

LUMBARO'S LUCK.

**He Establishes a Big Enterprise
in Fort Wayne.**

Which the People Fully Appreciate.

The Fort Wayne Telephonic Exchange was established in this city, by our enterprising townsman, Sidney O. Lombard, on the 1st of July, 1879. The first instrument was then put up, and to-day 158 instruments are in working order, and the switch board now has an accommodation for two hundred, presided over by that genial fellow, Harry Eckels, and three assistants, who are kept constantly employed in answering calls. The office is open continuously, and the ninety miles of wire now in operation, are constantly tingling with messages. Wires and poles are being placed in position daily and six or seven hands are constantly employed on this outside work. The enterprise has been of great benefit to our business men. Goods may be ordered from distant points—busses or hacks are called without running around—doctors are summoned in cases of necessity—watchmen at factories receive their instructions squares away, and families converse with each other with the same sociability as though they were seated together in the same parlor.

Mr. Lumbard has also secured licenses to build exchanges and connecting and private lines in the counties of Elkhart, LaGrange, Steuben, Kosciusco, Noble, DeKalb, Whitley, Allen, Wabash, Huntington, Wells, and Adams, and he left for Elkhart to-day to perfect the arrangements in that place. To Mr. Lumbard the city is indebted for this great convenience. Below we give a list of the instruments now in operation.

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