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With this issue of The Democrat the paper passes into the hands of new owners. We have purchased the paper with the intention of making it a fixed institution in the city of Hickory. Hickory—which we regard as the best town in the South—our home, and to it and surrounding country we shall devote our very best energies.

This section has untold possibilities which our people are just now beginning to realize. The policy of the Democrat will be to add its little mite to the development of our latent possibilities.

We shall take a bold stand for everything that means a greater and better Hickory. We shall strive to be found in the forefront fighting for morality and civic righteousness. To this end we solicit the patronage and moral support of our entire citizenship. It is our purpose to make many improvements in the paper, and to maintain the same high standard set by Mr. Banks. There will doubtless be many defects in the paper until we have had time to get our bearings, but we shall eliminate these as rapidly as possible, and ask our patrons to bear with us for a few weeks.

Our primary purpose is to make a newspaper that will give all the news worth while.

To the educational interests of the town and county, we shall maintain an exceedingly friendly attitude. There are no other institutions that mean as much to a community as her schools and colleges. Lenoir and Claremont colleges are institutions in which our people take great pride. And well they may, for these institutions are sending out men and women to bless and uplift the world as well as to let the world know that Hickory is on the map. We shall encourage these in every way possible.

For the upbuilding of our graded schools and the rural schools of the county, we shall constantly strive, believing that an educated citizenship is a State's greatest asset.

It seems to be a settled fact that both E. J. Justice and Robt. B. Glenn are to be contestants for Senator Overman's seat two years hence. The real purpose of Mr. Justice's visit to Washington last week seems to have been to poison the mind of President Wilson. He seems to be centering his fight on state senator Watts of Iredell, who opposed the primary bill which Mr. Justice tried to enact into law at the last session of the legislature. He is endeavoring to make the administration a factional one as regards North Carolina, basing his fight on what he is pleased to call the reactionary tendencies of a certain faction of the Democratic party which he insists is led by Senators Simmons and Overman. Whatever may be the result in Washington we are inclined to the belief that the people of North Carolina will hand, Messrs. Justice and Glenn the same lemon they handed Sen-

ator Simmon's opponents last November.

The Wilson administration will take a long step forward if it succeeds, as Postmaster General Burleson hopes to do, in putting the post offices entirely on the merit system. And it will add greatly, not only to efficiency of the postal department itself but to the efficiency of the government in general.

The government should be only the agent of the people, and the people are going to make it their agency in a larger sense. The Taft administration paved the way by putting four thousand postmasters under the civil service. Postmaster General Burleson has approved this action and expressed his determination to follow up this policy.

There is absolutely no logical argument in favor of the spoils system. So long as this system obtains, there is a strong argument against the extension of the power of the government whether for "trust busting," pure food inspection or otherwise. Under the merit system, the power of the government may be safely extended to remedy all the ills of the body politic. It is neither fair nor safe that the man with a "pull" should be able to get and hold a business job over the head of the man who is vastly superior in capacity for the job. That is nothing short of special privilege.

**Catawba College Notes.**

President J. F. Buchheit has gone away again for four weeks of work in the interests of the Catawba College endowment fund. While engaged in this work, he is also visiting various high schools in the state and making a canvas for students.

The March number of "The Blue and White" has just been issued. Though a slimmer number than those of the previous issues, it is quite a credit to both the school and the board of editors. Some of the contributed articles are as follows: Two Poems, "Dr. Foil—An Appreciation," by "One who loved Him" and "When You Speak" by Helen M. Smith, both of them very good; a parody, "Bells, Belles, and Bells" by three members of the Junior English class, H. A. Fesperman, J. C. Peeler, and N. H. Fravel, a parody that is comic in almost every line but with a serious note at the end; a very thoughtful article by Jno. F. Carpenter, "Brains and Brawn"; and an interesting story, "The Girl in No. 5" in which the writer, N. H. Fravel, holds the reader mystified until the end of the story.

The Philomathean Literary Society held a preliminary declaimers contest Thursday night; those chosen to represent the society in final contest were G. A. Ingle, Jno. F. Carpenter, H. F. Ingle, and A. C. Peeler.  
 G. H. SMITH.

**CALIFORNIA MONEY.**

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The following item from the Dallas (Texas) Times Herald will be of interest to many North Carolinians:

While Thomas E. Henry, superintendent of the Dallas county schools, was looking through a book, "The Life of Napoleon," he found a North Carolina \$5 bill, which bore the mark of 1850. According to Mr. Henry, the best calculation he can make, the bill has been between the leaves of the book since 1860, when his father Zac Henry completed the reading of the book. The state of North Carolina, it is said, will redeem the money for its face value, while it is not worth anything outside the state, the bill is considered a valuable treasure in its native state for the fact there are very few in existence.—Lenoir Topic.

**McKesson Recalls a Story of Dr. Busby.**

C. F. McKesson, of Morganton, in Charlotte Observer:

In a recent issue was an article from H. A. Banks, editor of The Hickory Democrat, entitled "A Day at Barium" and it has been many a day since I have read so splendid a description, so clear a statement and so convincing an appeal. To read Banks is to quicken an interest in that orphanage, and the high and holy purposes of those who have it in charge.

What a glorious work our Presbyterian brethren are doing for the "fatherless ones" and if every Presbyterian in North Carolina could read the appeal of Banks, the \$50,000 for the equipment of Barium would be quickly raised. An institution such as the Barium Orphanage is the highest earthly type of immortality; and a creature of endless needs, deathless functions and immortal growth. It does conserve the holiest purposes of life and should quicken the energies, arouse the enthusiasm and awaken the generosity of that great church of which it is a most worthy child. Any contribution to this noble cause aids in the enthronement of the spirit of the Master and sweetens the soul of the giver.

Though not a member of the Presbyterian fold, I was reared on the Shorter Catechism. And then too, our Scotch-Irish ancestors were not only the first to declare for independence in the Western world, but were the first in North Carolina to build a school house and erect an altar to the King of Kings.

The Presbyterians of North Carolina strong in faith, rich in service and greatly blessed with this world's goods, never flag or falter in a high and holy undertaking, and will not now.

That was a very interesting story that Banks told of Prof. John Trebonius of the German school at Erfurt. He raised his hat to his boys and when questioned about it, replied "I do it because the future burgomasters, scholars and teachers of the Empire are among my pupils." This recalls an incident in English history. The celebrated Doctor Busby was headmaster of the Westminster School. On one occasion King Charles II came to the school and in passing through the different rooms, the Doctor marched in front with his hat on his head, while the King followed with his own hat under his arm. When the King departed Doctor Busby said to him, "I hope your Majesty will pardon my seeming discourtesy in keeping on my hat, but if my boys thought there were a greater man in the kingdom than myself, I could not control them."

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 Q. A. Hedrick, mayor.  
 John P. Huffman,  
 Sec. & Treas.

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**Commencement at Trinity.**

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., March, 1913. The Trinity College Commencement exercises this year will begin June 1 with the baccalaureate address by President William Preston Few. The commencement sermon will be preached Tuesday morning by the Reverend George F. Eckman, D. D., Editor of the New York Christian Advocate. Dr. Eckman is one of the best known preachers in this country. Dr. Eckman was for fifteen years pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, New York City. At the last General Conference of the Northern Methodist Church he was elected Editor of the New York Christian Advocate.

On Wednesday morning, June 4, the commencement address will be delivered by Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary of Washington City. Admiral Peary is not only a famous Arctic explorer, but he is also a forceful and interesting speaker. He is the author of a number of well known books, and a member of many scientific societies in this and in other countries. The Alumni address will be delivered Tuesday afternoon, June 3, at the annual alumni dinner

by the Reverend C. C. Woods; D. D., Associate Editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate. Dr. Woods is one of Trinity's most honored sons, a noted editor, and a popular speaker.

It is the policy of Trinity College to secure for commencement speakers men who have rendered some distinct service. The college congratulates itself that it has been able to secure these distinguished speakers for the next commencement. W. B. S.

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"About forty years ago while in Newark, New Jersey, I had chills and fever." writes Mr. MICHAEL MAQUIRE, of National Military Home, Kansas. "I went to Kansas City and in the spring of 1877 the chills and fever returned. Doctors and everything I tried failed to do me good. Finally I saw Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery advertised. I took one bottle of it and the chills vanished. In about a year afterward I felt them coming back so I got another bottle and have never had any symptoms of fever or ague since. That is all of twenty years ago, for I had the chills about twelve years before I started to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

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