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CONOVER NEWS.

Postmaster John L. Isenhower suffered a severe fall from a stumbling horse on Saturday, the fifth. He is attending to business again.

Capt. P. W. Carpenter, one day lately, slipped on the sloping gangway in rear of Lester Hunsucker's hardware store. The hurt seems not to be serious. Mr. Hunsucker is refitting his selving so as to enlarge his stock.

Our washed sidewalks and streets have to some extent been repaired.

The mighty Roosevelt does a good thing now and then, as when he dismissed from the army those negroes who would not tell who did the shooting. What is a commander-in-chief for, if may not act in an emergency?

A professor has been secured for the chair of English in Concordia College. The second call was made by the board of electors, before one accepted. He is said to be a good man, and is expected by February first. Prof. J. S. Koerner is filling the vacancy until he arrives.

Two married young men, named Bracket, have removed to Conover. They make and repair jewelry, watches, etc.

Gen. Robert Edward Lee decided to stand with his native state, when the Civil war came on. He loved the United States; but when the issue came, he loved Virginia more. He knew the danger and trials and miseries he must meet. But duty, as he saw it, compelled him. He wrote his son, soon after deciding: "Duty is the sublimest word in our language."

GRANITE FALLS.

Granite Falls, Jan. 17.—We have a few items that we hope will find the way in your columns or at least not to the waste basket, where we suppose our last one went or at least it was not put in the columns of The Democrat so were loth to write again so soon but we will try and give you the best we have in town.

Mr. J. W. Whisnant and Miss Mamie Dixon, of Wake Forest College, were married the 2nd inst. They spent several days with Mr. D. A. Whisnant, father of the groom, and left for Lenoir their future home.

Mr. Raby Conway and Miss Amanda Ennas were married a few days since.

Mr. J. A. Turnmire will move to Drexel in a few days.

Work is being pushed right

along on the new cotton mill at Dudley Shoals and it will not be many months until we will have three cotton mills near our little town.

Dr. Donnelly is visiting friends and relatives in town after spending several years in Oregon.

The Virginia Bridge Co., is building another bridge across the Catawba a few miles up the river at a point about opposite Rutherford College.

Mr. A. M. Martin, our clever depot agent, has moved into the new depot at last.

Miss Bessie Payne, of Hickory, is visiting Miss Maud Allred.

We will soon have a band in in good working order under the master hand of Prof. Barb, of Hickory, who is here two or three nights weekly, giving them lessons. They will be ready for business by the time summer opens with its picnics, etc.

Letter From Rusticus.

While Rusticus was standing upon the mountain top of time taking a general survey of the old world of ours, found it to be a very curious old concern and too found it to compose of many men of many minds and opinions. Also found it composed of many politicians with an enormous bundle of public opinions relative to general affairs of ours all governmental plans to carry out all those plans that will make a successful government in all of its different departments and operations. These many politicians all seeking to get a pull at pie. When they want to stir up a great and important matter it seems that old Pitchfork Ben Tillman gets after them with his old pitchfork and stirs them around awhile and does not care who it hits or when it pierces them, but he wants them feel it. It seems that our Bob, the governor, is after Blackburn with a sharp stick to "stir him up a little," as the old dutchman said. Since the different legislators are in session of the many different states we suppose they have introduced a bill to change January to June since it has turned so warm for the past few days, so as to run the thermometer up to 30 degrees in the shade.

Why it is so warm that it makes the lizards hop up and down on the fence rail.

There are many men of the opinion that the government administration has something to do with the rating of the price of cotton and other produce. The

many cotton factories that have sprung up in the different sections of the country are the leading cause of the great consumption of cotton, and the great amount it takes to run all those factories. After the war, Catawba county had only one cotton factory—to-day it has ten. And the consumption of cotton is nine times more than it was then, and so it is at other points of the county.

Take, for instance, Gastonia, Tenys Mountain and many other places where cotton factories have sprung up, where there were none at the close of the Civil war, and this ought to convince any sane mind that it is the demand and consumption of it that makes the price of cotton.

Of course, they say that the country is in a prosperous condition, and that prosperity is bringing a fair price. So it is, but if you will make a thorough examination of the fact you will find that the greater portion is done on paper. If you will make a close examination you will find their money is rather scarce in the country among the common people. A great many who have property for sale hold the money between their thumbs and fingers and have no necessity to pass it out.

Real estate is so high and everything in proportion that the common class of farmer cannot reach it. Then there is another important point that is a barrier to the common class of people. The Homestead has damaged their credit. It is impossible for them to buy in town unless they make a mortgage of some property to secure that debt and hence, if you examine the court record you certainly will be astonished to find the country in a bad shape. We hope the legislature will repeal this oleous homestead.

It is quietly rumored that one of Lenoir's prominent Lawyers and one of her splendid young women are to be married at an early date. No cards are out yet and we are not at liberty to give names and date.—Topic.

The friends of Mr. R. W. Rosebrough will deeply sympathize with him in the death of his mother in Hickory last week. Mrs. Rosebrough was a most estimable woman and will be sadly missed in her home town. News-Herald.

Miss Hattie Hoke, spent Sunday with home folks near the Springs.

Southern Senators and Representatives are united in favor of the proposition to appropriate \$50,000 to be expended by the Department of Commerce and Labor in sending special agents to foreign countries to develop larger markets for American cotton goods. Although the export sales of American-made cotton goods have increased materially in recent years, it is a well-known fact that this increase has not been as rapid as it might have been had the foreign markets been looked after intelligently. This is especially true of the South American markets generally and also of some of those in the Orient notably Japan and there is no doubt that the sending of special agents to these countries will lead to largely increased sales—especially of the grades of goods generally manufactured in Southern mills.

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Hickory, N. C., Dec. 28, 1903.
M. E. THORNTON,
President.

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