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“Don’t Say Hello”

This is the advise given by the Consolidated Telephone Company. The company is sending out cards to all subscribers to be hung above the telephones. The cards say: “When answering this phone don’t say Hello. Say, this is \_\_\_\_\_: It will save time and promise good telephone service”.

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The “Hello Girl”  
A telephone story in rhyme form

The telephone girl sits still in her chair and listens to voices from everywhere. She hears all the gossip, she hears all the news, she knows who is happy and who has the blues, she knows all our sorrows, she knows all our joys, she knows of our strife, she knows every man who is mean to his wife, sh knows every time we are out with the boys, she hears the excuses each fellow employs: She knows every woman who has a dark past, she knows every man who’s inclined to be fast. In fact there’s a secret neath each saucy curl of that quiet demure looking telephone girl. If the telephone girl would tell all she knows it would turn half our friends into bitterest foes, she would sow a small wind that would soon be a gale, engulf us in trouble and land us in jail; she would let go a story which gaining in force, would cause half our wives to sue for divorce; she could get all the churches mixed up in a fight and turn all our days into sorrowing night. In fact she could keep the whole town in a stew if she tells a tenth part of the things that she knew. Now doesn’t it make your head whirl when you think what you owe to the telephone girl?

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Flagstaff, May 22.

W. H. Tharp, representing the Overland Telephone Company, met with the directors of the Flagstaff Mutual Phone Company and discussed his proposal to take over the lines of the local company. Mr. Tharp's proposition is allow the present stockholders in the local company to pay for their stock either in cash or stock in the new company, and his company agrees to improve the service and furnish phone accommodations at not to exceed the present rates. They also agree to connect Flagstaff and maintain the lines both east and west to Williams, Prescott and Winslow. Mr. Tharp's company now has connection with Globe, Pine, Payson, Roosevelt, Mesa, Phoenix and Prescott. And when connection is completed to Winslow, they will have direct communication with Holbrook, St Johns and Fort Apache. Mr. Tharp will reconstruct the local system and maintain his headquarters here. He has already arranged to take over the line of the Forest Service between Flagstaff and Camp Verde.

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**25 YEARS AGO TODAY**  
**July 20, 1886**

Barney Harnsen has telegraphed from Flagstaff that he has 300,000 bricks to mould for Phoenix.