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HEARING IS HELD ON TELEPHONE RATES

Telephone Company Claims Yearly Deficit

CITIZENS PROTEST AGAINST INCREASE

South Carolina Railroad Commission Holds Hearing in the Court House Tuesday Morning and Listens to Petition of Company and Protests of Citizens.

After hearing the petition of the Laurens Telephone Company for a raise in rates and protests of a number of citizens against the raise, the state railroad commission, before which the hearing was held in the court house yesterday morning, adjourned the meeting and will act on the petition at a later date.

The telephone company is asking for a raise to the following rates:

Business telephones, special lines, \$3.50 per month.
Business telephones, party lines, \$3.00 per month.
Residence telephones, special lines, \$2.50 per month.
Residence telephones, party lines, \$2.00 per month.
These rates are \$1.00 per month more than present rates for business phones and 50 cents per month more than present rates for residence phones.

In the petition, read by Mr. W. R. Richey, president of the telephone company, it was set out that the rates now prevailing are the same rates which have been in effect since May 1st, 1914, and that since that time labor and materials used in the telephone service had increased to such an extent that the company is facing an estimated deficit for the coming year of \$3,295.88.

The total operating revenue of the plant, including rent on a building which the company owns, but not including commissions from long distance tolls, were given by Mr. Richey as \$12,270.00. The total operating expenditures were given as follows:

Office rent	\$ 180.00
Rent instruments from Bell Co	166.44
Electric current, lights and water	120.00
Coal	100.00
Ice	45.00
Batteries	900.00
State license, corporation tax	
City mills	35.10
City license	75.00
State and County taxes	196.55
City Taxes	100.00
Insurance, \$31.00 and \$50.40	81.40
Directorates	101.68
Books, stationery and stamps	150.00
Woman scouring office	13.00
Woman washing	18.20
Soup and toilet articles	25.00
Christmas presents	25.00
Interest on indebtedness of \$10,602.00	818.16
Loss on subscribers	96.75
One operator at \$50 per month	600.00
One operator at \$45 per mo.	540.00
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One operator at \$45 per mo.	540.00
One operator at \$40 per mo.	480.00
One operator at \$35 per mo.	420.00
One operator at \$35 per mo.	420.00
One operator at \$30 per mo.	360.00
One lineman at \$125 per mo.	1,500.00
One man at \$15 per week	780.00
Salary, sec'y and manager	1,200.00
Salary, Pres. and Treas.	1,200.00
Operators, extra for Sundays	104.00
Operators, extra for holidays	10.00
Repairs and extension	1,500.00
Depreciation 10 per cent	1,594.60
Dividends	500.00
	\$15,565.88
Deduct gross receipts	\$12,270.00
Net loss	\$3,295.88

During the hearing numerous questions were asked by patrons as to the details of receipts and expenditures, and on numbers of occasions Chairman Shealy had to remind both sides to the controversy that they were out of order. Mr. Shealy made it plain that the commission was chiefly concerned with operating receipts and expenses and that the commission was bound by the law to grant an increase

ANOTHER STILL CAPTURED

Copper Outfit Captured Near Lanford Station Sunday Afternoon
Rural Policeman C. L. Owens, assisted by Mr. A. C. Shell, of Gray Court, captured a large and up-to-date still Sunday afternoon in the vicinity of Lanford station and took in tow Pink Farmer, colored, charged with its operation and also with having whiskey in his possession. Farmer was not at the still when the capture was made, but made an effort to escape when the policemen approached his house.

The still was one of the most complete found this year by the police officers. It was of copper throughout and of expensive manufacture, evidently intended for high-grade stuff. A quantity of mash was found nearby and the outfit was "tuned up" for an early run, probably for Thanksgiving celebration.

GEORGE B. BROWN

Well Known Citizen of New Prospect Section Passed Away Last Monday

Mr. Geo. B. Brown, a well known citizen of the New Prospect section, died at his home last Monday following a stroke of paralysis and was buried the following Wednesday, services being conducted by Rev. C. E. Vermillion. Mr. Brown was suddenly stricken several days before his death and never regained consciousness.

The deceased was 68 years old and is survived by his wife and two sons, Claude J. and Bee, and three daughters, Mrs. A. E. Boyd, Mrs. Grover Roper and Mrs. George Bryson, all of this county. His surviving brothers and sisters are, W. P. T. D. and J. Q. Brown, and Mrs. Camilla Hipp and Mrs. Ella Moore.

Health Fairy Coming

Through the Junior Red Cross organization the health fairy is coming to Laurens all the way from fairyland to tell the children of health and happiness. She is a really truly fairy with lovely silver wings and a gown of moonlight mist.

All mothers are invited to send or bring their children to see this lovely play. No tickets need be bought or money brought. If you are a member of Junior Red Cross you are welcome and if you are not a member you are welcome. Opera House, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 3:30 p. m.

In rates if the present rates were shown to be unprofitable. The commission, he said, was equally bound to enforce efficient service where the telephone company is receiving a profitable return on its investment. He intimated that the fluctuations in the prices of other commodities were not relevant to the rates on telephones and that those objecting to the increase in rates should point out defects in the statement as rendered by the telephone company.

In reply to interrogators as to income from long distance tolls not enumerated in the statement of income, Mr. Richey said that the expense of the long distance was more than what the company got out of it, so he did not include it in the statement. This question was argued at length, but the questioners seemed unsatisfied at the end of the questioning as they were at the beginning.

Asked as to the physical valuation of the plant, Mr. Richey gave an estimate of \$20,000 with \$10,600 indebtedness besides the capital stock of \$5,000. When asked what he would take for the plant today, he replied that he did not care to sell whereupon Mr. R. V. Irby stated that he was ready to offer him \$25,000 for the plant and keep the rates at the present scale.

Mr. R. R. Nickels, on behalf of the chamber of commerce, presented the results of a questionnaire sent out by that body on the proposed rates. The answers as stated by Mr. Nickels and filed with the commission showed that out of 170 replies, 161 were opposed to the raise in rates, 1 was in favor of it, 2 were in favor on condition of improved service, and six did not answer the questions directly.

COTTON ASSOCIATION TO MEET FRIDAY

Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers to Be Held.

Pursuant to instructions from Columbia, Mr. C. A. Power, in charge of American Cotton Association work in this county, has called a meeting for Friday morning, the 26th of this month. This is to be the annual meeting of the Laurens county branch and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

On Wednesday, December 8, the annual meeting of the South Carolina Division will be held in Craven Hall, Columbia. This is expected to be one of the largest cotton meetings held in the state.

There will be quite a number of matters of great importance to come up at the Columbia meeting and President Hamer is anxious that there be a large attendance. In a letter to the county presidents urging that they use every effort in their power to have the county and state meetings well attended, President Hamer said: "If there ever was a time when the farmers and business men of the South should present a united front this is the time. If we do not stand together and fight for our rights we shall be destroyed."

GIVES OUT FIGURES ON METHODISTS

Centenary Conservation Committee Shows That There are 29,369,805 in World.

Recent statistics of world-wide Methodism, as computed by Dr. H. H. Carroll, LL.D., were made public today by the Centenary Conservation Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the headquarters, 710 Rush Street, Chicago. The estimate of Methodist population in the world for the western section of members, probationers and adherents is 7,369,385, a total of 36,622,190; an increase in nine years of 3,935,341.

The Methodist population of the world on accepted basis of four adherents for each member in the eastern section and two and one-half in the United States and Canada makes it probably the largest Protestant church in the world, except the Lutheran. The Methodist Episcopal Church in the last nine years contributed an increase of 685,806 and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, an increase of 289,045. These two larger Methodist bodies show over 18 per cent gain in the last five years.

The total Methodist Episcopal communicants in America, without the probationers and adherents, is now 4,175,502. The total communicants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, without the probationers and adherents, is 2,172,088. The total number of Methodists of all bodies in the United States is 7,950,809. The total number of communicants in Canada is 387,421. The Methodist Church of Japan now numbers 20,000.

In Great Britain there are 1,269,482 members—a net gain in nine years of 61,592. In Australia there are 204,395 members—a net gain in the last nine years of 53,505. The grand total for Great Britain and Australia is 1,473,877. The grand total for different groups in Methodism in America is 8,358,230 and for Great Britain and Australia is 1,473,877—a grand total for the world of 9,832,107.

Added to this grand total the estimate for the Methodist population in the world, counting three adherents and probationers for each member in the western section is 29,253,805, and for the eastern section counting four probationers and adherents for each member, the total is 7,369,385—a grand total for the world of 36,622,190; the grand increase for nine years is 3,935,341.

Dr. Carroll, who supplies these figures officially to the Methodist Episcopal Church, was for some time in charge of the government census.

Flower Show at Green Pond

The ladies of the Improvement Association of Green Pond school gave their annual flower show on Friday, November 5. It was indeed a success for a school community. As the day was perfect, there was a large crowd present. A bounteous luncheon was served by the ladies. Quite a neat sum, which will be used for school improvement, was realized.

MANY TEACHERS TO GO TO SPARTANBURG

State Association Meeting in Spartanburg Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Large Attendance Expected.

A large number of teachers from the schools of this county will attend the meeting of the State Teachers' Association to be held in Spartanburg from Thursday through Saturday of this week. All of the schools will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving, thus giving those teachers who wish to attend an opportunity to do so without loss of time from their schools. The following account of the preparations being made is contained in a dispatch from Spartanburg:

Spartanburg is in readiness for the meeting of the State Teachers Association next week, Nov. 25-27th. It is expected that at least 1200 teachers will be in attendance. All local arrangements have been completed for the meeting. Headquarters have been established at the Gresham Hotel and the meetings will be held at Converse each evening while the morning sessions will be held at the Summit School, High School, and Wofford College.

One of the delightful features of the occasion will be the reception by Converse College on Friday evening after the program. All those in attendance are invited to attend this reception.

All railroads are offering reduced rates for the occasion. Those who have not received identification certificates should wire R. C. Purts, secretary, Rock Hill, and one will be mailed. It is necessary to have one of these to get reduced rates.

Another feature of the meeting will be the musical program to be furnished by the children's chorus.

Graduates and former students of several colleges will hold get-together meetings. The following have been scheduled: Winthrop from 6 to 8 Friday evening at Cleveland Hotel, University of South Carolina Y. M. C. A. 6:30 Friday evening; Furman at the Gresham Hotel Friday 1:30, Wofford men, time and place to be announced later.

All departments have arranged strong programs for the meetings. Many of the prominent educators of the State are on the program, besides several from other States.

PEANUT DEMONSTRATION

Valuable Demonstration of Peanut Products Given in Court House Saturday.

Saturday, Nov. 20, was peanut day in Laurens. Miss Harris, home demonstration agent, invited all the club members from over the county to attend a demonstration in the use of peanut products. This demonstration was given by Miss Lola Snider, assistant State agent. The many and various ways of using peanuts were shown in the making of peanut bread, loaf, cookies, salads, candies, etc. The use of peanuts in the school lunch was especially emphasized. Mr. Travathan the new farm agent, gave a short talk on the growing of peanuts.

After the demonstration Miss Harris served a lunch to the sixty club members present. Miss Wallace, rural supervisor and Mrs. Bagwell, matron of the Rest Room gave valuable assistance in making the day a success. This demonstration was put on by Miss Harris to encourage the use of more peanuts in the family diet and the growing of more peanuts by the club members.

Window Sale

The King's Daughters will hold an attractive window sale on December 6th at the Harney Electric Company store beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. In connection with this sale hot tea, sandwiches and home-made candy will be sold.

A. R. P. Services

Services at the A. R. P. church have been changed from 4 o'clock to 3 o'clock p. m. Preaching next Sabbath. The public is invited, strangers and visitors especially invited. Come and you will be welcome. J. R. Ellis.

Turkey Dinner at Eden

A turkey dinner will be given at Eden school house on Thanksgiving day for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

To Be Held Beginning Monday Morning, December 6th. Judge Moore to Preside.

A special term of civil court for this county has been ordered to convene Monday morning, December 6th, with Judge Ernest Moore presiding. On account of the several interruptions of recent courts the calendar had become so congested that a special term was necessary.

The jury commissioners met Saturday morning and drew the following to serve as petit jurors:

B. M. Cannon, Laurens; T. J. Mahon, Dixie; Jno. W. Kellett, Sullivan; Irvin L. Madden, Waterloo; Thos. L. Oxner, Waterloo; J. F. Shoekly, Laurens; W. W. Wasson, Sullivan; O. A. Sowers, Hunter; J. T. Blakely, Laurens; C. M. Bailey, Hunters; Clyde H. McCrary, Jacks; C. Q. Holland, Scuffletown; W. H. Call, Cross Hill; Jno. M. Moore, Laurens; B. L. Martin, Waterloo; J. G. Drummond, Youngs; S. D. Edwards, Youngs; W. R. Henderson, Youngs; J. W. Martin, Youngs; J. H. Ball, Dials; D. T. Andrews, Dials; W. T. Burton, Sullivan; Geo. C. Anderson, Waterloo; Jno. C. Carter, Cross Hill; J. Will Milam, Hunter; W. T. Boyce, Cross Hill; R. L. Call, Cross Hill; J. Robt. Hellams, Dials; M. L. Knight, Dials; R. L. Cook, Jr., Dials; H. F. Tumbler, Sullivan; Thos. J. Cole, Cross Hill; Jos. L. Cooper, Laurens; C. Q. Guderson, Hunter; R. B. Glenn, Scuffletown; J. H. Bonds, Jacks.

UNION SERVICES FOR NEW PASTOR

Churches of the City Unite Sunday Night to Welcome New Methodist Minister.

Rev. Pierce F. Kilgo, the new Methodist minister succeeding Rev. A. E. Holler who goes as presiding elder to Anderson, was given a hearty welcome to the city in union service held at the First Methodist church Sunday night. With Rev. Kilgo in the pulpit were Rev. S. H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. C. T. Squires, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Holmes, rector of the Episcopal church, was out of the city.

Following short addresses of welcome by the Baptist and Presbyterian ministers, in which the cordial relationship existing between the various denominations of the city was spoken of and highly commended, Rev. Kilgo made an earnest response in which he appealed for a unity in the spirit of Christian work and Christian life as opposed to the plan of actual church union now being advocated in some quarters. Different denominations, he said, make for a stronger Christianity by creating rivalry with its consequent incentive to grow. He said that he was glad to see such brotherly feeling existing between the churches here and that he would endeavor to cement the feeling of friendship even stronger.

A pleasant part of the evening was a musical program rendered by the choir.

Died at Hospital

Mrs. Joel S. Newman, wife of a stone mason doing work in this vicinity, died at the hospital last Wednesday morning and the body was carried to Duckbury, Mass., the following day for burial, being accompanied by Mr. Newman. Mrs. Newman had been critically ill for several days and her death was not unexpected.

Twilight Luncheon

The School Improvement Association of Hickory Tavern will give a "Twilight Luncheon" in the school dining room Saturday, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. There will be exercises by pupils preceding the supper. The public is cordially invited to come and help the school. Refreshments and fruit will be sold by pupils.

Stores to Close

Stores, banks and other places of business in the city will follow their usual custom and close for Thanksgiving tomorrow. No petition of any kind has been circulated, but the custom has become so general that it is taken for granted that all business will be suspended for the day.

CIVIL WARFARE GRIPS IRELAND

Far Spread Murder and Reprisals

MANY MURDERS IN DUBLIN

Not Less Than Fourteen Men, Officers or Former Officers, Killed in Wholesale Plot of Assassination. Riot Follows Shooting at Football Game.

Dublin, Nov. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dublin became the scene today of far spread murder and reprisal. Not since the first outbreak of the vicious civil warfare that has been shedding blood in Ireland have the assassinations been so concerted or the retaliation so swift and pronounced.

Not less than 14 men are dead in the attacks arranged simultaneously all over the city this morning. The method was the same in each case and all the men assassinated were officers or former officers, or otherwise in the service of the government.

Small bodies of men numbering generally from six to eight presented themselves at various houses, called their victims out or entered and shot their victims in bed, while dressing or at breakfast. The districts in which the murders were committed were in some instances close together; others were separated by miles, but all the assassinations took place about the same hour, 9 o'clock in the morning.

In the afternoon, while a football match was in progress at Croke Park, 16 lorries filled with auxiliary police moved swiftly up and surrounded the place. Accounts differ as to what happened when, after mounting machine guns on heights above, the police broke through the gates. The auxiliaries were hooted and, according to eye-witnesses, first fired in the air and then into the crowd. It is declared from another source that Sinn Fein pickets first fired on the government forces when they were seen approaching and that the fire was returned.

Within the park the great assembly of 15,000 became panic-stricken. How many were killed is not known as yet, but the estimates range from 10 to 30 or more. Several are reported to have been trampled to death.

The streets of Dublin on Sunday are deserted in the morning hours. Those who had planned the murder of the officers and government employees moved systematically to their task. They committed the assassinations without disguise and all made their escape.

Gresham hotel was the scene perhaps of the greatest daring, and the raid was carried out by 20 men with the utmost cruelty. The Gresham is in Sackville street and is one of the best known hotels in Dublin. In this place two former officers were done to death.

Following fast upon the murders there was great military and police activity and houses were raided in search of the criminals. All motor traffic was ordered stopped and all train service in and out of Dublin was suspended. The city was given over to terrified apprehension as armored cars and lorries filled with black and tans raced through the streets.

Shooting Renewed

Dublin, Nov. 21.—Shooting began again in the streets just before midnight, and a number of people are reported killed. There is much military activity.

The casualties in Croke Park are semi-officially given as ten killed and 65 injured, 11 seriously.

Fire Breaks Out

London, Nov. 21.—Fire broke out in Dublin, says the Dublin correspondent of the Daily Mail. Twelve nurses were among those arrested today.

The Mail says that arrangements are under way to send large reinforcements of troops to Ireland and that the opinion is held in official quarters that the danger of assassination is spreading to England.