

CABLE LINE TO BRIDGETON SOON

Home Telephone And Telegraph Company To Make Many Improvements.

PILINGS TO BE DRIVEN

Toll Charge Of Ten Cents Now In Force To Be Abolished Very Shortly.

At an early date, probably by the latter part of next month, New Bern telephone subscribers can call "central" and get direct connection with subscribers at Bridgeton without first calling for "long distance" and vice-versa a subscriber in Bridgeton may pick up his or her telephone directory, find the number of a certain phone in New Bern and call direct for this number.

This improvement will be due to a number of changes which the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company, whose local office is in charge of Thomas Davis, are preparing to make. At present the telephone wires to Bridgeton are run alongside the Neuse river bridge. The company has made arrangements to have a line of pilings driven across the river and run a cable line to Bridgeton, placing a heavy submarine cable across the channel.

The driving of these pilings will consume about two weeks and the placing of the cable will also consume several days but Mr. Davis informed a Journal reporter last night that the work would be taken up during the next few days and would be rushed to completion.

When the line is in operation the toll of ten cents which is charged at present for all calls to Bridgeton will be done away with the call being similar to a "city call".

The work of construction of the new building in which will be located New Bern's electric and water plant will begin within a few days. The contract for this work was awarded to H. S. Hancock, a local contractor and builder and he has been delayed in beginning operations until material could be secured.

The finishing touches are now being added to the building being erected on Broad Street by L. H. Cutler. The workmen are engaged in putting in the plate glass windows and the place will be ready for occupancy within a few days.

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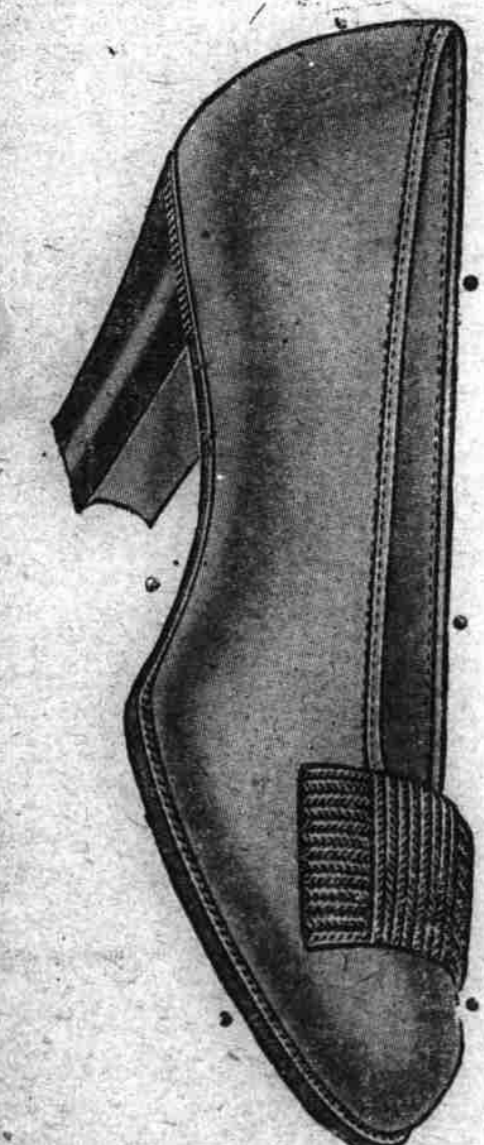
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