

Progress Made in the Field of Electricity

Golden Anniversary. HIS year the Western Union Telegraph company rounds out fifty years of corporate existence and the golden anniversary is fittingly observed in the Telegraph Area by an extended historical review of the development of telegraphy and the men conspicuous in the march of progress.

Union Telegraph company has been productive of such vast results, so intimately associated in promoting the development and advancing the civilization of the country by its progressive methods and means of communication afforded, which gave to the newspaper press its opportunity to rise to its present strength in disseminating news and information and to annihilate time and distance, that however much in these busy latter days we have come to regard and accept the ample security rendered as a matter of course, it is well to pause and consider what has led up to it.

Wireless Now a Necessity.

Conservative steamship men viewed with some incredulity the first installation of wireless apparatus aboard a liner less than five years ago. Now there is no steamship of any of the great companies that is not equipped with the system.

As an official of the Cunard line, the pioneer of the wireless fleet, puts it: "Maximal stands for safety and the convenience of passengers." No longer are the precious hours in which the ship may be in touch devoted to games of chess.

Agents of the lines that have the most expensive equipped ships say that, commercially considered, wireless does not quite pay yet, but that it is worth more than it costs as a means of protection and because of the tremendous advantage of enabling the ships to keep in touch with the world ashore.

Remarkable Telephone Change.

The other day the British general post office successfully carried through the most stupendous removal ever heard of in the telephone world. It was thought advisable to make the premises of the "Central" telephone exchange, London, thoroughly

fireproof. To do this, temporary quarters had to be found for the switchboards and some twenty thousand pairs of wires, relays, heat coils, lamps, bells, etc. For some months past preparatory works have been carried out in connection with the removal, and so well was this done that the actual transfer was completed in less than five minutes. Until 3:30 on the afternoon in question "Central" subscribers had been joined on to two exchanges. Every available member of the staff was summoned and, whilst the operators were migrating to the new building, the engineering staff was busy running lengths of tape under the heat coils, which are made of "fuses" wire. Two hundred were placed on each tape with two loose ends, to enable the engineers to remove them in one motion.

Just before 3:30 the signal was given that all was right in the "test" room in the basement. A similar message came from the operating room and, watch in hand, the engineer in charge gave the word. There was no bustle, but everything passed off well. Owing to the restricted space behind the frames, some thirty men only could be employed, but so regularly and methodically was the work done that in eighty seconds 40,000 heat coils had been removed, and the lines were through to the new operating room. Up in the latter apartment the operators sat waiting at their call boards with 150 plug holes facing them across the aisle ready to list up. Patiently they sat "jack" in hand until the word came from the test room. "You're through." Quick as thought every hole on the call board was in turn plugged. For the next five minutes nothing could be heard but the click, click, click of the "fuses" as they were moved in and out of the plug holes by the operators four times in succession. As each plug was inserted the glass insulators flew out of the relay and subscribers could once more call up. The transfer was now complete. The subscriber was in turn rung up and belated employers or clerks heard the voices of the operator asking if all was right. Some, of course, did not answer, and in these cases other tests were used. Every line is carefully measured, and in the test room the engineers have the measurements filed on a card. By means of these cards and a voltmeter the engineers can at any time tell whether a line is in working order right up to the subscriber's instrument, and if a fault exists can at once localize it. In cases where subscribers did not answer these tests were resorted to, but so well was the whole of the previous work carried out that not a single fault was discovered. For some time after the transfer the process of soldering the 40,000 lines went forward.

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Gossip and Stories About People of Note

Union General of the War. WE ARE calling the roll of the surviving union generals of the civil war and are finding that only a comparatively few of them are living, forty years after the war.

the plate. In closing he said: "Now, my friends, I have paid high tribute to General Hawley, but I assure you not one word have I said of him that I would not say about myself."

Nixon and his son, had a private audience with the pope. Mr. Kennedy, president of the American college at Rome, said to him just before their entrance. "When his holiness sees your boy he will have no eyes whatever for you. And this was well borne out, because as soon as the pope saw young Nixon he ceased speaking, opened his arms and hugged the boy to his breast. A few moments later he bade one of his chamberlains bring the medal, which he gave the lad with a benediction."

A Popular Quartermaster.

The San Francisco newspapers welcome Colonel John M. Clem from service as chief quartermaster in the Philippines to become chief quartermaster of the California department. It is said in the praise of Colonel Clem that he saved the government \$2,500,000 in two and a half years during his Philippine service and he is spoken of as "the next quartermaster general of the army."

Sherman Hoar in War Time. When Sherman Hoar was running for congress his opponent was Fox of Cambridge, and Mr. Hoar called his own campaign "the Fox chase." The older leaders and local men, relates the Boston Herald, gave Mr. Hoar points on what to speak about and what local character or subjects he might have to run up against or to argue about. In Water town, he was told, there was an old gentleman, a veteran of the civil war, who dated everything that ever happened from the war. Nothing important, he thought, had ever happened since.

A Hard Master.

At one time in his career John T. Sullivan, formerly heavyweight champion, gave lessons in boxing, but the average pupil lacked much of the fortitude necessary, for John was a vigorous instructor. A young man once went to the great fighter and arranged for a course of ten lessons. At the end of the second lesson, pretty well battered up, the young man said he thought he had enough. "Enough," said his teacher in astonishment. "Why, you haven't learned--" "I know," the young man interrupted. "But I'll tell you how it was. There's a fellow I dislike, and I arranged for this course so as to lick him in a fight. But on second thought I have decided it will be just as well to send him down here to you to take the rest of the lessons."

The old soldier attended every public meeting, whether religious or dramatic, seating himself conspicuously in the front row, where he could both see and hear better. Mr. Hoar was told that this old gentleman was sure to be present to hear him speak and that he probably would, as was his custom, ask him some questions about the war and whether he had learned anything toward saving the country, regardless of whether Mr. Hoar was old enough to know personally anything of the great contest.

Pond of Boys.

The pope's fondness for boys is well known, says Harper's Weekly, and it has served singularly to distinguish one sturdy American youngster, Stanhope Nixon, the 11-year-old son of Lewis Nixon, the ship-builder. To him Pope Pius X gave not only an affectionate hug and a blessing, but a large silver medal, which is his proudest possession. When Mr. Nixon was on his way to build torpedo boats in Russia he stopped in Rome, and, with Mrs.

And the veteran, as the shouts of laughter went up, was unable to say a single word that could be heard, though he kept on talking for some time.

Tersey Told Tales Both Grim and Gay

A Warm Combination. FRIENDS of 16-year-old Albert Rapp of Harrisburg, Pa., prescribed kerosene, applied outwardly, as a remedy for his pet woolly dog. Albert got the fatty oil can and soused the poodle. The dog stood it as long as he could, then broke away and ran under the kitchen stove. A moment later the animal ran out, a mass of flames, dashed through the door and up the street, spreading conflagration among pedestrians. An opportunistic policeman with a pistol put the blazing cur out of his misery. While the flaming dog was escaping he set fire to a number of articles in the kitchen and dining room, which kept the family busy for ten minutes or more to prevent the destruction of the house.

ing, the admirer of Ingersoll turned to the boy from the farm. "Wasn't that great?" he asked. "Did you ever hear anything like it? Didn't he just sweep away every stick and stone, every argument and theory of the orthodox side? He simply didn't leave anything of the other side at all--he certainly made a clean sweep." "I know one thing he didn't sweep away," said the boy from the Indiana farm. "What was that?" "My old mother's religion," Chicago Record-Herald.

Under Suspicion. It was the disappearance of Bellamy Storer from the diplomatic service which was under discussion, and some one revealed to Secretary Shaw to know if the decision reached was sudden. Mr. Shaw did not reply directly. "Out West," said the secretary, "there was a tenderfoot who struck a new town just as a funeral procession was coming out. He stood and watched it file by, and then inquired of one of the bystanders who the deceased was." "Pink-eyed Bill," was the reply. "Was his death sudden?" inquired the tenderfoot. "Sudden," said the resident. "No, stranger; he'd been under suspicion a long time."--New York Times.

A Minister to Go.

At a recent banquet in Baltimore Congressman Gardner's anecdote about the would-be clergyman and the dying parishioner evoked much merriment. The minister was called to the bedside of the expiring man, whose name was Hopkins. "Hopkins," said the dominie, "you're a sick man." "I am," replied Hopkins. "You're going to die, Hopkins," continued the other. "I am," groaned Hopkins. "You've been a bad man," Hopkins, "I have." "You can't expect to go to heaven," "I know it," said Hopkins. "Then, Hopkins, you'll have to go to the other place." "Well," concluded the consoling pastor, "you ought to be thankful that you've got somewhere to go."--Baltimore Herald.

A Minister's Story. A certain minister of Bangor, Me., joined a fishing party of his friends for two weeks in a woods camp. Sunday morning some of the boys wanted to go fishing, and go away without being seen by the minister; but one fellow, slower than the rest, was caught by the minister just as he was setting up his rod. The fisherman made excuses, and added: "I suppose you would not care to go?" In answer the minister told the following story: "When I was settled in the church at Dixmont, in the first years of my ministry, I was called out of bed one night to marry a couple who had been betrothed to their first partners by death. When I got to the place where I asked the

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