

# FATHER OF THE HELLO GIRLS

Keokuk's First Telephone System Was Put in Because Cy. Dolbear Needed a Job and Had One Made for Him.

## HERE FOR FORTY YEARS

Has Become Known and Liked by Everybody Belonging to Keokuk During His Long Residence Here.

Forty years ago, about midnight last night, Cyrus Dolbear came to stay so thoroughly that he has hardly been out of town since. He was married in the university town of Delaware, Ohio, and came here after a sojourn over in Illinois.

Everybody in town knows Cy. Dolbear, though only the directory man and his company auditor know whether his name is Cyrus or Silas. He began his labors here in the Washburn railroad office, as a starter, and incidentally as the first job open to an accountant and office man.

"The first telephone exchange in Keokuk was put in to give me a job," said Mr. Dolbear to some friends last evening.

His brother, W. H. Dolbear, the prominent telegraph man, was then Western Union manager here and of course interested in Cy. Even that day back the elder brother showed signs of the managerial ability which has made him so successful since, and he conceived the idea that the new telephone company needed to enter Keokuk and hire Cy. And so it did. Cy Dolbear helped erect the first switchboard ever in Keokuk, and three later ones as the system grew and inventions advanced the art of telephony.

### Becomes a Business Landmark.

With some intervals of ill health, he remained in the telephone company service as long as W. H. Dolbear was here and managed the local exchange. He followed his brother to Des Moines but remained there only two months, succumbing to that Keokuk somickness familiar to everybody who ever lived here and really benighted.

He returned here to the Western Union telegraph office as cashier and accountant and has been sitting there since behind the counter at a roll-top desk with a telephone at his right hand and a pile of papers covered with figures at his left hand and in front of him so long that if he were to leave that office would be as strange as if the instruments all became noiseless, or the messenger boys were girls.

### Is Charged With Efficiency.

He can tell the rate to Cashville, Mo., without stopping the addition of a column of figures, either, day rate, night rate, day letter, night letter or press rate.

He can take a message addressed to Jacob Huggentubler, in the country, and in an astonishingly short time be reading it to the addressee over the telephone line out in Cedar township, Lee county, over in St. Mary's township, Hancock county, Illinois, or down back of Satusza, Missouri.

He can tell a woman how to tell the same thing in ten words, instead of nineteen, while he is balancing his cash. He can tell whether a man with a collect message to send is honest or trying to beat the company at a single glance up from his report blank No. 7. He can take a message by telephone and get it on the wire right every time.

### Sees World Through Young Specs.

He can do everything the public wants done, except get a telegram delivered at Lawrenceville, Illinois, before the sender gets there by train—and that is because his control of things is limited to that desk of his, and does not extend to the Chicago, Danville and other offices.

Two important things about Cy. Dolbear must not be omitted from any sketch of him. One is that he served as city weigher for a term when he needed fresh air.

And the other is his specs. They

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are big and stoutly framed and he looks through them, over them, under or around them with equal ability to count water-power as two words and send the fastest messenger boy to the best customer.

Everybody loves Cy. Dolbear will stay right there for forty years more and still stay as young as he is now.

He is not a telegraph operator. He is the nephew of the great physicist Dolbear, who always claimed that Alexander Bell stole the telephone invention from himself.

## 1912 ALMANACS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Appearance of "Compendiums of Information" Determines What Days to Observe.

The 1912 almanacs and "guides to health," those compendiums of information, useful and otherwise, some of which have been appearing annually, are here.

According to the almanac there will be several eclipses in 1912 as follows:

A partial eclipse of the moon, April 1-2. Invisible. Visible to Europe, Asia and Africa, and in parts of the northeastern tip of North America, South America, except the northwest portion, and the western portion of Australia.

A central eclipse of the sun, April 17. Visible to the eastern portion of North America, the northern and northeastern portions of South America, Europe, northwest Africa, and the western part of Asia.

A partial eclipse of the moon, September 25. Visible to the central and western portions of North America, Australia and the Pacific ocean, and in part of the eastern and central portions of Asia.

A total eclipse of the sun, October 10. Visible to the northeast tip of the United States, the southern part of Mexico, Central America, the West Indies, South America and the southern end of Africa.

### Lent Comes Early in 1912.

The almanacs also remind the people that Lent comes unusually early in 1912, dating from February 21st. Following are the fixed and movable feasts, fasts and anniversaries:

- January 6—Epiphany.
- February 4—Septuagesima Sunday.
- February 18—Quinquagesima, Shrove Sunday.
- February 21—Ash Wednesday.
- February 25—First Sunday in Lent.
- March 1—St. David.
- March 17—St. Patrick.
- March 25—Annunciation—Lady day.
- March 31—Palm Sunday.
- April 4—Good Friday.
- April 7—Easter Sunday.
- April 14—Low Sunday.
- April 23—St. George.
- May 12—Rogation Sunday.
- May 16—Ascension day.
- May 26—Pentecost—Whit Sunday.
- June 2—Trinity Sunday.
- June 6—Corpus Christi.
- June 24—St. John Baptist.
- September 29—Michaelmas day.
- November 30—St. Andrew.
- December 1—First Sunday in Advent.
- December 6—St. Nicholas.
- December 21—St. Thomas.
- December 25—Christmas day.
- December 27—St. John Evangelist.

### Other Days of Note.

- Following are the ember days of the year: February 28, March 1-2, May 29-31, June 1, September 18-29-21, December 18-20-21.
- New Year's day comes on Monday next year.
- "Ground Hog" day February 2, is on Friday.
- Lincoln's birthday, February 12, is on Monday.
- Washington's birthday, February 22, is on Tuesday.
- McKinley's birthday, February 26, is on Monday.
- St. Patrick's day, March 17, is on Sunday.
- "April Fool's day," April 1, is on Monday.
- Memorial day, May 30, is on Thursday.
- The Fourth of July comes on Thursday.
- Labor day will be observed Monday, September 2.
- Thanksgiving day will be on November 28.
- Christmas comes on Wednesday in 1912.

## PERSONALS.

Edward Knox Johnstone has returned to Madison, Wis., to resume his college duties after spending the holidays in this city with his parents.

Mrs. William Wohlwend of Burlington visited with Keokuk relatives last week.

Miss Harshman has been spending the holidays with relatives at Wiggins, Colorado.

Harry C. Crawford has returned to Keokuk from Crawfordsville, Indiana and will resume newspaper reporting.

## SOMETHING NEW IN COURTSHIP

Elopement of Donald C. Chestnut With Minister's Daughter Brings to Light Unusual Romance.

## MINISTER'S INFLUENCE

Wedding Took Place Sunday at Ft. Madison With Rev. J. M. Elam Performing the Ceremony.

Donald C. Chestnut and Gene Marie Thompson were married Sunday at Ft. Madison by Rev. J. M. Elam, pastor of the First Christian church.

A Pre-arranged Affair. According to Mrs. Samuel H. Chestnut, 1119 Des Moines street, mother of the twenty-one year old groom, the romance was a pre-arranged affair.

To a Gate City reporter today she told her story which was punctuated with protests against the marriage of her son to a minister's daughter, not, however, that she opposes ministers anu their daughters, but simply because the union did not meet with her approval.

"The first I knew that the ceremony had been performed was late Sunday morning when Donald called over the long distance phone. We have been expecting the marriage, but nevertheless were surprised.

### The Beginning of it.

Donald Chestnut was a member of the Bank Street Christian church several years ago when Rev. Suzanne Thompson came to Keokuk to preach the gospel. According to the mother's story, the minister must have taken a liking to her son, for it was soon rumored that she had planned to build a romance about her own daughter and the religious young member of her congregation.

Later, Gene Marie, four years Donald's senior, and easily showing it, came to the city and the romance, gently fostered by the minister-mother, grew into something real.

The Chestnut family tried daily to dissuade the young son, but Rev. Thompson's influence and love for the girl are said to have been more weighty.

### Marriage the Consummation.

Persistently the Chestnut parents withheld their consent and still withhold it, but without avail. Impatiently the young couple watched the days roll by until a time when the groom-elect would have reached the age of twenty-one and no longer need the consent of his mother and father.

His twenty-first birthday arrived last week and preparations were hastily made for the marriage. Secretly they went to Fort Madison Sunday morning where the wedding ceremony was performed.

The couple will live at 303 South Twelfth street.

### Rapped the Senators.

Mr. Heyburn of Idaho sometimes has trouble in getting a large audience of his fellows when he speaks on the floor of the senate. One day last July, he rose to make a speech, and, seeing that there were only three men besides himself in their places he moved to adjourn. This was prevented by the assembling of a quorum of senators who had been sitting in the cloakrooms. In beginning his delayed speech, he said: "I do not understand the conduct of senators. I have seen them under all phases. I have seen a senator leave this chamber when he should stay here and receive good advice. I have seen him leave this chamber when, by remaining, he could have given good advice. The only thing I never saw a senator do was to back out of the door in the middle of his own speech."

### Little Trick of Humanity.

It is a brave and agreeable trait in human nature that makes people lie about the distance they have walked.—Filson Young in Saturday Review.

## WOMEN

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## New Year's Resolutions

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MULDRUP, Okla., Jan. 1.—Sam Turner, a negro, pre-celebrated New Year's by stealing a locomotive, ditching it, killing a farmer and attacking his wife and then getting drunk. He resolved to do it again, but a mob with the same resolution hanged him outside the jail.

### The Mighty Smith.

WOOD RIVER, Ill., "The Smithy a mighty man, is he," resolved the citizens of Wood River and advertised for a man with "strong and sinewy arms" to stand under "the budding chestnut tree." Today they received over 100 applications for the job and more are expected.

### Three Years.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—"Resolved: I will reach the Atlantic coast if I have to fly for three years to get there"—Aviator Robert G. Fowler, who has arrived here after two months of vicissitudes and accidents since leaving Los Angeles.

### Foreign Minister.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—"If I can't be vice president, I will be foreign minister," Pine Suarez, elected vice president but unable to serve because the office was abolished, when informed that Foreign Minister Manuel Calero would resign. President Madero confirmed Suarez resignation.

### Oh You Kid!

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—"That our celebration was the best ever,"—Missouri Athletic club which carried a three month's old girl baby, nude, around the assembly room as a sign of the new leap year.

### Kidding Chauffeurs.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—"That we won't be kidded by any more chauffeurs"—The reserve squad called out at midnight when a score of automobiles' drivers backfired in unison to salute 1912. A race war was reported.

### Blank Shells.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—"Not to celebrate any more New Year's with ball cartridges"—Joseph Carriola, now in a cell for accidentally killing Francis Bonarito while celebrating last night with "blank shells."

## THREE CROWNED HEADS ON THE PILLOWS

Prince William, Prince Luitpold and Emperor Franz Josef Are All Sick.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Jan. 1.—Three members of European royalty are not to take part in the New Year's festivities today because of illness. Frederick William, crown prince of Germany, is still confined to his quarters at Danzig, suffering from a severe cold which prevents him from spending the holidays at the palace at Berlin which he had planned.

Prince Luitpold, regent of Bavaria, who was thrown from his horse some time ago, is unimproved and it is feared he will not recover because of his advanced age.

Emperor Franz Josef, of Austria, is still ailing, and aside from greeting the members of his family, he was forced to spend the day in seclusion.

## BOYS' PROGRAM AT 'Y' TONIGHT

Big New Year's Carnival Will be Held in Gymnasium—Many to Take Part.

A half hundred or more boys will participate in the big New Year's carnival and program at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium this evening, when many spectacular exhibitions will be staged. The program as has been arranged will be instructive in an athletic way as well as being highly amusing. The funny clowns are certain to keep you laughing all of the time, while the well trained acrobats will do daring feats on the apparatus. It is an athletic program better than anything that has been prepared for some time.

## PAUL PEEVED AT REPORTER

Former City Tax Collector Is to be Married Tonight and Did Not Want Friends to Know About It.

## ANNABLE TRIES TO HELP

Veteran Clerk Arranges Meeting, But Reporter Visits Court House Just in Time to get New Year's Story.

Paul R. Luedtke, former city tax collector, would have been quietly married to Miss Anna E. Hubenthal at St. Paul's German Evangelical church tonight had it not been for the untimely visit of a reporter to the district court clerk's office this morning. Now Mr. Luedtke is peeved because he knows the entire city will know about it when The Gate City is delivered into virtually every home with its New Year's distribution.

Mr. Luedtke, wearing a warm overcoat and a happy smile, arranged a meeting at the clerk's office with Clerk D. H. Annable. Mr. Annable is pretty keen when it comes to assisting those timid grooms and the hour set was one which Mr. Annable believed would be reporterless.

The license was issued and the former tax collector had just paid his dollar and a half when a reporter, hungry for New Year's stories, burst through the door.

"Congratulations," greeted the reporter as he gazed at the record and shoved Mr. Luedtke a gloved hand. "Best wishes for a happy New Year and a happy married life."

A frown settled over the collector's broad face. "Sh! Sh! Don't you think you could forget this little announcement until tomorrow. You see Anna and I want to be married quietly at the church this evening."

"Nothing doing," shouted the reporter as he darted through the door and was gone. "Good night."

Paul R. Luedtke is well known in the city, having held the office of city tax collector for several terms under the old administration. The office was abolished by the present city commission Miss Hubenthal is a daughter of Charles Hubenthal, after whom Hubenthal's Grove was named.

### Foley Kidney Pills

always give satisfaction because they always do the work: J. T. Shelnut, Bremen, Ga., says: "I have used Foley Kidney Pills with great satisfaction and found more relief from their use than from any other kidney medicine. I've tried almost all kinds. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers for kidney and bladder trouble." Wilkinson & Co.

### Fair Play for American Goods in European Markets.

It is beginning to be apparent that numbers of large industries in the United States whose interests have not, despite strong governmental efforts, been accorded fair treatment abroad, are going to make strenuous efforts to enable the government of the United States to properly care for those interests.

Singularly enough, although interest is usually taken in recommendations of the president respecting foreign relations, the press seems not to have grasped the importance of President Taft's recommendation of the change referred to. It is claimed that the retaliatory clause of the law as it now stands has probably proved effective in securing for United States exports generally fair tariff treatment.

Discriminations, however, against American trade have apparently not yet all been removed. This is evidenced by complaints, for instance, in the south, of the discriminatory treatment which the government of Austria-Hungary accords cottonseed oil. It is said that the market in Austria-Hungary is closed for the oil and that the former trade of approximately five millions of dollars per annum has been utterly destroyed by the increase of the tariff.

The fertilizer manufacturing industry in the south, as well as the consumers of fertilizers throughout the country, believe that if a modification of Section 2 can be secured, the existing unfortunate situation respecting the price of potash salts can be speedily and satisfactorily cleared up.

The instances above are but two of a large number of similar complaints, but they are of particular interest to the people of the south.

Sentiment appears to be rapidly growing for the view that the democratic party can, with much credit to itself, aid in relieving such situations as the above, by heeding the recom-

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- 1 gal. Sauer Kraut . . . 20c
- Good rice, per lb. . . . . 5c
- 2 pkgs. Mince Meat . . . 15c
- 2 pkgs. raisins . . . . . 15c
- 1 lb. Pure ground pepper . . . . . 25c
- 6 bars Northwest soap 25c
- 8 bars Lenox Soap . . . 25c
- 6 bars Ivory Soap . . . 25c
- 1 doz. best Sugar corn 90c
- 1 doz. Early June Peas . . . . . \$1.10
- 1 doz handpacked tomatoes . . . . . \$1.10
- 1 doz String Beans . . . 90c
- 2 cans kraut . . . . . 15c
- 1 bu. potatoes . . . . . 95c
- 1 lb. Scrap tobacco . . . 35c
- 1 lb. Horseshoe Tobacco . . . . . 45c
- 1 lb. Golden Rule Tobacco . . . . . 40c
- 25c Extract . . . . . 20c
- 25c K C Baking Powder . . . . . 20c
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## SPEECHLESS FOR THANKS

Mena, Ark.—"I find Cardui to be all you represent," writes Mrs. H. B. York, of this city. "I suffered from womanly ailments, for nearly two years, before I tried Cardui. I have been so relieved since taking it. I cannot say enough in its praise. It has done me a world of good, and I recommend Cardui to all women." Cardui is over 50 years old, and the demand is greater today than ever. Cardui is the standard, tonic medicine, for women of every age. Would you like to be well and strong? Then take Cardui. Its record shows that it will help you. Begin today Why wait?

## CITY NEWS.

—Masonic: Regular meeting of Eagle Lodge No. 12, A. F. and A. M., 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, January 2, 1912. Visiting brethren fraternally invited. By order of the W. M. S. H. Johnston, secretary.

—With the temperature below the 10 degree mark, the fire department was called to the Pelgen residence, 723 Timea street, at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Fire from a defective flue burned a large hole in the roof.

—A. Gordon, a member of the Keokuk colored Gtd Fellows, died Sunday at the County Farm of Bright's disease.

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