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EDITORIAL

A cynical old man once declared June to be the month of the b's—bugs and brides.

"Automobile killings" has become a standing headline in the big dailies, and the killings increase all the time.

The Charleston Exposition closed with the usual exposition story—"very successful in every respect save that of finance."

The greatest care of Minister Wu is what to do With his handsome cu, When touring, the rag to chu.

Siam is to send a prince to visit us. If the potentates are not less promiscuous they will make royalty a drug on the American market.

We'll never have an ideal Memorial Day until all the orations are carefully edited by a man of common sense and good judgement.

The House has thrown its usual election year sop to the temperance voters by voting to abolish the sale of liquor in the Capitol building.

One man is said to have made a million dollars in the May corner in oats in the Chicago board of trade. We take it that he feels his oats.

The scientists may fall down in trying to predict volcanic eruptions, but no mistake is ever made in predicting political eruptions. The country is now preparing for one.

The Senatorial wind-jammers at last talked themselves out and passed the Philippine bill. If they are wise they won't turn so much wind on the canal bill.

St. Louis is doubtless corrupt—all large cities, and many small ones are—but it will take more than one grand jury report to compel acceptance of the charge that it is the most corrupt city on earth.

Ambassador Choate doesn't appear to have caught any of the numerous coronation fool-fads that have caused other Americans in London to make monkeys of themselves.

Maj. Berthelot, a member of the French Rochambeau Commission, who slipped on a polished floor, at the Boston navy yard, and broke his leg, is doubtless inclined to think that things can easily be slicked up too much when preparing to entertain foreign visitors.

It seems that even doctors do not always know what to eat. A number of the guests at a banquet given in honor of Surgeon General and Mrs. Sternberg, by army surgeons, were violently sick for several days afterward.

Brigadier General Leonard Wood is still on good terms with Dame Fortune. It is understood that he will be made a major general in July, when there will be two vacancies in that rank.

Senator Depew said, in an address to a class of law graduates,

on the subject of marriage: "The meanest piece of cowardice is to take to the altar a young woman and expect her to bear one-half the expenses of keeping up the household establishment. When you can pay it all, wade right in."

The sacred precincts of the Huggins school house is now being frequented by Methodists, Baptist and Presbyterian—Methodists to get up the fire; Presbyterians to keep things from getting too hot, and Baptists with water on hand in case of too much fire. The house has been nicely ceiled and other improvements made. A very attentive congregation always greets us with many expressions of their appreciation of our ministerial service. The Lord does not forget these people in the dispensation of His rich blessings. Religious services seem to hold a high place in their estimation of what it takes to make life both pleasant and profitable. They are a "church going" people. After enjoying the morning services, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stepp and Rev. B. P. Jackson, we found our way to the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Foster, where the already delightful entertainment is increased by the presence of Mrs. Wilkinson, governess of Mr. Foster's home. The hours passed away all too quick when, a homeward march became necessary. Good showers visited that section of the county last Saturday evening and greatly refreshed the young crops. Don't ask Mr. Foster how many bushels of wheat he is going to make; he had rather tell you how many he sowed last Fall.

FROM COLUMBUS TO COYDON.

Interesting Account of a Trip from the Land of the Sky to the Land of Ice and Snow.

DEAR FRIENDS: When I left Columbus I promised myself that as soon as I arrived at home I would send back a word of greeting to my friends in Columbus. I have not forgotten the promise, although I have been at home two weeks. My trip was a most delightful one. May is certainly a perfect month all over this beautiful land of ours. Nature is a wonderful dressmaker, and she had been doing her best for every city and hamlet through which I passed.

The Exposition was all and more than we expected to find it, and Charleston of great interest to us all. Our glimpse of Old Ocean would have paid us for the trip if we had not had dear old historic Charleston besides.

To be sure we spent a good deal of time hunting a good restaurant and some of our party came very near sending to Columbus for biscuit, but a happier, jollier crowd did not strike Charleston I know.

I found Washington the most beautiful city I had ever seen; with her broad avenue and dignified, substantial air. Congress was in session and I considered it a great privilege to see the mighty law making body, of these United States at work.

The President did not ask me to dine with him, but I sat in the famous East room at the White House and tried to imagine the mighty concourse of people that had passed through there from the time of Jefferson to the present.

A day at Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington was one of the pleasantest spent in Washington. A simple, quiet yet withal aristocratic home on the Potomac. The very air seemed sacred to the memory of one we all love. I was interested in the fact that North Carolina keeps up one of the rooms there.

Philadelphia was also full of interest. Being our first Capitol, it was there that Washington held the reign of power. Independence Hall, where the "Declaration of Independence" was signed, was of great interest to me. There was the old banquet hall, where a banquet was given to celebrate the repeal of the Stamp Act and the "wampum" delivered to Penn by the Indians in that memorable treaty which was never broken, made in 1682.

When I left Philadelphia I felt that my face was turned to the West and home.

Pittsburg is, as you all know, the dirtiest city in the United States. The air is so full of coal gas that you feel every breath you draw,

and every day I spent there I longed for a breath of our mountain air and a bit of our clear blue sky.

A short stay in Ohio and a week in Chicago completed my trip.

Chicago, the Emporium of the West, is all rush and hurry; typical of over active Western life, yet I like to see Chicago with her two millions of busy, active people.

MKY F. McLANAHAN,
Corydon, Iowa, June 6th, 1902.

PROGRAMME

Of the Green River Circuit Sunday School and Epworth League Conference and Missionary Institute.

AT BETHLEHEM JULY 12, 13th

Saturday Morning Session.

9 a. m. Opening services.

9:10 Organization.

9:15 Who should attend the Sunday School? Jno. Powell, Mrs. M. S. Walker, Garner Edwards, followed by open discussion.

9:40 How to secure and keep the masses in the Sunday School, Misses Sallie Carpenter and Ora Jackson, D. M. Arrowood.

10:00 Should the Sunday School ever go into winter quarters, if not, why not? Miss Maggie Hague, Rev. E. C. Noblett, Ben Arrowood and Elias Edwards.

10:15 The best method of taking collections in the Sunday School. Mrs. J. Powell, T. M. Cato, etc.

10:30 The importance of a thorough study of the lesson. Mrs. Jno. Mitchel, Mrs. Mary G. Perry and Sam Edwards.

10:50 How to teach so as to secure the best practicable results, T. M. Cato and Rev. W. Womack.

11:10 The importance of every Sunday School being organized into a missionary society. Elias Edwards, J. Powell and S. W. Harris, etc.

11:30 The benefits of the Sunday school and its great object. Rev. W. L. Grissom, D. D. of Greensboro and W. H. Perry.

12:00 m Intermission and dinner.

1:00 p. m. Can an Epworth League be run successfully in the county? If so, how? Mrs. Eli Shields, T. M. Cato, Miss Ora Jackson and Rev. H. Powell.

1:30 What has been accomplished by missions? Mrs. Mary G. Perry, John Mitchel, etc.

1:50 The present need of world wide missionary effort. Eh Shields, T. M. Mills and Rev. Womack.

2:15 Our duty to go or send. J. E. Prince, S. W. Harris and Joe Waldrop.

2:40 Various reasons as a ground for missionary effort. Ben Arrowood, Revs. Noblett and Perry.

3:00 The ability of the people to give to missions, and methods by which this may be done. Revs. Grissom and Perry.

3:30 How can we raise the missionary collections in full on the Green River circuit? T. M. Cato, John Powell, Garner Edwards, Mrs. Hamilton and Sam Edwards.

4:00 Missionary prayer meeting, led by Mess. Cato, Womack and Noblett. Adjournment at will.

Sunday Morning.

9:30 a. m. sharp, Sunday school.

10:30 The organization of a Sunday school missionary society.

11:00 Preaching by Rev. Grissom. Theme: "Christ the Saviour of the World."

Everybody is most cordially invited to attend, and participate in the exercises who can do so. This includes you, Mr. Editor, and all others who feel disposed to come.

Let everybody plan, pray and work for a most successful meeting.

Very Truly Yours,

W. H. PERRY, Pastor.

MELVIN HILL.

N. B. Hampton, Esq., of Columbus, was in town Saturday. Come again Mr. Hampton.

G. A. Branscom was in Spartan-

burg on business, last Friday.

Misses Mary and Lizzie Barnett, of Collinsville, were brief visitors in this place Sunday, the guests of their friend, Miss Bertha Wassom.

Rev. G. A. Branscom of this village, conducted services at Rutherfordton, last Sunday.

Thomas Cantrell had an exciting experience during Saturday's storm. A spirited team of mules he was driving, became frightened at the terrific wind and hail, and began to tear things loose generally. Mr. Cantrell, however, finally regained control of his team, but not until they had done considerable damage. Luckily Mr. Cantrell escaped serious injury, and except for a few slight bruises, and a general shaking up, is none the worse for his rough experience.

Attention Democrats!

A convention of the democrats of Polk county is hereby called to meet at Columbus, N. C., on the 7th day (1st Monday) of July, 1902 at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State, Congressional and Senatorial conventions, and to attend to any other business that may properly come before the convention. The township chairmen are requested to hold township conventions on Saturday, July 5th, and appoint delegates to the county convention. June 9th, 1902.

W. M. JUSTICE,
Chm. Ex. Com.

Notice of Incorporation.

NORTH CAROLINA, } In Office Clerk
Polk County, } Superior Court.

Notice is hereby given of the filing of articles of incorporation of the Melvin Hill Manufacturing & Supply Company, that the names of the incorporators are Geo. A. Branscom, J. J. Wassom, S. E. Head, J. I. Branscom, Etta Branscom and J. M. Robb and such others as they may associate with them; that the firms place of business is in Melvin Hill, Polk county, North Carolina, and its general purpose is to conduct and carry on a general merchandise business from milling, cutting, finishing and manufacturing lumber of all kinds and to make sash, doors, blinds and to contract and build houses of any and all kinds, and to own and operate a cotton gin and cotton seed oil mill and corn mill, and to own, buy and sell real estate and to do any and all things necessary in the conduct of such business; that the duration of the corporation is thirty years. The capital stock is \$25,000.00 divided into 1,250 shares of par value of \$20.00 each.

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Account Christian Workers Assembly and Bible Conference, Montreat, N. C., July 20th-August 10-24th, 1902. Tickets on sale for Christian Workers Assembly July 17th-22nd, inclusive with final limit to return August 6th, and for Bible Conference, tickets on sale August 7th-12th, inclusive with final limit to return August 27th. From points within the state of North Carolina the rate will be one first class limited fare for the round trip minimum rate fifty cents from all other points not within the state of North Carolina the rate will be one and one third fare for the round trip not to exceed the Summer Excursion rates. Round trip rate from Asheville will be fifty cents.

Account Biennial Meeting Knight of Pythias, San Francisco, August 11-22nd, 1902. Tickets on sale August 1-7th, with final limit to return September 30. The round trip rate from Asheville for this occasion will be \$64.15 going and returning via same route and round trip rate through Portland will be \$75.15. These tickets can be purchased either to San Francisco or Los Angeles. In addition to the above rates a fee of fifty cents will be charged by Joint Agent at the time your ticket is validated to be made good for the return trip.

Account Society of American Florist and Ornamental Horticulturalists, Asheville, August 19-22, 1902. One first class limited fare for the round trip, minimum rate fifty cents. Tickets on sale August 17-19th final limit August 25th.

Account North Carolina Teachers Assembly, Morehead City, June 10-16th, inclusive. Tickets on sale June 7-14th, inclusive with final limit 30 days from date of sale and the rate of one first class limited fare for the round trip plus membership fee \$2.00 will apply. Round trip rate from Asheville including membership fee \$15.55. Upon application to conductor, stop-overs will be allowed at University, Raleigh and Greensboro in either direction for those desiring to attend the Summer School at Chapel Hill, Wake Forest and Greensboro.

Call on ticket agents for further information or address,

F. R. DARBY, C. P. & T. A.

Asheville, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Submitting to the request of many of my friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, subject to the Republican convention, which is to be held at Columbus in the near future.

Very Respectfully,

W. F. SWANN.

JUSTICE & MORRIS,

Attorneys-at-Law

Justice of Rutherfordton and Morris of Columbus.

Office in G. C. Justice's old office on Main St., Columbus, N. C.

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