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### INSTANTLY KILLED.

#### Mrs. P. C. Sharpe Meets Death From a Stroke of Lightning.

During the heavy thunder storm which visited this section last Friday the wife of P. C. Sharpe, an employe of the Piedmont Foundry Co., while standing on the back porch of her house on Eighth street, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The discharge struck a telephone line 200 yards away, tore up telephones at the houses of James Jones and Roscoe Latta and went from there to the house of Mr. Sharpe, where it left the wire and passing through the house, struck Mrs. Sharpe in the left temple, causing instant death. A small spot of the temple and a torn shoe were all the marks made on Mrs. Sharpe by the lightning.

Dr. H. C. Menzies was sent for without delay, but it was found that all efforts to revive her were useless, as death had been instantaneous.

Mrs. Sharpe, who was 42 years old, leaves a husband and four children. They have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their great grief. The funeral services, which were held from the home Saturday afternoon with burial at Oakwood cemetery, were largely attended. Mrs. Sharpe was a member of the Methodist church.

#### At Charlotte May 20th.

Charlotte, N. C., May 5.—It has been arranged definitely that President William H. Taft will deliver his address on the Twentieth of May, at which time this city will celebrate the 134th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, from the reviewing stand which is now being erected in front of the Mecklenburg county court house and surrounding the monument commemorating the signing of this immortal document. This stand will perhaps be the largest ever erected in the state and the indications are that it will be crowded to the utmost capacity, judging from the demand for tickets from Charlotte as well as other towns of North and South Carolina. General admission to the stand will be \$1.00 and to reserved seats \$2.00, the latter giving the occupants an opportunity to be near the President during the parade and while he is making his address. Orders for seats may be sent to Mr. Jno. R. Ross, treasurer of the reviewing stand committee, or to the secretary of The Greater Charlotte Club.

The committees in charge of the celebration are making every effort to arrange for accommodations for the entertainment of the thousands of visitors who will be here on this historic occasion. With the excellent hotel facilities of the city in addition to the several hundred boarding houses there is no doubt on the part of the central committee that Charlotte will be amply prepared to care for all who will come. Already the city has begun decorating for the event, the prospects being that several days before the celebration the streets will be a blaze of glory for the reception of the troops who will reach here several days before the arrival of President Taft.

#### Commencement Speakers Lenoir College May 23-26.

Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday, May 23, 11:00 a. m., Dr. W. H. Greever, Editor Lutheran Church Visitor, Columbia, S. C.

Address before Students' Missionary Society, Sunday, May 23, 8:00 p. m., Dr. A. G. Voight, Dean Southern Lutheran Seminary, Charlotte, N. C.

Literary Address, Tuesday, May 24, 10:30 a. m., Clarence H. Poe, Editor Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C.

Alumni Address, Tuesday, May 24, 2:30 p. m., Rev. B. D. Wessinger, Gilbert, S. C.

Public cordially invited.  
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### Bisanar For Mayor.

Monday's city election passed off very quietly. Although the day was pleasant there was not a large turnout of voters. There being no contest except for the mayoralty not much interest was shown. The result was an easy victory for Mr. George E. Bisanar, who was elected by a majority of 165 in a total vote of 361.

The vote in detail was as follows: For mayor, George E. Bisanar 263, Leroy R. Whitener 98; for aldermen, two years, Charles H. Geitner 361, William R. Menzies 361, George N. Hutton 356; one year, William C. Schell 354; for school trustees, Geo. F. Ivey 299, C. F. Blalock 291, Dr. H. C. Menzies 302.

On the question of a bond issue, there being 495 registered voters, 248 votes were required to carry it and 263 were cast in favor of the bonds, which authorized them by a comfortable majority.

### BOARD AT HOME.

#### Catawba County Farmers are Prosperous and Independent.

A Hickory correspondent sends the following to the Raleigh News and Observer: The people of Catawba county have their corn cribs and smoke-houses at home, and are not dependent on any other section of the country for their hog and hominy. As a result of this policy they are becoming prosperous and independent. Last year there was grown enough corn and wheat to supply the needs of the county, and beef cattle and hogs were raised at home, enough for home use and with quite a surplus to send to other sections. However, there was shipped in a considerable amount of farm products, due to the fact that many sold their cattle and hogs on foot. It is estimated that farm products to the value of more than \$115,000 were imported into Hickory last year for consumption in this county:

200 tons hay.....	\$ 4,000
5,000 bushels potatoes.....	5,000
6,000 bushels oats.....	3,000
Ship stuff, bran, etc.....	25,000
Cotton seed meal and huls.....	10,000
Meats and lard.....	50,000
Flour.....	20,000
Total.....	\$117,000

There is a fine opening here for a small packing house to prepare for other markets the cattle and hogs which are shipped away as live stock. While the farmers cure their own bacon, they are not prepared to make the other products that now come from the packing houses.

The farmers of Catawba county are living at home and boarding at the same place. They have diversified their crops, they have gone into stock raising and dairying, and many are engaged in truck farming to supply the home markets. It need not be said that they are more prosperous than ever before, that they are buying improved farm machinery that they have money in the banks, and that such things as panics and financial crises are to them nothing but a name.

### Whooping Cough.

This is a more dangerous disease than is generally presumed. It will be a surprise to many to learn that more deaths result from it than scarlet fever. Pneumonia often results from it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in many epidemics of whooping cough, and always with the best results. Delbert McKeig of Harlain, Iowa, says of it: "My boy took whooping cough when nine months old. He had it in the winter. I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which proved good. I can not recommend it to highly." For sale by W. S. Martin and Company.

The Manufacturer's Club of Marion and McDowell county, has offered substantial premiums to the farmer for the most corn and potatoes produced this season upon an acre of land. A number have signified their intention to compete for these prizes. It is believed that this will greatly stimulate the farming interests of the county and will be appreciated by the corn and potato raisers, and result in greatly increased crops.

DeWitt's "Little Early Risers," the famous little liver pills, small, gentle and sure. Sold by C. M. Shuford and W. S. Martin.

### COST OF THE SCHOOLS.

#### Small Increase in Taxes Will Insure Improved Conditions.

According to the last census there are 1355 children of school age in Hickory—958 white and 397 colored. For the school year just ended there were 612 white pupils and 209 colored pupils, a total enrollment of 821. Last year the total enrollment was 771. The cost of maintaining the schools for the present year was, in round numbers, \$5,200. That is to say it cost about \$7.35 for every pupil enrolled, or a little less than 80 cents per month for each pupil. There is perhaps not another town in the state that can show so small a per capita cost for its schools. The school board has used the most rigid economy and the most careful management of the school finances.

There is such a thing as carrying economy to the point where it becomes a drawback. No thinking person will contend that the city of Hickory should try to run its schools at a cost of 80 cents a month for each pupil in school. They realize that it costs more than that to provide the proper school facilities. They know that teachers must have at least half a chance if they do the kind of work that ought to be done. There were enrolled in the first grade 83 pupils; in the second grade 91; in the third grade 93, and in the fourth grade 74 pupils. Every one will admit that there should have been two teachers for each of those grades. But there was no room in the school building and there was no money to pay additional teachers. The school board cannot provide more room and more teachers until the school fund is increased. The question is "shall this crowded condition of the school continue?"

It is not a popular thing to advocate an increase in taxes. Many men who realize the need for more money will oppose any measure which increases the tax rate. The school board would like to provide just as good school facilities for Hickory as other towns have without any increase in taxes, if such a thing was possible. But since the board cannot do this, the question is submitted to the people themselves. It is for them to say whether they want this crowded condition in the school to continue, or whether they are willing to pay a small increase in taxes in order to have better work in the school.

### Indiana Independence.

"A Westerner Congressman who goes abroad each year, tells of the militant republicanism of an American he met in Brussels last summer," said a Philadelphia man in Washington the other day. "This man, it appears, was a merchant in a small town of Indiana. One morning the two were out for ride, and as they passed through the gates of a public park their equipage passed that of King Leopold, which was leaving the park.

"Following the custom, the Congressman, as did everybody else nearby, except the merchant from Indiana, lifted his hat, whereupon the democratic Leopold also lifted his hat and bowed and smiled. The merchant sat bolt upright looking straight ahead.

"Know who that is?" asked the Congressman of the merchant.

"Yes, I recognized him from his pictures. It's King Leopold.

"Then why didn't you bow to him as I did?"

"The merchant from Indiana stiffened in his seat and squared his shoulders.

"I don't bow to no Kings, he said."

A Lenoir correspondent of the Charlotte News writes: The farmers around in the county are busily engaged putting in their crops. Several of the well-to-do farmers have told your correspondent that they intend to put in a larger crop of everything they grow this year than they have ever planted, with a view to raising all the corn, hay, etc., used in this section of the country and thereby keep their money at home instead of sending away to some Western state for what they ought to raise at home. This sentiment is fast growing in our county. The report from the wheat crop is encouraging this year, as it is now thought that the crop will yield double this year in comparison with what it has for many years past.

## ...ADVERSITY...

**SAFETY.** A Lesson for all—There is a strong lesson for those who save, for, to save money for the benefit that the habit instills: to save for the children; for business prosperity, for old age when rest is necessary, and for individual comfort and for the happiness of those dependent on you; one or all of these lessons is of vital importance to you. May we not help you in this matter?

**Independence.**

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