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A long distance call is an order for "voice transportation," the quickest round-trip communication known. The call is recorded on a toll ticket, an innocent looking scrap of paper 2½ x 5 inches, that plays an important part in the telephone service of the country.

When the call is placed, the recording operator writes the necessary details as furnished by the calling party on a ticket. This ticket is passed to the line operator at the toll board who will complete the call.

The ticket shows the date, time of day, telephone number, and name of calling party, if given, party called, telephone number and in case of "person-to-person" calls, the name of the called party. On the face is space for the number of minutes of conversation as shown by the calculagraph stamp and the charge for the call.

Other space is provided for operating details such as the recording and line operator number, the number of the trunk over which the call is completed, the route used in getting to the point called and the time the call was passed to the operator at the terminating office. The reverse side of the ticket in addition to the calculagraph impression is used by the operator to make note of all occurrences in connection with attempts to complete the call.

At the beginning and end of a conversation the operator stamps an impression on the ticket with the calculagraph (a time clock especially designed for the purpose) to determine the elapsed time of the conversation.

The toll tickets for each day's business are turned over to the chief operator, who sees that they are assorted alphabetically by terminating points. In some cases tickets are arranged numerically by originating call numbers. After the tickets have been arranged properly they are mailed to the accounting office for billing.

Telephone accounting is one of the essential operations of the business. It shows the disposition of revenues received for telephone service, as well as the financial operations of the company.

Accounting for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia is handled at Washington, Baltimore, Richmond and Charleston respectively, under the direction of a Division Auditor of Receipts.

Each department is divided into four sub-divisions, general, bookkeeping, toll and results. After the monthly bills for telephone service are prepared they are placed in window envelopes. To facilitate the handling of this great volume of mail a special mailing machine is used. This machine licks, seals and stamps letters. In place of stamps the machine imprints on the envelope "Postage Paid" together with the regulation concellation showing the place, date and time. When these letters reach the Post Office it is only necessary for the postal clerks to sort them to the individual sacks for distribution.

SIGNS ON POLES ARE A MENACE TO LINEMEN

This is the tack with the sharpened point that held the sign that adorned the pole that the lineman climbed, that—bing! Down came the lineman, eight feet to the ground, where he lay groaning with a broken leg.



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The above is far-fetched and visionary, you say. Not at all. Listen!

A man comes along and tacks an enamel sign on a telephone pole, up as high as he can reach, a few days later a lineman gets a rush order to restore a broken circuit. The trouble is located on the line at a point where it is supported by this particular pole upon which was tacked the enamel sign.

The lineman hurriedly ascends the pole, he rapidly climbs hand over hand, jabbing in his spurs in his upward climb. A spur comes in contact with the hard metal surface and, not being able to penetrate it, slides off, and the lineman unable to cling to the pole with his hands, falls to the ground.

Metal signs and the tacks of other signs are the bane of a lineman's existance. He cannot readily watch for his hand holds and look below for clear places to stick his spurs as he ascends and descends the poles. He may climb around a sign in ascending a pole, but in coming down there is little chance for him to avoid the obstruction.

The result is possibly a serious fall, with a broken leg at least and months before complete recovery; and the least that can be expected is a badly scratched hand and the infection that usually follows.

The worst sign the lineman has to contend with is the metal sign bent around the pole, the kind it is impossible to see as he descends. Then there is the metal sign projecting from the pole pointing the way to some chicken farm or a gasoline station. It is bad enough as he goes up the pole, but worse as he comes down as unexpected contact may cause him to lose his balance and fall.

It does not add to the beauty of the landscape to place signs on telephone poles and it is distinctly dangerous to the man who climbs the poles.

BRYAN FUNERAL TELEPHOTOGRAPHED

When William Jennings Bryan, America's great Commoner, was buried at Arlington, photographs of the funeral cortege and interment were flashed across the continent by telephotograph.

A special installation of this equipment was placed in the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company's headquarters building at Washington, from which photographs of the funeral were sent over the long distance lines of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to New York, Chicago and San Francisco. The pictures appeared in the papers in these cities on the same day that they were made in Washington.

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Vest Pocket Essay On Knowledge

Knowledge is a power, so the wise ones say. If that be the case there is many an attic that is now being used for nothing but a hat rack which would make an excellent location for a power plant. But knowledge after all is only a relative matter. Many a motorist knows how to "step on the gas," but apparently knows nothing of the rules of the roads or how to read the signs erected for his guidance and the safety of others. In such cases the substitution of a power plant run by gray matter instead of "gas" is indicated. A person may be versed in the Arts and Sciences but not have the slightest idea of how to make a furnace put forth its best efforts on a cold morning. On the other hand, the janitor may be able to make this furnace sing "Home, Sweet Home" in zero weather, and yet not know the difference between the nebular hypothesis and the forty-seventh problem of Euclid. If the high brow's idea regarding knowledge is correct then it is certainly better to have one cat power working than forty horse power lying idle.

In the investigation of outbreaks of hog cholera, it appears at hany places that the power is not only off but the plant dissembled. You will often find a person hauling garbage 10 to 15 miles when it takes a ton of the stuff to make 40 pounds of pork. He would not haul a load of sand the same distance for equal remuneration. It is not infrequent to find outbreaks of the disease caused by pork scraps in the swill pail when the owner has been warned time after time of the danger. It is not at all unusual to find a person has purchased hogs which he knew nothing about and which had been exposed to te infection before he got them. A large percent of our secondary outbreaks are due to the fact that many persons fail to promptly report outbreaks of the disease. Time after time we find parties who have been warned of outbreaks of cholera in their locality permitting their hogs to run loose and come in contact with sick animals. Finally we have the fellow who fails to promptly and properly bury the carcasses of the hogs that died of the disease. Verily, even a feeble effort would help in many cases.

Wonders of Wireless

Cooking an egg over a cake of ice by wireless was one of serveral demonstrations of mysterious radio power given recently at the Radio World's Fair in New York.

The egg was placed on a frying pan on the ice. The pan quickly became red hot through action of waves that penetrated through the ice. The trick was done through the so-called wireless lamp, the inventor of which also lit the bulb through a man's head.

Maryland's Crop Report

The composite of the condition of al Maryland crops on September 1 was 104.3, indicating on that date 4.3 per cent better condition than their ten-year averages, according to John S. Dennee, Federal crop statistician for the State of Maryland as reported in a statement given out this week. This composite, he says, is 11.6 above the correspondeng composite on August. The weather during August was on the whole favorable, and crops and pastures improved noticeably.



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