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THE BIG WATER POWER DEAL

It is Consummated and Hickory is to Have a Half Million Dollar Cotton Factory—Capt. Odell Been After it for Years.

There is now no longer any doubt about the final consummation of the deal whereby the immense water power on the Catawba river near Hickory has been transferred to Capt. J. M. Odell of Concord, N. C., the big cotton factory man and his associates, and that they will at once begin the erection of a cotton factory at a cost of not less than \$500,000-000 cash. Work will no doubt be begun on it in the early spring and pushed to a completion as early as possible. It will be a grand thing for Hickory.

It is understood that Col. A. B. Andrews, that big hearted North Carolina railroad magnate, has said that his big railway, the Southern, will build a railroad out to the plant, or will enter into an arrangement with the Hickory "pet," the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge and put down a third rail from Hickory out to the Catawba River Lumber Co., on the Narrow Gauge railroad and then build a track from there down the river bank to the new cotton factory plant. There is already a charter for this latter road obtained by Messrs J. L. Lyerly and his partner Phillip Settlement and others; but they will not stand in the way of any progressive movement looking to the building of the cotton factory at once. The lawyer of Capt. Odell has looked into the perfection and execution of the deeds and other papers. Capt. Odell knows all about the water power and the lands.

He examined the property as far back as 1876 and made a bargain with the late Mr. Swepson, who figured quite prominently in North Carolina during Reconstruction, in which he agreed to pay Mr. Swepson \$7,000.00 for certain parts of the property and went away satisfied; but subsequently Mr. Swepson recanted and demanded \$10,000.00. So the trade thus fell through and Capt. Odell went hence and established himself in his now famous cotton factory at Concord. But he now has his clutches on the "apple of his eye" again in a little more tangible form. Mr. J. N. Bohannon has been here, away from his business, waiting to have every thing signed, sealed and delivered. He was at Concord with his wife and attended brilliant wedding of Capt. Odell's beautiful daughter whose husband was here last week.

This deal has created quite a commotion in certain circles. It is being commented upon more in every other place than in Hickory. Though it is talked here quite sufficiently. The Manufacturers Record of Baltimore had quite a long article about this water power the week before this trade was made. While this is regarded as the finest water power on the Catawba river every other water power on the river has now been bought actively into demand and the only thing to hinder several more sales of such properties and the immediate building of factories is that the present owners may inflate, or raise their hind sights higher than their fore sights and thus over shoot the mark. This is also applicable to those people owning what they call "gold mines" or gold lands.

We hope to have Capt. Odell and

his estimable family as citizens of Hickory. This is the place of pure air, good water and fine health, with cheap living and abundant pleasures with all the accessories of a large city.

The beauty about Hickory and every thing natural pertaining to it and its climate is like our old friend Henry Briars' patent soap, it fits any case. —Hickory Press.

Eloped With a Twelve-Year-Old Child.

On Saturday night last little Tena, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. John W. Sewell, eloped with Mr. Henry Martin, of Pamlico county. We learn that Mr. Martin had asked for the hand of the child in marriage, but she being so young the parents would not listen to him but told him to wait till she was older, but he did not care to wait.

Mr. Sewell was conducting the services at the Free Will Baptist church on Saturday night, and during prayer Mr. Martin slipped the child out and went to Harlowe, where they were married by John S. Morton, Esq. Mr. Martin came to town Sunday to bring the horse but left his bride at his brother's in Craven county. The affair created quite an excitement and Mr. Sewell was very indignant over the matter.

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Mt. Pleasant Items.

Mr. Tom Boat of Concord, spent Sunday here.

Some of the ladies of the town are busily engaged in getting up an "Old Folks Concert," for the entertainment of all that desire to be edified and amused. As a matter of course several of the boys have become involved in the preparation of this concert. A grand success is predicted for the undertaking, since the name is so truly suited to the characters.

The College is on somewhat of a boom since the holidays. The number of students has been considerably increased and some unusually bright minds are found among the reinforcements. It is said that the College will turn out more graduates at the coming commencement than it has done on any previous occasion of a similar nature in its history. "We are seven," says a senior.

Though Mt. Pleasant has no railroad advantages and though her mail carrier drives a mule that has a little government of his own, yet in the prime essential of modern civilization, she stands unsurpassed and unequalled by any of her sister towns. That essential is pretty girls.

Certain mischievous parties are very fond of burning pepper on the Racket stove. It is very annoying as well as injurious to the proprietor.

Fresh Milk Cows.

Mr. Z. A. Morris, of Harrisburg has four fresh milkers for sale. Apply to him or at this office for information.

THE COLORED PEOPLE MEET.

The State Colored Chairman of the Cotton States Exposition to Open in Atlanta, Held a Meeting in Atlanta.

Sunday's issue of the Atlanta Constitution gives a full page account of the presence in the city of the colored chairmen of the Southern States in the preparation of exhibits for the Atlanta Exposition this fall.

It prints the pictures of a number of them. Among others is that of our townsman W. C. Coleman, who is the chairman of the committee for North Carolina. The Constitution says: W. C. Coleman, the chairman of the North Carolina board of commissioners, represents a new type of the colored man in the South. He is a real estate agent and merchant at Concord, N. C. and is said to be prospering. He is a man of few words and quiet mien, but some well known Atlanta gentlemen who have had business dealings with him, say that he will do much for his State.

Election of Senators.

Salem, Oregon, Jan. 21—The reelection of United States Senator J. N. Dolph by the Legislature tomorrow is conceded.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 21—It is generally believed that United States Senator George O. Perkins will be re-elected by the Legislature tomorrow.

Dover, Del., Jan. 21—While today's ballot was unproductive of any change, the Addicks people talk confidently of a break in their direction tomorrow.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 21.—At noon tomorrow the Legislature will ballot separately for United States Senators and Wednesday the members will meet in joint session to canvass the vote. Clarence D. Clark and Francis E. Warren will unquestionably be elected on the first ballot.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 21.—The first ballot for United States Senator was taken by the Legislature to-night with the following result: Wilson 30, Kennedy 13, Jones 5, McMillan 7, Allen 15, Shaw 7. Necessary to elect 41. The seventh ballot resulted: Wilson 27, Kennedy 28, Allen 12, Jones 1, McMillan 13.

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