

## ASHEVILLE'S GROWING TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Facts Learned by a Visitor to the Central Office.

The new directory of the Asheville Telephone Company will contain about 800 names in the Asheville Exchange, at least 100 new names in the city alone will be added. These figures show but a part of the progress the company has made. The more recent extensions of the business have been greater in the long distance phones. Connection with Hendersonville and other outside towns has been established for some time and it is expected that before the end of this month the work of this division will be materially improved by the addition of a line to Spartanburg with connections at Tryon and Saluda. The company will also run to Swannanoa, Black Mountain and Montreat within 30 days, and the next 60 days will probably add Old Fort and Marion, from which they will reach Charlotte and also Bakersville, in Mitchell county, and Burnsville, in Yancey.

The line from Waynesville will be extended from Turnpike to Waynesville within 30 days. These connections will put at least 1000 phones at the service of the Asheville public and will put Asheville in talking distance of a large part of the state. A long distance booth has been put in the Central office for the convenience of subscribers and others. The long distance phones are furnished with especially sensitive transmitters and receivers so that the voice is carried as perfectly as on the shorter lines.

A visit to the Central office is full of interest to the uninitiated as well as to the person who has some knowledge of the mysteries of modern invention. The visitor gazes at the intricate network of the distributor where the cables which enter and leave the office are separated into a thousand wires each carrying a tag bearing the telephone number so that each wire may be tested by itself and he is impressed with the fact that each strand of this marvelous web is a voice in transit; he looks at the back of the switchboards and sees these innumerable wires mounting from a central trunk like the symmetrical branches of a great plant, spreading over the surface to attachments that resemble the stops and hammers of a huge musical instrument, he steps to the front of the switch-board and sees the operators playing upon this instrument, answering voices and calling other voices putting minds miles apart in communication and he is led to the conclusion that there is food for the imagination in modern science and invention.

The less imaginative visitor will no doubt look with interest and approval upon the recent improvement and extension of the apparatus in the office and congratulate himself upon the usefulness of it all. The company has now 26 employees and between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. there are constantly nine operators at the switch-board.

When it is recalled how recently the business was established it will be seen that its growth has been exceedingly rapid.

## GREAT SHIPPING DEAL.

**J. P. MORGAN PURCHASES THE LEYLAND LINE OF STEAMERS.**

The First Step in the direction of the Consolidation of Some of the Largest Trans-Atlantic Interests Accomplished—American Secure Control of One of Great Britain's Greatest Shipping Institutions—The Deal Means the Largest Tonnage of any Company in the World.

London, April 29.—The first step in the direction of the consolidation of some of the biggest trans-Atlantic shipping interests has been accomplished by the purchase by J. Pierpont Morgan & Company, of the Leyland Line of steamers. A deposit on the purchase money has been paid. A representative of the Associated Press learned that the purchase of the Leyland line is tantamount to its consolidation with the Atlantic Transport line. For the present the Leyland line will retain its name and be under the same management, though changes in the directorate are likely to occur shortly.

President Baker, of the Atlantic Transport line, said to the representative of the Associated Press: "Although the Leyland line has been purchased by the Morgans, I am not yet at liberty, nor, indeed, fully in a position to discuss the arrangements projected. Beyond the purchase, nothing will be settled until I return from the United States in June."

The result of this projected consolidation will be a steamship company with the largest tonnage of any company in the world.

The officials of the Leyland line, in confirming the sale, told a representative of the Associated Press that an official statement will be issued from the head office of the line at Liverpool to-morrow. It is said that the shareholders will receive 14.10 pounds for each 10 pound share.

The Leyland line, whose fleets will thus pass into the control of Americans, is one of Great Britain's greatest shipping institutions, far exceeding the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company in tonnage and importance.

The report of the Leyland line for 1900, just issued, says the purchase of the West Indian and Pacific Steamship Company has been duly completed. The company now owns upwards of 99 per cent. of the capital of the Wilson and the Furness-Leyland lines.

Steamers of the value of 1,000,000 pounds were recently added to the joint fleets. The directors declared a dividend of 6 per cent. on ordinary shares and set aside 370,000 pounds to the account of the reserve fund.

When, some months ago, it was suggested that the line was likely to pass into the hands of the Atlantic Transport people much comment followed in regard to the deal. It would have been generally felt in shipping circles that any such wide-reaching shipping amalgamation, in close touch with American railroads, would have serious consequences for lines outside the combination.

## NEWS OF THE STATE BY WAY OF RALEIGH

**The Mayorality Campaign at Fayetteville—Asking for Information as to the Operations of the Liquor Dispensary System—The Youngest Brigadier-General of the Confederacy—Greensboro Democrats Dissatisfied—A Verdict for \$6000 Set Aside.**

Raleigh, N. C., April 29.—Mrs. Robert Thompson, formerly Miss Annie Busbee, of this city, who since her marriage has lived in Bremen, returned yesterday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Busbee. This is her first visit home since she went abroad to live. She is accompanied by her son, Master Robert, Jr.

Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp has returned from Cuba, where she has been spending several weeks. While on the island she visited Santiago, where her gallant husband, Lieutenant William E. Shipp, was killed during the war with Spain in the charge up San Juan Hill.

The provisions of a new law in this State will cause many Northern buyers of North Carolina pine and other valuable woods much inconvenience and loss. Lawyers say it is constitutional. If this be true, then the shipping out of this State of unsawed or undressed logs in large quantities will be stopped, and the Northern shippers must either erect saw mills within the State or have the work done by North Carolina mills owned by them. Great quantities of pine in the eastern counties, as well as spruce, gum and other woods, and of walnut, chestnut, hickory and maple in the western counties, have of late years been bought, sometimes thousands of acres in a lot, and the timber, upwards of 100,000,000 feet annually, shipped, in logs, outside the State. The existence of this law was not generally known until this week. Its provisions were not published in the newspaper reports of the legislative proceedings, because the bill bore the innocent local title, "An act to prevent the felling of trees on certain streams of Beaufort county." This law requires that no corporation shall be allowed to hold, or lease, more than 300 acres of timber land, unless it maintains a mill within the State, at which the timber shall be manufactured. No corporation, unless created under the laws of North Carolina, and having its principal place of business in North Carolina, shall hold more than 300 acres of timber land. Any person or corporation violating the provisions of the act shall forfeit of the timber lands in excess of 300 acres.

A correspondent calls attention to the fact that General Gaston H. Lewis was not the youngest Brigadier-General of the Confederacy, but the honor, he states, belongs to General John Deane of Wilmington, who was just 21 years old when his nomination as Brigadier-General was conferred by the Confederate Senate in 1865. He entered the service as a private, served one year in the ranks, and then rose to the grade of General. He died in Wilmington of consumption in 1867.

The Fayetteville Light Infantry, the oldest military organization in the State and one of the oldest in the country, withdrew from the State Guard several years ago when the blue uniform was adopted, refusing to give up the gray they had worn since the company entered the Confederate service. Now there is a proposition for it to re-enter the guard, and the adjutant-general and the officers of the company are to meet here Wednesday to consider it.

The editor of the Toronto (Canada) paper is writing to the editors of the Press asking about the operations of the liquor dispensary system. Something of the kind is proposed in Canada, and he wants to know how it operates where it is tried. He has heard of the establishment of a number in North Carolina, and evidently thinks the system is likely to be largely extended.

At Greensboro the municipal convention adopted as the test of Democratic loyalty to Bryan and the national Democratic ticket. This has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction as many of the prominent citizens of that town who have taken a great hand in local politics did not vote for Mr. Bryan.

Bishop Leo Hald, head of the Catholic Church in this State, preached a sermon on the Church and the Sacred Heart last night, and administered the rite of confirmation to a large class. The church was crowded to the doors by the congregation and visitors.

In the Mayorality campaign at Fayetteville the Observer, the only paper there, is supporting Senator McMill. The friends of Mayor Cook have started an opposition paper, the Fayetteville Democrat, that supports the administration.

At Wilmington Judge Hoke set aside the verdict of the jury in the case of H. F. Penny vs. the Atlantic Coast Line. The jury awarded him \$6000 for being shot by a negro who was put off the train, Penny being a passenger on the same train.

The new executive committee of the State Fair meets at its office in this city this afternoon to consider plans for the exhibition next Fall. It is the intention to make this the largest fair ever held here.

Rev. Walter Smith has been re-elected superintendent of the Thompson Orphanage, Episcopal, at Charlotte. There are fifty-nine children in the orphanage, only ten being from the eastern part of the State.

United States Consul Hezekiah Guder, stationed at Panama, is at our home in Asheville on a visit to his family. He says there is no diplomatic significance in his return home at this time.

Federal Court convenes in Wilmington to-morrow, Judge T. R. Furnell presiding. District Attorney Bernard and the Judge go there to-day.

Mr. Ashby Baker, Mr. Dempsey Wood and a party of North Carolinians are on the Gulf coast of Florida, fishing for tarpon.

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

San Juan, P. R., April 29.—It is reported that the American Sugar Refining Company is getting options on large estates here.

New York, April 29.—A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold to-day for \$66,000, which is \$1000 more than the last high record.

Birmingham, Ala., April 29.—Fire early this morning destroyed half a block of buildings at Bessemer, near Birmingham, causing a loss of \$75,000.

New York, April 29.—W. Butler Duncan, manager of the cup defender syndicate, announced to-day that the Constitution will be launched on the evening of May 6th.

Ludwigshafen, Berlin, April 29.—The notorious "Jack the Ripper," who has assaulted and mutilated eighteen women, has been caught here red-handed by two detectives, attired as a woman.

Boston, April 29.—The directors of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad declared a dividend of \$2 per share for the four months ending July 1st, payable June 15th.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 29.—A. W. Jordan, dean of the University of Tennessee, announced to-day that he would not accept the presidency of the University of Alabama.

Columbia, S. C., April 29.—Application was to-day made to the Supreme Court for bail for B. B. Evans, charged with killing J. J. Griffin April 18th, in this city. It was granted in \$3000 and will be given probably to-morrow.

New York, April 29.—Probate Clerk Washburn has received notice of the filing of a contest of the will of Edward A. Hammond, of Ocean, Monmouth county, N. J., who died at Washington, D. C., on February 12th last. The value of the estate is believed to be over \$2,000,000.

Cape Town, April 29.—A party of Boers blew up the railroad between Graspan and Belmont, Cape Colony, in three places April 27th, apparent with the intention of intercepting a train carrying Cecil Rhodes. The damage done was slight and quickly repaired.

WILL CONTEST SETTLED.

Nashville, Tenn., April 29.—The contest of the will of the late Samuel M. Murphy has been settled. Mr. Murphy left an estate valued at \$150,000, in which he bequeathed \$50,000 to each of his nieces, Mrs. Nora Kibbreth and Mrs. Murphy Gardner, on condition that no contest be instituted. The remainder of the estate was left to his wife, who subsequently adopted Thos. J. Felder and wife, the daughter of President Smith, of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, which made them her residuary legatees. Suit was brought to set aside the will, but was abandoned to-day by the claimants accepting the bequest provided in the testament and absolving the estate from all further claims.

THE CO-EDUCATION OF RACES.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 29.—A committee of the board of trustees of Maryville College proposed to act in behalf of the board, has failed to submit to a law passed by the Legislature against the co-education of races. The institution has made no provision in favor of admission to the school. An effort is on foot to establish a separate school for negroes.

REACHED THE MILLION BALE.

Evansville, Ga., April 29.—The million bale cotton mark at this port was reached and passed to-day. The total receipts since September 1, 1900, up to and including to-day are 1,002,131. The million mark was passed last year more than a month earlier, or on March 24th, on which date the receipts totalled 1,035,544 bales.

ELECTRICAL WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

Elmer Gates has planned and expects soon to make an instrument to measure and record atmospheric electricity. This, in conjunction with the knowledge he has gained for the world in these remarkable discoveries of his, is destined to revolutionize the study of meteorology and make it possible to predict the weather upon scientific principles as true and as certain as those that now guide the astronomer in his calculations. So that before long we may have official forecasts of the weather for many days in advance, and forecasts that may be relied upon with far more certainty than those which Uncle Sam gives us from day to day under the present system.—Everybody's Magazine.

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### A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 29.—Fire to-day cost one life, a property loss estimated at \$225,000, consumed over a dozen buildings and rendered a score of families homeless. The flames were discovered in the basement of the four story department store of George E. Lorsch and Brother, and in a very short time the entire building was burning furiously. It was in ruins within thirty minutes. A panic ensued among the customers and employees, but the only fatality was the burning to death of Mrs. Kate Donley's two and a half year old child. When the fire broke out, Mrs. Donley and child were on the fourth floor of the Lorsch building. In her haste to escape, the mother fell on the stairway and was rendered unconscious. In the excitement the child was either forgotten or burned before aid could reach it.

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### KILLED BY A NEGRO.

Selma, Ala., April 29.—Deputy Sheriff J. S. Edwards was killed to-day by an unknown negro. Edwards was trying to arrest a negro at the house of John Dawson on the charge of cow-stealing, when he was fired on by unknown parties in the house. A posse is in search of the murderer.

### GEOGRAPHIC NAMES AND SPELLING.

(Richmond Dispatch)

The United States Board of Geographic Names has just published a work which should prove exceedingly valuable to those who desire to be correct—or, at least, to have the official sanction—in the spelling of the names of counties, cities, and towns in this country and in our recently-acquired territory.

In February, 1900, the House of Representatives ordered the board to print a report of its work, and three months later the request was complied with. The edition was then quite small, and the book before us is one of 8000 additional copies of the same report, with a few slight changes.

While it is hardly probable that the average American citizen will burn the midnight oil reading the 150-page work in question, there are between its covers some useful hints which are well worth noting.

For instance, we observe that in the list of Virginia counties the word Accomac is spelt without a final k, which it carried under the old form.

Greensville county appears with as on the prefix "Green," while the residents of Smyth county henceforth will be saved the extra exertion of putting a final e on the familiar monosyllabic we so often hear in social circles.

The good people of Spotsylvania county are called upon to add a final a to the request was compiled with in their manuscripts—a thing which some of them recently have stopped doing.

While nearly everybody knows how to write the proper noun "Dickenson" when referring to the mountainous little Southern-estate county, it may not be wise to remember that it is Dickenson and not Dick-in-son.

Of course, we are well aware that the foregoing information is no information at all to most Virginians, but we merely give it for the benefit of the unhappy few, whose orthography, at best, is slightly.

The German Emperor has assigned the sum of 100,000 marks, collected by East Prussians at the bicentenary of the kingdom of Prussia, as a fund for the education of boys who are no longer under the care of their parents.

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## AT THE CANDY KITCHEN.

Doorkeeper Miller Entertains the "Old Force" at the Opera House.

F. N. Miller, who has offered his resignation as door-keeper of the Grand opera house, to take effect at once, last evening entertained all the opera house force at the Candy Kitchen. The assistant door-keepers, the ushers, the stage hands and the program boys—all were present, to enjoy Mr. Miller's treat.

A resolution was unanimously passed asking Mr. Miller to reconsider his resignation, and thanking him for his kindness to the force. Messrs. Whitlock and Holder were appointed as a committee to wait upon Manager Martin and lay before him the sentiments of the force.

Mr. Miller has received a letter from the father of the late Manager, J. D. Plummer, conveying thanks to the force for a beautiful floral tribute which accompanied the remains to Greensboro, Ind.

## CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

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## CREW OF THE KNOWLES.

New York, April 30.—The Panama Railroad Steamship company's steamer City of Washington, which arrived here today from Colon, had on board the crew of eight men of the schooner Emma C. Knowles, which was discovered off Barataria one day last week, her beam ends abandoned. The crew were picked up by the steamer Alliance, of the same line bound from New York for Colon, on April 23, after the steamer had been in collision with the schooner. The Alliance transferred them to the City of Washington, April 26. The Knowles was bound from Charleston to Fall River and it was feared that her crew had all been lost. She was towed to Philadelphia.

## GREAT NIHILIST PLOT.

Berlin, April 30.—The Lokai Anzieler prints a despatch from Breslau which says: "An extensive Nihilist plot has been discovered in Russian Poland. Six hundred arrests were made today, of which 200 were transported by special train to the Warsaw citadel. The towns of Sosnowice, Silece and Dumbrowa, have been occupied by two companies of Cossacks. Secret correspondence was discovered at Silece by which the plot was revealed."

Manila, April 30.—6:30 p. m.—Gen. Tinto, the Philippine leader in the Abra province has surrendered with his entire command to Frederick V. R. Kruger of the Twentieth Infantry. Fifteen Filipino officers have surrendered to Col. Baldwin, of the Fourth Infantry at Cavite Viego.

## Asheville Savings Institution.

A bank of deposit will be opened in this city on Wednesday, May fifteenth, to receive and invest the savings of persons of small means who are unable to open accounts with the commercial banks. It is expected that interest at the rate of four per cent per annum can be paid and each depositor can always know exactly how every dollar of the bank's funds are invested. As the trustees give their services gratuitously they will not accept any large deposits nor open accounts with those who have other facilities for investing their money.

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