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Have you a good watch? If not, you need one, and I am in a position to serve you in the best possible manner.

MY STOCK IS LARGE, and all the reliable makes and grades are always on hand at the lowest prices; 7 to 24 jewel movements, plain nickel to solid gold cases.

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THE POPULAR CANDIDATE

A FLAT PLUG of proven merit; richest flavor and satisfying tobacco qualities has made "Bill Bailey" universally popular. Manufactured by the oldest firm—most skillful labor—knowledge of experience—it is the best in the world at any price.

BAILEY BROTHERS, Inc.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

No better tobacco made than those manufactured by BAILEY BROS. NOT IN A TRUST

\$5,445,869 More a Year for Tobacco Farmers

The total value of the tobacco yield for the eight Tobacco States is over \$53,554,121 annually. With the same acreage the tobacco growers in these States could, by improved methods of cultivation and fertilization, undoubtedly increase the total value of the crop to \$58,000,000.

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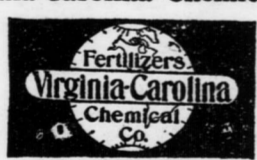
are compounded with the utmost care, containing only such elements of plant foods as can be taken up and properly assimilated by the plant without causing injury to its quality. Years of investigation of the cultivation and fertilization of tobacco enables the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company to furnish fertilizers of superior quality for the production of this crop.

Mr. J. W. Rogers, R. F. D. No. 4, Durham, N. C., writes: "I have been using your fertilizers this year and the crops are the best looking I have ever seen—especially the tobacco crop. I have never seen any other fertilizer which acted as quickly as yours does. The leaf is large and waxy, cures bright, and I am satisfied will bring a big price. Also, my neighbors in this district use your fertilizer with the best results."

Is there any reason why you couldn't do as well? Be sure and ask your fertilizer dealer for a copy of the 1909 Virginia-Carolina Year Book or Almanac, or write our nearest sales office and a copy will be sent you free.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

Sales Offices
Richmond, Va.
Norfolk, Va.
Columbia, S. C.
Atlanta, Ga.
Savannah, Ga.
Memphis, Tenn.



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Durham, N. C.
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Baltimore, Md.
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Plant Wood's Seeds For The Garden & Farm.

Thirty years in business, with a steadily increasing trade every year—until we have today one of the largest businesses in seeds in this country—is the best of evidence as to

The Superior Quality of Wood's Seeds.

We are headquarters for **Grass and Clover Seeds, Seed Potatoes, Seed Oats, Cow Peas, Soja Beans and all Farm Seeds.**

Wood's Descriptive Catalog the most useful and valuable of Garden and Farm seed Catalogs mailed free on request.

T. W. WOOD & SONS, Seedsmen, - Richmond, Va.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of S. A. Huffman, deceased, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate settlement. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned on or before April 12th, 1910, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This April 12, 1909.

J. P. SEABOCK, Admr.

A HEALING SALVE FOR BURNS, CHAPPED HANDS AND SORE NIPPLES.

As a healing salve for burns, sores, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a burn almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe; heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price, 25 cents. For sale by N. S. Martin & Co.

Local and Personal

C. T. Morrison spent Sunday in Cherryville.

Mr. Dick Thompson spent Sunday in Statesville.

Miss Lena Boatright, of Long View, is visiting in the city.

Miss Alexander, of Charlotte, is visiting Miss N. Williams.

Business is picking up and a large amount of building has begun.

Miss Maude Leadford, of Winston-Salem is in the city for a few days.

Mr T. F. Morrison went to Lowndale Wednesday on business.

Bridge and Mull have opened an automobile garage on Ninth avenue.

The Hickory Milling Co., is running day and night to keep up with orders.

The Piedmont Foundry Co. reports business good with plenty of orders on hand.

Mr. Herold Mehaffey, of Newton, has been a pleasant visitor in the city this week.

Hickory is the biggest town in the State that has not got some kind of a civic league.

Dr. W. H. Nicholson has bought Mr. Cilly's property on 9th avenue, and will move to it soon.

Col. Thornton will leave today for Washington D. C. in the interest of the Water power development.

The graded school having closed, the children now have four months playtime before them. Too much.

The Morrison Bros. Co. have sold their entire jewelry business to S. B. Mace. The new firm will take possession at once.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mott, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bryan Jones on 8th Ave.

The First Building and Loan Association has purchased a brick building on Fourteenth Street, which will be remodeled and equipped for its new home.

Married in Icard Township, Burke County, on Sunday April 25th at the home of H. A. Adam the officiating magistrate, Mr. S. L. Lowman, to Miss Jennie E. Crafton.

A. F. Hart and H. H. Abee will go to Winston-Salem Monday to bid on the construction of five miles of macadamized road. They have considerable other work in prospect.

The following ticket has been nominated in West Hickory. For Mayor, Edgar Whitener; for aldermen, S. Z. Gunter, L. A. Hendrick, J. E. Senter; for school committee, A. A. Fry, T. J. Leonard.

Col. Thornton's trip to Morganton in the interest of his electric project was quite successful. In all some 7,000 horse power has already been engaged. It looks now as if his efforts would be crowned with success.

Editor Click of the Mercury has the sympathy of friends in the serious illness of his little daughter, who has spasms on Monday so badly that three physicians were in attendance. She is now much better.

Prof G. W. Hawn has returned home after spending several days on his Break Neck farm near Blowing Rock. The professor tells us he planted four acres in Irish potatoes while there and will plant his corn crop about June.

Mr. P. O. Carpenter, Mgr. of the Newton Hosiery Cotton Mill Store, tells us he has had the best business for the past few weeks that he has ever experienced. Mr. Carpenter uses printers ink, and let's the people know that he has bargains for them.

Do You Want to Make \$100.00?

Write Chas. M. Steiff and we will gladly tell you how to do it. Don't delay; write today and watch each change of our advertisement.

Chas. M. Steiff

Manufacturer of the Artistic Steiff Shaw and Steiff Selfplayer Pianos

SOUTHERN WAREROOM
5 W. Trade St.
Charlotte, N. C.

C. H. WILMOTH,
Manager

(Mention this paper)

Mr. J. T. Royall spent a few days with his parents in High Point this week.

A. A. Whitener and W. A. Self have been in attendance on the supreme court at Raleigh this week.

T. J. Huggins, of Union county, is in this section for the purpose of forming local branches of the Farmers Union and will be here about two weeks. A list of his appointments will be given next week.

Grace: Pimples, blotches, rough, shynskin are from the blood and stomach. A simple and never failing remedy—one that makes clear, healthy complexions, pure blood, perfect digestion, is Hollister's Rocky mountain Tea. Surprise yourself. Tea or tablets, 35 cents. Moser & Lutz.

Announcement.

I hereby announce my self a candidate for mayor of Hickory. My ticket will be found at the usual voting place.

Leroy R. Whitener.

For Rent—Four-room house in West Hickory. Apply at this office

NOTICE.

Special School Election.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Hickory, in compliance with the requirements of an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session of 1909, entitled, "An act to revise, amend and consolidate the School Laws of City of Hickory," have ordered a Special Election to be held in said City on Monday, May 31st, 1909, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people upon the question of levying a tax of thirty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property and ninety cents on each taxable poll for the support of the public schools in the Hickory School District.

All qualified voters favoring said tax shall at said election vote a printed or written ballot with the words "For Schools" upon it, and those opposed a printed or written ballot with the words "Against Schools" upon it; and a new Registration of all voters has been ordered by the Board as required by said act. The registration books will be opened by W. L. Clinard, Registrar, from April 30th to May 29th, 1909, inclusive, and no person can vote in this OR ANY SUBSEQUENT CITY ELECTION without having first registered anew.

J. W. BLACKWELDER, Mayor.
W. L. CLINARD, City Clerk and Registrar.

CLOSING OUT SLEDGE & PLEASANTS

Entire stock consisting of Dry Goods, Dress Goods, White Goods, Notions, Millinery, Ladies Shoes, Mens and Boys Shirts, Collars, Ties, Hosiery for all, Lace Curtains and ready made 10-4 Sheets and Pillow Cases at Bargain Prices. Dress Trimmings, Lace and Embroideries, Ready Made Skirts, Shirt Waists, Ladies Summer Vests and Collars. The newest things that can be had.

MUST BE CLOSED OUT AT ONCE SALE BEGINS SATURDAY, MAY 1st, 1909.

The entire stock will be sold by June 1st. If you wish to buy Seasonable Merchandise at Low Prices now is your chance. We will sacrifice many dollars worth of merchandise just now for a clean sweep by June 1st. Our Spring and Summer Goods are Fresh and New in every line.

We have not time and space to quote prices, but hope you will not lose time in coming to reap your share of the discount that will be made on every purchase. You will please note our Coupon proposition for it is worth dollars to you for 30 days.

Very Respectfully,

Sledge & Pleasants Hickory, - - - North Carolina

BUSINESS BUILDERS.

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

For all the latest designs in millinery call on Miss Micheal over the Morrison Bro. Co. store.

Wanted—a good black smith to help in a new shop at Belmont N. C. address R. L. Stinson Belmont N. C. box 248.

Wanted—Eight experienced waitresses. Must give good recommendation. Apply to Mrs. Emma Taylor, Hickory, N. C.

Lost.—A tan leather purse containing about \$10.00 or \$12.00. Finder will please return same to Hickory Seed Co. and receive a liberal reward.

Eighteen varieties of pure bred poultry. Catalogue free. Write J. T. Yoder, R. F. D. 1, Hickory, N. C.

Consumption

is, by no means, the dreadful disease it is thought to be—in the beginning.

It can always be stopped—in the beginning. The trouble is; you don't know you've got it; you don't believe it; you won't believe it—till you are forced to. Then it is dangerous.

Don't be afraid; but attend to it quick—you can do it yourself and at home. Take

SCOTT'S EMULSION

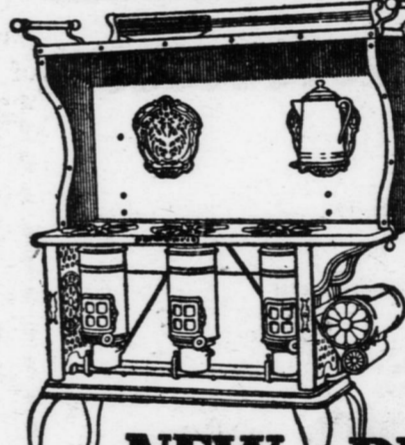
of Cod Liver Oil and live carefully every way.

This is sound doctrine, whatever you may think or be told; and, if heeded, will save life.

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

You Will Need an Oil Stove



When warm days and the kitchen fire make cooking a burden—then is the time to try a New Perfection Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove. Marvelous how this stove does away with kitchen discomforts—how cool it keeps the room in comparison with conditions when the coal fire was burning. The

NEW PERFECTION Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove

is the only oil stove built with a CABINET TOP for holding plates and keeping food hot after cooking. Also has useful drop shelves on which to stand the coffee pot or teapot after removing from burner. Fitted with two nicked racks for towels. A marvel of comfort, simplicity and convenience. Made in three sizes—with or without Cabinet Top. If not with your dealer, write our nearest agency.



The **Rayo Lamp** just such a lamp as every one wants—handsome enough for the parlor; strong enough for the kitchen, camp or cottage; bright enough for every occasion. If not with your dealer, write our nearest agency.

Standard Oil Company (Incorporated)

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of Julia G. Riddle, deceased, late of Hickory, Catawba County, and State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day April 1910. All creditors will take notice that if their respective claims are not presented within said time, that this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 1st day of April 1909.
J. L. Riddle, Administrator.
A. A. Whitner, Atty.

For Weak Kidneys

Inflammation of the bladder, urinary troubles and backache use

DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills

A Week's Treatment 25c

B. G. DeWITT & CO., Chicago, Ill.
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