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Good accommodations for the traveling  
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Good Livery Attached.

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Good accommodations. Good fare. Po-  
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Patrons of Commercial Tourists and  
travelling Public Solicited.  
Good Sample Room.  
BEST HOTEL FOR STRAYING COUNTRY HORSES

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the under-  
signed has qualified as Executor, under the  
will of the late Minton L. Perry, and here-  
by notify all persons owing the estate of the  
deceased, to come forward and pay the  
same at once. All claims against said es-  
tate must be presented on or before Feb. 9,  
1901, or this notice will be plead in bar of  
their recovery. This Feb. 9, 1900.  
K. J. JERRY, Ex'r.

## NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

The copartnership heretofore existing be-  
tween W. T. Hughes, M. L. F. Davis and W.  
N. Davis in the late tobacco business under  
the name and firm style of W. T. Hughes &  
Co., and in the general mercantile business  
under the name and firm style of Hughes,  
Davis & Co., have this day been dissolved  
by mutual consent. W. N. Davis withdraws  
from said copartnerships on account of his  
removal from the State. The late tobacco  
business will be continued as heretofore by  
W. T. Hughes and M. L. F. Davis under the  
name of W. T. Hughes & Co., and the  
general mercantile business will be contin-  
ued as heretofore under the name of Hughes,  
Davis & Co., by W. T. Hughes and M. L. F.  
Davis. W. T. Hughes and M. L. F. Davis  
having bought the interest of W. N. Davis  
in said firms, assume all liabilities of said  
copartnerships.  
This 10th day of February, 1900.  
W. T. HUGHES, M. L. F. DAVIS,  
W. N. DAVIS.

## LAND SALE.

By virtue of a mortgage deed  
executed on the 28th day of No-  
vember, 1891, by J. H. Kearney and  
wife, I will, on Monday, the  
28th day of March, 1900 in the  
town of Franklinton, at 12 o'clock,  
sell to the highest bidder for cash,  
the lot of land in the town of  
Franklinton, known as the "Ma-  
sonic Lodge Property" and bound-  
ed on the south by a branch run-  
ning from Main street to Raleigh  
and Gaston Railroad, thence along  
said railroad in a northerly direc-  
tion 270 feet to Mrs. H. E. Long's  
corner, thence along the line 227  
feet to Main street, thence north-  
ward along said Main street 200  
feet to said branch containing 1 1/2  
acres.  
This Feb. 12, 1900.  
A. B. WESTER, Mortgagee,  
To use of C. S. WILLIAMS,  
By T. W. BICKETT, Atty.

**NOTICE.**  
By virtue of the power contained  
in a mortgage deed executed by Isaac  
Cattlett and wife, Hexey H. Cattlett,  
and I. T. Cattlett and wife, Martha  
Cattlett, and duly recorded in Book  
93, Page 481 in the office of the  
Register of Deeds for Franklin  
county, I shall on Monday, the 2nd  
day of April, 1900, at the Court  
House door, in the town of Louis-  
burg, sell at public auction to the  
highest bidder for cash the tract of  
land described and conveyed in said  
mortgage deed, and bounded as fol-  
lows: On the north by the lands be-  
longing to the estate of Norman  
Long, dec'd, on the east by the lands  
of the estate of Geo. McGhee, dec'd,  
on the south by the lands of J. D.  
Jenkins and on the west by the lands  
of James Ball and R. R. Holmes  
containing thirty-five (35) acres,  
more or less. Time of sale 12  
o'clock M. This Feb. 26th, 1900.  
M. E. LONG,  
Assignee of Mortgage.  
W. M. PEBSON, Atty.

**NOTICE.**  
By virtue of the power given in  
a certain mortgage deed executed on  
the 7th day of February, 1890, by  
A. B. Wester to Miss Kate Spain,  
and duly recorded in Book  
80, Page 76, in the office of Regis-  
ter of Deeds of Franklin county,  
and default having been made in  
the payment of said mortgage  
debt, I will on Monday, the 26th  
day of March, 1900, sell for cash  
at public auction, at Franklinton,  
N. C., the following tract of land  
lying and being in the town of  
Franklinton, Franklin county,  
North Carolina, and described  
and defined as follows:  
Beginning at a rock at the cor-  
ner of Vine and Main streets in  
the town of Franklinton and run-  
ning thence along Vine street 110  
feet to Front street, thence along  
Front street 25 feet to a rock, Mrs.  
Henley's corner, thence parallel to  
Vine street 110 feet to Main street  
to a rock, Mrs. Henley's corner,  
thence along Main street 25 feet to  
the beginning.  
This 20th day of Feb., 1900.  
THE B. W. BALLARD CO.,  
Assignee of Mrs. KATE SPAIN,  
R. B. WHITE, Attorney.

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**A Frightful Blunder**  
Will often cause a horrible burn, scald,  
cut or bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve,  
the best in the world, will kill the pain  
and promptly heal it. Cures old sores,  
fever sores, ulcers, boils, felons, corns,  
all skin eruptions. Best pile cure on  
earth. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guar-  
anteed. Sold by W. G. Thomas, drug-  
gist.

A man may manage to get a  
woman without lying, but he can't  
keep her long without it.

**That Throbbing Headache**  
Would quickly leave you, if you used  
Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands  
of sufferers have proved their matchless  
merit for sick and nervous headaches.  
They make pure blood, strengthen nerves  
and build up your health. Easy to take.  
Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured.  
Sold by W. G. Thomas, druggist.

"I love you, you dear thing,"  
she said. Then turning to the  
other, she cried, scornfully, "you  
brute!"

A. B. De Flessa, editor of the Journal,  
Dayton, Ohio, suffered for a number  
of years from rheumatism in his right  
shoulder and side. He says: "My right  
arm at times is entirely useless. I tried  
Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was sur-  
prised to receive relief almost immedi-  
ately. The Pain Balm has been a con-  
stant companion of mine ever since and  
it never fails." For sale by W. G.  
Thomas, druggist.

## EXPRESSIVE LOVE MISSIVES.

**A Pleasing Combination of Beauty  
and Wit. The Disease Called Love.**

The following letter was published  
in the Monroe Enquirer. A portion of  
it is an old document of some twenty  
years or more standing, but brother  
Ashcraft has craftily worked it over  
and given us more of the pleading of a  
love-stricken heart. It is enjoyable  
reading:

DEAR ANNIE: Every time I think of  
you my heart flutters up and down like a  
churn dasher, sensations of unutterable  
joy caper over it like young goats over  
a stable roof, and thrill through it like  
Spanish needles through a pair of tow-  
linen trousers; as a gossamer swimmeth  
in a mud puddle, so swim I in a sea of  
glory. Visions of static rapture  
thicker than the hairs of a blacking  
brush, and brighter than the boes of a  
humming bird's pinions, visit me in my  
slumbers, and borne on their invis-  
ible wings, your image stands be-  
fore me, and I reach out and grasp it  
like a pointer snapping at a blue-  
bottle fly. When I first beheld your  
angelic perfections, I was bewildered  
and my brains whirled around like a  
bee under a glass tumbler, my eyes  
stood open like a cellar door in a coun-  
try town; I lifted up my ears to catch  
the silvery accent of your voice. My  
tongue refused to wag and in silent  
adoration I drank in the sweet infec-  
tion of love as a thirsty man swallows  
a tumbler of hot lemonade. Since  
the light of your face fell upon my life,  
I sometimes feel as if I could lift my-  
self up by my suspenders to the top  
of the church steeple and pull the bell-  
rope for Sunday School.

Day and night you are in my  
thoughts; when Aurora, blushing like  
a bride, rises from her saffron clouds;  
when the jay bird pipes its tuneful lay  
in the apple trees by the spring house;  
when the chanticleer's shrill clarion  
heralds the coming morn; when the  
awakening pig ariseth from his bed  
and grunts, and goeth forth for his  
refreshments; when the drowsy beetle  
wields his droning flight at sultry noon  
-tide; and when the lowing herd comes  
home at milking time, I think of thee,  
and like a piece of gum elastic, my  
heart seems stretched clear across my  
bosom. Your hair is like the mane of  
my sorrel horse powdered with gold,  
and the brass pins skewered through  
your black hair fill me with unutterable  
awe. Your forehead is smoother than  
the elbow of an old goat. Your eyes  
are glorious to contemplate; in their  
liquid depths I behold legions of little  
cupids bathing like a court of ants in  
an old army cracker. When your  
head lays pressed against my manly  
breast, the fire of your eyes penetrates  
my whole anatomy as a load of bird  
shot goes through an old rotten apple.  
Your nose is as perfect as if carved  
from a chunk of Parian marble, and  
your mouth is puckered with sweetness.  
Nectar lingers on your lips like honey  
on a bear's paw, and myriads of un-  
fledged kisses are there, ready to fly  
out and light somewhere, like bluebirds  
under their parent's nests. Your laugh  
rings in my ears like harp strings, or  
the beat of a stray lamb on the bleak  
hillside. The dimples on your cheek  
are like bowers in a bed of roses or  
hollows in cakes of homemade sugar.  
I am dying to fly to thy presence, and  
pour out the burning eloquence of my  
love, as thrifty housewives pour out  
hot coffee.

When away from you, I am as  
melancholy as a sick rat. Sometimes  
I can hear the hum of the June-bugs  
of despondency buzzing in my ears and  
I feel the cold lizards of despair crawl-  
ing down my back. Uncouth fears,  
like a thousand minnows, nibble at  
my spirits and my soul is pierced with  
doubts like an old cheese board with  
skippers. My love for you is stronger  
than the smell of patent butter or the  
kick of a young cow, and more selfish  
than a kitten's first caterwaul. As a  
songbird hankers for the light of day,  
the cautious mouse after a piece of  
bacon in the trap, or a weaned pup  
for new milk, so I long for thee.

You are fairer than a speckled pilet,  
than a Yankee doughnut fried in  
sorghum molasses; brighter than the  
top knot plume on the head of a  
Muscovy duck. You are candy, kisses,  
raisins, pound cake and sweetened  
toddies altogether. And if these few  
lines will enable you to see the inside  
of my soul, and assist me in winning  
your affections, I shall be as happy as  
a wood-pecker in a cherry tree, or a  
stage horse in a green pasture. If you  
cannot reciprocate my soulmustering  
passion, I will pine away like a pois-  
oned caterpillar, and fall away to the  
flourishing vine of life so untimely  
branch. And in the coming years,  
when the shadows grow from the hills,  
and the philosophical frog sings his  
cheerful evening hymns, you, happy in  
another's love, can come and shed a  
tear and catch a cold upon the last  
resting place of

Yours truly  
You know.

Good advice to a drunken wife:  
Don't liquor.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Can Always  
Rely Upon.

Special Correspondence.  
RALPH, N. C., Feb. 28, 1900.  
It is astonishing how short the mem-  
ory of the Republican leaders is. Take  
for instance Revenue Collector Dun-  
can, who looks after Republican affairs  
in all Eastern North Carolina. He  
was speaking about the Legislature  
which is to be elected this year and  
offered to bet it would be Republican.  
No doubt he included Populists in his  
count, as the Republicans invariably  
speak of themselves and Populists  
jointly as "we." Then he said that  
as soon as the Legislature was elected  
Governor Russell would convene it  
and that it would immediately meet  
and repeal the present election law,  
Collector Duncan declared that after  
this it would be no trouble for "us"  
to elect Congressmen.  
What shorts as of memory. Does  
he really think for the merest portion  
of a second that the Democrats in  
North Carolina and those who stood  
shoulder to shoulder with them in  
1898 at the election have so soon for-  
gotten the negro rule in this State in  
1897-'98? It is inconceivable that in  
one year any people so determined  
could ever think of returning to such  
a state of affairs. If Collector Duncan  
bets he will lose as he lost in 1898,  
for if there are three things certain be-  
sides death and taxes in this year of  
grace, 1900, they are that the Demo-  
crats will carry the Legislature and  
elect their Congressional nominees  
and that the Constitutional Amend-  
ment will be ratified by a majority  
more than gratifying.  
Senator Butler is flooding the State  
with copies of his speech in Congress  
against the franchise amendment to  
the Constitution. This plea for ne-  
gro supremacy is being sent out by  
Republicans under the Senator's frank.  
Collector Duncan, for example, is  
sending out some thousands of copies.  
Collector Duncan has a great admira-  
tion for the Senator; in fact, he said  
a few days since he loved him. This  
tenderness is very beautiful. It has  
increased considerably since the win-  
ter and early spring of 1897.  
Republican State Chairman Holton,  
one of the bitterest of all the Republi-  
cans, had some criticisms to make of  
Governor Russell's frank statement  
made at a banquet in Chicago, in  
which the Republicans were arranged  
for allowing themselves to be placed  
in antagonism to the Constitutional  
Amendment. The Governor sees far  
more clearly than Holton the "hand-  
writing on the wall." He knows what  
the white men of the State will do  
at the polls next August. The Gov-  
ernor dismissed Holton's criticism  
with a few contemptuous words.  
It is hardly probable that the session  
of the Legislature in June will last  
more than one week or that it will do  
things other than the particular thing  
for which it meets—that is to safeguard  
the election law and the franchise  
amendment. There will be pressure  
to have it consider some other busi-  
ness—local in character.  
This leads to the just criticism of  
much of the steadily increasing volu-  
me of business which is forced upon  
the Legislatures. At least one-third of it,  
perhaps even more, could easily be  
done by the Clerks of Superior Court.  
It is the talk among Republicans  
here that Judge Ewart cannot be con-  
firmed and that Senator Pritchard  
will be judge. Some persons have  
named James E. Byrd in this connec-  
tion, but well-informed Republicans  
point out Pritchard as the man. The  
latter, like Senator Butler, knows that  
this term ends his senatorial life.  
Populists are saying that there will  
be a revolt against Senator Butler and  
his determined effort to enforce their  
State Convention to array itself in op-  
position to the franchise amendment.  
They are telling Republicans as much.  
Senator Butler will be surprised at the  
dimensions of this revolt. He will find  
that he cannot make Populists get in  
line against white supremacy. They  
showed him this in 1898. This year  
they will illustrate it even more plain-  
ly.  
The Republicans have had an idea  
that they were going to induce Ator-  
ney-General Walter to declare him-  
self against the Amendment. As he  
is remarked to-day, they do not know  
him. He will take no such step, nor  
will he antagonize the Amendment.  
He was speaking to a Republican and  
a Democrat when the Republican made  
the statement that a certain Populist  
had said he would vote against the  
Amendment for fear he would be dis-  
franchised. "Not at all," said the At-  
torney-General, "it is impossible, pro-  
vided he registers before 1903." This  
indicates an able Republican's legal  
view of the matter.

## Special Correspondence.

It is not mere rumor or invention as  
to the republican leaders becoming  
something uneasy over the prospect of  
carrying the country for McKinley.  
Hanna sees changed conditions, and  
thinks the chances uncomfortably close.  
Newspapers in the north that supported  
him in 1896, are not inclined to try  
him again. The republican organs  
are really or pretendedly sorry over  
the settlement of the gold standard by  
the assured enactment of the measure  
to be adopted soon by the congress.  
That is the talk. If it is so settled  
present it spikes their favorite gun  
and robs them of their best issue. The  
machine managers are bothered to  
know what is best to substitute in order  
to carry the country. The goldbug  
New York Post says:  
"The central west was carried for Mc-  
Kinley on the financial issue only af-  
ter a very hard struggle, four years ago.  
Republican and democratic journals in  
that section do not conceal their feel-  
ing that the policy pursued by the Mc-  
Kinley Hanna syndicate, of running  
the government in the interests of the  
protected classes, the subsidy schem-  
ers, and the trusts which are protected  
by the tariff, is playing into the hands  
of the Democrats." The Indianapolis  
News, for example, says that the  
thing to do is to kill the subsidy bill,  
and gives as one reason that "the re-  
publicans are not so strong in the con-  
fidence of the country that they can af-  
ford to take chances."

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**The Gambler's Golden Age**  
It is not in the past. It is not now.  
It is in the future—unless certain im-  
portant changes occur. Why do we  
make this statement? Simply because  
there never were in the history of the  
world such training schools for the  
gambler as there are now. Strange to  
say, these training schools are in the  
homes, often of people professing to be  
of the meek and lowly Jesus.  
Fewer before has there prevailed in  
social life such a mania for card play-  
ing as now exists. This mania posses-  
ses old and young, male and female.  
In some places there can hardly be an  
entertainment which does not provide  
for the playing of cards. The ability to  
play cards is considered one of the  
marks of "society." Cards in them-  
selves are innocent, but they are the A  
B C's of gambling. It is a well known  
fact that cards are pre-eminent adapted  
to the purpose of gambling, and that  
card playing violently excites the  
gambling passion. It is safe to say  
that nine-tenths of the professional  
gamblers would not have become such,  
had they not learned to play with cards  
when they were boys and youths. One  
State, we learn, has prohibited card  
playing.

We think that it is time to call a  
halt. Ministers and other public and  
private teachers should not be deterred  
from crying out against the evil for  
fear of being called primitive and  
antiquarian.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

**Tired of Butler's Playlog Politics.**  
(Editor Green in Our Home Populist  
organ.)  
Against Senator Butler's official re-  
cord we have nothing to say. But he  
has played "politics" with the People's  
party in this State until there is not  
much left to play politics with. We  
believe the party can be reorganized if  
we leave off some of the "practical  
politics" and return to first principles.  
\* \* \* Ours is a majority party and,  
notwithstanding we have a record for  
pretty good "trading," we could not  
hope to get a majority of Populists in  
the legislature. Are we to preserve  
our party identity? Can we afford to  
put a few men in office at such an ex-  
pense? Are we to again fuse with  
both the old parties this year as we  
did in 1896 and wish we had more old  
parties to fuse with? If we keep on  
fusing with every thing that can't out-  
run us or climb a tree, it won't be long  
till there'll be nothing left but a few  
leaders who'll probably keep on issu-  
ing "addresses" to the vacant places  
where our voters used to be. Experi-  
ence has taught us that a minority  
party gets in the neck in a fusion  
deal. Will we profit by the experi-  
ence of the past? We shall see.

**Glossy Hair.**  
The use of this shampoo will keep  
the hair in perfect condition, render-  
ing it soft and glossy. Shake the yolk  
of an egg in half a pint of alcohol till  
thoroughly mixed. Strain, and you  
will have a clear fluid left, which will  
keep for an indefinite period. Into  
each basin of water used for washing  
the hair put one or two tablespoonfuls  
of this liquid. Rub with a linen towel  
till partly dry, and then take a large  
Japanese fan and fan vigorously till  
perfectly dry, when the hair will be  
delightfully soft and glossy.

**Cure Cold in Head.**  
Kermath's Chocolate Laxative Ointment, easy  
to take and quick to cure cold in head and sore  
throat.

## Republicans Losing Ground.

Will Messenger.  
It is not mere rumor or invention as  
to the republican leaders becoming  
something uneasy over the prospect of  
carrying the country for McKinley.  
Hanna sees changed conditions, and  
thinks the chances uncomfortably close.  
Newspapers in the north that supported  
him in 1896, are not inclined to try  
him again. The republican organs  
are really or pretendedly sorry over  
the settlement of the gold standard by  
the assured enactment of the measure  
to be adopted soon by the congress.  
That is the talk. If it is so settled  
present it spikes their favorite gun  
and robs them of their best issue. The  
machine managers are bothered to  
know what is best to substitute in order  
to carry the country. The goldbug  
New York Post says:  
"The central west was carried for Mc-  
Kinley on the financial issue only af-  
ter a very hard struggle, four years ago.  
Republican and democratic journals in  
that section do not conceal their feel-  
ing that the policy pursued by the Mc-  
Kinley Hanna syndicate, of running  
the government in the interests of the  
protected classes, the subsidy schem-  
ers, and the trusts which are protected  
by the tariff, is playing into the hands  
of the Democrats." The Indianapolis  
News, for example, says that the  
thing to do is to kill the subsidy bill,  
and gives as one reason that "the re-  
publicans are not so strong in the con-  
fidence of the country that they can af-  
ford to take chances."

What shorts as of memory. Does  
he really think for the merest portion  
of a second that the Democrats in  
North Carolina and those who stood  
shoulder to shoulder with them in  
1898 at the election have so soon for-  
gotten the negro rule in this State in  
1897-'98? It is inconceivable that in  
one year any people so determined  
could ever think of returning to such  
a state of affairs. If Collector Duncan  
bets he will lose as he lost in 1898,  
for if there are three things certain be-  
sides death and taxes in this year of  
grace, 1900, they are that the Demo-  
crats will carry the Legislature and  
elect their Congressional nominees  
and that the Constitutional Amend-  
ment will be ratified by a majority  
more than gratifying.  
Senator Butler is flooding the State  
with copies of his speech in Congress  
against the franchise amendment to  
the Constitution. This plea for ne-  
gro supremacy is being sent out by  
Republicans under the Senator's frank.  
Collector Duncan, for example, is  
sending out some thousands of copies.  
Collector Duncan has a great admira-  
tion for the Senator; in fact, he said  
a few days since he loved him. This  
tenderness is very beautiful. It has  
increased considerably since the win-  
ter and early spring of 1897.  
Republican State Chairman Holton,  
one of the bitterest of all the Republi-  
cans, had some criticisms to make of  
Governor Russell's frank statement  
made at a banquet in Chicago, in  
which the Republicans were arranged  
for allowing themselves to be placed  
in antagonism to the Constitutional  
Amendment. The Governor sees far  
more clearly than Holton the "hand-  
writing on the wall." He knows what  
the white men of the State will do  
at the polls next August. The Gov-  
ernor dismissed Holton's criticism  
with a few contemptuous words.  
It is hardly probable that the session  
of the Legislature in June will last  
more than one week or that it will do  
things other than the particular thing  
for which it meets—that is to safeguard  
the election law and the franchise  
amendment. There will be pressure  
to have it consider some other busi-  
ness—local in character.  
This leads to the just criticism of  
much of the steadily increasing volu-  
me of business which is forced upon  
the Legislatures. At least one-third of it,  
perhaps even more, could easily be  
done by the Clerks of Superior Court.  
It is the talk among Republicans  
here that Judge Ewart cannot be con-  
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