

# CASTORIA

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### Girl Burned at Fayetteville— Miss Youngblood Meets Awful Death.

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 2.—Miss Claude Youngblood, the 19-year-old daughter of N. E. Youngblood, a railroad engineer of this city, was burned to death yesterday afternoon at her home, as a result of her clothes catching on fire from an open stove.

Her father had left her in the sitting room for only a few minutes and on his return was met at the door by his daughter, a mass of flames. It is unknown how the young woman's clothes caught fire.

The Morrison Bros. Co. have placed in their window a handsome piano and have priced it at \$300.00. They are offering this piano to the highest bidder. Go and look it over and see how much you will give for it. They are going to make a date on which to start the bidding and the price of the piano declines \$10.00 per day until sold. The highest bidder gets the piano. After buying it, if you desire to take it on the installment plan they will make terms to suit you. Someone is going to get this piano at their own price and on their own judgment. You can bring anyone that you desire with you and test the piano to your satisfaction and then name a price that you will give for it. The price drops down at the rate of \$10.00 per day until it drops to the highest bidder's bid. To explain the plan of sale, we will start the sale of piano Feb. 4th, and on Feb. 4th the price of the piano is \$300.00; on Feb. 5th, \$290.00; on Feb. 6th, \$280.00; on Feb. 7th, \$270.00, etc., etc., until it drops down to some one's bid. Come in and look at the piano and put in your bid.

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### Notes From Gunpowder.

Correspondent to the Democrat.

The farmers took advantage of the nice weather we have had and did a good deal of plowing.

Several of our citizens attended Mr. Otis Mackie's sale Tuesday of last week, near Granite Falls. Property brought a good price. He is selling out preparatory to moving to Virginia. We are sorry to lose such citizens as Mr. Mackie. We wish him success in his new home.

Mrs. A. L. Sherrill celebrated her 81st birthday Thursday of last week, Jan. 23th. She is in good health and bids fair to yet celebrate many more birthdays. Nearly all of her children, a number of grand-children and some friends were present, in all thirty or more. Also her pastor, Rev. A. E. Wile, and her family physician, Dr. B. G. Flowers.

Mrs. R. M. Teague, of Granite Falls, spent a few days last week visiting in this vicinity.

Mr. F. G. Bowman, of Dudley Shoals, visited his son Charlie the latter part of last week. He is in very poor health, and thinks he will have to go to a hospital for treatment.

Mr. G. D. Corpening is making considerable improvement on his residence by adding two new rooms. Mr. A. J. Hass is doing the carpenter work which is progressing nicely.

The ground hog saw his shadow this morning and has gone back into his den. Look out for six weeks more of "weather." Feb. 2nd. Romeo.

Some people's idea of being neighborly is being on intimate enough terms to borrow.

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### Benefits of the Cold.

There are many people who are never satisfied, even with the most ideal weather conditions, but when a sudden cold snap, like that which grasped this city and section Saturday night and Sunday, makes its appearance, they have no word in their vocabulary strong enough to express their disapproval of conditions. And here it is that the spirit of the true optimist should assert itself. While a sudden change in the weather has its disadvantages it is also true that the presence of intense cold is not without its blessings.

Weather of the zero variety is the greatest germ destroyer that is known to medical science. And did it accomplish nothing more than that we ought to feel grateful. But it brings the ruddy glow of health to the young cheek; it affords opportunities for indulging in sports which are rarely available, and to tradesmen who are often harshly used by fickle fortune—the coalmen—a spell of freezing weather is a veritable godsend.

One thing is certain, however, Hickory's climatic conditions are such that zero weather can find no resting place here for any length of time. The icy grip of old Boreas must dissolve before the warming rays of our Southern sun, and while other sections of the country remain icebound, Hickory returns naturally to the spring-like weather which it has enjoyed throughout the winter season. But for the two days taste of winter we ought to feel thankful for the reasons given above. Were it not for the suffering which freezing weather sometimes imposes on the poor, the cold snap would be of priceless value to all of us, as far as health is concerned.

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