

THE TELEPHONE SITUATION.

Newberry to Have Good Telephone Service—Long Distance Connection With Outside World Through the Bell Company.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company is evidencing its desire to give Newberry a first-class telephone system, by the active manner in which it is going over the local system recently purchased from Mr. Floyd, preparing an estimate, which will show in detail every item of material necessary to metallic circuit the plant, and install its system of long distance telephones.

The business men of the city are manifesting their desire to see the Bell Company in operation here by signing a petition which is being circulated by Mr. R. D. Smith, which petition, if accepted by the Bell Company, will be in effect a contract on its part to furnish first-class service at the rates mentioned therein—which rates are the same charged in other towns of this size—for a period of five years.

A reporter for The Herald and News saw Mr. J. Epps Brown, special agent of the Bell Company, who authorized the following statement:

"The Southern Bell Telephone Company, as I have previously stated, proposes to give the subscribers here first-class telephone service, to do which will require the immediate expenditure of a considerable sum of money. To this end a competent construction man has been here for the past few days, going carefully over every route in the city, obtaining the data from which will be prepared at once an estimate showing every item of material necessary to metallic circuit the entire local plant, put in a new switchboard and install long distance Bell instruments at each and every station—business and residence. Immediately following the completion of this estimate, the required material will be ordered, and upon its receipt, the actual work of rebuilding the plant will proceed without delay.

When this work is completed and the new service is noted, I apprehend an increase of 25 per cent. in the number of subscribers now connected with the exchange. This has been the experience elsewhere where the Bell Company has gotten hold of local plants, rebuilt them and furnished improved service—and as Newberry is one of, if not the best, place on earth, I see no reason why this should not be the result here.

"All parties who own their own lines, and connect with the local system here will be allowed to continue these connections—except that the Bell Company will furnish them telephones instead of having them furnish their own instruments. This will give them much better service than they now get. The only thing we will insist upon is that they will keep their lines in good shape, so as not to depreciate our local service. Unlimited service will also be continued between Newberry and Prosperity.

"The long distance lines will be cut into the central office just as soon as practicable and a booth installed so that those desiring to do so, can get the use of the long distance lines. After the local plant is rebuilt, these lines will be cut into the switchboard and any subscriber can then talk from his residence or business station without going to a pay station."

In reply to a question as to the result of the Bell Company having a monopoly, Mr. Brown said:

"I can best answer your question by asking you to note the result in those towns and cities where it now has and has always had, what is termed a monopoly. In those places, which are numerous, the subscribers are entirely satisfied with our service and our rates, being willing to profit by the experience of numerous other towns which have tried the expensive experiment of two companies. In Rome, Griffin, Newnan, Athens, Macon, Columbus, Americus, Albany, Thomasville, Ga., in Montgomery, Gadsden, Anniston, Troy, Opelika, Ala., Pensacola, Fla., and in numerous other towns and cities, the Bell Company has always had the field exclusively, and notwithstanding the talk you hear about the monopolistic tendencies of this institution it remains a fact that in none of the towns mentioned have rates been made different from rates in other towns and cities of similar size. In Columbus, Ga., and Pensacola, Fla., towns in the same class with reference to size as Columbia, S. C., the rates are the same in each and yet in the two former the Bell Company has always had the field exclusively, and in Columbia there is a competing company. In Americus, Ga., with the exclusive field, the rates are the same as at Spartanburg, a town of similar size, where until recently there was a competing company. Further, in all of the above mentioned towns where the Bell Company has had the exclusive field, the plants have been periodically rebuilt, in order to keep up the service. Talk is cheap, but it takes facts to back it up—not idle predictions.

"The Southern Bell Telephone Company proposes to give good service, at rates which they know, (not think) are entirely reasonable—and the complete and absolute financial failure of so many independent companies who try to do it for less, only substantiates our statements that first-class service cannot be furnished for less, except at a loss of money, and while the Southern Bell Company is anxious to furnish the very best class of service it is not willing to do so for rates which its long experience has taught it would mean a loss of money.

As to the petition, Mr. Brown said that his company appreciated such evidence of the moral support of its

patrons, and upon the presentation of this petition to his company, the same would be officially acknowledged and accepted under the terms therein mentioned. He said that at Spartanburg and Greenville, where local companies were organized about five years to supply service at lower rates, the subscribers to both systems, had practically unanimously signed petitions to the Bell Company requesting the consolidation of the two systems in each place and agreeing to patronize exclusively that company for five years. The work of consolidation will proceed as fast as material arrives.

VARIOUS AND ALL ABOUT.

Dr. D. L. Boozer, Jr., spent the past few days in Columbia.

Yesterday was another rainy, dark, dismal, disagreeable day.

Mr. Ralph Foster, of Lancaster, visited friends in Newberry last week.

Mr. W. L. Watkins, who has been visiting friends in this city, returned to his home in Columbia yesterday.

Rev. G. A. Edwards went to Columbia yesterday. He goes to Greenwood today to assist Rev. Mr. Gray of that place, in a protracted meeting.

The Court of Common Pleas convened yesterday morning, Judge Aldrich presiding. There being no cases ready for trial, the jurors were dismissed until this morning.

The Primary and Junior Union of Sunday School teachers will meet as usual this afternoon in the Central Methodist church, promptly at 4 o'clock. Entrance through one of the front doors of the church.

Mr. J. Epps Brown, of the Bell Telephone company, who has been in the city for the past several days looking over the field and making arrangements for the rebuilding of the local system, returns today to Atlanta.

Great Sachem J. H. Hair, of the Improved Order of Red Men, went to Spartanburg last week to assist in the initiation of Hon. John Gary Evans. The three lodges in Spartanburg met together in honor of the event, and a glorious time is reported.

Town to be Cleared.

The chief of police has been given positive instructions to clear the town of all places of ill fame, and to make cases against all those which cease to exist. The good work began with a vim yesterday afternoon.

Death of Capt. Brady.

Capt. Thos. A. Brady died at his home at Little Mountain on Wednesday of last week, aged about 45 years. Capt. Brady held the position of section master on the railroad. The remains were interred on Thursday.

The Payton Sisters.

The Payton Sisters played to four large and well pleased audiences in Newberry last week. The performance on the first night was decidedly the best, but the three succeeding ones were good also. There are some very clever specialists in the troop, and they were well received. The company as a whole is a good one.

The Mayor's Court.

Mayor Earhardt had several cases before him yesterday morning. Pierce Robertson, white, was fined \$5 or ten days upon the gang for using abusive language in a house of ill-repute on the south side of the city Saturday night.

Another case in which a disorderly house figures quite prominently was postponed until Wednesday morning, when, on demand of Hon. Cole L. Blease, defendant's attorney, the case will be tried by a jury.

Contest Returns to Greenwood.

The executive committee of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association of South Carolina, in obedience to a call from Vice President G. C. Merchant, met in this city on Thursday last to make arrangements for the annual contest of the association. By a vote of four to one it was decided to hold the contest in Greenwood, where it was held last year, and Friday, the 24th of April, was selected as the date.

The following committee of judges on delivery was selected: Rev. John Bass Shelton, of Chester; Gov. D. C. Heyward, of Columbia; and Gen. M. L. Bonham, of Anderson.

The judges on composition will be appointed by the president of the association.

Court of General Sessions.

The Court of General Sessions finished the business before it and adjourned on Friday night.

Motions for a new trial were refused in the cases of State vs. Jeff Jones and the State vs. Henry Gilliam, each convicted of murder with a recommendation to mercy, and both were sentenced to life imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

In the case of State vs. R. L. Lewis, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, a verdict of not guilty was rendered.

John Graham was convicted of assault and battery of an aggravated nature and sentenced to four months upon the public works or to pay a fine of \$50.

Bob Smith was convicted of house-breaking and larceny and sentenced to four months on the chaingang.

A mistrial resulted in the case of the State vs. Bud Tribble and Nance Tribble, charged with burglary and larceny.

Any Cook Good Enough.

"Clifton" flour makes the sweetest and most nutritious biscuits that ever came out of the oven—and any cook is a good enough cook to make them. At Hays & McCarty's and E. R. Hipp's.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

House Defeats Child Labor.—House Passes Dog Bill.—Appropriation and Supply Bills.—Other Matters.

Probably the most important business transacted by the General Assembly this week was the action of the House in killing the Compulsory Education Bills. Mr. Aull's Bill requiring the attendance for sixteen weeks of each year of children between the ages of seven and twelve, came up as a special order on Friday. After discussion, the Rayson Bill, requiring the attendance of children between the ages of eight and twelve upon the common schools for eight weeks of each year, was substituted for the Aull Bill. Messrs. Aull and Banks, of Newberry took part in the debate. Mr. Banks opposed the measure in a forcible and effective speech, on the ground that the parent, and not the State, is the most competent judge of what is best for the child. Mr. Aull, as reported in the News and Courier, "made a forcible argument in favor of compulsory education, claiming that the wealth of the State is in the educated masses. He took up the matter of the education of the negro and showed that this was a useless bugaboo. He showed that thirty-three states had compulsory education laws and gave figures to show that since these laws had been adopted illiteracy had largely decreased. He took up the matter of a people's productivity, showing that it is proportionate to intelligence. He was thoroughly posted on the whole matter." By a vote of 60 to 54 the Bill was indefinitely postponed, which ends the matter so far as this session is concerned. The roll call was:

Yeas—Speaker Smith, Bailey, Baker, Banks, Bass, Beauguard, Bennett, Black, Brooks, Brown, Carwile, Clifton, Colcock, Culler, DeBruhl, Doar, Donald, Dorroh, Dowling, Ford, Fox, Fraser, Glover, Gourdin, Haile, Hill, Irby, James, Johnson, Kibler, Lesesne, McCain, Mauldin, Middleton, Morgan, Nichols, Parnell, Patterson, Pearman, Pennington, Potts, Pyatt, Rankin, Rawlinson, Ready, Richards, Richardson, Russell, Seabrook, W. C. Smith, Stuckey, Tatum, Traylor, Wall, Wingard, Wingo, Wise, Wright, Youmans—60.

Nays—Aull, Barron, Bates, Blackwood, Bomar, Callison, Coggeshall, Cooper, Davis, Dennis, DesChamps, DeVore, Doyle, Edwards, Gause, Harrellson, D. O. Herbert, J. E. Herbert, Hinton, Holman, Humphrey, Jarmon, King, Kirby, Lancaster, Laney, Latham, Leavert, Little, Lofton, Logan, Lyles, McMaster, Mace, Magill, Mahaffey, Mims, Moses, Moss, Pollock, Quick, Rainsford, Sarratt, Sinkler, Jeremiah Smith, Stackhouse, Thomas, Toole, Towill, Tribble, Webb, Whaley, Williams—54.

EFFORT TO INCREASE SALARIES. An effort was made in the Senate to get through a measure to increase the salaries of treasurers to twenty-five per cent above those of auditors. The measure was defeated, the principal argument being that salaries are high enough already and that there is no dearth of candidates for the office.

SAMPLING FERTILIZERS.

Mr. Tatum's Bill providing for the testing of fertilizers, has been passed by the House. The Bill provides that any citizen of the State who shall purchase any commercial fertilizer or manures shall have the right to have same analyzed by Clemson College, by taking a sample of such fertilizers in the presence of at least two disinterested witnesses, one of whom shall be chosen by the dealer and one by the purchaser.

The House has also passed Mr. Goodwin's Bill prohibiting the importation into this State of stock with contagious diseases, except distemper. One of the prettiest fights seen on the floor of the House took place on a Bill prohibiting persons from shipping shad outside the State. It was claimed by the advocates of the Bill that such a measure was needed in order to protect the people of the State. The Bill was opposed by Messrs. Pyatt and Doar, of Georgetown, the point about which the business in shad is at its height. The advocates of the measure were greatly in the majority, but Mr. Doar secured the floor and talked for several hours in order to postpone the measure for the day, after which it would not likely go through. Mr. Doar, however, was forced to stop on account of having to catch a train, and the Bill went through.

TRUSTEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

A Bill has passed the House making trustees of schools conservators of the peace and vesting them with the authority of constables.

Also a Bill providing that any person applying for a scholarship in an institution under the direction and control of the State shall furnish a certificate from the County Auditor to the effect that the parents or guardians of said applicants are too poor to provide an education, and that no person shall be allowed to apply for any scholarship where a brother or sister holds a scholarship.

The House has passed a Bill providing that fruit cars may be hauled on Sunday.

IN REGARD TO PHARMACISTS.

Mr. Mower has a Bill drawn by himself, without the aid of the Pharmaceutical Association, to relieve some who are now practicing pharmacy and who have been practicing since 1893 from standing the regular pharmaceutical examination.

NEWBERRY'S BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Mr. Aull's Bill providing that the Board of Public Works of Newberry shall be constituted of six members, three of whom shall be the mayor and two aldermen to be selected by the people, has passed a second reading in the House.

SPECTACLES AND EYEGLASSES.

Do your eyes ache and burn at night? I have the best trial case for fitting Spectacles and Eyeglasses, and can fit the most difficult eyes, with the proper glasses. I have fitted glasses for the best people in the best grade Crystaline lenses. Come and give me a trial and be convinced. Strictly one price to all. GUY DANIELS, Jeweler and Optician.

Wood for sale, back of James F. Todd, any way you want it. Large or small. Apply to J. M. Dowd.

laundries doing business in the State to take out a license was also killed.

JURISDICTION OVER TELEPHONES.

The Senate has indefinitely postponed Senator Hydrick's Bill to give the railroad commissioners jurisdiction over telephone companies. The Bill contained a section requiring all telephone systems in a place to connect, and was opposed on the grounds that it would hurt the local systems and tend to give the Bell Company a monopoly of the telephone business in South Carolina.

DOG BILL PASSED.

The House has passed a Dog Bill. The Bill, as usual, created a good deal of discussion, and was vigorously opposed. But the enemies of the canine species seem at last to have got in the majority. The Bill provides:

Section 1. That there shall be imposed and assessed on all dogs in this State a capitation tax of fifty cents annually on each dog, the proceeds of which tax shall be expended for school purposes in the several counties in which it is collected.

Section 2. That dogs shall be returned at the same time that other property is returned for taxation.

Section 3. That the capitation tax on dogs provided for in this Act shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner that other taxes are now collected.

Section 4. That the capitation tax provided for in this Act shall be and constitute a first lien in favor of the State of South Carolina on all the property owned by any person who owes any such capitation tax.

Section 5. That the collection of the capitation tax provided for in this Act may be enforced against any property owned by the debtor of such tax in the same manner as if it were a tax assessed on that specific piece of property.

Section 6. That no dog which is not returned for taxation as provided in this Act should be held to be property in any of the Courts of this State.

REMAINING IN POSTOFFICE FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 14, 1903:

- A—Jas Adams. B—B J Benson. C—Miss Daisy Cats, Mozon Cheek. D—Mrs Polly Dusserway. H—G B Hill, John A Howell. J—Belton W J Jones. M—Flemmos Mabry. N—Mrs D R Nance. P—Lettie Pitts. R—Lot Rennie. S—Miss Vinie Symon. T—Mrs Mary Jane Tiba. W—Miss F Wadsworth, G A Wilson, Lillie Waits. Persons calling for these letters will please say they were advertised. C. J. Purcell, P. M.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

MONEY TO LOAN—We negotiate loans on improved farm lands at seven per cent. interest on amounts over one thousand dollars, and eight per cent. interest on amounts less than \$1,000. Long time and easy payments. Hunt, Hunt & Hunter, Attorneys.

Wanted. We would like to ask, through the columns of your paper, if there is any person who has used Green's August Flower for the cure of indigestion, Dyspepsia, and Liver Troubles that has not been cured—and we also mean their results, such as sour stomach, fermentation of food, habitual costiveness, nervous dyspepsia, headaches, despondent feelings, sleeplessness—in fact, any trouble connected with the stomach or liver? This medicine has been sold for many years in all civilized countries, and we wish to correspond with you and send you one of our books free of cost. If you never tried August Flower, try a 25 cent bottle first. We have never known of its failing. If so, something more serious is the matter with you. The 25 cent size has just been introduced this year. Regular size 75 cents. At all druggists. G. G. GREEN, Woodbury, N. J.

Notice of Final Settlement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will make a final settlement of the personal estate of John J. Amick, deceased in the Probate Court for Newberry County on the 20th day of February, 1903, at 11 a. m., and will immediately thereafter apply for a final discharge. All claims against said estate must be presented or before said date. RHODA F. CONNELLY, Formerly Rhoda F. Amick, Adm'x.

Note Our Steady Growth.

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Teachers' Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the teachers of Newberry County was held in Boundary street graded school building on Saturday. In the absence of President E. S. Werts, Mr. Thomas E. Wicker was chosen president pro tempore.

The meeting was more largely attended than any previous meeting for the past two years. There were about fifty teachers in attendance, showing by their presence and interest their desire to aid the cause of education, and to gain all the information possible leading to this end.

It was a matter of general regret that Prof. E. B. Wallace, of Columbia, who was to have delivered an address, could not be present. Rev. S. H. Zimmerman, of Central Methodist church addressed the teachers. His remarks contained thought that was of practical benefit to all in his audience, and he was listened to with close attention and his address highly appreciated.

Jeter Gets Bail.

Application for bail for J. D. Jeter, charged with breach of trust, was made before Judge James Aldrich Saturday morning. The State was represented by Hon. D. J. Baker, of Charleston, Hon. F. H. Dominick, acting solicitor, and Hon. O. L. Schumpert. The defendant was represented by Hon. Cole L. Blease. Bail was granted in the sum of \$1,000.

It will be remembered that Sheriff Buford arrested Jeter here on Tuesday on a warrant sworn out by W. F. Nelson, of Charleston. It appears from Nelson's affidavit that Jeter appropriated to his own use \$500 given him by Nelson with which to buy cattle. That having appropriated the money he left. It seems that he came to Newberry and opened up in business for himself, running a butcher shop.

Advertised Letters

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