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The Hickory Graded Schools opened with a full attendance and Lenoir and Claremont Colleges have more pupils than ever before in their history. The streets are crowded with pupils going to and from school, their bright faces eager to acquire knowledge. With the right influences what a wonderful power for good can be started here! The schools of our little city influence that may be felt around the world. Only the future can reveal how many great and noble men and women will say that they received their first inspiration to use their God-given powers to the best possible advantage in the schools of Hickory.

The principals of the different schools have made a very careful selection of teachers, and are to be congratulated on having such conscientious workers in the schools. With the hearty co-operation of parents the pupils of the Hickory schools of the session of 1913-14 have the opportunity to develop their mind to a remarkable degree. We trust they will use this opportunity. No man or woman is properly equipped for the battle of life who has not been educated. In past years this may not have been absolutely necessary, today there is not much chance for uneducated persons to cope with one who has been thoroughly trained, and in the future it will be of even more importance.

CATAWBA'S PROGRESSIVE FARMERS.

No county in the state is coming to the front more rapidly than Catawba along the lines of modern farming. A drive over the county will convince the most skeptical of the improvement in the homes of the farmers, there is such a vast difference even in the past five years. Mr. H. K. Foster is doing much to advance the farming industry in Catawba County, and he never lets an opportunity pass to instruct the farmer as to the best method to be used in up-to-date farming. Many other men in this county are using their influence to advance the cause by persuading farmers to use the orotical methods, whose practical value has been proven by actual experience. If the other man can make more money on a given acre by doing what is commonly called "book farming" then I will surely pay every farmer at least give these methods a fair trial.

A visit to the farm of General Julian S. Carr, at Hillsboro, the farm of Mr. Bob Scott, at McBane, and the Duke farm near Raleigh, the most convincing argument to be advanced as to the advisability of using these improved methods of modern farming. We have some here in our own county who are now farming after these plans, and success will surely crown their efforts. The climate of Western North Carolina cannot be surpassed for healthfulness, and with the modern way of farming in more general use our farmers will be the most successful and independent in the world.

ACKNOWLEDGE IT
 Hickory Has to Bow to the Inevitable—Scores of Citizens Prove It.

After reading the public statement of this representative citizen of Hickory given below, you must come to this conclusion: A remedy which proved so beneficial years ago with the kidneys, can naturally be expected to perform the same work in similar cases. Read this:
 H. W. Mings, 801 Twelfth St., Hickory, N. C., says: "For several months I had a severe pain in the small of the back. After I stooped, could hardly straighten. In the morning I was lame and sore. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Moser & Lutz's Drug Store, helped me at once. By the time I had used two boxes I was cured."

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

IN THE FAINT AMBERS
 By STELLA MAY COFFIN.



The slant rays of an afternoon sun turned the brook to a golden tracery on an emerald background; slowly crept over the gentle slopes of the golf ground and peeped into the rustic summer house. Then they danced in an coquetted with the woman sitting on the bench till growing bolder they turned her hair to burnished copper.

The light and shade cast by the lattice played fantastically over her face and figure and threw dark shadows around the feet of the man beside her. The two sat in silence for several moments; the man's voice breaking the drowsy stillness called the woman's gaze away from the sky line of the distant hills.

"Why should we care what the world says? It's code of ethics is warped and inconsistent. The modifying circumstances of an act determine its moral character. Those circumstances the world seldom knows and, even should it know, would not care to understand. When the evidence is all in and the Great Judge prepares to bring in his verdict of 'Guilty' or 'Not Guilty.' I feel sure that he will take into account all the extenuating circumstances. Is your loveless marriage sanctified in the eyes of God simply because it has been legalized in the eyes of man? Your husband knows only the desire of possession; I love you with the complete trinity of body, mind and soul."

His voice had risen in the intensity of his appeal, but the last words ended almost in a sob.
 "You say your husband refuses to divorce you. My yacht lies in the harbor; at a word from you she shall spread her wings. We—"
 On the threshold stood a little lad. Simultaneously their eyes wandered from the tangled curls down over the ridiculously short expanse of bare, sun-browned legs.

"I was sure I would find you here," he began. "I followed you over the fields and brought you these daisies because you have no little boy; I was sorry for you."
 The woman caught the child in her arms and strained him to her yearningly. His dusty little feet strayed at will over the skirt of her green linen gown.
 "Thank you," she said simply, one of the rare smiles reserved for children illumining her face. "But tell me, dear, why you were sorry for me."
 "Last night," the child began, nestling contentedly into the curve of her arm, "I heard father and mother talking of you, after I had gone to bed. I couldn't hear all they said, but I understood mother to say you had hurt yourself. Did you bump your head? (with a sudden inspiration) 'cause if you did, I know just how horrid you feel. I bumped mine once and it hurt and hurt ever so many nights. After it stopped hurting the ugly scar stayed just the same."
 "The scar, John," the woman's head dropped lower and lower; a painful silence fell on the little company. The lad slipped down, and, kissing her hand, sped away over the hills. The child's quick intuition had perceived the strain of the situation.

The man rose and raised the woman's averted face to his, until their eyes met. He was the first to break the spell which held them.
 "God sends revelations even in these days. We have entertained one of his angels unawares." His voice was tender and strangely softened. "Welched in the balance and almost found wanting. The 'Grey Gull' shall sail to-morrow and I—I must be her only passenger. Forgive me, dear. I did not think about the scar."
 He folded her trembling hands in his firm, strong ones and gazed into the deep, steady glow of her eyes. His own were very bright with unshed tears as he said, "Good-night."
 "The daisies," she whispered softly, carefully dividing the cluster of flowers beside her and extending half of them towards him shyly.
 He took them reverently; a new, sweet diffidence had suddenly sprung up between them. His eyes traveled from her well-poised head in its frame of shining hair, to her feet, clad in their stout little oxfords. He even noticed, his throat contracting sharply, the perky little bows of her wide silk stockings. Then he turned and walked steadfastly away; his shoulders erect, his face turned toward the setting sun.
 The woman watched him until he disappeared around the curve in the road. Her hands idly folded in her lap, she saw the shadows deepen around her one by one.
 When the west was veiled in a cloud of fleecy mist, the evening star came out and the pale crescent of the moon rose over the horizon. A wondrous quiet settled on the hills and vales; a soothing peace stole over her, and, sinking on her knees, she hid her face in the brown-eyed daisies and gave thanks to God for the "Afterglow."
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Bankrupts Petition For Discharge.

In the matter of George W. Crabtree, In Bankruptcy. AND ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.
 Western District of North Carolina—SS.
 On this 21st day of August, A. D. 1913, on reading the foregoing petition it is ORDERED BY THE COURT, That a hearing be had upon the same, on the 22nd day of September A. D. 1913, before W. C. Ervin, Special Master of said Court, at Morganton in said District, at 12 o'clock, in the noon; and that notice thereof be published in Hickory Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered by the Court, that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness, The HON. JAMES E. BOYD, Judge of the said Court and the seal thereof, at Statesville in said District, on 21st day of August, A. D. 1913. J. M. MILLIKAN, Clerk, By H. C. Cowles, Deputy Clerk.

NO. 4597
 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank

AT
 Hickory, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business August 9th, 1913.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$676,373.29
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	995.19
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Other Bonds to secure Postal Savings	2,000.00
Banking House, Furniture & fixtures	10,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	38,761.41
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers	
Trust Companies, and Saving Banks	1,148.40
Due from approved Reserve Agents	35,777.37
Checks and other Cash Items	1,442.71
Notes of other National Banks	2,000.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	662.93
Lawful money reserved in Bank, viz:	
Specie	25,403
Legal-tender notes	30,532.60
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000.00
TOTAL	904,693.80
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund	40,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	22,001.59
National Bank Notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other National Banks	45,087.33
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	2,419.39
Dividends unpaid	84.50
Individual deposit subject to check	377,427.97
Demand Certificates of deposit	69,164.48
Certified checks	2.50
Cashier's check outstanding	1,043.63
Postal Saving deposit	462.36
Bonds borrowed	27,000.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	10,000.00
Reserved for interest	10,000.00
TOTAL	904,693.80

State of North Carolina, County of Catawba, ss:
 I, K. C. Menzies, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 K. C. MENZIES, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August 1913.
 J. W. WARLICK, Notary Public.
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