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## A Race-Horse That Chews Tobacco.

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Iredell had an elopement last week. Mr. John B. Goodnight wanted to tie to Miss Mary J. Goodnight. Her guardian first assented, and then (after the wedding cakes were baked) dissented; whereupon the young couple absented, in the direction of Statesville. It was a long night ride of 35 miles, but the plump and plucky bride concluded she could stand a bad night for the sake of the Goodnight she would get next morning. So the trip was made and Rev. W. A. Lutz gave them both a Goodnight,—John getting his "Mary Jane," and she getting "John B."—and their smiles illumed even a wet sack of salt in the store of J. S. Leonard where the wedding occurred.—Landmark.

The authorities of the Narrow Gauge have bought the right to lay a third rail on the Western N. C. R. R., from Newton to Hickory and are to pay for the same \$350.00 per month. The rail will be laid at once and the trains will soon be running through from Lancaster to Hickory. The road from Hickory to Lenoir will be rapidly built and it is thought will be completed by November 1st.—Lincoln Press.

DEATH FROM EATING POTATOES.—Last Saturday little Johnnie Murr, son of section-master Murr, who is stationed on the A. T. & O. Railroad, at Davidson College, appeased his appetite on raw sweet potatoes, of which he ate a great quantity. He was shortly afterwards taken with severe pains in his stomach which continued to grow worse and baffled the skill of the doctors until Sunday, when the boy died. He was about 12 years old. . . . The eel boom continues and there were several wagons on the streets from the Catawba yesterday. The fishermen say that the recent rise in the river which enables the eels to swim up the stream in schools, is the cause of the remarkable catch. One farmer near Rozzell's ferry, caught 3,800 eels in three days and put them all in a compost heap. . . . The cholera has become epidemic among the chickens about town, and is laying them on their backs by the hundred. One who has tried it recommends the following as a sure remedy and preventive, and says that the use of it will save the poultry: With one quart of corn meal mix eleven drops of laudanum and a teaspoonful of soda, and feed to the fowls regularly.—Charlotte Journal-Observer.

THE DRAGON FLAG.—The Chinese had a grand procession last week, decked in Oriental tinsel, carrying their gods and idols of massive proportions with them, and invoking the blessings of the graven images to the end that victory may perch upon the banner of the dragon, while France should be smitten hip and thigh. Prayers and rice are being offered daily in the temple since, and will continue until the Franco-China war is determined.—San Francisco Public Opinion.

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