

# The Lenoir Topic

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## THE RACKET.

Ladies, Gentlemen and friends: Please allow me to express my heart felt thanks for your liberal patronage, as I am the originator of the Grand Old RACKET, which I, and I know the most of you, are proud of to-day, because it is the place of honest dealing, and composed, I think, of honest men. Hoping to have a continued patronage from our many friends, I am most truly,  
T. E. RACKET WRIGHT.

To my many friends:  
I have been connected for 3 years with the Old New York Racket. I have found them men of their word. I have placed so much confidence in them that on last March I came into the firm. Thank you my many friends for their past patronage as a clerk and double patronage since being united with the firm. All we ask is give us a trial.  
W. J. RAMSEUR

## Your Ear, Please!

I wish to say to my friends of Caldwell and adjoining counties that my connection with the New York Racket during the year now coming to a close has fully confirmed my faith in a cash system. Our success is conclusive evidence that our people fully appreciate the advantages a cash store can give to its customers and our efforts to please have been crowned with success beyond our most sanguine expectation. We pledge our best efforts to merit an enlarged continuance of public favor for the coming year, which we hope to receive, to the mutual benefit of ourselves and the people.  
Respectfully,  
GEO. W. COCHRANE.

Being now engaged at the New York Racket, I will be pleased to have my friends and acquaintances to continue to allow me to deal out to them a hundred cents worth of goods for every dollar they pay me, and to those who have not given me a trial, I want to say that it will take me only a short time to convince them that it will be decidedly to their advantage to trade at the Racket forever in the future. Come and see. I shall always give you faithful attention and be glad to help you secure the bargains that I know cannot fail to satisfy.  
Yours to please,  
G. P. JONES.

I want my lady friends to remember that I am still at the New York Racket store and as anxious to please them as ever. Trade with me; it will make me smile and give you bargains. Men, you will always find me ready to do you (Wright). Boys, old pals, come on, you know me.  
As ever yours,  
GEO. WRIGHT.

Allow me to say to the numerous patrons of the New York Racket that if there is anything I can do for them in the way of selling good goods cheap, I will be pleased to do so. We can save you money and you know it, who have tried us. We have bargains for you. Come and get them. Remember the store that buys and sells for spot cash always leads in prices. Yours to please,  
GEO. F. COCHRANE.

## AND

We want to say right here, you know as well as we know that we have never been undersold in this place; and we know that we will not be. We will have now in a few days all kinds of

### Xmas Tricks,

Nuts, Candies, Raisins, and thousands of everything; all kinds of Toys. Everything bought right, and we are going to sell them right.

### DON'T buy your Toys and XMAS TRICKS

until you see ours. For we will have what you want. Come to see us.

Your old standby,  
**THE NEW YORK RACKET.**

## THE WISE MEN AND THE STAR

MOSES TEGGART.  
Night and Bethlehem nothing need-  
ed  
For to make them more divine;  
Yet the star not all men heeded,  
Fewer still who sought the sign.  
Calves and kine and cattle lowly  
Slept and slumbered in the hay,  
While the helpless Babe and holy  
On the lap of Mary lay.  
Such a couch as finds a stranger  
In these humble barns of ours,  
Joseph made them in the manger,  
Sweet with withered herbs and  
flowers.  
Then while he whose mind was  
molded  
By his Maker, nigh them slept;  
With white pinions furled and fold-  
ed,  
Guardian angels vigil kept  
Hark! some movement at the gate  
way,  
Some subdued and solemn dir-  
ge, un-  
sung, and sped, and straight-  
away  
Strangers three come riding in  
Dark might be the night and se-  
ble  
But behold you wondrous star  
Steady beaming o'er the stable;  
It has led them from afar.  
Still their kingly counsel keeping,  
Enter they that place of rest,  
And, behold, the Babe is sleeping  
Tranquil on his mother's breast  
Wings divine are wafted o'er him,  
Waking Mary, waking him,  
While the wise men kneel before  
him  
In the place no longer dim.  
Frankincense and myrrh in meas-  
ures  
Many a tribute, many a board,  
Gifts of gold and costly treasures  
Are before their King outpoured.  
Having worshiped, given unsparring,  
No man urging them to stay,  
They were courtly, kingly bearing  
In the dawning ride away.  
And through Bethlehem, shorn of  
glory,  
Fades to night in fields afar,  
Still the good book tells the story  
Of the wise men and the star.

From Granite  
GRANITE, N. C., Dec 12, 1896,  
To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic:  
Mr. Jno Smith, of the firm of  
Field & Smith, has moved his fam-  
ily into the large and commodious  
Russel house on Country street. We  
would be glad to have more such  
families as Smith's  
Mr. Jno. Hoke has bought and  
will improve the original Elmore  
house and property, one of the most  
desirable locations on Hickory  
street.  
Mr. Arthur Turnmire, one of our  
best wood workmen, has bought a  
lot and will build a residence oppo-  
site Mr. Warlick's residence on  
Shoals street.  
We usually hear of wedding bells,  
but on this occasion we had wed-  
ding whistles. On last Wednesday  
evening at 4:30 o'clock at the resi-  
dence of the bride's mother, Mr.  
Henry Warlick and Miss Lela  
Teague were, in the pres-  
ence of Messrs. Jno. Hoke, James  
Hickman and Will Warlick; Misses  
Johnnie Moore, Lila Russel, Grace  
Teague and others, married by Rev.  
Albert Sherrill. Mr. Warlick is  
President, and is successfully run-  
ning the Dudley Lumber Co. of  
this place. He is one of our fore-  
most, model young men, not know-  
ing what a bad habit is. Miss Lela  
is one of our most accomplished  
young ladies, of whom any commu-  
nity, or even city like ours, may be  
proud. Yes, we would guess the  
man that has caught her for a wife  
will be proud of her. As the happy  
couple proceeded from the resi-  
dence to the train some funny fellow  
gave out a volume of music from  
the steam whistle, so voluminous,  
monotonous and so good was this  
music, that Mr. Warlick at once  
dispatched a boy with orders to  
have his part of it discontinued.  
The bride and groom went on an  
extended wedding tour to Charlotte  
Columbia and other places. Mr.  
W. has had this foolishness in his  
head for some time, proof of which  
is his having just finished a very  
fine cage for this bird. Granite en-  
masse joins the writer in wishing  
them a happy life through the re-  
mainder of their days.  
Granite asks for the saw contest  
mentioned in the Topic and to get

the same to come off here we men-  
tion several reasons why it should  
and some offers we make. It being  
on halfway grounds between the  
contending parties. Ours being  
one of the most progressive towns  
on the rail road. Ours having  
plenty of good material for Judges.  
We are in close communication with  
Lenoir and Hickory and can on  
short notice collect large crowds  
from the country. Why should it  
not come off here? We will fur-  
nish the wood to saw. Plenty of  
room, all the spectators and with  
proper arrangements men to do the  
sawing and plenty to eat for all who  
come hungry.  
A young Mr. Coffey, purporting  
to have recently come from Mother-  
ville, is at present stopping with  
Mr. Larkin Coffey, a relative of his.  
We are respectively informed what  
his mission is and that is doing all  
in his power to procure the posi-  
tion of our genial and splendid lit-  
tle fellow, Mr. G. Ivey. We will  
not be meddlesome, neither will we  
say anything to injure Mr. Coffey's  
reputation in this line but as Mr.  
Ivey is giving perfect satisfaction  
we do not see cause for a change of  
bosses at present.  
Erma, little daughter of Felix  
Abernethy, who has been seriously  
sick is convalescing.  
OCCASIONALLY.

### What Does It.

When rheumatic pains oppressed  
me sore,  
And cramps and aches made life a  
bore,  
What made me better than ever  
before?  
"Hart's Great Relief."  
When consumption stared me in the  
face,  
And doctors said, "I'd run my race,"  
What cured my cough, and changed the  
case?  
"Symphyx"  
What was it cured my aching head,  
Cleansed blood and liver when al-  
most dead,  
And gave me health when hope had  
fled?  
"Hart's Blood and Liver Pills."  
And when the babe was covered  
with wrinkles,  
Ugly blotches and painful pimples,  
What turned it all to smiles and  
dimples?  
"Mrs. Winslow's Vermifuge."

From Hudson.  
Perhaps you would like to have  
some news from "God's Country."  
I want to state to the readers of  
the TOPIC that Hudson is not the  
wild, rough place that many people  
think it is.  
In conversation some time ago  
with our little man, Mr. T. J. Lutz,  
he said that he hadn't seen a drunk  
man on the streets of Hudson for  
quite a good while.  
The place has entirely reformed,  
and just now this Scripture comes  
to our mind: As it was the case  
with the Lunatic of old who inher-  
ited the Cemeteries, etc. After  
meeting with Christ, the great  
Physician, he was found sitting,  
clothed and in his right mind. So  
we can very truthfully say that  
Hudson is a strictly "moral," quiet,  
and beautiful little village.  
We will try to find time to write  
more fully about Hudson in the  
near future. I will only add one  
other item at present. Our little  
town seems to be a great centre of  
attraction. For, at regular inter-  
vals, we see young men on our  
streets of late, from both Lenoir  
and Granite Falls, and we are com-  
pelled to say that their "calls" are  
neither short nor far between.  
We are glad to see our friend Mr.  
George Hart, who arrived from  
Texas Monday last, the 7th inst.  
His family and friends say "let  
us kill the fatted calf" and "rejoice  
and be merry for our son that was  
lost is found," etc. He is one of  
the many that we have taught in  
school; and a son of Mr. Jacob Hart  
who is a good Democrat in good  
standing and one of our '96 Mag-  
istrates.  
On Friday following Thanksgiving,  
Misses Tuttle, Powell and Net-  
tleton, teachers of Mountain View  
Academy, favored the schools of  
Mr. E. B. Bush and B. F. Howell  
with a visit. Let us say that their  
presence is ever acceptable and  
their visitations helpful.  
In reply to your Boston corres-  
pondent concerning the Bicycle  
fracas, we have this to say: It  
was the chap who did the "troll-  
ing away," and that almost imme-  
diately after arriving at the home

of Mr. W. M. Smith, he bantered me  
for a foot race and I beat him. The  
next night in a debate my side beat  
his, and he was only afraid that he  
would be beaten to the "Dear,"  
which I assure you is not hard to  
do, for I have seen many a twelve  
year old boy who would give a fel-  
low more trouble than he can.  
PETER PEULIAR

### Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Buck-  
lin & Co., Chicago, and get a free  
sample box of Dr. King's New Life  
Pills. A trial will convince you  
of their merits. These pills are  
easy in action and are peculiarly  
effective in the cure of Constipation  
and Sick Headache. For Malaria  
and Liver troubles they have been  
proved invaluable. They are guar-  
anteed to be perfectly free from ev-  
ery deleterious substance and to be  
purely vegetable. They do not  
weaken by their action, but by giving  
tone to stomach and bowels  
greatly invigorate the system. Regu-  
lar size 25c. per box. Sold by  
Todd & Shell, Druggists

### Items from Draco.

A steam saw mill is going up  
here now, Draco is on a boom.  
W. J. Roberts, Jessie Reid and  
others have commenced a debate  
here. All are invited to attend.  
A protracted meeting will begin  
here on the 4th Sunday, we hope  
to have a good meeting.  
Mr. Robey Crisp has commenced  
his school at Draco. We think he  
will make us a good teacher. He  
has a good school now and the at-  
tendance is increasing every day.

People talk about big hogs, but  
half of them don't know what a big  
hog is. There are a few hogs near  
Draco that can eat 23 bundles of  
cane fodder and seeds at a feed. If  
any one wants to see them call at  
Sam Pennell—half a mile from  
Draco. John Holslow, also, has  
some of the stock. He says he has  
hogs which will eat 85 ears of corn  
at a feed, and he says he will sell  
hogs cheaper than Sam Pennell. If  
a man has a full barn of cane fod-  
der and cane seed they will suit him  
all right; if not, he had better let  
them alone. He is anxious to sell  
as he is about out of corn, fodder,  
and seeds.  
SANTA CLAWS.

### The True Remedy.

W. M. Repine, editor Tishkwa,  
Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't  
keep house without Dr. King's New  
Discovery for Consumption, Coughs  
and Colds. Experimented with  
many others, but never got the true  
remedy until we used Dr.  
King's New Discovery. No other  
remedy can take its place in our  
home, as in it we have a certain and  
sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whoop-  
ing Cough, etc." It is idle to ex-  
periment with other remedies, even  
if they are urged on you to be just  
as good as Dr. King's New Discov-  
ery. They are not as good, because  
this remedy has a record of cures  
and besides is guaranteed. It never  
fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free  
at Todd & Shell's Drug Store.

### Notes from the University.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic:  
Thinking that perhaps, some  
of the readers of the TOPIC might  
enjoy reading a short piece from  
the University. I send you a few  
notes.  
Every one is very busy now, pre-  
paring for examinations, which be-  
gin the eleventh of December and  
last till the twenty third. Unless  
a boy has made good use of his time  
they are very much dreaded. If a  
student gets the lessons assigned  
him he hasn't much time to waste.  
There is a great deal of interest  
taken here in athletic sport, espe-  
cially foot ball. This is a good thing,  
as it gives the boys good outdoor  
exercise.  
The Literary Societies have closed  
for the term in order to give more  
time to prepare for examinations.  
Some people have got the idea  
that the University is only for rich  
boys, which I want to say is a  
mistaken one. There is not a  
school in the State, if in the South,  
which offers as many advantages  
to a poor boy as the University of  
North Carolina. He is helped in  
every way possible, both by faculty  
and by the people of the village.  
And I think the Legislature ought  
to increase instead of diminish the  
appropriation, so more young men  
might avail themselves of the super-  
ior advantages which the Univer-  
sity offers.  
With best wishes for the success  
of the TOPIC, I am,  
Respectfully Yours,  
Geo. N. Conroy,  
Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 4, 1896.

### Enormous Yield of Corn.

New York Dispatch.  
The 1896 crop of corn, now prac-  
tically secured, is placed at 2,260,  
000,000 bushels, according to the  
December report of the American  
Agriculturist. While this enor-  
mous total has been forestalled,  
the authority named says there is  
the greatest disappointment in  
quality of the product. Complaint  
of failure to ripen and properly  
dry out is very general, and in some  
districts the quality is so poor that  
loss from heating has followed ef-  
forts to crib. While the crop is the  
largest ever grown, the amount of  
merchable corn is probably less  
than was produced last year. The  
average rate of yield is 27.9 bushels  
of shelled corn from an acre, a  
total of 81,402,000 acres.

### A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I read how one of your subscribers made money  
selling Dish Washers; I ordered one, and my lady  
friends were charmed, as they had dish washing.  
My brother and I commenced selling them, and  
I have made \$1.70 after paying all expenses. We  
don't canvass any. Our cans are all made at home.  
People come or send for them. The Mount City  
Dish Washer is the best dish washer on the market.  
Our business is increasing, and we are going to  
keep right on, until we make ten thousand dollars.  
We sell from 5 to 15 machines every day, and some  
days more. The Dish Washer is lovely, every  
housekeeper wants one. There is no excuse to be  
your when so much money can be made selling  
the Dish Washers. For full particulars, address the  
Mount City Dish Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo.  
They will start you on the road to success.  
A Reader.

A special to the Charlotte Obser-  
ver from Ashboro, dated Dec. 5th,  
says: "Deputy Collector E. A.  
Moffitt was shot and instantly killed  
by Lee Turner, at Pennington's  
ferry, in Montgomery county, Fri-  
day afternoon. Moffitt, Deputy  
Marshal, T. J. Hoover and Lee  
Freeman, all of Ashboro, went to  
Turner's house with a search  
warrant for blockade whiskey,  
which was supposed to be there,  
made at Turner's son's blockade  
distillery, which they had seized.  
There seemed to be little provo-  
cation for the shooting. When  
Moffitt took from his pocket the  
warrant, Turner shot him through  
the heart with a shotgun. Freeman  
caught Moffitt as he fell, discovering  
that he was killed. In the mean-  
time some one shot Lee Turner,  
who died in about an hour. It is  
not learned here who shot Turner.  
Mr. Moffitt was for ten years sheriff  
of this county, was a prominent  
Mason and Knight of Pythias and  
an influential citizen. He was 50  
years old and leaves a wife and  
three children." The remains were  
carried to Ashboro Saturday night  
for interment.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO,  
LUCAS COUNTY.  
FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath  
that he is the senior partner of the  
firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing  
business in the City of Toledo,  
County and State aforesaid, and  
that said firm will pay the sum of  
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for  
each and every case of Catarrh that  
cannot be cured by the use of  
HALL'S CATARRH CURE.  
FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and sub-  
scribed in my presence, this 6th  
day of December, A. D. 1896.  
A. W. GLEASON,  
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken inter-  
nally and acts directly on the blood  
and mucous surfaces of the system.  
Send for testimonials free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo,  
Ohio.  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

More Christmas Goods on the  
way, expected soon Todd & Shell.  
A Monroe special says a shooting  
took place in Union county, near  
the Anson line, a few days ago, be-  
tween two brothers named Edwards  
and two young men named Parker.  
While quarreling Jess Edwards  
whipped out his pistol and fired at  
one of the Parkers, a boy less than  
15 years old, but missed him. He  
then fired at the other Parker, who  
is grown, wounding him in the  
thigh. The latter sprang upon him,  
secured the pistol and shot Edwards  
in the side. The doctors said there  
was no hope for the wounded man,  
but his death has not been reported.  
The one who shot him has not at-  
tempted to get away. There had  
been bad blood between the parties  
for some time.

### WHAT A WOMAN CAN DO.

Last week I cleared, after paying all my  
expenses, \$28.85, the month previous \$20 and  
have at the same time attended to other  
duties. I believe any energetic person can  
do equally as well as I have had very little  
experience. The Dish Washer is just lovely  
and every family wants one. It makes  
washing very easy. I do not know how  
many people hear about the Dish Washer and come  
out for one. It is strange that a good, cheap  
Dish Washer has never been put on the  
market. With it you can wash and dry  
the dishes for a family of ten in two minutes  
without wetting your hands. As soon as  
people see the Washer work they want one.  
You can make more money and make it  
easier than with any house hold article on  
the market. I feel convinced that any lady  
or gentleman can make from \$10 to \$15 per  
day around home. You can get full par-  
ticulars by addressing The Mount City Dish  
Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo. They will be  
glad to get started, then you can make money a real  
fact.  
A. L. C.

### STATE ITEMS.

A hop farm is to be one of the  
industries at Southern Pines, Mont-  
gomery county.  
At Lillington, Harnett county,  
Thursday, Dec. 3rd, was witnessed  
the spectacle of a man on trial be-  
fore a coal-black negro magistrate.  
The High Point Enterprise says  
the amount spent there on new  
buildings during the past two  
months, including improved prop-  
erty charged hands, will reach over  
\$100,000.  
Judge Bykin has resigned. He  
has been on the bench 11 years and  
had served as speaker of the House  
of Representatives before he was  
elected judge. His resignation is  
to take effect Dec. 31st. Judge  
Bykin was held in high estima-  
tion in this part of the State.

### The New Hook Spoon Free to All

I read from the Christian Standard the  
would give an elegant plated hook spoon to  
anyone sending her ten 3-cent stamps. I sent  
for one and found it as useful as I showed  
it to my friends, and made \$100 in two hours  
as a household necessity. It cannot slip into  
the dish or cooking vessel, being held in the  
place by a hook on the back. The spoon is  
ever since spoons were first invented. Any-  
one can get a sample spoon by sending 10-  
cent stamps to Miss Fritz. This is a splen-  
did way to make money.  
Very truly, Jeanette S.

### Executor's Notice.

The undersigned having qualified as executor  
of the estate of Sidney Deal, deceased,  
hereby gives notice to all parties owing said  
estate to come forward and make settlement,  
and all parties holding claims against said  
estate are required to present them within  
twelve months or this notice will be pleaded  
in bar of their recovery. This Dec. 23, 1896.  
J. F. BLAIR, Executor.

### Tutt's Pills

Cure All  
Liver Ills.  
Perfect Health.  
Keep the system in perfect or-  
der by the occasional use of  
Tutt's Liver Pills. They regu-  
late the bowels and produce  
A Vigorous Body.  
For sick headache, malaria, bil-  
iousness, constipation and kid-  
ney diseases, an absolute cure  
TUTT'S LIVER PILLS

President Cleveland and a few  
friends were on a duck-hunting  
expedition at Georgetown, S. C.,  
last week.  
Dispatches from Omaha state that  
Nebraska has 350,000,000 bushels  
of corn to sell, and other agricul-  
tural products in proportion. Two  
years ago the Nebraska Legislature  
appropriated \$150,000 to aid the  
drought sufferers and supplies were  
sent there from all over the country.  
Miss May Kelly, prominent in  
social and musical circles of Duluth,  
Minn., died suddenly Thursday  
night of heart failure. She had  
volunteered her assistance at the  
concert at the church fair, and had  
just sung the opening bars of "He  
Giveth His Beloved Sleep," when  
she fell dead.


A peculiar strike for higher wages  
occurred at Pittsburg, Pa., Friday.  
The drivers of seven funeral car-  
riages and a hearse quit work at a  
funeral and drove away, leaving  
Undertaker Mar in Piper with the  
body on his hands. The funeral  
was that of John Sidroeki. It had  
to be postponed.

It has been settled that the Fifty-  
fifth Congress will be called in extra  
session shortly after McKinley's  
inauguration and the Republican  
members of the ways and means  
committee of the present House have  
begun work on a new tariff bill  
which they propose to have ready  
to introduce when the extra session  
meets.  
The official crop bulletin of the  
Illinois board of agriculture shows  
that the corn yield of that State  
this year is 288,500,000 bushels,  
averaging 42 bushels per acre  
throughout the State. The average  
price is 18 cents per bushel. This  
is the largest yield in the history  
of the State, excepting the crop of  
1873, which reached over 300,000,  
000 bushels.

At Omaha, Neb., Thursday, Ver-  
non White, a 13-year-old boy, was  
accidentally hanged as the result of  
a boyish prank. With his play-  
mates he was playing police. When  
they captured criminals they were  
condemned to be hanged. He was  
condemned and a pillow slip was  
tied around his neck and he sus-  
pended himself to a bed room door.  
Before assistance arrived he was  
dead.

To accommodate the travel-  
ing public both day and night  
When you want to "git there"  
just ask for one of our fast  
horses.  
Livery, Feed and Sale Stable  
Buggies, Wagons and Harness.  
We will enlarge our business so  
as to meet all demands. Just tell  
us what you want and we will cheer-  
fully serve you at  
Reason-  
able Rates.

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Livery, Feed and Sale Stable  
Buggies and Wagons.  
A big lot of Harness,  
Saddles, Bridles, Collars,  
and Everything in Har-  
ness Line.  
DON'T FAIL TO BUY NOW!  
HUNKEL, CRAIG & COMPANY  
LENOIR, N. C.

### TUTT'S PILLS

Cure All  
Liver Ills.  
Perfect Health.  
Keep the system in perfect or-  
der by the occasional use of  
Tutt's Liver Pills. They regu-  
late the bowels and produce  
A Vigorous Body.  
For sick headache, malaria, bil-  
iousness, constipation and kid-  
ney diseases, an absolute cure  
TUTT'S LIVER PILLS

### BANK

OF  
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