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VOICE CARRIES 2,000 MILES.

Telegraphers Use Wires While New York Phones to Denver. Company Predicts That Direct Service to San Francisco Will Be the Next Step.

New York, May 8.—For the first time in the history of mankind the human voice carried 2,000 miles direct to-night, when New York "found" Denver over long-distance telephone wires. A group of Manhattan newspaper men in a downtown skyscraper talked to another group in the Colorado city, picked up Omaha on the way, and also gossiped with Chicago.

A "phantom" telephone, connected with four copper wires the thickness of a lead pencil, brought the cities together, and in all 22 people were exchanging messages by telephone and telegraph at once over these four wires. While the reporters talked, sixteen telegraph operators worked the New York-Chicago ends of four duplex telegraph instruments. The same four wires and the same current sufficed for the simultaneous needs of the 22 senders and receivers of messages.

With wires already strung, it cost \$100,000 to make the change and kept busy a gang of workmen four months climbing 870,000 telephone poles and installing coils every 8 miles.

"The next step is San Francisco," declared J. J. Carty, chief engineer of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, who superintended the extension of service. "We are on the right track, and before long will have our wires clear through from New York to San Francisco."

Negro Killed Near Kenly.

On Wednesday evening, May 3rd, about six o'clock, Mr. Jesse Jones shot and killed a negro boy about twelve years old, at a fish pond near Kenly. We report below the circumstances as near correct as possible from the information obtainable. The fish pond known as the Blackman Balance pond, is on the land of Mr. Jesse Jones. He had been troubled with negroes fishing there and had asked them to stay away. Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Thomas Harman, a tenant on the farm, informed Mr. John Jones, a brother of Mr. Jesse Jones, that there were eight negroes fishing again. He went to Kenly and told Mr. Jesse Jones about it. Jesse went at once to the pond and found the negroes there. He spoke to them, asking them what they were doing there. Next he fired off his pistol the first shot doing no damage. The second shot struck the negro boy in the center of the breast, the ball going nearly through his body and lodging under the right shoulder. The boy fell back in a place of water and exclaimed "O Lord," and getting up walked about thirty steps and died. A telephone message was sent to Smithfield for the coroner. Thursday they looked into the case and an arrest was ordered. Those on the coroner's jury, were: Messrs. James Alford, Alvan Hodge, Albert Hooks, Jesse Watson, J. W. Darden and Billie Davis. Mr. Jones was arrested and brought here Thursday night by Mr. W. D. Holland, the chief of police of Kenly. The boy killed was the only child of two industrious negroes. The father worked for the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company, and made two dollars per day. The mother, Lella Hull, does washing for several families of Kenly. Mr. Jones has been policeman of Kenly and constable of the township and is now deputy sheriff for Beulah township.

After the hearing before the coroner Mr. Jones was remanded to jail without bail. His attorneys at once took out habeas corpus proceedings and got a hearing before Judge Whedbee at Raleigh, who admitted him to bail in the sum of one thousand dollars. This was given and Jones was released till the next criminal term of the Superior Court.

Prof. H. McLeod, who has had charge of the Wilson's Mills High School for the past year, was in to see us last week. He had a splendid school and the people of Wilson's Mills gladly upheld him in his work. He left this week for his home in Red Springs.

PRINCETON NEWS ITEMS.

Princeton, May 10.—Misses Patsy Edwards, Hortense Edwards and Myrtle May Holt are visiting in the Sardis section.

Miss Lela Benton is visiting Miss Louise Massey for a few days.

The aBnk of Princeton has been chartered and will be ready for business about the first of July. Mr. W. A. Edwards is president and Mr. Geo. F. Woodard, vice president. The directors are J. W. Baker, A. F. Holt, W. T. Perkins, James I. Massey and A. T. Hill. A good many of our leading farmers and business men have subscribed liberally, making it possible to secure the bank. A large, new brick building will be erected on the corner where Mr. Geo. F. Woodard's store now stands, and the new bank will open doors in its new home about the 1st day of July under most flattering conditions. Our citizens and business men are earnestly requested to put their shoulder to the wheel and help along while the wave of improvement is among us.

The town officers for the next two years are: C. H. Holt, Mayor; W. T. Edwards, Geo. F. Woodard, A. H. Wallace and J. L. Benton, commissioners; W. T. Edwards re-elected treasurer, Geo. F. Woodard town clerk; Chief Police Eason resigned and a new chief will be appointed by the mayor.

Messrs Dees and Whitley will erect a large and commodious two story brick block for stores on the corner opposite Mr. Geo. F. Woodard's corner.

Mr. W. A. Edwards' new brick store will soon be completed and in addition to Mr. Edwards' large farm interests he will direct the management of the new store and the bank, which fact assures the success of these new enterprises.

The mills of the Princeton Lumber Company are closed down for a few weeks in order that extension repairs may be made to the buildings.

Two more of the Princeton boys have secured splendid and responsible positions with the Atlantic Coast Line, as operators—Druid Holt at Wilmington and Jimmy Joyner at Mount Olive.

Dr. Oscar Eason will locate in Princeton to give his services as a practicing physician to the people of this community. He comes highly recommended, and is from one of Johnston County's best families, near the Wake County line. Competition is the life of trade and we give the new Dr. a hearty welcome.

Mrs. Richard Brown and little son, from Rich Square, are visiting her brother, Mr. Geo. T. Whitley.

Rev. Mr. Williams and wife and Rev. Mr. Jackson and wife, of Durham, are conducting a revival at the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Massey have been spending several days at Kenly.

FOXY.

NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

Clayton, May 10.—Mr. J. W. Barnes, of Archer, was in our city to-day.

Mr. Roy C. Robertson, who is staying at Winston, is home visiting his mother, Mrs. J. B. Robertson.

Mr. Wilkes B. Barnes left Thursday night for Hartwell, Ga., where he has been working.

The Clayton base ball team added another scalp to their number last Friday, when they defeated the B. B. B. team, of Raleigh, 5 to 4.

Mrs. A. T. Beddingfield and little son, Wingate, and little niece, Miss Elizabeth, have returned home after a visit to Wake Forest, Louisburg and Franklinton.

Rev. C. W. Robinson went to the Capitol City yesterday.

H. R. B.

Death At Kenly.

On Thursday night of last week Mrs. Mary D. McDonald, of Kenly, died at her home at 10:20 o'clock, from paralysis. The funeral was preached Friday morning at the Presbyterian church by her pastor, Rev. T. H. Spence, of Smithfield. The remains were taken to Hope Mills and buried near there that afternoon. Her daughter, Miss Mary McDonald, is one of the teachers at Kenly Graded School.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, May 11.—Mrs. Wilder, of Newbern, who has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. L. E. Stevens, left Monday for Fremont, where she will visit relatives.

Mr. Clem Bryan and family, of Clayton, have been spending several days at the home of Mr. Alonzo Parrish.

Mr. Ed Edmundson, of Pleasant Grove, spent a short while here Monday.

Mr. E. L. Hall, of Fayetteville, visited friends here Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. J. L. Hall went to Fayetteville Tuesday on business.

Dr. H. H. Utley, who is a member of the County Board of Health, went to Smithfield Monday to be present at a meeting of the board.

Mr. Chester Lassiter, of Elevation township, visited friends and relatives in Benson Monday night.

Mrs. Patterson and Miss Pearl Forsythe, of Emporia, Va., visited at the home of Mrs. M. C. Benson for several days recently.

Mr. Bradley Johnson, of Emporia, Va., is spending some time here with his brothers.

Dr. R. B. Wilson and son, Robert, of Newton Grove, were in town Wednesday.

Messrs. B. F. Johnson and Willie Warren, of Clinton, were visitors here for a short while Wednesday.

Drs. Rowland and Parker attended the District Association of Physicians held at Smithfield Tuesday night.

Mr. R. H. Gower, of Clayton, was in town Tuesday night. He is the County property Assessor and is visiting all the townships of the county.

Mr. C. T. Johnson, one of Benson's most enterprising business men, is having laid the foundation for a handsome residence on Church and Railroad streets. The residence when completed will be the nicest and most up-to-date building in our town and will cost about thirty-five thousand dollars.

The closing exercises of the Benson High School will begin Friday night in the school auditorium with a debate between the boys of the two societies. The query for discussion will be, Resolved: "That the United States Senators should be elected by the popular vote. The affirmative will be discussed by Jesse Turlington and James Raynor; the negative by A. L. Goodrich and H. D. Lambert. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday morning in the auditorium by Dr. J. C. Caldwell, of Wilson. The annual address will be delivered Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock by M. H. Stacey, Professor of Mathematics at the University of North Carolina. The graduating exercises will take place Tuesday night, there being five members in the graduating class this year. The graduating address will be delivered by Mr. R. E. Parker, the class history by Jesse Turlington, the class prophecy by H. D. Lambert and the class will be by C. C. Canaday. The class is composed of the following members: Miss Katie Eldridge and Messrs. R. E. Parker, C. C. Canaday, H. D. Lambert, and Jesse Turlington.

Dr. W. T. Martin has moved his offices from the rear of the store building occupied by the Peacock Drug Company to the second floor of the new building now occupied by the Benson Drug Company on the corner of Main and Railroad streets. He now has the handsomest and most up-to-date set of offices in our town.

At a meeting of the Road Supervisors for Banner Township held here last Thursday Mr. Eli Turlington was elected Chairman and J. L. Hall, Secretary. Mr. J. R. McLamb was elected as Road Supervisor in charge of the roads to succeed Mr. Joe Smith, resigned.

At the election held here on May 2nd, N. T. Ryals, Democrat, was elected over E. F. Moore, Independent and Prohibitionist, by a majority of 18 votes. Dan Boykin the republican candidate received only seven votes. Messrs. L. Gilbert, W. H. Royal and J. P. Woodall, all democrats, were elected as aldermen. Mr. G. G. Woodall was elected constable. The election created quite a bit of interest here owing to the number of candidates and the division of sentiment.

FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Attorney J. R. Barbour, of Benson, was in town Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Reaves, of Harnett County, spent Saturday and Sunday here at Mr. K. L. Barham's.

Mrs. O. A. Privette has returned from Stantonsburg, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Summerlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Adams are spending this week at Buie's Creek, attending the commencement.

Misses Golda Creech and Floy Johnson and Mr. Paul Johnson attended the exercises at B. C. A. this week.

Mr. A. B. Adams went to Raleigh Tuesday on a business trip.

Messrs. A. D. Ford, W. E. Strickland and R. A. Blackmond attended the Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Mr. J. Jackson visited friends in Dunn Sunday.

Mr. David May, foreman of painters working on the colonial residence of Mr. B. B. Adams, spent Sunday with family in Durham.

The town election passed off very quiet, there being only one ticket. Mr. C. D. Stroup was re-elected as Mayor; Messrs. D. H. Sanders, C. H. Wellons and W. R. Kene as Town Aldermen, and Mr. W. E. Strickland as Town Constable.

There will be an election held Tuesday the 16, for special school tax, which we trust will go for more school, as our school now is entirely too short.

We are glad to note that Mr. J. T. Cole, who has been confined with rheumatism, is much improved.

Mr. J. H. Brackett has sold his handsome new residence to our popular A. C. L. Agent, Mr. C. C. Creech, and is having same painted and plastered.

Mr. L. C. Barbour spent a few days at Clayton recently.

There were services at Primitive Baptist church Saturday and Sunday, by the regular pastor, Elder James Johnson.

The revival at Missionary Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Walker, of Littleton, will close sometime this week. Mr. Walker is a very able speaker and many who have come in contact with him are benefited. The meeting is resulting in much good.

Four Oaks, May 9, 1911.

A Great Day at Thanksgiving.

Friday, April 28, was a great day for the people near Thanksgiving and a large number that lived a distance away. The Wilson's Mills Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics presented to the school a very nice and beautiful Bible and flag. The Kenly Concert Band made music for the occasion.

About 10:30 o'clock the people were called in the house by a piece of music by the band; then it was announced that all Juniors would meet at Finch's store, near by, where members of six different Councils gathered, they being from Wilson's Mills, Smithfield, Kenly, Middlesex, Wendell, and one in Virginia which amounted to about one hundred Juniors. The band also gathered there. Then all formed in line and marched to the school house, where the Juniors were given seats together and the people were called back by the band.

Then came the presentation of the flag by Mr. D. O. Uzzle, of Wilson's Mills, who made a speech of about 15 minutes in length, full of patriotism and love for our country and flag, which was enjoyed by all. Then the acceptance of the flag by Mr. W. C. Harper, of Smithfield, in behalf of the school. His talk was to the boys and girls of the love and respect they should show to their flag, and many more things.

Next the Bible was presented by Mr. T. C. Davis, of Wilson's Mills, who talked of the Bible as one of the greatest gifts to man and the love taught in it, and it being the book of books and of God's love for a sinful world, and many more truthful things. The speech of acceptance in behalf of the school was made by Mr. W. S. Earp, of the district, who spoke of the Bible as a book of precious promises. He greatly commended the Order because of their love for schools and God's Word.

Mr. S. S. Holt, of Smithfield, was

then called, who made an address on the principles of the Junior Order, giving a great deal of explanation on the subject which was enjoyed by all present and interested many good men in the work being done by the Order in the County, State and even the United States, and the love they showed towards the schools of our land, and the love for God's Word they had. Having just come in, Mr. W. A. Edgerton, was asked to make a short talk, which he did. His theme was love of God, love of our country and flag, the debt we owe to our forefathers who made this a great nation, it being full of good sense and judgment also.

It was then announced by the Councilor of Wilson's Mills Council, Mr. Grover Ellis, that the flag would then be raised. Three little girls came forward, Vivian Crabtree, Maner Parker and Etta Creech, one took the flag, one the Bible and marched with the Juniors to the place where the flag was raised, which was pulled to the breeze by little Etta Creech while the Star Spangled Banner was played by the band. Then Mr. W. S. Earp requested everybody to spread dinner together, which they did. This consisted of barbecue, boiled ham, turkey, chicken, corn bread, biscuits, shad, and great many more varieties; and more cakes and more cakes of different kinds than John saw, if you know how many that was. Everybody seemed to enjoy the dinner. After all had eaten and rested, they were called in by the band again, which played several pieces. Then one of the students of the school, Aaron Earp, gave us a nice recitation then more music, and then an educational address by our efficient County Superintendent, Prof. L. T. Royall, which was enjoyed by all present very much. Then the band played a few more pieces and adjourned. It seemed to the people that they had just had time to say "howdy, this is Mr. Mrs., or Miss so and so, how are you today, I am glad to meet you," and it was time to say goodbye. "I'm glad I met you to-day, come and see me, tell so and so they just ought to have come. They missed half their life by not coming," and the people were saying in betwixt this word of goodbye, "aint the Junior Order a grand thing? wish I belonged to it, or my husband, son, or sweetheart would join." All went to their homes, having declared it a joyful day, and impressed with the good work being done by the Jr. O. U. A. M.

ANTIUCH NEWS.

The farmers of this section were very glad to see the rain Monday, which was badly needed.

Some of the farmers of this section have begun to plow their little cotton and corn, which is very small, on account of the cool weather.

Most of the boys of this section attended the ball game at Huckleberry Swamp Saturday.

Mr. James P. Eldridge spent Saturday night with his friend, W. O. Hocutt.

Mr. H. H. reech visited at Rev. J. T. Collier's Saturday night.

Messrs. A. A. Narron and J. R. Creech visited in Hales' School House section Sunday.

Misses Dora Wilder and Noma Creech, of Emit, attended Sunday School at Antioch Sunday.

Miss Ella Eason, of Thanksgiving, spent part of last week with her cousin, Miss Lillian Creech.

Miss Duma Corbett, of Friendship, spent part of last week in this section visiting her sister, Mrs. Richard O'Neal.

Messrs. James P. Eldridge, W. O. Hocutt, Rulal Narron and Harvey Creech went to the flower Hill at Lamb's Mill Sunday.

Master Battle Creech spent part of last week with his cousins around Thanksgiving church.

Mr. Claud Narron purchased a new engine last week.

Mr. Joe Boykin, of Stille's Cross Roads, and Miss Ida Narron, of this section, drove down to Mr. Lloyd Narron's, J. P., last Sunday, where they were happily married.

REPORTER.

Superior Court will convene here next Monday for a term of one week for the trial of civil cases only. Judge Whedbee, of Greenville, will preside.

COL. HORNE MADE CHAIRMAN.

Johnston County Veteran Heads Building Committee. Preliminary Steps Taken Toward Erection of \$250,000 Administration Building.

With the election of Mr. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, as chairman and Mr. W. E. Springer, of Wilmington, as secretary, the state building commission appointed by Governor Kitchen recently in accordance with an act of the legislature, this afternoon took the first step toward the erection of an administration building to cost \$250,000. The commission met in the office of Auditor Wood and a conference was held with the governor and the council of state in reference to the plans.

Treasurer Lacy informed the commission that he had already made plans for issuing bonds. Only preliminary work was done by the commission.

The commission is composed of the following:

Ashley Horne, chairman; W. E. Springer, secretary; Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham; J. A. Long, of Roxboro; J. Elwood Cox, of High Point; A. S. Roscoe, of Windsor; and W. L. Parsons, of Rockingham. All the members were present, and the elections were unanimous.—Raleigh Times, Tuesday.

BARNES' X ROADS NEWS.

The farmers in our section are about through planting their crops and will have a few days recreation.

Mrs. R. J. Castleberry was called to the bed-side of her sister, Mrs. Hardie Hatcher, near Selma, who was stricken with paralysis a few days since. Her condition is considered serious.

Miss Lizzie Johnson, of Clayton, is visiting the family of Mr. R. H. Lassiter this week.

A number of Masons attended the annual fish fry at Archer Lodge last Saturday. They report a large crowd and a good time.

Mr. J. Mooneyham's horse became frightened last Saturday, and ran some distance. A few bruises, a broken buggy and a bad scare was the result.

Miss Gevil Whitley is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. D. M. Hinnant.

Friends of Mrs. Walter Wall will be glad to learn that she is slowly improving. Hope she will entirely be recovered ere long.

Mrs. J. A. Wall spent several days last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucy Wall, at Clayton.

Mrs. Cleveland Montague and little ones, of Shotwell, spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lassiter, recently.

Mr. G. H. Murphy, who has had lagrippe and measles is convalescing.

Mrs. E. D. Whitley and Master Kermit visited Mr. and Mrs. Berry Barnes last week.

Mr. Carl Barnes spent several days in Clayton last week.

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Peace Commencement.

The annual commencement at Peace Institute will be held May 21 through 24. Rev. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, S. C., and Rev. Dr. R. T. Pell, president of Converse College, of Spartanburg, S. C., have been secured as commencement orators.

On Sunday, May 21, at 11 o'clock, in the Presbyterian church, Dr. Sprunt will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class.

Monday afternoon the class day exercises to be held on the campus.

Tuesday evening the annual concert will take place.

The graduating exercises will be held in the chapel Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time the literary address will be delivered by Dr. R. T. Pell.

Good Speech Made By Pou.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—One of the best speeches in favor of the Hardwick resolution to investigate the sugar trust was made by Representative Pou, of North Carolina. He said that the people had a right to know how the sugar trust continues to violate the anti-trust law without being punished.