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GRADED SCHOOL.

Each of our readers should carefully consider the article appearing elsewhere in this issue relative to the needs of our graded school. Hickory should not be content with educational facilities that are second to any in the State.

We believe that we see the dawning of a brighter day for Hickory and there is nothing that will hasten the coming of this glad morn more than an ideal free school system. Our graded school teachers seem to be striving to make our school a great success and they should be encouraged by every citizen of the town. It is a lamentable fact that our graded school teachers receive a smaller salary than that paid by towns of much smaller population. So long as this is the case the teachers cannot feel that they are receiving proper encouragement. The building is inadequate to accommodate the large number of pupils in attendance while the number of teachers is too small. We cannot hope for our schools to do the most good as long as the teachers have more pupils than they can properly instruct.

Fet us increase the room in our building, increase the number of our teachers, and pay them larger salaries.

A RIGHT MOVE.

We were delighted to learn that the Board of Aldermen at their meeting Tuesday night ordered an election to be held at the regular May election to vote a bond issue for macadamizing the streets of Hickory. This was a highly commendable move and we believe the action will be approved by the people at the polls. This shows a spirit of progress with which we believe a majority of our citizens are imbued.

Now, let us lay aside all contentions and work faithfully for this movement. This means a valuable improvement to our town with little, if any extra expense to our citizens.

All together, now!

So far we have heard no incentives.

Wonder how long till it becomes a law.

Champ Clark possibly hasn't a word to say.

Things are getting lively at Washington now.

Having conquered the U. S. Congress, Roosevelt goes forth to seek new words to conquer.

It was a question of good schools V. S. bad schools and Raleigh decided to have the former.

Another Freight Wreck.

An unusual occurrence happened Tuesday to the crew of the freight train which wrecked near Hilderbran last week, when their train was wrecked near Statesville.

So far as we have been able to learn, no serious damage was done.

This crew is fortunate in getting a number of wrecks to their credit, and yet no lives lost.

COOPERS FATE
WITH JURY

JUDGE HART COMPLETES HIS
CHARGE YESTERDAY.

Ablest Chage Ever Delivered In Tennessee.
Early Wednesday morning Judge Hart began his charge to the jury in the Cooper trial. It numbers 62 typewritten pages of about 4.00 words each. The lawyers say it is the most comprehensive and clear charge ever delivered in a Tennessee court. It contains a thorough digest of the testimony of every witness examined for either side.

Judge Hart left the bench, walked around to the witness stand and to a packed court room remarked; "The law makes the judge witness of the law, so I will now take the stand and give my testimony."

"While this indictment contains but one charge on its face, it embraces four distinct felonies—murder in the first degree; murder in the second degree; voluntary manslaughter; involuntary manslaughter." After defining murder in the first degree, he said; "The distinctive feature of murder in the first degree is premeditation, and this element involves a previously formed design to kill."

"The question to be determined is was the mind of the slayer at the time of the killing so far free from excitement as to permit premeditation?"

Judge Hart declared malice to be the chief thing to be taken into consideration in determining second degree murder.

He then went on to define the legal meaning of malice stating that it extended to all cases, however sudden the occasion under which the act is done.

He then proceeded to define manslaughter as the killing of another without malice. He stated that the jury entered upon the investigation with the presumption that the defendants were not guilty and that this presumption stood as a witness for defendants until rebutted.

The case was given to the jury at 11:15, and at 1:20 they returned for further instructions. There is no indication of a verdict soon.

Boone Items.

Correspondent to the Democrat.

The former board of education of Watauga was re-appointed by the Legislature, T. P. Adams, of Silverstone, H. C. Miller, of Blowing Rock and J. W. Farthing of Boone.

Few young men in Watauga have succeeded in arousing an educational interest more than W. S. Harmon of Kellersville.

Mr. Harman grew to manhood with no advantages. He then began going first to Southerland then to Boone. He always goes back to his people on Beach Creek and entuses them to better things. He was the cause of local tax districts being voted on and carried in his township and has just completed an extra good house for his home people.

A few people in town are talking of having a home coming of Wataugans who are living elsewhere. The week of the closing of the summer school has been suggested.

J. S. Stanbury has planted the first potatoes.

Grady Brown caught two minks near town.

James Lovill is the possessor of a goat and wagon. He hauls wood to his grandfather's law office.

James Bryan and C. J. Cottrell were appointed magistrates by the Legislature.

The drug store is now in the bank building.

Superior Court on the 22nd.

Jailor Robbins is boarding eight.

Mayor Fletcher is back from a Texas trip.

Senator J. D. Elliott.

The Raleigh Evening Times has the following to say about our Senator:

In the Senate of 1909 the spell-binder—the showy performer, striving to pull off grand-stand stunts, was conspicuous by his absence. Only a few evinced the slightest inclination toward that sort of thing. While the Senate was made up largely of lawyers there was also a good delegation of business men and a few farmers. Of the business men of the senate J. D. Elliott, of Catawba, and John A. Mills, of Rutherford, were easily first. Of the two the Times man is at a loss to say which was the strongest man. He admired Senator Elliott for his masterful way of doing things, his pugnacity and self-assertiveness. Senator Elliott has a bull-dog jaw on him and there is all the grit and determination backing it that one could ask for. The famous bull-dog of "The Hoosier School-master," of which it was said that "all heaven and yeth couldn't make him turn loose when once he got his grip on a feller," didn't have a thing on the Senator from Catawba so far as tenacity were concerned. Senator Elliott began early in the session to teach conservatism and preach "short session, short session, short session!" He introduced at the outset the famous "rest and peace" resolution, counseling cautious, conservative action. The number of resolutions introduced by him fixing the time of adjournment was unusual, to say the least.

Senator Elliott made good as a Senator. He faithfully represented the business interests of the State, an element that needs representation in the councils of the State.

Provisions of Tarriff Bill.

Immediately after convening of Congress Wednesday morning the new Tariff Bill was introduced by Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee. The bill carries the following provisions; Provides for \$40,000,000 issue of Panama canal bonds, reenacts the provision for the issuance of treasury certificates to the amount of \$250,000,000; provides for a graduated inheritance tax similar to the New York state law, and imposes duty on maximum and minimum basis. Cotton seed oil, iron ore, tallow, flax straw and undressed flax, mechanically ground wood pulp, hides, and works of art, more than 20 years old, are placed on the free list where coffee remains. Lumber is cut 50 per cent, bacon and hams one cent. These are the provisions which most directly effects the south. Just what amendments will be offered cannot now be stated.

Revenue Officers Active.

Revenue officers C. F. Blalock, W. J. Kennedy, H. W. Jones, A. F. Jones, John F. Miller and Mont DeLane, have been very active for the last week.

Wednesday night they made a visit to the York settlement and succeeded in capturing a booze factory. Thursday night in Burke county, 15 miles from Hickory, they were again successful in destroying a fountain of firewater.

Again Saturday night, in Cleveland county near Caser P. O. their efforts were rewarded by the destruction of another booze producer.

Sunday night the stillness of the sabbath evening was broken by the work of these officers as they destroyed a huge distillery in the York settlement.

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Society News.

Miss Mamie Sue Johnson was hostess to the Thursday Study Club on the afternoon of March 11. Quotations were on "Famous Women." Miss Johnson told of "The Gotha Canal" and "Famous Men and Women of Sweden," in an unusually interesting article. Miss Johnson is a delightful reader as well as a charming young hostess and this was one of the most enjoyable evenings in "Norway and Sweden." After interesting items of current news, the hostess was assisted by her sister Miss Effie Johnson, in serving dainty refreshments in three courses. Mrs. Siegwald of Columbus, O., who is visiting Mrs. W. L. Spielman, was a welcome guest. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. C. Biddix on Mar. 25.

Thursday, March 11, Mrs. N. E. Aull entertained the Travlers Club. Quotations on "Mythes about Trees" spoke of Philemon and Baucis, of Opello and Daphne of Pomona and of the mulberry tree of Pyramus and Thisbe. Mrs. Patrick gave an article on the History of Alexandria interesting every one among other points, especially in rlypatia. Miss McComb told of the writers of the "City of Learning". Mrs. Chadwick gave the topic, "The Greek Chuach" speaking of a visit to the Greek Church in Boston, the men and women apart, the women in the gallery, the kissing of the picture of Christ no instruments, the singing of male voices, the crystal chandelier with hundreds of candles. Among the items of interest in current events was the talk about North Carolina's wealth in minerals and gems. Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. J. H. Hatcher were guests of the enjoyable luncheon which ended a pleasant evening Adjournment to meet next with Mrs. K. C. Menzies, March 18.

The Bridge Club met with Mrs. E. L. Shuford Friday afternoon, March 12 with 19 members present. The club prize, a Japanese Rose bowl, was won by Miss Esther Shuford. Mrs. C. M. Shuford making the highest score of visitors received a Japanese salt, and pepper, the Guest Honor; Mrs. E. R. Russel of Charlotte a Japanese vase. A fruit-salad course was the refreshments at the close of this social evening.

Church Notes of Interest.

A deeply interested congregation on Sunday evening listened to the second of the special sermons at the Church of the Ascension—subject, "The Baptist Body—a study of its Origin and History with a view to Reunion of Christendom."

On the Wednesday after Easter, April 14, the Rev. Wm. G. McCready D. D. of Asheville will hold a mission of five days with service twice daily. Dr. McCready has special gifts as an instructive and sympathetic preacher. We bespeak him a hearty reception and large attendance. The Rev. J. S. Moody is one of the noonday Lenten preachers in the down-town Theaters at Knoxville, giving addresses—March, 29th, 30th, and 31st on "Indifference," "Doubt" and "Response to God's Call."

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NOTICE

Sale of House and Lot in Hickory.

Lettie Shuford, (who was Lettie Denny) and J.T. Denny having on the 2nd day of November 1908, executed a deed of trust to C. M. Sherrill, Trustee, on the lands hereinafter described to secure a loan of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from the First Building and loan Association of Hickory, N.C., which deed is registered in Book 77, page 389, office of the Register of deeds for Catawba County, and having made default in payments on said loan according to the conditions of said deed, the said Trustee under the powers of sale conferred upon him in said deed will, on Saturday the 17th day of April, 1909, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the steps of the First National Bank, Hickory, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash that house and lot where the said Lettie Shuford now resides, lying in the Southern part of the city of Hickory, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake on Bob Street in the Southern part of the town of Hickory on the east side of the street, being the Southwest corner of Harrison Alexander's lot, and runs with said street South 48 1/2 feet to a stone, John Shuford's corner; thence East 225 feet, more or less to Brun street; thence North 48 1/2 feet to a stone; thence West 225 feet, more or less to the beginning.

The balance now remaining due and unpaid to the Association is about \$100.00

This the 16th day of March, 1909. E. B. Cline, Atty. C. M. Sherrill, Trustee.

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