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A Gift Edged Investment

A sensible and successful business man, when asked what he considered the best investment he ever made, answered "Fire Insurance." Why? Because he realized that property once consumed by flames unprotected by insurance, can never be regained. If you have no fire insurance, see us today—now.

The Southern Life & Trust Co. offer you through us as their agent the very best life insurance protection. 95 per cent of the successful business men carry life insurance, do you? If you do not see us, we will gladly explain to you the contract, then decide for yourself if it is not better to let us take your application.

Loans.—We loan all fire insurance and life insurance premiums paid us in Hickory, and Catawba county. You see by doing your insurance business with us, you are also keeping your money at home.

REAL ESTATE.

We act as agent for persons desiring to sell their property, also for parties that desire to buy.

Hickory Insurance & Realty Co.,

J. A. LENTZ, President. W. A. HALL, Vice-President. M. H. GROVES, Sec. Treas.
H. E. McCOMB, Ass't Mgr. Real Estate Dept.

SPRING SURPRISES



comprising everything that is deliciously good to eat in bread, cakes, pies and pastry, are offered in a luscious display at Rice's Bakery. We also bake special cakes to order at short notice. Our bread is especially recommended for its healthful and nutritious qualities. Better eat good, reliable food instead of trying to gain health by taking questionable spring medicines.

HICKORY BAKERY

MYRON A. RICE, Prop. Phone 127

Feel Bad

To Day?

How's your stomach?
Sour—weak—nervous—shaky?
Bad taste? Last night's dinner didn't agree?
Well, just step over to the drug store and get a bottle of

Kodol

For Indigestion and Dyspepsia

Take a good, liberal dose, and you will be surprised how good it will make you feel. Kodol makes weak stomachs strong. Kodol is pleasant and palatable. Kodol digests all the food you eat.

Keeps the Stomach Sweet

Sold by W. S. Martin & Co. Druggists.

For Lame Back

Weak Kidneys, Backache, Rheumatism or Lumbago it is absolutely essential, in order to obtain satisfactory results, that you take a reliable preparation that acts directly on the Kidneys. Many persons trust to luck for a cure. No remedy will be found more satisfactory than



Pineules

Delays are dangerous. There is no more common complaint than Kidney complaint. Nature always gives due warning and failure to heed same may result in Diabetes, Lumbago, Bright's Disease, or some other serious affection of the Kidneys. Pineules are readily and naturally absorbed and assimilated by the stomach, driving out the poison due to disordered conditions of the Kidneys or Bladder. They purify the blood and invigorate the entire system. The first dose will convince you that Pineules will do all we claim for them. Get a bottle TO-DAY.

Pineules are put up in two sizes; \$1.00 and 50 cents. The dollar size contains 2 1/2 times as much as the 50 cent size.

PINEULE MEDICINE COMPANY, Chicago, U. S. A.

Try a Want Ad.

When your luck is running crosswise

And the world is looking blue
And misfortune has its finger
Pointing right direct to you,
When the cards are stacked
against you,

Each deal running to the bad.
For what ails you then my children,

Try a little want ad in the
Booster.

If the cow is cross and cranky
And will not give down her
milk,

If the hired girl is saucy
When she should be "fine as
silk,"

If the hens remark of laying
That it is a foolish fad
And no longer their main business,

Try a little want ad in the
Booster.

If you can not find a fortune,

If you can not find a cook,

If you can not find a lover

Like the hero in a book,

If you can not find a partner,

Do not worry and be sad.

Ere you give up quite discouraged

Try a little want ad in the
Booster.

It's a great three-pley elixir,

One of which the poet sings,
Good for all the ills financial

And for several other things;
Good for catching dimes and dol-

lars,

Suckers, husbands, stocks and

shad,

When you feel the lack of some-

thing,

Try a little want ad in the
Booster.

Goopers Guilty

Sharp Acquitted

Second Degree Murder and 20

Years for Coopers.

DEFENDENTS OUT ON BAIL.

Motion for New Trial—Creat

Crush to Sign Bond.

Nashville, Tenn., March 20.—

When court convened this morn-

ing, Judge Hart ordered the de-

fendants brought in and immedi-

ately sent for the jury. The twelve

men filed into the court room and

occupied the same seat they have

held for nearly nine weeks.

"Have you agreed upon a verdict

gentleman?" asked Judge Hart.

"We have," replied Foreman

Burke "Advance, Mr. Foreman,

and read the verdict." The fore-

man advanced and read the ver-

dict of guilty of murder in the

second degree and fixing their

punishment of 20 years

each in the penitentiary.

Yesterday the jury acquitted

John D. Sharpe who was indicted

with the Coopers, announcing

that they were hopelessly tied as

to the Coopers. The verdict brought

in this morning finding the

Coopers guilty of murder in the

second degree was a great sur-

prise, on account of the announce-

ment the day before that the y

were hopelessly tied.

As soon as Judge Hart had

thanked the jury for their pa-

tience and dismissed them Judge

Anderson for the defence made

a motion that the case be declar-

ed a mistrial, and that the de-

fendants be admitted to bond. Judge

Hart admitted the Coopers to

bond of \$25000 each and stated

that he would hear argument for

mistrial next week.

There was a great rush of

Coopers' friends to sign the bond

After the clerk had announced

a number of times that the bonds

were good wealthy men kept de-

manding that their names be put

on the bond. When there was

no more room at the bottom they

kept signing across the face un-

til it was difficult to decipher the

signatures.

When the bond was filed it

aggregated a million and a half.

We are counting the remain-

ing days of March and every

movement congress makes in

the direction of the tariff.

A Bundle of News Items.

Correspondent to the Democrat

Well, Mr. Editor, from the

general appearance of the weather

and the warm days it looks

like spring is near at hand. By

the way, the peach blossoms are

adorning the trees with a beauti-

ful garb of red and white. And

the spring flowers are shooting

out from their lurking and hiding

places during the cold winter,

and are now full of blossoms.

All of which shows that the

ground hog weather has passed

over.

The farmers are taking the

advantage of these warm days

working on their farms, plowing

and sowing oats, etc. Many are

very busy now in hauling their

potatoes to market.

The general news is rather on

the scarce order just now under

the new administration. But

the probability is looking for-

ward for more flourishing and

prosperous times.

The public schools have nearly

closed. Prof. Haas closed his at

the Yoder school on the 15th with

a big exhibition. There was a

large crowd present, some from

Lincoln County and from the

town of Shelby. The scholars

all acquitted themselves well.

Miss Beam, the assistant teach-

er from Shelby, has returned

home.

Rev. L. T. Love made a fine

address on the occasion of the

closing of Prof. Haas' school. It

was well listened to, and his

subject was "Education and Its

Advantages."

Logan Reinhardt and sons have

moved their sawmill near Daniel

Teahills on the Reinhardt land to

cut up the timber for market.

The work on the Simpson Ford

bridge is progressing very slowly,

as one of the pieces had to be

torn down and re-built.

The young folks topped out the

school exhibition with a big social

party at the home of G. M.

Yoder. They had a fine time of

it.

Lee Yoder has a big smile on

his face—it is a girl.

Rusticus.

State News.

W. E. Paul, Southern Railway

agent at Elkin committed suicide

last Thursday because of ill

health.

The mixed passenger and

freight train between Taylors-

ville and Statesville was wreck-

ed Thursday of last week near

Hiddenite.

The body of DeWitt Baughin

who was shot by an officer in

Chattanooga some time ago was

buried at Mayoden, Friday.

Plans have been completed for

the erection of a new jail for

Statesville.

Men Deserting Families.

Thousands of men are desert-

ing their wives and children in

New York because they cannot

find work. Frank G. Warne,

University extension worker, told

the assembly ways and means

committee that there were 200,-

000 idle men and women in New

York City alone today. Seventy

per cent, were farm laborers

who had drifted in from the

country.

Mr. Warne urged the creation

of a commission to investigate

the unemployed.

This is the most dangerous time

of the year to catch cold, and it is

the hardest time to cure it. If you

take a cold, a few doses of Ken-

neddy's Laxative Cough Syrup will

act very promptly. Its laxative

principle cures the cold by a

gentle but natural action of the

bowels. Children especially like

Ken-

neddy's Laxative Cough Syrup, as

it tastes so good, nearly like maple

sugar. It is sold by C. M. Shuford

and W. S. Martin.

The African tsetse fly wouldn't

live a minute if the linotype

operators could get at it.

GHOPPED WIFE'S HEAD FROM BODY.

Culpeper Man's Horrible Crime.

Culpeper, Va. March 19—

After murdering his wife by

braining her with an ax, Henry

C. Wheatley a Culpeper farmer,

placed her head on a block of

wood and almost completely

severed it from the body. The

crime occurred at Wheatley's

home near Elkwood Wednesday

night, but was not discovered

until yesterday when Wheatley's

12-year old son made the grew-

some discovery of his step-

mother's body. Beside it lay

the blood covered ax together

with a note from Wheatley con-

fessing to the murder of his

wife as a result of a dispute over

their property.

Subsequently Wheatley's ap-

parently lifeless body was found

in a well near his home.

When taken out by a crowd of

neighbors, he soon revived, and

and later was arrested and taken

to jail charged with the murder

of his wife. Wheatley formerly

was deputy treasurer. He is a

well educated man and bears a

good reputation. Neighbors re-

gard his act as that of an insane

man.



May Stewart

By all odds the most impor-

tant social and dramatic event of

the season will be the engage-

ment of the distinguished young

artist, May Stewart and her

excellent company at the Acad-

emy of Music tonight, March 25,

in the laughable Comedy "The

Sculptor's Dream." The play was

first made famous in this coun-

try by Mary Anderson. It was

afterwards used as a very suc-

cessful vehicle by such noted

stars as Mirca Gale, Margaret

Mother and Julia Marlow. It

has been a favorite with Miss

Stewart and in the dual roll she

is said to shine to unusual ad-

vantage.

A very clever company will be

seen with Miss Stewart and an

advance notice says: The scenery

used in this production is very