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SOVERNMENT CONTROL OF TEL-TELEPHONE EGRAPH LINES.

It was recently given out from Washington that President Wilson fa- be a change for the better. The ar- vention. vors government control of telegraph ticle reads as follows, with comments and telephone lines. Postmaster-General Burleson, in his message to Conesting. Mr. Burleson says:

A study of the constitutional puroses of the postal establishment eads to the conviction that the Postever all means of the communication ting the old mare browse, fell to figof intelligence. The first telegraph Ine in this country was maintained and operated as a part of the postal service, and it is to be regretted that Congress saw fit to relinquish this faaffity to private enterprise. The moncrolistic nature of the telegraph busimass makes it of vital impotrance to the people that it be conducted by unswifish interests, and this can be acemplished only through government

for the government acquisition of the at "to report to Congress the probable cost of connecting a telegraph and telby some feasible plan" are evidences mately to acquire and operate these electrical means of communication as der they are poor." postal facilities, as is done by all the rincipal nations, the United States mone excepted.

The successful operation of the parcel post has demonstrated the capaciby of the government to conduct the public utilities which fall properly within the postal provision of the

Every argument in favor of the 20v message and a telegram are the same within the meaning of the laws governing the telegraph service and thereabling the government to acquire, upon the payment of an appraised valuation, the telegraph lines of the coun try will enable the government to acquire the telephone network of the country. While it is true that the teleshone companies have not complied with the requirements of section 5267, levised Statutes, this can not be held to nullify the intent of the law, since he nonuse on the part of the government of any of its constitutional priv-Seges in no wise surrenders the right to exercise these privileges whenever the best interests of the nation de-

pointed to make an investigation of his subject to determine the prelimmary steps necessary for the government to take toward the acquisition Rovined Statutes. This committee is now engaged in preparing its prelimmary report, and if the findings justity such action proper recommendation will be made by the department at a later date.

## A NEEDED REFORM.

without having to pay the exhorbitant tation for prosperity. prices of the Pullman diners. This prices to the average man.

Heretofore the development has been in the line of increasing luxury from the disastrous effects. and formality suited principally to tical way.

roads will follow suit. It is a good move and the public flocked westward.

bould give the roads credit for a

lesire to please their patrons. An exchange commenting on this

WORDS OF WISDOM TO SOUTH. ERN FARMERS.

by the Atlanta Journal:

A racy philosopher of the Tombigress, advocates the same policy, and bee, (Ala.) Clarion, inspired, perhaps. his remarks on the subject are inter- by echoes from Georgia Products Day, discourses in this wise upon the ed by the roadside one day and, let-

made in Ohio, wash in a Pittsburg \$94,000.00. gage-covered farms with an Indiana money. ophone system with the postal service plough; at night they crawl under New Jersay blankets and are kept the policy of this government ulti-awake by Alabama dogs-the only Thomas collected this money, but that ville, C. W. Kennedy of Fort Myer,

strokes, are perhaps bolder than the city. picture warrants. Its general conception, however, is true to life. The All of this is greatly to be regretted, may be advanced with equal logic and seventy-two million dollars in importbree in favor of the government own ing from distant quarters corn. oats, will be a lesson, not only to New ership of telephone lines. It has been hay, meat and other food supplies Berne, but to every town and city in competently decided that a telephone which could be produced easily and the State. cheaply at home. The vital need of most Southern States is to break the old tyranny of the one-crop idea and fore it is believed that the statute en- to utilize the wondrously varied resources of their soil.

COMMUNITIES.

grounds, in the way of natural reson, Prelate; J. L. Byrd, Master of ditions, or both, upon which to build Records and Seal; R. H. Knight, Masits claims, else it will surely reap a ter of Finance; E. P. Davis, Master In June last a committee was ap- reaction from the boom and a conse- of Exchequer; Jim Daniels, Master at quent disaster.

In speaking of the fact that in Seat- C. lates, Inner Guard. The lodge is tle 5,000 men without employment are in excellent order and is doing a of the telegraph lines of the country in having to be housed at public expense, great work among the needy families. scoordance with section 5267 of the the Wilmington Star has this to say: Too Much Boom and Not Enough Build.

Seattle has had a rapid and wonderful growth and attracted a larger Miss Rose Perry to Macon, Miss Mary there has secured the ase of aban-Broome to Kinston, Miss Mary Bosdoned buildings to house 5,000 unemployed men. Seattle's mistake was tian to China Grove, Miss Fiora Mc-The Pennsylvania Railroad has not to establish industries and attract Queen to Dunn. The others will some to the rescue of the hungry population by offering employment to spend the time at Duke. The first traveler by putting on its trains a people, An abhorman interest put man of the school year has been the hinch-counter car, in which the pastern to work gets a city in bad. People, An abhorman interest put most prosperous in the history of the hinch-counter car, in which the pastern to work gets a city in bad. People, An abhorman interest put most prosperous in the history of the history of the little of school. The attendance has been far senger on that road may secure light ple unemployed create a condition of school. The attendance has been far refreshments easily and quickly and stagnation and distress, and nothing above the avera e, and the night will so quickly destroy a city's repu- school has so increased that it was

In order to experience a healthful is a much needed reform, for anyone and steady growth a city must have Mr. R. C. Oates has accepted the who has traveled much knows of the producers instead of consumers who agency for the Metz Automobile Co. prevailing rule on most of the dining become a burden on the street its popcars of gaudy equipment and sur-ulation beyond the average must esroundings, with meals at prohibitive tablish industries if it does not want

One of the good features of our the over-rich and idle-rich, but totaly section, and generally the South's unsuited and distasteful to the or- rapid advance is that it is based not dinary everyday busy man, and it upon inflated beems and vainglorious is an encouraging sign that this ten- boasts, but on a steady growth in its eigners are fleeing aboard ships in dency is being headed off in this prac- agricultural interests and industrial anticipation of a rebel assault. They enterprises. Another good feature is fear that Fletcher may be unable to It is to be hoped that the other that we have attracted a better class maintain the neutral zone. American of immigrant to tre South than have warships are prepared to shell the

WILL WRIDER COMBL Approve of It and SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION IN DEATH OF MR. CHAS. KENNEDY. THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The "last call for dinner" has soun- tee, in session this week at Washing ber 13, died at his home on Moor led on many a train with passengers ton, passed a resolution that the com-lesiring the meal, but kept from it mittee should issue a call for the Na 80 years, and as his spirit winged its by the thought of the exorbitant cost.

The railroad way in this matter has

tional Convention to be held in the flight there passed away a man who not been to cater to the average man year 1916, to nominate candidates for was without gulle. Honorable, true, and the average woman, but to those President and Vice-President, each kind-hearted, brave to do right, just who will meet the high cost. The in- State to be entitled in such conven- in every transaction with his fellowmail \$4.00 per annum, payable in ad-troduction of lunch counter cars, tion to four delegates at large; one man, Charles Kennedy's life of fouresteville by our own carriers, at \$5.00 moderate cost, will fill a long felt delegate at large from each want, and we hope that the railroads tive in Congress at large from each about him, and the world has been generally will adopt this idea. The State, one delegate from each Congress at large from each cong generally will adopt this idea. The State, one delegate from each Con-made better because of his blameless common carriers which look more to the comfort of the average traveler gressional district; an additional dele- life. show a wisdom which pays and the gate from each Congressional district Mr. Kennedy was born in Fayette Pennsylvania Railroad has blazed a in which the vote either for Republiville on November 6, 1833, and died way by its innovation which should can Presidential electors in 1908, or only a short distance from the house be followed by the roads throughout for the Republican candidate for Con- of his birth. About the year 1840 he less than 7,500.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS OF NEW BERNE.

the alarm of a Connecticut clock, but-since April 1, 1911, and that to June always at the post of duty. eign overalls, put on a pair of boots 1, 1913, there is a deficit of more than Mr. Kennedy was for years a mem

basin, use Cincinnati soap, wipe on a The greater part of this shortage Light Infantry Company, and was at towel made in New Hampshire, sit shows in the water and light depart- one time its captain. He was a Conneapoits flour, Kansas City bacon, and ment, which was under the super-Indianapolis grits, fried in Omaha vision, during the time mentioned with the F. I. L. I. as a sergeant. He lard; buy Irish potatoes grown in above, of John Thomas, one of the was for years a member of the Fay The act of July 24, 1866, providing Michigan, canned fruits put up on candidates for the New Berne post- etteville Fire Department, and was a the Pacific coast and seasoned with mastership. During the period be-town commissioner at the time when Rhode Island spices: the meal over, tween April 1, 1911, and June 1, 1913, Fayetteville was without a charter appraised valuation and the net of they clap on an old hat made in the charter and the late N. W. Ray was mayor. mo2 directing the Postmaster-Gener- Philadelphia, harness a Missouri mule, there was a shortage in that depart- and the late N. W. Ray was mayor. fed on Iowa corn and plough mort-ment of \$24,208, which is uncollected

> home products on the place. No won- he was lax in his methods. However, the board of aldermen are holding terpretation. The Tombigbee sage him responsible for the money. In talks to his fellow Alabamians more their report the auditors also state pointedly and spryly than an outsider that the aldermen have shown laxity would dare and his colors, in some in looking after the affairs of the

Journal has repeatedly called atten- but we trust that matters will work tion to the fact that Georgia spent out better than now anticipated, and last year more than a hundred and that the deplorable state of affairs

OFFICERS OF DUKE LODGE.

Correspondence Observer.

Duke, N. C., Dec. 20 .- At the regu-

lar meeting of Washington Duke STEADY, HEALTHFUL GROWTH, Lodge, No. 165, Knights of Pythias, NOT SUDDEN BOOMS, BEST FOR Friday night, the following officers were elected for the first six months of the coming year: Thos. H. Webb, When a community goes into the Chancellor Commander; Frank Culposting business it must have good breth, Vice Chancellor; H. A. Johnsources or favorable industrial con- Work: E. S. Yarborough, Keeper of Arms: F. L. Wilson, Outer Guard: R.

The grades s hool closed Friday afternoon for the holidays, and several teachers left for their homes: population than she can provide with Lucy Dupree to Greenville, Mis Maremployment. A citizens' committee garet Cannaday to Oxford, Miss Nell people. An abnormal in-rush of pop- half of the school year has been the

necessary to add the third teacher. become a burden on the city. Any and has on exhibition some of their

to have the experience of Seattle. A attending school at Oak Ridge and collapse in a city's boom is so hurt- Master Thomas Webb at Horner have ful that it requires years for recovery both returned for the holidays.

## Fleeing from Tampico.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 22.-Tampico forcity if foreigners are hurt.

Mr. Charles Kennedy, who was stricken with a mortal illness on the The Republican National Commit- streets Saturday afternoon, Decei

gress for 1914, shall have been not was apprenticed to E. J. Hale, Sr., proprietor of the Fayetteville Obser-. This action, if taken, will reduce ver, to learn the printer's trade, and the representation of all the States as a capable, painstaking and able from 1,083, as in 1912, to 993. North journeyman he was in the employ of The following, written to the Tom- Carolina's representation will be re- the Observer practically all of his pigbee (Ala.) Clarion, contains a duced from 24 to 21, the First, Second life, the only lapse being when he great deal of truth and whole chunks and Sixth districts losing one dele- served as a Confederate soldier and of common sense, an dif it could be gate each. The representation may worked for a while on the North Carscattered broad-cast and read by all remain as it is however, as the final olina Presbyterian at Wilmington and the farmers of the South, there might decision rests with the National Con- the late Peter M. Hale's newspaper, "Hale's Weekly," at Raleigh. The last work which he did was on the

Observer. Mr. Kennedy was a faithful church member, and at the time of his death The municipal affairs of New Berne was an honorary member of the board needs of his fellow countrymen: "A seem to be in bad shape, according of deacons of the First Baptist Church, visitor from the West, wondering why to the newspaper reports from that this city. He was a member of Phoe-Alabama farmers were so poor, paus city. Auditors have been engaged for nix Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and some more than a year in going over the years ago, during dark days of the books of the city in all departments. lodge, he, with a few other faithful These auditors have just reported ones, kept the body together by hold-"Alabama farmers get up early at that a shortage has been accumulating ing the regular meetings and being

ber of the Fayetteville Independent Deceased is survived by his wife

and eight children-Messrs. E. J. Ken-The report does not say that Mr. nedy and J. L. Kennedy, of Fayette-

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Fla., and W. W. Kennedy of Besse- win agreed that their views on who week. of McColl, S. C., Mrs. Talbot McLaurin Sixth North Carolira District coin- week on way home to Bladen from of Clio, S. C., Mrs. W. H. Hubbard of cided precisely. Mr. Underwood told St. Paul. McColl and Mrs. J. D. Breece of Fay- newspaper men that he will not be

DEATH OF MR. J. L. ANDREWS.

ter the boat building business died and will stay there." out here, he became a general house carpenter. He was a fine and conscientious workman.

Deceased was a good citizen and Correspondence Observer.] had many friends here, who will learn and serving throughout the war. Mr. Andrews leaves a family (all Ga. living in Greensboro) as follows: His Prof. Ralph Fisher rendered a very

The funeral services were held in Prof. Scott. Greensboro and the body brought here

WILL SUPPORT MR. GODWIN.

en to the cemetery for burial.

has for some time been looked upon nesday) p. m. as a probable aspirant for Congress- Mr. Joe Everitt, of Moore County, from this the sixth district. But Mr. ily have recently been spending a Underwood on Wednesday, in an in- few days with relatives near here. ington City, announced that he was holidays from Bule's Creek Academy. tion. The Washington correspond-

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 17 .- Another 'harmony conference' was staged in the capitol today when Joseph B. Underwood, of Fayetteville, and Representative Hannibal L. God-

er. Ala., and Mrs. Maggie Bristow should succeed Mr. Godwin in the in the race for Congress and that he is a warm supporter of Mr. Godwin.

"Mr. Underwood announced last May, that he would oppose Represen-Mr. J. L. Andrews, a former esteem- tative Godwin next year, but has deed citizen of Fayetteville, died in cided to change his course. He de-Greensboro Friday morning at 10 o'- clares that he does not want a politiclock, aged 79 years. Mr. Andrews, cal job, and so far as can be ascertainwho was born in Chatham County, ed, he is not slated for anything. He was a ship carpenter by trade, but af- is satisfied with his business at home

NEWS ITEMS FROM STEDMAN.

Stedman, N. C., Dec. 18.-Mrs. J. with sorrow of his death. He was a R. Sessoms returned last Wednesday brave Confederate soldier, enlisting a. m. from a short visit to her brothin Co. I. Sixth N. C. Regiment in 1861 er. Mr. B. F. Bullard at Savannah, and also to relatives in Waycross,

wife and five children-Messrs. Chas, interesting programme of plano sel-L. W. L. and W. B. Andrews, Mrs. J. ections at the school building here A. McDonald and Miss Bessie An- on Wednesday evening, the 10th. He was assisted in vocal selections by Mr. R. B. Williams paid a business

Sunday afternoon when it was tak- visit to this place the middle of last

Mrs. Ras Hair, of Gray's Creek, left Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. W. T. Autry at Dunbar, S. C.

Mr. J. B. Underwood Announces that The infant daughter, Annie Jane, of He is not a Candidate for Congress Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, who live and Will Throw His Influence to the five miles north of here, died Tues-Incumbent of the Sixth District. day at 3 p. m., after a serious illness of several weeks. The interment was Mr. J. B. Underwood of this city at Bethany Church yesterday (Wed-

man H. L. Godwin's seat in Congress and one or two members of his famterview with newspaper men in Wash- Mr. Carl Averitt is at home for the not a candidate for any office, and Others of the dispersed abroad will would support Mr. Godwin for re-elec- be coming in the rest of this week. Mr. B. L. Culbreth, of Fayetteville, ent of the Raleigh News and Observer was also a business visitor here last

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N. H. McGEACHY, Sheriff

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Wilmington Market. NAVAL STORES. STAR OFFICE, Dec. 15. Spirits Turpentine-Steady, 41 1-2 cents per gallon.

Rosin-Steady, \$3.45. Tar-Firm, at \$2.50 per barrel; in asks, 11c. per gallon. Crude Turnentine-Firm, \$2.00 per barrel for hard; \$3.00 per barrel for dip, and \$3.00 per barrel for virgin.

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