

The True Story of the First Telegram.

The bill met with neither success nor opposition in the Senate, but the business of that House went on with disconcerting slowness. At twilight on the last evening of the session (March 2, 1872) there were 119 bills before it. As it seemed impossible for it to be reached in regular course before the hour of adjournment should arrive, the Professor, who had a narrowly watched and ready movement of business all day from the gallery of the Senate chamber, went with a sad heart to his hotel and prepared to leave for New York at an early hour the next morning. While at breakfast, a servant informed him that a young lady desired to see him in the parlor.

There he met Miss Annie Ellsworth, then a young school girl—the daughter of his intimate friend, Hon. Henry L. Ellsworth, the first Commissioner of Patents—who said, as she extended her hand to him: "I have come to congratulate you."

"Upon what?" inquired the Professor. "Upon the passage of your bill," she replied. "Impossible! Its fate was sealed at dusk last evening. You must be mistaken."

"Not at all," she responded. "Father seems to think that your bill has passed. He remained until the session closed, and you was the last bill but one acted upon, and it was passed just five minutes before the adjournment; and I am so glad to be the first one to see it, and to tell you, too, that it must come home with me to breakfast."

The invitation was readily accepted, and the joy in the household was unbounded. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth had fully believed in the project, and the former, in consequence of his intimate friendship for Prof. Morse, had put into the closing hours of the session in the Senate chamber, doing what he could to help the bill along, and giving it all the influence of his high personal and official position.

"Was this the final of the young friend, the Professor himself, he again and again hearing him speak pleasant things, and assured for that she should send over the wires the first message, as her reward. The matter was talked over in the family, and Mrs. Ellsworth suggested that Prof. Morse should be invited to the dinner, for her approval; and this was the one which was subsequently sent.

A little more than a year after that time, the line between Washington and Baltimore was completed. Prof. Morse was in the four cities, and Mr. Alfred Vail, his assistant, in the latter, the first in the chamber of the Supreme Court, the first in the Mount Airy depot, when the circuit being perfect, Prof. Morse sent the first telegram for her message, and it came.

"WHAT HAPPENED TO MISS ELLSWORTH?" It was sent in triplicate in the dot-and-dash language of the instrument to Baltimore, and was the first message ever transmitted by a telegraphing telegraph. A facsimile of that first message, as Professor Morse's instrument is here given.

The story of this first message has been often told with many exaggerations. It has roamed about Europe with various romantic material attached to it, originating mainly in the French imagination, and has acted as an impetus to many a young man above country under fresh fancies, but the above story is simply and literally true. An inventor in despair receives the news of his unexpected success from his friend's daughter, and he makes her a promise which he keeps, and with an invention which becomes one of the controlling instruments of civilization for all time.—Scientist for March.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF CAMBRIA COUNTY.

Table showing receipts and expenditures for Cambria County from 1871 to 1872. Includes categories like Amount brought up, Amount paid, and various tax receipts.

We, the undersigned Auditors of Cambria County, do respectfully report that we have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers of the County for the year ending January 1, 1872, and find them to be correct, and as also the foregoing statement of the liabilities of said County.

Table listing various expenses and payments for Cambria County, including salaries, court costs, and other administrative expenses.

STATEMENT NO. 1—Giving cost of the New Prison, with price of Square of Town Lots, cost of new Jail, sidewalk, and other improvements.

Table showing the amount due Cambria County from judgments, including amounts owed by various individuals and businesses.

STATEMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, showing Liabilities and Assets of Cambria County on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1873, as follows:

Table detailing the receipts and expenditures of Cambria County for the year 1872, including tax receipts and various expenses.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS due from Collectors for 1872 and previous years. Lists names of collectors and the amounts owed.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE DISTRICT COURT of Cambria County from the 1st day of January, 1872, to the 30th day of January, 1873.

GLASS, ENQ. TREASURER, in account with the Directors of the Poor and House of Industry of Cambria County.

Table showing the financial account of the Poor and House of Industry, including amounts received from various sources and expenditures.

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Advertisement for R. R. R. RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the product's benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, detailing its effectiveness for treating fevers, colds, and other ailments.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, highlighting its use for children's ailments and its long-standing reputation.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, emphasizing its safety and effectiveness for a wide range of conditions.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, providing information on where to purchase the product and its price.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, featuring a testimonial and further details about the product's formulation.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, including a list of ailments it treats and its availability in various locations.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, describing its historical significance and continued popularity.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, concluding with a strong recommendation and contact information.

Advertisement for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, providing final details and a call to action for potential buyers.