

A Valiant Fight.

HOW ROCHESTER, N. Y., WRESTLED WITH THE TELEPHONE AND WON!

Rochester, N. Y., is the only city in the United States that does not generally use the Bell telephone!

On the 20th November, 1886, about seven hundred subscribers hung up their 'phones, and they have been hung up since!

It is the most noteworthy fight with a corporation ever known.

The cause of it was the attempt of the local Bell company (whose officers all lived in another city) to exact a rate per message from the subscribers, instead of a "flat rate." The people resisted it, the courts sustained the position that the license was revokable at will, the Common Council revoked it. The company ignored this action, and, without permission, erected poles in the streets and strung additional wires, but the courts held that this was unlawful.

According to the message rate, a house like H. H. Warner & Co., proprietors of Warner's safe cure, who were among the heaviest patrons, would have to pay something like \$1,000 a year for the same telephone service as before.

For a city of 125,000 people, Rochester has made a good many sensations. Sam Patch and his deadly leap, the Fox sisters' spiritual rappings, Seward's "Irrepressible conflict" speech, Susan B. Anthony's attempt to vote, the cometary discoveries of Dr. Swift, of Warner observatory, have each made the city the "talk of the world;" she leads in the manufacture of proprietary medicine, and her immense nursery, shoe and clothing interests put her in the front rank.

The origin of one of her greatest industries is interesting: About ten years ago one of her foremost citizens was stricken down in the very height of a successful business career, with what his doctors said was an incurable disease. They gave him up to die. He then used what is now known as Warner's safe cure, and since then has developed as the world's great champion of the people against the assumed monopoly of physicians over the treatment of disease!

His fight, too, has been a determined one, and as successful as determined. To-day he is the head of the largest proprietary medicine business in the world, having branch houses and laboratories in London, England; Toronto, Canada; Melbourne, Victoria; Sydney, New South Wales; Frankfurt, Germany; Prague, Austria; Rangoon, Burmah.

Many foreign governments will not permit the manufacture and sale of proprietary medicines of any name or nature until their formulae, value and harmlessness are by them established, after the most searching scientific inquiries. In every case Warner's safe cure has passed examination with the highest satisfaction to the government chemists and analysts, and the sought-for permission has been granted, which no other American has before secured.

This confirms the magnificent reputation given it by leading physicians, ministers, senators, congressmen, lawyers and ladies of the world. "Its secret of success," says the leading physician at Clifton Springs, N. Y., sanitarium, "is the simplicity of its compounds and the proportions in which they are compounded."

"How do the people get on?"

The universal verdict is: "We don't miss the 'phone, except to our profit!"

There has been practically no break in the united opposition begun last November.

The American is getting to be quite as tenacious of his personal rights as against con-

spiring monopolies as the typical Englishman, and this Rochester telephone episode is a noteworthy illustration of the fact.

Court Laurentian's Anniversary.

A cultured and highly appreciative audience filled St. James' Hall, Ottawa, on the evening of the 24th Nov., to witness the entertainment given in honor of the first anniversary of the organization of Court Laurentian. No efforts had been spared by the Committee to make the affair a grand success, and it was the general opinion of those present that they had enjoyed a treat, and the expression was that a programme of such merit should have been given in an auditorium of greater capacity, such as the Grand Opera House, in order that a greater number might have received the benefit of it.

The chair was occupied, by special request, by Bro., the Honorable John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, who opened the entertainment by a very pleasing and appropriate address, dwelling upon the great strides made by the Order, and on the intelligence of those composing the body. Invitations to places on the platform had been extended to the various Supreme and High officers in the vicinity, but from a variety of causes, Past Supreme Chief Ranger E. Botterell, High Physician Dr. Potter, and High Secretary J. B. Halkett were unable to accept the invitation. In the case of the High Secretary, Bro. J. B. Halkett, it is to be regretted that severe and protracted illness in his family prevented his being present. But, as it was, the Supreme Chief Ranger, Bro. Oronhyatekha, the Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, and the Chief Ranger of Court Laurentian, Bro. Spencer, occupied seats on the platform, which was very tastefully dressed in flags and set off by flowers and an immense head of one of the antlered monarchs of the forest.

The following programme, which was ably and skilfully rendered by the different performers, was presented:

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Pianoforte Solo, "The Earlking."
Miss Bella Hill.
2. Song "Jilted."
Mr. C. H. Beddoe.
3. Recitation "The Spanish Armada."
Mr. H. H. Turner.
4. Song "The wide, wide Sea."
Miss Fortier.
5. Recitation "Jubilee Ode."
Mr. Arthur Chisholm.
6. Song "All Hallow E'en."
Mrs. W. Campbell.
7. Pianoforte Solo.....
"Andante, Allegro con fuoco, op. 22."
Miss Nellie Butterworth.

INTERMISSION.

PART II.

1. Address.....
Dr. Oronhyatekha, S.C.R.
 2. Clarinet Solo "Le Reve."
Mr. E. D. Ingall.
 3. Recitation.....
Miss C. Russell.
 4. Song..... "Dolly's Revenge."
Miss B. Holbrook.
 5. Recitation .. "The Defence of Lucknow."
Mr. C. H. Beddoe.
 6. Song..... "The Death of Nelson."
Mr. Sinclair.
- Accompanist—Miss Belle Christie.
God Save the Queen.

Mrs. Campbell, Miss Fortier and Mr. Beddoe responded to repeated demands for an encore.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the ability displayed by the respective performers in their rendition of the parts assigned them. If there was any excelling on the part of any, it was impossible to discern it. A number of the performers were drawn from the ranks of the Order, amongst whom may be named Messrs. Turner and Chisholm, of Court Ottawa, and Mr. C. H. Beddoe, of Court Laurentian, and these brethren well sustained the high reputation of their respective Courts.

The principal feature of the evening was the presence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, who, by his genialty, won the good will of all present. In his address he convinced the audience that it was possible to come through the ordeal of an initiation into the Order sound of wind and limb, and while he did not altogether reconcile the ladies to the demands made upon the gentlemen during the evenings by the Court, yet he raised a hope within them by talking of the possibility of their being admitted, at some future time, as members into the Courts. After giving a full description of the benefits accruing to those who throw in their lot with us—both in relation to the assistance given in times of sickness and the provision made for the support of the dependent ones, he closed his instructive and eloquent address by an appeal to those present to join our ranks either through Court Laurentian, Court Ottawa, or any other Court in their neighborhood where they thought they would find the elements of Liberty, Benevolence and Concord to most abound towards making for them a "Forest Home."

The Supreme Physician, Dr. Millman, made a few remarks on a very live subject in Ottawa—the state of the public health—and in doing so he tendered some very appropriate advice, not only to the members of the Order, but to the public; advice, which, if followed, would very materially assist in diminishing the sickness prevalent in the community.

The singing of the National Anthem brought this very successful performance to a close, and all were heartily satisfied with the results. These results being, primarily, the bringing before the public the existence of an institution that can be used as a medium for much good, and secondarily the advertising of Court Laurentian.

OTTAWA.

Ottawa Quarantined.

It having come to the knowledge of the S. C. R. that fever prevailed to an alarming extent in the city of Ottawa, the Supreme Physician was summoned to meet the Supreme Chief Ranger in Ottawa to investigate the state of affairs. On arrival at the capital the following Court Physicians were invited to meet the members of the Executive present to a conference, viz: Bro. Dr. Bell, of Court Rideau; Dr. Wright, of Court Mount Sherwood; Dr. Small, of Court Laurentian, and Dr. Potter, of Court Ottawa, and High Physician of Ontario. The P. S. C. R. having kindly placed the "Tower Room" at the disposal of the conference the meeting took place there on the 24th November last. There were present on behalf of the Executive Dr. Oronhyatekha, S. C. R., E. Botterell P. S. C. R., and Dr. Millman, S. Physician. Dr. Small, of Court Laurentian, was appointed Secretary of the conference. Reports were then received from the physicians present, and the conclusion reached was that typhoid fever and typho-malarial fever were epidemic in the city of Ottawa, and in the interests of the Order initiations into the courts in the city of Ottawa and the suburbs ought to be suspended for the present. Accordingly an order was issued suspending initiations for the