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## The First National Bank,

HICKORY, N. C.

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### 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, bowles and sinks, with hot and cold water fixtures. We will do your work right.

### Hickory Roofing & Tinning Co

Remember Sledge & Pleasants will carry an extensive line of millinery this season.

Strayed.—from our stable last Saturday a white and orange spotted Pointer dog. Bring him back and get reward. Hinkel Live Stock Co.

See our show window for special sale goods and announcements. Umstead's.

Special to the people of West Hickory. Trade at Hammond & Johnson's.

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

Groceries, the freshest and purest at our stores. Hammond & Johnson's.

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.

Umstead's special sale is a money and bread saver.

Lost—A fur collar. Finder please return to Democrat office.

The people of West Hickory will save money if they buy their groceries at our West Hickory store. Hammond & Johnson.

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

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

Don't fail to see the Vaudeville show tonight at Opera House. Price 5 and 10 cents.

### Local and Personal

Mr. B. A. Klutz is in the city.

Mr. N. E. Aull is in the city for a few days.

Judge Council spent Sunday at home in the city.

Judge Council is holding court in Charlotte this week.

Owing to the sickness of Judge Justice, court was suspended Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Alice Boyden is spending the winter with Mrs. Judge Council on 13th avenue.

Those who fail to see Stein and Earle at the Opera House this week miss a great treat.

Mr. W. W. Bradford who has been seriously ill, we are glad to say, is rapidly improving.

J. W. Campbell is building a nice new barn on his lot at the rear of his present residence.

Don't forget the Vaudeville show at the Opera house this week. It's grand. Price 5 & 10 cents.

Mrs. Gaither Hall of Lenoir, mother of Mr. W. A. Hall of this city, is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sherrill spent Sunday in the country, the guests of Mr. Sherrill's father.

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We sympathize with Mr. John Deitz in the death of his little child which occurred in this city Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Campbell has purchased the store building now occupied by the Hickory Piano and organ Co.

Mr. John Setzer and family have returned to make their home in Hickory after a long stay in Marion.

Walter S. Martin spent Monday and Tuesday in Lenoir on business for the Blackwelder-Martin Opera Co.

Work has begun on the new Huffry hotel and the building will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

R. W. Johnson has sold to Dr. Stevenson a lot on the rear of his residence upon which the doctor will erect a nice residence at once.

We are pleased to announce that Editor W. E. Holbrook, who has been confined to his room for some days with gripe is very much improved.

Married, Jan. 31, at Marion, N. C., Miss Nannie Bradley to Mr. John F. Setzer of Hickory. Mr. and Mrs. Setzer will make their home in Hickory.

The Hickory Catillon Club will give the opening dance in their new hall on Friday night of this week. The dance promises to be a very swell affair.

Mrs. Laura U. Welker, widow of the late Judge Welker, of Wooster, Ohio who is spending a few weeks at Charlotte is the guest of Mrs. Bourbonnias for a week.

Mr. John Wakefield, of Lenoir passed through Hickory Tuesday in charge of Dr. McNairy, on his way to the hospital at Statesville where he will be operated upon for apendicitis.

Mr. D. E. Moose who has been in Charlotte under treatment for the past six weeks has returned to this city, but we are sorry to learn he has not improved very much. However, we trust he will soon be on the road to recovery.

An oyster supper will be given at Highland Hall Monday evening Feb. 15 at 8:30. This supper will be given under the auspices of the Lenoir College Athletic Association. The public is cordially invited. Music will be furnished by Oak View Orchestra.

### A BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

#### Prominent Citizen Cearged With Trifling With a Widow's Affections.

For some time, it is alleged, one of our prominent citizens has paid more or less attention to a young and beautiful widow of this town forgetting or at least not heeding the advice of the immortal Mr. Weller to his son Samuel to "beware of the vidders."

He now claims that he was not serious in his intentions and that he was not attached to her, but however that may have been the widow became attached to him, and as he seems to have lost interest in the matter she has attached his property, which is a form of attachment that he does not enjoy.

The result is, that he finds himself the defendant in a first-class Breach of Promise Case and his questionable attitude towards the widow will be given an airing the near future.

### Presbyterian Church Notes.

Rev. T. W. Lingle of Davidson will preach at both services next Sunday.

The second Sunday of Feb. is the day of prayer for schools and colleges.

The third lecture to men only will be given by Rev. Garth at 3:30 Sunday, the subject being "The Process of Salvation."

C. T. Morrison spent Sunday in Lenoir. There must be a special attraction there for him.

Mr. Aldis Henderson, of this city, left Monday for Oklahoma, where he will spend the coming summer. Mr. Henderson has our best wishes.

Miss Nettie Abernethy has accepted a position and is doing efficient service as stenographer and assistant book-keeper with the Piedmont Wagon Co.

Our cabbage plants have arrived and are ready for distribution. Those who have given orders or others who may want them please call at once at Democrat office.

The plant of the Hickory Manufacturing Co. was discovered to be on fire Sunday morning, and only the prompt action of the Fire Department saved the company from considerable loss. The fire started in the shaving room and was discovered before making much headway.

We are publishing this week a report of the condition of the First National Bank at the close of business Feb. 5, 1909.

This statement shows this institution to be in a strong position financially and worthy of the confidence of the people. The institution is backed by men of energy and business ability who will extend to their customers every courtesy consistent with sound banking principles.

### Dies Protesting Innocence.

Will Foster, colored, who was twice convicted on the charge of murdering John Young, a prominent white man of Spartanburg, was hanged in the county jail at that place last Friday. Foster contended with his last words that he was innocent of the crime.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Paul left Monday evening to visit Mrs. Alfred's parents near Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Oatis Maackie went to Virginia last week.

Mr. J. N. Flowers of Lawndale is visiting his father Mr. C. T. Flowers and other relatives in and near town.

Hustler.

This is the time of year when you are most likely to have kidney or bladder trouble, with rheumatism and rheumatic pains caused by weak kidneys. Delays are dangerous. Get DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills, and be sure you get what you ask for. They are the best pills made for backache, weak back, urinary disorders, inflammation of the bladder, etc. We sell and recommend them. C. M. Shufford and W. S. Marin & Co.

### Society News.

The Hickory Book Club met with Mrs. J. A. Martin Feb. 3rd. All the members being present to enjoy this delightful meeting. Mrs. J. D. Hart and Mrs. G. N. Hutton were guests of the club. In discussion of books that followed quotations, "The Vermillion Pencil" "The Servant in the House" and "The Life of Alice Freeman Palmer" was prominent. The hostess then gave an interesting account of her book and its author. "The Half-Way House" by Maurice Hewlett. All gave smiling assent to the original couplet by Mrs. Martin: "The flowers that bloom in the Spring,

Have nothing to do with the case But the flowers that bloom in the Half-Way House,

Redeem the book from disgrace."

Current events preceded adjournment to the dining room. The light of candles made more beautiful the white hyacinths in such profusion. The place cards were embellished with flower pictures and flowers of poetry. Then turkey and chicken-salad gave their share to the enjoyment. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chadwick Feb. 17th.

Thursday Feb. 4th the traveler's Club met with Mrs. G. N. Hutton whose spacious parlors were well filled with the members who enjoyed every moment of this interesting hour. The quotations were on "Demeter and Persephone." Miss Schenck read with true appreciation Jean Ingelw's poem "Persephone," bringing out the haunting beauty of the musical refrain.

Mrs. N. E. Aull presented a fine article on "The Pre-Socratic Philosophy," giving a clear analysis of the distinctive methods from Thales to the Sophists. As a relaxation from this deep thinking, Mrs. Chadwick read Lucian's "Sale of the Philosopher," a witty satire. Current events and refreshments closed a pleasant evening.

### Items From Granite Falls.

Correspondent to The Democrat.

Last Saturday evening about sunset Paul 11 years and Louis 9 the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alred were out shooting a shotgun when the former accidentally killed the latter. Paul was so unnerved by the terrible accident that he does not remember exactly how it all happened, but it seems that he had cocked the gun to shoot at something and decided not to shoot and was in the act of letting down the hammer and let it slip away from him discharging the gun and shot his little brother's neck nearly off killing him instantly. The funeral service was held Sunday at the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Seaford. There was a large concourse of people out and there was never a more pathetic scene witnessed by your correspondent and seldom anywhere. The entire family are almost prostrated with grief. The mother was so overcome she was not able to attend the funeral. We are sure they have the sympathy of the entire community.

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### A Most Valuable Agent.

The glycerine employed in Dr. Pierce's medicines greatly enhances the medicinal properties which it extracts from native medicinal roots and holds in solution much better than alcohol would. It also possesses medicinal properties of its own, being a valuable demulcent, nutritive, antiseptic and antiferment. It adds greatly to the efficacy of the Black Cherry-bark, Bloodroot, Golden Seal root, Stone root and Queen's root, contained in "Golden Medical Discovery" in subduing chronic or lingering coughs, bronchitis, throat and lung affections, for all of which these agents are recommended by standard medical authorities.

In all cases where there is a wasting away of flesh, loss of appetite, with weak stomach, as in the early stages of consumption, there can be no doubt that glycerine acts as a valuable nutritive and aids the Golden Seal root, Stone root, Queen's root and Black Cherry-bark in promoting digestion and building up the flesh and strength, controlling the cough and bringing about a healthy condition of the whole system. Of course, it must not be expected to work miracles. It will not cure consumption except in its earlier stages. It will cure very severe, obstinate, hang-on chronic coughs, bronchitis and irritative troubles, and chronic sore throat with hoarseness. In acute coughs it is not so effective. It is in the lingering hang-on coughs, or those of long standing, even when accompanied by bleeding from lungs, that it has performed its most marvelous cures.

Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Med. College, Chicago, says of glycerine: "In dyspepsia it serves an excellent purpose. Holding a fixed quantity of the peroxide of hydrogen in solution, it is one of the best manufactured products of the present time in its action upon enfeebled, disordered stomachs, especially if there is ulceration or catarrhal gastritis (catarrhal inflammation of stomach). It is a most efficient preparation. Glycerine will relieve many cases of pyrosis (heartburn) and excessive gastric (stomach) acidity.

"Golden Medical Discovery" enriches and purifies the blood curing blotches, pimples, eruptions, scrofulous swellings and old sores, or ulcers.

Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet telling all about the native medicinal roots composing this wonderful medicine. There is no alcohol in it.

### Orchard Demonstration Institute.

A practical demonstration of pruning and spraying will be given in the orchard of L. J. Yount, R. F. D. No. 2, one and one half miles east of Hickory, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1909.

The object of this meeting is to bring together those interested in fruit-growing, in order to give demonstrations of modern methods of pruning and spraying fruit trees, to encourage the growing of good crops of fruit and combat insect pests and diseases.

The North Carolina State Department of Agriculture will send S. B. Shaw, Assistant Horticulturist, and Z. P. Metcalf, Assistant Entomologist, suitably equipped with instruments and apparatus to conduct these demonstrations.

All farmers, and especially those interested in fruit growing are invited and urged to come and ask questions and join in the discussions.

The demonstrations will begin at 10:30 a. m.

W. A. Graham, Com. of Agriculture.

### FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE

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### Notice of Desolution.

W. C. Shell and J. B. Gibbs give notice that they have this day dissolved partnership in the firm known as The Shell Grain & Feed Co.,

All persons indebted or having claims against this firm will please present them to J. B. Gibbs for settlement. This Jan. 28 1909.

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J. B. Gibbs.

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That so many people have taken advantage of the unusually low prices that maintained at our store during the 10 days of our stock reduction sale and

### We Are Indeed Thankful

for the liberal patronage given us and expect to continue business with a high grade line of Furniture and House Furnishings at prices that will make us the most popular furniture dealers in town. We hope to be favored with a liberal patronage from each of our old customers, and trust that we may be able to add new ones to our list every day. With gratitude and best wishes, we are, Sincerely,

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