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## MODERN METHODS

Might Improve the Wire Service.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPHY

Such as England Has is Needed in America—Postal Letters at Five Cents Each Would Pay.

The telegraph alone is unprogressive. It holds to its fixed policy of opposition to any change from the methods of fifty years ago. Thirty years ago Professor Morse honored an operator by the presentation of a golden miniature telegraph key for having transmitted forty-eight words in a minute. On the 14th of May just passed the first prize and championship of the United States was awarded to a young man for having reached with perfect Morse the rate of fifty and four-fifths words per minute, or a gain of three words in thirty years for the hand method of telegraphy.

And yet it is possible to transmit by machine three thousand words per minute between New York and Washington, and one thousand words per minute between New York and Chicago over a single wire.

With the machine system an ordinary telegram can be prepared for transmission in one minute, transmitted in one second, and translated by typewriter in half a minute, at a cost for labor, stationery, and general handling of two cents. The post-office could receive, transmit it and deliver telegrams of ten words over distances of three hundred miles for five cents, and make a profit, providing delivery was made by postmen on their regular rounds, thus avoiding special messengers. The benefits of such a service would be incalculable, inasmuch as nearly the entire time of transportation would be saved, and

for little more than double postage, such communications could be exchanged several times a day, using the present thoroughly organized system of the post office for collection and delivery. Thousands of small towns throughout the country now having but one mail a day could have hourly telegraph facilities for all communications of importance. The messages or telegraph letters could be prepared on a tape by the post-office clerk between times and transmitted mechanically at high speed to the point of distribution at stated times during the day or night, and twenty or more such towns could be accommodated on one wire and cleared with in rotation at short intervals, instead of holding letters of great urgency, perhaps twelve hours, for the train to come along and take them to the point of distribution, occupying perhaps twelve hours more. At these small stations the postmaster or any boy or girl could learn to operate the machine system in a week.

The advantages of cheap electrical facilities of communication are so great that the time can not be far distant when the post-office department will have under its own control well constructed lines, few in number, but of ample carrying capacity, connecting all points, great and small, with a comprehensive system of through and way-working centres of distribution and collection, thus giving the people of the country for a small but adequate charge the privilege of the telegraph so long denied them through misapprehension of its possibilities and undeserved consideration for combinations which have by a greedy policy deprived the country of its legitimate use. It may not be generally understood, but it is a fact, that even with the present slow methods of operation the telegraph wires of the country are fully occupied but four hours out of the twenty-four; for eight hours additional they are but half utilized, and for the remaining twelve hours about one-eighth of their capacity is used. The reason for this lies in the average thirty-cent toll for ten words and the hand method of transmission, averaging about fifteen words per minute. The telegraphic facilities allowed to go to waste would, if properly utilized, be more than sufficient to carry the entire United States mail.

The present situation may be summed up as follows: The telegraph owners have their capital invested in a great number of wires, all necessary to carry their business by hand methods of transmission. These great numbers of wires and poles, operated by the old methods, demand high tolls. To take down the bulk of those wires, and adopt improved methods of rapid machine transmission would impair the great capital invested. Should the government, however, make the postman a telegraph messenger as well, or give the public the advantages of quick correspondence at fair rates, the telegraph interests will have to change from an obsolete to an up-to-date method of doing business.—P. B. De'any.

## ISLANDER KILLED

Neck and Shoulder Broken.

## INTERRED IN THE U. S.

A Native of Upper Belle Creek Meets Death while Working in a Silver Mine in Montana.

Mr. David McKenzie, son of Murdoch McKenzie, Esq., of Upper Belle Creek, was killed recently in one of the silver-crushing mills in Montana, U. S. A. His neck and shoulder were broken while he was oiling the machinery. His body was interred in Montana where another brother's body also is buried. The deceased is spoken of as a quiet and well liked young man, who had a host of friends and whose death will be greatly mourned by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He lived in the west for quite a number of years, but spent a few months on the Island some four or five years ago visiting friends and acquaintances. To the grief-stricken parents and friends the GUARDIAN extends its hearty sympathy.

## RACE WAR IN DELAWARE.

Newspaper Office Burned and Hundreds Carrying Arms.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 10.—(Special)—A regular race war is on here. This morning the whites, 600 strong, including leading citizens, ministers of the gospel, etc, wrecked and burned the office of the Daily Record, a colored paper.

They declare the fire was accidental. Reprisals are feared and the streets are being patrolled by armed bodies of whites.

## THE PRINCE ACCEPTS.

Ministers Attend Lord Aberdeen's Reception at Montreal.

OTTAWA, Nov. 10.—[Special]—The Prince of Wales has accepted the honorary Colonelcy of the Prince of Wales Fusiliers.

MONTREAL, Nov. 10.—(Special)—members of Cabinet have left for Montreal to attend Lord Aberdeen's reception. Sir Wilfrid will leave for Washington on Monday to attend the adjourned conference.

## FISHING SCHOONER WRECKED

Crew Saved By Government Steamer Lansdowne.

HALIFAX, Nov. 10.—(Special)—The government steamer Lansdowne arrived this afternoon with the crew of the Gloucester schooner Mariner, lost off Sable Island with a hundred thousand pounds of fish.

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## TAKING OF PEACE

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## ALL FRENCH JOURNALS

Commending Salisbury's Speech While English Papers Criticise It—France Fitting Out Every Available Ship.

PARIS, Nov. 10.—[Special]—The French press generally speaks favorably of Lord Salisbury's speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet as tending toward a peaceful settlement, and placing the Fashoda question on proper ground.

It has been decided to fit out all available French warships and thirty reserves.

The papers all find fault with the American peace commissioners, declaring they have treated Spain unfairly in giving them in English a long document when none of the Spaniards can speak English.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—(Special)—The English papers criticize Lord Salisbury's speech as vague and not taking the public enough into his confidence. The Chronicle calls him "a meddler" and the News says he indulged in "a fit of diplomatic lues."

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## REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

Both Houses Will Be Republican This Time.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—(Special)—Returns at noon today show 183 Republicans elected to Congress, and 164 Democrats and Fusionists.

The Republicans gain seven seats in the Senate.

## ISLANDER PASSES

For Engineer's Certificate in St. John, N.B.

ST. JOHN, Nov. 10.—(Special)—John K. Sutherland of Charlottetown, has been granted a fourth class engineers' certificate.

## THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—(Special)—Rain, colder with rain or snow, then clearing, northeasterly gales shifting to westerly.

## CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, November 10.—[Special]—The following are the closing rates: Nov. wheat, 64½; corn, 31½; oats, 25½; pork, 7.85. Dec. wheat, 64½; corn, 31½; oats, 25½; pork, 7.85. May wheat, 65½; corn, 32½; oats, 24½.

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