

# MEBANE LEADER

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## THE ARSON OF BUSINESS.

"As a business, fire insurance is conducted by companies with larger profits in the years when fires are plenty." This is the language of a man who has studied the fire insurance problem, and it largely accounts for the exposure of the wholesale arson business of New York recently.

While it cost something to pay for fire loss, insurance companies have learned that there is much more profit in the business when there are frequent fires, it means more premiums, and a fire at most any point is seized upon as an excuse to advance rates. We have a fire loss in the United States about eight times as great as that in Europe, and while the fire loss of Europe is decreasing, that of the United States is increasing and at a rate greater by four times than the population.

There is no one to regulate the cost of insurance except the officers of the company. They fix the rate, and you must pay it, or go without your fire protection. The law can say what is legal interest on money loaned, and what is usury, it can say what railroads must charge for passenger, or freight traffic, but it must keep its mouth shut about the South Eastern tariff Association of fire Insurance Companies, and let them charge what suits their own sweet will.

The marble palaces erected by the Insurance Companies as home offices in New York, Philadelphia, and the larger cities of this country, whose gilded domes seems to reach the clouds, are the silent, but eloquent proofs of the rich legacies of wealth the American people are pouring into their steel vaults, piling up monumental fortunes for their favored stock holders. But with seven and eight per cent rate of insurance at unfortunate points, in North Carolina and a condition that in every sense needs correction, the Legislatures fought to a stand still a bill to investigate fire insurance in North Carolina two years ago and why? Ask some of Broughtons lobbyist, the Broughton from Aleshany. A pertinent reason why the Legislature holds its sessions to log role in the interest of certain corporations all explained.

### A GREAT MISTAKE.

The Murder of Francis I. Madero ex-President of Mexico Sunday while being transferred as a prisoner under guard from his former palace to the penitentiary, is an incident in Mexican National life that must have its receding. Whether a civilized world consents to such with hands off, or not, will not alter the effect of popular sentiment in concrete, aggressive and revengeful attitude.

General Victoriano Huerta provisional President connived at the assassination of Maderos brother, the very worst thing he could have done to encourage the troublesome spirit that is sweeping through Mexico.

In the height of Napoleons power, he had a Bourbon Prince murdered, and he felt at that time he was powerful enough to do anything, but the mills of the gods ground on, until the day came when he realized it was one of his biggest blunders.

There is a correct, orderly, and legal way of doing things, even if they are stern things, and serious things, the one man power in this world has never proved a success, when exercised in a tyrannical way.

President elect Woodrow Wilson says let there be light. Was the president offering a sensible suggestion to those who have persisted in making Mebane a dark town?

The United States owes it to civilization to check, that anarchiest spirit so prevalent in Mexico. Terrorism is sweeping like a fire brand over the country, and there seems no law. Mexico is close on to our border. The interest of thousands of American citizens honestly acquired in Mexico is being destroyed, by unchecked vandalism.

## JOAQUIN MILLER DEAD

Picturesque Author, Soldier, Editor and Judge, Long Ill, Passes Away.

After more than two years of failing health, Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras," sometimes called the "Burns of America" and certainly one of the most picturesque characters in America, died at 3 o'clock Feb. 17 in one of the unique cabins on his beautiful estate in the Piedmont foothills, overlooking San Francisco and the Golden Gate. His daughter Juanita and his aged wife were at his side when he died. For the last six weeks he had been bedridden and since last Thursday had been unconscious. The poet was seventy-one years old.

In the last years of his adventurous as well as famous career Joaquin Miller gave his whole attention to his California estate. His home was not in a mansion. There were separate cabins for each member of the family, assuring every member complete privacy and independence. All met for meals in another cabin. In season the grounds were filled with bowers of flaming flowers, and stately cypress and cedar trees graced all the paths and avenues. On the hillside directly overlooking San Francisco giant trees could be seen arranged in the shape of a huge cross. And on this hillside the poet had erected a pyramid to Moses, a turreted tower in memory of Robert Browning and a larger tower monument to John C. Fremont. Here also he built of solid masonry a funeral pyre, and the directions in his will are said by close friends to instruct his survivors that his body shall be placed in the hollow atop of the masonry under a piling of cedar bows and at dawn of his funeral day be cremated. The inscription on this pyre and tomb reads: "To the Unknown."

Not in the Contract.  
I have paid him for me, and I won't be his way for nothing.

## February in London

The gray streets of London are sweeter than the rose,  
The gray streets of London when the west wind blows.  
The wild wind, the fresh wind, brings home the spring again,  
And I turn my face to meet her in the softest rain.  
The tired folk and busy they put their cares away  
With "Never mind tomorrow, since life is good today."  
They are wondering what ails them, the west wind blows so sweet,  
With a flash of green and silver in the saddest street.

There's dappled sky above us if the smoke would let us see,  
In dingy squares and crescents there's a thrush upon the tree.  
The rain like little fingers comes with a soft surprise  
And is smoothing out the wrinkles 'round the weary eyes.

The rain and the west wind that set the flowers to start  
They wash the grime from all the soul, the grief from the heart,  
And who would you be meeting as you walk the murky town  
But spring that's like a daffodil in a golden gown?

The girls beside the pavements they carry golden store  
Of wallflowers and hyacinths and violets galore.  
The soft speech of Limerick I heard as I went by,  
And the blue eyes of Ireland were like a glint of sky.

The west wind is blowing on people stepping light;  
They wonder what is on them—they feel so queer and bright.  
The softest rain is falling, and while the west wind blows  
The gray streets of London are sweeter than the rose.  
—Katherine Tynan, in The Delineator.

The most ignorant people find most to laugh at in strangers; scandal and satire prevail most in country places; and a propensity to ridicule even the slightest deviation from what we happen to approve, cases with the progress of common sense and dignity.—Hazlitt.

## Cow Has Whooping Cough

Health Officer Donovan struck a snag when a family residing in the northern section of the city gave notice of the fact that the family cow had developed a genuine case of whooping cough. Several children of the family are now suffering with a cough. The health officer is seeking to shift the burden of quarantining or placarding the cow to some member of the city board of commissioners, by whose authority the ordinance requiring placards in all cases of whooping cough was passed.—Greensboro News.

Valuable Lace Handkerchiefs.  
Milkmaids in Switzerland make handkerchiefs of lace that readily sell for \$5 apiece—some, indeed, for as much as \$50 each.

He only is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with worry, fret and anxiety.—Emerson.

## No Need to Stop Work

When the doctor orders you to stop work it staggers you. I can't, you say. You know you are weak, run down and failing in health day by day, but you must work as long as you can stand. What you need is Electric Bitters to give tone, strength and vigor to your system, to prevent break down and build you up. Don't be weak, sickly or ailing when Electric Bitters will benefit you from the first dose. Thousands bless them for their glorious health and strength. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c. at Mebane Drug Co.

## Concealed-Weapon Law.

It would be a pity if no legislative headway in the movement for restriction of concealed weapons were made because of the objection that to fix a minimum punishment might wrong boys who imitated pistol-carrying men. Why not cut the ground from under this objection by providing that for defendants under 21 the operative only upon a second conviction for carrying concealed weapons or upon a second conviction without regard to the exact nature of the crime? Failing even this, the Legislature might declare by resolution the policy of the State toward concealed weapons and, as a matter of moral upholding and enforcement of the present law, urge judges to be less prodigal of clemency toward those who offend.—Charlotte Observer.

## Surprise Your Friends

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## Highest and Lowest Points in The World.

The maximum difference in elevation of land in the United States is 14,777 feet, according to the United States Geological Survey. Mount Whitney, the highest point, is 14,501 feet above sea level, and a point in Death Valley is 276 feet below sea level. These two points, which are both in California, are less than 90 miles apart. This difference is small, however, as compared with the figures for Asia. Mount Everest rises 29,002 feet above sea level whereas the shores of the Dead Sea are 1,290 feet below sea level, a total difference in land heights of 30,292 feet. Mount Everest has never been climbed.

The greatest ocean depth yet found is 32,088 feet, at a point about 40 miles north of the island of Mindanao, in the Philippine Islands. The ocean bottom at this point is therefore more than 11 1/2 miles below the summit of Mount Everest.

The difference in the land heights in Europe is about 15,868 feet.

## Road Tax For 1913 Due.

Notice—The special road poll tax for the year 1913 is now due, and payable until the first day of April.

Under the old law the treasurer was paid a small commission for collecting and handling this fund. And heretofore I have given that commission to those who looked after it in the different Townships. But now under the Salary law there is no provision made for any one to be paid any thing out of this fund. Therefore, unless some one will volunteer to collect without charge, in the townships, I cannot put the books out as has been my custom. According by instruction from the County Comm., the books will be at my office in the court house in Graham, and all persons desiring to pay will pay to me unless they find some one else with the books.

Albert J. Thompson, Treasurer,  
This Jan. 7, 1913 Alamance County.

## Old Age

Old age as it comes in the orderly process of nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom, counsel. That is old age as it should be, but old age as it often is means poor digestion torpid bowels, a sluggish liver and a general feeling of ill health, despondency and misery. This is almost every instance is wholly unnecessary. On of Chamberlain's Tablets taken immediately after supper will improve the digestion, tone up the liver and regulate the bowels. That feeling of despondency will give way to one of hope and good cheer. For sale by all Dealers.

## Make Us Prove It

We dare not exaggerate to you. We are dependent upon your patronage. To get it we must have your trust and confidence. We make the following statements with a full understanding of what they mean to us. You are safe when you believe in these statements.

### For the Bowels

If you only knew as much as we and those who have used them know about Rexall Orderlies, you would be as enthusiastic about recommending them as we are. They taste just like candy. They act so easily and so pleasantly that the taking of them is a pleasure.

Even children like Rexall Orderlies and you know that if a medicine appears to a child, it will appeal to grown-ups.

### Rexall Orderlies

help chase gloom, dispel blues and make you feel happy by their splendid tonic, cleansing and strengthening effect upon the bowels.—They act to free the system—and keep it free—from the distress and ill feeling that naturally results from irregular and inactive bowels.

Rexall Orderlies do this quietly, without griping or causing nausea, purging or excessive looseness. They act to overcome and remove the cause

CAUTION: Please bear in mind that Rexall Orderlies are not sold by all drug-stores. You can buy Rexall Orderlies only at The Rexall Stores.

## MEBANE DRUG CO.

MEBANE The Rexall Store NORTH CAROLINA

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### ATLANTA OFFICE

That Western man who recently had the brains of a dog grafted into his cranium will hereafter, doubtless, be popular with a certain class of women.

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There is smoke pleasure in this pure old Virginia and North Carolina bright leaf. Thousands prefer it to any other pipe tobacco. Thoroughly aged and stemmed and then granulated. A perfect pipe tobacco—nothing better rolled as a cigarette.

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We want your trade. It does not matter whether you live in, or near Mebane, Haw River, Graham, or Burlington, it is all the same, we can make it to your interest to buy your furniture of us.

Everything with which to furnish a house. Everything reasonable, because we carry an immense stock. Besure and call on

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GRAHAM, N. C.

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350 acres of fine farming land beautifully situated on macadam road, just 1-2 mile from Court House at Hillsboro, overlooking Hillsboro to the West and Occaneechee farm to the south 150 acres in good state of cultivation balance in oak timber and wood, 50 acres under wire fence pasture, 15 to 20 acres meadow land, small streams run through the entire place. The soil varies from a gravelly loam to a deep red soil is gently rolling and the entire place can be cultivated with machinery. Is unsurpassed for production of small grain and grasses.

The beautiful location, quality of soil etc, makes this one of the best propositions ever offered in Orange County farm lands. We are offering this at \$7,000.00 cash, or can arrange reasonable terms.

Our road bonds have been sold and work will commence in the near future.

**Orange Trust Co.**  
Hillsboro, N. C.

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**Mebane Drug Co.**

Mebane, N. C.

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W. E. WHITE, Sec'y and Treas.

Mebane, N. C.

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