

Commencement Exercises.

Last week marked the close of the seventh year in the history of the Appalachian Training School. On Monday evening the Senior Class held its annual reception in the auditorium of the Administration Building.

The annual address was delivered on Wednesday evening by Hon. T. W. Bickett, our present Attorney General. Mr. Bickett made a very eloquent and instructive speech, touching on matters of vital concern.

Machinery capable of pumping 4,200,000 gallons of water daily is at work at Mt. Holly. Water trains are now in transit. Four trains of oil tank cars unloaded before midnight on the 30th, 285,000 gallons of water.

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At 2:30 the class exercises were held, and the programme was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd.

At 8:30 in the evening the annual Alumni Banquet was held in the dining room of Newland Hall. Covers were laid for seventy; many alumni coming from distant sections of the State.

The Charlotte Observer says that the Southern cotton mills have been complaining about the high price of cotton, but recent rains have done much to destroy the foundation for that complaint.

Much graininess is felt, and complaints are heard, on every side, concerning the weather, and lack of rain. The "unfortunate wreck" man, finds it difficult to keep his equilibrium, when everything fails to work smoothly.

There is a social scourge more blighting and more destructive of family life than Mormonism. It is the fearfully increasing number of divorce mills throughout the United States.

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The Interurban Edition of the Charlotte Observer is a mammoth affair. It contains one hundred pages of choice reading matter, telling the story of the present condition and possibilities of the territory between Greenwood S. C. and Durham, N. C.

In a frightful wreck on the Seaboard Air Line last Thursday at Hamlet, N. C. fifty were injured and taken to Charlotte and placed in the good Samaritan Hospital.

The biggest thing that has happened in North Carolina in this century, is the fact that every one of the working days that the sun has gone down, during the past ten years, its rays have fallen on a new school house.

Mr. H. F. Cary general passenger agent, for the Southern Railway says that his Co. has carried forty per cent more passengers, into the mountains of Western North Carolina than ever before.

The little fishes and what large ones left in the streams in this section are having a hard time of it this season. The streams are nearly all dry and the holes containing water are being "muddied," silted and "grabbed" every day.

The water supply at Charlotte, owing to the fearful drought, has been cut off for an indefinite period. Irwin's creek, from which the city is supplied is now a trickling stream.

A Virginia Representative has introduced a bill in Congress appropriating \$300,000 for the purchase of Jamestown Island, Virginia, and to convert it into a national park to preserve the sight of the first English settlement in America.

Mrs. J. F. England of Lenoir, who is well known in Boone, was thrown from her buggy on last Friday and badly hurt. She has been in a serious condition but the News states that she is now improving.

Immigrants from cholera infested districts of Italy, have been arriving in N. Y. in large numbers. A strict quarantine is being maintained.

Barium Springs Orphanage, realized \$1,025. This together with \$1.00 recently given by a friend in the cotton belt, comes a timely help to these fatherless ones, these hard times.

The chamber of commerce of Hickory N. C. has raised \$200,000 as a fund to guarantee the location of factories there. They have surely gone after them in the way to get them.

That grand old man, Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald of Nashville, Tenn. was stricken with heart trouble last week, and is seriously ill at his home.

An inventory of the estate of Mark Twain left property to the amount of \$471,135. The estate goes to his only surviving child.

It is estimated by the State Board of Agriculture that the 1911, will be immense. Something like seventy odd millions of bushels may be expected.

Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition.

The residence of Mr. I. A. Forrester of Wilkesboro, was destroyed by fire last Friday. Loss 4000, insurance 800.

Foley's Kidney Remedy is particularly recommended for chronic cases of kidney and bladder trouble. It tends to regulate and control the kidney and bladder action and is healing, strengthening and bracing.

There are 140,000 acres of idle land in Catawba Co. Wouldn't it be fine, if good crops were growing on this vacant land?

Children Cry FOR FLEISHER'S CASTORIA

A Foolish Drought.

The drought of the spring and summer of 1911 had some peculiar characteristics. It was not of the "burned" sort. In spots cotton was dwarfed and prematurely in blossom, while corn went to tassle in the stubble stage.

Never leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed and cannot be obtained when on board the cars or steam ships.

Entry Notice No. 2,508.

State of North Carolina Watauga Co. Office of Entry taker for said county.

John W. Gragg locates and enters 300 acres of land, on the waters of Johns River, in Blowing Rock and Watauga townships, beginning on a stone corner in the old Sims line.

H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed by J. E. Hodges and wife Edna Hodges to Loyd M. Norris, and duly recorded in Book "O," page 434 of the office of Register of Deeds for Watauga County.

NOTICE.

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by A. A. Gilliam and wife, Julia Gilliam, to L. D. Miller on March 29th, 1910, to secure the payment of the sum of \$125, and interest on the same from March 29th, default having been made in the payment of the principal or the interest on the same or any part of either.

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FOR THE YEAR 1911

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