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Our attention was called, the other day, to a lot of Northern Early Rose Irish potatoes that had been brought to Lenoir for seed. They were pretty potatoes and of uniform size. Comparing the lot with a lot of Caldwell potatoes lying near, it was remarked that the Northern potatoes were so much finer and that surely this is not a potato country. It is very true that among the home potatoes were many fine large tubers but they were mixed with small ones and the lot did not show off to advantage. These potatoes had been measured up just as they were dug and were shipped off to market without further handling. When the Northern potatoes were dug they presented the same appearance and there were little ones as well as large ones among the tubers as they lay in the field. But they were picked over and sorted. The large ones were placed by themselves and brought good prices while the rest sold for nearly as much as if the fine ones had not been taken out. The Yankees understand the benefits to be derived from grading. We of the South must learn it before we achieve success. The only crop to which it is applied with us is tobacco, but it should be employed in preparing every kind of produce for market. It would be found to pay as applied to wheat, corn, cabbage, apples, &c. As applied to the latter it will be found especially remunerative. An apple tree should never be shaken; every apple should be carefully plucked from the twig. The owners of Northern orchards, who raise the celebrated pippin, are careful that not an apple shall be bruised. They have a sort of net fastened beneath a pair of shears with which they cut the twig by which the apple hangs to the tree. The apple falls into the net and is secured without bruising. The apples are then graded according to size, &c., and are ready for market. Let our Southern people employ such methods and they will receive better prices for their produce.

On the 16th a caucus of the Democratic members of the Delaware Legislature was held and nominated Hon. George Gray, attorney-general of Delaware, to succeed Mr. Bayard in the Senate of the United States. The first ballot stood Gray 13; Lore, a member of Congress, 9; and Martin 5. On the second ballot Gray received 15 votes which nominated him. Gray was backed by Secretary Bayard and by Gov. Stockley and the State administration. He is described as the finest looking man in Delaware. Lore was the candidate of Senator Saulsbury. There was as much excitement in the little State of Delaware with its three counties of Sussex, New Castle and Kent as over a life occurrence in New York. New Castle, in which county is Wilmington, with a population of 50,000, has a small representation in the Legislature and a reapportionment is to be made. One Sussex man is worth politically as much as two New Castle men and one Kent man as much as 2 1/2 New Castle men.

A LINCOLN correspondent of the Charlotte "Observer" writes to that paper advocating the building of a railroad from Mount Holly up through Lincoln and Catawba counties to Morganton or Marion and thence to Cranberry. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Shelby a few weeks ago in the interest of a railroad from Spartanburg, S. C., to Shelby, from there to Morganton and thence to Cranberry. These schemes all centre on Cranberry as the objective point, because it is presumed that the owners of the Cranberry works, desirous of a short Southern route, would contribute handsomely to the roads. An easier route can be secured to Lenoir than to any other point in the direction desired by the iron company. Why not bridge the gap between Lenoir and Cranberry? Let somebody answer the question.

On the first page of THE TOPIC we print a letter to the editor from General Collet Leventhorpe, upon the fruitful theme of "Censure of Jurors." We have furnished our readers with some good letters upon this interesting subject, but it is at last about exhausted, and we must therefore close the polls. We make

one exception in favor of "Outsider" upon condition that, if he has an inclination to avail himself of a further hearing, he will follow the praiseworthy example set by General Leventhorpe and sign his own name at the bottom of his letter. There is some curiosity on the part of the public to know the name of this "great unknown."

ALTHOUGH Mr. Randall was in favor of the appointment of Mr. Miller as Commissioner of Internal Revenue over Phil Thompson, of Kentucky, it is said that Miller's appointment does not indicate that the President is inclined to lean to Randall's views on the tariff or revenue. The appointment is rather accounted for upon the facts, first that the President thought something was due to West Virginia which led off as a Democratic "October State," and secondly that it was not wise to appoint Thompson who was pushed for the place by the large whisky dealers, many of whom were connected with the late whisky ring of inodorous memory.

STATE TOPICS.

Hyams Brothers, of Bakersville, have failed. A. Creech, an old Raleigh merchant, has failed. Dr. J. G. Hardy, a leading Asheville physician, is dead. Of the 2,206 bills introduced in the Legislature 597 became laws. Gov. St. John will lecture in Asheville and Salisbury in April. Rev. B. C. Phillips, pastor of the M. E. Church at Durham, died on Monday of last week. Rev. J. C. Luke, the Baptist minister at Waynesville, died suddenly Friday morning. Gen. Vance missed the Commission of the Peace but it is said that a nice place is kept for him. Dr. T. D. Wickerspoon, of Louisville, Ky., declines election to the Presidency of Davidson College.

The collectorship in the 5th district has narrowed down to J. C. Buxton, of Winston and A. J. Loyd, of Wentworth. Fayetteville "Observer" is soon to be issued semi-weekly. Its accomplished editor, E. J. Hale, is prominently spoken of as minister to Belgium. Col. David Settle, of Rockingham, will be marshal for this district. Col. J. N. Staples and Col. H. C. Jones are fighting for the district attorneyship.

On the 29th, 30th and 31st inst., tickets to New Orleans and return, good for 15 days, will be sold from Charlotte for \$20.40, from Salisbury \$21.75 and from Greensboro \$22.20. The Legislature has provided for a survey of the oyster waters in this State and their division into lots and sale to private parties for the purpose of encouraging oyster culture. Members of the bar who wish to join the State Bar Association should send their applications, accompanied with \$1, to the Sec. elect, Walter Clark, at Raleigh, before April 1.

This Shelby-Morganton railroad has been chartered by the Legislature as the Midland Railroad. It proposes to build a road from Morganton to Shelby, follow the Carolina Central up to Lincolnton, and then build a new road to Winston and Danville. The Charlotte "Observer," under the heading of "Under which King, Bezonian?" complains that Col. Dowd asks for the endorsement of the Charlotte people for revenue collector and promises to establish the office there and does the same thing at Statesville.

Last week Bob Paul, of Cabarrus county, got to fooling with a pile of gravel excavated from an old gold pit and got \$325 in gold nuggets from three cart loads. He says there are 200 bushels of it and that each bushel will turn out \$125 in gold. There is considerable excitement over the big find. A Greensboro correspondent of THE TOPIC states that on the night of the 20th burglars entered the house of Col. McMahon in that city and rifled it of several articles of value. While they were in the Colonel's room he heard them and sprang from his bed when the cunning criminals rushed out and locked the door behind them!

TIMELY TOPICS.

Gen. Grant is no worse. Cleveland celebrated his 48th birthday on the 18th. New Jersey had a big fire Saturday and her State House was burned. It was understood in Washington that the Senate was to adjourn yesterday. The wheat crop of Virginia is about 30 per cent short as compared with last year. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher called on the President last week, and was cordially received. Gen. Joe Johnston called on the President last week, the first time he has been in the White House since 1860.

Susan Warner, aged 68, another of the "Wide, Wide World," died at Highland Falls, N. Y., last week. Mr. Elaine has called on the President and Mrs. Elaine and her sister have attended one of Miss Cleveland's receptions. The Virginia Republicans are organizing to defeat the Mahone faction in the next party convention which meets to nominate a candidate for Governor.

The President, it is said, seems to be rather prejudiced against those office seekers who bring such a heavy pressure to bear on him and is inclined to lean upon the advice of a few in whose sincerity and impartiality he can confide rather than upon that of a strong political backing.

OUR BURKE LETTER.

A County Abounding in Gold and Precious Stones.

MORGANTON, March 20.

Court is over and everybody is pleased—except the criminals. For the first time in years the dignity of the State has been fully maintained. "Judgment suspended on payment of cost" appears very rarely on the criminal docket of this term; the men who punctured the hides of their adversaries with barlow knives or broke their heads with rocks and bludgeons are now viewing life through iron bars, and those restless spirits who are always seeking whom they might devour somebody have been placed under heavy bonds to keep the peace for two years. The good people of the county breathe freely once more, and Judge Avery's figon and impartial enforcement of the law is universally commended.

Speaking of minerals, it were useless to inform the reader that the valley of Silver Creek in this county is one of the richest gold fields in the State. Your many readers recollect the excitement caused throughout this part of North Carolina when, scores of years ago, a peddler found a large nugget of this precious yellow ore in one of the clear rills that form Silver Creek, fourteen miles southwest of Morganton. They recollect the mad rush that followed, and how that quiet valley at the foot of the South mountains was transformed, as if by magic, into a populous mining camp, where a thousand slaves furrowed the valleys and mountain sides, and made the forests musical with the clink of pick and spade. They found there a clear mountain stream, whose limpid waters had told the secret of the treasure concealed in those quiet valleys, and which the first settlers had naturally called Silver Creek. When the gold diggers pitched their tents near its head springs it was Silver Creek no longer, and to one who sees the turbid stream that now pours its yellow waters into the Catawba one mile above Morganton it is a wonder why it was given such a name. Steady work for fifty years has not yet exhausted the treasures of the valley, and today two large mining companies, with the most improved mining machinery, are finding profitable work within a mile of the spot where the first gold was discovered.

Mining garnet to be crushed into powder and used as a substitute for emery has been profitably carried on for several years in this county. A Philadelphia firm crushed and shipped immense quantities of garnet from Morganton, and J. A. Shuping now has four mills running at his gate mines, nine miles south of here. The garnet that is crushed in the mills is called mass garnet, but imbedded in this mass garnet is frequently found the beautiful translucent garnet, much prized as a gem, and of which the writer has seen sixteen pounds in a single piece. Your many readers will be surprised to know the number and variety of precious stones that have been found in this county. Several very beautiful diamonds have been found at Capt. J. C. Mills' mine on Brindletown. And sapphires, amethysts and rubies have been found by our local mineralogist. Prof. Humphries bought a gem from a mountaineer here for \$1.50 and sold it to Tiffany for \$50. The gem was then set by Tiffany and sold for \$500. The gem was a sapphire of unusual size and brilliancy and was found by Robert Hevner in the South mountains. One of our local mineralogists, Prof. Claywell, has made for himself a goodly as well as many shakels of silver and gold by collecting and selling Burke county gems making a specialty of the beautiful and brilliant aqua marine, which many regard as the superior of the Hiddenite of our neighbor county Alexander.

Lenoir Produce Market.

MONDAY, March 22. Apples, green, 65 to 85; dry, 2 to 5. Peaches, 25. Buckwheat, 43 to 45.10. Butter 15 to 16. Cabbage, in demand, \$2. to \$2.30. Chesnuts, \$1.25. Corn, 75 to 85. Chickens, in demand, 15 to 18. Eggs, 10. Feathers, live geese, 50. Flour, \$2.15 to \$2.35. Hides, dry, 10 to 12; green, 5 to 6. Honey, comb, 10 to 12; strained same. Irish potatoes, dull, 50 to 60. Meal, 80. Oats, 50 to 60. Onions, 50 to 60. Pork, 6 to 7. Turkeys, 60 to 65. Wheat, 90 to \$1.

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Monday in September, each to continue two weeks. Yancey—Eighth Monday after the first Monday in March; fourth Monday in September, each to continue two weeks. McDowell—Tenth Monday after the first Monday in March; fifth Monday after the first Monday in September, each to continue two weeks. The judge of the Tenth District shall ride the full circuit for the year 1885 of the Tenth Judicial District and successively thereafter he shall ride the circuits and hold the courts of the several districts in the order of their numbers in rotation.

Appointments by the President.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today: Milton J. Durham, of Kentucky, to be first comptroller of the treasury; Malcolm Hay, of Pennsylvania, to be First Assistant Postmaster-General; Martin V. Montgomery, of Michigan, to be commissioner of patents; David S. Baker, Jr., of Rhode Island, to be attorney of the United States for the district of Rhode Island; Benj. H. Hill, Jr., of Georgia, to be attorney for the United States for the northern district of Georgia. WASHINGTON, March 17.—Edward D. Clarke, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Sidney D. Jaskman, of Texas, to be United States marshal for the western district of Texas.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today: James D. Porter, of Tennessee, to be assistant secretary of state; John D. C. Atkins, of Tennessee, to be commissioner of Indian affairs.

Indispensable to Magistrates.

Messrs. Alfred Williams & Co., of Raleigh, have in press a new, revised and enlarged edition of the well-known "Busbee's North Carolina Justice and Form Book." This is the best book for magistrates ever issued in the State, and it has received the endorsement of the Supreme Court of North Carolina as to its great value. The new edition will be the only book of the kind which contains all the new laws passed by the recent Legislature, and therefore, it is a perfect hand-book and guide for our magistrates. We advise you to wait for this new edition of "Busbee's Justice." It is nearly twice as large as any other form book, is strongly bound in leather, and will be sent post-paid for \$2.50.

Presiding Elder's Appointments.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT—2nd round. Yadkinville circuit, at Mt. Zion, April 4, 5; Ledell circuit, at Elk Mills, 11, 12; Elkin and Jonesville, at Elkin, 15, 16; Dobson, at Dobson, 18, 19; Mt. Airy Station, 22, 23; Mt. Airy circuit, at New Hope, 25, 26; Statesville circuit, at P. overdrive, May 2, 3; Mooresville circuit, at Oak Grove, 9, 10; Rock Spring circuit, at Mt. Pleasant, 16, 17; Newton circuit, at Newton, 23, 24; Caldwell circuit, at Colliers, 27, 28; Lenoir circuit, at Mt. Zion, 30, 31. L. L. HENDREN, P. E.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

NORTH CAROLINA. Superior Court, CALDWELL COUNTY. Spring Term, 1885. Phineas Horton et al. vs. E. S. Horton et al. It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that D. Theodore Finley and William Finley, defendants in the above entitled case, are non-residents of this State and that the process of this court by summons cannot be served upon them, it is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made in THE LENOIR TOPIC, a newspaper published in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., for six successive weeks, commencing on the 15th day of April, 1885, that the said D. Theodore and William Finley do appear at the said Spring Term of Caldwell Superior Court to be held for the said county of Caldwell on the 24th day of April, 1885, to answer or demur to the complaint which the plaintiff will file with the clerk of the Superior Court of the said county of Caldwell, within the first three days of the said term and let the defendant D. Theodore and William Finley, take notice that, if they fail to appear and answer or demur to the said complaint judgment will be taken against them by default. Attest: J. B. SHELLEY, C. J. S. C. March 12, '85. Edmund Jones, Atty for Plaintiff.

MORTGAGE SALE.

In accordance with the terms of a mortgage in my possession and registered in the office of the Superior Court, clerk of Caldwell county, N. C., I will expose to sale at the court house of said county, on the 24th day of April, 1885, two undivided acres, about three years old, the property of J. D. Haddock. This to satisfy a mortgage made to me and other mortgagees given to me by J. D. Haddock, J. H. HARTLEY, Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C. MORTGAGEE, March 17, 1885.

DISSOLUTION.

The partnership heretofore existing between L. M. Allen & J. H. Hightower under the firm name of L. M. ALLEN & CO. in this day dissolved by mutual consent, J. H. Hightower retiring from said firm, L. M. Allen will pay all liabilities of the firm, and all persons owing said firm will make payment to him. L. M. ALLEN, Lenoir, N. C. March 12, '85. J. H. HIGHTOWER.

Mortgage Sale of a Valuable Farm.

BY VIRTUE of a power contained in a mortgage deed, made to W. H. SMITH & SON, of Norfolk, Virginia, by W. H. FOWLER and wife, and registered in Book 38, pages 384 and 385 of the Register's office of Caldwell county, N. C., I will, on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1885, at the court house door of Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., sell to the highest bidder the valuable farm owned by W. H. FOWLER, on the banks of the lower end of the river, containing 200 acres more or less, 2 1/2 miles west of Lenoir. About one half of the tract is HEAVY OAK and fine timber, balance under cultivation. Fifty acres of level bottom. Uplands all rich and prime wheat and tobacco land. Bottoms never overflow. Fine mill seat, with circular saw now in operation. Young orchard of 200 trees beginning to bear. The title is unquestionable. Terms cash. EDMUND JONES, Atty for Mortgagee.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Superior Court, Caldwell County.

W. T. Lenoir vs. Sarah D. Lenoir, Walter C. Lenoir, George W. Allison and wife Mary Ellen, William E. Lenoir, John B. Lenoir, Branch and wife Melissa, Julia E. Church, F. T. Russell and wife Maria Carolina, Thomas A. Russell and wife Martha Louisa, and Sister E. Lenoir.

Petition for sale for partition.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that all of the above named defendants are non-residents of this State, and that the ordinary process of the court by summons cannot be served upon them, it is therefore ordered that publication be made for six successive weeks in THE LENOIR TOPIC, a newspaper published in the town of Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., commencing the said publication above named, to appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior Court in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., on the 1st day of April, 1885, then and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff. And the said Elizabeth Church and wife Julia will take notice that if they shall fail to appear at the time and place above written, judgment will be recorded against them as prayed for in her petition. W. T. LENOIR, Plaintiff. EDMUND JONES, Atty for Plaintiff. C. S. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Superior Court, Caldwell County.

Elizabeth Harris vs. G. W. Moore, et al.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Elizabeth Harris and wife Julia, defendants in the above entitled case, are non-residents of this State, and beyond the process of this court, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in THE LENOIR TOPIC, a newspaper published in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., for six successive weeks, commencing on the 15th day of April, 1885, that the said Elizabeth Harris and wife Julia do appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior Court for Caldwell county, N. C., on Wednesday, the 15th of April, 1885, then and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff. And the said Elizabeth Harris and wife Julia will take notice that if they shall fail to appear at the time and place above written, judgment will be recorded against them as prayed for in her petition. W. T. LENOIR, Plaintiff. EDMUND JONES, Atty for Plaintiff. C. S. C.

LAND NEAR LENOIR for SALE.

For sale, 60 or 75 acres of land lying on the Indian Gap road within a mile of Lenoir. About one third of it is wooded, the rest cleared. Apply to THE TOPIC OFFICE, Lenoir, N. C.

LAND SALE.

As commissioner appointed by the Superior court of Caldwell county, I will, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1885, at Lenoir in Caldwell county, offer for sale the following land in Caldwell county under a decree of said court: No. 1. Home tract, at the residence of the late R. O. Tuttle, dec'd, containing 320 acres. No. 2. Lying 1 1/2 miles east of Lenoir, and known as the Joppin farm, containing 85 acres. TERMS: One half cash, balance in 12 months at 6 per cent. Title retained until purchase money is paid. Dated at Lenoir, N. C., this 24th day of March, A. D., 1885. R. M. TUTTLE, Commissioner.

RALEIGH NURSERIES.

S. OTHO WILSON, PROP'R. Acclimated Trees, Vines, &c., &c. Location, 3 miles southwest of Raleigh. 100 Agents wanted. Good pay. \$M11

Sale of Personal Property.

Realization of the estate of the late A. B. Kent deceased, will be sold for sale on the premises, TOWN OF DAY OF A TILL, the following list of personal property: Corn, Wheat, one mule, five mules, two oxen, 4 milk cows, 9 hogs, 2 yearlings, 12 interest in a young Jersey Bull, farm implements, &c., &c. A. A. KENT, Adm'r.

NORTH CAROLINA, Superior Court, Watauga county.

Byrns & Lewis & Horton & Walsh vs. Jacob Adler & Co. and others. Notice. In these cases appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Jacob A. Ler, Morris Adler and Albert Adler, defendants in the above entitled case, are non-residents of this State and beyond the process of this court, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in THE LENOIR TOPIC, a newspaper published in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., for six successive weeks, commencing the said publication above named, to appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior Court in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., on the 1st day of April, 1885, then and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff. This 20th of March A. D. 1885. W. B. COUPELL, Atty for Plaintiff. J. B. TODD, C. S. C.

TOWN TAXES.

I have given my bond for the collection of the town taxes and the commissioners have passed an order for me to settle on the 29th of April. I give notice to those who have not paid taxes that they must be paid by April 1st or execution will follow. W. B. COUPELL, Tax collector.

Administrator's Notice.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of A. S. Kent, dec'd, hereby notifies all persons claiming debts against his estate to present the same for payment or this notice will be placed in his hands of recovery. And notice is also given to all persons indebted to said estate forthwith to call upon the Administrator and pay the same. A. H. M. KENT, Adm'r. Mch 4. A. A. KENT, Adm'r.

READ And Act Accordingly.

his Closes another Business year with us and we find Many Accounts past due still unpaid.

WE NEED OUR MONEY And most Earnestly Request

ALL PERSONS Owring us either By Note or Account to make

Immediate Settlement. Our Request is Reasonable. We only ask for what

is due us and hope all debtors will PROMPTLY RESPOND.

Respectfully, GLOYD AND NELSON. Lenoir, N. C., Feb. 16, 1885.

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AT THE Beginning Of The

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Customers Statements of Their

WITH AN Urgent Request to Settle

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NOTICE That all those who pay no attention to my most reasonable Request will find

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F. WISENFELD, Collecting officers