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MAIL WITHOUT THE PROPER STAMPING

The new postal order, promulgated by Postmaster General Burleson, is as follows: "Letters and post or postal cards may be dispatched whether or not any postage is prepaid thereon. Other articles shall not be dispatched unless prepaid at least in part, and in all cases of insufficient payment double the amount of the deficiency shall be collected from the addressee. The option of no prepayment or of part prepayment of postage does not apply, however, to either letters or other articles mailed with the apparent intention of avoiding prepayment." The nonprepayment of postage will be taken as a mistake on the part of the sender, and the mail will be dispatched on this supposition, but where it appears to be a willful neglect to prepay, the mail will be held as heretofore. Although there will be some saving of time in sending the mail out without prepayment, it will be offset by delays at the destination, and the extra cost will make it undesirable from a business standpoint.

Letters or postals received at an office under the old rules without bearing stamps were sent back to the sender, providing they carried a return card, or were held at the point of mailing until the addressee could send on the required amount. This rule often worked a hardship, as much time was required in many instances to notify the addressee and receive a reply. The rule requiring the collection of double the amount of deficiency is considered by the local officials to be a just one, as it will compensate the government for the additional collection, and will act as a deterrent to those who would take advantage of the privilege of not prepaying.

Woman Pours Gasoline in Stove; Dead.

Charlotte, Feb. 13.—A special from New Bern tonight states that Mrs. S. D. Watson is dead and Mrs. W. R. Weeks is in a hospital at that place with injuries from which she is not expected to recover as the result of the explosion of a can of gasoline at their home this morning. The two women were preparing to start the fire with which to cook the morning meal and Mrs. Weeks by mistake picked up a can of gasoline, thinking it was kerosene and poured a part of its contents into the stove, where it was ignited by the remains of last night's fire. The flash of the explosion enveloped the room in flames and before the blaze could be extinguished the clothing of the two women was burned from their bodies. Mrs. Watson died in a few minutes and Mrs. Weeks was carried to the hospital.

Marriage in Highland.

Last Thursday morning at the residence of Rev. J. D. Mauney, the officiating minister, in Highland, Miss Lottie Huffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Huffman, was married to Mr. W. F. Holler.

After the ceremony, the happy couple took the train for Claremont, and from there went through the country to visit Mr. Holler's parents, in the Catfish section.

Both parties are well known in this city, Mr. Holler at one time conducting a store in Highland. They will make their home in Highland.

Man Found Dead in Room of a Charlotte Hotel.

Charlotte, Feb. 13.—The body of S. Mackendree, a business man of Spartanburg, S. C., was found yesterday in a room in a hotel here. A pistol shot wound in the temple and a revolver lying on the floor disclosed the manner of his death. Many letters found in the dead man's room have been taken in charge by the coroner.

Investigation is showing that Mackendree was a traveling representative of an Atlanta, Ga., coal company. He also is said to be interested in a coal company in Spartanburg. He had been despondent for several weeks, according to advices here.

The body of Mr. Tobias Cobb, who died at Bridgewater Saturday, was brought to this city Sunday and buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the First Methodist Church, conducting the services. Mr. Cobb was about 44 years of age. He was a brother of Mrs. Frank Johnson, of this city.

Jubilant Services.

The Baptists of the South are celebrating the sailing of the first American mission ship, the *Judson*, which sailed for Burma a century ago. The Baptists are raising a "Judson Centennial Fund" of \$1,250,000 for equipment of mission stations in all lands where they operate. Also, a fund of \$1,000,000 is being raised for church building by the Home Mission Board.

North Carolina Baptists have taken as their part of the "Judson Centennial Fund" the equipment of the Matthew T. Yates Mission at Shanghai, China, at a cost of \$90,000.

The First Baptist Church of this city will properly observe this great event in their history by special services next Sunday as follows:

At 3:30 p. m., a program given by the Missionary Societies. This service is for the ladies and children. Ladies of other churches of the town are also invited to these services.

At 7 p. m., Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, of Oxford, will make the Judson Memorial Address.

Chrestonian Anniversary.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Chrestonian Literary Society will be held in the Auditorium of Lenoir College on Monday evening, February 23, at 8 o'clock.

These anniversaries are always looked forward to with much pleasure and interest by the friends of Lenoir College. They are representative of the good work done by the Literary Societies.

The following is the program: Addresses of welcome L. L. Lohr Oration, The Spirit of American Progress L. B. Beam.

Debate Query-Resolved, That North Carolina Should Adopt the Initiative and Referendum.

Affirmative—B. T. Hale, C. O. Lippard Negative—R. T. Troutman, V. V. Aderholdt.

Miss Fowler of Rutherford College Dead.

Rutherford College, Feb. 12.—Miss Mary Ann Fowler died at her home Tuesday from a complication of diseases. She was more than 80 years old and the last living member of her immediate family. The village in her death loses one of its most loved women.

Miss Fowler donated all her property to Rutherford College. This, amounting to several hundred dollars, will very likely be the first of a series that will be directed towards building a dormitory for girls.

Mrs. J. P. Johnson.

Statesville, Feb. 12.—Mrs. J. P. Johnson of Rutherford College, who had been under treatment at the Sanatorium here for five or six weeks, died last night. A serious operation was performed in the hope of saving her life, but she was beyond human aid. The body was taken to Rutherford College today and the funeral and burial will take place there tomorrow.

Mrs. Johnson was 54 years old and is survived by her husband and two children, Mrs. Frank Deal of Illinois and Mr. James Johnson of Rutherford College.

Webb Protests Against Negro Railway Mail Clerk.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The race question has bobbed up again. This time Representative Webb is protesting against continuing the service of a negro mail clerk between Salisbury and Knoxville on the Southern Railway.

It has been reported to Mr. Webb that the negro is obtrusive, and he washes where the white clerks do and uses the same towels, etc. A vigorous protest was made to Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart, Republican, against the situation created by the employment of this negro by Representative Webb today.

The Best Cough Medicine.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since I have been keeping house," says L. C. Hames, of Marbury, Ala. "I consider it one of the best remedies I ever used. My children have all taken it and it works like a charm. For colds and whooping cough it is excellent." For sale by Grimes Drug Co. and Moser & Lutz.

Cure Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Stand. The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals in the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

THE NEWSPAPER LAW.

Recent Decisions by the Supreme Court as to Taking Papers.

Few readers of newspapers fully and clearly understand the laws governing subscriptions. Below are the decisions of the United States on the subject:

"Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscriptions.

"If subscribers order a discontinuance of their periodicals the publisher may continue to send them until all dues are paid.

"If the subscriber refuses to take periodicals from the post-office to which they are directed he is responsible until he has settled his bill and ordered the paper discontinued.

"If subscribers move to other places without informing the publishers, and the papers are sent to the former address, the subscriber is held responsible.

"The courts have held that refusing to take periodicals from the postoffice or removing and leaving them uncalled for is prima facie of intention to defraud.

If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it, otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it and the subscriber will be responsible until express notice with payment of all arrearages is sent to the publisher.

The Country School.

Prof. Utley, superintendent of public instruction in Jackson county, writes a most excellent letter to the local newspapers of his county in which he urges that the country boy be educated better to the end that he can do more for the country. Prof. Utley wants the country boy to stay at home instead of rushing off to town. He recognizes the fact that living in the country must be made more pleasant than it has been heretofore in order to keep boys in the country. In speaking about this the News and Observer says:

Prof. Utley says the country schools must teach the natives how to live and how to get a living. It is well known that homes in the country are not as attractive as they might be and that the comforts of life are not as plentiful provided in the rural districts as they are in the city.

The well equipped country school will meet these needs from two directions. It will spread the refining influences which tend to make for happiness in the home and it will produce the efficiency which transmutes itself into the wealth which makes the comforts of life possible. "The future," says Prof. Utley, "holds out many flattering promises to the intelligent, progressive young people who are educated along lines of industrial science."

There is no doubt at all about the strategic part which the country school will hold in the solution of the problem of supporting the teeming millions of the land. Greater production is clearly seen to be one of the crying needs of the day. The country school, teaching among other things the branches that will tend to enthusiasm and success in farming, accomplish wonders toward bringing lagging supply within reach of hurrying demand. —Asheboro Courier.

To Investigate Conditions of Convicts.

Governor Craig has announced that he expects to begin at once a full investigation of conditions at the convict camps in North Carolina to ascertain how the convicts are being managed and treated and what disposition is made of them after conviction.

The Governor says this investigation will extend not only to the convicts under the control of the State, but also those under the management and control of the county authorities. He intends to have a similar investigation made from time to time, in order that the State may not neglect any duty that it should perform for those who have been condemned for crime.

The Governor says that he is hoping that this investigation will show that all the convicts of the State are being properly cared for, treated humanely and managed in accordance with the law. The probability is that the Governor will use the State Board of Internal Improvements for the investigation, although he has not yet definitely stated that he will do this. —State Journal.

M. O. SHERRILL SPEAKS.

Extracts From the Speech of State Librarian at the Opening of New State Library February 2:

Below we give a few extracts from the speech of Mr. M. O. Sherrill, State Librarian, at the opening of the New State Library in Raleigh, February 2:

Now that we have gotten into our new home, the North Carolina State Library can afford to "put on airs." Our state should be proud of her State Library, for we feel assured that we have the best library south of Washington. It is to be regretted that so many of the good people of North Carolina do not know what a treasure our state has in its library. We deeply regret that the Chairman of the Building Commission, our comrade and friend, Ashley Horne, was called away before this day. He was a noble man.

Fifty or a hundred years ago, North Carolina was known for its "tar, pitch and turpentine." Now North Carolina is at the very front among the states. Look at the advances she has made in education in the last decade. Along the line of agriculture our state is at the front. For the fourth consecutive year, North Carolina produced a larger yield of cotton to the acre than any other state in the Union. The tobacco crop of our state is estimated as worth thirty million, which is two million more than Kentucky, the great tobacco state. North Carolina, last year, grew eight million bushels of sweet potatoes, one million more than Georgia produced. As to the quantity of peanuts grown, North Carolina leads all the rest of the states. The dairymen in our state make the very best butter.

Some years ago there was a fruit exhibition in one of the Western states, and some of our enterprising men from Catawba County, went to that "Fair," and actually took the premium on apples over those great western states.

North Carolina by erecting this building shows her aggressive spirit. Will you excuse this digression if I pause here to say (that our city auditorium excels any south of Washington?) For beauty and patriotism the women of North Carolina lead. The truth is, our women who are engaged in school-teaching, cannot be excelled. Teaching is next to preaching the gospel. We cannot understand why any person should move from North Carolina; for since she has "waked up," the "Old North State" stands in the front rank of states.

We will not speak of the Civil War, (only incidentally,) but I have heard our North Carolina soldiers say that they had rather have North Carolina soldiers on their right, and on their left as their support, than any other soldiers in the Southern army. That declaration, coming from the men who carried the guns, fixes the standard of our "Tar Heel" men as soldiers. We do not want any war, but we desire to show that the people of our state are true wherever they are placed.

In a letter to The Democrat Mr. Sherrill speaks in glowing praise of Catawba county. The State of North Carolina can indeed be proud of its handsome new library building, and none are more proud, we should judge, than our State Librarian, Mr. Sherrill.

Very Low Rates to the West.

The Missouri Pacific is offering very low rates to California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Western Colorado, New Mexico, Western Texas, Arizona and the Pacific Northwest. Tickets sold March 15th to April 15th inclusive. For complete information regarding rates, through free chair and sleeping car service, address E. R. Jennings, D. P. A., 420 James Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn. adv't

No Contributions.

"Sir," said the trembling young man to the girl's father, "I love your daughter and she loves me, and I have come to ask you for her, I am sober and industrious, but poor. Will you give assent?" "Not a darn cent!" growled the old man.

Feel Miserable?

Out of sorts, depressed, pain in the back—Electric Bitters renews your health and strength. A guaranteed Liver and Kidney remedy. Money back if not satisfied. It completely cured Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Iowa, who suffered from virulent liver trouble for eight months. After four doctors gave him up, he took Electric Bitters and it was a well man. Get a bottle to-day; it will do the same for you. Keep in the house for all liver and kidney complaints. Perfectly safe and dependable. Its results will surprise you. 50c. and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis, adv.

Doctor Fulton at Lenoir College.

One of the most inspiring and original addresses ever delivered at Lenoir College was that by Dr. M. G. Fulton Professor of English at Davidson College, in the college auditorium Monday night. Dr. Fulton took as his subject, "Christianity and the Newspapers."

He defined Christianity as not a religion, but the religion, as not confined to creeds and dogmas, but a universal fact of life. All efforts of the race leading to a higher civilization he classed as phenomena of the Christian life. The newspaper, when read intelligently and not passively, he considers a great organ for the promulgation of the Christian truth.

Dr. Fulton's address was replete with cogent logic and original conceptions, and his discourse was made vivid with striking imagery and apt literary allusion. Throughout his discourse was scholarly and interesting.

Granite Falls Briefs.

Granite Falls, Feb. 16.—Mr. C. A. Teague and Dr. O. J. Corpening have bought an excelsior plant at High Point and will move it below Greensboro. Mr. Teague will be in charge and has gone to look after the moving and erection of the plant.

Mr. D. A. Warlick went to Atlanta, Ga., last week where he purchased a large boiler for the Warlick & Sherrill shop, to be installed in the near future.

The remains of Mrs. Gus Poovey were interred in the Granite Falls cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Mr. A. H. Tilley is building a nice residence on Factory Street.

Dr. Russell has moved to the W. E. Starnes building where he has fitted up a nice room for an office.

Mr. J. O. Terrell, who has been working at Cooleemee, came home Saturday suffering with the gripp, but is now improving.

Miss Campbell Married.

Last Wednesday night the home of Mr. S. D. Campbell in Longview was the scene of a pretty wedding when his daughter, Miss May, became the bride of Mr. L. T. Heavener, of Lincolnton. The wedding was witnessed by a few of their intimate friends and relatives. Miss Campbell is one of Hickory's most popular young ladies, and her many friends regret to see her leave Hickory.

Mr. Heavener is a young insurance man of Lincolnton, and is very prominent in his town, and held in high esteem by all who know him.

The happy couple spent a few days on a wedding tour, returning here Saturday evening. They will make their home in Lincolnton.

Odd Fellows' "Home Coming Day."

Rev. J. D. Harte will deliver the address of welcome at the "Home-Coming Day" exercises by the Hickory Lodge of Odd Fellows February 24.

Hon. M. L. Shipman, of Hendersonville, State Grand Master, will deliver the principal address.

The local lodge is making great preparation for this day. All who have, at any time, been a member of the lodge, are earnestly requested to be present, if possible. Everybody, and especially the ladies are requested to attend. The program will close with a banquet at night.

Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effectual and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. and Moser & Lutz. adv.

Taxes.

I will be in Hickory at White-mer & Martin's store Saturday, February 23, for the purpose of collecting taxes. Please meet me and get your receipt.

R. LEE HEWITT, Sheriff. (Adv't.)

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS OF THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Mr. Robert Crawford, a student of Davidson College, attended the party at Claremont College last Monday night.

Misses Boyd and Lentz, students at Claremont College, spent last Sunday in the country at the home of Mr. James Propst.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Morrison arrived in Jacksonville, Florida, Sunday morning the 15 they will go to Tampa, Miami and other points before returning.

Miss Anna Hartman, of the senior class of Claremont College, was called to her home on account of the death of her father. He died February 12.

Charlotte Observer: Mrs. John L. Springs of Hickory arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to visit her sisters, Mrs. George B. Hanna and Miss Sallie Alexander, at their home on Tenth avenue.

President R. L. Fritz and Prof. F. G. Morgan, of the Lenoir College faculty, and several of the students attended the Lutheran Laymen's Convention at Columbia, South Carolina, this week.

A special sermon to the Junior Order will be preached by Dr. Murphy in the Reformed church next Sunday morning. Special music for the occasion will be rendered by the choir and the male quartet of the congregation will sing a selection.

This section had its first touch of real winter last Friday. Snow and sleet commenced falling early Thursday night, and continued falling without an interruption until Friday night. The ground was covered to the depth of 5 or 6 inches.

"The Class President" is the subject of a play to be given by the students of Claremont College next Monday night. Proceeding the play a short musical program will be rendered. A small additional fee of fifteen cents will be charged.

The young ladies of Claremont College gave a valentine party on Monday night of this week and those who were fortunate enough to have an invitation report a great time. Mrs. Nelson, the lady principal, directed the affairs and this was sufficient to make it a success.

Trains were delayed about five hours Sunday morning on account of the derailing of seven cars of a freight train near Hildebran. Train No. 15, which arrived here at 7 o'clock was held until 12. A wrecking crew from Spencer came through about ten o'clock and cleared up the wreckage. No one was hurt.

Gilbert T. Stephenson, a distinguished lawyer of Winston Salem, will address the Christian people of Hickory next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Reformed Church. Mr. Stephenson's subject will be, "The Sunday School and Social Service." It will pay every Sunday school worker and every one interested in the uplift of the people to hear Mr. Stephenson.

Catawba County News: The minutes of the 20th annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy had been printed by Edwards & Broughton of Raleigh and are now being mailed through the Newton postoffice by the Recording Secretary General, Mrs. F. M. Williams. The book contains about 650 pages. Twenty sacks were made up for number 35 Thursday night, weight approximately 1000 pounds. About half of the books have already been mailed. The income to the newton postoffice from the sale of stamps will be about \$300.

Horrible Blotches of Eczema.

Quickly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. C. P. Caldwell, of New Orleans, La., states: "My doctor advised me to try 'Dr. Hobson's Eczema Salve.' I used three boxes of Ointment and three cakes of Dr. Hobson's Derma Zema Soap. To day I have not a spot anywhere on my body and can say I am cured." It will do the same for you. Its soothing, healing, antiseptic action will rid you of all skin humors, blackheads, pimples, Eczema blotches, red unsightly sores, and leaves your skin clean and healthy. Get a box to-day, Guaranteed. All Druggists, 50c., or by mail, Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia & St. Louis. adv.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite.

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHERRY TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children, 50c.

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