GAZETTE TELEPHONES.

Editorial Rooms 202, three rings. Business Office 202, two rings

In his use of the pardoning and appointing power Gov. Aycock shows himself very soft hearted, to say nothing of his head.

The Washington Post says, "Senator McLaurin has at least started up the monkeys and parrots of South Carolina politics," and again, "then there are some who feel that Senator McLaurin is but trying to introduce automobile politics in an ox-cart State." The Washington Post will get itself disliked in South Carolina if its paragraph man keeps up such remarks.

-000-An interesting little pamphlet has come to this office, "The Work of Civic Improvement." The pamphlet contains brief discriptions and many illustrations showing the improvements made in village streets, along railroads, etc., by the National League of Improvement associations. These improvement associations undertake the planting of trees along highways, clearing away unsightly rubbish, making flower gardens around railway stations, beautifying parks and squares and other work which adds to the appearance of town and country. Much has been accomplished by these associations in various parts of the country not only to add to the attractiveness of localities but to property value in these places. Attractiveness of appearance undoubtedly is a strong factor in the desirability of both town and country considered as a place of either permanent or temporary residence.

FREEDOM IN PULITICS.

Our well esteemed friend the Winston Republican "came back" at the Gazette last week in a way that left us speechless for the time. We had defended our approval of the withdrawal of the prosecution of the indicted democratic registrars on the ground that there was to be a new era in politics, and that living in a "civilized portion of the state" we looked hopefully to the future and were willing that the dead past should rest quietly in its unsavory grave. The Republican quoted our remark that "there may remain some counties in which a man will be the victim of lator McLaurin's way for viewing polihoodlum democratic ruffianism for daring to vote as he prays, but in many cthers the manifestation of that contemptible spirit of intollerance will meet its reward in defeating the end him a favor. Of course there is no danfor which it aims;" then the Republican took up an issue of the Gazette of ing to force anybody to accept an ofa few days later and quoted some of our complaintts of the partisan attitude of some of the democratic registrars in this city acting under direction of the democratic executive committee. maybe better, -Knoxville Journal. We felt that any reply that we could then make would not contribute to a satisfactory elucidation of our position of defense of the new political era. We however, saved up the little paragraph from the Winston Republican with the firm conviction that we could use it after the election to which it re-

fers had passed: "We are anxiously watching the Asheville election to see what reward will be meeted out to these city regis- piles. Only 25c at all druggists. trars. We presume the Citizens' ticket is a good one and is as the name imports a representative non-partisan ticket, but we predict that the machine will destroy it just as it did Jule Carr and we would ask in this connection, 'what are you going to do about it.'"

We trust the Republican has read the neturns from our city election and knows "what reward was meted out to these city registrars." It was a cold, cheerless day for machine politics in Asheville, as it was in other western North Carolina towns where the people nominated "citizens" tickets to oppose those of the democratic politicians. Extraordinary efforts made to save the "democratic" ticket in Asheville up to the last moment of the final approval of the returns by the city canvassing board. The result cruses us to repeat, with increased confidence, the expression of our faith in the political future of the civilized counties of North Carolina, Red Shirts and ballot box thieves may continue to be regarded as prominent citizens and political magnates that are feared when they are not loved, somewhere, but not here. We are not cowards or slaves up in this mountain section. As our strength increases we shall not be tyrants or brigands. We shall nurture the growing contempt that is felt

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for the political bulldozer and votestealer, even when we approve a magranimous action that has saved a few of them from the penitentiary.

BRYAN AND MCLAUR N.

Commenting on Senator McLaurin's position Mr. Bryan says his action marks the beginning of a movement in the South which will have an influence upon the politics of the nation, and that while McLaurin is not likely to be the leader of it, "some leaders will arise to give direction and force to the aristocratic and plutocratic element for which Mr. McLaurin speaks. There is such an element in every community, and now that the race question no longer unifies the white people of the Southern States, it will doubtless manifest itself." This sounds like an echo from Old John Most. If Mr. Bryan can make no wiser comment than this on Mr. McLaurin's action he should remain silent. Why should Mr. Bryan cheapen himself in this manner, and debase himself to the low level of the wildest populistic ass that ever roamed the desert? Is every man who does not agree with Mr. Bryan an aristocrat, or a plutocrat? There are many men much poorer in this world's goods than Mr. Bryan, who are as intelligent, as patriotic, as courteous and as honest as he, who on many questions hold views radically different from his. No amount of misrepresentation, or political bull-dozing or cheap buncomb can change them or drive them into submissiveness or silence. They love their country as dearly as Mr. Bryan does; they are as ready to defend it when need or duty calls. This country needs more free, full expression of honest, intelligent, courageous, manly thought unawed by autocratic leaders or partisan higots and unwarped by desire for office. Courage is one thing; intolerance is another. Mr. Bryan has enough of the one and too much of the other. His intolerance and autocratic spirit no less than his false prophesies and his unsound judgment will in the end operate to his own undoing .-Nashville American.

It seems that the United States is paving a million a week for improrted coffee all of which could be produced in Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands, which have already shown BIRDS OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY their ability to produce coffee of a high grade, commanding high prices in the markets of the world. Patronize The Season When Transin's out home markets.

General Wade Hampton is unnecessarily sensitive. Senator McLaurin recommended his appointment as postmaster at Columbia. General Hampton got indignant over it, construing it as an effort to buy him over to Sentical questions. Now McLaurin comes. out in an interview and says he was asked to make the recommendation by one of Hampton's friends. General Hampton is a poor man, growing old, and McLaurin thought he was doing ger of the president forcing or attemptfice. That is'nt mecessary, there are plenty of people ready to take offices like that. Just as likely as not some republican will be found at the South Carolina capital, who will make as good a postmaster as General Hampton,

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after knowledge."-McGuffey's Third

WITO has not noticed how easy it is to form a crowd in the street? to form a crowd in the street? Let two men stop and gaze intently at the top of a building or the sk: or what not and presently others will stop and gaze in the same direction. Practical jokers have before now been known to gather a large crowd in this way. This is true of New York as well as of Hendersonville. The Tribune says that "if King Solomon were living in New York at the present time, and were in the mood for producing proverbs, he would make several additions to his celebrated list of things that were too wonderful for him. and that his supplementary specifica. tions would include the mystery of the clowd that gathers to watch any unusual occurrence in the streets. whom in point of interest there is little difference between one harpening and another. A conflagration has great allurements, but so has a fallen horse. Who are these people? Whence do they come? And whither are they going when curiosity arrests their progress? What supports their ample leisure? Perhaps when times are bad they are persons out of work. But now times are good. Are they, then, so prosperous that they can afford to take from ten minutes to an hour unto themselves whenever they please? If they have ultimate destinations is there anybody to complain of their delay when they arrive? Are they thinking while they peer into a hole? Or are they merely looking?"

The Tribune strikes the key note to the explanation of the mystery when it mentions the word curiosity. Curiosity is a universal human trait. The busy man as well as the idle man, has it and the former will drop his work to satisfy it. Does any one fancy that the crowd which fills the public square before the fire bell has done ringing are all going to assist in putting out conflagration? Not at all; neither are they concerned for fear the fire may be on their premises for many of them come from their own premises. No, they simply want to know where the fire is and how fast the trucks can be gotten out and other things of that one does not know or the reason for as the prying gossip. "I want to know" all giggled.

"Curiosity is a disposition to seek lis both the curious Yankee's exclamation and an expression of the mental aim of the student. Curiosity being an universal human trait the wise teacher or leader of men will direct it into useful channels. The commonest trick of the charlatan who wishes to excite notice and interest is to make a mystery of something. Curiosity must have something to feed upon, some mystery to penetrate, some new knowledge to gain and it can make a man. an idler or a worker as the case may be. Show a mystery to anyone and he is at once attracted.

> in Asheville. Like many another celto his career. Among these is one to the effect that he once went to a neighabout the results of the affair. "We had a ve'y successful meetin'," said he, "I made fohty dollars and a few converts." On another occasion some strangers in town attended his church expecting to hear his famous sermon. but another preacher was in the pulpit. One of the strangers stepped up to the preacher of "Dry Bones" and slipping a dollar in his hand explained hoped to hear him preach. Whereupon he rose and announced that he had not intended to preach but that there were 'Some people from Boston in the congregation who badly needs Christian preach. There is a negro preacher, we are told, in Kentucky whose name is Peter Vinegar, and who lives up to his name by preaching sharp sermons. These sermons usually have sensational titles which are announced beforehand. For instance in summer he anasion by picturing the terrors of "a hotter place than this."

Number Residents.

The abundance of bird life in the neighborhood of Asheville is something of which the person who sticks to town or to main traveled highways knows little. Some years ago, John S. Cairns of Weaverville, a born naturalist and a man who became an authority on the birds of this region, made a list of 204 different varieties of birds he had seen hereabouts. This list with Mr. Cairns notes has recently been published in the form of a little book called "Birds of Buncombe County" and is on sale at our book stores. This little book was printed in consequence of the interest felt in Mr. Cairns' work by F. A. Sondley, Esq., and Dr. J. W. Foreman, both of whom find recreation in the out-door study of wild birds. Mr. Cairns' list includes most familiar varieties of birds and many rarer ones. Like our population, the birds are classified as "transient, resident, summer visitors and winter visitors." Common names are given so that the unscientific reader may recognize his favorites without difficulty, and the little publiation cannot fail to be of use to any who are interested in wild birds.

No one who has walked over the country surrounding Ashevide but has had his eyes attracted by the bright colors of such birds as the scarlet tenager, the cardinal bird, the Baltimore criole, flicker, red-headed woodpecker, the tiny ruby-throated humming bird and other birds of brilliant plumage. which we are assured are "common" or 'abundant" here at some time of the year. There is too, a long list of song birds; several varieties of warblers, the warbling vireo, the bobolink, larks, thrushes, goldfinches and wrens that are "common." The wood thrush, whose song in spring is to the writer's thinking more beautiful than the nightingale's, is a common summer visitor, as is also Wilson's thrush which some persons find even more entrancing than the wood thrush as a songster. Besides these songsters, there is the cuckoo, the whip-poor-will, bobwhite, the robin, and many others whose call is distinctive and alluring. Among the larger birds, the golden eagle and the bald eagle deserve the

place of honor. There are many varieties of owls, also of hawks. The mourning dove is a "common" resident. Of game birds, beside bobwhite, ready mentioned, woodcock, ruffled grouse, wild turkey and occasionally even golden plover are seen. These, and also some other birds are becoming rarer not only from the efforts of sportsmen but from wanton slaughter. This is "the height of the season" for bird life, not from the point of view of the sportsman but of the bird lover who prefers live birds to dead ones. Not only are the large number, of "residents" at their prettiest but the "tranpreacher whose sermon, "De Dry Bones in De Valley," won him

ARSON RUMLEY, the negro notoriety if not fame, is not forgotten ebrity many anecdotes are tacked to his name which may or may not belong boring town and held a revival meeting. On his return some one asked that his party was from a distance and | dent almost harsh call. Here he is as enlightenment" and he had decided to nounces that he will discourse upon a "dam, hot day" and he improves the oc- plumage and their appearance once a

THREE dusky damsels who were evidently three little girls from school, boarded a Biltmore car the other day and displayed their sort. Curiosity is at the foundation of learning in the following manner: Said science. The desire to know something number one, "You said we'll take the (ar,' and she giggled. Said number something one does know makes the two, "Yes, I said we'd take the car but learned man and the scientist as well I meant the car will take us;" and they

> sients" or passenger birds are very numerous. Any one going into the country now can hardly fail to see and hear many beautiful birds. Almost very flock of birds of passage makes s stop here, as these birds follow the spring north and travel by stages. The stop may be for a day only or for some weeks, but as one flock follows another there are sure to be some of each variety here for an extended period. Even the Canada goose on his way to the north pole stops in the valley wheat fields, and he sometimes does considerable damage. He is not so ubiquitous and destructive as the English sparrow, however, and most of the birds of passage simply assist in the good work of destroying insect pests that the heat brings out or in eating seeds of too prolific weeds. The robins and the blue birds are the first to

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arrive in spring. The robins sometimes come as early as February and they will soon now be gone as they seldom stay later than the middle of May. The warblers have just begun coming and their songs will be heard for some

Early morning and late afternoon are the best time for hearing the bird songs. The wood thrush sings at sunset and keeps it up until after nightfall. The mocking bird is rare but not unknown in this region. The cat bird and brown thrush, which are common here, are both "mockers" and often imitate very sweetly the songs of other

The blue jay is quite a different bird here from what he is in the north woods. There he is shy and seldom seen and is known chiefly for his strifriendly and familiar as the robin and he has a variety of rich liquid notes at his command. He is a resident and may be seen both summer and winter frequenting door yards and lawns in

There is a commonly received notion that song birds are always of sober plumage, but this is not the case: many songsters have bright plumage—the oriois, tanager and vireo, for instance. The male is both the songster and the one that wears the bright dress in most species. Most birds change their year. The bobolink goes further and transforms himself twice a year. He is a gay creature but Mrs. Bobolink wears a comparatively dull garb.

Anyone who likes to go "hunting" these days with a good opera glass or, better still, a field glass may have plenty of innocent pleasure and entertainment. If he is enthusiastic he will hail each new arrival, with delight and make or renew many charming acquaintances. There is no pleasanter study or more wholesome recreation than a field glass hunt for birds. It gives an object for walks, and walks with an object are oftener taken and more satisfactory than aimless ramrles. It is quite as healthful to the hunter as gunning and it is a good deal more healthy for the birds than destructive pursuit of them.

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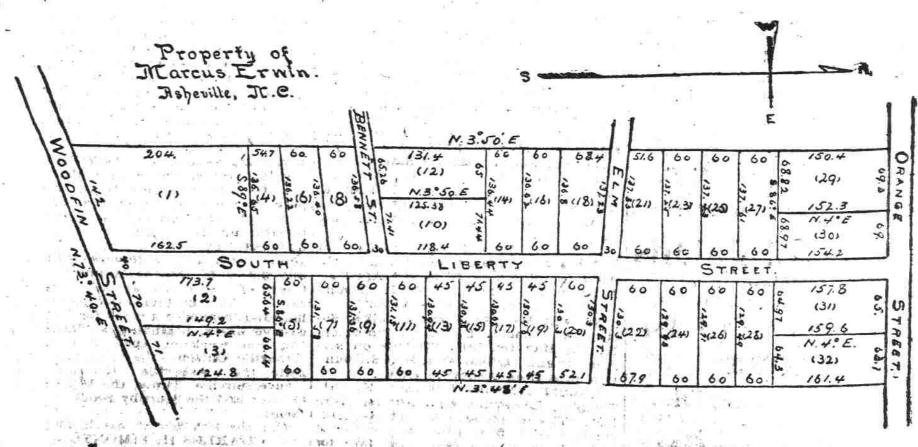
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