

SEEKING SITE FOR WIRELESS STATION.

That a wireless telegraph and telephone station of high power capacity will soon be established at Jacksonville is evidenced by the fact that the field is now being inspected for the purpose of locating a suitable site for the plant. The Atlantic Radio Telephone Company, using the De Forrest system, has instructed C. S. Cowenhooven, state agent, to locate a site for the plant at as early a date as practicable, and options on three sites have already been secured. Mr. Cowenhooven will continue his effort to locate suitable site and invites proposals for furnishing the same.

Site Near Evergreen.

A site near Evergreen cemetery, on the ten-mile belt road, has been offered for the plant. This site has the advantages of a paved road, trolley line, and close proximity with the city. While the work of looking over the field for a site will continue, it is believed that Mr. Cowenhooven favors the site near the cemetery. The plant will occupy a space of 50 by 200 feet and will be constructed of steel.

The company intends not only to honor Jacksonville by the location of a station here, but will give the city the advantage of having the only high power plant along the South Atlantic coast. The station will not only be the largest, but the most important in the territory.

String of Stations.

The company's plans contemplate the establishment of a string of stations extending from Key West up the Atlantic coast to Philadelphia. The Jacksonville plant will have a capacity of transmitting 2,000 words per hour by telegraph and telephone communication may be had at a distance of from 100 to 200 miles. The new system of sparkless wireless has a number of advantages over the old system, claims the inventor. In the first place, it affords secrecy and is more rapid in operation and exceeds the older system in both penetration and range. Its signals are occasioned by instantaneous interruptions which can be made at the rate of more than a hundred a second, instead of the flash and pause system generally in vogue in the past.

Ships Will Be Equipped.

Many of the vessels on the coast already are equipped with wireless telephones, and it is declared by officials of the company that when the line of radio stations along the coast has been completed every vessel of importance in the coast service will have the telephone aboard. It will then be possible for any one standing at a telephone in Jacksonville to call up and converse with a friend or relative bound for Charleston, New York or any other city on one of the

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Clyde liners. Under such conditions there would be no reason for wondering whether or not your friend or relative caught the boat, and forgotten messages, business or personal, would give no trouble. If a business man, hurrying to catch a Clyde liner bound for New York failed to leave some important instructions to the man in charge of his office, he would simply wait until he was comfortably settled aboard the steamer, then call his office over the radio wireless and give his instructions by 'phone.

Although this high sea telephoning sounds like a fairy story, the officials of the company state that these very things will be done.

Already the De Forrest radio telephone is in practical use, but the South Atlantic system now being made up will be the first great system of wireless telephones to be established south of the Great Lakes.

Editor of the Manufacturers' Record Is a Prominent Visitor in the City.

"As an asset, Florida's climate is worth more than Pennsylvania's coal and iron; the latter, naturally, will be exhausted sooner or later, the former will continue to the end of time," so spoke Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, who is a prominent visitor to the city.

Mr. Edmonds has been sojourning in South Florida and when seen yesterday by a Times-Union representative he talked interestingly of the wonderful climate and the development of the state as a winter resort. "An acre of good climate," said he, "is more valuable than an acre of coal. All that a man has will be given for life and Florida's climate means health and long life to many who cannot stand the rigors of the bitter searching winds, the snows and the blizzards of the North and East.

"Some time ago a little girl living in Cleveland becoming weary of its long winters, said: 'Father, will heaven be divided up into North, East, South and West, as the geography divides up our country?' 'Why do you ask that?' answered the father. 'Because,' she replied, 'if it is so, I want to ask the Lord to let me live in the South in heaven.'

That little girl's longing for the land of sunshine and flowers, about which her mother, a Southern woman, had often told her, has been answered before she leaves the earth and she is now living in the sunny land which to her seems Paradise.

Far Seeing Men.

The far seeing men like H. B. Plant and H. M. Flagler and others who realized what climate meant in a nation's assets, have rendered great service to mankind.

They made possible the turning of Florida into a nation's playground—a nation's resting place, where the pleasure seekers, the rest and health seekers and where tired nerves and weary bodies can find escape from the ice-bound regions.

"Whether the aim of such pioneers were selfish or philanthropic, and I am inclined to give them credit for both, they are benefactors of the people and their good works shall live long after they have crossed over the river to rest under the shade."

"Florida's development," continued he, "as a winter resort—a people's playground, has hardly begun. Our country is new as compared with other nations, and it is only within the last few years, broadly speaking, that the American people in large numbers have been accumulating wealth to afford the luxury of a winter trip to the South. Their name is now becoming legion and every day is adding to the number. As population grows and wealth expands, there will be an even more rapid increase in the desire of the people to own winter homes in the South, or to spend, at least, a part of the winter here.

Making Vast Strides.

"Our country is making such vast strides in material advancement and in population, that the winter movement southward may, at almost any time, run ahead of the facilities for caring for it. I have watched every phase of Southern development for twenty-five years and never before has the tendency of people from other sections to move to the South been more marked.

"At present Florida and Texas are the chief drawing states, but there is a gradual movement into every Southern state of the best class of Northerners and Western people. The signs are everywhere multiplying that this is only the advance guard of many thousands who will annually pour into this section to their good and the South's. The work of the South during the last quarter of a century; its wonderful advance in agricultural and manufactures; its activity in city building; its development in fruit and early vegetable growing; the widening knowledge of its life giving climate have all been making a gradual but ever deepening impression upon the whole country. We shall now see the accumulative effects of all that has been done,

and they will come with great rapidity.

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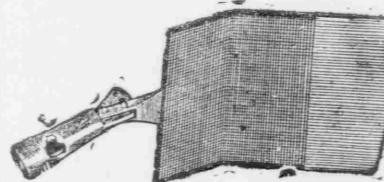
Not so much because of what may now be done, but because of the heroic work of the South since 1880 in rebuilding its ruined fortunes, in bringing order out of chaos and in making certain beyond question the permanency of Anglo-Saxon civilization here, which at one time was, by many outside people, regarded as an unsolved problem.

"Through its work of developing this state, as a great health and pleasure resort, Florida has wrought marvels for the whole South and for the whole country, because 'the development of the South means the enrichment of the nation.'"

In conclusion, Mr. Edmonds said: "But climate is only one of Florida's many resources. This state has so many good things that I cannot attempt to talk about them now."

LUMBERMAN KILLED.

Vidalia, Ga., March 8.—O. G. Moore, a prominent lumberman, was shot to death on the street here today by W. L. Darby, another well-known business man. The men quarreled over a business matter. Moore slapped the face of Darby. The latter drew his pistol and shot Moore down. Darby fled, but was captured later in a swamp two miles from this place hidden beneath a pile of logs. He was placed in Toombs county jail.



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