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THE ROANOKE BEACON, Plymouth, N. C.

We appeal to every reader of THE ROANOKE BEACON to aid us in making it an acceptable and profitable medium of news to our citizens.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1889.

In 1810 there were only ten newspapers in North Carolina, now there are 197.

MR. CHAR. A. COOK, of Warren county, was appointed on Oct. 12th by President Harrison to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

MR. JAY GOULD attended a ball at St. Louis on the 9th inst, at which place he said: "If the World's Exposition should be held in the city showing the largest number of pretty women, St. Louis would surely win."

Gov. LEE, of Virginia, says that ninety per cent. of the \$340,000 used to educate the negro children of that State is paid by the whites, but that makes no difference, the negro will vote against the white man every time.

THE Argonaut, published at Nashville, N. C., closed its first volume on the 10th inst. It is a clean, bright, newsy and well edited journal, and based on a solid foundation. We wish Bro. Long and his paper much success.

THE Washington Progress came out this week as an Industrial Issue. It is well gotten up giving a graphic description of Beaufort county and a pictorial illustration of the most prominent buildings of the town of Washington.

THE largest county in the United States is Custer, in Montana, it is 150 miles long and 125 miles wide, and contains 18,596,920 acres. This county contains the battlefield of the Little Big Horn where Custer and his men were massacred.

THE Fisherman and Farmer says: Hon. Thos. J. Jarvis will deliver the address, on Tuesday, (29th,) of the Edenton Agricultural and Pheasant Fair. He will begin promptly at 12 o'clock. A rich treat is in store for all who shall be present to hear this honored son of our good Old State.

MR. VERNON W. LONG, editor of the Winston Sentinel, has cast off the robe of single cussedness and taken unto himself a "better half." He was married last week to Miss Daisy Murphy, of Burlington. The Beacon extends a hearty congratulation to him and his.

THE Carolina Banner, of Tarboro, H. T. King editor, has done away with the patent outside, it is all printed at home. May success still attend it. Long may that Banner wave over our land for the advancement of the South and for the good of its people, and may its King be a king of power in the State.

An exchange suggests that with Eva Hamilton in jail and Kay and the baby in retirement; Dalzell and Tanner pumped dry; Boulanger beaten and "busted," and the October elections in the new States over, the sensational news monger will find a shrinkage in material to work upon between this time and the meeting of Congress.

A STATEMENT prepared by Sixth Auditor Coulter shows that the total receipts of the Postoffice Department for the first three quarters of the fiscal year 1888-89 were \$42,341,956; expenditures for same time were \$45,663,223, leaving a deficiency of \$3,321,270, which indicates a deficiency for the entire fiscal year 1888-89 of about \$4,500,000.

It is seriously proposed to bridge the British Channel, the structure to be of steel. It would span the depth of the channel is about 400 feet and the bridge is to be 180 feet above the water. There will be five piers to the mile and the distance is 24 miles. The cost would be \$7,500,000 a mile. Doubtless if feasible, it would pay a good dividend, but we apprehend that it is not practicable.—News & Observer.

FOR the benefit of the pension fund for disabled Confederate Soldiers, their widows and orphans, a tax will be imposed as follows: On every \$100 worth of property 3 cents, and each poll tax will be increased 3 cents. This is a good move, and we are sure there is not a man in the State that will not be willing to have the tax increased for the benefit of the widows and orphans of those brave men who fought for our freedom, or to help care for those who are yet living and are disabled. No true Southern man will object to the tax.

WRITTEN ON A DEATH-BED WITH GOD.

When blessed with health, presumptuous man how vain; Thoughtless from whence his fragile body rose; Thinks not that round his active limbs again; That earth, that chilly earth, must close.

But when disease doth shake his trembling dust; And death, the monster, waiting for his prey; Then flies the world with all her tempting lust; And conscience in the bosom takes her sway.

Before he thought with men, in vain conceit; And spoke, if time, was ready at his bow; Ah! now he dreads the king of gloom to meet; And thinks of heaven, eternity and God.

O thoughtless man, while yet thou hast the hour; And mercy pleads, and health thy nerves doth brace; Seize on the glorious prize while in your power; And for sinners, run the christian's race.

Religion, thou canst give to man a boom; A glorious boom;—can soothe his fatigued breath; And both in age, and youth's enlivening noon; Can make him triumph o'er his disastrous death.

See, what are all the charms this world imparts; To him who feels affliction's heavy rod; They ne'er can soothe the sufferer's inward smart; Or reconcile one parting soul to God.

No, Christ alone can give a moral joy; When sickness chains him to his dying bed; The fiercest pang, of fell disease destroy; And raise victorious o'er the grave his head.

Father of all, in whose fraternal care With confidence place my little trust; Oh! keep me from the world's delusive glare; And give me still to feel that I am dust.

MRS. ANNA N. IRWIN.

DON'T DESPOND.

Some people who are not successful at every turn are too prone to despond—that is to be cast down, to give up almost; and some do. That never will do, there is but one life to live, and there are many trials, but it will not do to give up, unless it is actually necessary. What if you have met with reverse of fortunes, sorrows and wrongs? A strong and resolute will enables one to overcome the greatest difficulties—to surmount the most trying obstacles. If the clouds have floated across your life, why—don't despond; the sun will shine again. If fortune has proved unkind, don't despond, but go to work with a will, determined to succeed this time in spite of the adverse gales. If friends have proved unfaithful to you, broken solemn vows, don't despond. There are some true hearts yet upon the earth; seek them, and in their society find solace for your disappointment. If death has taken a dear one from your side, don't despond, but let your life be so pure and stainless that you will be assured of meeting the loved one gone before, on the shores of that land where partings are unknown. If you have loved in vain, don't despond, but in the scenes of life around you try to forget that you have offered sole worship where it was not appreciated and returned. Don't despond, it can do no good. Meet trials and afflictions cheerfully, and they will lose one half their power. Put your trust in a higher power than that of man. Hope for the best, use the powers God has given you, be active, earnest, energetic, faithful, thankful, and don't despond!

LIVE FOR A PURPOSE.

Home and Farm. I wonder how many are doing this, and again how many expect to drift down the stream of time without any aim or ambition. There is room at the top for all who will strive to climb, so don't be content to stand still, and let others pass by as they go upward and onward. Some will doubtless say it was never intended for me to make a mark in the world. Don't let such thoughts as this down you (if you will allow the expression), but raise your ambition and be up and doing. It requires a great deal of courage and get up and push our way through, but "what man has done man may do." Perhaps some will say, it requires too much labor to live for a purpose and to strive to make a mark in the world. We learn from our reader, "no excellence without labor." A life without a purpose is a sad failure. In the schoolroom is where many of us make the mistake. It is there we let time get the start of us. Perhaps while you have read this little essay, you thought it was some boy writing but you are mistaken. It is a girl in her teens. I know boys have better advantages than girls, but I believe it was intended for us to live for a purpose too.

GIVING.

Oh! that men would accept the testimony of Christ touching the blessedness of giving. He who sacrifices most, loves most; and he who loves most is most blessed. Love and sacrifice are related to each other like seed and fruit, each produces the other. The seed of sacrifice brings forth the fragrant fruit of love, and love always has in its heart the seeds of new sacrifice. He who gives but a part is not made perfect in love. Love rejoices to give all. It does not measure its sacrifice. It was Judas, not Mary, who calculated the value of the alabaster box of ointment. He who is infinitely blessed is the Infinite giver and man, made in His Likeness, was intended to find his highest blessedness in the completest self-giving. He who receives and does not give is like the Dead Sea. All the fresh floods of Jordan cannot sweeten its dead, salt depths. So all the streams of God's bounty cannot sweeten a heart that has no outlet, is ever receiving, yet never full and overflowing. If those whose horizon is as narrow as the basket under which they hide their light could be induced to come out into a large place and take a worthy view of the kingdom of Christ and of their relations to it, if they could be persuaded to make the principle of Christian giving regnant in all their life, their happiness would be as much increased as their usefulness.—Ex.

A CURE FOR DRUNKENNESS.

There is a prescription in use in England for the cure of drunkenness, by which those who are said to have been enabled to recover themselves. The recipe came into notoriety by the efforts of the commander of a steamship. He had fallen into such habitual drunkenness that his most earnest efforts to reclaim himself proved unavailing. At last he sought the advice of an eminent physician, which he followed faithfully for several months, and at the end of that time he had lost all desire for liquor, although he had seen for many years led captive by a most debasing appetite. The recipe, which he afterwards published, and by which so many other drunkards have been assisted to reform, is as follows: Sulphate of iron, 20 grains; magnesium, 40 grains; of opium, 44 drachms; spirits of nutmeg, 4 drachms. Dose, one tablespoonful twice a day.

A bowlegged fellow has a poor chance in this life. A country girl won't have him because he can't keep the calf off; and a town girl won't have him because she can't sit in his lap.—Sam Jones.

Proceedings of the County Commissioners.

The board of commissioners of Washington county met in special session at the Court House on Monday October 7th, 1889. Present, W. B. Chesson, chairman, H. J. Starr, D. Spruill, A. M. Johnston and Levi Blount.

Ordered, That S. L. Johnston be appointed special surveyor to survey and plot a tract of land in Washington county entered by Samuel Stillman on Oct. 13th 1888.

Ordered, That A. B. Etheridge be allowed the sum of \$10.10 for services as keeper of the Poor house and for making garments for the poor.

Ordered, That Geo. Phelps be allowed the sum of \$7.00 for repairing Spruill's bridge.

Ordered, That J. P. Hilliard be allowed the sum of \$43.86 for paper and pens, Recording seventeen orders, issuing 12 orders, furnishing Sheriff juror list, recording 686 Jurors, Treasurer report &c.

Ordered, That Walker & Myers be allowed the sum of \$29.79 for lumber furnished the Clerks Office.

Ordered, That Thos. S. Swain be allowed the sum of \$3.00 for making coffin for Polly Alexander.

Ordered, That James L. Norman be allowed the sum of \$3.55 for guard &c, for Henry Collins.

Ordered, That Nurney & Jackson be allowed the sum of \$44.00 for repairing Clerks Office.

Ordered, That Walker & Myers be allowed the sum of \$5.00 for lumber furnished the Poor House.

Ordered, That W. J. Mercer be allowed the sum of \$3.00 for making coffin for Bale Simpson.

Ordered, That Eli Snell be allowed the sum of \$10.00 for listing taxes in Skinnersville Township for the year 1889.

Ordered, That J. H. Trout be allowed the sum of \$62.40 for feeding jail for the month of September.

Ordered, That John S. Craft be allowed the sum of \$2.00 for two arrests.

Ordered, That Horntal & Bro., be allowed the sum of \$20.03 for furnishing stinkles for Poor House and blankets &c, for jail.

Ordered, That H. J. Starr be allowed the sum of \$10.20 for three days services and mileage as county commissioner.

Ordered, That W. K. Chesson be allowed the sum of \$41.60 for thirteen days services and mileage as county commissioner.

Ordered, That A. C. Garrett be granted liquor licenses to retail spirituous liquor in quantities of one quart and less than five gallons in Plymouth Township on the Graines Plantation, commencing on the 7th day of October and ending July 1st 1890.

Ordered, That Robert Bowen be exempt from public road duty.

Ordered, That Jas. E. C. Johnston be allowed to get 400 feet of lumber at Walker & Myers mill for the use of the public road leading from Plymouth to Mackey's Ferry.

Ordered, That the jailer, Frank Ayers, release Mariah Armistead.

Ordered, That Levi Blount is authorized to have the jail repaired.

Board adjourned to meet again on Monday Nov. 4th, 1889.

J. P. HILLIARD, Clerk.

Young Men Who Were Great.

Lord Bacon graduated at Cambridge when 16, and was called to the bar at 21. Peel was in parliament at 21, and Palmerston was lord of the admiralty at 23. Gustavus Adolphus ascended the throne at 16, before he was 34 he was one of the great rulers of Europe.

Judge Story was at Harvard at 15, in Congress at 20, and Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States at 32.

Martin Luther had become largely distinguished at 24, and at 56 had reached the topmost round of his world wide fame.

Condé conducted a memorable campaign at 17, and at 22 he, and Turenne also, were of the most illustrious men of their time.

Webster was in college at 16, gave earnest of his great future before he was 25, and at 30 was the peer of the ablest men in Congress.

Only one civilian, out of the presidents of this country, gained his first election after he was 60, and that one was James Buchanan.

Washington was a distinguished colonel in the army at 19, early in public affairs, commander of the forces at 48, and president at 57.

William H. Seward commenced the practice of law at 21, and at 31 was the president of a state convention, and at 37 governor of New York.

Nepoleon at 25 commanded the army of Italy. At 30 he was not only one of the most illustrious generals of all time, but one of the great law givers of the world. At 46 he saw Waterloo.

The great Leo X. was pope at 38, having finished his academic training, he took the office of cardinal at 18—only twelve months younger than was Charles James Fox when he entered parliament.

William Pitt entered the university at 14, and was chancellor of the exchequer at 22, prime minister at 23 and so continued for twenty years, and at 34 was the most powerful uncrowned head in Europe.—Boston Gazette.

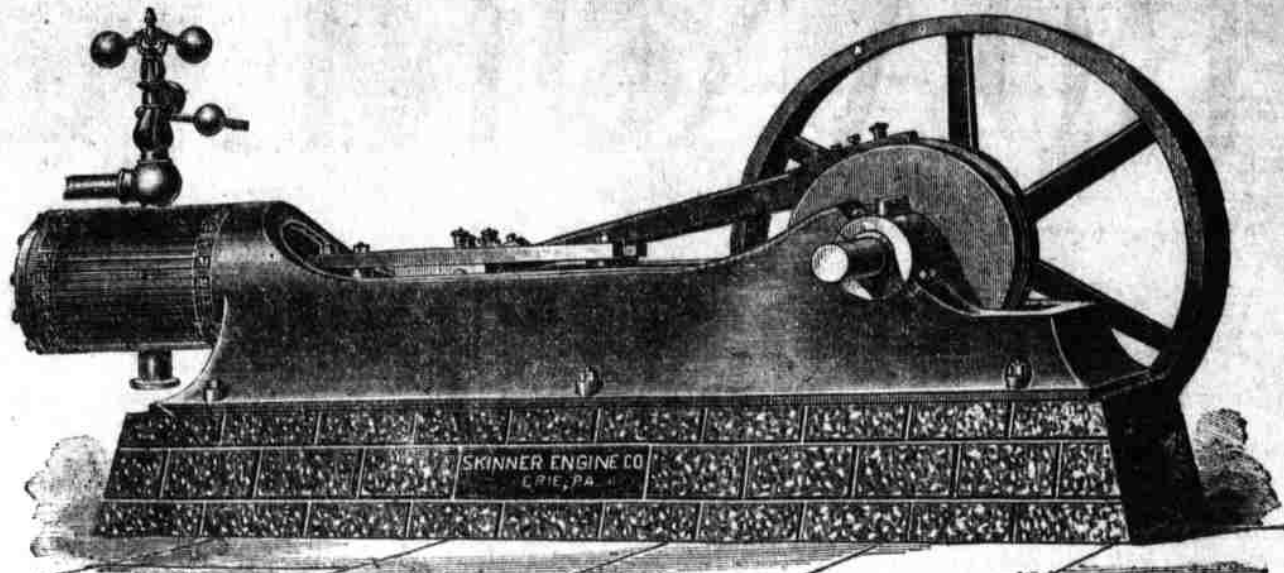
THE EDITOR.

N. Y. Christian Advocate. The editorial position is peculiar. It is impossible to make an editor by vote, whether of a General Conference, a committee or an association of stockholders. All that such bodies can do is to exercise their best judgment in the selection of the person. Among other things, an editor must be energetic, he must be sprightly, he must have an active mind, he must have a store of illustrative facts and incidents, he must be capable of prompt adjustment to new conditions. An editor must be capable of sustained work at the desk; this is a test which only time can determine. An editor must be able to bear praise or occasional installments without losing his head, and inexcusable misconception and misrepresentation without exhibiting temper: "who is sufficient for these things?" An editor must have the capacity of making and keeping friends. He must be in living sympathy with his age and country. He must not stand in fear of his subscribers or his contributors.

Happy Hoosiers.

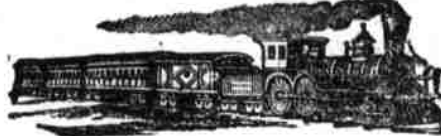
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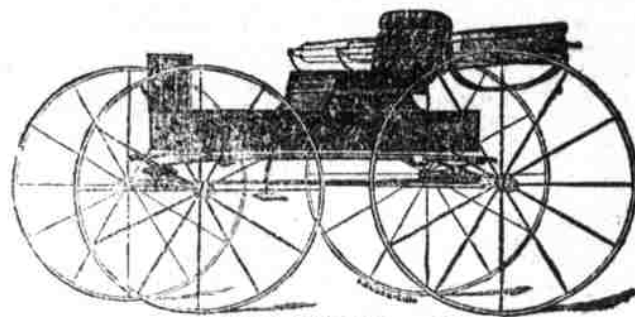
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