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THE WEATHER. By Telegraph to The Gazette: Washington, Dec. 13.—North Carolina—rain; easterly winds; shifting southerly, warmer western portion. Georgia—Local showers, followed by fair; cooler Tuesday night; easterly winds, shifting westerly. Dr. H. J. Chapman, in charge of the government weather bureau at the Winyah, reported at 9 o'clock last night the following weather condition prevailing in Asheville: Maximum temperature for the day..... 44 Minimum temperature for the day..... 35 Average temperature for the day..... 41 Average relative humidity..... 83 Barometer at 9 p. m..... 27.73. Falling.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF. Dr. W. C. Bowman lectured at Marshall last night. Jack Campbell's little daughter Evelyn is on the sick list. A girl has been born to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hackney. A business session of Zeb Vance Democratic club was held last evening. There was a runaway on Water street last night with no serious results. Luther Bandy was brought before the police justice yesterday ed fined \$5.00 for having imbibed too freely. News has been received here of the death in Paris, Tenn., of Miss Lula McCambell, who for some years has been in Asheville. Bishop Dudley who was intending to leave to-day has received news which will postpone his departure for the present. The next attraction at the Grand opera house is Hoyt's new play "A stranger in New York," which will be presented Friday evening. The Matrimonial club which was to have met at Miss Rankin's on Merrimon avenue Friday evening will meet on Thursday instead. The board of managers and staff of physicians of the Mission hospital have elected Dr. C. P. Ambler to serve as specialist in the treatment of eye, ear and throat troubles. That section of Henderson county known as Green River, is giving revenue raiders all the fun they want. Officer Patten reports another capture in that locality a few days ago. M. S. Nelson, a dealer in medicines of his own make, and well known in this community, died on Charlotte street Saturday night and was buried at his former home in Henderson county Sunday. The writing class of Prof. Smith at the Y. M. C. A. hall has completed its course, and specimens of the work done may be seen at the foot of the stairway. Some of the pupils have made marked progress. The Pathology club will meet this afternoon in the study of Rev. R. F. Campbell, Church street. The subject for discussion is "Public vs. Private Schools," and papers will be read by Mrs. L. A. Farinholt and Miss Harger. Cascarets stimulate the liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe. 10c. at Pelham's Pharmacy.

PLUMBERS' UNION Officers Elected at a Meeting Held Last Night. There was an interesting meeting of the Plumbers union at Mechanic's Hall on Patton avenue, last night. The following new officers were elected: President—E. M. Israel. Vice-president J. A. Martin. Secretary and treasurer—R. A. Haddock. Inside Sentinel—E. R. Shippe. Board of directors—G. L. Guisard, A. F. Duncan, A. F. Felthaus, J. A. Martin, chairman; W. O. Lytle, statistician. Reports showed the union to be in a flourishing condition. All kinds of cheese can be had sliced for table use at Gross'. "No sir, I never break my word." "Too flexible, eh?"—Life. "Small herbs have grace, Great weeds do grow apace."

On Tap I have just opened up one more 50 gallon barrel of that GOOD HOME-MADE APPLE CIDER At 40c. Per Gallon. You will be sorry if you don't try it. D. G. NOLAND, The Spot Cash Store. 21 N. Main St. Telephone 151

BICYCLE ACCIDENT. A contest between a cyclist and a dog which ended by the dog loosing his teeth about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a young man who is an expert bicycle rider, was seen to mount his wheel on Patton avenue near the West End drug store, and start off at a rapid speed up the street toward Court square. He was making about 40 miles an hour when an immense Newfoundland dog sprang over a fence and started after him. The race was a very even one, but at last the dog got the young man's wind and gained on him very fast. When near the corner of Bailey and Patton avenue the dog made a leap for the young man and hung his teeth in a pair of eight-dollar trousers that the Capital Clothing House is selling now for five. The dog lost his teeth.

DEATH OF MRS. CORPENING Died Sunday Afternoon at Her Home on Bailey Street. The death after a short illness of Mrs. Corpening, occurred Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home, 140 Bailey street. Mrs. Corpening was the wife of W. G. Corpening and the mother of Miss Florence, Miss Rose, Frank and Willie Corpening, all of whom survive her. She was also the daughter of the late John E. Patton and a sister of B. F. Patton of this city. The funeral services will be conducted at the house at 11 o'clock to-day by Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The interment will occur at Newton Academy, the following pall-bearers officiating: W. A. Blair, F. M. Jones, B. M. Lee, J. H. McDowell, George S. Powell and C. W. Suckeater. Mrs. Corpening was a member of the First Presbyterian church and a most earnest and devout worker. Mr. Corpening is at work on the railroad near Cranberry and has been telegraphed for, but as yet to no avail.

MOUNTAIN RETREAT. T. P. Sutton, Esq., of Black Mountain, is in the city, and informs the Gazette that work at the Mountain Retreat is being vigorously pushed and that much progress in the way of erecting cottages has been accomplished during the favorable weather of the past month. Mr. Sutton further stated that he and the company to which he belongs have received temporary offers for their mineral interest in McDowell county lands.

THE SHELTON-LAUREL SHOOTING. A Mr. Haney who lives in the neighborhood where the Shelton Laurel tragedy, mentioned in a despatch to the Gazette appearing on the 2nd page of to-day's paper occurred and was near the scene of the trouble reached this city last night and gave the Gazette a detailed statement of the homicide, which is substantially as follows: Willard Franklin and Reuben Gunter, in company with Deputy Sheriff Cook, were on their way to Chapel Hill church on Shelton Laurel Sunday night. All of the men were armed with pistols and had been drinking. Near the church the men made a halt and while in conversation Gunter accidentally dropped fifty cents on the ground and not finding it as readily as he hoped charged Franklin with stealing it. Gunter drew his pistol and Franklin his knife. The officer remarked, "Boys if you are going to fight give me your weapons," which they did. Immediately the officer handed back the pistol to Gunter, who instantly gave his adversary two severe blows with it on the head felling him to the ground. By this time the officer had dropped the knife on the ground. As soon as Franklin could regain his feet, he grabbed the knife and with one blow ripped Gunter's abdomen open, from which wound he died in about one hour. The officer arrested Franklin on the spot, but he succeeded in making his escape.

Rich Franklin, an uncle of young Franklin, is in the city with his three nephews who will reach home about tomorrow. Both parties to this tragedy are young men neither over twenty-two years of age. QUO VADIS. Paper Edition 25c Popular Edition 90c net Altemus Edition \$1.13 net Original Edition 1.80 net Edition de Luxe 5.40 net AT BAINBRIDGE'S. Special bargains on harnesses at J. M. Alexander's this week. No. 11 N. W. Court square. Just received, a fresh lot of Roe and Buck Shad—first of the season—at White's fish store, City Market. All kinds of salads furnished to housekeepers at Gross'. Sweet, Florida oranges at The Alcazar, 8 Patton avenue. Billed ham by the pound at Gross'. Go to Gross' for fry in the box.

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TO MAJ. DAVIS. A Token of Esteem From the Cadets of Bingham School. When Major Charles L. Davis completed the usual Sunday morning inspection at Bingham day before yesterday his last military duties in that old and honored institution a surprise was in store for him ere he took his leave for the last time. The stirring and familiar notes of the bugle sounded the drill call and the battalion promptly fell into line on the parade ground. All were ignorant as to the pleasant event about to take place. At the request of Major Bingham, Major Davis took a position in front of the battalion. The peculiarity of the proceeding, however, was readily explained when Adjutant T. Hamilton came to the front of the battalion and handed a beautiful sword to Capt. Taylor, who faced about and in a very appropriate manner presented it in the name of the cadets of Bingham school to Major Davis. In accepting the token Major Davis delivered a short address in which he expressed his appreciation of the honor the presentation did him, and hoped that his successor would ever have as warm an affection for the cadets of Bingham school as he had now and ever would have. At the conclusion of his address the major was heartily cheered by the cadet body and it was with feelings of deepest regret that he was bidden good-bye by the boys of Bingham. It is the purpose of Major Davis to remain in Asheville until next June, when he will leave for Washington city, where his duties will call him.

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