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TELEPHONISTS BANQUET DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR AT THE BATTERY PARK The Visitors Conclude Their Business and at Night Enjoy One of the Nicest Affairs Asheville Has Ever Known. The convention of superintendents and managers of the Southern Bell telephone company finished its business before noon yesterday, and the result has been very satisfactory to all concerned. About sixty delegates were present representing every city in the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. No doubt the general public will be benefited by the matters which have been discussed, as these gentlemen operate all the telephone exchanges and private lines in the states named. Lunch was served at 12 o'clock yesterday, after which the party were driven over the city, and shown the many beautiful points of interest. To say that the ladies and gentlemen were delighted does not half express their enjoyment. At 8 p. m. dinner was served in the ballroom of the Battery Park hotel and the good cheer and witty speeches lasted until midnight. An elegant menu was served without wine, nearly every delegate present being a total abstainer from alcoholic drinks of any kind. Rev. C. W. Byrd and W. E. Breese, of Asheville, were invited guests. T. D. Lockwood, of Boston, one of the most celebrated electricians of his country, and Geo. K. Thompson, another noted electrician, of Boston, were present. D. I. Carson, general superintendent of the company, presided at the banquet. The table was arranged in the shape of a large "T," standing for "Telephone." C. E. McCluer sat at the end of the table to Mr. Carson's left, John D. Easterlin sat at the end to the right and W. T. Gentry at the extreme end. A number of ladies were present. During the evening toasts were proposed and responded to as follows: "Boston," T. D. Lockwood; "Virginia," R. B. Kooze; "North Carolina," Rev. C. W. Byrd; "South Carolina," John D. Easterlin; "Georgia," W. T. Gentry; "Alabama," H. P. Watson; "Florida," B. F. Dillon; "Birmingham," R. L. West; "A Subscriber," W. E. Breese; "The Telegraph," C. E. McCluer, all of which were highly interesting, and some of them full of fun and amusement. The ladies and gentlemen left the city on the different trains during today. Those from Atlanta were furnished with a special parlor car. D. I. Carson, general superintendent, D. G. Black, and T. D. Lockwood went to Atlanta for a day or two before returning north. C. W. Thornburg, manager of the Asheville exchange, covered himself with glory in the arrangement of everything necessary for the business and pleasure of the convention, and neglected no opportunity to see that everyone had a delightful time. THE CITIZEN hopes these gentlemen will decide to hold their next convention in this city. The ladies in the party were Mrs. J. D. Easterlin, Atlanta; Mrs. J. W. Crews, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. J. A. Wotton, Atlanta; Mrs. W. T. Gentry, Atlanta; and Miss Mattie Thomas, Eufaula, Ala., the latter being the efficient manager of the telephone exchange at that place. Every one spoke in the highest praise of Manager E. P. McKisick of the Battery Park. His efforts were untiring and eminently successful. The list of the banqueters follows: R. L. West, C. E. McCluer, H. L. Parry, J. M. A. Wotton, Mrs. Wotton, W. H. M. Weaver, R. A. Moore, W. M. Bailey, J. W. Walker, J. M. Ackerman, E. V. McIntyre, V. C. Rust, H. J. Rowe, I. O. Utsey, J. B. Denison, J. A. Owens, W. C. Hunt, W. H. Galloway, M. H. Parry, R. H. Polk, D. G. Black, W. T. Gentry, Mrs. Gentry, J. W. Crews, Mrs. Crews, Jno. M. Fogle, J. R. Haley, C. S. Rigby, Jr., E. E. Bawel, F. H. Walker, Thos. L. Largent, D. J. Murphy, H. C. Conway, R. A. Long, C. D. Rogers, R. L. Wright, E. T. Coghill, H. M. Wright, H. O. Eanes, P. H. Sullivan, W. K. Meeks, Mrs. Meeks, H. P. Watson, Jno. D. Easterlin, Mrs. Easterlin, C. P. McCluer, J. B. Dillon, R. B. Rood, Geo. K. Thompson, T. D. Lockwood, D. I. Carson, W. E. Breese, Rev. C. W. Byrd, C. W. Thornburg, Miss M. C. Thomas. GREEN GOODS. Can't be That Anyone in Asheville Wanted Them? Government secret service officers recently raided a "green goods" men's den in Carter county, Mo. Two thousand letters concerning the "goods" were captured. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat printed a summary of a number of the letters, among them the following: "P. A. Owenby, of Asheville, N. C., who says he has just changed his post-office box to No. 95 in the new \$100,000 government building and who wants everything kept strictly confidential, wants \$500 worth at once, and is making preparations to take \$50,000 worth in a short time. Mr. Owenby, according to his bill head, is an extensive merchant at Asheville." The item has already appeared in several newspapers. The columns of THE CITIZEN are open for Mr. Owenby's denial of what everyone will hope is a false charge. AFTERNOON WEDDING. Dr. J. R. Straw and Miss Louise C. Webb Married Yesterday. A very pretty wedding was that of Dr. J. R. Straw, of Asheville, and Miss Louise C. Webb, of Yonkers, N. Y., solemnized at the First Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The ushers were J. V. Jordan and Frank Smith. Rev. L. H. Barrin, pastor of Southside Presbyterian church, performed the impressive ceremony. A number of friends of the couple witnessed the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Straw, after receiving the congratulations of their friends, went to the depot where they took the 6:30 train for Bristol and cities in Virginia. Dr. Straw is one of the firm of McGillivray & Straw, of Asheville. The bride was for some time a teacher in the Montford avenue graded school. Cleave and Beve. CHICAGO, July 15.—Gen. Adlai E. Stevenson, democratic candidate for vice-president, with a number of distinguished democrats, leaves for New York this afternoon to join ex-President Cleveland and meet the notification committee on the 20th inst.

THRASH'S CHINA. FRENCH CHINA, GLASSWARE, LAMPS, - ETC. Souvenir Novelties. CRYSTAL PALACE 41 PATTON AVE. SOUPS. Tomato, Beef, Green Turtle, Terrapin, Ox Tail, Macaroni, Julienne, Okra, Pea, Vermicelli, Consomme, Mulligatawny, Soup and Bouilli. SANDWICH MEATS. Tongue, Chicken, Turkey, Ham, &c. POWELL & SNIDER H. REDWOOD & CO. A large discount on Clothing and one or two other items. H. REDWOOD & CO. Clothing, Dry Goods Fancy Goods, Hats, Shoes, Carpets, Etc. 7 & 9 PATTON AVENUE. UMBRELLAS re-covered while you wait for them, making them nearly as good as new. Call and learn our low prices. THE SHOE STORE, WEAVER & MYERS, 30 Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.

Masked Robbers Make a Big Haul. GUTHRIE, O. T., July 15.—The M. K. & T. passenger train, south bound, was held up by masked robbers at Adair, Indian Territory, late last night. The robbers secured the contents of the safe of the Pacific express and escaped. It is believed the robbers were the noted Dalton gang. The amount stolen is between \$50,000 and \$75,000. WHITNEY WON'T TAKE IT NOT GOING TO BE THE FIRST MISTAKE. He Gives Some Good Advice as to How the Campaign Ought to be Conducted—The Democrat Will Win. NEW YORK, July 15.—Mr. Whitney said after reading the dispatches from Buzard's Bay, that under no conditions would he accept the chairmanship of the democratic national committee. "I do not think I am fit for such a position," he added. "Of course I am going to do all the work I can and I am sure I can do more out of the chair than in it. The chairman's work is purely routine and I am not able to do that sort of work. At times like these I cannot even read all my letters, less answer them." "The truth is, the national committee has never been properly organized on our side. The organization has never been broad enough for the work. One man has always undertaken too much. Gorham in 1884 and Brice in 1888 did each the work of a dozen men. I am ready to take my share, but, unfortunately, I have to work in my own way to be of any service." "What sort of an organization would you make?" "A proper chairman is a hard man to find. He should be a man with a good head for politics, a worker, and, most important of all, patient with details, approachable, accessible at all times and able to keep the field in his mind. With such a man as the chairman there should be to supplement him a board of advisers and a staff of men experienced in politics for the purpose of consultation and advice, so that the plan of the campaign should not be a haphazard thing, but deliberately formed after consultation and for good reasons." "The third branch of the organization should be a sufficient number of men four or five we will say, men of zeal and energy, with executive force to assume charge of the different branches of the work. With such an organization the campaign will gather force and grow stronger every day. The party's impetuosity of material for this organization. The disposition to enlist and sacrifice for success has never, in my judgment, been such as it is today." "No campaign that I have ever witnessed has started off with so much enthusiasm and promise. We will win, in my judgment, without question, if we don't make a mistake. I do not intend to be myself the first mistake." MR. CLEVELAND IN LINE. He Speaks Out on the Force Bill—Letters to Southerners. MIDDLESBORO, Ky., July 15.—The following letter from Grover Cleveland in reply to resolutions passed by the Cleveland-Stevenson club of this place: "I desire to thank you for sending me a copy of the resolutions adopted by the democrats of Middlesboro, and assure you that the kind allusions to me therein are fully appreciated. "I do not wonder that those adopting these resolutions speak of the force bill as a horror of republicanism. Such doctrines as it embodies are a direct attack upon the spirit and the theory of our government, and while such a measure especially menaces the welfare and prosperity of the south, it must be denounced and denounced by all those everywhere who love their country and have the least claim to be numbered among those who believe in the principles of true democracy." "PINE BLUFF, Ark., July 13.—At a Cleveland and Stevenson demonstration held here a letter from Grover Cleveland was read which contained the following: "The evils and dangers that menace the people of the south in case of democratic defeat are appalling to those against whom they are especially directed, but it should not be forgotten in any quarter that those things cannot be visited upon one section of our people without endangering the safety which all find behind an honest and faithful observance of principles upon which our entire political fabric rests.—N. Y. Sun. DESTITUTE PEOPLE. Alabama Appealing to Congress For Relief. MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 15.—Gov. Jones has received an information from Gainesville, Sumter county, that a number of people have been rendered homeless by the overflow, and asks him to appeal to congress for an appropriation for their relief. One of these letters says: "The people are without means of subsistence for over twenty-four hours." The governor issued a proclamation yesterday directing the people of the state to contribute to the relief of the destitute people. HANGED A BRUTE. Colored Men Do The Work This Time. ARKANSAS CITY, Ark., July 15.—Last night at Haley, Arkansas, a colored brute named Julien Moseley raped his seven-year old step-daughter. Moseley was captured. A preliminary examination was held and the girl told her horrible story. After this a crowd of colored men overpowered the constable, took Moseley to a cotton gin and hanged him. Went Ashore in a Fog. NEW YORK, July 15.—The dynamic cruiser Vestuvius went ashore this morning in a fog on a sunken meadow in the Sound. Assistance has been sent her from the Brooklyn navy yard. Only Nine Majors. LONDON, July 15.—At 2 p. m. total returns showed 300 votes for the government and 309 to the opposition. Perfectly delicious—Peach-Cream Soda.

GREENSBORO BOYS DO RUN HOOK AND LADDER CONTEST THIS MORNING. The Greensboro Team Does Its Work in Thirty-Four Seconds, Only a Second and Half a Behind the Record. It was after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon before the Newbern steamer "Elijah Ellis" made its display on Montford avenue. The delay was caused by the difficulty in getting a water supply, the manhole in which the water was stored, leaking too rapidly to be of service. The exhibit was hardly satisfactory to the large crowd present, but the fault was not in the engine but the water supply. Water was thrown in a little less than four minutes, and the prize was \$50. The sack race was the next attraction. There were four entries, William Otter, Charles Otter and A. Schilling, of Asheville, and Chas. Carl, of Greensboro. William Otter of the Asheville Hook and Ladder company, was the winner, A. Schilling, second, Charles Carl, third, and Charles Otter, fourth. The run was 150 feet, and the prize \$50.00. The crowd present numbered about 1,500. Today's Races. The hook and ladder contests began on Montford avenue at 11 o'clock today. There were two events, the first a hand hook and ladder race, first prize \$75, second \$25. The distance was 100 yards, the contest including the raising and climbing of ladders and return of ladders to the track. The contest was between Greensboro and Asheville teams. Greensboro's time was 34 seconds, while Asheville's was 53 seconds. Capt. Stone's Greensboro boys made a beautiful race, without a hitch. Their time is within a second and a half of the record of the Columbia, S. C., team, the best ever made. Asheville's team ran well enough, but made a bad break in taking off the ladders and climbing. They showed a lack of practice. Second Event. The second and last contest of the morning was a horse hook and ladder contest, distance 300 yards. The prize was \$50. The track in places was very muddy and made the time more than it would otherwise have been. The Asheville team's time was 1:21, while Greensboro made it in 1:14. The Asheville team entered a protest against the award of the prize to Greensboro, claiming that time was called before the latter team had the ladders in the position called for in the rules. The prize has, therefore, not yet been awarded. There was a large and enthusiastic although hot crowd on the grounds. The judges were C. H. Whitaker, Durham; E. T. Amerson, Wilson; John Fink, Concord; timekeepers, W. C. Bradsher, Durham, and Wm. Ellis, Newbern; starter, Leo D. Hearst, Durham. The horse reel races began this afternoon at 4 o'clock on Montford avenue. IN THE HOUSE. Calls on Wanamaker For What He Knows. WASHINGTON, July 15.—In the house this morning, Mr. Enloe called up, as a matter of privilege, the resolution calling on the postmaster general for a report as to all new service established since March 4th, 1889, together with copies of all correspondence on the subject. The republicans desired the report to go back to March, 1885. Enloe declined an amendment to that effect, and the republicans declined to vote. The resolution was adopted. Mr. Holman, from the committee on appropriations reported (and the house passed) a joint resolution extending temporarily (until July 30th) certain appropriations for the support of the government. The appropriations extended are those which are to be covered by the appropriation bills which have not as yet become laws. Holman also reported back the sundry civil appropriation bill, with the senate amendments, with the recommendation that all the senate amendments be concurred in. MORE STRIKES. Even a McKinley Bill Can't Satisfy All Men. ST. MARY'S, Ohio, July 13.—The chain makers at the Bimel-Standish works have struck for an advance of from 15 to 20 per cent. About one hundred and twenty are out. The mill has shut down. NEW BEDFORD, Mass., July 13.—Employees in the Acushnet, Wamsutta, Grinnell, Potomaska and other mills continue to strike against reductions of wages. A number of weavers have had to stop work for lack of material and the mills may be forced to shut down. BOSTON, Mass., July 13.—Forty winders at the works at the Wakefield ratan factory quit work today because the company refused to comply with their demand for an increase in prices. Troy, N. Y., July 13.—A number of the employees of the Troy House, who struck yesterday because their wages were not paid, returned to work this morning. An agreement was made with the owner of the hotel, Charles B. Schiesinger. The chamber maids are still out. Manufacturers Raise Wages. FALL RIVER, Mass., July 13.—The Cotton Manufacturers' association today voted to pay all day help employed in the mills the same wages for fifty-eight hours work that were heretofore paid for sixty hours work. All the operatives employed on piece work were advanced 3 1/2 per cent. on their present wages. The new list will go into effect from July 11. Deaths From Cholera. ST. PETERSBURG, July 15.—The official report gives 306 as the number of deaths from cholera up to July 12. The finest band music and the prettiest songs, as natural as life, in the Phonographic Parlors of W. D. Gash & Co., North Court Square. Our ten dollar suits are selling fast, the price elsewhere for such is \$15. Call and see them at Whitlock Clothing House, corner store.

DID HE TRY TO COMMIT SUICIDE? The train which leaves the Asheville depot at 3:05 was rounding the bend yesterday when a man rushed to the platform and jumped off. His rash act created great excitement among the other passengers—they all thought it was a case of suicide. Ladies fainted, men rushed to the platform expecting to see his mangled form upon the track, but the fact was he had forgotten to put his bottle of "Buncombe Pills" in his satchel and would not start on his journey without them. He took great chances, but he might have taken greater. GRANT'S PHARMACY. In purchasing medicines don't try experiments—the first and only consideration should be genuineness. Buncombe Sarsaparilla has stood the test of several years and today it is in greater demand than ever. Over five hundred bottles sold this spring, a triumphant proof of popular approval. For sale at GRANT'S PHARMACY. BUNCOMBE LIVER PILLS are mild, yet efficient; do not cause pain or grip, and act upon the liver and bowels. They are especially valuable as after dinner pills, and readily cure constipation and costiveness, nausea, distress in the stomach, etc. They are purely vegetable and we believe they are the best family pill yet prepared and offer them with perfect confidence, believing that whenever used it will be with the happiest results. Try them and judge for yourself. For sale only at GRANT'S PHARMACY. "SYRUP OF TAR AND WILD CHERRY" as manufactured at Grant's Pharmacy is the best cough medicine you can use for yourself or your children—it is a positive cure and we guarantee it to contain no opiates in any form, it is entirely harmless. For sale only at GRANT'S PHARMACY. Years ago people regarded cold cream and camphor ice as the ultimatums for chapped hands and all similar skin troubles, many persons find that the application of either of them aggravates their trouble. To such "CAMPBELL'S Glycerine Compound" is a boon—it is a positive cure for chapped hands, chafing, sunburn, etc., and an elegant face dressing after shaving—it contains no mineral or noxious ingredients, is elegantly perfumed, will not soil the most delicate fabric, is entirely harmless and safe to use on the most delicate skin and contains nothing greasy or sticky. For sale only at GRANT'S PHARMACY. Physicians orders promptly filled and delivered free of charge to any part of the city. GRANT'S PHARMACY. OLD HATS GO BEGGING—WHEN—MITCHELL, THE MEN'S OUTFITTER, 28 Patton Avenue, IS CLOSING OUT HIS LINE OF STRAW HATS AT ACTUAL COST. GENUINE AUSTRALIAN LENSES. I am devoting all of my time to study of the eyes and to the peculiar formation of the lenses I warrant all spectacles I furnish to give entire satisfaction in all cases, and can suit any one on first examination of the eyes. E. WEXLER, NO. 17 NORTH MAIN ST., ASHEVILLE, N. C. MILLINERY GOODS CHEAP. Mrs. McCorkle, 27 North Main street, is now selling her splendid stock of Millinery very low, to close out summer stock. AT AND BELOW COST FOR A FEW DAYS. July 14-15. SPECIAL LOW RATES THIS WEEK. Railroad tickets bought, sold and exchanged. Cheap tickets to all points. All transactions guaranteed by the American Ticket Brokers' Association. Office always open. Ray's time cards free. C. F. RAY, July 14-15. 28 South Main St. "THEY TIE" MOLE STEAM LAUNDRY THE VERY BEST WORK. E. B. WILKS, MANAGER. CHURCH STREET, TELEPHONE 70.