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BELL TELEPHONE COMING TO TERMS IN PLACES.

The Bell Telephone, which is now making every effort to kill all independent companies in this State so that it may rob and oppress the public is resorting to all kinds of means to accomplish its aims and purposes.

Until recently it has been impossible to secure a contract with it at any reasonable terms.

The independents are getting considerable headway in Cabarrus and Iredell counties and are arranging to connect through Salisbury, Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Randleman, Asheboro and many other points. This is greatly disturbing the Bell. All sorts of propositions were made for connection with Mr. Hayden, manager of High Point system, as we learn. But Mr. Hayden looked upon the Bell representatives as Greeks bearing gifts.

Recently the Bell people gave out that they had a franchise at Mooresville.

Mr. Z. V. Turlington, president of the Mooresville Company, and upon whose word the public may rely as correct, in a letter to the Landmark says:

"We allow the Bell to connect its long distant lines with our switch board and it pays us 15 per cent on all business going over the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and 20 per cent for all business going over the Southern Bell Telephone Company. This contract is good for one year and after that time we can be released by giving 30 days written notice. We remain independent and still retain our connection with Statesville and other points where we now have connections. In other words, our contract with the Bell people is just what we attempted to make all telephone companies do by statute.

"We have not sold out and do not contemplate doing so. We are still independent of the Bell Telephone Company with just physical connection with a traffic arrangement."

And this is quite another story from that given out by the Bell, says the Landmark.

The Most Original Poem.

In the November issue of the Jeffersonian Magazine, Mr. Watson discusses the most original poem in our language, and asks, Is it Poe's "Raven," or is it Bret Harte's "Song of the Bullet"? Mr. Watson says that many critics would say that it is Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner". Some would say that it is Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar". Others would select some of the bits of verse in the Cameos of Landon which carry the music of the sea shell in caskets. Cowper's lines of the Ice Palace of the Russian Empress might be chosen by some, as Oscar Wilde's terribly fascinating "Ballad of Reading Goal," Edwin Markham's "Man With the Hoe," and Dr. Holmes' old ship "The Constitution," would not be overlooked by some.

Most of the foregoing poems are familiar to the general public. The poem Mr. Watson refers to by the name of the "Song of the Bullet," we are unable to find in the works of Bret Harte. We do find, however, in the Riverside Edition of his works in the volume entitled "His Poems" and "The Two men of Sandy Bar," a short, but very original and beautiful poem entitled "What the Bullet Sang."

We here give the poem in full:

What the Bullet Sang.
O joy of creation
To be!
O rapture to fly
And be free!
Be the battle lost or won,
Through its smoke shall hide the sun,
I shall find my love,—the one
Born for me!
I shall know him where he stands,
All alone,
With the power in his hands
Not withdrawn,
I shall know him by his face,
By his G-d-like front and grace,
I shall hold him for a space,
All my own!
Is it he—O my love!
So bold!
It is I—all thy love
Foretold!
Is it I O love! What like!
Dost thou answer to my kiss?
O sweetheart! What is this
Lies there so cold?

One of the best and most original poems in the language, no doubt, was written by Harry Edwards, in Georgia, more than a quarter of a century ago, here it is:

The Vulture and His Shadow.

"All the day we roam, my shadow fleet and light,
One senses all the land and sea, and one the trees and sky,
But when the call of death ascends, my airy flight is great,
As friends around a funeral board, we meet we meet we meet!

"Ah, none can read the signs we read, no eye can fathom the gales,
No tongue may whisper our secret deed, for dead men tell no tales,
The spot on the plains is miles away, but my wings are broad and fleet,
The wave tossed speck in the eye of the day is far, but we meet we meet we meet!

"The voice of the battle is Haste! O Haste! and down the wreck means up, from the deep, and we search the rank sea weed,
The maiden waits all the living day for the sound of her lover's feet:
She wonders to see us speeding by, she would shudder to see us meet! L'Envoi.

"Sweeping in circles my shadow and I,
Leaving no mark on land or sky,
The double circles are all complete
At the bedside of death, we meet we meet!"

"The Greatest of These is Love."

I cast a seed. It fell on fruitful ground.
It blossomed forth with branches strong and tall;
Prepared in faith with cultivation sound,
Watered with Hope, no barren spots were found
And here reaped all.

I dreamed a dream. It carried me away
Far into space, I know not how or where,
But on and on it led me night and day
And gave me wondrous visions of the way
That love laid bare.

I struck a chord. The organ seemed to tell
The same sweet story that is never old;
And as the music softly rose and fell
To dizzy heights and back to shady dell,
Of love it told.

I breathed a prayer. 'Twas borne on wings
Of flight
And carried upward to the realms above;
Swift came the answer, and the dawn of light.

Flashed on my troubled mind, I knew
aright
That God is love.

C. P. HERRICK.

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The Farmers' Creed.

Years ago Henry Ward Beecher wrote the farmers' creed and it runs thus:

We believe in small farms and thorough cultivation.

We believe that the soil loves to eat, as well as its owner, and ought, therefore, to be liberally fed.

We believe in large crops which leave the land better than they found it—making the farmer and the farm both glad at once.

We believe in going to the bottom of things, and, therefore in deep ploughing, and enough of it.

All the better with a subsoil plow. We believe that every farmer should own a farm.

We believe that the best fertilizer for any soil is a spirit of industry. Without this lime, gypsum bone, green manure and guano will be of little use.

We believe in good fences, good barns, good farmhouses, good stock, good orchards and children enough to gather the fruit.

Chatham County Notes.

Sanford Express.

J. J. Jackson, of Pittsboro, has a volunteer pumpkin vine 50 feet long, upon which was grown nearly forty pumpkins. The largest one weighed 32 pounds.

Mrs. M. E. Brooks, widow of Col. Isaac F. Brooks, died at her home in Hickory Mountain Town last week. She was the mother of the Register of Deeds of Chatham county.

Mr. Bose Ross and the Farmer's Alliance store at Harper's Cross Roads, were victims of burglars last week. \$40 was secured from the former and a few stamps from the Alliance store.

Business Locals.

SEE W. D. STEDMAN & CO. for everything in Groceries for Thanksgiving.

WANTED—Hands and teams to cut and haul 2000 cross ties from two miles to four miles from Asheboro. Apply to WM. C. HAMMER, Asheboro, N. C.

LOST—Last Saturday in Asheboro \$13 in currency. A liberal reward will be given the finder. Any information given the Courier or the postmaster at Asheboro will be thankfully received.

Have you seen our line of fancy and useful articles for Christmas? Toilet and manicure sets, silverware, jewelry, fine china, also presents for the gentlemen. We have a nice lot of books for children and grown people too and can take your subscriptions for any magazine at as low price as can be had anywhere. Asheboro Drug Co.

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WANTED—Teams to haul lumber to Asheboro. Distance 2 1/4 miles. Apply to WM. C. HAMMER, Asheboro, N. C.

Christmas is only a month off and we have now a few lot of presents on display. They are handsome, but the prices are moderate and not beyond your reach. Last year you regretted having put off buying till everything was picked over and said you would attend to it early this year. Now that you keep your promise to yourself, Asheboro Drug Co.

Two Sure Cures.

"If you want to know a sure cure for rheumatism," said the pretty woman, "take a long piece of twine and tie it around your waist, up under your arms, and down again around your wrist, and let it stay there. In three days you will be perfectly cured."

"I know a better cure than that," said the tall thin boy: "Take a black cat out to a graveyard on a dark night and cut off both of its ears and a piece of its tail. Put the ears and the tail on the roof of the house to son, and when there's nothing left of them you'll quit having rheumatism."—New York Press.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Notice has been sent out by the State Department of Agriculture that "Luxanne Coffee" sold as pure coffee is adulterated with chicory.

Ex State Treasurer Harris, of Pennsylvania, has been sued for \$20,890,000 of State money, and is charged with accepting two bribes of \$10,000 each.

The North Carolina Society at Baltimore entertained last Thursday in honor of Gov. Glenn. Two hundred North Carolinians were present.

Chairman Thomas Taggart has called a meeting of the National Democratic Executive Committee for Nov. 22nd at French Lick Springs, Ind.

The new 20,000,000 passenger station at Washington, D. C., was opened to the public Sunday. It is one of the most elaborate in the world.

A. B. Russell, depot agent at Springhope, was accidentally shot between the eyes Friday, while playing with a pistol at his home. He is in a serious condition.

Chas. T. Barney, the deposed president of the knickerbocker Trust Co. committed suicide Thursday in New York by shooting himself. Distress over the dissipation of his fortune and loss of social and financial position was the cause.

J. W. Cummings was killed by some unknown person at Norfolk last week. He was attacked with a club. Mr. Cummings was a brother of J. R. Cummings, of Winston, and lived near Reidsville.

The machinery for the Bismark Hosiery Mills, at Carthage, is arriving and will be installed at once. J. F. McArthur will have charge and will employ 25 men.

Safe crackers visited the store of W. L. London & Son at Pittsboro Thursday night last, and succeeded in boring holes in the safe before discovered and frightened away. An attempt was also made to rob the bank.

The Nashville [Tenn.] W. C. T. Union has elected Mrs. Carrie Nation a life member.

Judge W. B. Council is rapidly recovering from a third attack of pneumonia.

Miss Annie G. Craver, of Reids, and Wm. Thos. Grimes, of Lexington, were married at the home of the bride's parents last Thursday evening.

Annie Smiley, of Lexington, admx. of H. M. Smiley, who was killed several years ago while employed by the Southern Railway, was last week given \$5,000 as a compromise of the suit for \$15,000 against that road.

Luther Curry, of Lexington, who has made his home at Gafney for some time was married at the latter place last week to Miss L. Mae Green. They will return to Lexington to live.

Henry J. Berrier, aged 70 years, one of Lexington's oldest citizens, died last week and was buried Friday. The deceased was a member of A. A. Hill Camp, United Confederate Veterans.

The Hannah Pickett Mill, at Rockingham, has just begun operation. The building is of concrete and is run by a gas engine. This is said to be more economical than coal.

The railroad companies operating in Oklahoma announced that they would make no effort to resist the 2-cent passenger rate provision in the new State constitution, though such a rate cannot make any profits.


It is reported that Rev. Plato Durham will give up ministerial work at an early date and accept an editorial position on the Charlotte Observer.

Mack Satterfield and Miss Augusta Hammond, were married at Danville last week. The bride is a daughter of Mr. John Hammond, who formerly lived at Asheboro.

Last Thursday the family of W. A. Fairchild, who formerly lived at Boomer, Wilkes county, was assaulted by three men who opened fire on the house, shooting through the windows. Every pane of glass was shot out. Several members of the family were injured. It is believed that illicit distillers made the assault in a spirit of revenge.

President Asks Conference With Governors.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Roosevelt has invited the Governors of the States and Territories to meet him at the White House May 13, 14th and 15th next, to discuss the question of means to conserve the natural resources of the country.



Rapid changes of temperature are hard on the toughest constitution.

The conductor passing from the heated inside of a trolley car to the icy temperature of the platform—the canvasser spending an hour or so in a heated building and then walking against a biting wind—know the difficulty of avoiding cold.

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TURNIP GREENS AS MEDICINE

Used in Treatment of Intestinal Diseases at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Turnip tops as a diet for patients suffering with certain intestinal diseases is the unique treatment adopted for experimental purposes at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mr. John S. Ashworth, 27 years old, of Williamson, W. Va., entered the hospital the early part of last month weak and ill from the disease. He was pale, had lost much flesh and had suffered for several months. It was at the suggestion of his physician that he came to Baltimore, and when he entered the hospital he was put to bed under the hospital regime for such cases. His condition grew worse. At the suggestion of one of the house physicians Ashworth was put on the turnip greens treatment.

It is the first case of this character ever so treated at the hospital and the improvement in the condition of Ashworth has been rapid.

For the first two weeks Ashworth took four or five meals of turnip tops a day. His condition improved remarkably.

After another week of the treatment his diet will be increased by the addition of a glass of milk and toast, but at the present the patient eats nothing but turnip tops gotten fresh daily. The attending physicians have high hopes of rapid recovery of their patient. The physicians are watching the case with much in earnest.

The common turnip is used. The whole growth is taken fresh to the hospital and when about to be prepared the tops are cut off. They are cooked with great care as the dish is unpalatable when badly cooked. The patient at first cannot get accustomed to the cooked greens, but after the first few days or so finds the meals very palatable.

Throughout the South it is a common diet in the country districts, but it was not until a well known physician of Alabama discovered that they had medicinal properties that their value was known. Since then he had recommended its use and adoption at Johns Hopkins.—Baltimore Sun.

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