

THE LENOIR TOPIC.

H. S. BLAIR, Editor and Publisher.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1897

Entered at the Post-office at Lenoir as second-class matter.

TELEPHONE CALL NUMBER 7.

Subscription price, \$1.00

The Morganton Herald says the old officers of the State Hospital there talk of appealing to the courts to try to hold on to the management of the institution. The TOPIC hopes they will do nothing of the kind. Such a course can have but one result—that of being kicked out at the top of a Republican judiciary. We don't believe these officials will care to carry into effect the first place and even if they do, they would stand little chance before a "non partisan court," as this State has on its bench now. It is much better to yield gracefully to the inevitable and wait patiently for vindication when the people shall have recovered their senses, and appear in politics again "clothed and in their right mind."

In the Raleigh correspondence of the Charlotte Observer, we find this interesting item:

"One of the most important suits that has been before the Supreme Court is that of the Raleigh & Augusta Air Line against Sturgeon, which affected only a small piece of land, but involved a great principle, affecting indirectly thousands of acres of land in this State, worth perhaps millions of dollars. The railroad company brought an action of ejectment against Sturgeon to remove him from its right of way, claiming it owned one hundred feet on each side of the centre of its track. The company had not bought the land and had paid nothing for it, but claimed under the special provisions of its charter that there was, after a lapse of two years, conclusive presumption of grant for full 200 feet, and its actual possession of the whole of its right of way. The defendant had been in uninterrupted possession of his land, but as no statute of limitation or presumption ever runs against a railroad in this State, his possession would not avail against the company. The court dismisses the action, laying down the great principle that wherever the railroad company took land under the right of eminent domain, otherwise than actual grant it acquired only easement, and could take actual possession of unused portions of its right of way only when necessary for the actual uses of the railroad."

The State Treasurer finds that the Legislature's appropriations aggregate \$950,000, which far exceeds any previous appropriations. It is said that the special appropriations amount to \$150,000.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it becomes closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever. These cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

J. J. GIBNEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c.

GREAT RIOT IN THE HOUSE TODAY.

Members Curse and Denounce Each Other.

OVER THE LEASE QUESTION.

House in Perfect Pandemonium—Freeman Takes the Chair and Lusk Cries "Treason"—"Come Down From There, You Usurper," Yelled Dr. Alexander—House Arbitrarily Adjourned.

Special to the News.

Raleigh, March 5.—The House to-day ran into a turbulent riot over the matter of the North Carolina Railroad lease.

Such scenes have never before been enacted in the North Carolina Legislature.

The members shook their fists in each other's faces, cursed one another and stood upon the desks and tables, wildly gesticulating.

A free fight was imminent, and the atmosphere was almost sulphurous.

TO SEE THE FIGHT.

Governor Russell in the executive office down stairs heard the noise and ran to the top of the stairs.

Senators flocked over to the House to ascertain the trouble, and soon there was quite a crowd to witness the bedlam and confusion.

HOW IT BEGAN.

The difficulty began at noon. The resolution asking the Supreme Court to give to-morrow its opinion on the legality of the lease to the Southern was brought up.

Blackburn said that the Senate substitute for the original lease bill, as it was passed by the House, was before the House as a special order and he moved that the House concur in the substitute.

Then the confusion began, twenty members standing in the aisles and clamoring for recognition all at the same time.

Sutton, of New Hanover, moved to postpone action on the substitute.

Person moved to adjourn until three o'clock.

ARBITRARILY ADJOURNED THE HOUSE.

Then pandemonium broke loose. Representative Cooke, who was presiding, arbitrarily adjourned the House until three o'clock. He stepped down and left the house, while the greatest imaginable disorder was raging.

A motion was made that Freeman (Republican) take the chair, as speaker pro tem. The vote shook the hall.

"TREASON." "I PROTEST."

Freeman was in the act of taking the chair when Lusk rushed out and said: "I protest; this is treason."

Dr. Alexander yelled to Freeman, "Come down from there, you usurper."

Several members hid under their desks, and others, fearing riot and bloodshed, rushed from the hall.

Cooke was openly cursed for adjourning the House.

Gudger and other cooler heads finally advised the members to leave the hall, and at 12:30 o'clock they had nearly all disappeared.

BILL TO BE DEFEATED.

He said the opponents of the lease, knowing they were defeated, adjourned the House.

Hancock says Russell's friends will defeat the Senate substitute by eight votes.

He says Russell wants to carry the question before the people.

Two Cars Phosphate for sale. Roller Mill

DR. MURPHEY'S RETIREMENT.

The Directors of the State Hospital at Morganton Express Their Regret at His Removal, and Testify to His Supurb Administration—His Removal a Crime Against the State.

State Hospital, Morganton, N. C., March 8, 1897

We the undersigned retiring directors and ex-directors of this institution, assembled this day, give expression to their regret on account of the displacement of Dr. P. L. Murphey as superintendent, and would express their sense of appreciation of his services and the services of the subordinate officers and employes who have aided him in making the State Hospital the pride and glory of North Carolina. Dr. Murphy has demonstrated in this position the highest medical and administrative capacity. The records of the institution as to leaths and recoveries during his incumbency proclaim his skill as a medical officer; and the perfect order and system which have characterized the conduct of the Hospital, together with the improvements and extensions made, for perfection of appliances, and the general result accomplished, upon the grounds, farm and garden, as well as the wards, tell how well his administrative duties have been performed. His removal, at the dictation of partisan rancor, from a position in which he has demonstrated the highest usefulness, a rancor which he has done nothing personally or officially, to excite, is a crime against the State of North Carolina and a double crime against the thousand insane persons in the western district. He has earned the confidence and love of the insane and has deserved the gratitude and thanks of all who love their State and who honor men for ability and conscientious zeal shown in the discharge of public duties.

The undersigned thank Dr. Murphey and his subordinate officers and employes for their delicate and responsible trusts. We know how well, with what intelligent interest, they have discharged their several duties, and our regard and best wishes will attend them always.

The papers of the State are requested to publish this testimonial.

JAS. P. SAWYER, Pres.,
JAS. W. WILSON, ex-Pres.,
J. G. HALL,
G. W. F. HARPER,
J. P. CALDWELL.

[It is not doubted that other members of the retiring boards would have gladly signed the above if the opportunity had been afforded them.]

WANTED—The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, the strongest of all the Life Companies, want experienced agents to solicit insurance. Liberal contracts will be given. Apply in person or by letter to HOWARD SWINEFORD & Co., General Ag'ts, Richmond, Va.

WANTED—Loggers to put in from 50 to 100 thousand feet of logs at saw-mill in Little River township. Call at TOPIC office for particulars.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as executor of Joseph Sherrill, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties owing said estate to come forward at once and settle the same, and all who have claims against said estate will present them within twelve months or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. This March 8, 1897. J. WILLIAM SHERRILL, Executor of Joseph Sherrill, deceased.

DR. JNO. K. MOOSE, Lenoir, N. C. DR. ED. W. MOOSE, Taylorsville, N. C. **DRS. MOOSE & MOOSE,**

— DENTISTS, — LENOIR, N. C.

I have associated with me Dr. E. W. MOOSE for the practice of Dentistry in Lenoir and surrounding country. All work first-class and guaranteed. Terms moderate. Work done at Country residence when notified. Office over Dr. Keen's Drug Store, South Main Street.

SEEDS.

Clover, Orchard Grass, Timothy, Red Top or Herds Grass, and Seed Potatoes.

—o— ALSO

FERTILIZERS.

— FOR SALE BY —

CLOYD & JOHNSON.

Telephone Call No. 13.

1897!

The old year is passed and gone and to one and all we wish a Prosperous and happy NEW YEAR.

We also return our thanks for the liberal TRADE our friends and the Public generally have given us.

Providence willing we shall continue to do business at the

"Old Stand,"

Where you can get BARGAINS every day in the year.

We give 36 inches to the yard and 16 ounces to the pound, which means 100 cents worth of goods for every \$1.00 you spend with us.

Heavy Overcoats

—AND—

Ready-Made Clothing

As well as many other articles at

Reduced Prices.

Come and see us.

Telephone No. 27.

Respectfully,

J. L. NELSON & CO.

Jan. 4, 1907.

CHARTER OAK.

You can get all the plows and plow repairs and Farming Tools you need at the Charter Oak.

You can get all the Belting, Oils and Steam Fittings you need at the Charter Oak.

You can get all the Stoves, Tinware, Agate Ware, Stone Ware, Glass Ware, Cooking Utensils and House furnishing goods you need at the Charter Oak.

You can get all the Wagon Material you need at the Charter Oak.

You can get all the Musical Instruments you need at the Charter Oak.

We do not sell for cost, but we sell you a GOOD article for a small profit.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

AT THE

Charter Oak

REDUCTION IN

PRICES!

For the next THIRTY DAYS only I will sell at

ACTUAL COST!

the following articles to make room for New Spring Goods:

Ladies, Gents, Misses and Childrens Shoes; Men's and Boys' Fur and Wool Hats.

Dress Goods,

Consisting of Worsteds, Cashmeres, Flannels, Ginghams, Calicos, &c., &c.

Men's Under and Oyerwear, and many other articles of good value.

I have constantly on hand a full supply of

Fresh Groceries,

Green Coffee, Arabica Coffee, Sugar, Rice, Canned, Crackers, Cheese, Cocoanuts, Raisins, Sardines, Oysters, Soda, Soda, Snuffs, Tobacco, Cigars, &c.

I extend a cordial invitation to one and all to call and get

Bargains

while they are going

Very truly,

R. C. Courtney