

## CHARLOTTE WANTS

Will Make Request of State Corperation Commission -- Present Rates \$4 for Business Houses, and from \$2.50 to \$3.50 for Residences-A Statement by Mr. M. B. Spier. Charlotte Chronicle, May 29th.

Petitions reading as follows are being circulated in the city and are being generally signed by telephone subscribers:

"To the North Carolina Cor-poration Commissiou: We the undersigned citizens of Char-lotte and Mecklenburg county, believing that the rates for telephones in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county are unreasonably high and unjust, petition your honorable body to make the rates reasonable and just."

The petitions are being carried by well-known citizens. One gentleman presented his petition to 25 subscribers this morning, every one of whom signed it.

The first dissatisfaction at the alleged excessive 'phone rates, charged Charlotte people by the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, sprang up several weeks ago and has grown gradually every since. The movement to attempt to reduce the rates took definite shape a few days ago when several of the dissatisfied citizens got together and prepared the petition.

THE PRESENT RATES.

The rates charged by the Bell people for 'phones in Charlotte are \$4 a month for business honses and offices and from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a month for residences.

One of those assisting in the movement to reduce the rates stated this afternoon that a member of the former Queen ty Tele one ready to swear that his company could have made money charging \$1.50 a month for residences and \$25 a year for business 'phones if it had had \$5,000 additional capital to install needed equipment. One yonng lawyer asked a re-porter to state that his office cost him \$5 a month and his telephone \$4.

TE WANTS LOWER PHONE RATES. \$2.50 per month for special line stations and \$2 per month for telephones upon circuits with two stations upon them.

RATES ARE LIBERAL. "The failure and financial embarrassment of so many compa-nies in North Carolina charging

rates but very little lower than those last mentioned, and furu-ishing a service and having an investment in no way compara-ble with that of the Southern Bell Company, would appear to furnish conclusive evidence that

these rates are not only entirely reasonable but liberal." Mr. Spier said that he re-gretted extremely that the mat-ter was broached at this particu-lar time as he me wine his Hall, all eager to assist in the capture of the little imp. Arrived in the neighborhood, the sheriff and his posse held a conference and decided to at-tempt to surround the negro. Messrs. Parrott, Hall and Smith lar time, as he was using his utmost energies to induce his company to extend its opera-tions, not only in North Caro-lina, but in and around Char-lotte in particular. To this end he has just completed the pur-chase of a lot with a 35-foot frontage on Third street, imme-diately adjuding the lat upon started on the necessary detours, leaving the sheriff to hold his position at the starting point; but before the plan was carried out fully the little negro got on to something doing, and broke to run. His course was in the direction of Messrs. Hall and diately adjoining the lot upon which the present telephone building is located and on which will soon be erected an Parrott; but they had not come quite into position, and they were unable to get closer than fifty or sixty yards. Mr. Parrott fired at the boy twice with a shot gun and sprinkled him with No. 8 shot, knocking his hat out of his haud. The others fired with deavors, not only to have the system in the city extended, but that more and more lines shall be constructed throughout the county, making the city service pistols but it was to intimidate more valuable to Charlotte sub-scribers. For this reason, he said, he thought it unfortunate that this agitation, which is wholly uncalled for and which rather than to hit. The boy

can accomplish no good, should occur at this time, as it will very greatly interfere with the plans which the company bas on foot for the development of the business in this section.

GASTONIA

having two good pistols and that he intended to die before he would be arrested. He also threatened that if he should be with him.

until he was finally lost.

he passed from thicket to thicket

boy they had been reliably in-

authorities and swore out a

up on the way Messrs. S. C. Smith, J. B. Parrott and J. Q.

him.

killed somebody would go along APPRECIATION EXPRESSED. The members of the posse do I take this opportunity to not think that the little negro thank the editors and their could have been very badly hurt helpers for what they have done by the birdshot with which he for the schools this year. Their was hit; but at the same time courtesy, accuracy, and liberalithey think he may find it neces- ty with their space are much No one in Gastonia has a bet-ter chance than the druggist to know the condition of the city's bealth, and what diseases are tion as to his what diseases are to be administra-tion. It was not nutil the honor glad to receive further informa-months that I learned that proper names are a great bug-bear to printers. This discov-ery makes me appreciate all the more the consideration tion as to his whereabouts. Paid for Sowpaw and Got Water. Statesville Landmark. Last night Jerry Keaton and some of his colored neighbors, residents of north Statesville, were looking anxiously for a shown us during the year. The schools are under lasting obliga-tions to all who have had to do white man who they claimed had done them a job, and the with publishing the notices, announcements, reports, and honor aid of the police was invoked to rolls. belp find him. The victims of the pale face Why He Does It. tell it thus: Jerry and another colored man, named Long, were "It isn't often that we have faith enough in the medicines on their way home after an honest day's toil when they met, put up by other people to be willing to offer to refund the money if it does not cure," said just across the branch on north Center street, a white man who said he had five gallons of sow-Adams Drug Co. to one of their many customers, "but we are glad to sell Dr. Howard's specific paw that he would sell cheap. He asked only \$1.50 per gallon, for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia on that plan. "The Howard Co., in order to get a quick introductory sale, \$7.50 for the package. Jerry and his companion hustled around among their friends and raised the \$7.50, which they surrender-ed for what they supposed was authorized us to sell the regular fifty cent bottle of their specific for half-price, 25 cents, and, al-though we have sold a lot of it, liquor. But lo and behold! When they opened the package to divide the contents, their faces shining and their mouths though we have sold a lot of it, and guaranteed every package, not one has been brought back as unsatisfactory. "One great advantage of this specific," he continued, "is its small dose and convenient form. There are sixty doses in a vial that each be carried in the vest pocket or purse, and every one has more medicinal power than a big pill or tablet or a tumbler of mineral water. "We are still selling the specific at half-price, although we cannot tell how long we shall be able to do so. Any person who is subject to con-stipation, sick headache, diziness, hvor trouble, indigestion, or a gen-eral played-out condition, ought to take advantage of this opportunity. If the specific does not cure then, they can come right back to our store, and we will cheerfully refund their money. --Mill-Jl. watering in anticipation of the good time coming, instead of white lightning they found just water. Then it was that the victims of the pale face were wroth and they called on the law to avenge the wrong. But the white man was gone and as he had sold no liquor he hadn't violated the law in that respect at least. But his victims will nurse their griev-ance and if they ever get at that white map what they will do for him will be ample. They would forgive almost anything but this: to sell a poor cullud man water for liquor is upperdonable.

Mamie Smith. Eunice Beam, Rsther Bain, Brskine Boyce, ferent negroes at different times Nanuie Dickson, Jeanette Boyce, Nanuie Dickson, Jeanette Fays-soux, Irwin Gallant, Walter Grigg, Earl Groves, Margaret Louise LaFar, Haseline Love, Janette Mauney, Wilson Mc-Arver, Pauline McFadden, Durand has drawn the weapon on several more. When some of his victims complained to the warrant he went into hiding and the officers have been finding it difficult to get within sight of Learning yesterday afternoon

Arver, Pauline McFadden, Dur-ward Morrow, Lillie Morrow, Louisa Reid, Jennie Wallace, Ernest Warren, Stella Whit-field, Henry Raukin, Malcolm Rhyne, Marguerite Spencer, Grace Strickland, Dana Cald-well, Cornelia Floyd, Ellen Mc-Clain, Kenneth Todd, Lucy Boyce, Nellie Rose Sloan, An-nie Clenn that the boy was on a plantation in the Chapel neighborhood, Sheriff Brown took Deputy Sheriff Quiun and proceeded to the place indicated, gathering nie Glepn.

Eliza Saunders, Jiles Curry, Eliza Saunders, Jiles Curry, Jessie Greene, George Hicks, Cora Dickson Alwyn Glenn, Ella May McFadden, Annie McLean, V i o l e t Rankin, Kirkpatrick Reid, Stafford Whitfield, Geane Robinson, Clara Armstrong, Eva Penny, Mildred Rankin, Win ifred McLean, Jennie Pegram, Clara Smith, Hartsell Shelton, Gertrude Fogle, Gertrude Glenn, Kathleen Boyce, Elcanore Reid. CLASS LEADERS IN HIGH SCHOOL -FALL TERM.

Seventh Grade-Mildred Ran kin, George Smith. Bighth Grade-Clara Smith,

Bruce Baird. Ninth Grade-Hartsell Shel-

Tenth Grade-Kathleen Boyce. SPRING TERM.

Seventh Grade-Mildred Rankin, Henry Groves.

Eighth Grade-Clara Smith. kept running and the posse followed him about three miles, catching occasional glimpses as ennie Pegram. Ninth Grade-Hartsell Shel-

Each oue of the class leaders

won as a prize from the superin-tendent a well chosen book. Before the officers went on the Winner of superintendent's prize for leader of Tenth Grade

formed that he had boasted of -Miss Kathleen Boyce. This prize was offered for highest scholarship in class and best

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	DALLAS TOWNSHIP-16,
	Dallas town
2	Alexia
	Harden
2	Highshoals
	Dallas town

above districts ...... Total for Dallas Township ..... 16

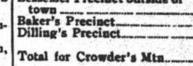
CHERRYVILLE TOWNSHIP-18.

Cherryville town. Cherryville Precinct outside of town ..

Carpenter's Precinct ... **Kiser's Precinct.** 

Total Cherryville Township\_18 CROWDER'S MOUNTAIN TOWN-

SHIP-15. Bessemer City town Bessemer Preciact outside of



GASTONIA TOWNSHIP-40. Gastonia town\_ Gastonia Precinct No. 1 out-

Spencer Mountain Mills Gastonia Precinct No. 2 outside \_\_\_\_\_\_ Glenn's Precipct\_

Total for Gastonia Township.40 RIVER BEND TOWNSHIP-21.

Mt. Holly town. Mt. Holly Precinct outside ..... Mountain Island town .... Cansler's Precinct outside. Stanley town.

Stauley Precinct outside. Total River Bend Township... 21

SOUTH POINT TOWNSHIP-28.



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The Corporation Commission has absolute power to fix rates on telephones.

MR. M. B. SPIER'S STATEMENT. Mr. M. B. Spier, superintend-ent of the North Carolina division of the Southern Bell Tele-phone & Telegraph Company, when seen by a Chronicle re-porter this afternoon, stated that

he was very much surprised that anyone in Charlotte should have undertaken so extraordinary a measure, in view of the magnificent plant, splendid service and reasonable rates which his com-

pany has in this city. "It is conceded that the telephone plant and service in Charlotte is second to none in the country," said Mr. Spier. "There are over 1,700 subscribers now connected with the Charlotte exchange and the rates are as low as are quoted in any city of the size of Charlotte and with its subscription list, in the seven states in which this company operates. It would appear that there is little ground for complaint of the unreasonableness of the present rates when but \$4 per month is charged for a line business station and but \$3.50 per month for a telephone upon a circuit with two stations, and where message rate service (a limited number of messages a month) can be had at from \$3 to \$2 per month, dependent upon the character of the circuit upon which the telephone is connected, whether

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health, and what diseases are the most common.

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the question of good health and long life. Take one of the little Mi-o-na tabicts before each meal, with the fixed determination that you are go-ing to get well, and it will not be many days before you can eat any-thing without fear of indigestion. J. H. Kennedy & Co., acll Mi-o-na ou an absolute guarantee to re-fund the mostly if it does not cure. A large box of the tablets costs but 50 cents, if it helps you; nothing if it fails. Mis-J1

The Unsefest Man of All. sulselle Herald

The man who knows better how to do another man's work than he does his own is not safe for any kind of work.

Wanted!

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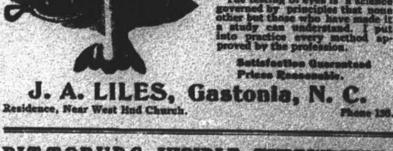
Lowell town. McAdenville town Lowell Precinct outside Belmont town. Belmont Precinct outside. South Point Precinct\_ Union Precinct.

**Total South Point Township..28** 

The Bewberry Cros. Charlotte Observer

Charlotte Observer. Southern Pines, May 29.—The thorough rains of the last three days have saved the dewberry crop, which will now be ready for picking as soon as the weather settles. Last weak it was feared that the crop would be ruined by the drouth, which was drying the berries on the bushes. The change is remark-able and the indications now are that good returns will come from that good returns will come from

an excellent crop. In common with the rest of the state, Moore county is facing a scarcity of labor. As the fruit harvest approaches, it becomes harvest approaches, it becomes a problem where to get pickers. Although the wages to be earned during the fruit-picking season are higher than have ever pre-valled here, the demand for a big force at short notice is a troublesome situation. Some of the planters need from 100 to 200 hands, and they are hard to get. That difficulty is tending to limit the acreage of orchard products in this section.



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