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## TELEPHONE TALK MADE GOOD.

The Johnston County Telephone Company Chartered and Organized. Officers Elected and Work to Be Begun at Once.

The stock having been subscribed and the charter secured, the stockholders of the Johnston County Telephone Company met last Friday night in the Pythian Hall and effected a permanent organization by electing the following Board of Directors:

W. L. Woodall, W. M. Sanders, J. D. Spier, F. K. Broadhurst, J. D. Underwood, T. R. Hood, H. P. Stevens, J. A. Wellons and J. K. Kirkman.

The Board of Directors met in the Bank of Smithfield Tuesday night of this week and elected the following officers:

W. L. Woodall, President.  
F. K. Broadhurst, Vice-President.

H. P. Stevens, Secretary and Treasurer.

It will be recalled that in December last the Smithfield Retail Merchants Association asked the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company for a readjustment of telephone rates here. The merchants after investigating the rates paid by other towns and the service given at other places, were firmly convinced that they were being discriminated against, and therefore they asked for a small reduction to which request the Carolina people replied that they had nothing to offer. Accordingly, the merchants asked to have their phones removed as they preferred to do without them, rather than pay a price which they believed unjust.

But the phone is 20th century product, an annihilator of space and a happy medium of transacting business quickly, which otherwise would require considerable time and perhaps worry. The business men were quick to see the results—a step backwards to the old way of sending notes letter and thither, pay the price for Carolina phones, or build a system with local capital and operate it merely as a local exchange.

Therefore with that indomitable energy which is characteristic of our people, the citizens put their shoulders to the wheel and the results are today we have the Johnston County Telephone Company, a mutual company with the stock scattered largely among our business people with a good working capital paid in.

The Board of Directors are already at work making investigations and studying the situation so as to be able to install the very best system possible. As soon as the plans now underway are matured, work will be begun at once on the new system.

## BIBLE CONTAINS 773,746 WORDS.

Some Interesting Facts About The Book of Books.

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,746 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The word "and" occurs 46,277 times. The word "Lord" occurs 1,875 times. The word "reveland" occurs but once, which is in the eighth verse of the One Hundred and Eleventh Psalm. The middle verse is the eighth verse of the One Hundred and Eighteen Psalm. The twenty-seventh verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter "z." The longest verse is the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is the thirty-fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of St. John. There are no words or names of more than six syllables.—Ex.

The feet of nearly 100 vessels, representing 12 nations is expected to assemble at the opening of the Jamestown Exposition.

The citizens of Bristol, Tenn., voted sports out of that city last Friday by a vote of 539 to 17. The temperance sentiment continues to grow.

## State News Notes.

While celebrating his 20th birthday Saturday afternoon, Zeb Caldwell, of Cabarrus county, met his death by the discharge of a gun in the hands of Miss Macie Parks, aged 15, of Concord, who did not know the gun was loaded.

Hannab Whitfield, colored, 80 years of age, was burned to death at Wilmington Saturday night while asleep. The explosion of a lamp set the bed clothing on fire and before help could reach her the old woman was fatally burned.

By the caving in of a sewer ditch at Statesville, Saturday afternoon, six colored men were buried alive under tons of dirt. The rescue party found the six men standing bolt upright when the earth was removed and life was extinct. All the men left families.

Aubrey Harris, a young man who until recently lived in Durham, shot and killed himself in Jacksonville, Fla., Friday night. He was married in Durham less than two weeks ago and had gone to Jacksonville, where he was employed as a telegraph operator in the office of the Seaboard Air Line railway. No cause assigned.

The State, county and city rewards for the capture of the negro Walker, aggregating \$850 have been divided as follows by agreement of those interested: D. K. Taylor, \$400; Henry Lamb and Howard Smith, \$100 each; Anderson and Bass, policemen at Dunn, \$100 each; night railway operators at Fayetteville and Dunn, \$25 each.

In Moore county Friday Mr. R. W. Dalrymple, living eight miles from Sanford, shot himself with a shot gun, the load taking effect in his left breast. The shooting was with suicidal intent and following this Mr. Dalrymple tried to cut his throat with a knife but was too weak to do so. He died a few hours later. His mind was unbalanced. A wife and four children survive.

Governor Glenn issued a commission Tuesday to Thomas M. Meekins, of Manteo, N. C., as State Fish Commissioner, under the act of the Legislature ratified on March 11th. He will have general supervision of the fishing interests on the coast and the collection of the fishers tax. It will also be a part of his duties to see to it that the law is not violated as to the meshes in nets, etc.

Announcement is made that M. L. Shipman, assistant commissioner of Labor and Printing, has declined to accept the private secretaryship of Congressman Crawford and Roswell Flack, of Rutherford, is appointed in his stead. It is understood that Mr. Shipman will be in the race for Commissioner of Labor and Printing two years hence. Mr. Shipman is editor of the Henderson Hustler.

## Got Mad and Wouldn't Go to Town.

A relative of Henry Clay, Mrs. Frances Paca Peter, aged 91 years, died at her home in this county today. She lived seven miles from town and had not been here in more than 45 years.

She became angry at some of the people in the city before the civil war and vowed that she would never visit the place again. She was wealthy.—Lexington, Ky., Dispatch, 4th.

## How to Remain Young.

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at Hood Bros. Drug Store Price 50c.

## NOT GUILTY WAS THE VERDICT.

H. J. Bivins Who Killed an Unknown Tramp Was Set Free Here Monday—Brief History of Case.

On account of the absence of two of the State's witnesses the Bivins murder trial, which was set for last Thursday, did not begin until Friday morning. The following jury was empaneled to try the case:

W. L. Holland, M. M. Jones, W. D. Johnson, B. E. Langdon, J. O. Johnson, C. D. Allen, I. L. Smith, J. E. Jones, C. D. Stanley, G. M. Hinton, N. R. Batten and A. B. Sasser.

The remainder of Friday and until after dinner Saturday was taken up in hearing the evidence.

The State was represented by Solicitor Armistead Jones. The defence was represented by Argo & Shaffer; Womack, Hayes & Pace, of Raleigh; Mr. T. J. Jerome, of Salisbury; Congressman E. W. Pou and Mr. Ed S. Abell, of Smithfield. Messrs. Jerome, Abell, Pace and Pou spoke Saturday and Colonel Argo and Solicitor Jones Monday. The case was given to the jury a little after two o'clock Monday and a verdict brought in about 6:15 that afternoon.

When the foreman of the jury announced a verdict of "not guilty" there was some applauding by those present, which the Judge immediately stopped, threatening to put the next one who applauded in jail. The prisoner was then released from custody and the jury excused.

The following history of this case appeared in the Raleigh Times of March 7th:

Justice of the Peace Separk left this morning for Smithfield, where he is summoned as a witness in the Bivins case which comes up in court at that place today.

It will be remembered that Bivins, at that time acting as detective for Seaboard Air Line in this city, shot and killed a tramp who he said was beating his way into Raleigh on a freight train, and when he was seen by Bivins broke and ran with Bivins after him shooting as he ran. After running down the railroad quite a distance the tramp ran down an embankment into the woods, where he was shot by the detective. When arraigned Bivins pleaded that he killed him in self-defense, as the tramp was trying to cut him with a knife, when he shot him.

Bivins was arrested and committed to jail without bail and was later tried on a habeas corpus proceedings for bail, but was not allowed to give bond and was sent back to jail to wait for trial, which was to come up in superior court in this city. When the case came up the attorneys for the defendant asked for a removal of the trial to Johnston county, alleging the witness could not get a fair trial in this county owing to the feeling against him.

The trial was moved to Johnston county and is scheduled to come up this afternoon at four o'clock.

The man killed by Bivins was never identified.

## Goose Is 72 Years Old.

New York, Mar. 11.—William Yours Strong, a farmer near Caldwell, N. J., owns a goose which is seventy-two years of age, he swears.

"William Yours, the man I was named after, gave me this goose in 1871," said Strong today. "Yours was going back to the old country, and he said: 'Bill, I've owned this goose for thirty-six years. I would take her with me, but I fear she cannot stand the voyage, so I give her to you. Cherish her, Bill; be kind to her in her old age, for she is almost like a sister to me.'"

"Yours kissed the goose good by," Mr. Strong added. "Look at her, she is as active as a goeling."

The Thaw case is expected to go to the jury within the next two weeks.

## THE COTTON CROP FOR 1906.

12,716,000 Bales of Cotton are Ginned up to March Second. Staple is Closely Picked.

Memphis, March 11.—The National Ginners' Association issued a bulletin at one o'clock today showing the number of bales of cotton ginned up to March 2, to be 12,716,000 bales.

The report by states follows: Alabama, 1,231,000; Arkansas, 836,000; Florida, 62,000; Georgia, 1,621,000; Indian Territory, 391,000; Kentucky, 1,500; Louisiana, 931,000; Mississippi, 1,144,000; Missouri, 36,500; North Carolina, 607,000; Oklahoma, 436,000; South Carolina, 903,000; Tennessee, 291,000; Texas, 3,903,000; Virginia, 15,000. Total, 12,716,000.

The report, which is signed by J. A. Taylor, president of the association, says:

"Owing to the very fine weather in the west, cotton has been picked very much closer than usual and this has increased the crop at least 200,000, if not more. Our reports indicate that there will not be much change in the acreage except in Texas, and the territories, where there will be an increase of from 5 to 10 per cent.

"Scarcity of labor is the report from all sections. We have reports from a large number of uncounted towns that show very much lighter stocks than last year."

## Dignity Of Jury-Service.

Judge Long made a strong point in his charge to the grand jury Monday morning when he said that if the grand juries were uniformly made up of the best men in the county, men who were not afraid to do their duty, crime would rapidly vanish from the country.

The dignity of the juror's position is not appreciated as it should be. The juror—whether it be grand or petit—is a man in whose hands we place our most sacred rights. When the grand jury is sworn the juror becomes one of the most powerful men in his county. In the faithful discharge of his duties, as outlined in his oath, lies the safety, happiness and prosperity of his county, and the court itself is largely at his mercy.

The position of juror is one of the most honorable that is open to a man; and the juror who does his full duty promptly and courageously deserves the thanks of his county and the consideration of his friends and neighbors. It may require something of a personal sacrifice for a man to become a juror. There may be other duties and responsibilities pressing upon him; but he should remember that a public duty calls him. And a public duty faithfully performed entitles a man to a position of the highest honor.—Kinston Free Press.

## 490-LB. WIFE WANTS DIVORCE.

Could Not Squeeze Into Elevator To Reach Lawyer's Office.

New York, March 11.—When Cherry Volkman, 19 years old, weighing 490 pounds, and whose occupation is "The Fattest Girl in the World" in a Broadway museum, went to see her attorney, Abraham Goldfarb, at 302 Broadway, several days ago to institute a suit for divorce against her husband, William, her size prevented her from getting into the elevator in the building.

After she made a futile attempt to get to the basement, where she might have entered a freight elevator and thus mounted to the floor on which her attorney's office is located, Goldfarb was summoned and discussed Cherry's case with her on the ground floor.

Cherry, in her petition for divorce, charges nonsupport and cruelty against William Volkman. Her husband, she says, is now imprisoned on Blackwell's Island, having threatened her late in November 1906.

## General News Items.

Great Britain will send six warships to Jamestown.

Four persons were burned to death in a tenement house fire in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday.

M. Jean Paul Pierre Casimir-Perier, former President of France, died suddenly at Paris Tuesday.

By the will of Edmund P. Dwight, of Philadelphia, various church organizations will get \$200,000.

A C. & O. train ran into the slide near Hinton, W. Va., Tuesday and the engineer and fireman were killed.

A wireless message from Pensacola, Fla., was caught by the station at Point Loma, California Tuesday.

Allen LeRoy Locke, a Philadelphia negro, is to get the Rhodes scholarship allotted this year to Pennsylvania.

It is reported that the engineers in charge expect to have the Panama Canal completed by January 1, 1915.

The Richmond Board of Aldermen have appropriated \$5,000 to erect a monument to Edgar Allan Poe in that city.

The stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad have approved the proposed increase of \$200,000,000 in stock and bonds.

A two-cent railroad fare bill has gone into effect in Nebraska and the railroads have abolished all reduced fares. A two-cent bill has also passed the House of the Illinois Legislature.

Mrs. Russell Sage, widow of the New York financier, has set aside \$10,000,000 for what is to be known as the Sage Foundation, the income to be used in improving social and living conditions in the United States.

Hon. James L. Pugh, 16 years United States Senator from Alabama, died in Washington Saturday, aged 87. He was a member of the Confederate Congress. He was succeeded in the Senate in 1897 by Hon. E. W. Pettus.

In Chicago Monday Mrs. Sophie Wambaugh stole \$3,000 from her husband William Wambaugh, who on Friday married her in court after stopping a case which he had against her for stealing another \$3,000 while they were courting.

President Crump, of the Memphis Cotton Exchange, complained before the Interstate Commerce Commission Tuesday that the railroads have allowed cotton to congest at Memphis and that 23,000 bales are tied up for lack of transportation.

On Monday night in Zion City, near Chicago, impressive funeral services were held for the departed "Prophet Elijah." John Alexander Dowie, the solemn service being conducted by one of his faithful deacons and the house being crowded by those who were true to the First Apostle, while other thousands ridiculed and scorned; permission to share in the rites was denied to Gladstone Dowie who deserted his father in the days of his trouble.

Before a cargo of wool which arrived by the Ashanti, a British steamship from Melbourne, Australia, Saturday could be released from bond the consignees had to pay into the treasury of the United States a trifle more than \$700,000 in duties. The cargo consists of nearly 14,000 bales of the finest Australian wool and is worth nearly \$2,000,000. It is the largest and most valuable of a kind ever brought to this country, and the wool is a kind never before imported here.

Nearly one hundred officers and men on the French battleship Ienia were blown into eternity Tuesday afternoon at Toulon, France, when a torpedo exploded and set off the war ship's magazines containing tons of powder and shells; the ship, one of the finest in the French navy, was practically destroyed, and the continuous bursting of shells played havoc on board and ashore; hundreds were frightfully injured as there were nearly 700 men aboard.

## LOOK OUT FOR GAME LAWS.

Against the Law to Kill Certain Birds and Other Game—Several People Arrested and Fined for Violating the Law.

It would be well for all our citizens to observe the State Law in regard to hunting out of season. We publish Section 3466 of the Revised Statutes, which reads as follows:

"If any person, shall, at any time hunt, capture or kill any non game bird, or shall during the close season, or time in each year in which the hunting or killing is prohibited, chase with dogs, hunt, kill or in any manner take or capture any game bird, or any deer, opossum, rabbit or squirrel, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days. Provided, this section shall not apply to birds caught or killed by authority of the Audubon Society for scientific purposes only. This section shall not apply to the English or European house Sparrow, Owls, Hawks, Crows, Blackbirds, Jackdaws and Rice birds."

Mr. Upchurch, the game warden for this part of the State was in our town this week and had eight of our young men arrested and fined for killing birds in violation of the above section.

## Rural Free Delivery Mail.

Unless the people living along many of the free delivery mail routes take more interest in them they will be discontinued. Complaint is made by post-office department officials that on some routes few people patronize them and that in many instances they will not put up boxes, five and six families clubbing together and using one box. The people whose routes are discontinued will find that they have suffered a great loss—even those who use the service to a small extent only. All on every route could at least put up boxes. Those who lose their routes through carelessness in this matter have no one but themselves to blame. They cannot find fault with their congressmen if they so bring this inconvenience upon themselves. This is a matter which the people in the rural districts should not neglect. Let every householder put up his box and do something to increase the amount of mail carried on his route. He should take a daily or one or more weekly and semi-weekly papers. The latter are now so cheap that they are within the means of every farmer. We would hate to see any routes in this section of the state discontinued. We do not know that it is contemplated, but the department is making serious complaints as to conditions in the south. We beg the people of our section to see to it that none of their routes are discontinued. They will be kept up if the people will use the service. It rests with the people.—Wilmington Messenger.

## A Young Man Passes Away.

Mr. Thomas B. Woodard, son of Mr. J. I. Woodard, died at his home in Beulah township on Saturday, March 2nd, after an illness of twelve days of pneumonia. Every attention was given the young man but human hand could not stay the ravages of the terrible disease which had fastened itself on both lungs. The deceased leaves a young widow, having been married only fourteen months.

Mr. Woodard was a prosperous young farmer only 27 years old.

## Found At Last.

J. A. Harmon, of Lizemore, West Va., says: "At last I have found the perfect pill that never disappoints me; and for the benefit of others afflicted with torpid liver and chronic constipation, will say: take Dr. King's New Life Pills." Guaranteed satisfactory. 25c. at Hood Bros. Druggists.