Uncle Fed Messer Dead So cial to The Observer,

Asheville, Feb. 20.-A long- attractive; the most useful part There was a four-inch cut of fat from Waynesville last night and weaving outfit. But it is conveyed the intelligence that here that one of the country's tail was three feet long. He was welcome visitor, THE ENTER-Federic Messer of White Oak noblemen lives. He is as fine as township, Haywood county, died split silk, as pure as gold. It Sanday night. Mr. Messer's was to this home that Uncle Fed up a tree, when I shot him A few days ago Mr. J. F. Falls, death occurred at 8 o'clock and Messer took his young bride through the heart. the end came without pain. The eighty-four years ago and where faneral services were conducted he saw her die in 1894, after

Federic Messer the oldest white man in North Carolina, if not in of August, in 1792 in Lincoln WHAT UNCLE FED TATKED county, on the South Fork of the Catawba river. He lived to years, six months and tive days old. He owned a little farm near Pigeon river, a few from Teague postoffice which is 21 miles from Waynes-

married a Wilmington His wife bowever, died many years ago. Since that time Mr. Messer had lived in the same White Oak township with his daughter, Mr. Messer was a remarkable man in many Almost up to the time of his death he was hale and hearty. It is said that he rode on a train but once and then referred to the train as a "killing machine."

"Uncle Fed" Messer was quite a a forecast of tc-morrow's

Wide attention was attracted to this interesting character-1st and only time the old man was much at a time," ever interviewed by a newspaper "Uncle Fed, they tell me that that no other person from the What about it?"

'UNCLE FED MESSER AT HOME " that day."

It was 11:30 o'clock when I arrived at Uucle Fed's home, I boys and five girls-and was left the wagon road about married when I was 25 years twenty miles out from Waynes ville and followed a very old, but the girls are in the West except How did the steff take it? St ck. indistinct trail through the Sue, who stays here with me." woods; over a small stream whose hanks were covered with beautiful laurel, holly and hemlock bushes and by a worm-fence to the Messer place. The distance from the main road to the house is about a mile. I did not see any route by which a buggy could approach within several hundred yards of the opening in which the house sits. To reach there one must walk or go on a horse,

THE MESSER HOME.

and his daughter, Miss Sue. The building, which is in two for it. sections and used for bedroom and styles with them.

INSIDE THE BUILDING

The doors of the building are Hinges and staples were un- takes a pewter bullet to go in,

against the cold. The furniture an old fellow that weighed 300 of the rooms is scanty, and un pounds over a hog one morning. of it being a carding, spinning on his back. having become the mother of his nine children and made him a faithful companion for over

' Uacle Fed, how old are you?' of the Catawba river, in Lincoln know Sampson's riddle?" county. You can count that. I remember when President Washington, the man who fought so for us in the revolution war, died. I was a little boy."

"Who was the first man you voted for for President?"

"That was Jeems Monroe and I had a fight at the 'lection because they wanted to cheat me out of my vote as 1 wasnt a free-holder. But I voted and walked 12 miles to do it.

"Uncle Fed, have you drank whiskey and chewed tobacco long?

"Child. I's taken a lettle snip weather prophet and those who o' spirits before breakfast for ninety odd years. It takes the weather conditions invariably mashes off of my stomach. But sought the sage of White Oak I Lever took it any other time much, for it ain't good. I took of burns, sores, wounds boils cuts, a most successful hunter and a dram one mornin' before I sprains, or a case of pi'es that Buckleu's trapper in the years that are gone started huntin' and 1 seed a deer writes Charles Walters, of Alleghany, and before the trend of civiliza- and couldn't shoot it. The whis- Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr Wa'ters; tion found its way across the key' peared to effect my eyes. A ernethy drug store, 25c. I didn't do that again. I've AN INTERESTING CHARACTER. made it a rule all my life to let everything alone that nutrs me

the "old man of the mountains" "Bout baccer, I never chewed Roosevelt-Foraker incident at a -some years ago by an article it till I was grown an' then I newspaper dinner, and not a written for the Observer by Mr. took a piece to stop the tooth- newspaper man present who will H. E C. Bryant. This was the ache. I lacks it but don't take say a word about it!-The Com-

man-in fact it is fairly certain you never button your shirt.

outside world ever visited the "Well I ain't had it buttoned a Cough cure like Dr. Shoon's For old man at his home in the mour- but twice in my life. When I may of Ocium, cloroform, or other unsafe got married they made me fasten incredients commonly found in Cough remedies. Dr. Shoop, it weems, has been it at the top and tie a hankerchief welcomed the Pere Food and Drug Law recently country. had to ride 21 miles hourseback 'round my neck. but just as along similar lines many years. For over the almost impassible mounsoon as I got foot loose I tore it
tain roads. This story, which
off The other time was the cold November, 1901 is reproduced all day. If you would spit it herewith in the belief that it will would freeze before it touched by R. P. Freeze. be of genuine interest at this the ground. I seed a judge, Judge Dick, that was born on

> "I had nine children-four old. The boys all died and

WAS A GREAT HUNTER.

There were several men on Pigeon river that could beat me come a highway nan and got as in a day's hunt, but I was ahead far West as Pittsburg before he the killing of her husband. It is offer in this paper. Don't make any naistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, and the thy typewriter manufacturer is address, Binghamton, N. V., on every in one day; 32 turkeys in one, and Judge. 4 bear in one. My hunting grounds was right 'round here. within seven miles of this house. I always used a flint-lock rifle and would not shoot a shot gun or a 'cussion-lock rifle. I want-The hone in which Uncle Fed ed no caps in mine. When I was in my prime l could run a deer dwell is not attractive to look down in two hours. I did it in upon nor would it be comfortable the snow once. I was very to the up-to-date people of this strong then and I could hold a age. It is a double roomed log cripple deer. No man could put cabin, with walls of hewn logs. my back on the ground and it which bear the marks of the ax. took one with a head on him to toof of rough riven boards, out do me at a log-rolling. I feel floors of heavy loose planks and all the wrenches I got when a chimneys of rock gathered from young man. You ought not to the hill sides and the streams. strain yourself. You will suffer

"I was in danger from wild and kitchen has become delap- beast sometimes. I had to run idated and weather-beaten, as fast as I could scale it once to Eighty-odd years have passed get out of the way of a cripple over its timbers and like the man bear. A buck deer came near whose head it shelters, it must getting the best of me one day, soon totter and fall. In its day out I threw him under a pole and he house was considered first cut his throat. A scalped bear class. But times have changed, or buck will tight you. I have jumped them with my knife and

they would rise up with me. "Bullets made in Ferginny will hung on with bickory thongs flatten on a bear's skull. It

known to the architect of that! The bears were so thick here house. The chinks between the once that I had to blow a wooden walls were filled with clay and bugle to frighten them off. straw in earlier years, but most They would kill my hogs. I of them are open now. The generally found the dead hog and wind rushes in and out as if it watched for the rogue and if I were tearing through a latticed gos my eye on him first he was barn. A half grown boy could my salad, but he could scent me crawl through some of the holes. a far off, He would hide behind a The house is but little protection tree and watch for me. I killed;

dog struck his trail and put him few items.

AN ILLITERATE.

"I was born on the 12th day of this section. I see you are a

let him answer.

sweetness! Sampson pulled the is the way it comes.

"I can't read, but when read to quoting from the Bible I don't forget the good measures. Half the educated people forget them and go to the old scratch.

Uncle Feb told me enough to make a book but I shall leave

Talk about reporters violating confidence. Just think of that

those 'Do it now' signs and hung Freeza. 'em around the office." Bondson--Almost unanimously. The

A Few Lines From Mall Grove. By Publisher's Press.

It has been a long time since "I killed one panther. His have seen anything in our

sneaking after me when my old PRISE, I thought I would send a

one of Bandy's township pros-I perous farmers, started off with a load of monazite sand, stopping at Lawndsle N. C. to feed his horses A buggy came passing by. The horses took fright "Stranger, I can't read and their bridies being off, Mr. Falls write, and don't know much ran in front of them to cleck about books, but I can head off them. In his effor to step the preachers. I knows more them; he was run backwards about the Bible than anybody in over some object and was thrown under their feet. One horse August, 1792, on the South Fork scribe, but I'll bet you don't struck his left leg below the knee, cutting a considerable I called for the calf rope and gash. Then he was struck with one wheel of the wagon on his Well, out of strength come right knee, which left a bad bruise, but no bones were brok jaw bone of a lion and dropped it en. The other wheel ran across in the sun. The bees came and his body. It was thought at made honey in the carcass. That first the injuries were serious. but are not so bad as first thought. He was brought to his father's, J. Z. Falls, of Cleveland county, and remained there few days. But we are glad

> Mrs. Jane Mull is suffering with something like lagrippe, Colds and grip are cutting a wide space through this part of the county now.

able to hobble around.

Farmers are plowing right in two. The forepart sank, while along, some sowing oats some making garden, I don't think our people put much faith in ground hog signs if so their works and faith don't quite

agents was in our section the The passengers, apparently, must feel-especially if he is other day, and spent a night or so with your writer. We were glad to welcome the young man in our midst. I think the En- The Cause of Many TERPRISE will find quite number of new homes.

Misses Leilor and Anna Huffman were visitors of Mr. Wm. Reynolds, Saturday night,

M. F. M.

recently enacted, for he has worked g sts what you eat and allows the stomough rest. In addition the ingredien's of Kodol are such as to make it a corrective of the high st efficiency and by its action the stomach is restored to its normal activity and power, Kodol is Stockson one day last week manufactured in strict conformity with old man Gotrex bought a lot of Sold by T. R. Abernethy and R. P.

A monument to a murderess cashier skipped with \$30,000, will be something unique, but the head hookkeeper eloped with one will be erected over the "Yes sir, I was a great hunter the private secretary three clerks grave of Mary Rogers, who was after bear, deer and turkeys. asked for an increase of salary hanged in Vermont recently for of all in a year. I killed 26 deer was caught and disarmed .- providing the money-Savannah

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Many Lives Lost in Steamer Wreck

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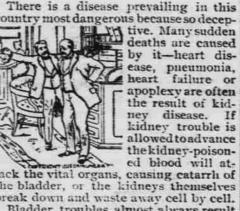
Harwich, England, to Rotten. dam, was wrecked on a sandbank outside the harbor to-day. The total loss of life is estimated at 141. Assistance is impossible on account of the tremendous seas and every soul abroad is believed to have perished. The wreck is on a dangerons shoal, Heavy Logislature is in session, seas prevented lifeboats from Americans are reported as being I'll be a big man then," among the passengers. The Berlin left Harwich at 10 o'clock last night, carrying mail. passengers and a crew of 50. The passenger lists are destroy-The exact point at which the

to the estuary. The narrowness of the entrance to the waterway ev-rybody pets him. The merand the fearful southwest gale which was blowing were the primary causes of the wreck. who was making for the mouth, evidently miscalculated the full know he is at home now, and force of the gale, and as the engines were moving slowly the storm literally blew the vessel onto the bank. Almost imme- in their own neighborhoods; diately after she struck the steamer crashed into a jetty, elected by default, having had then swung out again and broke

> ered on the floating afterpart. Heroic but successful efforts No fool is ever sent up as a were made by tugs and lifeboats Representa ive out the ordinary were on dock.

the passengers and crew gath-

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under habeas corpus proceeding before Associate Justic Connor of the Supreme Court.

In the hearing in Goldsboro will be able to restrain a smi's before Hearst died. Casey was when he watches the grimaces of admitted to bail \$10,000 bond, the politicians as they say Gover-Hearst afterwards died and nor Anselacted wisely in select-Casey was re-arrested.

The case was heard on habeas the affairs of the dispensary .corpus proceeding last night and Columbia Record. Justice Cannor has reserved his decision till today,

The evidence shows that Hearst walked into a store in red light section of Goldsboro and invited Casey to lay aside his pistol and he would kill him At this Casey pulled his gun and shot Hearst who died after

preliminary hearing in the

It's a good old world after all If you have no friends or money in the river you can fall' marriages are quite common and More people there would be,

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Deacon Clovertop-How are you gettin' on with your incubator? Farmer Meddergrass-Why, the dern thing hain't lail an egg since I got it. - Philadelphia Record.

CASTORIA.

A Member of the Legislature is B'g Man in Raleign. J. C. C, in Charlotte () heerver

A Supreme Court stine says that Mr. Speaker Justice walked into his sanctum the other d 'Come on in Mr. Speaker," hinvited, "and take complete pos-

This place is yours, an I am at your strvice The biggest ani nal in Raleigh is a member o' the Legislature-while the

But look out when it adjourns giving aid, Land help is cut off You will go back to your last by the high waters. Several practice and be just a citizen, but

Indeed a legislator is "biggest animal in Raleigh," He is the guest at course dinners of residents in the city, visiting lobbysits feed him at the caland if he drinks, mix rare yintage for his blood, his desk is disaster occurred is just off the daily piled with documents, hook of Holland at the entrance books and what nimble pages prance at the snap of his fingerchants become acquainted with him and salute him by name as he watlzes along. He is even Captain Presious of the Berlin, allowed to smoke in the Supreme Court library when his committee happens to meet there, which liberty would hardly be permitted the Governor, Some of them of course, are not big men

some of them were perhaps no opposition. In such cases it would not be surprising if their heads were turned by the sudden blaze of importance.

to reach the steamer before the good citizen, who goes to mill One of the ENTERPRISE'S pieces and finally went down. along with his plain neighbors, young-an inward exultation when big men whom he has read about and heard of his opinions ou questions of statecraft Being buttonholed by some celebrity, don't you suppose meny a legislator had said in tive. Many sudden his heart, "Would that mine enemy could see me now!"

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