WHAT DO WE PLANT?
(Henry Abbott, 1842—1911.)

What do e plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the ship, which will cross the sea.
We plant the mast to carry the sails;
We plant the planks to withstand the gales—
The keel, the keelson, the beam, the knee;
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the houses for you and me;
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors;
We plant the studding, the lath, the doors,
The beams and sidings, all parts that be;
We plant the house when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
A thousand things that we daily see.
We plant the spire that outtowers the crag.
We plant the staff for our country's flag,
We plant the shade from the hot sun free,
We plant all these when we plant the tree.

FARM NOTES.

Items That Will Interest Our Agricultural Readers.

This is the season when dire tragedies in the silo are possible. Poisonous gases are produced by freshly cut stalks. These gases are heavier than air and if the lower part of the silo is closed a "pocket" will be formed in which these gases gather, until it would be sure death for a man to enter Many workmen have entered such a silo and gone to their death. If there is any doubt whatever lower a lighted candle or lantern into the silo as a test. If the light survives you may safely enter. If it goes out—keep away until a good volume of air has been mixed in. Before entering the silo in the morning it is wise to run the blower or the carrier 10 mnutes. This will stir up the gases and introduce air.—Rural New Yorker.

There are probably few of our readers who realize what is being done in the way of forestry in New York State. Reports from the State Conservation Commission say that the State nurseries will make a new record this year. They have practically thirty million young trees growing, all of which will be ready to transplant in 1926. About twelve million of them are ready now, the others being young seedlings not quite prepared for planting. These trees are white, red and Scotch pine, Norway spruce and balsam firs. There are also a few white cedars, but naturally the majority of them are spruce and pine. The Commission states that the demand for young forest trees for planting on idle land has wonderfully increased during the past few years. Farmers and land owners have discovered that idle land can be made to yield a good return growing wood and lumber on it, and this is turning their attention to forest planting.

To encourage the profitable use of idle land by reforesting, and provide a future supply of wood and lumber, the Conservation Commission supplies

—Miss Lillie B. Rochester, of Church Hill, was painlully injured last Sunday morning, when she was bitten in the leg by a cat. The animal inflicted a severe gash with its teeth and at the same tife lacerated Miss Rochester's instep with its claws.

—Not since 1915 has the peach crop east of the Rocky Mountains been as large as this year. Georgia had the biggest peach crop ever grown and in most of the Cotton States the crop is the largest since 1915. All through the Atlantic Coast States the peach crop is of similar proportions. The gives housewives the chance they have been waiting for, to combine cheap peaches and cheap sugar— and can this delicious crop to their heart's content. There is also a generous production of pears this year.

—Rehoboth was swept by a severe storm recently. The beach was not damaged, however. due to the jetties The new pier withstood the force of the waves without damage and it also served to protect the water front. The jetties have been such a benefit in protecting the beach that it is expected the next Legislature will be asked to provide money with which to build additional jetties to help in rebuilding the beach and making it the famous water front that it was in former years.



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The Telephone Rate Hearings

THE course of the present hearings before the Public Service Commission may have given the public the erroneous impression that this Company is not properly co-operating with the Commission and People's Counsel in providing the information about our operations necessary to the Commission's consideration of the new rates. Nothing in this Company's actions before the Commission justifies such an impression.

¶ The operations of this Company are confined to a State-wide service in Maryland, but our patrons' requirements for communication to and from other parts of the country necessitate our connecting with the lines of other telephone companies. This requires contractual relations for the interchange of telephone traffic with the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, which operates the Long Lines system of the country, as well as with other telephone companies in adjoining States with which business is directly interchanged.

¶ Our Company also has other long-established contractual relations with the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. These are known to everyone and in all their phases have been considered a number of times by the Maryland Commission in previous cases.

¶ Appreciating that these relationships are properly matters of interest in the present case, we have furnished the Commission all information requested of us in connection with them and have offered to furnish any additional information which the Commission desires to have before it in considering their reasonableness and propriety as affecting our telephone operations in Maryland.

¶ There is no relationship with any other telephone company with which we deal about which all pertinent information cannot be had from our books and records and which will not be reflected through our witnesses. We ask the public to be patient until we have the opportunity to present our case and in the meantime not to believe that we are in any way opposing the Commission's right to have all the facts before it in considering this important matter.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND POTOMAC TELEPHONE COMPANY OF BALTIMORE CITY

WOULD ABANDON STATE CONTROL OF TELEPHONES

Paris Chamber of Commerce Asks Transfer of All Lines To Private Concerns.

The Paris Chamber of Commerce recently passed a resolution urging the French Government to submit to Parliament a bill for the transfer of the government-owned telephone service of France to private companies. This resolution was adopted, says the Electrical Review of London, "as a result of the many complaints • • • received from commercial and industrial concerns in the Paris district with regard to the poor telephone service."

After a full discussion of the subject, the Paris Chamber of Commerce advanced two main reasons for urging the government to abandon public ownership of the telephone system: "First, that the French telephone service contrasts extremely badly with those of other countries, the inferiority being due as much to the defective character of the material and the insufficient number of circuits as to the general poor organization of the service; Second, that the state has failed to take the necessary steps to facilitate and extend the use of the telephone, and the fact that the telephone service results in an annual charge on the French budget is proof that the state is not qualified to carry on the service on a commercial basis."

NO PARTY LINES IN CHINATOWN'S CENTRAL OFFICE

San Francisco's Pagoda-like Exchange Looks Like Tiles From Mah Jongg Set.

The popularity of Mah Jongg has done much to stimulate American interest in all things Chinese. There are few objects, however, even in the Celestial Republic itself, more fascinatingly Oriental than the unique Chinese telephone exchange in our own country which provides telephone service for the Chinatown district of San Francisco.

In outward appearance this telephone building is as typically Chinese as a "one bamboo" tile. Pagoda-like, it lifts its tower, studded with protruding beak-shaped balconies—a fitting monument, it would seem, to some long-dead mandarin of the Forbidden City.

But there is nothing dead inside the exchange, where Chinese girl operators are kept busy handling the traffic, under the general supervision of Mr. Loo Ku Shoo, the manager, who is a graduate of the University of California. These operators are required to be proficient not only in English, but in several different Chinese dialects, for many diverse tongues are spoken among the four hundred million inhabitants of that vast country which stretches from Siberia to India, and from the mountains of Turkestan to the shores of the Yellow Sea.

The Chinese, moreover, are proverbially secretive and have no use for party line telephones, so every subscriber served by San Francisco's pagoda telephone exchange has his own individual line. There are about 1,500 of these lines in service, and the calls average 11,000 daily.

AMPLIFIERS CARRY KING'S VOICE TO 100,000 SUBJECTS

With fanfare of trumpets and all the medieval pomp and circumstance with which Merry England is wont to greet its royal family on state occasions, the British Empire Exhibition was recently opened at Wembley, England, by the king.

An unusual touch of modernity was added to this occasion by the scientific achievement of present-day telephone engineers. His majesty's utterances were heard by a vast audience of more than 100,000 loyal subjects gathered in and about the great concrete stadium by means of the public address system, developed by the engineers of the Bell System, and installed by the Western Electric Company.

A demonstration of the efficiency of the public address apparatus on a large scale was first made in this country when on Inauguration Day, March 4, 1921, President Harding delivered his Inaugural address and was heard clearly by a vast assemblage, estimated at more than 125,000.

DUTY

Twenty years ago the great Baltimore fire occurred. Two thousand five hundred buildings were destroyed, the telephone exchange girls being the last to leave their posts. The girls sat on their stools at the switchboard until the window panes were broken by the heat. Then they pulled the covers over the board and walked out. Two hours later the building was in ashes.

The telephone system of France, which is owned and operated by the government, has only 1,494,611 miles of telephone wire, as compared with 34,000,000 miles of telephone wire in the United States.

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