

Company planned to link Goodland and St. Francis today in history

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March 24, 1904: Wray Telephone Company to Build Line From St. Francis To Connect With Goodland — The suggestions and arguments which this paper made several months ago, that there ought to be a long distance telephone from Goodland to St. Francis, was not untimely, for even then it appears the same thing was occupying the minds of the men of the Wray Telephone company.

direction. Instead of being isolated from immediate communication and having to resort to the mails for many towns and the telegraph for places along the railroads, telephonic communications will largely annihilate distance and do away with suspense of time.

In the future, more easterly situated, instead of referring to our western country as "way out west," they will think of it as being close by, will take greater interest in our progress and will gladly invest in western Kansas property.

The Denver Post in speaking of the Wray Telephone company, says: "The Wray Telephone company's plan to connect the towns of eastern Colorado with Denver and incidentally to build a 400 mile line to Atwood, Kan., from whence communications is had with St. Joseph and Kansas City by means of another system is of peculiar significance to Denver.

"At present Denver has no telephonic connection with the cities of

the middle west. The Wray company has entered into a contract with the Bell company whereby patrols of either are entitled to use the other's lines. Wherefore within 60 days the local residents can talk with their friends in Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, St. Joseph or Chicago.

"The Wray company is branching out and promises to become one of the strongest concerns of the kind in the west. Its eastern Colorado and Kansas service will be first class."

March 25, 1904: Will Help You Build A House — Persons wishing to build themselves a house and not having sufficient money may make easy arrangements with the Foster Lumber company. They will aid you financially or by furnishing materials. Call on the local manager, T.E. Townsend.

March 26, 1904: Deweys Acquitted Of Murder — Norton Jury Renders Verdict After 28 Hours Deliberation — Verdict Very Unpopular in Western Kansas, and the

Jurors Were Hung in Effigy in Norton Courtyard — Chauncey Dewey, W.J. McBride and Clyde Wilson, charged with the murder of Burchard Berry in Cheyenne county June 3, 1903, were acquitted Saturday night by a jury which had considered the case for 28 hours.

Eighteen ballots were taken before a verdict was reached. The verdict of the jury is very unpopular with the people of Norton county.

Disinterested lawyers, business men, farmers and people generally were greatly surprised and extremely disgusted at the result. Public opinion was so incensed that Monday night the jurors were hanged in effigy to trees in the Norton county courtyard.

The people who came downtown early on that morning found 12 figures hanging from the different trees in the court house yard. Each figure bore the name of a juror.

Later the stray men were cut down, and while they were lying on the ground, they were photographed. At nine o'clock the figures, which were old clothes stuffed

with hay, were burned by ex-Sheriff Hatcher.

One excited old man, a farmer, made a tour of the business streets of Norton with a long rope looking for a Dewey man, but he could not be found. People everywhere, who took interest in the case, say hard things of the jury.

Popular opinion may yet urge the state to prosecute the Berry killers upon the charge of the murder of either Daniel or Alpheus Berry. A much stronger case still could be made against the defendants for the slaughter of the old man, who was unarmed and offered no opposition to the men, who killed him apparently in cold blood.

After the decision of the jury had been received by the court, Chauncey Dewey, William McBride and Clyde Wilson left for Manhattan. Chauncey received numerous telegrams of congratulations from Chicago, Denver, Kansas City and Topeka.

Clyde Wilson left for Salina to visit his parents but will return to Manhattan to resume work in the C.P. Dewey offices. McBride was

accompanied by his wife, who was with him during the trial, and they went to Eureka Lake hotel, the summer resort owned by Dewey, where they will live.

Chauncey Dewey went to Rawlins county in 1900 to manage the Dewey ranch for his father. By his disregard of the settler's rights and the adoption of his oppressive policies, he became involved in difficulties with the Berry family.

Serious difference arose which culminated in the killing of June 3, 1903. The charge of murder was made in the case of Burchard Berry only.

It has never been claimed that the Berrys were always in the right. Both parties were at fault in their dealings with each other, but in the face of all this no one, except Dewey and his cowboys, have ever claimed they had a right to kill people they didn't like.

From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.

Goodland woman's granddaughters to perform at Kennedy Center

A Goodland woman's twin granddaughters will be performing tonight at the Kennedy Center in Washington and will have time to sight see in the area.

Stephanie and Samantha Reid, granddaughters of Gertrude E. Baker and the late Robert C. Baker of Goodland,

will perform songs from the musical "Annie."



Stephanie

Stephanie will be singing "Tomorrow" with the "Caillotte-Rainy Day" painting in the background, and Samantha will sing "Hard Knock Life" with the "Millet-Gleaners" painting

in the background.

The girls are sixth graders at the Classical Academy charter school in Colorado Springs. Fifty-three students from the school tried out for the Kennedy Center trip, and the Reid girls were both chosen to be among the 18 students to perform in Washington.

People can watch the performance live on the Kennedy Center webcam. The students will perform at 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time today. Go to www.kennedy-center.org/

programs/millennium/schedule.html and click on "View Performance Live."

Stephanie and Samantha are daughters of Jean Ann (Baker) Reid of Colorado Springs and nieces of Dr. James and Vicki Baker of Goodland and John R. and Kathy Baker of Castle Rock, Colo., formerly of Goodland.

The judging criteria included musicality and vocal quality, stage presence, dance and movement and

teachability. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts named the Classical Academy elementary school as one of five in the country to receive the "Creative Ticket National School of Distinction" award for the 2002-03 school year.

The award recognizes schools that have done an outstanding job of making the arts an essential part of education. Art and music are treated as core academic subjects at the

academy.

Students performing at the center will also see the major monuments, visit the Capitol, Mount Vernon, the National Gallery of Art and the Smithsonian museums.

The students raised their own money for the trip, about \$1,000 each. To make a tax-deductible donation, send checks to the Classical Academy, 975 Stout Rd., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80921, for the Kennedy Center trip.

Twenty-three area students published in 26th annual National Dean's List

Twenty-three area students, including seven from Goodland, were listed in the 26th annual edition of *The National Dean's List, 2002-03*:

Goodland: Joseph D. Greene and Ashley Hallagin, students at Barton County Community College; Tamara Hayes, the University

of Phoenix; Darin Richardson, Kansas State University; Candi Von Lintel, University of Kansas; Amanda Weber, Seward County Community Junior College; and Robert Wurtz, DeVry University.

Brewster: Cody N. Rush, Kansas State University.

Bird City: Kellie Felzien,

Lindenwood University, and Jordan M. Sowers, Colby Community College.

St. Francis: Jamie L. Dunn and Amber M. Faulkender, Colby; Lorielle Gohl, North Central Kansas Technical College; Shanda L. Henderson, Pittsburg State University; Kiedra Riedel, Fort Hays State

University; and Donald L. Schlittenhardt, Kansas State University.

Sharon Springs: Leann Blaesi, Emporia State University; Casey D. Rhea, Jerry L. Robben and Colleen A. Wagener, Colby; and Andrea J. Siebert and Billy R. Unruh, Kansas State.

Wallace: Brynn J. Williams, Bethany College in Lindsborg.

The list is published by Educational Communications Inc. of Austin, Texas. Students are selected by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on their school's dean's list or

have earned a comparable honor.

Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards paid for by the publisher and may use a referral service for future employment.

4-H news

The February meeting of the Glendale Livewires 4-H Club was held at 7 p.m. Monday, the 16th, in the 4-H building.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Courtney Sheldon.

The role call of "What is your favorite TV show or movie?" was answered by 17 members, three leaders and no guests.

Following role call, Cy Paxton led the group in doing the Hokey

Pokey. Secretary Linsey Owens read the previous minutes.

Linsey then read two thank you cards to the club and one for Gage Owens for helping in the health fair.

For reports of officers, council members or leaders treasurer, Cassie said the club has \$555.

Reporter Kade said the report for January was typed and turned in. Cheer person Colton asked for birthdays, and there were none.

Council members reported there was no council meeting.

The leaders reported that the club needed an adult or older 4-Her to volunteer to help with steer weighing on Saturday, March 6, at the fairgrounds.

Club members also needed to sign up to work or participate at 4-H days talent night.

Terri reported that club members could sign up to do radio talks.

For the reports of committees, the

club needed to have a skit committee to possibly meet shortly after the meeting. There was no unfinished business.

For the program, Lacie Cowan demonstrated what to do in the cat project. Kade Sheldon gave a project talk on Legos, and Cassie Cooper gave one on cats.

Carlisle gave a health and safety talk on dental hygiene followed by a three-legged race for recreation, led by Colton Cooper.

Ellie House played "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" on the piano. It was seconded and passed that Courtney would do the Chicken Dance to be followed by the club motto to adjourn the meeting.

Refreshments were served by the House family.

Courtney went over next month's meeting, and it was announced that March 19-22 would be the Jr. Leaders' Ski Trip and to pick up a list of the March events.

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