Western Carolina

VANCEVILLE.

Vanceville, Jan. 5.—The Valuable tract Vanceville, Jan. 5.—The valuable tract the surrounding county are not new com-of land near here advertised lately and ing in. And the shipments of poplar, oak, and walnut from here have been small and solid Saturday as part of the estate of few lately. The lumber market seems dull Joseph Brank, deceased, was bought by Mr. Thomas Wagoner. It is said that a number of acres on this place are to be nevoted to a large orchard of winter apples. The location is considered unsurpassed for many kinds of fruit and especially so for late apples.

Adjoining the tract of land above mentioned Prof. J. J. Reagan of Weaverville has a magnificent apple orchard, the trees in which are just beginning to bear. The have happily disappeared. varieties are choice and are made of the Ben Davis, Alemarle Pippin, Spitzbergen and others. All these aresaid to be unusually fine varieties, admirably adapted to. the high location where they are grown and are known to be keepers always commanding good prices in the market. Much experience, intelligent investigation and experiment have fitted Prof. Reagan for the successful cultivation of apples of wonderful beauty and excellence for which he says this section is eminently adapted, and he ventures the prediction that the time is not far in the future when Western North Carolina will lead the world in the

production of fine apples.

Two miles below here on Reems Creek is located one of the oldest mills—if not the oldest in the county. Its present owner and now for many years its presiding genius is that sunny-hearted old mountaineer, Uncle Bob Brank. For nearly a half century the well worn lever that raises and shuts the floodgate has responded to his touch, letting in to the wheel down under the mill the crystal water the creek, making the picturesque old structure to rumble and rattle with its merry clatter till the grist is ground and the gate again is shut. Then the old mill wheel slowly stops and the huge flint burr stands still, throwing off the gentle warmth generated by crushing the sound flinty kernels into snowy meal-stands still awaiting the next "turn o'corn" to come down the valley or out from a neighboring cove. Betimes another turn comes, is poured into the hopper and the now cool rock begins again to rumble off its liesurely revolutions—thus turning out meal which made ribily into a pone of corn bread, presents the staff of life in a shape fit for a king-a luxury that city people, with their steam-ground meal know nothing of save only as memory carries them back to the old days they spent in the country. Thus for three score years and ten have these old mill rocks ground out In the fall of 1827 Colonel Williamson, long since gone to his reward brought them from Mills River, Henderson county. At that time the stones were twenty-four inches thick, but the millers pick has chiseled away the rock, through all these rears, to make them rough for grinding, until scant twelve inch burrs remain Now today this old mill grinds the grist for the great great grand children of the sturdy men who first carried their turns here to be ground.

IVY.

Ivy. Jan. 5.—The unusually cold weather some days ago caused a great diminution of travel from this immediate section to Asheville. The stream of Little Ivy here at McElroy's mills was frozen 'over to such an extent that wagons—the few that were on the road-passed over on the ice. All the branches were frozen solidly and the roads are exceedingly rough.

The mills here the McElroy mills, are doing an immense amount of grinding, both of flour and meal. The large crop of wheat and corn hereabouts has brought about this result. Such state of affairsfurnishing this section with home-made flour and meal-frenders it unneccessary and unremunerative to bring in from adjoining states these commodities that have heretofore been imported here in such

Along with this return to grain-growing there is noticeably the tendency to more stock raising—cattle, sheep and hogs. On all sides it is apparent that the grasses suitable to this climate are being more and more extensively cultivated—a fact prophetic of better days for the planteruring a more commensurate return for his toil and marking out an intelligent course that must lead to results far more satisfactory than those that have characterized agricultural operations of late years in this section.

There is still another condition of agricultural affairs that gives much promise of good to this section of Madison county, and that is the determination to grow less tobacco. This policy seems to be well nigh universal among the planters, and finds its adherents not only among those who propose to plant smaller acreage of the weed, but also among that number equally large who have determined to abandon entirely the cultivation of this crop. Many of them say they are tired of working for the Tobacco Trust and if that huge modern octopus desires further to grasp in its clutches silly victims and slaves, it must look elsewhere for them than here among these hills and valleys.

Dr. W. L. Reagan and family of Weaverville, who have been spending the holidays at Col. John McElroy's have returned home

WEAVERVILLE.

Weaverville, Jan. 5.- The short vacation for the holidays at the college has ended and the students are back from their

D. H. Reagap, esq., has opened a school two miles cast of the village at Donehue's two miles cast of the village at Donehue's and render their decisions by them. * couple of years ago the queen read one of school house. This is a thrifty and excellent neighborhood and the school promises laws by which all wrongs might be right-don bookseller as follows: "Send com-

lent neighborhood and the school promises to be a good sized one.

Rev. J. G. W. Holloway, the new preach er for this circuit for the Methodist Protestant church, has arrived here where is located the parsonage. Mr. Holloway comes from the Burlington work and excellent report of his carnestness and usefulness have preceded him. He succeeds Dr. J. R. Savage who was exceedingly popular here with all denominations, a man of ability and learning who along with his admirable wife formed many friendships among the people, in the church and out among the people, in the church and out of it, who regret their assignment to other fields of labor.

During the recent cold wave the thermometer touched 13 degrees. This is by some 7 degrees the coldest record so far made by the season.

ALEXANDER.

Alexander, Jan. 5.—It will be gratifying to the many friends of General R. B. Vance to know that he has greatly improved in the last few days and is now sitting up. The General's marked convalescence gives confident hopes for early recovery of his usual health.

The condition of the roads has been such Pharmacy.

ecently that the large amounts of lumber hat have usually been hauled here from in common with all branches of traffic,

BARNARD

Barnard, Jan. 5 .- Mr. Arthur Nichols who has been painfully fil for some time is reported to be much better, and his friends are no longer alarmed concerning his condition. His physician was at one time fearful that his malady was appendicetis, but the unfavorable symptoms

Mr. David Miles of this place and his interesting children, Paul and Stella have returned home after spending the holidays pleasantly with relatives and friends

SEVERAL TOWNS.

The Greensboro Belegram states that that city is to have a commodious rallway passenger station.

Bob Dockery, charged with killing an Irish peddler two miles below Murphy about two years ago, has returned and made bond for his appearance at the next

Col. Heaton, who is mining corondum on Shooting Creek, was in town yesterday with teams and men to take back an engine. He says he has a vein of corundum twenty-eight feet wide. - Cherokee Scout.

Salisbury Sun: The Sun this morning received news of a most foul murder which was committed near Mauney's mill, in the eastern part of Rowan, yesterday evening. The man killed was Milas Reid, and the murderer is Thomas Broadaway, both

Register of Deeds (McDonald has received and delivered the state pension warrants for Cherokee county. The county has four Confederate soldiers and fourteen widows. and pays out nearly \$500 as pension tax, receiving in return about \$250.

It is said that here will be applications for more dispensaries when the legislature meets. The fact that the one at Louisburg has turned in \$1,600 and the one at Fayetteville \$2,400 as part of the profits of six months' business will spread the dispensary idea, no doubt.-Greensboro Telegram

Durham Sun: C. B. Grimes, of Bast Durham, this year raised a hog which created a great deal of attention on account of its size. He slayed this porker Tuesday and the net weight was 710 pounds—the gross weight being 830. Mr. Grimes is ahead in weight so far as heard from.

Hendersonville Hustler: Mr. B. Posey has four Poland-China pigs four months old which weigh 155, 150, 135 and 130 pounds respectively. This may appear to be an unreasonable story, but is vouched for by reliable witnesses, who weighed them on reliable scales. Good for Uncle Ben.

Henderson Gold Leaf: The Henderson cotton mill, of which Mr. D. Y. Cooper president, has declared a dividend of 4 per cent, and carried a comfortable sum over to the undivided profit account. The Henderson cotton storage warehous s doing a fine business. Like the tobacco

storage warehouse this is an enterprise of great value and importance. Henderson has come to the front wonderfully as a cotton market. Five years ago not more than 800 to 1,000 bales were sold here annually. Of this season's crop the sales will reach between 6,000 and 7,000

Four flat cars loaded with dirt on the K. & N. Ry. came in ahead of time last Friday night. They were standing in the big cut, two miles from town, waiting for the passenger train to bring them into town. The engine bumped up against them, and, as it was down grade, although the brakes were on, the four cars started on a wild run to Murphy, gathering mo-mentum at every revolution of the wheels. They came across the bridge at more than mile a minute, two of the cars actually limbing half way up the high embankment below Dr. Patton's. Three cars were wrecked.-Cherokee Scout.

THE BOND MATTER.

Concord Standard: The Stanley bond case has created no little stir and it is easier to find a wrong in the case than a

No question arose about the regularity o the vote in the legislature. No one cared. It was only a permits to make the appropriation if the people chose to do so. It is evident that the lack of regularity of the bill was used as a protext to avoid paying the bonds that had secured the money with which to buy these stocks. If it see wrong that Stanley should lose her stocks. it seems far from right that innocent and trusting investors should get nothing for their money with which the stock was pur-chased, while Stanley has the railroad conveniences and the revenue therefrom that may not be far below the cost ultimately. As to the unsuspecting investors in these bonds, there can be no two sides to the

iestion, it is a very great wrong to them. The attitude of the Stanley people is greatly mitigated by the two facts that the people did not realize the hope held out to hem when they voted the investment, and by the fact that the courts are the highest arbitrament of contentions, and these ourts, from some cause not well understood by the layety and apparently in gross violation of equity, admit technicalities and render their decisions by them.

ed instead of "mighted" we are not law-yer enough to say, but in this case it seems to us that Stanley would have been less wronged to have lost the difference between the real value of her road and the amount it cost her than for investors to have lost so nearly all their investment, when the county knowingly took chances for losses or profits and investors were unaware that there were any risks in the good faith of a substantial, high-toned needs's bonds.

people's bonds.

The effect of this unfortunete affair must be to encourage others to resort to technicalities to avoid moral obligations, to lower the standard of North Carolina seourities and to hinder the progress of rail-road building where the public is asked to take stock therein.

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ABOUT MISS COREULI, MEN WHO DISAPPEAR

SHE HATES CHITICS AND TAKES HER- MYSTERIES THAT BAFFLE SHREWD SELF QU TE SERIOUSLY

ther of Many Popular Novels How Her First Book Came to Be Published-She Poses as a Literary Recluse.

ularly supposed, an assumed name, but thresting than any penned by writers of is the real and legal patronymic of the author of "A Romance of Two Worlds" mysterious disappearances kept by the author of "A Romance of Two Worlds" mysterious disappearances kept by the and other well known novels. Miss Corelli, for she is still "happily unmarried," is an interesting young woman of Italian birth, French by education and English by adoption. Her mother was the second wife of the late Dr. Charles Mackay, a writer of many popular lyrics, such as "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," and others of equal literary merit. She was taken into Dr. Mackay's family at an early age and still lives in the old Mackay home, on Longridge road, Kensington, London.

As a girl Miss Corelli was sent to a French convent and there imbibed the "Gotton, is hidden away in the records of mysterious disappearances kept by the Chicago police department. Between 300 and 400 men and women drep out of sight every year in this city—disappear as completely as if the earth had opened and swallowed-them. What becomes of these people is a mystery few detectives care to attempt to explain. Foul play is the explanation advanced by their relatives in nine cases out of ten, murder by footpads being the customary plea, but in few instances are the facts such as to justify this conclusion.

As a girl Miss Corelli was sent to a French convent and there imbibed the go on year after year without detection.

French convent and there imbibed the deeply religious sentiments which mark her works. From all accounts she was a

"A Romance of Two Worlds" and thus ple keep on disappearing at an alarming marked out her own career. She sent her rate, and the natural question is, What first novel to a big London publishing becomes of them? house, and if the opinions of the readers employed in that establishment had been followed it would never have seen the light. But their reports condemned it so unanimously and enthusiastically that the head of the firm read the manuscript himself and decided to bring it out. The critics treated it with contemptuous si lence, but the reading public raved over

The big receipts did the business, and critics to the contrary, the fame of Miss



MARIE CORELLI.

Corelli as an authoress was firmly established from that moment. Her later books John W. Matthews, who quietly dropped -and she writes about one every yearhave been equally successful.

I have said that Miss Corelli is an in

teresting young woman. She is interest ing, but, come to think of it, she is hardly as young as she was once—somewhere be tween 80 and 85, I should judge. But all bimself in seeing that the hunt was a the women writers who go out to Kensing- | thorough one. Matthews lived in Monton to interview her and drink tea with her speak of her as young and beautiful, gush over her "dresden china complex-lon," her "blue gray" eyes and her wonderful personality. Miss Corelli's attitude toward the world

in general is unique. Evidently she takes | that he was in fine health and spirits. herself with much seriousness; but most successful writers do that. Toward the poor critics she fosters a very lively hatred. She never tires of abusing them, and they reciprocate by refusing to praise her books Society, which would like to lionize her exhibit her at drawing rooms and quiz her about her fads, she affects to scorn. She does go out occasionally, but takes her cynicism along with her. But for people in the abstract and at a distance, especially novel buying folks, she entertains a kindly regard, which is very nice of her, I

Miss Corelli's favorite pose seems to be that of a literary recluse. It is plain that she thinks you and I and a lot of other people take a deep interest in the way she lives and works, and she is willing to indulge us by doing both in a manner as original as she can. For instance, she tells us that while she was writing "Barabbas" she knelt down in her study and prayed every morning before taking up her pen Surely this is a departure in literary methods or else other authors have not been so frank. She has also said that she makes the first draft of her stories in lead pencil and an absolute frenzy of composition.

Then she rewrites them calmly and in ink.
She is not fond, of the theater, because modern actors are crude and self conscio

Perhaps Miss Corelli enjoys her own success fully as much as anything else. A plete set of Miss Corelli's works. V. R.' This message Miss Corelli carries con-stantly in a little chamois bag hung around her neck. Yet she indignantly denies that

legical theories which are introduces are not exactly new, but most of her readers are unacquainted with them. Some of the incidents which happen to her characters are of the kind that make your flesh creep.

George Augustus Sala said that he read "The Vendetta" with a wet cloth around his head and his feet in a tub of ice water. "The Vendetta" with a wet cloth around his head and his feet in a tub of ice water. This is the story in which a man is entombed while supposedly dead, but comes to life, finds his friend making love to his faithless wife and takes his revenge by shutting her alive in the same tomb. It is not altogether a cheerful yarn, but there is a thrill in every page, and most novel readers like thrills, you know. So Miss Corell is well within her rights when she anises at the critics and takes herself seriously.

Oratorical Influence.

"There!" exclaimed the man who firmly believes that he is eloquent. "I regard that as the effort of my life."

"It is rather long, isn't it?" remarked the young woman who had been typewriting it.

"But it's bound to produce an effect. Couldn't you notice that it exerts potent influence even when imperfectly delivered?"

Well," she answered, "I hadn't thought of the connection before; but my foot's account.

CITY DETECTIVES

nteresting Facts and Opinions From the Chicago Police Department-"A Woman at the Bottom of It" Generally-The Queer Case of John W. Matthews.

go on year after year without detection. Sooner or later the bodies of some of the alleged victims would turn up or stolen valuables would be found in that market most precocious and accomplished miss, being especially talented as a pianist, and it was Dr. Mackay's ambition to have her become a successful musician.

But when Miss Corelli was 20 she wrote ters scout the idea of foul play. But peo-

They are not embezzlers or others who have known cause for hiding themselves. If the reports received at police headquarters are accurate, nearly all of these missing people are individuals free from finan-cial or domestic troubles and to all outward appearances happily situated in life. "Men do queer things at times," said former Captain Elliott in discussing this it, exhausted edition after edition and still subject, "and of all their freaks that of

continue to buy it by the carload every year.

The big receipts did the business, and, actually lose their identity, but as a rule those who disappear are not afflicted mentally. In nearly every instance where a man of sound mind disappears and no murder has been committed close investi-gation will disclose the fact that he has some real or fancied cause for getting out of the way. Wives are always positive their husbands love them, but I have known instances in which men who to all outward appearances were devoted husbands were really weary of life with their conjugal mates and quietly 'disappeared' in order to get rid of them.

"They would not face the scandal of the divorce court, and indeed had no cause to many himself." base an action on. Men sometimes become annoyed because their business affairs are not in good shape and seek rerief in voluntary retirement. Others, again, are imbued with love of adventure, and after spending years in quiet domestic surroundings suddenly become imbued with an unconquerable desire to see other phases of life. It is possible and even probable that some of the people reported as miss-ing fail victims to footpads, but the number is small. Crimes of this kind are casily detected, and while the perpetrators may not be caught in every instance the identity of the victim and the fact of killing are pretty sure to be quickly estab-"Sudden insanity accounts for many

mysterious disappearances, but as a general thing you may charge them up to women. Many men live double lives, and when the situation gets distasteful it is only natural they should try to better their condition by dropping out of sight so far as one of their female partners is con-

"One of the queerest cases of mysterious disappearance with which the Chicago police department has had to deal is that of out of eight in this city in November, 1896, and has never been heard from. An nusually vigorous search was made for Matthews because he was an intimate friend of Captain Campbell, secretary of the department, and the latter interested mouth, Ills., and was a man of considerable wealth. He came to Chicago about the middle of November wearing a new suit of clothes and with \$700 in cash. Here he met and talked with several friends, all of whom afterward remarked Two days later Matthews was missing, and no trace of him was to be found.

"The police were baffled, when a mind This Jan. 6th, 1898. reader gave them a clew which led to strange disclosures. This person said Matthews had been suddenly taken insane in Chicago and had gone to a hotel in Madison street, near Clark street, where he registered under his proper name, but in an undecipherable running hand, and had been assigned to a room on the fourth floor. Before bedtime, however, he had taken a car and gone to the lake near Jackson park, where he drowned himself. Shortly after this, the mind reader said, the body was washed ashere in the Calumet region, where it was found by a fish erman, who appropriated the money and valuables and then to save himself trouble buried the remains in the sands.

"The hotel; the spot where the suicide occurred, the appearance of the fisherman and the locality in which Matthews' body was washed ashore were all described with much minuteness by the mind reader. His story caused a great deal of merriment in police circles until Captain Campbell in-sisted that it should be looked into, and all the essential facts were found to be cor-rect. Actual suicide and robbery of the body were never established, and many of Matthews' friends think he is still alive. but 'in other things there was an exacti-

tude of description that was alarming.

"Matthews' signature was found on the
botel register, and he had been assigned to
a fourth floor room, which he had not ocfront revealed a spot identical with that given by the mind reader as the place where Matthews had jumped into the water, and she is patronized by the royal family.

"They know better," she is fond of saying.

As the apostle of romantic mysticism
Miss Corelli holds a place of her own in the literary world. The weird psychological theories which she introduces are logical theories which she introduces are it was easy to make out the mind reader's picture of the corpse marked beach where the body had been cast up. As the fisherman stoutly denied having found such a body, however, and no evidence could be had against him, the matter was dropped." -Chicago Tribune.

Oratorical Influence.

of the connection before; but my foot's asleep."-Washington Star.

To Charlotte, N. C., account meeting the Poultry and Pet Stock Association ickets on sale January 11th to 15th, in pasive with final limit, January 15th, in pasive with limit wi

round trip rate via. Salisbury 45.20; via. Spartanburg 34.70.

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Slipping Rugs.

Housekeepers who rejoice in smooth, hard floors often find the slipping of the ugs stretched upon them a serious annov ance, if not a positive danger, as falls may easily ensue from it. A rug salesman contributed the other day this suggestion as a remedy. "Wet the rugs thoroughly," he said, "and turn them right side downward until dry. It will not hart them and will relieve this tendency to slip." The explanation is that the wetting dissolves some slightly gummy substance used in their treatment, whose drying makes them slippery.-New York Posts

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A HEAVY CONSUMER.

"The peanut crop this year is only 3, 000,000 bushels." "Nonsesse; our office boy has eaten that

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Blectric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim.". No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle ut T. C. Smith's drug store and Pelham's Pharmacy:

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTION North Carolina, Buncombe County, I the Superior Court. Sandy Fleming vs. J. Q. Brigman and E

B. Brigman. Notice of Sale. By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior court of Buncombe county in the above entitled action, I will on Monday the 7th day of February, 1898 at 12 o'clock, noon, at the court house door at Asheville, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said defendants have in the following described property, to wit: A tract of land in Flat Creek township, County of Buncombe, adjoining the lands of W. R. Edmonds, Lucius Eller, Fulton Cole and others, being a tract of land formerly belonging to the Dr. Marion Roberts estate, containing 100 acres more or less.

> W. M. WORLEY, Sheriff. By J. M. Chambers, D. S.

tem for a time and then have them rectin agence as a radical cure. I have made the disease ITS, RPILEPSY or FALLING SIGENESS a ling study. I warrant my remedy to cure the worses. Because others have failed is no reason. Prof. W.H. PEEKE. F.D., 4 Cedar St., New York

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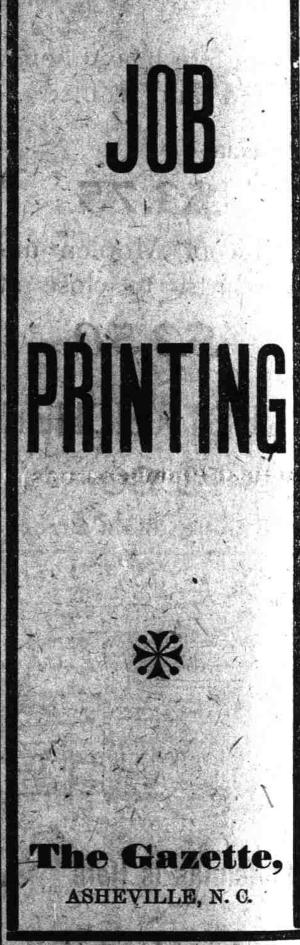
appened to Read About a Similar Case - Followed the Other Man's Example and Was Cured.

The following incident is given by tharles Morris, general jobber, 52 Lexing. ton Avenue, North Cambridge, Mass.: "Several years ago I became poisoned by ivy. I tried many medicines, spending a large sum of money without obtaining a particle of good. My children were also afflicted with the same disease. We were all constant sufferers with an awful itching sensation; and it seemed as if I should tear myself to pieces. I picked up a paper in which I found printed a testimonial from a man in Vermont who had been similarly afflicted and had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla with benefit. I bought a bottle, which we took and it did Me and My Children

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