo Made by a Staff Artist.

Some Curious and Romantic Capers of Cupid

Teacher and Editor Engaged. ANNOUNCEMENT is made in Boston of the engagement of Miss Annie Mansfield Sullivan and John Albert Macy, one of the editors of the Youth's Companion.

and becomes a "wife" after six weeks of matrimony. This is absurd, comments the New York Press, because there are some wise women who are brides all the days of their lives, and there are some foolish women who cease to be brides or even wives twenty-four hours after the wedding.

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One of Cupid's Mistakes. Willis Thurman and Augusta Hemmingway of Tipton, Ga., are two young people with whom Cupid trifled badly. He made a mistake with him. He made a grievous mistake, he convinced Willis and Augusta that they were in love with each other.

A Change of Partners. Miss Nora Patton and Mr. Brewer Stark of Yoccoes, Ga., were to be married at the home of Miss Patton's parents. It was the old story. They had met, and Cupid had arranged affairs so that they fell in love.

There Are Others. "There are others," calmly remarked Miss Olive Osborne as she quietly dismissed the invited marriage guests who had assembled to witness her marriage.

Lined Up. A curious custom has just been celebrated at Kila, near Moscow. All the marriageable girls in the town lined up in the principal street, decked out in their simplest attire.

Wireless Telegraph Tests. Scores of countrymen, waiting for their trains at the Illinois Central station in Chicago, thought an attempt was being made to victimize them when they saw a young man sitting in an automobile receiving telegrams.

Love's Flies Go Awry. A recent Chicago bride sat disconsolate among the cut glass, silver and jewels which had been showered upon her. The cause for her depressed spirits she thus explained:

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The Wedding Ring Finger. The wedding ring was placed on the left hand, as nearest the heart, and on the fourth finger because that finger was supposed to have its own "private wire" in that finger, too, was called the medicine of the shape of a delicate nerve to the heart.

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A Tribute to Ruskin. Venice is about to pay a graceful tribute to the memory of John Ruskin. Within a few days the city's municipal court will place a marble slab on the house which the famous writer occupied for so long, and which, American travelers will remember, overlooks the canal of the Giudecca.

General Greeley's Wrath. A. General Greeley, chief of the army signal service, has struck telegraph wires by the wilderness, has fought in many battles and has led an ill-fated expedition to find the north pole, but he is of the opinion, after thinking over his long and active career, that he never had any real trouble until this winter.

Commissioner Kilbey, Mrs. Kilbey, DISTINGUISHED OFFICERS OF THE BALATON ARMY WHO RECENTLY VISITED OMAHA.—Photo by a Staff Artist.