

TWO MESSAGES, ONE WIRE

Henry D. Estabrook Enthusiastic on Latest Thing in Mergers.

TALKS AND TELEGRAPH AT ONCE

Leading Counsel for Great Interests Sees Chance for Immense Savings in Combination of Telegraph and Telephone.

"Two different messages—telephone and telegraph—may be sent over the same wire at the same time. When one considers the economy of using the same wires for two different purposes there is good reason to believe that the consolidation of the Bell Telephone company and the Western Union Telegraph company."

"This is the statement of Henry D. Estabrook, erstwhile solicitor for the Western Union, who is in the city as a witness in Judge Troup's court in the Sutphen-Johnson castle case. Mr. Estabrook was formerly an Omaha lawyer and has risen high in the ranks of corporation counsel. His present offices are in New York.

"It may seem incredible at first to state that two persons can carry on a long-distance conversation and at the same time and over the same wire another message, entirely different, may be telegraphed from one telegraph operator to another," continued Mr. Estabrook. "The combination of communication is interrupted or interfered in any way."

"In using the same wires for two different purposes there is but one cost of maintenance. Wires to some out-of-the-way place serve the double purpose of telegraph and telephone and thus there is a great saving in expense. In uniting their interests there is, naturally, a great reduction in operating expenses on the part of the Bell company and the Clowry interests."

Merger Managers Summoned. Along with the summoning of Mr. Estabrook to appear in district court comes the announcement of subpoenas issued by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and Robert C. Clowry, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, to appear before the legislative inquiry into the recent billion dollar merger of the two companies. The Bell interests acquired control of the Western Union by the purchase of the Gould stock.

Mr. Clowry is familiarly known in Omaha because of his marriage to Miss Estabrook, sister of Henry D. Estabrook. While in the Gate City Mr. Estabrook will be the guest of the Omaha club. Fourteen years ago he was a member of the Douglas county bar and a widely known practicing attorney. He went from Omaha to Chicago, remaining seven years there with the Western Union company, going thence to New York City.

"The investigation going on in New York into the so-called merger of the telephone and telegraph interests is confined to that state alone," said Mr. Estabrook, in closing. "There is nothing strange about it, only a plan to utilize resources."

COMPANIES ARE PAYING UP ON OCCUPATION TAX

Nearly Twenty Thousand Received by Treasurer Furry as Result of New City Ordinance.

Up to the present time the sum of \$20,117.20 has been paid to City Treasurer Furry in compliance with the terms of the occupation tax ordinance. The companies paying, with the amount paid by each, are:

- Street Railway company, \$10,231.23
Gas company, 4,788.19
Electric Light company, 4,915.61
Western Union Telegraph company, 111.25
Total, \$20,117.20

OMAHA POLICE ARE BUSY LOOKING UP LOST PEOPLE

Have Appeals from Three Families Who Are Shy Some of Their Members.

The police department has its hands full looking up a number of lost persons. J. E. Parker of St. Louis seeks information of John and George Parker, last heard from in Omaha, who are heirs to an estate left by an aunt, Mrs. Harriet Dorby.

Mrs. George Warren of Erie, Pa., on behalf of her father, writes the police to endeavor to locate George W. Warren, father's brother, who when last heard from ran a ranch near Omaha, and who, it is thought, may reside in the city.

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES BODY OF DEAD MILLIONAIRE

George Crocker of San Francisco Will Be Buried in Cemetery by Golden Gate.

Chicago & Northwestern train No. 2 brought two special cars to Omaha yesterday afternoon conveying the body of the late George Crocker and the funeral party. The cars were routed via the Union Pacific to San Francisco where the funeral will be conducted Sunday.

George Crocker, who was a prominent millionaire capitalist of the Golden State, died in New York City. It was his desire to be buried in the family plot in a San Francisco cemetery where other members have been interred. Accordingly his brother arranged for the special train, obtaining the private car, Minawaha, to convey the body of the dead capitalist and the Pullman car, Rover, for the members of the family.

Lame heel may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Liniment two or three times a day, with a vigorous rubbing at each application.

BRANDEIS STORES BOSTON & SONS Handkerchiefs Are Always Most Desirable Xmas Gifts. Women's and men's fine embroidered scalloped edge and hemstitched border handkerchiefs...

KID GLOVES For Christmas. Women's one and two-clasp real kid, mocha and cape gloves; silk lined and unlined; all the newest shades...

Underwear. Women's fleece-lined union suits—worth \$1. at 49c and 69c. Women's Camel Hair Pants and Vests...

BRANDEIS STORES. Latest Novelties in Women's Christmas Neckwear. Lace and embroidered jabots, lace, embroidered and beaded stocks...

Courtney's OMAHA'S PURE FOOD CENTER. Moderate Priced Restaurant on Second Floor.

BAKERY SPECIALS For Saturday. We will sell (Saturday only) assorted layer cakes for 25c, including chocolate, maple, vanilla, nut, marshmallow, fig and coconut.

CLUBBING OFFERS. Daily Bee (without Sunday) \$4.00. Review of Reviews 3.00. Our Price ONLY \$5.20.

FLORIDA AND CUBA. Glorious tropic lands, set in sparkling seas, where it is like summer now. They are near to you—nearer than you may realize...

FRISCO J. A. STEWART, Asst. General Passenger Agent. Bryant Building Kansas City, Mo. Steam heated, electric lighted, cozy and comfortable; no need to touch foot to the ground...

A Christmas Gift. A Christmas present of a pair of high grade slippers is a very correct and appropriate gift. There is pleasure and comfort in the warm and cozy, fur trimmed Romber and slippers for ladies, misses and children...

FRY SHOE CO. THE SHOERS. 16th and Douglas Streets. The little chaps are a constant care. We are caring out for their welfare...

Why Pay More? For your Suit or Overcoat when you can buy from us the very suit or Overcoat of the latest cut and make for 40% Less.

Belmont Restaurant. C. N. Ball, Prop. 1516 Dodge. New, neat, clean and up-to-date. Popular Prices and Quick Service. Open All Night.

Call Us by 'Phone. Whenever you want something call 'Phone Douglas 238 and make it known through a Bee Want Ad.

SCHOOL BOY NEEDS The Shoe Question Settled. The little chaps are a constant care. We are caring out for their welfare...

Drexel Shoe Co. 1419 Farnam Street. The sizes and prices range: Little Girls' Sizes—10 to 13 1/2 \$1.75. Boys' Sizes—1 to 5 1/2 \$2.00.

Ladies' Hand Bag Sale. We are making a specialty this year of ladies' hand bags and leather goods for Christmas presents. Our stock consists largely of samples at greatly reduced prices...

Reliable Dentistry AT Taff's Dental Rooms. HOTEL ROME EUROPEAN. 109 AND JACKSON.

ROME MILLER. 109 AND JACKSON. Opened for the Society and the Public.

Greatest Clothing Event of the Season. Now On Sale—Entire Surplus Stock of High Grade Overcoats and Suits. All the Overcoats and Suits from the Granert & Rothschild stock, actually worth \$20.00 and \$22.50, ON SALE AT \$14.50.

The Christmas Number OF THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE WILL BE PUBLISHED Next Sunday. It will be replete with interesting and reasonable reading matter and typographically one of the handsomest newspapers ever published.

A Good Place To spend a few minutes. Our store is full of Christmas Suggestions. S. W. LINDSAY, Jeweler. 1516 Douglas Street.

Saturday Bargains Meat. Spring Chickens, 13c. Choice Pot Roasts, 7c-6c. Choice Steak, 7c. Pork Roasts, 11c.