

In response to the inquiry of many telephone subscribers: "What can I do to help my service?" this advertisement is published.

### Slow Answers Impair Service



Telephone users here make thousands of telephone calls every day.

On more than one per cent of these calls, the person called does not answer for a minute or more after the bell rings.

True a minute isn't long, but telephone service is a matter of SECONDS. We do our part in seconds.

Delayed answers by subscribers on so many of the daily calls necessarily slows down the service and hampers the operators in their efforts to improve the service.

Often the operator is blamed by the calling party when you are slow to answer.

Answering promptly when the telephone bell rings will assist greatly in maintaining good telephone service.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY



### REASONS FOR LESS ACREAGE

#### Guion Shows Why Cotton Must be Replaced by Other Crops.

"If there were no other reasons why the cotton acreage should be reduced in 1921, the fact that small crops always bring more dollars and cents than large crops is argument enough," declared Louis L. Guion, well known planter of Lugoff, yesterday.

"But there are many reasons," continued Mr. Guion. "The dire financial conditions that have overcome us within the last six months have also served to remove or cause to be forgotten the boll weevil. It has been successfully demonstrated all over the cotton belt that not over eight acres to the plow can be grown successfully under boll weevil conditions even where conditions are not favorable for the weevils. Indeed five acres to the plow has proven year in and year out the safe crop. In 1920 vast territories of Georgia, north-west Florida and Alabama were tempted by 40-cent cotton to exceed the safe acreage under weevil conditions. The result is that the people of those sections are absolutely bankrupt today. I am reliably informed that \$1.00 per pound for cotton would not pay the expenses of thousands of Georgia farmers and it would take \$5.00 a pound to pay many of them out."

"Another reason why we should reduce our acreage is that our present system of farming is fundamentally wrong. Too many of our farmers are farming to make a living. A man who raises all cotton and buys everything he uses to make the cotton is a curse to the South in particular and to the country in general. As former Governor Bickett of North Carolina said, he ought to be shot at sunrise and denied a Christian burial."

"It takes the whole proceeds of the normal cotton crop to pay our food and feedstuffs bill. Why not raise these supplies and less cotton?"

"Many men, both farmers and city folk, who have never seen timothy hay grow will use nothing but timothy hay. It is the patriotic duty of our merchants to encourage the use of our native hay. The freight rates from points from which the bulk of our hay now comes exceeds \$17 per ton. If any man can pay \$35 to \$40 per ton for hay to make even 20 cents cotton he has land too valuable for cotton farming."

"Ten-cent cotton means 50 cents per day for the man who works the crop. A ten-cent planter who spends more than 50 cents a day is obliged to own somebody or steal."

"Can a man work for 50 cents a day and hire people whose pay is \$125 to \$250 per month to work for him? This is exactly what the man does who buys hay, corn, oats, etc., from the West. Every railroad man from Chicago to Columbus who handles these products for the foot farmer draws from 10 to 20 times as much pay as the 10-cent cotton man gets. Cut cotton acreage and put the surplus acreage in food and feed crops and stop paying the railroads fabulous prices for hauling them."—The State.

#### Some Liar.

"Yes," he bragged, "I once invented a rubber pneumatic suit for men working at great heights."

"And it was successful?" asked an unsuspecting one.

"I should say it was," he replied. "I've known the first workman who fell out of a building wearing one bounce so hard and long that we had to throw biscuits to him to keep him alive."

More than one fourth of the women students attending the Kansas State Normal School are carrying part or all of their expenses.

### LITTLE BOY DROWNED.

#### Pathetic Accident Occurred on Trestle Near Bishopville.

The Seaboard trestle crossing a small branch of the Eastern portion of town was the scene of a very sad accident Monday afternoon in which little four-year-old Harold Rogers lost his life by drowning.

It has been very difficult to find out just how the accident occurred, but the story told by Lonnie Rogers, the eight year old brother of little Harold, is probably the best version obtainable.

Lonnie says that after dinner Monday he and his two brothers, Eugene, aged 6 years, and Harold, aged 4, were sent out by their mother to play. They decided after playing around a little while to go down to the branch which is not very far from their home, and fish a little. Lonnie says that he and Eugene were preparing to fish and wished to cross the trestle and knowing that to be at the trestle was contrary to instructions received, from their parents, were afraid that little Harold would get hurt, so Lonnie picked up the little fellow and started to carry him over the trestle, and while about midway he tripped and fell, dropping little Harold on the cross ties. Before Lonnie could recover his balance Harold fell between the cross ties to the water beneath, which was about four feet deep. Lonnie immediately ran for help, making the first call at a negro house about 100 yards off, and then on to another house before help was secured. He did not stop until he reached the home of Mr. H. A. Stokes. Mr. Stokes was at home and immediately went to the trestle and went into the water, securing the little body and bringing it out. The child was dead when Mr. Stokes reached him, nevertheless he brought the body up town and medical aid was secured and every effort to revive the child failed.

Little Harold was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Rogers, and they have the sympathy of the entire town in their bereavement.—Bishopville Vindicator.

#### Brown Rot Attacks Young Fruit

Clemson College, March 30.—What appears to be an epidemic of rot has caused considerable loss of young fruit in some of the peach and plum orchards of the state during the past week or ten days, from attacks of the fungus which causes the fruit to rot later in the season. The resulting damage has been so heavy in some instances that the entire fruit crop has been destroyed on some of the trees examined by the pathologists. The disease developed and spread rapidly during the recent warm rainy weather.

There is nothing that can be done now to protect the young fruit from the present attacks. But the orchards should be sprayed later of course with self-bolled lime-sulphur solution to protect the grown fruit from brown rot. Directions for the preparation and application of self-bolled lime-sulphur are given in Extension Circular 17.

These early attacks of brown rot which are apt to occur every spring at about this time can be prevented by the rigid enforcement of proper sanitary measures, such as the careful pruning and burning of all of the dead and diseased branches, and the raking up and burning of all of the rotten fruit of the past season. This should be done during the winter and an application of lime-sulphur solution as recommended for winter spray should be put on before the buds begin to swell.

#### "Charge of the Limb Brigade."

Half an inch, half an inch,  
Half an inch shorter—  
Whether the skirts are for  
Mother or daughter  
Briefer the dresses grow,  
Foller the ripples now,  
While whisking glimpses show  
More than they oughter.

Forward the dress parade,  
Is there a man-disuayer?  
No, from the sight displayed  
None could be sundered.  
There's not to make remark,  
Clergyman, clubman, clerk,  
Gaping from noon till dusk  
At the Fair Hundred.

Short skirts to right of them,  
Shorter to left of them,  
Shortest in front of them,  
Flaunted and flirted—  
In hose of stripe and plaid  
Hied most exceeding glad,  
Sporting in spats run mad,  
Came the short-skirted.

Flashed at their ankles there,  
Flashed as they turned in air  
What was the women dare?  
(Through the exhibits show  
Some of them banded)  
All sort of shapes of peas,  
Dress-sticks, pants legs,  
Hose and their fairy shapes,  
Just light to walk on eggs  
Came to the hundred.

Who saw their glory fade?  
O' the wild show they made,  
All the world wondered,  
Grand dame and damoiselle,  
Shop girl and Bowery Belle—  
Four hundred—Mm—oh! well,  
Any old Hundred.  
—J. N. Culbertson Woodleaf, N. C. in "One Minute Page" Charlotte Observer.

# "Prevention better than cure" applies to battery ills, too!

Get that examination NOW



IN spite of the old proverb, it IS sometimes too late to mend. When plates are buckled and terminals are corroded through neglect or unusually hard service, there is little left for the battery-man to say but "New battery". Don't let it get that far. Drive around today to the Prest-O-Lite Service Station and have a thorough examination made. Some trifling fault may be uncovered now that may result disastrously if not remedied. Anyhow, find out. That's what Prest-O-Lite Service Stations are for. You will get courteous treatment and, what is even more important, honest advice. When you do need a new battery, you'll be glad to know that Prest-O-Lite is back to pre-war prices and that an allowance will be made on your old battery. Get that examination now

BEARDS BATTERY SERVICE  
Phone 118-W Camden, S. C.

## Prest-O-Lite Storage Battery

Uses less than one four-hundredth of its power-reserve for a single start—and the generator quickly replaces that.

Pull up where you see this sign

Do not forget that we have a large and well assorted stock of all kinds of Belting, Pipe, Valves, Fittings, Iron, Steel, Shafting, Pulleys and Hangers, Bolts, Nuts, and Washers and anything else you may need in the way of Machinery Supplies at present Low Prices. Try us.

**COLUMBIA SUPPLY COMPANY**  
823 West Gervais St. Columbia, S. C.

# ICE NOTICE!

We wish to announce the following schedule of ice prices for the present:

C-Books 33-300 lb coupons	65c cwt.
O-Books 40-100 lb coupons	67½c cwt.
B-Books 40-50 lb coupons	72½c cwt.
A-Books 48-10 lb coupons	83 1-3c cwt.

We urge everyone to use the coupons. For in the first place when ice is scarce these coupons are preferred to the cash.

Second—It eliminates the bother for change and gives an unscrupulous driver no excuse to short weight you.

Third—It is from 15 to 35 per cent. cheaper.

Fourth—It is safe, as enough money is always kept in Bank to more than cover all outstanding coupons, and for any good excuse coupons are redeemed on demand at face value for cash.

Connections for ice for this season are, Hermitage Cotton Mills, Carolina Public Service Co., (6 plants) Sumter Ice and Fuel Co., with our own storage of 125 tons should supply everyone in this town without interruption.

Thanking one and all for past co-operation and patronage, and asking continuance of same, I am,

Respectfully,

## R. L. MOSELEY

For Camden Ice Co.

## It's easy to paint with

Save the surface and you save all the expense.

# KURFEES

## PURE PAINT

The first stroke of the brush proves the superior covering (hiding) quality of Kurfees Paint.

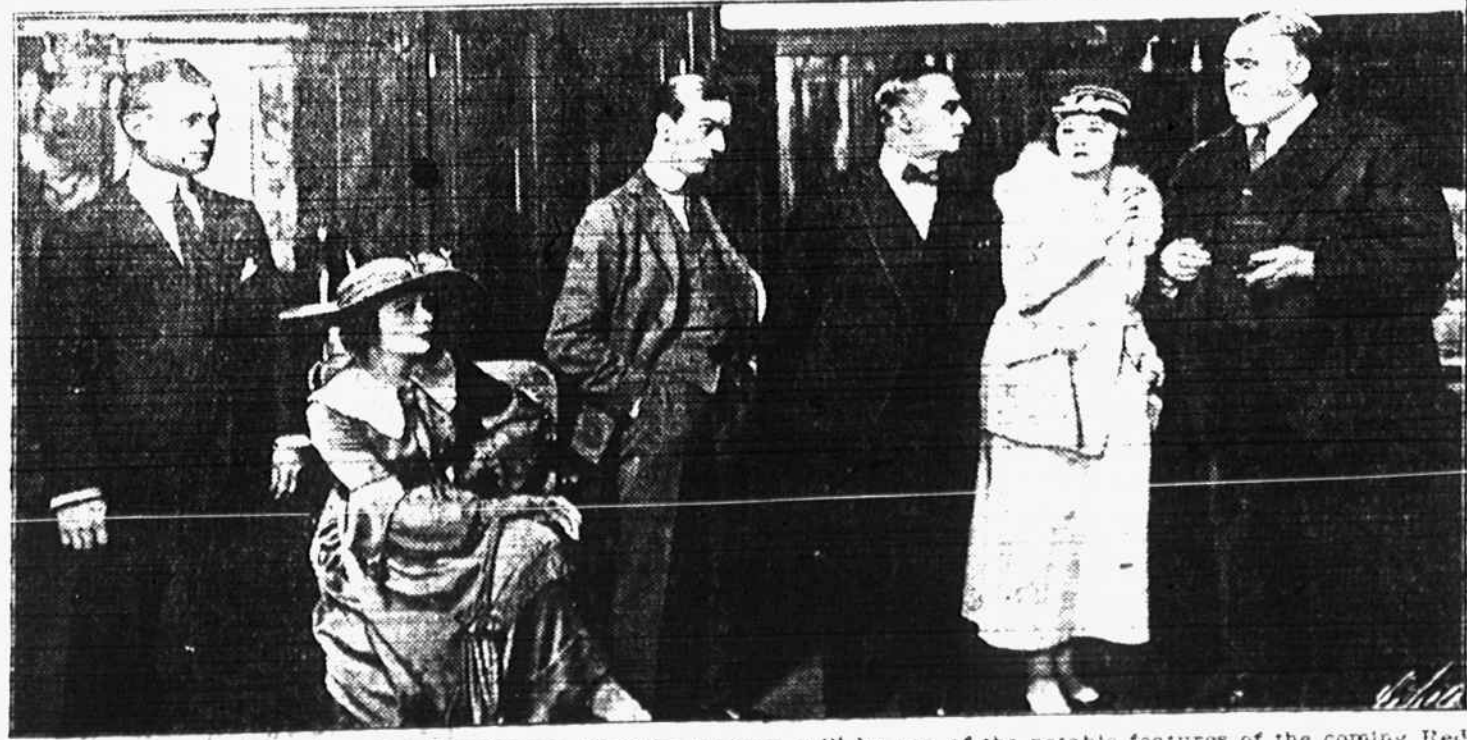
Here's what it will do

IT works smoother, goes farther, looks better, wears longer. Colors retain their brilliancy and protect the surface from the weather for more years—that's real economy. There isn't any magic about it—it's just better paint. It is pure paint and all paint made the Kurfees way from 100 percent pure lead and zinc.

More Pure Lead To Gallon Than Any Other Paint.

MACKAY MERCANTILE COMPANY  
Camden, S. C.

## "Nothing But The Truth," Sparkling Comedy, at Chautauqua



"Nothing But the Truth," widely-known comedy success, will be one of the notable features of the coming Red-path Chautauque. The plot of this great American play is so full of amusing complications and surprises that it inspires one constant rail of merriment from first to last.