

New Phone Company

Announcement has been made of the consolidation of a number of the independent telephone lines in North Dakota and the organization of the North Dakota Independent Telephone company with headquarters at Fargo. The stockholders of the new company are said to be prominent bankers and business men of the state. The new company will connect at Fargo with the Tri-State Telephone company.

The new company will begin business with about a thousand miles of toll lines, and expects to begin at once on the construction of standard copper lines to reach every town in the state in due time. The companies making up the North Dakota Independent Telephone company are as follows:

The system from Aneta to Casselton, with exchanges at Hope, Finley, Page, Sharon, Colgate and Ayr, with connecting lines to Clifford, Portland, Erie, Mason, Ripon, Mayville, Galesburg, and Roseville.

The exchange at Casselton,

Exchanges at Valley City; Leal, Roger, Sanborn, Fingal, Hastings, Litchville, and connecting lines.

The exchanges at Carrington, Fessenden, Bowdon and Turtle Lake, with connecting lines to New Rockford and Anamoose.

Exchanges at Bismarck, Dickinson and Glendive, and a copper toll line from Bismarck to Glendive.

Also connections outside of Dickinson to Fayette and New England, and connections from Glen Ullin to Leipzig.

Exchanges at Wilton, Washburn, Underwood and Garrison, with connecting lines, and a line from Underwood to Mannhaven, and also a line from Mandan to Center.

In addition to all these, a standard copper toll line connecting Fargo and Grand Forks and Petersburg, with an extension line of the same character to Grafton, which is partly finished.

Numerous other independent companies are making arrangements to join the independent company, one of which connections, from Petersburg to Devils with lines to Fleming, Amenia, Howes and Saxony.

Lake and Starkweather, is already consummated.

Work will be started at once on a heavy copper circuit between Fargo and Bismarck, and when this is completed there will be connections from Fargo to Glendive, Montana, and intermediate points.

Number Four.

Last Thursday evening as the regular passenger was pulling out of Page, Martin Peterson fell under the wheels of the moving train and was so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate his right foot and almost the entire right hand. It is said that the unfortunate man was intoxicated at the time of the accident.

Peterson is a mason by trade and is employed by N. A. Couron at Page. He was returning home from Fargo, where he had spent the Fourth, and while in an inebriated condition attempted to jump from the train after it had started to pull out from the platform. In his dazed condition he staggered back against the car and was knocked down and under the wheels.