Exploring the Evolution of Communications through Primary Sources

Teaching with Primary Sources Across Tennessee
What do we mean by “communications”?
Written communications
Dear Wife,

I am alone, after they were all gone. I found it convenient to take the cars by way of Burlington, and send it by the cheapest route you spoke about coming on to Sutton on the cars if it did not cost too much as you would be tired. It will cost $3.70 for you and 5 cents a pound for the box.
Giles Haase was as I will stay with him until

June 12th, 1879

Dear Father and the family,

This morning finds me at the feeling

home as what does not the happen your about

there or ones inside of the neighborhood,

the boys gone in town, so I suppose they have been

Friday, they been going back in the

returning he came after his clothes but

perhaps he will stay in Philo for awhile

to the fall. I will be at home the last
RAILROAD.
WESTERN DIVISION,
OPEN TO CORINTH.

On and after Nov. 16, 1856, THROUGH MAIL TRAIN
will leave Memphis, DAILY, at 7:00 A. M., arriving
at Corinth at 12:30 P. M.; at Somerville at 10:00 A. M.

Returning—Leaves Corinth at 1 P. M.; Somerville, 3
P. M. Arrives at Memphis at 7:00 P. M.

This Train connects at Corinth, with a double Daily
Line of first-class Post Coaches to the terminus of the
Eastern Division of the Memphis and Charleston Rail-
road. Thence by Railway direct, and connections sure
with all Eastern cities.

Staging reduced to forty miles, and track-laying pro-
gressing rapidly.

THOUGH TICKETS sold to the following points:
CHARLESTON,
SAVANNAH,
WILMINGTON,
CHATTANOOGA,
NASHVILLE,
AUGUSTA,
MACON,
HUNTSVILLE,
MONTGOMERY,
STEVENSON,
GRENADA.

This Train also connects with the Mississippi Central
Railroad at Vicksburg, Canton, Grenada, and

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DIVORCE IN RENO HELD ILLEGAL

Chicago Judge Rules That No Nevada Decree Is Good in Illinois

MANY MARRIAGES AND CHILDREN AFFECTED

Lawyers Believe Decision Will Be Upheld by United States Supreme Court

LARGE PROPERTY RIGHTS ARE PUT IN JEOPARDY

Votes to 25,000 for McCarthy

HIS PLURALITY OVER FIELD WILL REACH 19,000 IN TOTAL OF 75,000 BALLOTS CAST

Hathorn and Fickert for District Attorney Will Fight Out the Battle in November

Eggers and Finn Qualify in Contest for Sheriff, With the Former Leading Handsomely in the Poll
THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, the only protection against {quote}leto de confi{quote}, and all forms of unjust imprisonment, which the Constitution declares {quote}shall not be suspended{quote}, except when in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety demands it{quote}, is held imperative in every State in the Union; in case of a married woman against her husband{quote}the marital rights of the husband being in all cases primary, and the rights of the wife secondary.

THE RIGHT OF TRIAL BY A JURY OF ONE'S PEERS was so jealously guarded that States refused to ratify the original Constitution, until it was guaranteed by the 6th Amendment. And yet the women of this nation have never been allowed a jury of their peers{quote}being tried in all cases by men, native and foreign, educated and ignorant, virtuous and vicious. Young girls have been arraigned in our courts for the crime of infanticide; tried, convicted, hung{quote}victims, purchasers, of judge, jury, advocate{quote}while no woman's voice could be heard in their defense. And not only are women denied a jury of their peers, but in some cases, jury trial altogether. During the war, a woman was tried and hung by military law, in defiance of the 5th Amendment, which specifically declares: {quote}No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases * * of persons in actual service in time of war.{quote} During the last Presidential campaign, a woman, arrested for voting, was denied the protection of a jury, tried, convicted and sentenced to a fine and costs of prosecution, by the absolute power of a judge of the Supreme Court of the United States.

and the inventive arts? And we do rejoice, in the success thus far, of our experiment of self-government. Our faith is firm and unwavering in the broad principles of human rights, proclaimed in 1776, not only as abstract truths, but as the corner stones of a republic. Yet, we cannot forget, even in this glad hour, that while all men of every race, and clime, and condition, have been invested with the full rights of citizenship, under our hospitable flag, all women still suffer the degradation of disfranchisement.

Our history, the past hundred years, has been a series of assumptions and usurpations of power over woman, in direct opposition to the principles of just government, acknowledged by the United States at its foundation, which are:

**ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT: **

- Bills of Attainder have been passed by the introduction of the word {quote}wicked{quote} into constitutions, denying to women the right of suffrage, and thereby making it a crime{quote}an exercise of forbidden in Article 1st, Sections 9th and 10th of the United States Constitution.
And now, at the close of a hundred years, as the hour hand of the great clock that marks the centuries points to 1876, we declare our faith in the principles of self-government; our full equality with man in natural rights; that woman was made first for her own happiness, with the absolute right to herself—to all the opportunities and advantages life affords, for her complete development; and we deny that dogma of the centuries, incorporated in the codes of all nations—that woman was made for man—her best interests, in all cases, to be sacrificed to his will.

N. B. This Declaration is engraved in the Centennial Books of the National Woman Suffrage Association. Friends wishing to sign it are invited to call; those at a distance will please send their signatures on a slip of this paper, to be pasted in the book. Address National Woman Suffrage Parlor, No. 1311 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE

VOTING BOOTH

Join This Silent Parade

Two victims always of a lynching—a human being and civilization
Lesson Plan:
Civil War Communication:
The Role of the Telegraph on the Battlefield
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Morse Apparatus and Alphabet.
The Signal Telegraph Steamer at work at the Battle of Fredericksburg

A. P. Whiting
Grant telegraphing the news of the crossing of the
Mississippi River, May 1864
Telephone

Lesson Plan: Invention of the Telephone
As far as I can remember these are the first drawings made of my telephone - an instrument for the transmission of vocal utterance by telegraph. 
A. Graham Bell.
This model of Bell's first telephone is a duplicate of the instrument through which speech sounds were first transmitted electrically, 1876.
Digital communications
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