'PHONE SYSTEM AS GREAT AS BELL'S IN BY A TRICK.

New Whitney Co., Which Will Cheapen the "Hello" Service, Laid Its Wires Last Sunday All Over the City.

Placed Under Ground and Strung Along "L" Structures, at a Time When Injunction Could Not Be Had.

Promise of $100 System and 5 Cent Calls — People's Company Absorbed by the New Opponent of Bell.

The Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America, has now as many miles of wire in the city of New York, as the old Bell monopoly. It has outwitted the latter and won its fight. Cheap telephone service in New York City is now assured.

The wires were laid in the conduits which parallel the Metropolitan Street Railway Company's system, and under the Elevated Railroad structure between the hours of 12 o'clock last Saturday night and midnight of Sunday. Sunday was chosen so that the Bell people might not enjoin the new company and prevent the work.

The final obstacle was removed on Saturday, when the new company acquired a controlling interest in the People's Telephone Company, of which Darwin R. James is president.

This is the company which had obtained permits to use all or any of the subways city for its wires and to string them anywhere within the greater city.

A more definite conception of what has happened may be realized when it is said that the new company stands pledged to give unlimited service in this city for $100 a year and allow one thousand messages for $45.

The present tariff is $240 a year for unlimited service and $75 for $500 messages. The new rule means five-cent "hellos."

Darwin R. James, president of the People's Telephone Company, said last night:

"It is a fact that the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable Company of America has obtained control of a majority of the stock of our company.

"We have already laid fifty-two cables in the conduits on each side of Broadway as far north as One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street—104 cables in all. We have run our wires wherever the Metropolitan system reaches and under every foot of the elevated structure.

The Bell people did not expect that we could possibly put up any of our wires. They were put in on Sunday in order that we might not be enjoined—for no injunction could issue to stop us on that day. The result is that we have asma ny milesof wire now in New York City as the Bell people have, and we are in a position to do business.

The incorporation papers of the new telephone company were filed in Trenton, N. J., on November 9 last. The capital stock was placed at $30,000,000. The incorporators were William J. Latta, of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Martin Maloney, of Philadelphia, and James E. Hayes, of Camden, N. J.

These men have been known for some time as the legal representatives of the great Whitney-Widener-Elkins street railway syndicate.

The immediate object of this new company was to bring about a consolidation o fthe independent telephone systems east of Pittsburg.

Other telephone companies had been engaged in consolidating all anti-Bell interests in other sections of the country. The great ultimate object of the corporation was to obtain a controlling interest in all these larger companies or corporations.

William C. Whitney, it is said, is responsible for the consummation of this great scheme. In his plan of spreading a system of electric railways over this city, he never forgot the value of electric subways.

Along the lines of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company he laid conduits of sufficient capacity to carry telephone wires for two cities like New York, in addition to room for his own power wires.

Among the first of the board of twenty-one directors of the new company were Colonel John Jacob Astor, Thomas Dolan, William L. Elkins, Charles R. Flint, Emerson McMillin, P. A. B. Widener, Charles E. Adams, J. T. Holbrook, of Boston, and W. H. Crocker, of San Francisco.

A short time later, when Messrs. Widener, Elkins and Dolan refused to continue as members of the Board of Directors, it was said that the interests which they represent had never seriously entered the field against the Bell monopoly. Mr. Dolan denie this, and said:

"We withdrew our names from the directorate not because we lacked faith in the corporation, but for the sole reason that our connection with that concern conflicted with other interests in New York City."

And Mr. Widener said that he had invested his capital in the Metropolitan enterprise and expected big returns.

There are probably 2,500 companies in this great consolidation. There is money in plenty to fight successfully the Bell monopoly should the struggle resolve itself into a pure money proposition.

CHANCE TO BUY ANTIQUES.

Auction Sales Which Are of Interest to Art Admirers.

Dwarf cedars, palms, miniature gardens and lanterns of Japan are to be sold in the auction rooms of Cleary & Co., at No. 60 Vesey street, to-morrow and Thursday, at 2 in the afternoon.

Art objects collected by George E. Tewksbury, of Newark, N. J., bronzes by Barye, old mahogany furniture which had been the property of Samuel J. Tilden, seventeenth century cabinets, and an old mantel clock that a king of Holland owned are to be sold in the Fifth Avenue Auction Rooms by William B. Norman to-day, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at 1:30 p. m.

A collection of artistic modern furniture, bronzes, bric-a-brac, hangings, Oriental rugs and carpets and Russian furs is to be sold in the Knickerbocker Auction Rooms by C. E. Smith, to-day, to-morrow and every afternoon until Monday, at 2 p. m.

KENTUCKY ELECTION BOARD WILL FINISH COUNT TO-DAY

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 4.—The State Board of Election Commissioners met to-day to canvass the returns for Governor. The Board had finished fifty counties when it adjourned until to-morrow, when the count will be finished.

Then arguments will be heard by the attorneys as to whether the Board has the right to go behind returns. The Republicans say the Board is sitting simply as a clerical board. The vote as prescribed gives Yoder a plurality of 2,135.

Two hundred mountaineers came to Frankfort day, but caused no trouble.

MRS. GEORGE GOULD TO PLAY FOR FRIENDS.

She Is to Appear in Private Theatricals.

MRS. GEORGE J. GOULD is to be an actress again. This time she is to play in private theatricals for the charm of her friends only.

The play is to be in the Georgian Court, at Lakewood, N. J. Mr. Gould will have a place near the stage. The play is not yet chosen.

Mrs. Gould was the most chraming Cinderella that the Sunday-school children in Brooklyn knew in the days when the city had a special social fashion. It was the Eden of amateur theatricals, then. They were at the Academy of Music, on Montague street, the reunions of the elect. Mrs. Gould, then Miss Kingdo, was the enchantment of the Gilbert Dramatic Association.

Miss Kingdon had a stern step-father, who was an Alderman. He was opposed to her theatrical vocation. Her colleagues in the Gilbert Dramatic Association said she was as unhappy as Cinderella as home, because of her step-father's severity. She attended a play of the Gilbert Dramatic Association after she had become an actress of Daly's company. She had a magnificent ovation that evening.

ROOSEVELT GETS A NEW TRAINER.

Albany, Dec. 4.—Governor Roosevelt will change his wrestling master. The new tutor and trainer is Karl Johnson, of Chicago, known as "The Terrible Swede."

Professor Dwyer, the "Other Sandow," will quit the Governor soon. He says he is bound for Baltimore. It is a fact, however, that Dwyer has developed a wrenched shoulder since he began wrestling with the Governor. Dwyer asserts his shoulder was wrenched while wrestling with Johnson.

The Swede, who will take Dwyer's place, is an expert wrestler. His weight is 160 pounds, his height 5 feet 10 inches, his chest expansion 40 inches. The Swede boxes as a middle weight. He fought Dan Creedon six rounds to a draw, and has met Tommy Ryan and "Mysterious" Billy Smith in the ring. He has also been a long distance bicycle rider.

Notes of Society.

The Junior Cotillion, which takes place at Sherry's to-night, promises to be a brilliant affair. Mrs. Arthur Murray Dodge, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, Mrs. B. Aymar Sands, Mrs. Jacob W. Miller and Mrs. Alfred Pell will receive the guests. The cotillon will be given at 9 and end at midnight, when supper will be served.

Colonel and Mrs. John Jacob Astor will close Ferncliff, their country home at Rhinebeck-on-the-Hudson, to-morrow and open their Fifth avenue house, at Fifth avenue and Sixty-fifth street. They will not go abroad until after Christmas.

Although its name would suggest to-morrow instead of to-day, the first Wednesday cotillion will be held at Delmonico's this evening. The patronesses are Mrs. Algernon Sydney Sullivan, Mrs. George L. Trenholm, Mrs. George L. Nichols, Mrs. Robert Nicol, Mrs. Oliver Livingston Jones, Mrs. J. W. Boothby, Mrs. William Barbour, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. P. A. B. Brown and Mrs. John Burling Lawrence. The next dances will be on Wednesdays, January 3 and 24 and February 14.

Miss Radway will give a reception this afternoon at her residence, No. 333 West Fifty-seventh street.

A number of dinner parties will be given this evening from which the hostesses will take their guests to the Junior Cotillon. Among the entertainers will be Mrs. Arthur Murray Dodge, Mrs. Alexander T. Van Nest, Mrs. Newbold Edgar, Mrs. B. Aymar Sands, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes and the Misses Mazie and Harriet Delafield. Mrs. Joseph T. Low will also entertain at dinner.

Mrs. Walter Watson, Jr., of No. 52 West Fifty-second street, has cards out for a reception this afternoon.

The first of the fortnightly dances under the patronage of Mrs. Lewis Livingston Delafield and others will be given at the Waldorf-Astoria to-night.

A fair in aid of the Home for Destitute Blind will be held to-day at the home of Mrs. Frederick J. de Peyster, No. 7 East Forty-second street.

The Mothers and Babies' Hospital will be benefited by a fair, which will be held to-day in the small ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria.

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Mr. Robinson is manager of a circus, and his father was old John Robinson, one of the veterans of the tented show business. Mrs. Robinson was one of Barnum & Bailey's High School riders. Her mother, Mrs. M. Lake, now seventy-six years old, was the first woman to ride a bare-backed horse in the ring.

This family expected Agnes Robinson, with all the traditions of the sawdust arena bred into her very blood, to keep away from such associations. She had little knowledge of them until she went to visit her Uncle John Robinson in Cincinnati last Summer.

"Uncle John" owns the Terrace Garden, and Mr. Robinson's performers train here. She went to see them one day. Franc Reed was trying a new trapeze feat. She says she loved him at first sight, and he sought acquaintance with her at once. "Uncle John" thought no harm of the performer's following up the opportunity to court his pretty niece.

When Agnes got home to Jersey City and told her parents of her affection they were dismayed. Reed called, and the Robinsons showed him the door. Agnes met him at a friend's house. They were married last night by the Rev. T. C. Mayham, went to be forgiven, and then set out for Toledo, where Reed has an engagement.

"I'm going to learn to ride, mother," said young Mrs. Reed. "When I'm as great a performer as you or grandmamma perhaps you wont feel so badly."

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