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The Telephone and Its Use on the Farm.

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An Address Delivered at the Cameron County Farmers' Institute, Held Under the Auspices of the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, at the Court House, Emporium, Sanuary 20, 1904, by Mr. Malford, of Corning, N. Y.

Mr. Mulford is a practical telephone man who for several years has given special attention to the promotion of rural telephone lines. His remarks were listened to with deep interest by the large audience and evoked gener ous applause:

Five world-moving inventions,-the printing press, the steam engine, the iron plow, the cotton-gin, and the electric telegraph, each a pioneer in its own field,—for a time gave to the names of Gutenberg, Watts, Rogers, Whitney, and Morse, prestige far above all other men of creative thought having to do with the introduction of practical helps to human progress. They were fore runners whose efforts prepared the way for the coming of a greater. We accord them praise unstinted, for they were the leaders of a vast multitude of constructive geniuses whose inventions have added depth, and breadth, and force, to the great gulf-stream of civilization. And we detract not from the honor in which they are held, when we evidence our profound appreciation of that climax of human achievement, the Telephone, —the greatest of all inventions, be-cause it is the effective and benificent helper of them all. When, in the course of time, usefulness has become the gauge by which collective man measures greatness, then, I am sure, the name of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the Telephone, will illumi-nate the key-stone of the arch of fame. Man is alive to the extent that he brings things to pass. As I study the telephone problem, with its constant-ly widening horizon of usefulness, my enthusiasm increases. I do not know of any good thing that it will not help, nor any bad thing that it may not be used to hinder. they are held, when we evidence our

of any good thing that it will not kelp, nor any bad thing that it may not be used to hinder. The Telephone has a Commercial Value. The business of this day could not be conducted without it. No longer does the buyer or the seller go or send a man, or else waste precious time while the locomotive carries his order to the distant dealer. Time, space, mountains, valleys and plains, vanish when the man of traderings in to his immediate presence the buyers and sellers of the lead. Even the tele-graph has become too slow. Whether the telephone be in the farm-house, eity office or factory, and whatever the message the result is the same. All can have their say. The telephone speaks all languages. 'It is no re-specter of persons-in this regard being distinctively American. The Telephone has a Social Value, — Isolation not only prevents intellect-ual and spiritual development, but it impoverishes mind and soul. Man must be companionable in order to be valuable to himself. The telephone in the rural home not only puts neighbor in touch with neighbor, but compells them to be neighborly. Nothing ever devised will tie the tongue of a gossip so fast and sure as telephone wire. It locates the evil and publicity does the rest. The Telephone has a Religious

a nearby neighborhood. I heard him talk with one of the victims of the dis-ease, who inquired after the news of the morning and gave an order for groceries That wife and mother was shut in with her family, yet they were not shut away from the world, and could consult their physician at any hour. The Telephone Prevents Crime.— Vicious tramps, prowling thieves, and passionate brutes, avoid localities where telephones are numerous Such as do break over this rule of common prudence, are quickly apprehended

as to break over the bit which is the of control of the oright of book. The farming i township of Caton, N. Y., has no i villages within its limits. Its "four corners," known by the descriptive title of Caton Center, is eight miles from the city of Corning. Until three j years ago the town was without tele-t graph or telephone connection. One j Sunday morning the Methodist pastor, of the Rev. Charles S. Shurger prefaced his announcements with an exhortation in favor of building a telephone the rev. Charles S. Shurger prefaced his announcements with an exhortation in favor of building a telephone to soft a call for a public meeting to further the project. The line was built, and it has continued to grow unvit il its branches spread all over the town, over thirty farm houses connect." I and thence to Corning. A few months ago a prominent citizen died, and 'when Farmer Wood returned from atfree the discovery was made that 'five tubs of butter had been stolen from his cellar. Thieves never stall bad butter. He rang up his neighbors the varies discovery was made that 'five tubs of butter, driving towards Corning, only a few miles out from fathet ity. The police of Corning were an otified, the thieves were shadowed a until they began to market that ibutter, when they were arrested. The wide advertisement given to the a matter in the public press has proven a better protection to Caton cellars tand granaries than any number of bolts and padlocks. If by these illustrations I succeed in intensifying the telephone fever. There is no cure for it. And I can promise 'you no peace of mind until 'you are to' connected up' with the rest of the best people of this the best country if the sum has ever shone upon. But avoid substitutions and make shifts. The, man who is easily satisfied is al-ways imposed upon. If you live out in the country five, ten, twenty miles from your trading town, more your farm right into the very center of the byone does not increase his tarate, the pote of what he seles, and must, and on the the best h

system. Everything they had in the way of toll connections was at my command. Under such circumstances I could not afford to be independent. Indeed, this word is wrested from its true sense when hawked about by tele-phone salesmen, and other men with axes to grind. True independence impels a man to seek out and secure the best results. My trade relations with the Bell people have continued with increasing mutual benefit. There are several hundred local lines and ex changes in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York that are using Bell telephones exclusively for like reasons. I know of many originally "independent" lines and exchanges that have discarded their so-called op-position telephones, in order to con-form to certain essential requirements that enabled themto getbetter and more profitable service. All of which indi-cates a natural drift that has set in throughout the country at large. Where rural lines use Bell telephones the long distant company gives them direct connection into their nearest

protection every certain of which had had had had be an attrain drift that has set in throughout the country at large.
Where rural lines use Bell telephones the long distant company gives them direct connection into their nearest exchange, and thereby the rural line subscriber or patron can talk directly with all subscribers of the village or city where the switching is done. Not only this, but they can also use the long distance can talk directly to them. The Bell people also construct lines for the accommodation of out of town subscribers were the local situation warrants the undertaking.
As to the building of rural lines, whether the work be done by individuals or on a company plan, experience has taught me that it is sheer folly and self-deception for any one to attempt by any sufterfage or devise to get something for nothing. The one attempting to do that, no matter how alluring the bait, invariably gets nothing for something. Pay as you go or don't go. Rent a telephone if you can and pay a fair price for the service. If circumstances compel you to go into the telephone, then go at it in a practical business way. Dividends are petter than assessments. Unification and consolidation is the economic order of the day. It costs more to keep up an "independent" telephone line equipped with a variety of antagonistic instruments, than it does to properly equip and maintain one that uses standard Bell telephones and consultation the telephone business to any mind the picture of a bridge standing on abutments out over the middle of ariver with no approaches on either and make the best; possible traffic arrangements with the turnk line. Each helps the other. They are interdependent.

standard Bell system is to its telephone service. Here in Emporium you have a well-conducted exchange, under local own-ership, which connects with the Bell s^o .tem. It deserves the patronage of e ery one interested in the prosperity of the village and the development of Cameron county. The telephones dis-tributed throughout the village furn-ishes the best fire-alarm and emergency call system ever devised, and that with-out cost to the tax-payers. No busi-ness man can afford to get along without a telephone-to say nothing about the looks of it. It is a great help in the home. Those who try a telephone never again con-sent to do without it. Each telephone added makes the local system more valuable to the other patrons. And now that the work of building rural lines, connecting the varions sections of the county up with this the county seat, is to be undertaken let me urge

Farmers' Institute. The most successful and best attended Farmers Institute ever held in Cameron county con-vened in the Court House on Tuesday and Wed-nesday of last week, when the following program was earried out in every detail with the excep-tion of the tak on Chestnat Calture: PROGRAM.

PROGRAM. Opening Session Tuesday, 1:30 p. m. Pravers of Welcome, Rev. O. S. Metzler Address of Welcome, B. W. Green Resonand Care of Dairy Cow, C. D. Northrup Question Boz. Matrimony, or How to Manage a Husband. Matrimony, or How to Manage a Husband. Mrs. C. W. Williams Commercial Fertilizers, ... Prof. M. S. McDowell General Discussion.

Adjourn. There was no session Tuesday evening, owing to the Star Course Entertainment.

Wednesday Morning Session, 10 o'clock.Rev. J. M. Robertson

Afternoon Session, 1:30 o'clock.

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Adjourn. Evening Session, 7:30 o'clock. Question Box. Music. The Telephone and its Use on the Farm, Uri Mulford Music. Uri Mulford Chestnat Culture,..... Mr. Josiah Howard Music. Education and the Farmer,B. S. Seeds Music. Adjourn.

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DEATH'S DOINGS. distant.

WALKER. "Mrs. Walker is dead," was the sad. "Mrs. Walker is dead," was the sad, though not unexpected, word that passed to the friends of the family, last Monday morning. Many hoped other-wise. While the shock to the many friends was sad, the family of this es-teemed lady were prostrated with grief inconsolable. MRS. AMANDA F. (Ingalsby) WALKER, wife of Hon. George A. Walker, Presi-dent of The First National Bank, of Emporium, the last of a family of 'six

dent of The First National Bank, of Emporium, the last of a family of 'six children, was born at Sheffield, War-ren county, Pa., in 1835, being at time of her death 69 years, nine months and one day of age. Cominp to Emporium with her family, in 1574, from St. Marys, they have ever since been held in the highest esteem by our citizens, and occupied a prominent place both socially and religiously. Two years ago last October, Mrs. Walker was stricken with apoplexy but continued to improve until the 15th of Nov. last, when she suffered another stroke, at stricken with applexy but continued to improve until the 15th of Nov. last, when she suffered another stroke, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W.
L. Sykes, at Galeton, while visiting there. The family hastened to her bedside and summoned the best medical aid from Buffalo. She rallied sufficiently to be brought to her home at this place on Dec. 22nd, but gradully failed, passing away peacefully last Sunday night, Jan. 24th, 1904, at 11 o'clock, surrounded by her devoted husband and family, who vied one with the other in making her last days as pleasant as possible. All that love and morey could bring were cheerfully bestowed upon the dear wife and kind mother. God willed it otherwise and she is happy, we know.
We might enlarge at this time and make many truthful statements to the credit of the departed, but shall, more appropriate, undoubtedly, quote from the able remarks of her Pastor, else where in this obituary.
Deceased was married to Mr. Walker at result of this union, seven children were born to them, one son died in infancy, viz : Wm. S. Walker, Austin; J. M. Walker, Scranton; Mrs. Stella Sykes, Galeton; Mrs. Gertrude Egbert, Ithica, N. Y., now with her husband in Paris; Miss Grace and Geo. A. Jr., at home. All were present, except Mrs.

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THE FUNERAL.

The funeral, which took place on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, from the family residence, corner of Fourth and Maple streets, was very largely attended by our citizens. The

Fourth and Maple streets, was very largely attended by our citizens. The arrangements were carefully and or-derly directed by Mr. LaBar and his assistant, Mr. Rishell. Promptly at the appointed hour the large residence was crowded with the friends and neighbors of the afflicted family, who, with bowed heads, bestowed that last mark of respect to one greatly beloved by scores of relatives and friends. The services, conducted by the de-ceased's Paster, Rev. O. S. Metzler, of First Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by Rev. J. M. Robertson, Rec-tor of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, assisted by Rev. J. M. Robertson, Rec-tor of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Rev. Robt. McCasiln, of Presby-terian Church, were very impressive, appropriate and considerate. A mix-ed Quartet, composed of Rev. J. M. Robertson, Mr. Chas, T. Logan, Miss Grace Lloyd, Miss Byrde Taggart, with Mrs. Beers at the organ, furnished the singing, consiting of the following se-lections: "Come Unto Me When Shadows Darkly Gather," "Gathering Home," (favorite of the deceased) and "Rock of Ages." From the highly appropriate re-marks of Rev. O. S. Metzler upon this sad occasion, we take the liberty of quoting a portion, it being so well adopted and expressive of the opinion of ourselves as well as our citizens generally: "Though not unanticipated,still it was with pe-culiar adness that the news was received last Monday morning: "Mrs Walker's dead"" tr

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WEATHER REPORT. (Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.) FRIDAY, Sr

SATURDAY, Fair. SUNDAY, Fair.

event, so pleasantly remembered by all. FLORAL OFFERINGS.

FLORAL OFFERINGS. The floral offerings were numerous and beautifully touching, a few of which we mention: Broken Link, from husband; Pillow, from children; Sheaf of Wheat, from Directors of First National Bank; Casket Bouquet, from Mrs. Grace Harmon, Lewis Run, who for ten years in childhood made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Walker.t Numerous floral offerings were sent by admiring friends in town, also many from Galeton, Keating Summit and St. Marys.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN ATTEND DANCE.

DANCE. The following relatives and friends from out of town were in attendance at the funeral: W. S. Walker, (son) wife and child-ren, Austin; W. L. Sykes, wife (daugh-ter) and children, Galeton; J. M. Walker, Esq., (son) Scranton, Pa.; Mrs. Grace Harmon, (niece) Lewis Run, Pa; Mrs. Malinda Ingalsby, (sister in-law), Miss Grace Jewett, (niece), Custer City; E. J. Jones and wife, St. Marys; W. T. Turner, Wm. Caffisch, Miss Jessamine Sykes, Miss Josephene Prince, R. H. Avery, Keat-ing Summit; E. C Davison and wife, Johnsonburg.

REV. O. S. METZLER Recalled.



Official Board of First Methodist Episcopal Church of Emporium, Pa., Unanimously Recall the Popular Minister for the Flith

At the regular session of the Official Board of the First Mathodist Episco-pal Church, of Emporium, held last Wednesday evening the following pre-amble and resolution was unanimously adopted adopted:

adopted: WIRERAS, The services of our Pastor, Rev. O. S. METZLER, for the past four years nave been mon financially and satisfactory, both spiritually any WIRERAS, It is the unanimous desire of the Official Board and the congregation that the relations be continued for the coming year. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we most heartilly renew the invitation given to Brother Metzler for the last three years to continue with us as our Pastor and piedge to him our unani-mous and continued co-operation and support in his efforts to advance the interests of the church and cause. The above action of the church will

and cause. The above action of the church will be presented to the annual Conference to be held at Harrisburg, next March, and it is the general desire of our citi-zens, regardless of creed, that the re-quest may again be granted. Rev. O. S. Metzler, who is one of the most pop-ular and able clergymen in the state, came to Emporium four years ago al-most a stranger and activate accord. most a stranger and actively energy, upon his Pastoral duties, with energy, ability and enthusiasm. To day the church shows a membership of over 300, and a valuable church property, worth over \$20.000, entirely free of most a stranger and actively entered worth over \$20,000, entirely free of debt. No small part of the credit for this excellent showing belongs to the genial Pastor. That the Methodists of Emporium are fortunate in retaining Emporium are fortunate in retaining the services of Mr. Metzler is surpris-ing, when, if facts well known to many of one citizens, were made public. We have knowledge that a leading wealthy and influential church, in an eastern city, has but recently been ne-gotiating for his services, but has been refnsed, he preferring to remain in Em-porium, where conditions are entirely to his liking. It is to be hoped the Conference will heed the desire of the Emporium

does the rest. The Telephone has a Religious Value.—The Common Law of the telephone service agrees with the Divine Command, "Thou shalt not take the prone service agrees with the Divine Command, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." It induces polite as well as clean and correct speech. Pastors are learning that it is a great saver of man and beast. Also that they can enter the homes of their people easiest and often-est, when their work demands, by its aid.

The Telephone is a Life Saver.—To me this seems the most significant point that can be raised in calling your attention to a few of the multitudenattention to a few of the multituden-ous phrases of the telephone's utility. I recall the case of Farmer Chamber-lain, whose place is five miles from Kanona, N. Y., and in whose house a young woman by mistake took a kill-ing dose of poison, while doctoring a cold. A moment later Mrs. Chamber-lain was talking with Dr. Lawrence in his office at Kanona; he quickly told her what to do in the emergency, and when the doctor got to the farmand when the doctor got to the farm house with foaming horse, he found the patient not only alive but out of danger. Had it not been for that tele-phone she would not have lived ten phone she would not have have the minutes. In view of the physical dangers that haunt mankind, it seems criminal—I came near saying it is "an unpardonable sin,"—for those who can do so, not to provide themselves with this necessary means of quick communication. Out in the quick communication. Out in the rural sections it may not be conven-ient to have a telephone in every home—but it is possible to have at least one in every neighborhood. The Telephone is the best Fire Alarm

ever devised. By it help can quickly be summoned.

be summoned. When a contageous disease afflicts a home the telephone is not subject to quarantine. Some time ago I was con-versing with Mr. Thu Van Ness, in his general store at Lambs Creek, Pa., general store at Lambs Creek, Par, when the telephone bell rang and he excused himself to answer the call. A email-pox epidemic was prevailing in that my little line absorbed the Bell watch coupons to hand in the same.

telephone depends, first upon the qual-ity of the instrument, second, upon its possible connections, that is to say, upon the scope of its service. Ben-jamin Franklin, having discovered that "Time is the stuff that life is made off," tritely advised against the waste of life by buying "what you do not want because it is cheap" This rule applies to telephones and to telephone service.

service. Something like five years ago I built seven miles of rural telephone line, seven miles of rural telephone inte, connecting up four country neighbor-hoods in which I was interested. In connection with the undertaking my name got into the newspapers and the "clipping bureaus" did the rest. I became a shining mark for telephone catalogues from various parts of the country, and as I read them, I found that each manufacturer claimed that his telephones were better than the other fellows'. Then it dawned upon me that there was a difference in upon me that there was a difference in telephones, and in order to get reliable service I must secure good telephones. I learned that telephones selected hap-hazard would not work together. They must all be alike, not only on each particular section of line or cir-cuit, but upon all circuits to be con-nected together This meant that all telephones must come from the same factory. The way those rival tele-phone makers knifed each other was surprising. It also was instructive. upon me that there was a difference in phone makers knilled each other was surprising. It also was instructive.' I thought the matter over. It did not appear reasonable that a telephone "made to sell" by such men, wo ld be likely to measure up to one "made to use" by the greatest telephone com-pany in the w rld. So I concluded to correspond with the nearest branch of the Real Telephone Company and And the Bell Telephone Company, and find out if they would supply long distance telephones for my line, and if they would enter into reciprocal trade re

seat, is to be undertaken let me urge those interested to keep in touch with Mr. Metzger, your local manager, for his experience and good judgment will save expense and insure the best results.

To Whom It May Concern.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all hose who took part in the Farmers' Institute, held in Emporium on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 19th and 20th, 1904, and who responded so cheerfully to my request to help make the Instiute a success. I also want to thank the farmers and the public

in general for their attendance at the Institute thus showing your appreciation of the Institute, and your courtesy to those who took part there-

I have been a member of the State Board of Agriculture and Chairman of the Institutes in Cameron County for the past three years as such it was my duty to look after the Institutes and see that they were properly gotten up and managed. Heretofore the Institutes have not been the success they should have been and I had; become very much discouraged over the situation and had made up my mind several times to withdraw and let someone else take the management, who would be more successful than I thought I was. But the Institute held last week was such a successful one and so well attended and apparently appreciated, far beattended and apparently appreciated, inr be-yond any hope or expectations of mine, that I feel so very much encouraged and will endeav-our to serve my term out. Perhaps I have struck the proper cord or veia, and gas or oll will continue to flow to your and my benefit. Where dry holes are continually struck it is very discouraging and blue medicine. I do not mind working along this line when my efforts are appreciated and something is accomplished. I trust therefore, that in the future, Farmers' Institues will move along better and be attended and appreciated more than in the past. Thanking you, one and all again, I remain,

Yours truly, W. H. HOWARD.

Rural Telephone.

Mr. Uri Mulford, of Corning, N. Y., who attended the Farmers' Institute who attended the Farmers' institute last week and gave a talk on telephone, favored the PBESS office with a call. Mr. Mu ford's pleasing address we publish in full this week. Mr. M. is in close touch with the business and what

we hope to soon hear of a system of rural 'phones in this county, covering

Buy your clothing now at N. Seger's

Bacopted and expressive of the opinion of ourselves as well as our citizens generally: "Though not unanticipated,still it was with pe-cular sadness that the news was received last Monday morning: "Mrs. Walker is dead!" It is sad always when death invades the domestic domain, but sadder still is it when a husband is bereaved of a true and loving helpmate, who for one year past the half century mark had by sharing his joys doubled them and sharing his soviows divided them. Hence the reason for second the true and sharing his soviows divided them. Hence the reason for the start of the start of the set of the set of the start of the start of the set of the set of the start of the start of the set of the set of as wife and mother, much might be said, but as wife and mother, much might be said, but as wife and mother, much might be said, but as wife and mother, much might be said, but as wife and mother, much might be said, but as wife and mother, much might be said, but the but was the faitful. These words are not hard to utter, but believe me all that they im-part can be understood only by those who have confronted like duties and groaned beneath the burdens of like responsibilities. As wife, identity of interests with husband, anxiety and arduous duties attendant on hotherhood, what arduous of the near approach of the end, she betrayed no fear, nor failering. I said here fill every shough not long protracted, at times sorely severe, shough not long protracted, at times sorely severe in the sunglet, dwe like the flower that the sweet fragrance. She lived for others. Here home was the nucleus around which gathered here fondest affections, the place where they from the start amenes approximation in point and attendant upon its services, here affia-ton was the functions around which gathered he

we meet ther." At the close of the services, many friends filed through the parlor and viewed the remains for the last time, as they peacefully rested upon a hand-some Victoria Couch, (the latest crea-tion and beautiful), dressed in the same bridal gown that she wore \mathbf{z} for short months ago when calebrating the short months ago when celebrating the golden wedding-that happy, joyous

heed the desire of the Emporium Board, regardless of the calls of other churches petitioning for the transfer, and return Rev. Metzler to Emporium.

HORSE BLANKETS.-Entire line goes below cost. This is an opportunity to secure the celebrated Chase Bro's, blanket at a low prize. MURRY & COPPERSMITH CO.

Substantial Remembrance.

Substantial Remembrance. Mr. A. McInnes, Sr., of Corry, Pa., who formerly resided here, remembers the PRESs in a very substantial manner, at the same time presenting us with a handy desk measure, manufactured from the celebrated "McInnes Tool Steel". Thanks, very kindly. It is very gratifying to Mr. McInnes' Em-porium friends to know that he is pros-pering in Corry and that the McInnes Steele Company, an organization of cap-italists, are meeting with that success bound to follow a good article. Mr. A. McInnes, Sr., who is manager of the company and owner of the letters patent, is one of the best tool steel ex-perts in this country and we hope may reap that reward he is justly entitled to.

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