

THE LENOIR TOPIC.

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PUBLIC SPIRIT, an enlightened public spirit, a spirit of enterprise which reaches out beyond self and seeks the common weal, does not come naturally. It is an exotic and has to be nurtured and cherished to make it grow and bear fruit.

Forsythe's assessed wealth is \$4,736,157, nearly \$400,000 more than it was last year. Her total taxes are \$35,728; county \$12,401.04; State \$18,057.32; poll \$5,269.64.

Old York was dead politically but Trap Hill has broken out in a new place—this time in the shape of The Mountain Range Outlook, published once a week by H. Spencer at \$1 a year.

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STATE TOPICS.

State Fair October 12 to 17 inclusive.

The Governor is down with "the bilious."

Cotton rated in Charlotte, Thursday, at 8:95.

The Iredell magistrates have abolished the Inferior Court.

The W. N. C. R. R., Murphy division, is 89 1/2 miles long.

John Judge, a prominent Wilmington merchant, is dead.

Jos. B. Smith, P. M. at Fayetteville, vice Howell suspended.

The freight on a carload of berries from Hickory Point Rock is \$160.

Big Spring, Robeson county, cannot be fathomed with a chain 95 feet long.

Shelby has built 54 new houses this year and shipped 11,400 bales of cotton last year.

The East wing of the Western Asylum will be completed and ready for patients by the first of May.

Died at Trap Hill, Wilkes county, Aug. 31st, Mrs. Nancy Bryan, aged 88, mother of John Q. A. Bryan.

Married in Salisbury, Wednesday evening, Miss Bessie Stewart, daughter of J. J. Stewart to Mr. J. P. Moore, of Greenville, S. C.

Major Peyton Randolph has been appointed assistant Superintendent of the Western North Carolina Railroad.

On Friday a keg of powder exploded in the store of Giles & Murchison, Wilmington, and their clerk Chas. R. Smith, was killed.

The Wilkes Outlook favors the purchase of the iron bridge across the Yadkin at Wilkesboro and the making of a free bridge of it.

Rev. Moses A. Hopkins, colored, of Franklinton has been appointed Minister to Liberia. Score one for the North Carolina Democratic party.

Mr. James A. Robinson will sever his connection with the Winston Leader on the first of Oct. and will connect himself with the Goldsboro daily Argus.

Mullie Watt, daughter of N. P. Watt, of Chambersburg township, Iredell county, is 11 years and eight months old and weighs 199 pounds. She is five feet tall.

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Last Wednesday a freight train and 23 box cars loaded with goods broke through Coddle Creek bridge, 6 miles south of Concord. Two tramps, who were stealing a ride in one of the boxes, were killed, and two firemen injured. The financial loss is heavy.

Durham has among its workmen some Knights of Labor who write a lot of incendiary talk to the Chicago Alarm, a socialist paper. Dark insinuations are hinted of something dreadful the Knights of Labor are prepared to perpetrate in Durham. It is surely all a hoax.

Capt. Bill Drummond, the big conductor on the Seaboard R. R., was wanted by the sheriff of Northampton county as a witness in a suit brought against the R. R. for killing of a cow, but the Captain refused to leave his train; so on his return trip, Saturday, he was taken bodily from the cars by the sheriff and a posse and forced to attend the trial.

Secretary Manning of the Treasury Department sent, through one of his "subs," an order revoking Charles McKesson's commission as storekeeper and gauger to take effect on the 20th inst. Charley writes an "open letter" in reply, stating that he has not been in the revenue service for 18 months, calling honest Dan's attention to offensive partisans and saying if he has a good fat office to give to a Blaine elector, he (Charley) is the man.

125 men were at work at the scene of the Coddle Creek railroad disaster all last week and it was estimated that the work of completing a temporary trestle would be completed by Sunday. In the meantime trains were sent to Charlotte up the Western road from Salisbury to Statesville and down the A. T. & O. R. R.—a roundabout way. Hands were at work on the bridge when the disaster occurred and a danger signal was displayed, but the engineer did not see it until it was too late to take up.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Bishop Lay, of the Episcopal diocese of Maryland, died Thursday.

Jumbo, Barnum's big elephant and the largest in the world, was killed by a railroad accident, near Montreal, Wednesday.

The amount subscribed for the million-dollar monument to General Grant amounts to \$78,000. There is some excitement over the statement that the body is to be soon removed to Washington.

Department clerks, who wish to leave Washington and go home to Ohio to vote, will be allowed to do so, but they will not be paid for the time they are absent neither will they be expected to engage in any partisan work.

The Marquis de Mores, a rich cattle ranchman in Dakota, was on trial last week and week before for killing a hunter named Luffsey who, with his friend, tried to drive de Mores from the country. On Friday Solicitor Long, who was prosecuting, charged Judge Francis in open court, with attempting to screen de Mores. Long was sent to jail for contempt and refused to apologize. He was fined \$250 and paid it. On Saturday the case was given to the jury, who came with a verdict of not guilty in five minutes.

This rainy spell coincides with a "cyclonic disturbance" reported Friday on the Gulf.

The negroes of Ellicott City, Md., took Nicholas Snowden, colored, confined in jail for criminal assault upon a colored girl on Wednesday, from the jail last Friday night, and hung him.

On Wednesday the yacht race for the "America cup," won by the yacht America in 1851, was sailed near New York by the Boston yacht "Puritan" and the English yacht "Genesta," resulting in the victory of the Yankee by one minute and 38 seconds. Time four hours for 40 miles.

Mr. G. R. Council, and family, left out for Watauga to day, after spending several days on the Yadkin.

Many of the young ladies and gents of the Valley are attending Three Forks Association, this week, which convened with the Three Fork church, two miles east of Boone.

We are under many obligations to the Hon. Board of Education for work done in this immediate vicinity as it was so much needed and of so much value to the school children of district No. 1 of Yadkin Valley township to be attached to other districts in order to lengthen the school. How would it be when could we have ever learned what this Hon. Board did had it not been for THE TOPIC? It seems that some people think that what is not in THE TOPIC is not so. One man came to me to learn the death of his son. On my telling him it was not in THE TOPIC it seemed to fully satisfy him it was not so and he said if it had been so, though it happened in Tenn., THE TOPIC man would have heard it.

Ex-Gov. Seymour, of New York, does not subscribe to the doctrine "To the victors belong the spoils," in an indiscriminate sense but thinks that the present civil service commission, as constituted, will develop into a worse nuisance than the spoils system. Instead of two Republicans and one Democrat the ratio should be reversed.

In Ohio the contest for Governor, the election coming off in October, is between the present Governor Hoadley, a Democrat and Foraker, whom he defeated at the last election, a bloody shirt Republican.

Foraker, Sherman and the rest of the Radicals are making a sectional fight and, though Ohio is a Republican State, we have hopes that Hoadley will be elected.

TOWN TALK TOPICS.

Trivial Incidents and Idle Gossip from the Outlying Hamlets.

Wilmington will build a \$100,000 hotel.

Oct. 1 is "moving day" in Wilmington.

Hickory is on the qui vive for the circus and the fair.

Raleigh wants newsboys; a union depot and a uniformed police.

Charlotte has a new park, called St. James, entered from west Trade street.

The negro lunch shanty at the Salisbury depot is to give way to a tobacco warehouse.

Shelby is asking itself if fish ponds near town are not indicative to fever which has prevailed there for two years.

We will put Winston against the world for having more people, than any other town, whose second initial is "X."

Wilmington butchers are cutting prices on beef and the gentle sand-lappers get "choice mountain" steak at very low prices.

Asheville claims to have 5,000 inhabitants and clamors for the free delivery mail service which belongs to towns of that size.

The Gastonia Gazette speaks of an event having occurred in that crossroads hamlet—Railroad cross road, we mean—"one night several days ago."

Mr. M. M. Chambers has resigned the Morganton postmaster-ship and the Blade says that Mr. J. A. Claywell "is to be postmaster hereafter."

Durham has just purchased a large "gospel tent," such as Rev. Sam Jones uses. Rev. Dr. McDonald, a powerful Atlanta preacher, will conduct a series of meetings in it.

Salisbury's greatest nuisance is the disorderly conduct on Sunday nights of a gang of unmannerly white youths whom the Mayor has begun to haul up before him and discipline.

The Blade says Mr. I. T. Avery, of Morganton, is putting up a handsome residence. Going to get married, of course. By the way, she fell from a horse the other day, Ike.

Statesville has been enjoying and appreciating interesting sermons from Rev. John W. Davis, D. D., an eloquent Presbyterian missionary to China who is at home on a visit.

President McKinnon proposes to turn two of the dormitories in the campus at Davidson College into infirmaries. He is making many other improvements and the outlook is bright.

Charlotte is trying to get up an extensive telephone system with its own sweet self as hub and having lines radiating out to all the neighboring "hamlets." It is a good idea and ought to succeed.

Morganton is exercised over a crowd of worthless loafers who congregate about the depot on Sundays and spend the Sunday in drinking whiskey, fighting and cursing. Put 'em in the chain gang.

Milton wants a bank. The New York World consoles the Miltonese, in the event they do not get a bank, in this wise: They now want a bank but, if they had one, they would soon be wanting the cashier to come back from Canada.

North Eastern Caldwell.

OILY, Sept. 19.

To the Editor of the Lenoir Topic:

Our farmers are certainly making good use of the fine weather this week, gathering fodder, plowing for wheat, picking peas and chinquapins, of which there are good crops.

Mr. J. W. Kendall, one of our closest acorn observers and largest hog raisers, says acorns are plentiful this year. But I suppose many people will lose money this fall owing to their not having hogs to eat them.

Mr. J. H. Jones has been living on the farm of Col. C. J. Cowles, of

Charlotte, for twelve or thirteen years, and has never had the good pleasure of meeting his good old Lord face to face until last Monday eve, when he with all his antic ways and words, accompanied by Capt. Phineas Horton, came riding in. Col. C. remained until noon the next day when he left out, bound for Wilkes court. Col. Cowles certainly found a good crop of corn on his farm as is always the case under the good management and working hands of Mr. J. H. J.

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Foddering nearly over—Corn good. Large crops of wheat will be sown. Tobacco crops are fine and are now being cured. Large crops of apples. One distillery running. The mercantile business good. Lumber trade reviving. But little sickness etc. is the chat of our people.

Mrs. H. S. Blair who has been very sick for a while is convalescing. Married on the 10th Mr. C. Tolbert to Miss Oelia Swanson and on the 13th Mr. Julius Price to Miss E. Miller.

Mr. M. Deal has finished an extensive job of repairing on his mill. R. A. Deal is assisting in clerkship T. H. Deal, who the young ladies mean when they say "Pa don't shoo my Hen."

Mr. Editor come down and help devour the contents of a large watermelon rind. G. E. F.

Cedar Valley Letter.

CEDAR VALLEY, Sept. 19.

To the Editor of the Lenoir Topic:

An average of sixteen trains pass Statesville each day between Atlanta and Richmond, owing to the smash up at Coddle Creek, but a blockade occurred at Statesville on Saturday, detaining 8 trains waiting to pass.

Good axe for 75 cts. at the Hardware Store.

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Call at the Hardware Store and get a tobacco knife before cutting tobacco.

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Wanted:

Wild Ginger, Jamestown (jimson) Leaves, Catnip leaves, White Hellebore.

Dr. Jas. W. Shell will soon move off the Lucinda Tuttle farm and go

to Elk Park to reside. Then we will need a doctor who is invited to these corners, and live at the hub of the world, if not of the universe.

Some miscreant prostrated a portion of the fence surrounding Henderson Johnson's meadow, on Saturday night, leaving fifteen stacks of good hay exposed to destruction by other people's cattle.

Nine hundred and fifty kernels of buckwheat, which grew here on the Puetz farm, were counted on one stalk. That is a big yield.

Mrs. S. V. Aldridge, who has been afflicted with pneuermal fever for two weeks is somewhat better. The weather, the past week, has been fine for ripening the late potatoes, cabbage and corn.

Dr. Stewart, owner of the gold mine about five miles from here in Caldwell county, from his home in Knoxville, Tenn., passed by here on Saturday last, with bag and baggage, on his way to the mine. He did not know whether he would work it, this fall, or not.

The Cranberry furnace men are advertising for 150 wood choppers, and some two-horse mule or ox teams. So times will probably be lively, at Cranberry, this fall and winter.

No frosts yet. Near Oaks, of Back Mountain, which is on the borders of Tennessee and this state, shot and probably fatally wounded, a son of Joel Laws, on Joel Law's premises, on Wednesday last. Young Laws ran away with Oak's wife—so the story runs—and came back home. He and Oaks met, quarreled over the matter and Laws fired a gun, the ball of which hit Oaks on the head, and Oaks took the gun on him. Laws had a pistol in his boot which he was trying to draw out when he was prostrated by Oak's gun. Oaks then took the pistol, put it to Law's breast and shot him. His life was despaired of. Oaks escaped. Tennessee has jurisdiction of the case. W.

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\$13. Thirteen Dollars! \$13.

Besides this, rare bargains are offered in Meat Safes, Bureaus, Washstands, Bedsteads, Tables, (square and round) Lounges, rocking chairs, children's chairs, dining extension tables, either walnut or ash, walnut bed-room suits, bed mattresses, springs, &c.

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