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NEW POEM BY AUSTIN.

An Anglo-American Alliance is the Laureate's Theme. New York, Jan. 1 - The following poem appeared in the Independent, "dedicated with warmest sympathy to the American people, by Alfred Austin, poet laureate of England:

Who say we cherish far-off feud, Still nurse the ancient grudges? Show me the title of this brood...

NOTICE.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the First National Bank of Morganton, N. C., will be held in the office of the bank Tuesday, January 14, 1902, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Wood's Seeds BEST FOR THE SOUTH. SEED POTATOES. ONE OF OUR LEADING SPECIALTIES.

Wood's Descriptive Catalogue for 1902 gives reliable, practical, up-to-date information about all seeds, giving not only descriptions, but the best crops and most successful ways of growing different crops.

To A. E. Hatchins, Esq. You will take notice that on the 4th day of March, 1901, the undersigned reclaimed from Manly McDowell...

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FIRE INSURANCE. We write Fire Insurance policies on all kinds of property in the largest home and foreign companies.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

As Told by the Papers in the Neighboring Counties.

CATAWBA. The Cherry Tree Trial Did Not Come Off - Child Borne to Death - Horse Stolen - Negroes Give Trouble at Conover - Other News.

Mr. M. M. Cline recently killed a 15 months old pig of his fine Berkshire stock that weighed 461 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coulter are again bereaved by the death of a lovely boy. He was 16 months old and died Monday of tuberculosis.

Mr. David Hoke, one of the oldest men of Cline's township, died last Thursday, November 26th. He was about 80 years old.

There was a double wedding at St. Paul's church Tuesday, Dec. 31st, Rev. F. K. Roof officiating.

The creeks all overflowed their banks again by the 48 hour rain storm that ended Monday morning and the damage to farming lands by washing is very serious in the county.

Last Friday night a large sorrel horse was stolen from the stable of Mr. Noah Huit, near Claremont. The horse was found near Hickory Tuesday, and sent to Mr. Huit.

The town officers of Conover had a lively time Christmas day with the negroes. Two women were arrested for violating town ordinances.

HOW THIS? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Cataract that cannot be cured by Hall's Cataract Cure.

CLEVELAND.

Ed McKinney Captured - Old Maids' Convention - Death of E. J. Lovelace - Married - The Shelby Postoffice Fight.

Mr. A. R. Beam died last Friday at his home near Waco of pneumonia.

The Christmas Trees at Kadesh, Fallston, Londale, Double Shoals and Waco were greatly enjoyed and the hearts of all the children were made glad.

At five o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's father Mr. L. D. Webb, Mr. B. B. Suttle and Miss Fannie Webb were united in holy wedlock.

Mr. D. A. Beam, of Double Shoals, and Miss Lizzie Lee Elliott, of Polkville, were happily married last Thursday at the residence of the bride's father, J. C. Elliott, Esq., Rev. A. P. Hollifield officiating.

The Shelby postoffice fight is at a stand still. Only two or three of the aspirants seem to expect to get it, hence the disappointment will not be as widespread.

Mr. Nathan Black led to the hymenal altar yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Miss Zeldu Sullivan, one of Shelby's attractive young ladies, and Rev. Thos. Dixon performed the ceremony that blended their lives in an indissoluble union.

Mr. Edmond J. Lovelace, one of Shelby's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, and was buried on the following day.

Ed McKinney, colored the slayer of Ike Lockhart, colored, has been captured in Covington, Va., and Sheriff Turner, of that place, will bring him here next week.

Another Methodist Preacher Gives Up His Appointment. Statesville Landmark.

THOUSANDS SENT INTO EXILE. Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate.

CALDWELL.

Death of Mr. Wesley Shell and Mrs. W. P. Boughman - Married - Other News.

Mrs. T. A. Clarke had the misfortune to fall and break one of her ribs yesterday.

The Presbyterian congregation held their annual New Year reception at the manse Wednesday night.

Married by Rev. W. R. Cottrell, Wednesday night, at his residence in this county, Mr. William Smith, of Wilkes to Miss Cynthia Kirby, of Caldwell.

Mr. Wesley Shell died Christmas day and was buried last Friday at Little John's church.

Miss Mabel Haynes spent a day or so in Asheville last week.

Miss May McDowell, who is teaching near Asheville, spent Christmas with Miss Nimocks.

Mr. J. A. Tillinghast came home for Christmas. He will return to Cornell University next Monday.

Work has begun on clearing a strip of woodland west of Vine Hill. This hill is one of the best fields on the farm, hence we want to increase the acreage.

Two Items from Lincolnton. Lincolnton Journal, Jan. 3rd.

There seems to be quite an epidemic of mumps in town just at present.

McDOWELL.

A Peddler Found Dead in Mitchell - Other News.

Miss Anna Sinclair, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her parents, Col. and Mrs. P. J. Sinclair.

Sergeant McGuire reports that 8-100 of an inch more rain fell in December than in last May, when the freshest occurred.

Andrew Bowman, of Mitchell county, was in town Saturday and reported the finding of the body of a peddler, known as "John," on Iron Mountain, near the Tennessee line.

The Methodists. Of about twenty seven and one-half million of religious communicants in the United States, nearly six millions are Methodists, divided between seventeen different bodies bearing the Methodist name.

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Capt. S. B. Alexander a Candidate for the Senate. Charlotte Observer, 1st.

In an interview with an Observer reporter last night, Hon. S. B. Alexander stated that he would be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Pritchard.

STEAMER SUNK AT SEA.

Probably Twenty Lives Lost as the Result of a Collision. San Francisco Dispatch, 3rd.

A collision at sea, early Thursday morning, between the steamship Walla Walla and an unknown sailing vessel, resulted in the sinking of the steamship and probable loss of at least 20 lives.

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Journalism in South Carolina. Knoxville, Tenn., Sentinel.

A South Carolina editor printed an item to the effect that there were some "gossipy women in his town who sneaked around and lied and slandered the innocent."

Cow's Tongues Bitten Off by a Horse. Lancaster, S. C., Ledger.

Two cows belonging to Mr. A. M. Blackmon, of the Antioch section, lost part of their tongues in a singular manner last Thursday night.

Mr. Craig Asked to Speak Before Congress. Asheville Citizen.

Hon. Locke Craig has been asked to deliver the speech before Congress when the bill asking Congress for an appropriation for the celebration commemorating the landing of Sir Walter Raleigh colony on Roanoke Island will be taken up in committee.

The South Carolina Rum Mill.

Charlotte Observer, 4th.

The annual report of the South Carolina State board of directors of the dispensary for the year ended November 30th, last, was made public Wednesday night and is found in The Columbia State of yesterday. The report is to the Governor and to the General Assembly, and the statistical part of it is embraced in these paragraphs:

The net profit (to the State) for account of the school fund is \$120,972.25. The net profits that have accrued to the counties and towns, divided equally, are \$424,235.87, which makes total net profit of \$545,248.12 for the year, on account of the school fund and towns and counties.

This was a land office business, for \$1,000 will buy a power of booze, and yet the dispensary board has its little complaint to make, for its report goes on: "We are gratified to be able to show such a high percentage of net profits on the business done, especially as the price of liquors has been very high on account of the high rate of grain, while we have not made any advance in the price to the consumer."

Here is another paragraph in which there are one or two pearls of thought:

The act approved February 19, 1900, forbids us to make more than 10 per cent profit on account of the school fund, and the past year we have made an account in round figures 6 per cent, which leaves only a very small margin with which to run the business, and while it is true that the school fund is considerable, amounting at present to \$61,354.37, it is available very slowly for payment to the schools, as that is our only working capital.

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