

TELEPHONES FOR FARMERS

Handy Instruments Are Increasing Throughout the Country and Much Benefit is Derived.

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By Their Use Farmers Can Keep in Touch With the Markets and Save Many Useless Trips.

It is estimated that during the last five years telephones have been put into nearly 500,000 rural homes. The farmer finds that with the telephone he can keep in touch with the market, selling his products or live stock when quotations are the most favorable, says the New York World.

By sparing himself and his help useless trips back and forth for the purpose of delivering his products or of ascertaining the status of the market, he now saves a vast amount of time in the course of the year. When he is assured by information over the telephone that he can sell to advantage he loads up his wagon, and not till then.

As illustrating the advantage of keeping in telephone touch with the market, an incident in last year's transactions in broom corn in Illinois is related. A prospective rise in the market was preceded by great activity on the part of the brokers.

Buyers from the outside began to clean up the broom corn at \$60 a ton, when a telephone manager called on the farmers on his system and told them the market was rapidly rising.

The result was that before the season ended they got \$240 a ton for their crop. One farmer reports that in addition to getting nearly double the usual work out of his teams through their being saved futile trips to market, he has been able to do away with the hire of two men, as he could spend more time on his farm and save the diminished output of the hands at work in his absence.

Another farmer saved all his buildings by being able to summon help quickly from a nearby town and also from his neighbors, when a fire broke out. Still another, by getting a physician promptly, saved the life of his only son when a delay of half an hour would have been fatal.

In the early days of a rural telephone the farmers were content to utilize their fence wires for intercommunication, and in many districts, particularly in the western states, this method so reduced the cost of installation as to give many communities effective service which otherwise they would have had to do without. But the farmers are becoming more fastidious. They now want good service and are getting it.

The systems employed range from a single line, with from three to four to a dozen instruments connected, to comprehensive systems covering entire counties and having hundreds of patrons. For instance, in Geauga county, Ohio, near Cleveland, where there is a population of about 14,000, there are about 1,000 patrons, the number in each township ranging from 50 to nearly 400. Great attention is paid to toll service and the best construction and apparatus are insisted on as being in the long run the most economical.

An example of the village and rural exchange is New Augusta, Ind., with seventy-five subscribers, fifty of whom are farmers, the most distant being about seven miles.

When a single neighborhood line with a few instruments attached is desired, a switchboard is not necessary. The subscribers signal each other direct by giving different combinations of rings.

So easy has the organization of rural telephone systems become that it is safe to predict that within a very few years the majority of the 4,000,000 farmers said to be yet unprovided with telephone service will have followed the example of their more enterprising brethren and brought themselves within touch of civilization. If any company wishes to install a system, no matter how limited, it has only to communicate with a reputable installation firm to receive the fullest and clearest instructions as to how to get about it.

A favorite method of organizing is for the farmers to form co-operative companies for the furnishing of service only to the locality in which the subscribers live. Sometimes the service is furnished by nearby telephone exchanges running lines into the rural districts.

In some places service can be given by city companies. In such cases the farmers can form themselves into a company, subscribe for the stock on pro rata or other basis and install the system, running a direct line from their switchboard to that of the nearest town or city exchange.

This is called the community system, the heart of which is the small switchboard, from which radiate, in different directions, the lines to which the various subscribers' telephones are attached.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS. (Continued from last week.) R. W. Noble, \$3. Phillip Jimmerfield, \$3. A. McMillan \$3. H. H. Wright, \$3. Board adjourned to 9 A. M. December 12, 1904. Board called to order at 9 A. M. December 12, 1904. All present. During the forenoon the Board viewed the proposed road running from the Brewery to 1st. Avenue in the City of Lewistown.

Dr. H. H. Wilson, Examination In-sane, \$5. Dr. H. H. Wilson, Salary County Physician, \$150. DeKalb & Ayers, Defending Prisoner, \$25. Gilt Edge Mercantile Co., Supplies for Jail, \$71.07. Court Expense, \$5. C. C. Reid, Cash advanced, \$110.95. F. J. Hazen, Road Work, \$142. W. W. Badger, Collecting Tax \$17.30. H. J. Betten, M. D., Quarantine Expense, \$50. J. B. Atchison, M. D., Examination In-sane, \$5. Frank Moshier Ice, \$13.86. F. J. Hazen, Cash advanced, \$110.95. P. Slater, Mileage, \$4.60. F. F. Attix, M. D., Examination In-sane, \$5. John M. Vrooman, Advertising, \$328.03. John M. Vrooman, Job Work and Stamped Envelopes, \$416.65. Montana Hardware Co., Supplies, \$44.25. Cooley Keyes, Deputy Sheriff, \$21. William Page, nightwatch jail, \$120. Charles Raser, deputy sheriff, \$3. Bills were disallowed as follows: Lewistown Democrat, publishing returns, \$45. Frank Lamb, meals for election judges, \$5. W. A. Shaules, meals for election judges, \$14. James Jones, damages, \$27.50. Board adjourned to 9 a. m. December 13, 1904. Board called to order at 9 a. m. December 13, 1904. All present. Bills were allowed as follows: Silas P. Holbrook, work at court house, \$1.50. Lewistown Telephone Co., telephone rental, \$70. John Slater, board prisoners, \$98.50. Chas. Foster, supplies for jail, \$17.5. Adam B. Fox, collecting tax, \$13. E. S. Plaus, deputy treasurer, \$150. L. P. Slater, board prisoners, \$6.40. L. P. Slater, mileage, \$221.50. L. P. Slater, mileage, \$4. L. P. Slater, mileage, \$31. L. P. Slater, mileage, \$42. L. P. Slater, mileage, \$106.40. L. P. Slater, mileage, \$169.20. John M. Vrooman, blanks, \$37.09. John M. Vrooman, supplies, \$134.10. Lewistown Telephone Co., telephone toll, \$44. Judith Hardware Co., court house repairs, \$21.90. Dr. W. A. Long, examination in-sane, \$5. Lewistown telephone Co., \$37.54. Lee Perrine, road work, \$168. Citizens Electric Light Co., lights, \$152.47. Art Metal Construction Co., vault fixtures, \$157.25. Montana Hardware Co., supplies, \$77.50. L. P. Slater, miscellaneous, \$30.50. John Jackson, Jr., justice peace fees, \$24. Mrs. J. Dakin, witness justice court, \$1.50. Mrs. C. Raser, witness justice court, \$1.50. Mrs. B. Robinson, same, \$1.50. Mrs. C. Raser, same, \$1.50. John A. Wberly, same, \$1.50. Wilber Moore, same, \$1.50. Chas. Raser, constable fees, \$2. Chas. Stack, witness justice court, \$1.50. John Tucson, same, \$1.50. D. M. Sherman, road work, \$86. W. F. Hannah, road work, \$71.50. Neil McLean, road work, \$100. John Gallanger, road work, \$32. Dolar Brabant, road work, \$147. Jesse Sample, road work, \$166. John Jelinek, road work, \$156. John P. Ducks, road work, \$46. Brit Stuber, road work, \$116. S. H. Sutton, road work, \$64. Michael Trachy, road work, \$213. Matt Wanebo, road work, \$28. Thos. Merryfield, road work, \$68. W. W. Clifford, road work, \$35.24. John Jenl, road work, \$47. John Berven, road work, \$52. Wentworth & Decker, election expense, \$3.50. J. C. Clark, wood for county charge, \$3.50. Lewistown Livery Stable, team hire, \$8.00.

Minutes of a special session of the board of commissioners of Fergus county, Montana, held on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1904, and called for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before said meeting. Board called to order at 9 a. m. December 14th. Present: Samuel Phillips, chairman; W. T. Neill, N. L. Poland, commissioners; F. J. Hazen, clerk. Rebates of taxes were allowed as follows: W. S. Smith, mortgages, \$59.65. B. McDunnell, land, \$1.18. W. E. Wilson, mining claim, \$1.61. Hugo A. Raw, horses, \$8.06. Estate of Mary Biglen, personal property, \$6.53. Geo. H. Payne, land, \$8.95. Alex. McMilling, horses, \$4.16. Columbus Regil, land, \$6.66. Lewistown and Grass aRnge Telephone Co., telephone line, \$5.25. J. J. Woodhurst, horses, \$4.55. C. F. Randolph, land, \$3.01. William Simpson, land, \$4.10. H. Y. McLaughlin, mortgage, \$11.46. It was ordered that D. J. Kane be allowed \$82.59 on account of work done on court house. The board ordered that a warrant be drawn in favor of the Fergus County Fair association for \$1,000, the same being the amount of the appropriation of Fergus county for said fair association for the year 1904. Reductions of assessments for the year 1904 were ordered as follows: Thomas Pratt, in full. Henry Semege, in full. R. P. Thompson, mortgage, \$4.722. Mrs. H. Sabington, horses, \$80. John L. Bright, mortgages, \$6.735. B. McDunnell, mortgage, \$2.006. Kendall Investment Co., lots, \$20. M. I. Burke, mortgage, \$3.200. W. R. Hoopes, mortgage, \$1.000. Beatrice Rochelen, stock, \$216. Rebates of taxes were disallowed as follows: L. D. Sandidge, cattle, \$9.54. Edward Kriebbaum, land, \$2.36. Reductions of assessments for the year 1904 were disallowed as follows: Ole Vinger, land, \$1.250. C. M. Ketelson, mortgage, \$82. C. A. Bass, personal property, \$155. Elvin Crook, mortgage, \$300. Wm. G. Grupe, poor tax, \$2. L. D. Sandidge, cattle, \$28. A. H. Betty, Election Expense, \$5. Chas. V. Peck, same, \$3. Joe St. John, Road Work, \$130. H. P. Imishund, Road Supplies, \$15. O. W. Belden, Cash advanced, \$87.95. Dr. H. H. Wilson, Quarantine Expense, \$150.

Wm. T. Neill, commissioner's salary, \$48. Lewistown Coal Co., coal \$39.98. Irwin-Hodson Co., supplies, \$11. Geo. H. Day, team hire, \$2. Montana Hardware Co., road supplies, \$166.50. Frank Piper, road work, \$20. Wentworth & Decker, stage fare, \$1.50. Fad Shoe Store, supplies, \$14.50. John Bove, moving pauper, \$12. Power Mercantile Co., supplies, \$128.05. J. H. Pratt, digging grave, \$6. S. H. Powell, ironing rack, \$3. Henry Shipman, same, \$3. W. H. Barney, same, \$3. R. W. Clifford, same, \$3. W. O. Downing, same, \$3. Montana Hardware Co., road supplies, \$37.55. G. R. Greel, coffin for pauper, \$36. Wm. Knipe, constable fees, \$2. Sophia McCune, witness justice court, \$1.50. Chas. Skaggs, same, \$1.50. H. A. Johnson, same, \$1.50. Peter Martindale, same, \$1.50. P. C. Weidert, juror justice court, \$1.50. J. T. Reed, same, \$1.50. E. J. Rule, same, \$1.50. J. Chandler, same, \$1.50. A. Skaggs, same, \$1.50. A. J. Clarke, same, \$1.50. E. E. Sulter, witness justice court, \$4.70. Wm. Longmaid, juror justice court, \$1.50. John Cameron, same, \$1.50. Orlando Sawyer, justice peace fees, \$20. Tom Kusick, witness justice court, \$3.50. Tom Simpson, same, \$3.50. Jack Smith, same, \$3.50. W. A. Waite, same, \$1.50. Dugal McGregor, same, \$1.50. Wm. Jackson, Sr., juror justice court, \$1.70. Dr. Poska, same, \$1.50. Lm. Judd, same, \$1.70. Wm. Thompson, same, \$1.50. James Murphy, same, \$2.10. W. K. Chambers, same, \$1.50. W. Korell, justice peace fees, \$18.50. Tubb Bros., jail contract, \$1,000. J. H. Daniels, board prisoners, \$17. J. S. Kelly, election expense, \$10. P. Flangan, constable fees, \$39.10. Board adjourned to December 28, 1904.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Isolated Tract)—U. S. Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Jan. 5, 1905. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the commissioner of the general land office, under authority vested in him by section 2455, U. S. Revised Statutes, as amended by the act of congress approved February 26, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale at 2 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1905, at this office the following tract of land, to-wit: The s½ sw¼, sec 25, tp 14 n, r 14 e, Mont. P. M. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in the office of the register at Lewistown, Montana, on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 11.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—Department of the Interior, Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Jan. 7, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Montana, on Tuesday, February 21, 1905, viz: FRANK R. SPENCER, who made H. E. No. 1895, for the s½ sw¼, s½ se¼, sec 1, tp 18 n, r 12 e, Mont. P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Chancy M. Stubbs, Homer Peck, Lee Bain, William B. Peck, all of Stanford, Mont. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 11.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—Notice for Publication—Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Jan. 4, 1905. Notice is hereby given that HERBERT MILLIND, of Fergus county, Mont., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert land claim No. 1471, for the sw¼ ne¼, nw¼ se¼, n½ sw¼, sec 17, tp 16 n, r 25 e, Mont. P. M., before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Mont., on Tuesday, the 14th day of February, 1905. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: David Forman, John Eschleman, of Grass Range; Walter W. Allan, Charles E. Moulton, of Edgewater, Mont. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 11.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—Notice for Publication—Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Jan. 6, 1905. Notice is hereby given that PHOBE M. PERRINE, assignee of Leon H. Drake, of Billings, Yellowstone county, Mont., has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert land claim No. 1321, for the se¼ ne¼, e¼ se¼, sw¼ se¼, sec 5, ne¼, sec 8, tp 12 n, r 15 e, Mont. P. M., before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Mont., on Monday, the 13th day of February, 1905. She names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: David M. Wright, Millard Singleton, Elsworth Draper, Burton C. White, all of Garnett, Mont. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 11.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before said 12th day of March, 1905. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 4.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—Notice for Publication—Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Dec. 31, 1904. Notice is hereby given that CHARLES A. SMITH, of Lavina, Mont., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert land claim No. 1382, for the e¼ ne¼, sec 17, tp 9 n, r 22 e, Mont. P. M., before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Mont., on Tuesday, the 14th day of February, 1905. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: James B. Elliot, John Elliot, Alexander Morrison, of Highfield; Donald Fowler, of Lewistown, Mont. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 4.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—Department of the Interior, Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Dec. 30, 1904. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Mont., on February 9, 1905, viz: CHRISTIAN H. LEE, who made H. E. No. 2045, for the s½ ne¼, lots 1 and 2, sec 5, tp 17 n, r 18 e, Mont. P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Octave Lucier, Charles S. Lucier, John J. Ile, of Lewistown; Theodore J. Ile, of Kendall, Mont. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 4.

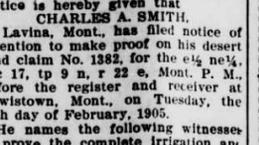
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—Department of the Interior, Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Jan. 3, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Montana, on Friday, February 10, 1905, viz: JOHNSON STRONG, who made H. E. No. —, for the sw¼ ne¼, w¼ se¼, ne¼ sw¼, sec 2, tp 14 n, r 11 e, Mont. P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Leslie M. Parkins, of Stanford, Joseph Dunsmore, James Strong, Elizabeth E. Strong, of Utica, Mont. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 4.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—Notice for Publication—U. S. Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Dec. 31, 1904. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, LOUISE C. FOLLMER, of Kendall, county of Fergus, state of Montana, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 119, for the purchase of lots 11 and 12, of sec 35, tp 18 n, r 17 e, Mont. P. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at Lewistown, Montana, on Saturday, the 11th day of March, 1905. He names as witnesses: Frank F. Monkers, Charles Follmer, Casper Follmer, William A. Shaules, all of Kendall, Mont. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 11th day of March, 1905. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register. First publication Jan. 4.

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