

**TOWN BETTERMENT.**

What is Being Done in Various Communities in This Direction.

A committee of the board of trade in Lowell, Mass., has taken an inventory of all the billboards in the town and has recommended that the leasing of billboards on city property be discontinued when the time comes for their renewal. The committee says that the revenue received is a trifle compared with the harm done to the beauty of the town.

Following the example of large cities and more recently many small ones, Easton, Pa., has adopted an anti-spitting law, and the measure has been signed by Mayor McKeen. People who have been in the habit of spitting tobacco juice over the sidewalks or on floors of public buildings will be placed under arrest and fined for their offenses if they are continued. Notices of warning have been posted.

Conspicuous improvements have been made this summer in the appearance of the business section of Utica, N. Y. New cement walks have been laid on Genesee and other central streets. This has been the result of agitation started last winter by President Baker of the council, who says he was led to give attention to the matter by his observation that, whereas the city was spending thousands of dollars—up into the millions, in fact—to provide proper places upon which dumb animals might travel, the ways which humankind must tread were left in a condition unfit even for the animal kingdom.

Sunnyside, one of the longest streets in Burlington, Ia., is to be paved its entire length in the near future. The street extends from one city limit to the other, and much of the property abutting the street is farm land. Although the legal assessment derived from this property would not begin to pay the cost, the return value of the pavement has been fully promised by citizens anxious for the improvement and who are more than willing to pay their full share of the assessment.

As a measure for the protection of the school children of New Orleans, City Health Officer W. T. O'Reilly will make a suggestion to the school board that, beginning at the next term, all pupils be compelled to bring their own drinking cups and that common cups and dippers for the use of all be abolished.

Under an ordinance recently passed by the city council of Knoxville, Tenn., it is unlawful to put down any sidewalk in the city limits except of concrete. The specifications provide for inspections by the city inspector, and every safeguard is thrown around the ordinance to give the property owner a good sidewalk and protect him against any inferior work.

The park and cemetery commissions of Grand Rapids, Mich., have adopted formal resolutions in reference to criticisms that have been made against the superintendents of the public parks on account of their being engaged in private landscape work. The board takes the ground that the performance of such work for citizens of Grand Rapids results in the substantial improvement in the appearance of the town and that when done for neighboring towns they are simply doing a neighborly act which tends to raise the prestige of Grand Rapids in matters of outdoor art, besides having a tendency to educate the superintendents and give them larger experience.

**Boone Items.**

Correspondent to the Democrat.

Pastor Brendall of the Methodist church leaves Monday for the annual conference at Asheville, Mrs. Brendall and their son Harley will accompany him as far as Morganton. Mrs. Brendall will visit friends and Harley will enter a printing office.

Mrs. Sheriden, wife of a showman in Cole and Coopers show, died at the Critcher Hotel Sunday night. She was taken sick here on the fourth of July. Mr. Sheriden has been with her the greater part of the time.

The public schools are closing. Several teachers are going "below the Ridge" to teach during the winter months.

"Yackety Yack" the annual of the University is dedicated to Romie Storie. His family has kindly given the Library a copy of this book. Mr. Storie was prepared for the University at Watauga Academy and was in senior year. He died a year ago at his fathers home near Blowing Rock.

Snow has been falling all day. Dock Mast is building a neat cottage near Brushy Fork church.

A. M.

**WATCHED FIFTEEN YEARS.**

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine. 25c at C. M. Shuford, W. S. Martin & Co. and W. L. Boatwright drug stores.

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**Society News.**

Mrs. Claudia Henderson was hostess to the Thursday Study Club at its meeting on Nov. 12th. The whole membership was present with the exception of two who are out of town, and one detained at home on account of sickness. At roll call modes of travel were discussed and this interestingly introduced the topic of the evening. "Modes of Travel in Norway, the Kariol, the Stolkjaerre," etc.

This interesting subject, with many bright items of life in Norway was given by Mrs. C. C. Bost. A most enjoyable feature of the evening was a solo "Happy Days" by Mrs. J. D. Harte, with violin obligato by Miss Lily Ory, and Miss Virginia Rawls accompanist. The usual discussion of current news preceded an adjournment. The club accepted with real regret the resignation of two members who out of reach of the club, and Mrs. McCoy Moretz and Mrs. D. L. Fry were elected to fill the vacancies. The dainty refreshments served by Misses Eva Moody and Mary Knox Henderson were very much enjoyed, — delicious salad, sandwiches, olives, cheese straws, beaten biscuits, chocolate and fudge being most acceptable on this wintery afternoon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. S. Spielman, Nov. 19th.

The Hickory Book Club met with Mrs. E. L. Shuford Wednesday Nov. 11th. Quotations from the books read in the interim since last meeting answered roll call. Opinions expressed upon the different books preceded the criticism of the book of the hostess: "Walled In" by Mrs. Phelps. This is the life of a man whom ill health has shut in from the outside activities, so that he has to give up all his plans of life. A new sphere opens up to him, and at the end he becomes happy. Elaborate refreshments were served at the luncheon which follows adjournment. The thunder storm emphasized the feeling of coziness within. Roses and grapes were the decorations of the table. Quite a new feature was introduced by Mrs. Shuford. As a souvenir of the evening, Miss Schenck drew one of the latest books "The Husbands of Edith" by McCutcheon.

All took leave of the genial hostess with many expressions of appreciation of a pleasant hour to meet next with Miss Schenck, Nov. 25th.

Owing to sickness in Mrs. J. A. Martin's home the Traveller's Club met with Miss Ada Schenck Thursday Nov. 12. "The Muses" was the subject for quotations. Miss Schenck in the first topic, "Archaic Sculpture" concentrated much valuable and interesting information. Mrs. W. R. Gwatney then read from Tarbell's History of Art and Reinach's Apollo selections about "Vase-Painting," an ancient art which throws light upon antiquity. Miss Geitner for Mrs. A. B. Hutton gave the next subject "Dress" speaking of the ancient mode and the dress of the modern peasants with some ludicrous illustrations from "In Argolis." Mrs. Royster concluded the program by reading an exhaustive article written by Miss Josie Person on the "Daily Life of the Greeks." The enthusiasm of the writer combined with beauty in composition gave windness to many curious facts, mostly of ancient times.

After appetizing refreshments the meeting adjourned to meet next with Mrs. F. A. Abernethy Nov. 19th.

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**LEARNING TO SWIM.**

The Fat Man Who Was a Model of Patience and Perseverance.

Persistence in undertaking is a laudable virtue, but it can be a bit overdone sometimes, as in a case described by Y. L. Molloy in "Our Autumn Holiday on French Rivers." Mr. Molloy and his friends, longing for a good dive, went to a swimming school on an island in the Seine. They donned their rented costumes and were preparing for the plunge when a man with ropes came along and insisted on tying them about their waists. It was according to police regulations, and although they made an indignant protest, they were obliged to submit.

While we were dressing, says Mr. Molloy, we asked the two swimming masters for an extra towel.

"Pardon," they replied, "we must attend to our monsieur."

Then we saw that there had come upon the platform a short and absurdly fat man dressed in bathing costume, swimming sandals and oil cap.

"Let's see him go in," said we.

"What a splash he'll make!"

The swimming masters received the new arrival at the middle of the platform. There he balanced himself on his stomach on a wooden stump two feet high. The masters seized him by his hands and feet and with slow and deliberate movements made him strike out with the action of swimming. They kept this up for a quarter of an hour, and the perspiration rolled off him in great drops.

"He'll be awfully hot to go into the water after that," said I.

But he did not go into the water. The swimming lesson over, he moved toward the dressing room, saying:

"I have done better today."

"Ah, yes," answered one of the masters. "Your progress is admirable."

The fat man beamed with complacency and went in to dress.

I called the swimming masters aside.

"Does 'our monsieur' practice often like that? He must have great perseverance."

"Perseverance! He has worked like this for five years, and he has never been in the water!"

**SIGN OF A BEATEN MAN.**

Runner Who Looks Behind Almost Sure to Lose the Race.

"There are many more good distance runners now than in my days," said an old time champion after watching a three mile scratch race at the New York Athletic club games. "But the habits of the runners have not changed any, for I noticed one little trick in the race that bore the significance that used to attach to it."

"To the casual onlooker there was nothing to choose between the two leaders when they were beginning the last quarter of a mile. Right from the crack of the pistol they were running almost stride for stride with the low, graceful, easy action of the real long distance runner."

"Neither had called into use the reserve power which must be utilized in the final sprint for victory when they turned into the stretch for the final lap. Then one of them slightly turned his head to see where the third man was."

"That man is beaten," was the thought which occurred to me at once, and it proved true, as always, for when the dash for the finish began he allowed his rival to get a lead of five yards before going after him in earnest pursuit.

"From that point to the finish there was no perceptible difference in the speed of the men, but the man who had turned his head to make sure that he would get second place, instead of bending every energy to win, of course landed where his thoughts placed him."—New York Sun.

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**NOTICE.**

Sale of House and Lot.

J. A. Sherrill and wife having on the 6th of July, 1908, executed and filed of trust to C. M. Sherrill on the lot hereinafter described to secure a loan of \$300.00 from the First Building & Loan Association of Hickory, N. C., which deed is registered in Book 77, page 356 of Catawba county records, and having defaulted in the payment of the dues and interest required to be paid under said deed, said Sherrill, Trustee, will on Saturday the 19th of December, 1908, at 12 o'clock m. at the steps of the First National Bank, Hickory, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash Lot No. 8 in Block F in the map of Oakland Heights lying at the South-east corner of said block and facing South on Maple Ave. On this lot is a new residence built by said J. A. Sherrill. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase a desirable home in the suburbs of Hickory. This November 17th, 1908.

C. M. SHERRILL, Trustee.

E. B. CLINE, Atty.

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**Notice of Sale of Real Estate.**

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Catawba county, made in a Special proceeding therein pending, entitled G. P. Campbell, Jennie E. Campbell and S. D. Campbell against A. L. Pope, Nora Pope, Walter Rowe, J. R. Bumgarner and M. A. Bumgarner, the undersigned commissioner will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Postoffice in the City of Hickory, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday December 12th, 1908, at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following tracts or parcels of land for partition among the heirs at law of P. J. Rowe, deceased, to-wit:

First tract: Beginning at a stone in the mill road in Amon Sigmon line at the northern terminus of a street and running S. 87 E. 9 1/2 poles to a stake by a cherry tree near the corner of James Rink's field, then with his line N. 3 1/2 E. 74 1/2 poles to a stone, Mrs. Holler's corner; then N. 88 W. 32 poles to a stone, B. P. Bass S. W. corner; then with his line N. 20 W. 46 1/2 poles to White oak stump; then N. 86 1/2 P. to a stone and red oak by a pine and red oak pointers said Bass' corner; then with another of Bass' lines N. 48 W. 53 poles to a red oak stump, then N. 16 W. 13 9-10 poles to a stone in Turner's line by sourwood and white oak pointers, then with Turner's line S. 78 W. 17 1-5 poles crossing Horse ford creek to a Post oak, then same course with Turner's line 52 1-2 poles to a pine by P. O. and Persimmon pointers, on east side of Horse Ford creek road, then with said road S. 10 1-2 E. 29 poles crossing said road to a stone by a cherry, dogwood and oak pointers; then S 16 3-5 E 46 3-5 poles to a red oak on the west side of the road, R. Whitener's N. W. corner, then with his line N. 67 1 1/2 E. 39 1-3 poles to a stone pile on the South side of the Shuford mill road, then N. 87 E. 25 2-3 poles to a post oak and stone where plumb bush stood; then S. 28 2-5 E. parallel with said Shuford mill road 60 4-5 poles to a stone on the West side of said road by white oak pointers; then S. 65 W. 6 2-3 poles to a stone; the S. 16 1-2 E. 14 1-2 poles to a stone; then N. 63 E. 7 poles to a white oak on west side of said road; then S. 18 1 1/2 E. 47 7-10 poles to a Post oak stump; then S. 42 1 1/2 E. 25 11 25 poles to the beginning. Containing 63 7-32 acres.

Second tract: Beginning at a P. O. oak on S. side of Shuford mill road and runs W. 34 1-4 P. to rock on old line; then N. 12 W. 56 P. to red oak; then S. 44 1-2 E. 12 P. to Maple on branch; then S. 34 1-2 E. 39 poles to the Post oak; then S. 52 1-2 E. 25 poles to the beginning. Containing 7 acres, 1 Rod and 26 poles. The above lots will be sold in separate pieces and as above described. This November 9 1908.

M. H. YOUNT and E. B. CLINE, Commissioners.

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**Notice of Sale of Land Under Mortgage.**

By virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by O. W. Osborne to M. A. Rowe on July 20th, 1907, and due January 20th, 1908 to secure the balance of the purchase money due on the lands hereinafter described and default having been made in the payment of the same, which mortgage deed in recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Catawba county in book 79 at page 438, the undersigned mortgagee will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Postoffice in Hickory, N. C., on December 12th, 1908 at 1 o'clock p. m. the following lot or parcel of land lying in Hickory Township, Catawba county, N. C. and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the South side of Main street in West Hickory-Long View and runs S. 33 4 E. 180 feet to a stake; then N. 86 1 1/4 E. 50 feet to a stake; then N. 3 3-4 W. 180 feet to a stake on margin of Main street; then S. 86 1 1/4 W. 50 feet to the beginning, being lot No. 61 according to the plat made of said lands by Barb, surveyor for Campbell & Buchanan of the M. A. Rowe lands. This Nov. 9, 1908.

M. A. ROWE, Mortgagee. M. H. YOUNT, Atty.

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