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TELEVISION

By unanimous action, the Board of Directors of the Radio Manufacturers Association, in its annual convention, authorized its president, A. S. Wells, to make the following statement on television for the association and the industry:

The membership of the Radio Manufacturers Association includes practically all of the U. S. makers of television sets.

No group has so great a stake in the development of television. No group has a greater faith in the future of this art, or a firmer belief in its eventual growth from its experimental stage to that of one of the country's great services.

They would like to present television to the whole country, but because of the many problems involved it will be a long time before such a reality can be achieved.

They feel that this statement is necessary because of the nation wide interest in this matter; because television has suffered from over-statements; and because the inauguration of television in New York may arouse false and ungrounded hopes in the minds of people throughout the country.

As a matter of fact, television is something that those living in

New York may now have in a limited way, and a few additional stations are in prospect at the present time, while others will probably develop when a solution to the financial side of such broadcasting can be found. In all probability, however, over 90 per cent of the geographical area of the United States will not be served for some time to come, for the economic questions are serious ones and will have to be solved by broadcasters in the future.

Even where television is available, it must be remembered that for technical reasons it can only be received to the optical horizon. The average useful reception distance from the antenna on top of the Empire State Building in New York (the world's tallest building) is only fifty miles. This means that the horizon, or useful distance from any building or mast, less in height than the Empire State Building will be considerably less than that available in New York.

It must also be remembered that television broadcasting is on an experimental basis. The experimental character of such broadcasting, as it is properly called in television, means that the program will be on a trial basis, and until experience has been gained in the kind of programs that are of real service to the public, they cannot be broadly duplicated over many stations. Therefore, these programs for some time to come will, of necessity, be limited at best to a few hours a day.

Even where television is available, or may become available, it must be considered as a supplemental service to radio broadcasting, and for that reason will not render the modern radio receiving set obsolete any more than an aeroplane renders the modern automobile obsolete. There are and will be different types of services.

Robbers who looted a clothing store in Plymouth, Mass., left a list of merchandise taken which included the sizes of shoes, shirts, and other articles stolen.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR

OBJECT LESSON



The Handwriting on the Wall

AN ARTIST INVENTOR

On October 1, 1832, Samuel F. B. Morse, an American painter who had been studying the old masters in Europe, sailed from Havre, France, for New York. On the voyage, he discussed with fellow passengers the properties of the electromagnet and the famous discovery of electromagnetic induction by Faraday the year before.

As a result, he got the idea that signals might be transmitted by means of electric sparks, and while still on shipboard he made rough drafts of the necessary apparatus, which he showed to his companions. It was not until 1836, however, that he completed an instrument that would work.

After many discouragements, he finally succeeded in getting the government to build a telegraph line between Baltimore and Washington, which was used for the first time on May 24, 1844, to send the now historic message: "What hath God wrought?" From that time on, the spread of telegraph lines was rapid, and Morse was acclaimed by the world as a benefactor of mankind.

He received the highest honors from foreign countries as well as his own, and in 1858 ten European nations joined in an appropriation of \$80,000 in recognition of the benefits conferred by his invention.

Morse died April 2, 1872, in New York, where a bronze statue in his honor was erected in Central Park.

MONEY AND TIME

"The most useless things Robinson Crusoe salvaged were gold coins," said an economist recently. "Money has a time utility. When it buys things as we need them most, as life insurance money does, its value to us is greatest."

There, in different words, is the old, sad, familiar story to the ef-

fect that dollars are needed most when they are hardest to earn—and that money wasted by the young man, secure at the height of his power, is usually beyond the frail reach of the old. No one knows how many people life insurance has saved from a dependent old age, but their name is legion. They are the happy ones of this earth, who thought ahead.

CIVIL SERVICE

EXAMS ANNOUNCED

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for certain positions in the Department of Agriculture, named below. Applications must be on file in the Commission's office, Washington, D. C., not later than July 17, if received from states east of Colorado, and not later than July 20, if received from Colorado and states westward.

Senior field aid (forage crops), \$2,000 a year; assistant laboratory aid (plant technology), \$1,620 a year; junior field aid, \$1,440 a year; junior laboratory aid, \$1,440 a year; Bureau of Plant Industry. Applicants must not have passed their 40th birthday.

Associate warehouse examiner, \$3,200 a year; assistant warehouse examiner, \$2,600 a year, and junior warehouse examiner, \$2,000 a year, Bureau of Agricultural Economics. For they associate grade, applicants must not have passed their 45th, for the assistant grade, applicants must not have passed their 40th birthday, and for the junior grade, they must not have passed their 35th birthday.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a postoffice of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

"Take a drive up the river highway," says the Peoria, Illinois, Star, "and you can get an object lesson of one of the reasons why railroads are being driven into bankruptcy. The railway has a small army of men engaged in laying new steel . . . These men draw wages. This steel costs money and gives employment in the mills. The railroad owns this right of way and whenever a rail wears out, must replace it, at its own expense.

"This right of way is taxed for the benefit of the county, for the city, for its schools and for town government.

"En route you pass a bus or monster truck . . . It travels over a right of way owned by the state and built with the money of motorists. This right of way contributes no taxes. When the trucks wear it out the state replaces it at public expense.

"Come into the city again. The railroad has a depot, and tracks leading to it. It owns both and it pays taxes on them. The bus company on the contrary rents a room and the city furnishes parking facilities on pavement paid for by the residents.

"This same situation could be multiplied a thousand times. It shows one of the handicaps under which the railroads are operating."

As the Peoria Star also observes, we need buses and trucks, even as we do railroads. No one advocates legislation which would put the motor carriers out of business, or unfairly burden them in any way. But every student of the transportation problem realizes the need of laws which will treat all carriers equitably, favoring none and penalizing none. If one carrier is to be subsidized, directly or indirectly, all should be. Or all should be forced to stand on their own economic feet, and pay all their costs of operation, honestly computed.

Every citizen is interested in the taxes railroads pay and the jobs and orders they create. Present inequitable transportation regulation and taxation harms us all.

AMUSEMENTS CONTRACTED FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Commander Gordon Johnson of the Wawasee Post No. 223, American Legion, has just signed contracts with a well known Chicago organization to stage a gigantic out-door celebration for four days, beginning on Wednesday, August 30th and ending Saturday night, September 2nd.

There will be plenty of sensational rides, high class concessions of every description operated by competent people, side shows, freak shows, paid shows and two death defying free acts.

There will be plenty of entertainment for everyone and also special events during this engagement.

The Wawasee Post is going to a great expense bringing this organization to Syracuse and all entertainment will be free.

Special announcements will be made shortly regarding the different attractions connected with this celebration.

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