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What you do now in the way of saving may determine what the future will bring you.

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The convenience of a checking account until you have tried one. If you have often felt that you would like to have a **Bank Account**, but you just delayed starting one, do not let it wait any longer, but call and let us explain the many advantages it will bring you. It will be our pleasure to furnish you with all necessary books, blanks, etc., and you will make an important step in your effort to save.

The First National Bank,

HICKORY, N. C.

Capital, \$200,000.00 Surplus & Profits, \$27,000.00

BUSINESS BUILDERS.

Advertisements inserted under this head at 5 cents a line for each insertion.

Plumbing, Roofing and Guttering

Done by expert workmen. All kinds of tin work on short notice. A full line of bath tubs, bowls and sinks, with hot and cold water fixtures. We will do your work right.

Hickory Roofing & Tinning Co.

Wanted—Two boys to distribute Boosters. Call at Democrat office Saturday 9:30 a. m.

Ivey & Hice have hickory blocks for sale at 75 cents a load. Phone 165.

Wanted—young or middle age man to solicit for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., in Hickory, Salary and commission. Apply to W. H. Collins, Asst., Supt. Office over First Nat. Bank.

We have received an invitation to the marriage of Miss Kate Hassell which took place on the 26th at her home at Fredericksburg, Va. to Mr. Curtis Souder. Miss Hassell is well known, and has many friends in Hickory.

Wanted—Dress maker wanted. Apply to Box 477, Hickory, N. C.

If you are looking for bargains in furniture, it will pay you to visit Hatcher's furniture sale now going on.

All kinds of horse feed, hay, corn, and mixed feed at Hammond and Johnson's.

Cadet hose for men, women, and children at Sledge & Pleasants. Six pair guaranteed for six months.

A lot of Burte seed oats for sale at Hammond and Johnson's.

Another lot of new, white goods laces and embroideries at Sledge & Pleasants.

Poultry food at Hammond and Johnson's.

Local and Personal

We need a Civic League in Hickory.

Mr. J. M. Edwards spent Sunday at home.

Mr. J. A. Herndon of Fayetteville was in this city Tuesday.

Our attorneys are all in Newton this week—court week.

Mr. Telles Miller, of Morganton, spent Sunday in the city.

If you expect results, you must put your ad in the Democrat.

College Chums will be played in the Opera house Friday night.

Mr. J. P. Gibbs has been spending a few days at Bridgewater.

A three act Comedy by home talent at the Opera house Friday night.

Mrs. C. F. Blalock is on a weeks visit to friends at Statesville.

Col. Witherspoon went to Hickory Saturday on business.—Catawba County News.

Rev. J. E. Sommers spent Tuesday night in the city with his brother W. W. Sommers.

Miss Gertrude Hall of Lenoir is a visitor in our city.

Miss Nora Drum will entertain a few friends at Finch tonight.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw recently closed a successful meeting at Hudson.

Mrs. E. E. Hendley and daughter, Miss Ethel, have returned to this city after spending several years in Asheville.

Quite an excitement was created this afternoon when the local Fire Department was called out, supposedly to save the Novelty Shop from burning. Investigation, however, proved it to be a false alarm.

We have received from Hon. J. D. Elliott a pamphlet containing an act of the Legislature entitled "A Bill to be Entitled, An Act Giving the People Power to Name Their Candidates for Office." This bill if passed will go much toward purifying our political elections. It simply provides for a legalized primary for the whole State.

We make our best bow to Bro. H. C. Miller, of Blowing Rock, for a small crate of large apples sent to us a few days ago by express. These were of a fine variety that can only be raised in that section "and they are beauties." Mr. Miller is one of Watauga county's most enterprising and successful merchants, and does not fear a panic, sells lots of goods and has some to hand out to friends.

No Place Like Home
What's the use, young man, old man, or any other man, in going West, when we have right here the finest country in the world? Women take notice! There seems to be a disposition on the part of some of our people to throw up fairly good homes and surroundings, better prospects, friends and relatives and all that is near and dear, just to take a chance at the West where it is certain there will be in the new and undeveloped regions at last, nothing but hardships and years of hard work before anything like comfort equal to that enjoyed here can or will be realized.

Women especially will have to suffer hardships as there is no help and no conveniences in the undeveloped West; besides a great number of the women going from this country to the West never live to return to their native land in the South.

Mr. R. O. Alexander of Charlotte who has been all through the west says, "I only wish some means of warning our people against going west, could be brought about in time to prevent these who contemplate removing this winter or in the early spring." Continuing he says "As a matter of fact the place for folks to go who are anxious to move with the hope of bettering their condition, is anywhere but in the new west," and adds, "the best country for a North Carolina farmer is his own State."

So we wish to sound a note of warning for those who contemplate making this great sacrifice as indeed it is a sacrifice to many and in more ways than one—think twice before taking what may prove a fatal step. Women! Dissuade your husbands. No doubt you are having a rough road to travel as most women do, but you might have worse. Out in wild west they have even a rough road but trails and uninhabited plains—yong deserts as it were, and you will be the chief sufferer.

Be content with even half "well enough" stay at home with your friends and dear ones. There is a big future before us. This country will be sought for more than the west, within the next few years.

If you have a home freeze to it—may be it's a humble one, no matter freeze the closer to it—a home and a home if any kind is a treasure, the value of which cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents.

Be content, therein lies the secret of happiness. If there is a shorter road to happiness it is the sunshine route. Scatter sunshine first in your own home, then scatter it among your neighbors. Try it and see if you aren't happier. Get the "happy habit" and pass it along the line. Stay in "God's Country," love it, talk it, boost it and you will get well of wanting to go West.

Gillie Wilbert.

Fun! Fun! Fun!!! Let no innocent man escape. At the great Mock Court Trial under the auspices of Hickory Free Library Association in the Academy of Music, on Friday evening Feb. 19th. One of our most respected citizens will be charged with Breach of Promise. Regular Court Rules. Startling developments. Ludicrous situations. Local Hits. An evening of refined fun. Prices 25 and 35 cts. Tickets on sale at Martin's Drug Store, open at 7:30. Court called at 8.

Rev. W. T. Matthews and wife of Durant Okla. spent a few days in this city at the hospitable home of Mrs. Gamble. Mr. Matthews was at onetime pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place and on last Sunday night he occupied his old pulpit, preaching a most excellent sermon. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were delighted to welcome them to our city and entertained them in royal style during their visit.

Inheritance and environment are not only realities, but are the most important elements of the everyday life. The thought of yesterday fixes the tendency of today. The conditions of today are the background against which every life is projected. —Albion W. Tourgee.

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 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 years subscription to both the Democrat and the papers named:
Southern Ruralist, published at Atlanta, \$1.50.
Bob Taylor's Magazine, Nashville, Tenn., \$1.85.

The Catawba Employment Agency will furnish your help.

Of Interest To Women.

To such women as are not seriously out of health, but who have exacting duties to perform, either in the way of household cares or in social duties and functions, which seriously tax their strength, as well as nursing mothers, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has proved a most valuable supporting tonic and invigorating nerve. By its timely use, much serious sickness and suffering may be avoided. The operating table and the surgeon's knife, would it is believed, seldom have to be employed if this most valuable woman's remedy were resorted to in good time. The Favorite Prescription has proven a great boon to expectant mothers by preparing the system for the coming of baby, thereby rendering childbirth safe, easy, and almost painless.

Bear in mind, please that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is not a secret or patent medicine, against which the most intelligent people are quite naturally averse, because of the uncertainty as to their composition and harmless character, but is a medicine of known composition, a full list of all its ingredients being printed, in plain English, on every bottle wrapper. An examination of this list of ingredients will disclose the fact that it is non-alcoholic in its composition, chemically pure, triple-refined glycerine taking the place of the commonly used alcohol. In its make-up, in this connection, it may not be out of place to state that the "Favorite Prescription" of Dr. Pierce is the only medicine put up for the cure of woman's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, and sold through druggists, all the ingredients of which have the unanimous endorsement of all the leading medical writers and teachers of all the several schools of practice, and that too as remedies for the ailments for which "Favorite Prescription" is recommended.

A little book of these endorsements will be sent to any address, post-paid, and absolutely free if you request same by postal card, or letter, of Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Constipation is the cause of many diseases. Cure the cause and you cure the disease. Easy to take as candy.

We have received the following invitation handsomely engraved: Rev. and Mrs. Clinton P. Moore request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their sister Addie Mae Council to Mr. Thomas William Reese on Tuesday evening Feb. the 2nd nineteen hundred and nine at eight o'clock First Methodist Church South Thirty-fourth and Elm Streets Oakland, California. Miss Council is a sister of Mrs. Z. B. Buchanan of this city. She is very pleasantly remembered by the most of us, having once lived in our midst.

Coming Out.
Next week fashionable Flora was "coming out," and her proud mamma was so excited over the fact that she proclaimed it, metaphorically speaking, from the house tops. Even the charwoman had it. "You will be pleased to hear, Mrs. Moore," said proud mamma, "that Flora 'comes out' next week." "Well, mum," replied the worthy washer, "I am pleased. An' so does my husband! How long did Miss Flora get? William got six months!"—London Scraps.

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

The Revolution's Darkest Hour.
Of Washington crossing the Delaware on Christmas night, 1776, a historian has written:

"That was the darkest hour of the Revolution. The American army was rapidly dwindling away, poverty was staring congress in the face, and the forces of the king, supplied with all necessary comforts, were flushed with victory. In those circumstances Washington executed a movement of the highest military skill. In the dead of a winter's night he transported his army, with its baggage and artillery, across the Delaware unperceived and almost in the presence of the enemy. From his position at Princeton he compelled the British to abandon their operations in New Jersey and withdraw to New York."

Does the Baby Thrive

If not, something must be wrong with its food. If the mother's milk doesn't nourish it, she needs **Scott's Emulsion**. It supplies the elements of fat required for the baby. If baby is not nourished by its artificial food, then it requires

SCOTT'S EMULSION

Half a teaspoonful three or four times a day in its bottle will have the desired effect. It seems to have a magical effect upon babies and children. A fifty-cent bottle will prove the truth of our statements.

Send this advertisement, together with name of paper in which it appears, your address and four cents to cover postage, and we will send you a "Complete Handy Atlas of the World." SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl St., New York

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For 20 Days at the Quality Shop.



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Draying and transferring done promptly and reasonably on short notice. Special attention to baggage transferred. Experienced and courteous white drivers.

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Let us place one in your home for a thorough test. Its distinctive features make it the leader.

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