

WIRE SYSTEM HALTED BY AURORA BOREALIS.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 11—Telegraph and telephone communication throughout the United States and Canada was seriously interrupted and in many cases completely stopped shortly after noon today by the Aurora Borealis, the "merry dancers" of Arctic explorers.

The electrical phenomenon put out of commission thousands of miles of wire and made its influence felt as far south as Kansas City, according to reports to the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Roswell B. Tucker, Western Union wire chief, said that the atmospheric disturbance was the heaviest and most extended in the records of the company.

DENVER, Aug. 11.—The Aurora Borealis, an unusual phenomenon for this section of the country, was visible for twenty minutes this morning, beginning at 2.45 o'clock. Electrical disturbance caused by the Aurora resulted in some interruption to telegraph and telephone wires in this region today.

ADVERTISING PAYS.

[LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

ALHAMBRA, Aug. 11.—In making public the annual report of the Alhambra library board it was found that a year's campaign of publicity was greatly beneficial to the circulation of the institution. Hand bills were circulated in the municipal water plant, letters sent to prominent business men, and short articles were printed weekly in the local newspapers. Mrs Theodora Brewitt, the librarian, states that a library should be run as any business institution, and her success in the last year's work has proven her statement.