

Fearful of the effects of a northern winter, the relatives of Ira D. Sankey, the famous gospel singer, are preparing to bring him south in the hope that his life may be prolonged. The New York World says: "The day of the sweet singer who has stirred multitudes in many lands is practically done. I have just had a letter from mother, says Mr. I. Allen Sankey, of No. 369 Park place, Brooklyn, son of the singer, yesterday, and we have decided to send father south. We hope that the warmer breezes may preserve him to us. He is now up-state, just where I do not care to have published, because he is so sensitive. We have had hopes that his eyes would improve, but I may now say that he is totally blind and will never see again." In his decline Mr. Sankey is still the sweet soul of the old days when he was with Moody, but the knowledge that he is blind forever bears hard on him. He who sang in front of thousands now shrinks from the presence of sympathetic friends. In seclusion he spends his days waiting his end. Once in a while in the evening the wandering rustic hears again the song of the "Ninety and Nine," the famous hymn that has infused spiritual life into many vast assemblies. It is Sankey singing his old favorite. Then the venerable singer seems to forget his blindness. He has, as it were, retired within himself, living over again in memory the splendid scenes of his prime. "Father does not complain," said the son, "but he has grown very sensitive and retiring in his misfortune."

The State election board, composed of R. T. Claywell, Morganton; W. G. Lamb, Williamson, and A. B. Freeman, Hendersonville, the last named a Republican, met in Raleigh this week and elected a State canvassing board of four members who will meet in Raleigh December 1st to canvass the election returns. Those elected were Lamb, Claywell and Lewellen, of Surry, Democrats, and Clarence Call, of Wilkes, Republican. If there is any contest before this board between Newland and Blackburn the latter will get cold comfort, for the lone Republican member is fiercely anti-Blackburn. —Statesville Landmark, 18th.

Mr. Frank D. Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, is a candidate for re-election to the Chief Clerkship of the lower house of the General Assembly, and his thorough familiarity with the work, his fine business capacity and his kind, courteous manners with all assure for him the support of the next House. This writer was associated with Mr. Hackett in the last House and does not believe there is a better fitted man in the State for the position of Chief Clerk. He is a fine lawyer, a high-toned Christian gentleman and one of the best, most systematic business men within the bounds of our acquaintance.

Col. Breckinridge Dead. Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy a few days ago, died Saturday night at his home at Lexington, Ky. Col. Breckinridge was born in Lexington August 28, 1837. He was noted as a lawyer and orator and served five terms in Congress. During his last term he became involved in a scandal with a woman and his usefulness as a public man was destroyed.

NOT A SICK DAY SINCE. "I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what B. P. Bass, of Fremont, N. C., writes. Only 50c, at John Tull and W. A. Leslie's, Druggists.

For Over Sixty Years. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children, while teaching with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" and take no other kind.

War News in a Nutshell. General Stoessel sent word to the Czar that he could hold Port Arthur for several months longer. The Japanese report that they have blown up another Russian arsenal at Port Arthur. It was reported in St. Petersburg that four Argentine warships have been bought by the Russian Government and that they will join the Baltic squadron. It was rumored that the Japanese intended sinking a Russian warship in the Suez canal, to block the canal. General Sakharoff reported repulsing the Japs below Mukden. It was reported that Chinese bands under the Japanese officers were trying to cut the Siberian railway. Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of Mississippi, who has just returned from Japan, says: "The Japanese have lost more than forty thousand men in the effort to capture Port Arthur. They cremate the bodies of the dead. When I left Japan all the military hospitals were filled to overflowing, with from forty to fifty thousand wounded. "The Japanese are able to put a million soldiers in the field, but the financial burden would be enormous. Business interests are suffering keenly and the conservative element is praying for peace." The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Restoropy has been blown up by her commander in the harbor of Chefoo after having eluded the blockade of Port Arthur and insisted on filing dispatches through General Stoessel to St. Petersburg. It is presumed that she was destroyed in order to prevent the Japanese from cutting her out as they did Ryshitelny. Advice from St. Petersburg, says the dispatches filed by the commander at Chefoo have reached there, but their character has not been divulged. It is surmised from the fact that a desperate trip was made from Port Arthur and exposed to a large risk of destruction or capture, that the dispatches she bore are of great importance. Interviews with the Restoropy's officers give optimistic accounts of the conditions at Port Arthur. No advice of importance have been received from the armies facing each other along the Shakh river.

A GOOD COMPLEXION. "Sparkling eyes and rosy cheeks restored by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers," so writes S. P. Moore, of Nacogdoches, Tex. A certain cure for biliousness, constipation, etc. Small pill—easy to take—easy to act. Sold by W. A. Leslie, druggist.

A Serious Fire in Asheville. Asheville Dispatch, 20th. Fire broke out in the Candy Kitchen of the Theobald Candy Company, at 10:20 tonight, did damage to the extent of about \$80,000. The flames were practically extinguished shortly after midnight.

The principal losers are the Theobald Candy Company, building and stock destroyed; the Asheville Music Company and Bender's hair dressing establishment. The roof of the building of the Asheville Citizen, a morning newspaper, caught fire twice, but was saved.

The scene of the fire was in the heart of the business section of the city, being located on Patton avenue, about a block from court square. The losses are partially covered by insurance. It is not known how the fire originated.

DOESN'T RESPECT OLD AGE. It's shameful when you fail to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect Pill. 25c, at John Tull and W. A. Leslie's drug stores.

HOW WE CATCH A COLD. A cold is sometimes contracted while remaining inactive for a while in an uncomfortable room or a cold draft and by falling to sleep under like conditions. But most colds are caught while sleeping too cold at night. Deep sleep causes sluggish circulation which renders the system susceptible to change of temperature. To prevent colds, sleep under plenty of cover. To cure colds use Rydals Elixir, it lessens the severity and shortens the duration of a cold and prevents Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Consumption. W. A. Leslie.

FOR SALE.—Thoroughbred Essex and Yorkshire, also grade Pigs; also, for cash or time, a pair each of horses and mules, in pairs or single. J. E. COULTER, Connelly Springs, N. C.

WANTED.—20 or 25 men for general work. Some will be employed on rough house work. No tools required. Apply to WILSON CREEK LUMBER COMPANY, Houk, Caldwell Co., N. C.

To The Bright Girls of the County. The expenses for one year at a leading Southern college will be paid for a bright, worthy girl of Burke county, N. C., who will secure for me one hundred and fifteen subscribers to my book, "LEE AND LONGSTREET AT HIGH TIDE." The college expenses include board, books, tuition, laundry and incidentals. For the double purpose of giving the people the truth of our civil war history, and of extending a helping hand to the struggling ambitious girl of the county, I am pleased to place a year at college within reach of a girl of this county who desires an education earnestly enough to exert herself a little. Should the girl availing herself of this opportunity prove particularly deserving, I pledge myself to the endeavor to open the way for her to complete the college course. The girl who is interested in this offer should communicate with me at once, and her communication should be accompanied by the endorsement of her county School Commissioner, the editor of this paper and the teacher of the last school she attended. I would be glad to communicate with every ambitious girl in this county who is struggling to educate herself. MRS. JAMES LONGSTREET, Gainesville, Ga.

"Lee and Longstreet at High Tide." Exchange. The people of this country will refuse to be prejudiced against Mrs. Longstreet's book on the life of the "War Horse" of the confederacy, by the suggestion that it is written in a spirit of friendliness to the north. Mrs. Longstreet was born in the American Union, after the Confederate struggle had become the "Lost Cause" of American history. She evidently has never known what it was to hate anything American. It was high patriotism, worthy of the opening days of a new century, that prompted a young woman of the new south to invite a valorous Union officer to write the introduction to the biography of a dead adversary. The opening words of General Sickles introduction to "Lee and Longstreet at High Tide" happily silence all criticism: "If it be thought strange that I should write a preface to the memoir of a conspicuous adversary, I reply that the civil war is only a memory, its asperities are forgotten, both armies were American, old army friendships have been renewed, and new army friendships have been formed among the combatants, the truth of history is dear to all of us and the amenities of chivalrous manhood are cherished alike by the north and south, when justice to either is involved." Sickles is one of the most famous of the surviving Union officers of the civil war. He has been prominent in Democratic politics in New York since the war, and has suffered much in consequence. The south will not fall out with Mrs. Longstreet for defending the great name she bears, now that the stout warrior is dead and cannot answer his accusers; a magnanimous people will honor her for it.

THANKSGIVING. A Boy's Thanksgiving Menu. No real Thanksgiving dinner would be complete without pie; indeed, it is said that a certain eight-year-old lad, on being asked to write out what he considered a good bill of fare, offered this: First Course Mince Pie Second Course (skin Pie and Turkey) Third Course Cranberries Fourth Course Custard Pie, Apple Pie, Mince Pie, Chocolate Cake, Ice Cream, Plum Pudding, Dessert Pie. Our Turkey Crop. The turkey crop of the United States finds its first important market at Thanksgiving, when, according to a reliable estimate, about 6,000,000 of the birds are sold. It is raised in small lots all over the country, each farmer contributing a few. This crop of 6,000,000 Thanksgiving turkeys, if all of them were marching in single file, would stretch from Boston to San Francisco and as far as Denver on the return journey.

A Happy Mayor. The mayor of Henderson, Kentucky, in issuing his proclamation for Thanksgiving, cites several facts which bear directly on his city, the most important being found in this paragraph from his message: "Dearly beloved, let us play upon a harp of a thousand strings and sing a new song of praise, and give thanks un-

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FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS! GRANT DALE NEAR THE HOSPITAL. Has license to sell fireworks outside the town limits and has a large stock of FIRECRACKERS, CANNON CRACKERS, SKY ROCKETS. And various other things in the fireworks line. Call on him for your Christmas supply before the stock is all sold. Prices reasonable.

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to the Lord for the most charming crop of beautiful babes ever born in the old town since creation dawned and the morning stars sang together. Sweet, dainty, darling ones, like sunbeams in shady places, kick up your little heels and make of earth a heaven."

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest. 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c in stamps and it will be forwarded post-paid by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

A Love Affair and Suicide. Asheville Dispatch, 20th. John O. Grimes, a well known young man of this city, employed as bookkeeper in the nursery department of the Vanderbilt estate at Biltmore, committed suicide this morning between 10 and 11 o'clock by taking poison and then plunging into the river. It is said that a love affair is responsible. Physicians say the poison caused instant death.

"I was troubled with constipation and stomach troubles, lost flesh, my complexion was ruined; Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea brought back my health and complexion." —Mary Allen, St. Louis, 35 cents. W. A. Leslie.

The Prescription Pharmacy. If we fill your prescriptions you can be certain they are rightly filled and your physician will be pleased with the results. We make a specialty of prescription work and are equipped to give ideal service. Prices always reasonable and alike to all. JOHN TULL. MORTGAGE SALE. By virtue of a mortgage deed executed on the 5th day of March, 1895, by John A. Britt and wife, M. L. Brittain, to Annie Snipes, to secure the payment of a note for fifty dollars of even date with said mortgage, and due on the 5th day of March, 1896, said note and mortgage transferred to Amos Strop, and by him to Joseph Roper, and by Roper to the undersigned, I will on Saturday, the 19th day of November, 1904, at 12 o'clock in the afternoon, sell to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Morganton, N. C., the following described real estate, to-wit: Adjoining lands of A. N. Dale and others, bounded as follows: Beginning on a pine and post-oak and corner near Salem church, and runs south 132 poles to a stake in old line; then with old line east 93 poles to the beginning, containing 118 acres, more or less, being the land purchased from R. K. Presnell, excepting out of the above boundary 75 acres sold to Joseph Roper. Said sale made by reason of default in the payment of said note and interest. Terms of sale cash. This Oct. 19th, 1904. G. F. BRATTAIN, Assignee.

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Water Works Notice! The Morganton Water Works Company respectfully call the attention of their customers to the danger of freezing, which attends all exposed water pipes in winter. Each private line should have a drip cock located at the lowest point of the supply pipe and well below the frost line. Whenever a freeze is threatened (and no chances should be taken) this cock should be given a quarter turn, which will cut off the water from the street and at the same time allow the contents of the service pipe to escape. A spigot in the house should be opened to admit air in order to entirely empty the pipe. This is a very important matter, as frozen water pipes cause great inconvenience and frequent loss. Any special information or assistance will be gladly furnished by any employee of the company. MORGANTON WATER WORKS COMPANY.

NOTICE! W. A. Moses enters and locates 640 acres of land in Morganton township, Burke county, on the waters of Hunting creek, tributary of Catawba river, adjoining the lands of W. G. Hogan, Hennessie lands, Mrs. Moses and others. Beginning on a rock corner Hogan, Hennessie lands, Mrs. Moses, near a house on top of the hill east of the creek, and runs various courses and distances for commitments so as to include vacant land. Entered Oct. 17th, 1904. Any person or persons claiming the above entry or any part thereof will file their protest against the issuance of a warrant for the same in the Entry Taker's office, and if said protest is not filed within 30 days from the date of this notice, I shall issue a warrant for the same as the law directs. This Oct. 17th, 1904. J. F. BATTLE, Entry Taker.

Bank of Morganton OPENED FOR BUSINESS September 1st, 1904. John A. Dickson, President. Jos. Ernest Erwin, Vice-President. W. E. Walton, Cashier. S. M. SLOAN, Teller. Board of Directors: J. A. Dickson, J. E. Erwin, W. E. Walton, W. B. Berry, I. P. Jeter, F. M. Scroggins, C. A. Spencer, F. P. Tate, W. A. Leslie, J. H. Hoffman, Geo. I. White, T. R. Glass. CAPITAL STOCK \$15000.00. We return thanks to the public and our friends for the liberal patronage and encouragement given us. Let us add your name to the list.

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Graded School Tax Notice. The graded school tax for 1904 is now past due, and those owing this tax are expected to pay same at once. The trustees of the school are pushing me for the tax for school expenses and I must collect. The books will be found at the Sheriff's office. F. C. BERRY, Graded School Tax Collector. HOLLISTER'S Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets. A Busy Medicine for Busy People. Brings Golden Health and Boundless Vigor. A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Loss of Brains, Headaches, Pimples, Eczema, Itching, Rheumatism, Bad Breath, Shagreened Skin, and Backache. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in solid form, in cents a box. Genuine. Sold by Druggists Everywhere. GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE. Our prescription business grows greater all the time at Tull's.