

Chicago is to have a municipal telephone system—an innovation in America. Its immediate use is to be confined to the police and fire departments, but its projectors say that eventually it will serve as the nucleus of a great metropolitan system that is expected to become a rival to the old and new telephone companies.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CREED.

We don't know what concern it is of the newspapers whether the Presbyterians stick to their creed as it is, or prefer to eliminate the features which many of their great preachers are denouncing as unchristian and antiquated. The Chicago Chronicle, however, appears anxious to take a hand in the fray and starts out as a strong hell's fire partizan. It says: "Parkhurst joins Hillis in denying the creed of the church in which he claims membership. Like Hillis, too, Parkhurst hasn't the common decency to resign from his Presbytery prior to attacking Calvinism. This was to have been expected, of course, from Parkhurst, even more than from Hillis. The Parkhurst idea of decency is derived from scrutiny of lewd dances in the name of reform. The development of the Presbyterian schism is, however, favorable to the ultimate strengthening of the church. When all the Smiths and McGifferts and Hillises and Parkhursts shall have withdrawn—or shall have been kicked out—the men who remain will believe what they are preaching. The weeding out process is inevitable and it is desirable."

ANOTHER CHARMING STORY SUCCEEDED.

Everyone remembers the story of Barbara Frietchie, who, when Stonewall Jackson's southern troops were invading Maryland, hung the stars and stripes out of her boudoir window. How Stonewall Jackson caught sight of the hated emblem and had his troopers riddle it with bullets, and then how Barbara grasped the faded banner as it was about to fall, and "Shoot if you will this old grey head, But spare your country's flag," she said. And further how Barbara's valor so impressed Jackson that he gave orders that neither Barbara nor her flag was to be molested, with the result that all day long as the Confederate troops trudged through Frederickburg their eyes were regaled by the sight of the stars and stripes floating unmolested above them. It was a nice story and Whittier has made the most of it in his celebrated poem.

Now we are told that this pretty and heroic little yarn, like Bill Tell and the apple and St. Patrick and the snakes, is only a myth. Gen. "Kid" Douglas, who rode with "Stonewall" Jackson on that September morning through Frederickburg, where Barbara is credited with putting up the bluff on Stonewall's troops, says no such thing ever happened. Some mischievous girls laughingly flourished little flags at them until a grey-haired woman came out and called them in. Stonewall Jackson smiled back at the mischievous girls, who were really Southerners, and told Douglas to stand by and see that no exciting Confederate bolled over at the sight of the stars and stripes. He did so, and that is all the foundation there is for John Greenleaf Whittier's immortal poem.

In discharging the grand jury at Sandwich, Chancellor Boyd, referring to the cases of McKane and Ortman, the Detroit men who were convicted of housebreaking, and sentenced to five years each, said he always felt disposed to give criminals from the United States long sentences. Canada, he stated, had quite enough criminals of its own, and dealing out justice to foreigners with a severe hand might cause them to confine their operations to their own country. "Them's our sentiments."

Mrs. Dewey, who was a convert from Presbyterianism to Roman Catholicism, is said to have had a relapse. This is Rev. Father Burke's explanation of the change: "She is a shrewd woman and was as quick as any one to appreciate that the Admiral had made himself a hero and might aspire for the Presidency. She evidently believes it would prejudice his chances in an election to have a Catholic wife; but I don't believe the change at this time will make any votes for the Admiral."

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Pool St. Thomas. It was not considered enough of a ball town to support a minor league ball team. Major Sam Hughes can say, in the language of the postage stamp, that he has struck a vaster job than has been.—Toronto Globe.

Sam's letters don't go to show that he realizes it. The way he is driving the enemy before him ought to bring the campaign to a speedy close.

Joe Martin's request to Sr. Wilfrid not to support him in the present British Columbia campaign was probably inspired by the fear that if Dominion issues were dragged in the strain would be too great. Joe would sooner lose the Prime Minister's assistance than answer for his broken promises.

The appraised valuation of the estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt amounts to about \$69,000,000. The estate was supposed to be worth at least \$125,000,000. This shows how the wealth of most rich men is overrated. Many of the multi-millionaires of the United States are only such on paper.

The legislature municipal committee has declined to limit voters in cities who have votes in more wards than one from casting them all where ward representation has been abolished. Chatham, last election, followed the principle of one man one vote, but though the law is still the same, it looks as if the legislature intended that there should be plural voting.

A lot of Yankee school children were encouraged to send a special messenger with greetings to President Kruger, and in connection therewith "Ignoramus" puts this query to the New York Sun: If 28,000 schoolboys sent a written message to Aguinaldo by a messenger boy, and if the mayor of Toronto greeted him upon his departure, what would the well-educated people of the United States think of the proceedings, and what would the American newspapers say about it?

Having taken an oath to devote themselves to Red Cross work, a Chicago ambulance corps was permitted to enter the Transvaal. Then most of the members, it is said, threw down their ambulances, took up rifles and went to fight. Of their conduct this is what Miss Clara Burton, President of the American National Red Cross Association, thinks: "If this report is true, these men have practiced gross deception, broken a pledge and violated a confidence which they sought. The humane world will not hold them guiltless." Miss Barton evidently makes no allowance for the fact that these men come from Chicago.

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BOES AS A BAGGAGE SMASHER.

Galt Reformer. Having the Boers properly checked, "Bobs," if he be a thorough big-game man, will now proceed to smash 'em.

WHAT ABOUT THE RAILROADS?

Citizen and Country. The telegraph and telephone lines form the nervous system of the country and should be under the control of that great co-ordinating centre—the Government.

ONE KIND OF POLITICS.

Montreal Herald. For the next six months the British public may expect to hear itself black-guarded and libelled by the same American papers which a year ago were screaming felicitations on an Anglo-Saxon alliance. This is politics.

JUDGE SNIDER'S GOOD WORK.

Ottawa Citizen. Judge Snider is entitled to the thanks of the people of this province for his decision to keep open the investigation into the Hamilton water main by-law frauds till he can have the advantage of the testimony of the six expatriated Hamiltonians, including Orator Cook, the well-known Grit healer, and Marr Phillips, whose sentence by Police Magistrate Jelfs, though convicted of perjury, was forbidden by telephone from the attorney-general's department.

AN INTELLIGENT ELECTOR.

Bobbygone Independent. The ballot used at the last Dominion election was such a signal failure that the Government proposes having another pattern. It will have to be something remarkably clear to prevent mistakes, for the number of men who are unable to distinguish their elbow from a pole in the ground, is astonishing. Should such men have the franchise? Can the "machine" be stamped out, while such men have votes? Mindhood franchise is all right theoretically, but the theory assumes that the man is a man, and that is where the mistake comes in.

WE MUST GET WIDE TIRES NOW.

Windsor Record. The bill passed by the Provincial Legislature, providing for the regulation of the width of wagon tires, is an important one. The bill provides that no wheeled vehicle drawn by horses or other animals shall carry a burden of 2,000 pounds if fitted with tires less than three inches wide. It cannot be denied that narrow tires and heavy burdens are in the main responsible for the many ruts found on some of our highways. They cut right in the roadbed, where a wide tire would run smoothly over the surface.

BURYING THE OLD FLAG.

Mr. Glenn hands us the following very interesting sketch, now historic, in view of the serious events now taking place in South African Empire.—During the first week of August of 1881, immediately after Mr. Gladstone's ignominious and our unfortunate defeat at Majuba, the following ceremony took place at Pretoria. It was not an act of throwing off allegiance, nor was it an outbreak of indignation; it was simply an act that none but Englishmen could have participated in with credit to themselves and honor to the insignia of their country's greatness. By arrangement, the English residents in the Transvaal capital and their friends met in the Market Square of Pretoria for the purpose of solemnly interrupting the flag of their country, which had just been hauled down from the buildings. The procession was most orderly and reverential. It formed up and, starting from the European Hotel at 3 p. m., wended its way to the burial site, close to the Government House.

In front of the procession was a vehicle draped in black drawn by two horses clothed in sable. Inside the carriage was a raised platform, on which a coffin rested containing the flag, which was placed in position in the deepest, silent stillness. The marchers, marching two abreast, the procession proceeded to the place of sepulchre. There were 250 white people and 250 Kaffirs with their chiefs in the sad retinue. Arrived at the grave, which had been duly prepared, the coffin was lowered into its place—not, we rejoice to think, its last resting place—and the grave being closed up, the ceremony was concluded with every manifestation of decorum, regard and solemnity, the spectators numbering over 600.

This instance would be largely deprived of its present significance were I to pass it over without giving the following inscription from the lid of that coffin. It ran as follows,— In Loving Memory Of the British Flag in the Transvaal, Who Dared to Hope. "So far as in us lies there will be no second Majuba. Never again with our consent, if we have the power, shall the Boers be able to erect in the heart of South Africa a standard to endanger the supremacy of Great Britain. Never again shall they be able to treat an Englishman as if he belonged to the inferior race or his dark brethren as if he belonged to an inferior creation." Do not the words find an echo in every patriotic breast, and will they not pulsate to the remotest corner of our

Colonial Empire? That Empire which we are all proud of and which is nobly aiding us. Again to use Mr. Chamberlain's words, "Even while we are finding out the weak points in our armor and trying to remedy them, we are finding out the infinite and potential resources of this Empire, and we are advancing steadily, if but slowly, to the realization of that great federation of our race that will inevitably make for peace, liberty and justice, wherever our flag waves."

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