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 to your mind that you are not doing your duty to yourself, wife or family by leaving your property unprotected by insurance is what we want to do here. We don't want you to forget that the premium on insurance is small, while your home is safe, but that the indemnity is large in case your home goes up in smoke.

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A good time to buy, and we will help you to do it by furnishing part of the money.

LOANS.—You can borrow money from us on your real estate.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Did you ever think about taking out a life insurance policy? Come to see us about taking one out, the cost is small and the value of your estate can be doubled.

Hickory Insurance & Realty Co.,

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Winter Goods!

Men's and Boy's

Clothing, Shoes and Hats

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OUR LINE OF DRESS GOODS AND NOTIONS ARE THE BEST IN THE CITY.

THE VALUE OF A DOLLAR

IS WHAT YOU WANT ::::

SETZER & RUSSELL

HICKORY, N. C.

OUR DAILY BREAD



Should be wholesome, light and easily digested and assimilated.

We Eat More Bread Than Any Other Food.

therefore it should be, if anything, of better quality than any other food. Our Bread is the best in town; snow white, pure, dainty and delicious, full of nutrients. Let us serve you.

HICKORY BAKERY

MYRON A. RICE, Prop. Phone 127

FROST PROOF CABBAGE PLANTS GUARANTEED TO SATISFY PURCHASERS



These are only a few of the many things that could be mentioned, all of which go to show that the citizens of a town must themselves make an effort before progress is possible. Are we going to learn the lesson? Let us stop and ponder these questions for a few minutes. Are we perfectly satisfied with Hickory as it is? Do we believe that Hickory is just as good as she can be made? If we answer these questions affirmatively, we are excusable if we sit down and exclaim: "A little more sleep, a little more slumber." But if we answer negatively, which all broad minded men will do, we should then cast

THE GROWTH OF A TOWN.

There is a little city in the mountains of Western North Carolina—Hendersonville by name—that has in a few short years grown from a small insignificant little hamlet to a hustling compact little city.

A few years ago the citizens of this town could boast of nothing more than a depot, a post-office and a few business houses.

But almost within a day these conditions have changed until Hendersonville can boast of macadam streets, cement sidewalks a number of first-class hotels, and everything that goes to make a thriving city. At present they have prospects for building operations aggregating almost half a million, one contractor alone having ordered recently ninety-five solid car-loads of building material. And the work is but just begun. Everything points to redoubled activity along this line.

Now, we are not writing this for the purpose of advertising some other town, but for the purpose of showing what can be done when the people of a town set to work. Why can't Hickory do the same thing?

We have many advantages over Hendersonville.

We have a lower tax rate than Hendersonville. Capital is some times driven away from there because of the taxes they are compelled to pay. Here it is not so because we have a low tax rate perhaps as any town or county in the State.

Our climatic advantages are superior in some respects to those of Hendersonville.

No place on earth can boast of a more healthful climate than Hickory. And our climate is not only healthful but is delightful.

And these are only a few of the many advantages of which Hickory can boast.

Hendersonville's first step was the organization of a Board of Trade. This board entered at once upon a strenuous advertising campaign.

They advertised her many advantages (and they were legend) far and wide, and as a result their town is known today as one of the most popular summer resorts in the entire country.

It is said that as many as ten thousand summer visitors have been registered at her hotels and boarding houses at one time. And this number increases with each year.

Hickory has all the advantages requisite to an ideal summer resort. Our weather in summer is all that could be wished for by the pleasure seekers.

Hendersonville now has a Chautaugua and Lyceum Course each year which adds much to the life of the town.

Capital is becoming interested and aside from the manufactures already established in and around the city, plans are on foot for the erection of three large cotton mills the coming summer.

Two huge lakes and two large hotels we learn are now in process of construction.

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about us for a method for improving present conditions.

Don't claim that great mountains of opposition rise up before us. "Say unto them go forward" was the commandment given to Moses when he fell on his face before the Lord at the shore of the Dead Sea. When they pressed forward the waters divided and they passed over dry-shod. Let us write the words, "Go forward" in letters of gold upon the tablets of our minds and in obeying that command the seas of difficulty will divide and we will pass over dry-shod to our place as a town that flows with milk and honey.

Night Walkers.

Some of the people on King's Creek, near the Wilkes line, have been receiving letters lately, mailed at Hickory, notifying them that if Geneva Laws and Levi Dyson did not leave the settlement by a certain time, there would be trouble. They did not leave and trouble came last week, when four men took Geneva and Levi out and gave them a sound thrashing with a brush, giving them notice that the performance would be repeated soon, if they did not leave. They left for parts unknown. Geneva is a grass widow with several children of uncertain color. Dyson is a young man, deaf and dumb. —Lenoir News.

Will Prosecute Papers.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Georgia Anti-Saloon League held in Atlanta recently, it was decided to prosecute all newspapers carrying whiskey advertisements on the grounds that these papers are hired agents and solicitors for whiskey houses. The Georgia prohibition law expressly forbids the soliciting of orders for whiskey in any way.

We have received many words of praise and commendation from the representative business men of Hickory, concerning the Booster for all of which we feel very grateful. The Booster is only two weeks old and has labored under great difficulties from the start. We are conceited enough to believe that we can make this paper better with each issue and shall labor unceasingly with this one purpose in view.

Revolts at Cold Steel.

"Your only hope," said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe rectal trouble, lies in an operation. "—then I used Dr. King's New Life Pills," she writes, "till wholly cured." They prevent Appendicitis, cure Constipation, Headache, 25c. at C. M. Shuford's, W. S. Martin's, Moser & Lutz.

The Gold Wave.

From all parts of the country comes the report that the exceedingly cold weather experienced Saturday and Sunday, was the coldest, perhaps in many years. Even as far south as Atlanta, the thermometer fell fifteen degrees above zero, while in New Orleans the temperature was so low that a negro was frozen to death.

The north and north-west report the thermometer as low as 24 degrees below zero. Owing to the high winds prevailing in many places, thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed by fire. The loss from sleet and wind cannot be estimated. The loss of life is insignificant.

Social functions of winter, midnight lunches, loss of sleep tell on the health. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea clears the blood, aids digestion, relieves fatigue, makes and retains your health. Greatest tonic. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. Moser & Lutz.

The Catawba Employment Agency will furnish your help.

Resolutions to Increase the Fireman's Relief Fund in N. C.

Whereas the general Assembly of One Thousand, Nine Hundred and seven passed an act creating a Fireman's Relief Fund and applying thereto one-half of one per cent of all premiums collected by foreign insurance companies in towns and cities within the State of North Carolina toward the assistance and support of Fire Companies properly organized and having the equipment specified in said act, and

Whereas the experience of two years has shown the beneficent results of said act but at the same time its weakness in that the appropriation is so small as to be totally out of proportion to the advantages resulting both to the insurance companies and the public at large in the way of salvage in case of fire, and

Whereas all the cities and towns in the State are increasing their fire equipment and improving the efficiency of said companies, their machinery and equipment greater from year to year, and

Whereas a practical test of the present measure has demonstrated that it should be both increased in amount and extended to all insurance companies alike,

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Hickory Volunteer Fire Company in a meeting assembled that the act of 1907 creating said Fireman's Relief Fund should be amended so as to appropriate one per cent. upon all premiums collected upon Fire Insurance Policies in each town and city where the acts applies.

2nd. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Hons. J. D. Elliott member of Senate from this Senatorial District, and J. Y. Killian, member of the House of Representatives, urging them to use their best efforts in behalf of such amendment and a copy to Hon. James D. McNeil, President of State Firemen's Association.

This 19th day of January, 1909 The Hickory Volunteer Fire Company unanimously adopted the foregoing resolutions and in order that all citizens may know what this Relief fund is for, the Company calls attention to the following provisions of the Act referred to.

That the funds so provided shall be expended only for these purposes.

1st. To Firemen who are injured at fires, or rendered unable to do their work by sickness caused by duty at fires.

2nd. To provide a reasonable support for those actually dependant upon services of any fireman who may lose his life in the fire service of his town, city or state.

3rd. To safeguard any Fireman who has honorably served ten years of his life in the Fire service of his city, from ever becoming an inmate of any almshouse, or actually dependant upon charity.

Tell me not in mournful numbers that the town is full of gloom, for the man's a crank who slumbers in these bustling days of boom. Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal; every dollar that thou turnest helps to make the old town roll. But enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way; if you have no money borrow—buy a corner lot each day! Lives of great men all remind us we can win immortal fame.

Let us leave the chumps behind us and we'll get there just the same. In this world, a bread battle, in the bivouac of life, let us make the dry bones rattle—buy a corner for your wife. Let us then be up and doing, with a heart for any fate; still achieving still pursuing, booming early booming late.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

CLUBBING RATES.

Do You Want to Take Any Other Paper With the Hickory Democrat?

If you want to take any other paper in connection with the Democrat, we can save you from 25 to 50 cents on the subscriptions. We invariably give our subscribers the benefit of whatever rate is made us by any paper, and we do not make a cent on any of them.

We will send the Democrat and the Charlotte Semi-Weekly Observer, both, one year for \$1.75. This is a good combination, as the Observer is a paper full of general news that will always interest you.

We will send you the Democrat and the Progressive Farmer to new subscribers to that paper for only \$1.50. The Progressive Farmer is the best farm paper published for Southern farmers. If you are already taking the Progressive Farmer, the price of the combination will be \$1.70.

We will send the Democrat and the New York Thrice-a-Week World, four papers a week for only \$1.90. The World is a good paper, and you will get the worth of your money in this combination.

The best semi-monthly farm paper published is the Home and Farm, of Louisville, Ky. We will send the Democrat and that paper both one year for \$1.25.

We will send the Southern Agriculturist, published monthly at Nashville, Tenn., absolutely free for one year to every one who pays a year in advance to the Democrat, at the regular price of \$1.00.

We will send the Democrat and the Atlanta Thrice-a-Week Constitution both one year for \$1.75.

We have also the following other excellent clubbing offers. The price includes a year's subscription both to the Democrat and the papers named:

Southern Ruralist, published at Atlanta, \$1.50.

Bob Taylor's magazine, Nashville, Tenn., \$1.85.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures constipation and liver trouble and makes the bowels healthy and regular. Orino is superior to pills and tablets as it does not gripe or nauseate. Why take anything else. W. S. Martin & Co.

Cloer Arrested in Tenn.

Sheriff J. M. Deaton of Iredell county returned Monday from Bristol Tenn., with Robert Cloer who is charged with having committed a number of forgeries in Iredell and Catawba counties. Cloer was captured at Inman, Va. He was accompanied by his wife and baby.

It is reported that Cloer is a noted forger and has practiced his game on a number of people in the State. His brother, Joe Cloer is now in jail at Newton charged with committing several forgeries.

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The Drone in Town.

No town is free of drones. In every town or community there are those who are too worthless to earn the salt for their bread. They are found in crowds about the street corners conversing intelligently (?) upon all subjects. They are well versed in all matters of science, art, music, etc. and can give good advice about any matter that may come up for consideration.

They see only death and damnation in everything that is proposed to build up the town and can suggest a better plan for the accomplishment of every purpose under the sun.

They talk of the laziness of of their neighbors who are striving day in and day out to support their families, when they themselves are absorbing the hard earned dollars of their wife and children.

Such people are a curse to the earth and any town can call itself blessed whose bounds contain no such inhabitants.

CHRONIC COUGH

Mr. Gray, of Elwood, Ind., Declares Vinol Cured His Daughter's Chronic Cough After All Other Means Had Failed.

SAYS SHE OWES LIFE TO VIVOL

"My fourteen year old daughter had a very bad cough, was weak, emaciated, and had no appetite. Two of our best physicians had done her no good. On advice I procured for her a bottle of Vinol and she soon began to improve. She continued until she had taken several bottles of it, and she has completely recovered her health.

"We undoubtedly owe her life to Vinol, as I am certain that if it had not been for it she would have been dead ere this. We never miss the opportunity of saying a good word for Vinol."

Many cases like the above are constantly coming to our attention where this cod liver and iron preparation Vinol has cured chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis and built up health and strength for old people, delicate children, run-down, weak and debilitated people after all other means had failed.

Try Vinol. If it does you no good we will return money; that's our guarantee, but we know it will benefit you. Moser & Lutz druggists.

ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION.

Why not use Chamberlain's Liniment when you have rheumatism? We feel sure that the result will be prompt and satisfactory. It has cured others, why not you? Try it. It costs but a trifle. Price 25 cents; large size, 50 cents. For sale by W. S. Martin & Co.

Bring your job printing to the Democrat office for good work.

GRAPES, from their most healthful properties, give ROYAL its active and principal ingredient

ROYAL Baking Powder Absolutely Pure

It is economy to use Royal Baking Powder. It saves labor, health and money. Where the best food is required no other baking powder or leavening agent can take the place or do the work of Royal Baking Powder.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

The Democrat is the best advertising medium in Catawba county as it is read in very nearly every State in the Union, and in every home in the county. The subscription price is only \$1.00 per year.