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TOWN DIRECTORY.

Official Vote of Harnett County, 1898.

GENERAL NEWS.

News From all Parts of The World.

A man named Wm. Hitchings at Free Soil, Michigan, killed two men and a woman and then killed himself.

The worst storm in years visited Texas last Friday. At Dallas the ground was covered four inches in snow.

General Garcia, a noted Cuban officer of the insurgents, is very sick at his hotel in Washington, D. C., it is said, from pneumonia.

Jordan Webb, colored, was hanged at Courtland, Southampton county, Va., last Friday, for a criminal assault on an aged lady in September last.

The peace commission of Spain and this government signed the treaty of peace at Paris Saturday. The articles now go to the governments of each nation for ratification.

The Spanish steamer Buenos Ayres, from Manila, arrived at Barcelona, Spain, last Friday with Spanish troops. Sixty of the men died while on the voyage from the Philippines to Spain.

An explosion at the Dupont Powder Mills at Wilmington, Delaware, caused by horses running away with a car on which powder was carried, killed three men, injured eight and did much damage to the mills. Parts of the bodies of the men killed were found across the river Brandywine on which the powder works are situated.

John Anderson, a negro, who was a cook on the Olive Pecker, a Schooner, and who murdered the mate, Saunders, at sea, was hanged by the Federal government at Norfolk, Va., last Friday. At the first drop the rope broke. He was carried back on the scaffold the second time and hanged. His neck was broken and he was pronounced dead in twenty-three minutes.

A Frightful Blunder Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner, druggists.

The third session of the fifty-fifth congress met Monday. The President's message was a long document and recited the great feats of the war and the work in the cause of humanity, it advocates the holding of a regular army of 100,000 soldiers, the holding of the Philippines, the independence of Cuba, and the maintenance of the gold standard. It says that notwithstanding the war business along all lines show an improvement and that the country is prosperous. It does not mention the recent race troubles in this State, South Carolina and Illinois. The President recommends appropriations for the building of the Nicaragua Canal.

The Editor Knows Them. The Greenville Reflector makes the following observation which we print for what it is worth to newspaper readers generally: "A newspaper man has a better opportunity than most any one else for judging the real character of people. His subscription list is a true index to a man's integrity, and every man who places a value on his standing ought to keep square with the newspapers."

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Stewart.

Table of election results for Harnett County, 1898, listing candidates for various offices and their respective vote counts.

STATE NEWS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

A lumber company of Newbern has an order for seven carloads of pine tops, to be shipped to New York for holiday decorations.

Mr. John Laws has been register of deeds for Orange for 45 years continuously, and thinks he is entitled to the prize as being the oldest office-holder in the State.

Dr. A. B. Cates a leading druggist of Burlington, committed suicide on Friday morning by taking a dose of strychnine.

Mr. E. C. McDowell was killed near his home in Edgecombe last Thursday, by a falling tree. He was cutting some firewood and a limb from a falling tree struck him on the head and killed him instantly. He was 60 years old and left a wife and four children.

Cicero Holder, a white man, met with a shocking death near Clemmonsville, Davidson county, Tuesday. While in a well, cleaning it out, the rope broke, causing a bucket full of dirt to fall on him. He was dead when taken out. He leaves a wife and five children.

Scotland Neck Commonwealth: Mr. Ed. Hux was caught in the machinery at one of the knitting mills at Roanoke Rapids a few days ago and so badly crushed that he died in a few moments after he was taken to his home. He was about 46 years old and left a wife and several children.

Peele Ballance, a professional gunner from the "goose honk" county of Currituck, killed 1,090 duck during the first seven days of the gunning season. We confess to an unrighteous feeling of envy of the gunners in Currituck sound waters.—Elizabeth City Economist.

Greenville Reflector: Mr. S. G. Nine, of Contention township, sold a load of tobacco here Tuesday. As he was getting ready to leave town a colored man helped him hitch up his team and asked to be allowed to ride with him, as he, (the colored man) was going the same road. When a secluded part of the road, about three miles from town was reached, the colored man dealt Mr. Nine a blow that rendered him senseless and robbed him of \$75.

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His Was Real Courtesy.

A young lady, spending a rainy evening at the house of an old gentleman, wanted a cab to take her home. Her host started to fetch the cab.

"Do let the maid go," she said. "My dear, the maid is also a woman," was the grave reply.

The man was the late George Higginbotham, Chief Justice of Victoria. His courtesy toward women was regardless of rank or personal attractiveness. He would take off his hat to his cook, and bow to her as graciously as though she were a duchess.

A man was trying to lead a heavy draught horse along the street. The animal refused to be led, and then the man made several ineffectual attempts to mount the refractory creature. At that moment the Chief Justice came along, and seeing the man's difficulty, extended his hand—as a mounting block.

The man put his foot in the hand and mounted upon the horse's back, and the Chief Justice passed on.

His courtesy made his manners good, but it did not soften his sense of justice. A lawyer tells this anecdote: "I had once to appear before him in Chambers on behalf of a charming client who had some property, but would not pay her debts. The case was heard in his own room, and he was courtesy itself. He stood when she entered. I think she dropped her handkerchief, and he left his seat to pick it up. Nothing could be gentler than his manner, and I was congratulating myself on an easy victory; but when the facts were heard, the decision came that my client must pay or spend six months in prison."—Youth's Companion.

Brave Men Fall Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at McKay Bros. & Skinner's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

Shelby Star: Any legislation the people want they should let their representatives know of either before or during the session of the Legislature. The representative is simply the servant of the people, and the people have a right to express themselves upon all questions to be passed up.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concerned in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on McKay Bros. & Skinner, druggists, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c. and one dollar. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

A New Canal Project.

An effort is to be made by the persons interested in lake transportation to have the Anglo-American Commission take up the project of a canal joining the Great Lakes and the Atlantic. This subject has been favorably reported upon by a deep waterway commission authorized by Congress and appointed by the President. While this established the practicability of the canal, the present movement contemplates the devising by the commission of a plan of joint action by which the work will be actually commenced. It is suggested that the proper route will be by way of the St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain, a cut of twenty-nine miles being sufficient, it is said, for that length of canal. Another cut of twenty-four miles would carry the canal to the Hudson River, thus connecting the shipping of Chicago and New York by way of the lakes, the Welland Canal, the St. Lawrence Rivir, Lake Champlain, and the Hudson River. The projectors claim that the cut between the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain can be made for three or four millions, the topography being particularly favorable to canal digging. They are proceeding on the idea of having the two governments do the work, each doing the construction of its own side, thus making it a government rather than a private enterprise.—Scientific American.

We see a good deal being said by the press about carrying concealed weapons. Some want the legislature to make the carrying of concealed weapons a felony. Some want the law repealed entirely and let every man carry a gun that feels so disposed. The people carry them, law or no law. This has been our observation. We have never seen the necessity for carrying a gun. To prohibit the law must be made more strict and the punishment greater.

No Sunset on this Country.

Exclusive of Colonies This is the Largest Nation on Earth Except China.

Like the empire of Charles V, the United States is now a land on which the sun never sets. Going westward the difference in longitude between Eastport, Me., and Manila is about 175 degrees. To the dwellers on the Atlantic coast of the United States Manila is very near the antipodes. Traveling westward from the eastern verge of the country to its western boundary, in the far Pacific a circuit of almost half the globe is made. Except in midwinter the sun rises in Eastport before it sets in Manila. In summer, autumn and spring it is daylight along the eastern coast of the U. S. before it is night on the western boundary. England, France and Germany also have territory so widely diffused that the sun shines on some part of it every hour of the 24, but, of course, in contiguous territory, the United States far ahead of all of these.

In area, exclusive of colonies, the United States is the largest nation in the world except China. It far exceeds in superficial extent the empire of Alexander the Great or the Rome of Caesar and Trojan. It surpasses the domain of Charlemagne or the territory of Charles V, exclusive of his colonial possessions in America, which were of indefinite extent, and which only technically belonged to Spain, for no Spaniard in Charles' time had ever seen any more than a small fragment of the region that Spain claimed in the days of Charles and of his son, Philip II. It exceeds the empire of Russia in Europe. In population the United States exceeds every Christian nation of the globe if colonial possessions are omitted. In the case of the United States the area and population of the colonies are comparatively trifling, but in that of the other great Christian countries which have been mentioned the area of the colonies largely surpasses that of the mother country, and in the case of all of them, except Germany, they are exceeded by their colonies in population. In wealth and material strength the United States is far better equipped than any other country for getting detached territory if it should ever engage in that task to any important extent.

Imperial America, which comprises more than half of the inhabited portion of one continent, stretches its arms across to another hemisphere. Its possessions dot the world's greatest ocean and extend from the arctic circle down to a point close to the equator. Its colonies, from the Alaskan islands of the north to Hawaii, the Carolines and the Philippines on

the Southern tier, are distributed within easy sailing distance of each other. They cover all climates, from the frigid to the torrid. When our new conquests are occupied the Stars and Stripes will be as familiar a sight on the islands of the Pacific as is the Union Jack of England.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

A Letter From Dewey.

At the battle of Malate, July 31st, Jesse Noss was killed. He left a young widow in Pennsylvania and a baby girl that he had never seen. Admiral Dewey wrote the widow the following letter:

Olympia, Flagship, Manila, Oct. 23, 1898.—My Dear Mrs. Noss: I wish to express to you my deepest sympathy. It must lessen your sorrow somewhat to know that your young husband fell fighting bravely for his country, the noblest death a man can know. From the Olympia I watched the fight that fearful night and wondered how many American homes would be saddened by the martyrdom suffered by our brave men, and my sympathy went out to each and every one of them.

Your loss has been sadder than the others, and I am unable to express the sorrow I feel for you. Tears came to my eyes as I read the sad story of the father who never saw his child, and then the loss of all that was left to the brave mother. It is hard sometimes to believe, but our heavenly Father, in his infinite goodness always does things for the best, and some day father, mother, and daughter will be joined never again to be parted. With my tenderest sympathy, believe me your sincere friend.

GEORGE DEWEY. He stepped aside from the busy life he lives to assist in binding up the wound of a heart stricken woman who had been widowed by the relentless hand of war. He could have gone on and never written that letter. It was not a part of his duty to his country to write an unknown woman in America about a private soldier who had fallen in the line. But he did it, and we admire the man for it. We could of ten step aside from the busy life of the farm, the store, the shop, the factory or railroad and give a cup of cold water in His name. If we cannot all ways go and speak face to face send a message or letter to tell of love and sympathy. It will do the sorrowing good and build up your own soul. Whenever the clouds shut out the sun and make life dark to your neighbor, go lift aside the curtain if possible and let the sunlight in.—North Carolina Baptist.

Professional cards for D. H. McLean, W. E. Murchison, Isaac A. Murchison, J. C. Clifford, H. L. Godwin, W. I. Hudson, F. J. Jones & W. A. Stewart, and advertisements for 'Get the Best' sewing machine, 'Light Running' mechanical device, and 'New Home' sewing machine.

Remember you should not fail to subscribe to this paper for the year 1899.