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in the Western district. They are three solid, sterling men who will wear well and wash well. There is nothing of the two-faced politician about them. They are men of pronounced character and of such force as to compel respect from their fellows. We are satisfied when such appointments are made.

STATE TOPICS.

Asheville is talking about a line of street railway.

The mercury was four degrees below freezing in Yancey on the 11th.

The press convention will be held at Smithville on the 17th of June.

Marion is behind hand and will not hold her municipal election until the 23rd.

The Episcopal Convention for this diocese meets in Asheville next Wednesday.

Capt. S. A. Ashe, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, has been appointed postmaster of Raleigh.

J. B. Bostic and D. D. Suttle have lately given without pay to the town of Shelby six acres of new streets.

At the sale of the property of the late G. M. Wilfong in Catawba last week, corn and wheat both brought \$1.15.

Married in Newton, May 13, Mr. Will R. Rankin, of Greensboro, to Miss Kate Cline, daughter of M. M. Cline, Esq., of Newton.

Jourdan Haney, aged 20, an inmate from Cleveland county, of the Morganton Insane Asylum, hanged himself on the 25th of April.

In Jones county corn has been more plentiful during the past winter and Spring than usual and hog cholera has been less prevalent on account of more generous feed.

Those who are entitled to pensions under the disabled Confederate soldiers bill must file their applications with the Board of county commissioners before the first Monday in July.

In Shelby last week two justices were trying a case of assault when a difference of opinion as to the law occurred. The lie was passed and, but for the interference of outsiders a fight would have ensued.

In Monroe on Monday last week Logan, negro barber, met his dusky sweetheart walking the street with Malloy, colored waiter at Brown's hotel, when he began shooting at Malloy and killed him. Logan escaped.

New Berne places her dependence upon garden trucks and she pays greater reverence to peas than Durham to tobacco. The New York steamers go off daily loaded down with crates of peas, potatoes and early vegetables.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Winston Republican, comes to us in new type and is very much improved. One of the joys of our life is the weekly perusal of its Statesville letter, in which the writer deals out his licks at random hit or miss.

The two young men, Easton and Jarvis, who were arrested upon suspicion of having thrown the dynamite cartridge into the house of ill-fame in Charlotte, were up before Mayor Johnson and released by reason of lack of evidence against them.

Near Leicester, Buncombe county, Philetus Sluder, who was about to be arrested for threatening to kill a deputy sheriff who was trying to make the arrest, shot at the deputy. The bullet missed its mark and struck Carr Sluder, a brother of Philetus, killing him instantly.

Last Wednesday there was a big show of fine cattle in Raleigh. There were 150 head of Jerseys, Devons, Durhams, &c., mostly from the near vicinity of Raleigh, collected together in the fair grounds and quite a crowd was in attendance. At 11 o'clock there was a procession through the streets and the drove of cattle was very imposing. It is estimated that the cash value of cattle was over \$15,000.

Memorial day was observed at Raleigh by appropriate services on the 11th. Col. Alfred Moore Waddill delivered an eloquent eulogy upon Gen. Geo. Anderson at Tucker Hall, after which the crowd adjourned to the cemetery and covered the graves of the Confederate dead with flowers. At New Berne the Confederate monument was unveiled, the memorial services, strewing of flowers, &c., were performed and Capt. Ham C. Graham delivered an address upon the subject of Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew.

The Newton Normal school will begin July 1 and continue four weeks. The following is the faculty: M. C. S. Noble, Superintendent; City Graded Schools, Wilmington, N. C.; Edward P. Moses, Superintendent Graded School, Goldsboro, N. C.; W. A. Blair Superintendent High Point Graded School; Henry Honck, Deputy Superintendent Public Instruction, Pennsylvania; J. P. Blair, Haverford College, Pennsylvania; J. A. Poil, Associate Principal Catawba High and Normal School; Miss Nellie Cook, Principal Union Graded School, Wilmington, N. C.

WESTERN CORN.

A lot of Western Corn & Meal just received, and will be sold for cash only, at CORNKEY BROS. A No. 1 one-horse wagon for sale very low at Cloyd & Nelson's.

TIMELY TOPICS.

The status quo remains in the Russo-English affair.

During the past year the expenses of the American Tract Society have been \$382,241.

Wm. H. Cullingsworth, a prominent tobacco manufacturer, has been made postmaster of Richmond, Va.

The consolidated fund bill of the British Government for \$55,000,000 has passed the British House of Commons.

Gen. Komaroff reiterates his former version of the Penjdeh affair, so that it is a question of veracity between him and Sir Peter Lumsden.

One of the significant signs of the times was the "Congress of the Churches" held at Hartford, Conn., last week. The spirit that actuated the members of the different denominations taking part in it was a desire to bring together the various branches of the church in a closer union and fellowship; to advance their amenities further from the condition of an armistice and nearer to a brotherhood.

WATAUGA COUNTY.

A Continuation of the Chapter of News and Gossip from the Mountains begun last week.

On Monday, May 1, the voters of Stoney Fork township gathered together at the voting precinct and, by a vote of 50 to 2, voted whiskey out of the township.

On Monday of court the owners of several fine stallions in the county—and there is much fine stock in Watauga—had their horses out upon exhibition. One of the finest was the Kentucky thoroughbred of Coffey Brothers. He is a strawberry roan, glass-eyed in the left eye and one of the most perfectly formed animals we ever saw. The Coffeys have also a very large Durham Bull, three years old, and weighing 1,800 pounds.

On Monday and Tuesday Prof. Cushman, a traveling veterinary surgeon and one of the most perfect talking machines that ever went through the mountains, lectured upon the horse, sold a farrier's book and taught a class in the art of subduing unruly horses. He made a public exhibition of throwing a horse down easily and without danger.

Whether he was a humbug or not was a vexed question much discussed between the "outs" and the "ins," the latter refusing to disclose any of the secrets which the professor disclosed to them. The hearing of evidence in the Clark reference case before Capts. Coffey and Lovell, on Thursday, drew as large and as interested a crowd as was at court during the week. W. P. Clarke, a young Englishman of the Rugby Colony in Tennessee, who professed to be an analytical chemist, sued the Union Mining Company, which worked the Flannery silver mine on Beech Mountain and the Gragg gold mine on the Grandfather and of which Dr. J. T. Stewart was the superintendent, for 560 days work as a chemist at \$5 per day. The company contended that Clarke's analyses were made upon speculation and that if he resulted in the sale of the mines he was to share the proceeds. He received \$560 of which \$200 was deducted for board.

Capt. E. F. Lovell, who obtained his license to practice law at the last term of the Supreme Court, was sworn in by Judge Avery. Col. Calvin J. Cowles, of Charlotte, and John A. Boyden, of Salisbury, were in Boone on business before the court.

Rev. Mark S. Gross, the Roman Catholic priest in charge of the churches at Charlotte and on the Western road, came to Boone Monday and preached in the court house Tuesday night, on the subject of Paradise and Purgatory.

Mr. J. W. Greene, one of the most progressive stock raisers of Beaver Dams, sheared a week or so back, 10 1/2 lbs. of wool from a yearling Cotswold buck and 9 1/2 lbs. from a 2 year old ewe.

Died, May 3, at Sands, Mr. Wm. Gragg, aged 74 years.

Mitchell County News.

The furnace at Cranberry is at work and is turning out pig iron from the ore in a hurry and the little narrow gauge railroad to Johnston City is kept busy hauling the pig away.

Work has been resumed in the way of taking out the ore, although nothing is being done in the tunnel and down in the shaft. The top surface has been peeled off on the side of the mountain near the mouth of the tunnel and the rich ore at the top of the ground is being blasted and blown to pieces and run through the furnace.

Gen. Wilder's \$100,000 hotel with 200 rooms which he is building on top of Roan mountain is fast approaching completion. It has three fronts, East 200 feet, South 160 feet and West 140 feet, and is three stories high with a basement for a billiard saloon, dancing hall and Kindergarten.

Miss Bate, a niece of Gov. Bate, of Tennessee, has been employed to teach all the children of genius, free of charge, in the Kindergarten department. This is a novel scheme. The furnace will also be located in the basement from which heat will be conveyed to every chamber on the register plan. The dining room will force water from a spring 200 feet below and will convey it to every room. The hotel is connected by telephone with Roan Mountain station, 12 miles away.

There are 500 acres of level land on top of the mountain and a road track half a mile around is being made.

A saw mill and planing machine are at work on top of the mountain and the lumber for the hotel is being sawed out of the native balsam. The engine will be used on an inclined tramway that is to be built from top to bottom for the conveyance to and fro of passengers and provisions.

The Gold Snag.

The unusually cold weather for the season of Monday of last week did some damage to early garden vegetables and the frost bit down peas, potatoes and corn but they all come out. The Yarkin suffered worse than any other part of this county. In Mitchell, Watauga and Ashe the thermometer registered below 32 and there was ice, but nothing was far enough advanced to be hurt.

Store Scene.

YOUNG LADY—I want a nice dress. Thank you, I think that is very pretty; I'll take a dress of that. (To the merchant.) How many yards will it take?

MERCHANT—I don't know, I have never had to buy any.

OLD GENT.—It takes about 14 yards for my wife.

MERCHANT—(To young unmarried man standing near.) How many yards will it take for your wife?

YOUNG MAN—About 12 yards, I think.

YOUNG LADY—Well, cut me off 12 yards, then. X. Y. Z.

Lecture at Rutherford College.

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, May 13.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: Please announce that Dr. Bayes, of the Holston Conference, the renowned preacher and lecturer, will lecture in the Rutherford College Chapel on Wednesday night, the 20th inst. Subject: Courtship.

Admittance free, 25 cents. The proceeds are for a charitable purpose. Let all the young people come. It will be a grand treat.

R. L. ABERNETHY.

Our Hudsonville Letter.

HUDSONVILLE, May 16.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: We are having fine weather and the farmers are making good use of their time.

Our place is improving a little. Mr. Hudson's new house is nearly completed. Mr. J. G. Adderholt is going to build him a new house as soon as he can get ready. He has moved his steam sawmill to our place this week and has it now in running order.

Mr. A. T. Lyda has been in ill health for about five weeks, but we think he is improving now. Last evening, May 15, at about 5 o'clock our old friend and honored citizen, Mr. Rufus Hartley, departed this life for the better world. He leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his death. The funeral will take place at Sardis Church grave yard, tomorrow at 10 o'clock. We extend sympathies to the bereaved friends. Y. N. Z.

To the Citizens of Lenoir and all Persons Concerned.

LENOIR, May 15. It may not be generally known that there is a sanitary law in our State, the operations of which are intended and designed to mitigate and remove as far as it can be done all sources of disease, more especially those arising from the use of impure water and air, as well as from stagnant, fermenting, decayingslums and exposed and improperly located privies, etc.

These potent sources of disease we have reason to fear are to be found more or less on every lot in town. The latter, especially, have rendered a residence in some of our houses almost insupportable. Such a state of affairs cannot, must not continue. As a public health officer it becomes my duty, in conjunction with our Hon. Mayor and the town Board of Commissioners, to investigate to what extent these violations of our sanitary law may exist, and institute at once, measures for our safety. It is this matter, we have every reason to expect the prompt and hearty cooperation of all our citizens. Without this, much trouble and damage may ensue, both at home and abroad. T. M. VANCE, A. A. SCROGGS, Mayor, Sup't Pub Health.

Attend the Normal.

RISDEN, May 13.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: I wish to say through the columns of THE TOPIC, to the teachers of Caldwell county and friends of education in general, that the Normal School will be held in Boone, and I think it is the duty of all who intend to teach to attend the Normal School, and prepare themselves for the great work of developing minds. I know there are some opposed to the Normal School. There are some that are opposed to everything that is for the development of our country. The reason why they oppose it is because they are ignorant. They are imprisoned in their ignorance. Their ignorance is as a wall built around them—high and impenetrable. This is a progressive attitude. We should at once arouse from our lethargy, and no longer submit to the galling yoke of tyrannical ignorance. We as a nation must educate or we must perish by our own poverty—educate the rising generation and our American institutions are

safe—neglect and they are in jeopardy every hour. Now, in order to educate the youth of our land, the teachers must be educated. Now, teachers, are you going to go to the Normal School and prepare yourselves for your great work, or are you going to let this golden opportunity pass unimproved? Do we not need competent teachers to teach our public schools? Yes we need men who will stand abreast with the foremost in the cause of education. W. M. FRANCOM.

Letter from Cove Creek.

SUGAR GROVE, May 14.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic:

The weather still remains cold and the farmers are behind with their work. Some are done planting, while others are planting and some are rolling logs.

We had a big frost and freeze on the morning of the 11th, which killed all the beans and other vegetables that were up in the gardens and I think it killed most of the fruit also.

I will just say to the readers of THE TOPIC that old Cove Creek Church is still alive, and in a flourishing condition. With a membership of about 160, and with Rev. J. L. Shearwood, pastor. And our Sunday school at the same place is also at work. We have an average attendance of about 75 scholars. John McBride is superintendent, T. P. Adams, assistant, D. F. Horton, clerk, F. P. Mast, Treasurer.

X. Y. Z.

A House Tumbles.

Gaston Gazette.

The three-story brick building on Trade street, in Charlotte, occupied by Hammond & Justice, hardware dealers, tumbled down yesterday, making a complete wreck. In excavating for a cellar under the adjoining property, where Schiff & Bro. are rebuilding the store that was burned some time ago, the workmen took away the earth to within three feet of the wall which caused it to crush down. The book-keeper received warning which he communicated to the others in the building, and all the occupants deserted the house before it fell.

Charlotte Democrat.

Just as we were about to go to press falling buildings and walls so damaged the Democrat Office Building that we had to abandon it for the present. That's all we have time to say now.

1 P. M. Thursday, May 14.

H. C. BOYLIN,

Watchmaker and Jeweler, LENOIR, N. C.

Up stairs over Martin's Hardware Store, all work guaranteed.

Registered Jersey Bull.

—MY FINE registered Jersey Bull, GOVERNOR JARVIS, will stand for the season at "Marv's Grove," 2 miles West of Lenoir, at the following rates for a season: BULL CALF, \$100. HEIFER CALF, \$50.00. E. P. MILLER.

MORTGAGE SALE.

ON THE 20th day of MAY, 1885, at the court House door in the town of Lenoir, we will sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, a certain tract of land in said county, lying on the waters of Gunpowder creek the miles and bounds of which are set forth in a certain mortgage deed, to be made by John Mall and wife, and registered in Book N, pages 208-9-10 of the records of Caldwell county, in the office of the Register of Deeds, by virtue of which deed this sale is made. J. A. HALLMAN, Mortgagee, April 1, 1885. W. S. HALLMAN, Mortgagee.

For Sale!

A CAR LOAD of Buggies, Hacks, Platform-Spring Wagons, Phaetons, and Road carts (with or without tops), all in exchange for Live vehicles Horses, Cattle, Corn, Fodder or Wheat.

WE ARE ALSO AGENTS for the PREMONSTRATOR in Caldwell county.

AGENTS also for the KELLY WHEAT DRILL, HARVESTER, HAY RAKE and FEED CUTTER.

A CAR LOAD of "ANCHOR BRAND" Fertilizer for Tobacco, and Piedmont brand for corn and cotton which we will sell at Hickory prices, freight added. WANTED 6 or 8 Good Horses. A Lot of Buckskin tags ready to take away in about two weeks. ABERNETHY & HARTLEY.

Land Sale.

As a commissioner appointed by the Superior court of Caldwell county, I will, on Monday, the 28th day of May, 1885, at Lenoir in Caldwell county, offer for sale the following land in Caldwell county, to-wit: A certain tract of land, containing 51 1/2 acres (51) of land on the Yadkin River and known as Lot No 4 in the division of the lands of William Hatler, deceased. Terms: 20 per cent cash, balance in 6 months with approved security at 8 per cent interest. This retained until purchase money is paid. Dated at Lenoir, N. C. April 3, 1885. M. E. SHELL, Commissioner.

North Carolina—Caldwell County.

Superior Court—Spring Term 1885. Malinda Palmer vs. Joseph Palmer Et Als. Action to set aside a deed, having been made to appear to the satisfaction of the court that Joseph Palmer one of the defendants in this case is a non resident of this State. It is ordered that publication be made for six successive weeks in the Lenoir Topic newspaper published in Lenoir, Caldwell county, North Carolina, announcing the said Joseph Palmer to answer or demur to the complaint which will be filed with the clerk of the court on the 1st day of the term. And the said Joseph Palmer will take notice that if he shall fail to answer or demur to the complaint at the said time and place, the plaintiff will pray judgment. M. E. SHELL, C.S.C. EDMUND JONES, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of Wm. Shell deceased, I hereby call upon all persons owing said Wm. Shell, to make immediate payment to me, and upon all persons having claims against said Wm. Shell, to present them to me within 12 months from date, or this time will be placed in a bar of their recovery. S. H. OXFORD, Attorney.

NOTICE!

I will offer for sale, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the court-house door, in Lenoir, on Monday, May 25, 1885, being Monday of Caldwell Superior court, J. A. Bolech, interest in forty seven acres of land, more or less, lying on the waters of Prussesson creek, and situated in Caldwell county, North Carolina, and also to satisfy executions in my hand for collection, issued from Caldwell Superior court, in favor of R. J. Bush. M. H. TUTTLE, Sheriff.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to Susan Triplett and Augusta Triplett that on the seventh day of May, 1885, a special proceeding was instituted in the Superior court of Watauga county, entitled G. J. Cowles administrator, vs. the heirs and assigns of H. Triplett deceased, for the purpose of obtaining an order to sell the lands of H. Triplett, dec'd., for the payment of the debts of said H. Triplett, dec'd., and that the said Susan Triplett and Augusta Triplett are required to appear at the office of the Superior court clerk, of Watauga county, on the 25th day of July, 1885, and answer or to demur to the complaint of the plaintiff now on file in said office, unless they file this answer on file in said office, within my hand this 7th day of May, 1885. J. B. TODD, Clerk Superior Court, Watauga county.

New Goods! New Goods!!

Spring is here and with it Comes our

New Goods.

We have not time to particularize and for the present content Ourselves by calling your attention to one of the largest and handsomest stocks of goods ever brought to this market.

When in Need of anything from a Paper of Pins To a Suit OF CLOTHES, SEWING MACHINE COOKING STOVE.

Will do our best to please

Come one, Come all.

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