

Leads all North Carolina Families in News and Circulation

DEBT OF COUNTRY TO REGULATORS... Mr. Holt's Distribution of Historic Post Cards... THEIRS 'FIRST BLOOD'...

The Battle of Alamance, With the Names of Pugh, Husbands and Messer Appropriately Commemorated by Son of Famous Family...

The thanks of those in the State who are interested in the movement looking to the preservation of the salient facts of North Carolina's revolutionary history and the stand taken by the colonists which made for the Declaration of Independence...

Commenting upon the historical facts set forth by the cards the Utica Globe, of New York, says:...

New persons realize that North Carolina is a rival to Massachusetts for first honor in being the site of open hostilities between the aroused colonies and the mother country...

The battle was the outcome of troubles that had been brewing for three years or more, when a society known as the United States in reality had for its purpose of resisting such exorbitant taxes and oppressions...

It has been said of the Nile since Herodotus that it was the wet nurse of Africa. Victor Hugo said of that country it was the continent of the next 300 years...

There was once a youth in the city of New York who found the "broad white way" too placid. He read dime novels, witnessed rancho plays and became enthusiastic...

Things are not as they used to be. It is error to suppose that every steamboat captain throws a barrel of whiskey and a barrel of sugar into the Mississippi River...

The pioneer prohibitionist of the South must have felt like Uncle Jake, who had the habit of preaching to himself. Up and down the cotton row he pulled the bell cord over his mule and expounded Scripture...

A woman thinks it a disgrace if her husband drinks, and a man thinks he is disgraced if his wife won't let him drink.

We start life hunting for fame and we settle down to looking for a living.

A woman's logic is awfully amusing to a man unless he's married to her.

MANY WANT THE BABY.

The Infant Left With a Letter on the Porch—Four Deaths From Pneumonia—Asheville Horse Show.

Asheville, Feb. 8.—The prize lists and rules and regulations for the sixth annual meeting of the Asheville Horse Show association to be held April 28 and 29, have been issued.

Two deaths occurred here yesterday from pneumonia while two other deaths from this disease were recorded earlier in the week. Mrs. Martha T. Wilbar, widow of the late John Wilbar died yesterday morning at her home on Patton avenue after an illness of less than a week.

The Asheville postoffice receipts for the month of January, 1908, shows a marked increase over the year previous, the increase being in round figures, \$751.

Many requests have been made by people desiring to adopt the "three weeks' old infant left on the front porch of former Sheriff and Mrs. Reed's home late one night this week.

Judge Peebles, presiding over the trial of a woman who had been convicted in the court of "blind tigers" in Asheville since prohibition became effective was that of Adie Freeman, a negro woman, who conducted a hotel for the blacks here.

Judge Bennett emphasizes the importance of good seed. I will not fatigue your patience by frequent recurrence to the advantage of the best cotton and corn seeds in our agriculture.

The corn crop of this year is so abundant that we may get very excellent choice with small trouble. Cotton seed deteriorate more quickly than any other seed.

The sweetest thing she knows. A slender, haunting twilight form she seemed a fairy or a child. Till, deep within her eyes I saw the homeward-leading star of womanhood arise.

Henry Van Dyke.

Play by Amateurs at Oxford—Old Time Fiddlers—Two Cases of Pneumonia.

(Special to News and Observer.) Oxford, N. C., Feb. 8.—The old time fiddlers will give an entertainment in the opera house, in Oxford, next Thursday evening, which is looked forward to by many as an occasion of pleasure and fun.

Mr. Hampton Brooks, a popular young man of Oxford, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Her eyes are like the evening air. Her voice is like a rose. Her lips are like a lovely song.

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A man doesn't have to know very much about a thing to gain a reputation about it.

A woman considers it a compliment because she knows it ought to be.

The Battle of the Bottle

The South's Winning Fight for Prohibition By HARRIS DICKSON

Every Southern State to-day has vast areas of dry territory. South Carolina has closed her saloons and established dispensaries; the Governors of North Carolina, Florida and Mississippi are avowed Prohibitionists; West Virginia is considering legislation to stop both manufacture and sale.

This is not a revolution. It is an evolution, not a Puritanical spasm, but a cold-blooded business proposition. It marks the change that has come over the spirit of a people. The South has changed, and is changing—her industries, social fabric, political institutions.

In Massachusetts the percentage of people living in the country is 8.5 per cent, while in these six Southern States more than 88 per cent of the people are plain country folk.

In these six Southern States the laws are made by the farmer, the negro is a negligible factor and his influence nil in shaping public thought, however much his mere presence may affect it.

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Mr. Editor:—In your paper of February, an article on "Virginia Cities to Aid of Railroads," we are led to believe that the Virginia cities will try to keep the railroads from getting North Carolina's rate lower and that the unjust discrimination against North Carolina shall continue.

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A recent dispatch from Johnson City, Tennessee, appearing in the Bristol Herald-Courier says some additions are being made to the lines at work along the line of the South and Western Railway.

The negro grinned: "Lawdy, Jedge! Don't you know yo' own niggers?"

The glare from a fire pulsed upward among the tree-tops; several figures were moving around, and mules stood hitched.

The two peered long and earnestly; then the younger straightened up and spoke aloud: "It's all right, dad; them's white men. It's Mr. Anderson; that's his new wagon yonder."

A voice came from behind a tree at the edge of the road—a cautious voice, yet so close that both men started.

Mr. Anderson used a decenter that his granddare had brought from England; his whiskey was of aristocratic age and pedigree.

\$1,000 AWARDED

Damages—Against Southern Railway for Killing a Negro—No Damages for Killing Horses.

(Special to News and Observer.) Statesville, N. C., Feb. 8.—Fred Superior, of Johnson City, yesterday and Judge Council, who presided, has returned to his home at Hickory.

Probably the most interesting case in the court was that of the Iredell Livery Co. vs. the Southern Railway. Last summer two fine sorrel horses belonging to the Iredell Livery Co. were left standing loose on the highway.

DEATHS AT ELIZABETH CITY. Mrs. Wm. W. Griffin, whose husband was drowned, and Mr. J. F. T. Steger.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Feb. 8.—Mrs. William W. Griffin, widow of the late William W. Griffin, a prominent lawyer of this city, who years ago met a tragic death by drowning.

Mr. J. F. T. Steger, proprietor of the Steger Bottling Works of this city, died yesterday at his home, having been sick for a long time.

It is narrated of "Big Tom" that on a recent occasion he was riding to Wilmington and saw the ocean. He was distressed with its greatness and perturbed by the motion.

Now that the discovery of the dead body of Dr. Elisha Mitchell that "Big Tom" will be chiefly remembered.

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BIG TOM WILSON AN IDEAL TYPE

Famous Mountaineer of Yancey a Notable Character

FOUND DR. MITCHELL

Vance's Story of the Finding of the Body of the Famous Scientist Who Lost His Life and is Buried on the Mountain That Bears His Name.

The death of "Big Tom" Wilson, at the age of 55 years, which occurred last week at his home in Yancey county, marks the passing of one of the relics of the mountaineers who have been made the type of heroic fiction and romance.

As so often happens in the case of recognized "types" that appear in books, the "type" in reality the exception. "Big Tom," so hundreds on hundreds, was during the course of his long life both the ideal exponent type and the practical exception to the rule.

Of great stature, of Caucasian strength, fixed with the firmly philosophy of a rugged life and the genial sarcasm of humor of one who has lived close to nature toward those who come upon her with the decadence of the city.

Every one who knew the famous mountaineer better than any other in the State was in large demand as a guide and a party that he took out into the solitude but that came back to the cities with his memory in their hearts.

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