

# The Courier.

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The Carthage Blade says that the Carthage Furniture Company is prospering and is next in importance as a manufacturing enterprise to the Tyson & Jones Buggy Co. The factory employs 35 hands and the output for the current year was about \$1,000 for each employee, or about \$35,000 in all. Asheville has a furniture factory which is doing much for the town. We need no other furniture factory and our enterprising citizens should store it up with the new year. It can be done and should be done. Who will undertake it? It should be a good business man.

The great increase in the negro population of the northern cities within the last few years has created a change in the northern mind. The awful crimes of negroes in the north are startling the people in communities where negroes have gathered. We read almost daily in the New York and Philadelphia papers of brutal crimes. The old conservative Philadelphia Press in giving an account of a young negro being assaulted on a white girl hints at lynching as a remedy for the terror created by negro thugs.

With this issue the Courier passes another milestone. They say that with its pleasure—its 25th anniversary. We thank our friends for their patronage and their help in making the paper what it is. In 1904 we ushered us into the 25th year of our existence. In honoring the year we would enter a plea for the good wishes to our friends, hoping it will be the happiest and most profitable to them.

Each member of the Medical Association has agreed to take one or more persons having a desire to learn nursing and give instructions in the art of nursing the sick. The secretary of the association is to keep a list of such persons and the price at which the same can be obtained. It is believed that at least five to seven dollars a week.

The Progressive Farmer has grown in usefulness and popularity under the editorship of Mr. C. H. Poir. He has been reorganized and strengthened. Mr. Poir has been retained as editor. He will be assisted by one or more of the printers in the A. & M. College. This paper is to be made a great Southern agricultural weekly. It is a national paper to one in any section.

Two weeks ago Patrick Collins was elected mayor of Boston by 25,000 majority. A negro was placed on the republican municipal ticket for street commissioner. This action of the republicans raised the color line and the democrats went in by the largest majority in years.

It will be a long time before representation in Congress will be reduced in the Southern States because of the regulation of suffrage by the States. There will be a great fight in Congress and a contest in the courts before the South's representation is cut down.

There was almost a serious fire in Carthage, N. C., last week. The faithful and vigilant night watchman discovered the fire and quickly extinguished it. This reminds us that Asheville should have a night policeman.

It is said that if J. D. Beck-felver were to give away \$100,000 a day and live twenty-five years yet, he couldn't give his fortune away but he would be able to make all his heirs as rich as any one has a right to be.

Spencer Blackburn is reported as saying that the fact that Judge Robinson refused to eat with the negro Judson Lyons at Hanna's banquet will come up to haunt him yet.

**150 Pleasure-Seekers Dead.**  
A special from Chicago says that five broke out there in the Grosvenor theatre at the afternoon performance yesterday of the "Mr. Biscornu, Jr.," Co., originating by an electric wire breaking near the lower part of the drop scenery. The wire was grounded and the flames gushed through when 1,500 people were on one man, five hundred and fifty people are dead.

**Thanks.**  
Mr. Editor: We want to thank the good people of Farmer, N. C., through your columns for their assistance and kind deeds done in many our dwelling neighborhood.  
Mrs. and Mrs. H. C. NAYLOR.  
Farmers, N. C., Dec. 21st, 1904.

## ITEMS OF NEWS

**Governor Ashe's Special**  
Governor Ashe's special for Christmas is a Christmas tree.

**Two trains collided**  
Two trains collided at Grand Rapids, N. C., last Saturday and 17 persons killed and 31 injured.

**A fire at Burlington**  
A fire at Burlington last week destroyed the News office and 17 persons killed.

**North Carolina's leading**  
North Carolina's leading newspaper is the News and Observer.

**The trial of Col. Osborne**  
The trial of Col. Osborne against the News and Observer was held in the Superior Court last week and the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

**Jim Fleming and Blake's**  
Jim Fleming and Blake's are the leading lawyers in Asheville.

**It is our duty**  
It is our duty to support our country and our government.

**We have put our first class**  
We have put our first class in the service of our country.

**We are proud to be**  
We are proud to be a part of the great American people.

**January 1st, 1905.**

**Home Rule**  
Home rule is the right of a community to govern itself.

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## Entertainment

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## Franklin's Items

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## Diets of Paralysis

Mrs. Mary Smith Atwater, wife of Matthew Atwater, died at her home in Orange County, near Lenoir, N. C., on Dec. 21, 1904, and was buried in the cemetery at Lenoir, N. C.

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