

EDISON'S RIVAL

Prof. Rowland of Johns Hopkins University a Discoverer.

Makes a Radical Movement in Telegraphy.

SENDS FOUR MESSAGES

In Each Direction Over the Same Wire.

To Be Given a Practical Test at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 31.—From time to time reports have been received regarding a remarkable invention in the telegraphic art in an eastern city. It was claimed for it that it was greater, in an inventive way, than the famous duplexing principle of Dr. Nicholson, who, by the way, lived near California, Ohio, or the "gold and stock ticker" now familiar in every broker's office, hotel and saloon. It develops that Baltimore is the home of the discovery, and that Dr. Henry A. Rowland, of Johns Hopkins University, is Edison's latest rival. The invention is to be given a practical trial some day next week, and it will soon be known whether the business is to be revolutionized. Already the machine, or instrument, has been working in the laboratory for some time, and now the doctor will give it a practical test. The test will determine whether four messages can be transmitted at the same time in different directions. The instrument will endeavor to send four messages at the same time to Baltimore, and to receive at the same time, in Baltimore, four messages from that city. The instrument can be called a printing telegraph instrument. Its essential advantages over the instrument now in use are that it enables several messages to be sent and received together, and at the same time, from the same or separate stations over the same wire, that it makes it impossible to "trap" a wire and catch any one or more of the passing messages, and that it will not be affected by the weather. With these advantages, the expense of the new instrument will not be great. Prof. Rowland's patents are not yet fully secured, and he, accordingly, is fully ready to explain the instrument sufficiently to show "how it works." Next spring, however, he expects to have completed all the necessary preparations for a public exhibition, where the invention may be fully examined. A model instrument is now in operation in the Johns Hopkins physical laboratory. Notwithstanding the incompleteness of some of the details the little machine already performs its work successfully. When ready for practical use it will have a message printing capacity of at least 300 words per minute. The operation of the instrument may be most readily understood by beginning with a consideration of the part of the mechanism situated at the sending station. The sending instruments are fitted with key-boards, like typewriters, but the number is the same as that of the messages that may be desirable to send simultaneously. Eight is the regular number of messages that may be sent at one time, but it may be increased to ten, or even to twelve, without special inconvenience. Each keyboard must have a person to operate it; this person is the operator, and he is the receiving end of the line. Still, considering the sending instrument, and supposing all eight of the keyboards—it is in this respect that the difference is to be in use, the six operators rattle ahead with their messages as rapidly as they choose, and without regard to one another. It would be as though eight dispatches, switched on to a single wire, would produce hopeless confusion. In the design of Prof. Rowland's instrument the adjuster, by means of a separate letter of the respective messages cannot start the main wire out of their regular track. For example, suppose the first words of six sentences, started simultaneously, are "Jarvis," "Tonkers," "legue," and "Armenia." The adjuster would select in turn the letters "W, T, J, Y, L, A," and regulate the speed of rotation being constantly preserved. So long as the message-sending capacity of the instrument is not exceeded, it makes no difference whether the messages all be sent in one direction, or part of them in one direction and part in the other. The adjuster will accomplish his work as well with four messages going north and four coming south, or one going north and five coming south, or it will work with the whole group of the messages proceeding in the same direction. This result is made possible by the nature of the alternating current. At the receiving station the Rowland receiver performs its work without human aid. The eight messages are automatically separated, and distributed to six instruments. These print out the messages as fast as received. At present Dr. Rowland's instruments are fitted with keys on ribbons of paper, but as are used in the familiar "ticker," but his perfected machine will print the messages out on sheets of paper of any desired length, and at her home, she never has been a successful attempt to attain this result. Absolutely the only attention necessary at the receiving station is to supply the instrument with paper and take away the printed sheets. It is obvious that an adoption of the system would reduce the number of necessary operators of a line by just one-half, for the Morse system, now in use in this country, demands an operator to receive, as well as one to send the message. The mercantile advantages to be gained by the use of such a system, in a newspaper office, for example, the value of the time saved on such an occasion as an election night would be almost beyond calculation. The messages, when received, would be printed out, ready to be edited and put in type. The delay now caused by the necessity of writing out the messages, and their being received would be eliminated.

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THAT ALTON DEAL

Banks the Purchasers in Interest of Western Roads.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Tribune says: Since the return to Chicago, about ten days ago, of John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, who was in the city for several days at the time and held conferences with the financiers in regard to the sale of the Chicago & Alton railroad, the controlling interest in which he was believed to have been authorized to represent in these negotiations, little or nothing was heard about the Alton until Thursday, when it was learned that Mr. Mitchell was again in New York, having arrived here on Wednesday night, and had resumed his conferences with R. H. Harrison, who represented important interests in the Union Pacific, and is also identified with Vanderbilt and Gould interests, and who said at the time that the negotiations for the purchase of the road had been entrusted to himself. When Mr. Mitchell started for the west it was generally understood that he would in all probability be purchased by a syndicate of banks and bankers, among them being mentioned the First National and Chase National banks and the firm of Morgan, Morgan & Co., and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of this city, Hamilton & Co., of Baltimore, and Norman B. Resam, of Chicago. The syndicate, it was said, was acting in the interest of several western roads, including the Missouri Pacific, the Union Pacific, the Illinois Central and possibly the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf. It being the plan to operate the Alton as an independent road, the common interest of all the systems named. It is known that after the conference Thursday at the Union Pacific offices between Mitchell and Harrison, there was a conference there of lawyers and bankers, and it is generally believed in Wall street that during Mr. Mitchell's present stay in Chicago, the negotiations for the sale of the Alton to the syndicate, for account of railroads referred to, will be definitely completed, and that the purchase of the transaction will soon be made. Mr. Mitchell and Alton has been reported sold several times since it was first known to be in the market, five or six weeks ago. The Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad was first reported to be negotiating for the Alton. Then the Vanderbilt interests were said to be anxious to buy the road. The Union Pacific, in which the Vanderbilts have large holdings, was at one time said to be negotiating for the Alton. Then the Vanderbilt interests were said to be anxious to buy the road. The Union Pacific, in which the Vanderbilts have large holdings, was at one time said to be negotiating for the Alton. Then the Vanderbilt interests were said to be anxious to buy the road.

WILL BE A NOVEL DINNER

Unique Birthday Celebration Devised by a Rich Atlanta Citizen.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Jasper Smith, one of the wealthiest and most unique citizens of Atlanta, will celebrate his birthday this day with a "novel dinner." Mr. Smith is a very eccentric, always appearing in a high silk hat, while persistently refusing to wear a coat on any public occasion. He owns a fine hotel, the rooms of which are not numbered, but named after the different states. His friends, who are tonight to have as his guests 100 well known young men of the city, and will serve twenty-nine different kinds of meat, and fifty-seven different kinds of food, and a great variety among the guests, and he announces that after supper four weddings will take place. He refuses to divulge the names of the principals in the marriages, and the guests will come off. The celebration will be held in the "Kentucky" rooms. Mr. Smith holding that where so many varieties of drinks are served, it is the most appropriate state for the purpose.

DISMEMBERS HER CHILD

Mother Coolly Tells of Her Crime to Her New Born Girl.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Alice Jenkins, aged 17, was last night arrested by Detective Brown at her home on New Street, for the murder of her newly born baby girl. The deed was committed at the home of Patrick O'Hearn, in this city, where she was employed as a domestic. She was the daughter of John Jenkins, an engineer at Price's stone quarry. She was brought to the city prison. She made a full confession of the crime. Her version of the crime, though told with stoicism, that apparently indicates a remarkable degree of coolness and bloodiness, does not agree with the known facts. "I admit I tore the child to pieces," she announced in a matter of fact way. She was reminded that the corpse, when found, showed that arms, legs and head had been cut off with a hatchet. "I didn't cut it," was the reiterated declaration of the girl. "I tell you I tore off one arm and one leg with my own hands. Then I threw the body away."

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MERRIAM'S APPOINTMENT

Said to Depend Upon the Will of Senator Davis' Wife.

New York, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Evening Journal from Washington says: If former Governor Merriam of Minnesota is chosen to succeed Mr. Hitchcock as ambassador to St. Petersburg, it will probably be for the reason that a woman wills it.

SPANIARDS DEPOSE THE GOVERNOR

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Natives Massacre the Spanish Garrison at Panopli.

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ELI WILLIAMS' PLAN.

Proposes to Make the Bank Commissioner Elected by the People.

Eli Williams, the banker member of the house from McPherson county, is preparing to take an amendment to the Bank Commissioner bill, providing that the bank commissioner shall be elected by the people. "I think not. Colonialism, imperialism and all questions growing out of the war with Spain will have been disposed of before it comes time to formulate the party issues in next year's campaign. What will be the great issue?" "There can be but one question, which will rise in towering prominence above all others. I refer to the silver question."

SENATOR TELLER'S IDEA.

Says that Free Silver Will be the Great Issue in 1900.

New York, Dec. 31.—A Washington dispatch to the World says: The question of free silver was an issue in the campaign of 1897? was asked of Senator Henry M. Teller, the leader of the silver forces in the senate. "I think not. Colonialism, imperialism and all questions growing out of the war with Spain will have been disposed of before it comes time to formulate the party issues in next year's campaign. What will be the great issue?" "There can be but one question, which will rise in towering prominence above all others. I refer to the silver question."

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