

**GOLD LEAF.**

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TO FORM some idea of the size and extent of territory of which the State of Texas is composed, it is only necessary to say that the entire population of the United States might settle within its borders and then it would not be as much crowded as they are in many of the European countries. There is not much danger of not having plenty elbow room in these United States.

THE victory in Chicago was not altogether a Republican one, it seems. Goodall's Daily Sun says: To defeat the Anarchists, nearly every leading Democrat in the city voted for and talked up the Republican ticket. Hence the large majority, 28,241. Hence the defeat of the lunatics who insist that bank robbery is the only cure for hard times. For what the Democrats did in Chicago last Tuesday, they are entitled to the grateful thanks of the entire Republic.

ARE YOU seeking a home? Then come to Henderson and Vance county. Our people hold out the hand of welcome and extend a cordial invitation to the thrifty, honest and industrious of all classes, North, East, South and West. We have a climate unexcelled for healthfulness; a soil that is generous, prolific and easily cultivated; excellent water in abundance; and citizens that are peaceable, law-abiding and industrious—among whom the stranger finds a cordial reception at all times.

BUSINESS men and capitalists love an enterprising, go-ahead town, whose people are not afraid to spend money when it becomes necessary for public improvements. Following close upon the election in Greensboro voting \$100,000 for such purposes, comes this from the Patriot of that place: "The election here on the 28th has left its 'foot prints upon the sands of time.' As a result a gentleman from Norfolk after ascertaining the result writes us that he contemplates coming here with \$50,000 capital to engage in business."

THE "New South" boom has evidently come to stay, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. During the first three months of 1887, the new enterprises incorporated in the Southern States numbered close on 1,000, independent of 110 new railroad corporations and twenty-six street railroad companies. The capital represented by these new enterprises and corporations totals up to \$85,000,000, a great deal more than double the aggregate for the corresponding period of 1886. Eastern and Northern capital is rapidly floating southward.

THE Painesville Democrat notes a singular coincidence in connection with some of the early Presidents. It says: It is rather singular to note that Jefferson was born just eight years after his predecessor, Adams; Madison eight years after Jefferson; Monroe eight years after Madison, and John Q. Adams eight years after Monroe. Another singular fact noted is that Adams was just sixty-six years old when he retired. Jefferson was sixty-six; Madison was sixty-six; Monroe was sixty-six; and had John Q. Adams filled a second term he would have retired at sixty-six. Adams, Jefferson and Monroe all died on the Fourth of July.

Read and advertise in the GOLD LEAF.

**LYNCH LAW MUST GO.**

The sense of justice, not to say humanity of the country, is undoubtedly crystallizing in opposition to lynch law. While lynchings are still exceedingly frequent (considering the "wholesale lynching in South Carolina last week,") the recent investigations of grand juries and the prosecutions of persons accused of being concerned in summary and illegal executions, show the tendency of the times, and indicate that in the not very remote future lynching will not be tolerated except, perhaps, in the most extreme cases, where from some cause the law cannot be relied on to take its due course.

It would be wrong to say that the frequency with which lynch law has been resorted to in this country during the past few years indicates a disregard of the laws of the land, and a disposition to lightly estimate the sacredness of human life. In nine lynchings out of every ten, probably, the lynchers are ordinarily law respecting and peaceable citizens whose indignation is excited beyond bounds by some peculiarly outrageous crimes, but who distrust the instruments of the law, and thus enter a tragical protest against its delays and the abuses too often attendant upon its administration. It is true, however, that the people themselves are to blame principally for whatever inefficiency there may be in the courts in the matter of punishing and thereby preventing crime. If the people would at all times faithfully perform the duties required of them by law as jurors and conservators of peace and morality, and insist on the faithful performance of such duties as are required of public officials, there would soon be no necessity or excuse for the illegal and summary execution of supposed criminals, thus depriving them of a fair trial as guaranteed to them by the constitution.

Of the hundreds of instances of lynching that occur in the country every year, there is a strong presumption that many of the victims are innocent. It is very seldom the case, probably, that sufficient precautions are taken to prevent the execution of possibly innocent persons. In fact, men whose minds are inflamed by the sight of the consequences of some terrible outrage cannot be considered the proper persons to perform the offices of both courts and executioners. While there is no doubt that the better sentiment of the country is opposed to lynch law, it has not yet become strong enough to secure the conviction of any of the persons accused of being lynchers. Whether in Wyoming, or Washington Territory, or New Jersey, or Tennessee, or South Carolina, the condemnation of lynching is tempered by a kind of rude sense of justice that protects the parties who resort to it. Actions so radically wrong, however, cannot much longer be excused on account of the motives and impulses which lead to them. Sooner or later it will doubtless be frequently the case that lynchers will not only be indicted, but found guilty and punished. Perhaps even the death penalty of murder will in some peculiarly unjustifiable cases be administered. The pulpits and common schools, as well as the courts, must teach respect for and submission to the law, and then lynch law must soon follow the code duello into oblivion.

**MR. MACON TRIES TO EXPLAIN.**

The following is what Representative Macon says about the loss of the bill to amend the charter of the town of Henderson, of which the GOLD LEAF spoke editorially at the time. Desiring to do injustice to no one we give him the benefit of its publication here, but must say it seems to us he has not yet entirely exonerated himself from the charge of very gross carelessness in the matter to say the least.

LOUISBURG, N. C., April 6, '87.

To the *Louisburg Times*: I see an article in your paper, copied from the Henderson GOLD LEAF, in which the editor of that paper does me great injustice as a member of the Legislature in regard to a bill to amend the charter of the town of Henderson. \* \* \* For the benefit of the GOLD LEAF I will simply give the facts about the bill without comment.

The facts are these: The bill was acted upon by the House committee, of which I was acting chairman; the bill had one majority in favor of its passage; the committee requested that I should report the bill to the House and give a minority report also. I put the paper in the desk, intending to report the next morning, but the same evening I was requested to go to Durham on business, intending to get back the next day time enough to report both the bill and minority report, but after getting to Durham I found out that I had to go to Greensboro; so

I did not get back to Raleigh until Sunday, and on Monday morning I examined the desk intending then if possible, to make the reports; but the papers were not in the desk. I certainly regret the loss of the papers. I would have in my remarks to the Legislature done both of the Henderson parties ample justice and then left the matter to a vote of the House.

From what I learned of some of the committee, and from what the GOLD LEAF says about searching my desk in my absence, all that to my mind accounts for the loss of the papers, and perhaps the Lobbyists of Henderson are responsible for their own loss. They were the only interested party. I do not know who the searchers were, or whether the editor of the GOLD LEAF was one. At all events he says a search was made. Now, Mr. Editor, if this statement is not satisfactory to the people of Henderson and to the editor of the GOLD LEAF, nothing that I can say will satisfy: I know that it was the design of the whole committee, that the bill and the minority report should have an impartial hearing before the House.

Very Respectfully,  
N. H. MACON.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**



This is the merchant's knife, trusty and true, intended to cut all high prices in two, invented by us and kept in our store to insure lower prices than ever before. When we come on the market our stock is complete, we carry no goods that are not bright and neat. We cater alone to the best line of trade, and a customer seen is a customer made; but we find that competitors join in the strife, and we stock up our store and sharpen our knife and sell off our bargains while others get blue, for we make it a rule to cut prices in two. Just mention our name if you don't know our store, E. G. DAVIS, the square dealer, they know me of yore; we will make it a point to show you the knife that worries competitors out of their life. The dagger we always keep p'd quite sharp to cut every article bearing a mark. So come to our store and great bargains there see that you in prices and save U a V

House and Lot for Sale.

By virtue of power conferred upon me by a deed of mortgage duly made to me by Frank Hies, dated January 1st, 1886, and recorded in Mortgage Book 10 pages 79 and 80, Register of Deeds Office of Vance county, N. C., I shall on Saturday, May 7th, 1887, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in the town of Henderson, said county, one house and lot situate in Vance county, adjoining the lands of N. H. Chavasse, on the road leading from Henderson to the town of Kittrell, in said county. Said lot having a front of 130 feet and a depth of 225 feet. Reference to said deed of mortgage is made for a more particular description of said lot, terms, cash. This March 29, 1887. WM. H. S. BURGWIN, Mch. 31-4 o.

**COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND**

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Vance county in the proceeding of John W. Chapel and others, executor of the estate of the late R. G. R. R., near Kittrell. The stream on which this mill is situate furnishes running power every day in the year. At the same time and place we will sell 107 1/2 acres of good farming lands, nearly adjoining the above, lying on Tar river and along the R. & C. R. R. Much of this land is river bottom, now on one-third cash, balance in 12 months. THOS. M. PITTMAN, Comm'r. THOS. B. VENABLE, J. Mch. 31-4 o.

**TO HOUSEKEEPERS.**

You are throwing away something valuable. Save it! A dollar says a dollar more! If you can save twenty per cent. or one-fifth of the coffee you now use, and have better, stronger and clearer coffee, is it not worth the trouble to do so? Most emphatically it is. Then you should examine Stage's new Steam Drip coffee pot, now on exhibition in the front of the postoffice. It does all this, and it requires no egg or anything of that kind to clarify it. It must be seen to be appreciated. Come and look for yourself. Over ninety of the various sizes have been sold already, and it is desired that every family in Vance county, where coffee is used, should have one. We have secured the right to sell them in Vance county one month. Very Res., W. WAYNE WYCHE.

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**Valuable Farm.**

I offer for sale privately my farm lying 5 miles West of Henderson. Containing 143 acres. About 70 acres in good state of cultivation; 30 in original growth and balance oak. Well fenced. Splendidly adapted to fine yellow tobacco, grain and grasses. Tobacco raised on this farm took first premium at State Exposition. Good orchard with nice variety of fruit trees on the place. Good dwelling and all necessary outbuildings, fine curing tobacco barns, &c. Healthy location. For terms, &c., apply to T. R. MANNING, "Gold Leaf" office, or to apr. 14, 4 o. A. COLIN PARHAM.

**Clean Up!**

All persons living within the corporate limits of the town are requested to clean up their premises and put them in thorough sanitary condition at once. It is necessary to use every precaution to avoid disease during the Summer months and to that end all trash piles, sinks, cess pools, decayed vegetable matter and all other whatever described should be removed. Where necessary disinfectants and deodorizers should be used. An application of lime, copperas or other ashes is recommended. All premises not found to be in perfect sanitary condition by the first day of May, when I will personally inspect the same, will be reported to the proper authorities as violations of law, subject to fine and penalty. F. R. HARRIS, M. D., apr. 14, 3 o. Sup'l. of Health.

**Notice!**

**MORTGAGE SALE OF VALUABLE TOWN PROPERTY.** By virtue of a mortgage executed by J. B. White and Sarah A. White, his wife, to W. A. Harris and J. F. Harris, on February 15, 1882, and duly recorded in book 3 of mortgages, on pages 56 and 57, in the Register's Office in Vance county, which said mortgage with the power of sale has been duly assigned to me; and also by virtue of another mortgage dated July 7, 1884, I will sell for cash at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Henderson, Vance county, N. C., on Saturday, May 7, 1887, at 12 o'clock, M., the house and lot in said two mortgages described situate on William street, in the town of Henderson, N. C., including the lands of Mrs. M. Parham, the Dr. Meadows lot and others. Time will be given on a portion of the purchase money if mortgages consent. HAMILTON STEWART, by T. T. HICKS, Att'y. Henderson, N. C., April 4, 1887. 7-4 o

**Notice of Summons!**

North Carolina, Superior Court, Vance county, Feb'y. term, 1887. John B. Whitehead and Smith Brickhouse, formerly trading as Whitehead & Brickhouse, against J. F. Harris, trustee for Walter C. Harris, and Walter C. Harris. Action subject real estate and trust fund against payment of debts. To Walter C. Harris, greeting: You will take notice that in the above entitled action it is ordered by the court that publication be made in a week in succession in the GOLD LEAF, a newspaper published in said county of Vance, notifying the defendant, Walter C. Harris, of the action in the name of the above named plaintiffs is pending in said court against him and John F. Harris, as his trustee, to subject the trust fund which said Harris holds in trust for said Walter C. Harris, to the claim of said plaintiffs against said Walter C. Harris, and said Walter C. Harris is required to appear in the court on the 11th Monday after the 1st Monday in March, 1887, and answer or demur to said bill of complaint, which is now on file in the Superior Court of said county. J. R. YOUNG, Clerk Superior Court. EDWARDS & WORTHAM, Att'ys. [apr. 7-6 o.]

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**TO THE PEOPLE OF HENDERSON AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES!**

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**HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS**

Table listing various household goods and their prices, including lace curtains, scrim curtains, marseilles counterpanes, and white table damask.

Oriental, Spanish, Euseuril, Torchon and other Laces, will be sold for what they bring and not what they are worth. Hamburg and Swiss Embroidery, at almost nothing. Buttons, Braid, Trimmings, Corsets, Hosiery and Gloves at your own prices. Silks, Satins and Velvets of all shades will have to go. Fine Imported and Domestic Jerseys to suit your financial department. Ribbons, Ribbons, Ribbons, at one-half value. Ladies', Misses and Children's FINE

**SHOES, NEWPORT TIES AND SLIPPERS,**

Of which we have the largest and most complete stock in this county. These goods as well as the balance of our well assorted stock have got to go regardless of cost. Come and see for yourself and be convinced of what we say. Our time here is limited and we will and must close out the entire stock before many more months have passed.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including 10 piece washstand sets, china tea set, and vases.

Vases, Vases, Vases, at your own prices. Dishes, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Cooking Utensils of every description at One-half Value. Many hundred, in fact thousands, of other articles too numerous to mention, must be sold and will be sold regardless of cost. Call and see while here.

Yours obedient to beck and call,  
**M. ELKAN,**  
TEMPLE OF FANCY,  
HENDERSON, N. C.

G. B. HARRIS. L. R. GOOCH. S. R. HARRIS.

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We keep the best WAGONS, the highest grade FERTILIZERS, and a splendid line of BUGGIES, all of which we sell low for cash. The "Old Hickory" Wagon is the very best; the T. T. Haydock Buggy can't be beaten; Piedmont Fertilizers have always given satisfaction; Tinsley's High Grade is the best on the market; Durham Bull comes in, in place of the old Bone and Peruvian, with some improvements and cheap freights, and we expect to make large sales of this season.

Thinking our many friends for past patronage, we can assure them that our experience in our business will enable us to merit a continuation of same.

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We carry in stock the best makes of American Watches, and sell as close as any reliable dealer can afford to sell the same class of goods. Special attention is called to our line of fine

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P. WYCKOFF.

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Having qualified as administrator of Jas. H. Stainback, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against the deceased to exhibit them to me, or my attorney, at Henderson, N. C., on or before the 9th day of March, 1888. This 9th day of March, 1887. THOS. M. PITTMAN, Att'y. mch.10 6o.

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ALSO IN CONNECTION WILL BE FOUND A VERY CHOICE LINE OF FINE FRENCH CANDIES OF THE BEST GRADES, AND WARRANTED STRICTLY PURE AND FRESH. LADIES AND OTHERS WANTING NICE FRESH GOODS IN THIS LINE ARE RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO CALL, AND IF YOU GO AWAY EMPTY HANDED IT WILL HAVE BEEN BECAUSE WE WERE TOO MODEST TO TAKE YOUR MONEY.

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These (2) makes cannot be equaled—none better. Come and see them.

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HENDERSON, - - - - - N. C. [Jan 6-31]

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Having opened in the Cooper building, next door to Miss Miller's hardware store, an entirely new stock of

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**W. T. Cheatham & Co.,** [Feb. 17-31]