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## "THE BEST COUNTY IN THE STATE."

What the Rural Telephone is About to Accomplish in Georgia.

Practically every home in Hancock county, Georgia, will be equipped with a telephone when the plans of the Sparta, Ga., merchants are completed. The farmers are co-operating with their progressive city neighbors in bringing about this improvement. It will be of inestimable value, both to the rural residents and to the merchants. The universal spread of the rural telephone has, perhaps, never shown a more striking result.

It will be the best of 'phones, too, that this up-to-date community will have installed. The central exchange at Sparta is an adjunct of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, which, like all other Bell lines, is equipped with the latest improved appliances of the Western Electric Company, the largest manufacturers of telephones and telephone apparatus in the world. This company has already equipped many rural lines in the country surrounding Sparta.

The installation of a county-wide service means the annihilation of all distances in Hancock. A farmer may have his home at the extreme end of the county, but he will be able to talk to his brother in Sparta with as little trouble as if the two lived on opposite sides of the same road. Business men whose rural neighbors furnish them trade will have every customer practically at their finger tips. It is difficult to estimate just how much this improvement will mean, expressed in terms of money, to Hancock county.

The Atlanta Constitution recently commented editorially on the subject, under the heading "Getting Into Communication," as follows:

"Hancock county has taken a step in the direction of progress which others will do well to employ as a pattern.

"Instigated by the enterprising citizens of Sparta, there has been set in motion a project which will soon put a telephone into practically every farmhouse in Hancock.

"Realizing the importance, not only to the farmers, but to the business interests of Sparta, of such a system of communication, covering practically the entire county, Sparta business men raised a fund for the purpose of building rural telephone lines and bringing them into connection with the city system.

"From this fund approximately half of the expense of constructing the lines will be paid, the farmers paying the other half and cost of installing their telephones.

"It is, therefore, purely a local enterprise, which has for its object intercommunication of the entire county in general, and centralizing the county's business at the county seat, in particular.

"Both the citizens of Sparta and the farmers of Hancock are making a good investment; the farming interest will do their trading at home, instead of going into the adjoining county.

"But aside from that, the people of the whole county will be brought, socially and commercially, into closer harmony and unity. They will have at hand means of rapid communication, not only among themselves, but with the outside world.

"The value of the rural telephone is not problematic; it has been demonstrated and its proven worth is vastly more than its small cost.

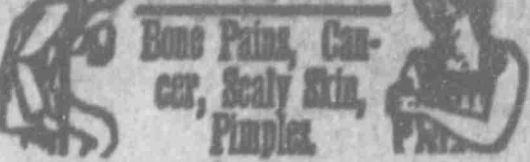
"Hancock county has gone about it in the right way.

"It will result not only in material advantage to the individual citizens of the county, but in a broadening of view and of sphere of activity which are important community assets.

"There should be no county in the State without its rural telephone service.

"It is not only an indication of prog-

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ress, but it is a positive factor in continued advancement and growth."

Spartans are already boasting that when the improvement is completed they will have the "best county in Georgia."

A fund of \$500 has been raised to aid farmers in purchasing the necessary equipment for telephone lines, to be built into the city and connect with the telephone exchange there. The committee in charge of raising the fund met with every possible encouragement, and it was declared at the time that an additional \$500 could be easily raised if it were needed. Seldom has any movement been given such an enthusiastic reception. The farmers in the section around Sparta were intense in their desire to secure telephone service and eliminate the burden of isolation.

In less than a month after the fund was raised plans were made for the construction of several telephone lines, and almost one hundred telephones were added to the system. Inquiries came to the committee from all sections of the county, and the movement is yet in its infancy.

The matter was taken up by the city early last March, when a number of enterprising citizens realized that if the farmers' homes were connected with Sparta by telephone it would result in centralizing their interests in that city and would insure business that might otherwise go elsewhere. It meant a great deal to the business men in the city and to the farmers. A mass meeting was called, and a committee appointed to secure subscriptions to the fund. In the course of a few hours \$500 was raised. A second mass meeting was called, and the following action was reported:

"The committee, consisting of Mayor J. D. Bennett, W. H. Burwell, M. L. Duggan, George White, Robert Holmes, and R. E. Wheeler, appointed to solicit subscriptions from the business houses of Sparta, to be collected as needed, having reported that they had raised \$500, it was ordered that said sum be paid out on approval of said committee to encourage and aid in the construction of farmers' telephone lines to be connected with the Central Exchange at Sparta, and leading along approved routes in the county at the rate of \$10 per mile. It is understood that amounts so paid out on lines approved by said committee, are to be in the nature of a bonus to such lines for the purpose of encouraging a systematic rural telephone system centering at Sparta."

Farmers' telephone lines rarely cost more than \$25 per mile, so that the bonus of \$10 per mile is an important item. A prominent citizen in discussing the matter declared that the action of the city marked an epoch in Georgia, and was one of the most progressive steps ever taken by a Southern city.

"The telephone is as essential to the farmer as to the business man in the city," he said. "The lines in rural districts are a sign of progress and prosperity. The time when it was necessary for the farmer to waste time driving to the city to attend to trifling matters, and when the farmer's wife was isolated from her neighbors and friends is past. Modern science has made it possible for the farmer to have efficient telephone service in his home at such low cost that there is no reason why every progressive farmer should not have a telephone in his home."

DeLand will soon have a new bank, the First National of DeLand. The stock will be held and controlled by DeLand and Volusia county people. It will be capitalized at between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

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## STATE NEWS.

Jacksonville is surveying for a 30-foot channel.

Jefferson county is advertising its "poor farm" for sale.

Titusville is to have a new ice plant with a capacity of twenty-five tons a day.

A florist company, with a capital of \$100,000, has been organized in Jacksonville, and will be known as "Mills, the florist."

Taxis are to be installed in Jacksonville for public conveyance. J. E. T. Bowden is at the head of the proposition.

The city council of West Palm Beach has offered a reward of \$25 for the conviction of any person of attempting to kill a shade tree in that city.

It is estimated that in Pensacola ten thousand dollars worth of mules have died during the recent heated term.

A move is on foot in Volusia county to get the commissioners to call an election to bond that county for \$250,000 for the purpose of building good roads.

Miss Maud Jeffcoat, a young lady who is residing with her parents about five miles west of Gainesville, was seriously injured on the 21st by being kicked in the face by a young horse which she was attempting to feed.

The baby of Ben. F. Pollard, near Palmetto, died from the effects of eating the heads of matches which were left within the child's reach.

During a terrific thunderstorm the steeple of the First Baptist Church at Lake Butler was struck by lightning and completely wrecked. The steeple was 150 feet high and terminated in a crescent at the end of an eight-foot iron rod.

Quincy has installed the Gamewell Fire Alarm System, and now has an up-to-date paid department. That city will also begin a new sewerage system on October 1st, which will cover the entire city and be one of the best in the State.

Articles of incorporation of the New Orleans and Gulf States Railway, connecting New Orleans and Pensacola, Fla., have been filed at New Orleans. The capitalization is five million dollars. It is believed the Frisco Rock Island System is behind the movement, but this cannot be verified.

President Taft commuted the sentences of W. S. Harlan, S. E. Huggins and C. C. Hilton, who were convicted at Pensacola, Fla., and sentenced to three years in federal prison for peonage. He commuted these sentences to six months' imprisonment. In the petition of Robert Gallagher and Walter Grace, also convicted at Pensacola, he declined to interfere and the sentence of the court will be carried out.

Ten men were killed and five seriously injured in an explosion of seven hundred pounds of dynamite at Bocachica, near Key West. The bodies were tossed high in the air, and were unrecognizable when picked up. Arms and legs torn from the bodies lay on the ground. When the explosion occurred the men were working in the water and beneath them was the dynamite. Some one tossed a lighted cigarette in the box where the fuses connected to the dynamite were.

Mrs. Tempy Newberry, of Waldo, celebrated her one hundredth birth recently. She is the mother of two children, a daughter 65 years of age and a son 51—neither of whom have ever married. She was twenty-two years old before railroad, telegraph or sewing machines were invented, and remembers the first use of matches, postage stamps, umbrellas, lamps and many common every day articles, with which we could not now dispense.

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27-1f R. H. Bradford.

## Notice of Teachers' Examination.

The September teachers' examination will be held in Tallahassee, September 7th, 1909, commencing at 8 o'clock, a. m. All applicants must provide themselves with pens, ink and paper, and pay an entrance fee of \$1.00. White applicants will be examined in the primary building of the Leon school, formerly known as the Seminary Building. Colored applicants will be examined in the Lincoln School building.

EDWARD M. EPPES, Supt.

## PRICE LIST OF TEXT BOOKS

Designated by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Teachers' September Examinations, 1909:  
Orthography—Reed's Word Lessons, 25 cents.

Reading—Any standard reader.  
Composition—Gardner, Kittredge and Arnold's Elements of English Composition, \$1.00.

Arithmetic—Milne's Standard, 65c.  
English Grammar—Evan's, 40 cents.  
United States History—Field's Grammar School, \$1.00.

Florida History—Brevard and Bennett's, 60 cents.  
Geography—Redway's Natural Advanced, \$1.25.

Physiology—Coleman's Elements of, 90 cents.  
Civil Government—Yocum's Civil Government, \$1; Boynton School Civics, \$1.00.

Algebra—Milne's High School, \$1.00.  
Physical Geography—Maury-Simonds, \$1.20.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Fla., August 14th, 1909.  
Notice is hereby given that Randall L. Jenkins, of Tallahassee, Florida, who, on November 17th, 1903, made Homestead Entry (S. No. 02192) No. 33, 178, for SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 26, Township 1 south, Range 1 east, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Tallahassee, Florida, on the 28th day of September, 1909.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
A. M. Bullard, of Tallahassee, Florida.  
Frank Kelly, of Tallahassee, Florida.  
Isaac McFall, of Tallahassee, Florida.  
D. A. McFall, of Tallahassee, Florida.  
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