

THE WILSON ADVANCE.

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"LET ALL THE ENDS THOU AIMST' AT BE THY COUNTRY'S, THY GOD'S AND TRUTHS."

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We Have Opened Up!!



OUR NEW
Soda Fountain

Is now running at full blast, and we are prepared to serve cold drinks of every description.

Soda Water,
Milk Shakes,
Lemonade, etc.

Also a nice line of
FRUITS,
Tobacco, Cigars
and Cigarettes.

Don't forget our Grocery Department.

J. R. Hardy & Co.,
The Bargain Store.

TARBORO STREET.

A Question.

The publisher of a newspaper has one thing to sell and one thing to rent. He has the newspaper to sell and the space in his columns to rent. Can anyone inform us why he should be expected to give away either the one or the other? He can do so if he chooses, and he does, as a matter of fact, furnish a great deal of space rent free. But it does not follow that he ought to be expected to do so. It ought to be recognized as a contribution, exactly as would be the giving away of sugar or coffee by a grocer. But, strange to say, it is not looked upon in that light at all, yet everybody knows that the existence of a newspaper depends upon the rent of its space and the sale of the paper, as a merchant's success depends on selling his goods instead of giving them away.—Ex.

JOHNSON'S
CHILL AND
FEVER TONIC

Cures Fever
In One Day.

Death of J. H. Blount.

Greenville, May 1.—Hon. J. H. Blount who has been critically ill for some weeks, died at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He was for 12 years solicitor of the first district. Two years ago he moved to Greenville and formed a law partnership with J. L. Fleming. He ranked with the ablest lawyers of the State.

The funeral takes place at Tarboro Sunday, at 3 o'clock.

Phil Jackson, a prominent farmer of Sumpter county, Ga., was swindled out of \$6,300 by a New York gold brick man.

Decision.

A man may have a lofty brow; his learning may be great, But he will never rule in trade, or sway affair of state, Unless he learns that only those can ever stand a show Who have the nerve to brace up and boldly answer "No."

A trembling voice and pleading voice have ruined many a man; A tongue that's glib has overturned full many a noble plan; A heart that true and tender and from which fine feelings flow Is a blessing if its owner has found how to answer "No."

He will scoff at you who sways you after you have said him nay; She will sneer who wins your promise when 'twas no you meant to say. There's respect for him that boldly faces all the winds that blow— Who can show you that he means it when he calmly answers "No."

—E. S. KISER in Cleveland Leader.

A Store in Which Nothing is Ever Sold.

In Bainbridge, Geauga county, O., not far from Cleveland, is the queerest country general store I ever ran across. Bainbridge is a small hamlet but the store is as large and as well stocked as the average suburban store. It is kept—that is precisely the word for it—by an old widower, who has no relatives in that section of the country, and is practically a hermit. When the civil war began he was running a flourishing general store in Bainbridge, and made money rapidly during the succeeding four years. When peace was declared, prices, which had been greatly inflated, took a sudden drop. The old fellow believed that this would be followed by a boom which would send prices skyward again, and refused to sell his goods for less than he paid for them. Down went the prices—down, down, down—and finally he was forced to close his store for want of purchasers. Today his store stands almost exactly as it did thirty years ago. It is stocked with such goods as are usually found in country stores, but, of course the stock is now practically worthless.

Every day the old man opens up the place to give it an airing. He is there, too, for business, if anyone chooses to buy what he has to sell, and is willing to pay what he asks. "Why sir," he said to me, "some of the calico I've got here cost me sixty-five cents a yard in 1867. Wouldn't I be a fool to sell it for five cents?"—Chicago Times-Herald.

Excuse Enough.

"Our paper is two days late this week," writes a Nebraska editor, "owing to an accident to our press. When we started to run the edition on Wednesday night as usual, one of the guy ropes gave away, allowing the forward gilderfluke to fall and break as it struck the flunker-flopper. This of course as anyone who knows anything about a press will readily understand, left the gang-plank with only the flip-flap to support it, which also dropped and broke off the wapper-choke. This loosened the fluking between the ramrod and the fibbersnatcher, which also caused trouble. The report that the trouble was caused by over-indulgence in intoxicating stimulants by ourself is a tissue of falsehoods, the peeled appearance of our right eye being caused by our going into the hatchway of the press in our anxiety to start it, and pulling the coupling pin after the slapping was broken, which caused the dingus to rise up and welt us in the optic. We expect a brand new gilderfluke on this afternoon's train.—Ex.

THE EXPOSITION OPENED.

The Weather Was Fine and the Attendance Was Large—President McKinley Sets the Machinery in Motion.

Nashville, Tenn., May 1.—The Tennessee Centennial Exposition was thrown open to the world today under auspicious skies and amid impressive ceremonies. At 8 o'clock the gates of the exposition were opened and the people began to arrive. President John W. Thomas, at 11 o'clock, with a historical gavel rapped for order and Right Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, co-adjutor bishop of Tennessee, offered prayer.

Chief Justice Snodgrass, W. M. McCarthy, John Thompson, Speaker of the State Senate, and Morgan C. Fitzpatric, Speaker of the House of Representatives, delivered brief addresses. President Thomas directed from the stage this message to President McKinley:

To the President of the United States of America, Washington, D. C.:

The people of Tennessee send greetings and request that you now put in motion the machinery of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition.

In a few minutes the roar of artillery was heard echoing and re-echoing through the building and over the grounds. President McKinley had pressed the button; the machinery had started at 12:14 o'clock. The exercises in the auditorium ended and the people gathered around the immense fountain representing electricity built by Morretti, to witness the ceremony of its presentation to and acceptance by Mrs. V. L. Kirkman, president of the woman's board.

Governor Taylor introduced Mrs. Kirkman in a brief but happy speech, Mrs. Kirkman briefly accepting the honor, touched the button and the waters gushed forth. The attendance was estimated at 30,000.

Why take Johnson's Chill & Fever Tonic? Because it cures the most stubborn case of Fever in ONE DAY.

The War on Civil Service.

Washington, May 1.—The Senate committee which has undertaken the investigation of the workings of the civil service laws, held its second meeting today. Senators Pritchard, Lodge and Clinton conducted the investigation. The civil service commission was represented by President Proctor and Mr. G. R. Wales. Letters were presented from Secretary of the Navy Long and Postmaster-General Gary, recommending that the civil service laws should be continued, but giving the opinion that they should be modified, although they recommended no changes. F. W. Palmer, the Public Printer, said: "As applied to this office which is simply a great manufacturing plant involving varied branches of skilled labor of high grade, the civil service rules are an obstruction, rather than an aid to efficiency and economy. The rules as promulgated for enforcement here should be modified, radically suspended or repealed." A number of witnesses testified to the alleged irregularity in dismissals. The inquiry will proceed next Saturday.

A Lumberton Cloudburst.

Lumberton, N. C., May 1.—There was a cloudburst with rain and hail here today. The amount of water that fell was the greatest ever known at this place. Great damage was done to the crops. Lightning struck a tree near Mr. Sam Branch and severely shocked him.

Two Famous Log Cabins.

At the Tennessee Centennial Exposition are to be exhibited the old cabin in birthplace of two famous American citizens. These cabins are genuine as certified by affidavits in the possession of the owner and exhibitor.

The Rev. W. G. Brigham, a Methodist minister, while travelling a circuit which embraced parts of Todd and Hardin counties, Ky., bought the two log cabins and the land on which they stood. One of the cabins was built by Tom Linkhorn, and in it he lived with his wife, Nancy Hanks. In this cabin, without a floor Abe Lincoln was born in the year 1809. Every log, except a few that did not withstand the ravages of time and the weather, is preserved.

The other cabin is the one in which the President of the late Confederacy was born. It came from near Fairview, Todd county, Ky. Mr. Davis was born here in 1808, and when 66 years old was given a banquet by old citizens of Fairview in the same cabin. In responding to a toast he referred to the fact that he had stood in the halls of the Montezumas, in the halls of congress and in other historic places in America and other countries but none of these had stirred his emotions as much as when once again standing in the old cabin in which he was born.—Nashville Banner.

Climax Brandy of Grapes.

The superior vintage of 1876 Brandy, introduced by the Speer N. J. Wine Co., is highly spoken of by physicians. The following testimony from the Baltimore Medical College is one among many.

"I am prepared to bear testimony to the value of your Climax Brandy predicated upon the ascertained value of your productions, and not from general reputation merely.

H. L. BYRD, President.

Forty Acres and a Mule Nowhere.

H. D. Hall, a claim agent of this place, is engaged in an enterprise that has created some comment. The negroes are in great hopes over the prospects presented to them.

The matter is in the shape of a petition, which Mr. Hall has in charge and which is being freely signed by the colored people, men and women. In brief the petition is to be sent to Washington to ask for a bill to be presented to enable all the old slaves to draw a bounty.

It seems that some years ago a bill was introduced in Congress for some such purpose; those between 60 and 70 years old were to receive \$500 in cash and a monthly payment of \$12 those between 50 and 60 were to get \$400 and \$10 a month, and so on down the scale.

This beats in liberality the 40 acres and a mule that was confidently expected by the colored people just after the war. The more intelligent colored people do not approve of this scheme. They know that it is all moonshine, and that such an idea is as impossible of realization as any project that could be conceived of.

Now that the peas need picking and other work can be obtained in the field, these poor, ignorant colored ones of the race should be left to pursue an honest living instead of having rainbow colored visions held up before them to create discontent and idleness.—Newbern Journal.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of J. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

DIRECTORY.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

LOCAL TRAINS:
N. Bound. S. Bound.
Between Florence and Weldon, No. 78. No. 23.
1:42 P. M. Leaves Wilson 2:05 P. M.

Between Wilmington and Norfolk: No. 48. No. 49.
12:48 P. M. Leaves Wilson, 2:12 P. M.

"Shoo Fly" Wilmington to Rocky Mount:
No. 40. No. 41.
10:23 P. M. Leaves Wilson, 6:15 A. M.

THROUGH TRAINS:
Between Florence and Weldon:
No. 32. No. 35.
12:22 A. M. Leaves Wilson, 11:18 P. M.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
R. S. CLARK, Chairman.
JOHN C. HADLEY, THOS. FELTON,
SHADE FELTON, J. H. NEWSOM.

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J. D. BARDIN, Clerk of Superior Court,
J. H. GRIFFIN, Register of Deeds,
S. H. TYSON, Treasurer,
WM. HARRISS, Coroner,
J. T. REVEL, Surveyor.

TOWN OFFICERS.

ALDERMEN:
J. D. LEE, 1st Ward.
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U. H. COZART, 3rd "
GEO. HACKNEY, 4th "
J. T. ELLIS, 5th "

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JNO. R. MOORE, Town Clerk;
W. E. DEANS, Collector.

POLICE.

D. P. CHRISTMAN, Chief.
EPHRAIM HARRELL, FRANK FELTON
JAMES MARSHBOURNE.

CHURCHES.

St. Timothy's Episcopal church, Rev. F. C. Bayliss, Priest-in-charge. Services: Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School at 3 p. m., Week-days—Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m. Holy days at 10 a. m. Celebration of Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., other Sundays at 7:45 a. m.

Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Hurley Pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 5 p. m., J. F. Bruton, Supt. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30.

Disciples Church, Rev. D. W. Davis, Pastor; services on Second, Third and Fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Sunday School at 3 o'clock, p. m., Geo. Hackney, Supt.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; services on the First, Second and Third Sunday in every month and at Strickland's church every Fourth Sunday. Sunday School at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Baptist Church, service as follows: Preaching Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and 8:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Rood Pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 5 p. m., D. S. Boykin Supt.

Primitive Baptist Church, preaching on 2nd Sunday by Elder Jas. Bass; on 3rd Sunday by Elder Jas S. Woodard; on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before by the pastor, Elder P. D. Gold. Services begin at 11 a. m.

LODGES.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. are held in their hall, corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. J. D. Bullock, W. M.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 are held in the Masonic Hall every 2nd Monday night at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. Lat Williams, H. P.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7 are held in the Masonic hall every 4th Monday night at 7:30 o'clock each month. W. H. Applegate, E. C.

Regular meetings of Wilson Lodge, K. of H. No. 1694 are held in their hall over the 1st National Bank every 1st Thursday evening at 3:30 o'clock, p. m. B. F. Briggs, Director.

Regular meetings of Contentnea Lodge, No. 87, K. of P., are held in Odd Fellows' Hall every Thursday night. Visiting members always welcome.

Regular meetings of Enterprise Lodge, No. 44 are held every Friday night in Odd Fellows' Hall.