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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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J. M. ROBERTS, Asheville, N. C.

We will ask THE MERCURY, at Hickory, once more, to explain where the interest on the \$35,000.00 paid in to the Alliance by the farmers of this State has gone?

We would have the farmers to look into this matter. The principal and interest now amounts to about \$50,000.00 and at the rate the farmer is getting his money back it seems that about \$20,000 have disappeared.

The MERCURY is free to drink when the water suits him, but he will not touch any thing except from his own spring unless he can turn it in his own favor.

As the MERCURY does not rise to explain, we will ask him to remain seated and give the facts.

An intelligent farmer, and an Alliance man, asks an explanation at once.

THE WEATHER FOR the first half of March has been as lovely as any Mayday. The peach trees are now in full bloom. Some wise weather prophets are predicting some dire calamity to befall the entire fruit crop.

We knew a vender of this stripe once who manufactured his medicine by using water alone, except an inoffensive drug which he added to give color and flavor, and he said to us that the fools would buy it anyway.

One reason of the hard times, of which we hear so much complaint, is because people do not work to advantage. A man with a budget on his back passed through our town a few days ago to visit a son who lives in an ad-

joining county. We had a conversation with him and asked him why he was making the journey on foot. He said it was too expensive to go on the cars.

There are hundreds of people working in this way. SYSTEM never enters their minds. We saw a man hauling dirt on a wheelbarrow. The distance, proper, that he had to make was not more than 20 yds., but there was a chasm about 6 inches wide and of the same depth lying between him and the objective point.

Washington Letter.

Correspondence of COURIER.

WASHINGTON, March 12, 1894.—Democrats, even those who are personally opposed to some of the changes made, are glad that the Senate Finance committee has at last got the tariff bill in a shape to make its passage by the Senate certain.

The republicans of the Finance committee would like to waste a month or so by keeping the tariff bill in committee, but the democrats will not allow any such time.

Secretary Herbert's answer to the House resolution asking by what authority he ordered Admiral Skenett to obey Mr. Blount when he went to Hawaii as Special Commissioner, was, in short, that it came from the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy—the President of the United States; and he cited seven precedents for the action, dating from 1823 to 1881.

Senator Blanchard assumed his new duties to-day and Justice White, his predecessor, was sworn in as a member of the Supreme court. If Mr. Blanchard makes as good a reputation in the Senate as he leaves behind him in the House the people of Louisiana will doubtless ratify the selection of the government by keeping him there.

Representative Kilgore, of Texas, was not altogether wrong, although rather too general, when he said in the course of the debate on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, concerning the newspapers of Washington: "The newspapers of Washington have never failed to advocate any scheme, I don't care how ridiculous it was, that looked to the expenditure of the public money in the interest of speculators in and around the city. I never knew of an instance in which they did not advocate such schemes."

Democrats in Congress are in thorough sympathy with the Departmental Commission which has been engaged for many months in looking into the business methods of the Government Departments, with a view to recommending changes looking to a reduction of unnecessary red tape and of unnecessary officials. Every recommendation of the Commission has been promptly acted upon by Congress, the last one—for abolishing the Bureau of Customs of the Treasury Department—having been

passed by the House without an hour's discussion. Do you surely ly the leaves of reform is working. The results of thirty years of extravagance and favoritism cannot be overthrown in the end. Thus the democrats are determined upon.

Senator McPherson has this to say about the charge that the sugar clause of the revised tariff bill gives the sugar trust an undue advantage: "As I drew the sugar schedule, I ought to know what it means, and I certainly know what it was intended to mean. The entire discriminating duty, according to my calculations, that refined sugar is accorded by the bill is sixteen-hundredths of one cent. Now, when you take into account the bounty paid by Germany for its exported sugar, and the fact that German sugar is shipped in bags which are not dustable, and which can be used over and over again, it will be seen that the American refiner is given no advantage over his German competitors. In truth, the German exporter has one hundredth of a cent per pound advantage over the American refiner after he has paid out import duty. Now, if any one disputes these figures of mine, and can show me where the American refiner receives any greater protection than I have stated, I will see that the bill is changed."

The Senate will vote upon the bill for the coinage of the signiorato next Thursday. It will certainly pass. Public opinion is divided as to whether it will be vetoed, the majority inclining to the belief that it will be.

Shelby.

Shelby is a beautiful town of about 1800 inhabitants situated 20 miles west of Lincolnton. It is the chief town of Cleveland county. We made our first visit to this place on last Monday and, outside of our intellectual Lincolnton, it would be our next choice for a permanent abiding place. The streets are wide and beautiful. The residences are mostly new and nicely painted. The churches are of modern architecture and well finished. It was our pleasure to stop with our old friend and schoolmate, Rev. J. Ed. Thompson, who is a popular pastor of the Methodist church. By his energy and push the Methodist church by his energy and push the Methodist have built an excellent parsonage and have it quite well furnished. The Baptist have a nice church and an excellent college building at this place, they have no school however. The other denominations of the town are small in numbers but are not idle by any means.

We called at the offices of the Review and Aurora but did not find either of the editors. Mr. Tipton was sick and at his home, and Mr. Miller was in the Queen city. We drank of the famous Lithia water which is brought through iron pipes a distance of four miles, to the Court house Square. Shelby has two railroads, The C. C. and the 3 C's, and one of the most important features of the town is a well conducted Graded School. They have a well conducted Graded School. They have a \$10,000 jail which indicates that they, like other people, have law breakers. We expect to visit this pleasant little town again.

Waco Letter.

Mr. Editor:—As your subscription list keeps growing at this place perhaps a few brief notes from us who admire your gritty and forceful style of conducting a newspaper, will not give you "That Tired Feeling," and cause you to engage in blaspheming the name of Waco.

Our town is the scene of great activity just at present. The fertilizer agents can hardly supply the demand for guano and phosphates. The merchants are all doing a good business. Money seems more plentiful than at this time last season. The people are hopeful and good times are ahead of us. Our people make their own supplies, live at home, vote the Democratic ticket, keep out of debt, attend to their own business, serve the Lord, and don't care a cent whether Congress passes any Coinage Bill or not.

Mr. L. N. Hoyle, one of our finest and most progressive merchants, was thrown from a mule last Thursday and badly hurt we are glad to say, however, that he is steadily improving, and hops to be able to report him well soon. His brother, Mr. Luther Hoyle is managing his large mercantile and fertilizer business during his sickness. Mr. Luther is one of our most promising young men, and is a great favorite

among the ladies. On successful physician, Dr. Good, is kept busy attending the extensive practice.

Mr. F. M. Miller is building a splendid mill, which he will have in operation in a few days.

The normal Institute is flourishing much beyond the most sanguine hopes of its friends and faculty. Hard times does not seem to reduce its patronage much.

One of the brightest, and best girls in the Institute is from Lincolnton, Miss Margie Lee Pione, the faculty of the school speak in highest terms of her upness to learn and her entire devotion to her studies. They predict for her a brilliant future in whatever sphere of life she may choose to grace.

Farmers are well up with their work among us. The crops of wheat and oats are fine, and prospects are excellent for a full fruit crop.

Now go ahead and give the "Mercury" and all the other exponents of Gideonites heretics h— all Columbia, and we will be happy.

Success to the COURIER. Sigma.

Obituary.

"A precious one from us has gone A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our homes Which never can be filled."

Our dear Aunt Roxana Bissner fell asleep in Jesus, March 4th, 1894, at her home in Lincoln county, N. C., 5 miles from Maiden, N. C.

While we think it very hard to part with her yet we bow to the will of Him "who doeth all things well." For during her life she was a bright happy Christian and ever ready to work in any way for her Master. Greatly will she be missed by all who knew her, but more so by her aged parents for whom she has been caring so long. But my dear Grandparents although you miss her here; she is resting sweetly with Jesus. Though she cannot come to us we can go to her and and may we all be prepared to meet her in Heaven. May God bless the bereaved parents and sisters and help them to look to Him who alone can comfort.

MARY, ADA and BESSIE, Gallaway, S. C.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by continual remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound of imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are cured by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Sent for circulars, free.

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S. P. SMITH, of Towanda, Pa., whose constitution was completely broken down, is cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla. He writes:

"For eight years, I was, most of the time, a great sufferer from constipation, kidney trouble, and indigestion, so that my constitution seemed to be completely broken down. I was induced to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and took nearly seven bottles, with such excellent results that my stomach, bowels, and kidneys are in perfect condition, and, in all their functions, as regular as clock-work. At the time I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla, my weight was only 129 pounds; I now weigh 159 pounds, and was never in so good health. If you could see me before and after using, you would want me for a traveling advertisement. I believe this preparation of Sarsaparilla to be the best in the market to-day."

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NEWTON, N. C. \$5,000 WORTH OF CLOTHING at New York WHOLESALE COST. We have bought the entire stock of clothing of S. S. Brown of Greensboro, who failed two weeks ago, and will sell at cost. The stock consists of a large lot of Sack suits in square and round cuts, Cutaways and Prince Alberts, odd coats and vests, six hundred pairs of pants, any size at from 38 cents to five and one half dollars, boys suits from 4 to 18 years old.

Fifty OVERCOATS at 2.75 to 7.70. A lot over all and jumpers. Now is your time to get you a cheap suit. The goods are all new having been bought in the last few months. Mr. Brown was in business less than a year before he failed and certainly could have nothing but new goods. Brown's cost mark was E. M. A. H. O. D. G. I. N. F. L. and you can see yourself what the goods cost. If you intend buying anything in the line this spring now is your time and don't let it pass you for you will never have an opportunity of this kind again. It will pay you to buy an overcoat if you don't wear it until fall, for the prices are so low. Don't put it off but come at once for we are going to rush off these goods at once. The goods are first class, there is not a piece of shoddy goods in the lot.

CHILDRENS SUITS from 4 TO 10 YEARS old we will sell for less than wholesale cost. An Antidote TO HARD TIMES & THEIR RESULTANT EVILS: A WELL-SUPPLIED THINKING-SHOP and Frequent Potions of Bottled Energy, Call and see, B. F. GRIGG.

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Carpets & Mattings. Just Rec'd a BIG LOT of CARPET & MATTING SAMPLES. We guarantee to save all who buy Carpets or Mattings from us at least 15 per cent on their purchase, by our plan of buying and selling, which is, we carry nothing in stock but the samples, which requires no capital, and we have no loss by having remnants left on our hands. All of these savings enable us to sell very low. Call to see our styles and hear our prices.

Jenkins Bros. N. B. Just rec'd another lot of that extra heavy Concord Home Bleached Shirting at 10c. per yd. Jenkins Bros.

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EGGS for hatching from selected thoroughbred Black Minorcas. \$1.50 for 13. Satisfaction guaranteed. Address, Jno. K. Patterson, Concord, N. C.