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at the same time the receiver is placed thereon or removed therefrom.

The Phoenix company have had their patent claims thoroughly examined by Mr. Chester Bradford, of Indianapolis, who in a written opinion declares their system free from infringement of other existing patents.

TELEPHONE NOTES.

MYERSTOWN, PA.—Daniel Drawbaugh will build a telephone factory at Myerstown, to employ 50 hands.

BRYAN, TEX.—It has been found necessary to enlarge the Bryan telephone exchange to a 150-drop switchboard.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y.—A new telephone company, a branch of the Phoenix, is being organized in Port Jervis.

PORTLAND, ME.—The Standard Telephone Company has been granted the right to string wires in Portland, and proposes to give service at one-half of the Bell rates.

CARTHAGE, MO.—The franchise granted to the American Electric Telephone Co., of Kokomo, Ind., has been transferred to Messrs. T. J. Clark and George Wheeler of this city.

PATCOGUE, N. Y.—The Telegraph Company has been granted a franchise by the village trustees to erect poles and wire for their long distance telephone service, soon to be established. The franchise is not exclusive.

GREENSBURG, PA.—The Westmoreland Telephone exchange will commence work on the construction of lines to Irwin, Jeanette, Latrobe, Scottdale, Mt. Pleasant and West Newton as soon as possible after the Greensburg system is completed.

GALION, O.—The city committee has reported favorably upon the granting of a 20 year franchise giving to Walter Marlatt, the right to construct and maintain a telephone exchange in this city with certain restrictions.

DAYTON, O.—The Dayton Telephone Company, of which Mr. J. C. Patterson is president, is already in the field with 700 subscribers, proposing to cut rates in two, and only waiting for a franchise from the council to begin operations.

PORTLAND, ME.—The Casco Bay Telegraph and Telephone company has leave to erect some 400 or 500 poles in various parts of the city and to maintain wires on them. The directors of the company are G. S. Hunt, W. F. Milliken, J. W. Deering, E. B. Winslow, Geo. P. Weescott, Seth L. Larrabee and G. W. Brown. The capital is \$100,000. It was stated that the new company had secured some 1,200 or 1,500 subscribers. The cost of telephones will be one half the rates now charged.