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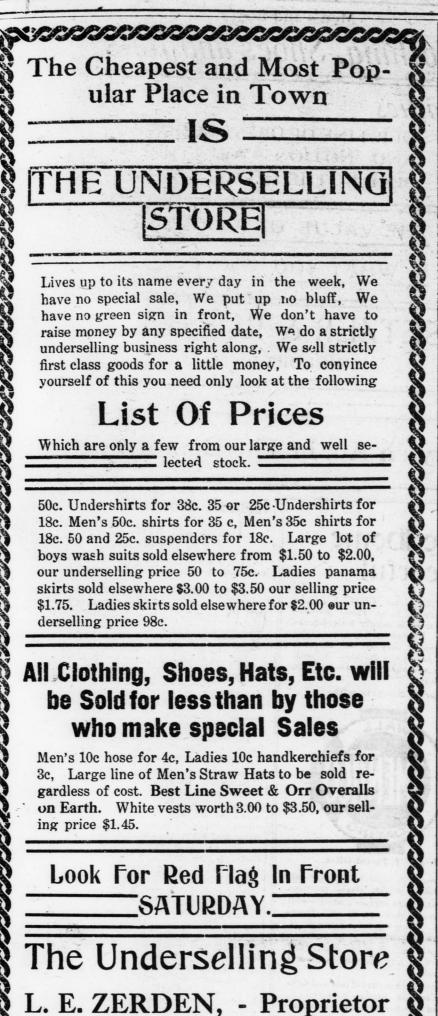
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## HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1909.

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#### FOR HOME INDUSTRIES. The Old-time Singer. We liked the old-time meetings-on Jordan's banks to stand And casta wishful-eve far off into the promised land; The old songs of salvation-salvation full Why an Outside Electric Company Should Not be Brought to and free— That great old time; "Amazin' grace, that saved a wretch like me!" Hickory . This following letter was read by Col. Thornton last Friday p. I recollect them old, sweet hymns that m. at a meeting of the mayor and They seemed to shake the windows board of aldermen. when he apthe everlastin' skyl when we heard the preacher Some brother raise the tune," peared before them by invitations in regard to allowing some We always knew "Amazin' grace" comin' mighty soon of the citizens to form a company and take current from the Somehow, this new style singin' is Southern Power Co. outside the city limits toward Brookford and bring the current into the city and furnish it lights as against Southern Power Co. outside the bring the current into the city and furnish it lights, as against a kind o' sigh the Thornton Light and Power Seek Jordan's stormy banks of Co. Co. There's more than folks imagin, I tell I'o the Mayor and you in a song; It's still the same old gospel, but they Bcard of Aldermen: try io twist it wrong; Leastways, the old folks think so; City of Hickory. Gentlemen: what's the use to sight We learn from outside sources So long as its the Gospel, we'll get there by an' by! that there is an outside application before your honorable body for permission from you for electric current for power and light-ing, from the Southern Power ing, from the Southern Power Company, to be brought into and distributed in the City of Hickory. We respectfully represent to you that: The Thornton Light and Power Company is a corporation duly in the day as well as during the night time. We made a contract with the City of Hickory to operate all night and at the same operate all night and at the same organized under the laws of North Carolina and doing busi-ness in the city of Hickory under its corporate rights, and is en-gaged in operating an electric light plant, and is distributing electric current for lights and also for power, whenever desired of 8 00 per month per arc lawr also for power, whenever desired of 8.00 per month per arc lamp River, four miles distance, the

under a franchise granted by the mayor and board of commission-ers of the town of Hickory on full night run. Some of our already paved. numerous manaers of the town of Hickory on Oct. 23rd 1888 to A. A. Shuford, D. W. Shuler, H. D. Abernethy and J. A. Martin for and during the peroid of 30 years from that date, and which right the Thornton Light & Power Co ac-quired title by purchase and transfer in a legal and lawful manner, and entered upon its so continued until now. It has rights in February 1903, and has so continued until now. It has complied with all the terms and requirements made and provided for in the grant or franchise as aforesaid, and has faithfully and fully furnished to the City of Hickory and to all of its citizens who are desired,, its electric cur-rent, and of the best efficiency. the right was granted as an The right was granted as an exclusive privilege for the hydro-electric plant, and it will also be Hickory's in developing their farms: farm-bydro-electric plant, and it will ing is being conducted along be primary current for every day scientific lines, especially in mat-

HICKORY AWAKE. Some of The Improvements in Progress and Suggested. Mr. W. L. Gilbert, secretary of the local chamber of commer ce contributes the following to a ecent issue of the Washington Herald:-Until recently few people knew of Hickory as one of Herald:-Until recently few peothe chief cities of Western North Carolina, next in size to Ashewa ville, and second to none in the matter of climate.

The awakening came during the past year. Its natural ad vantages, dormant power, and great possibilities were practically unrecognized, except by a few more progressive citizens, whose first step was to organize a chamber of commerce. The result came by means of advertising by newspapers, and descriptive booklets issued by the Hickory Chamber of Commerce. This induced strangers, mostly healthseekers, to settle here, while others came but were turned

old,





### How to Increase the Yield of Fruit

Increased fruit crops are more often the result of good manage-ment than of good luck. Fruit trees and fruit plants need a liberal supply of

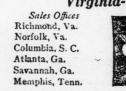
# Virginia-Carolina **Fertilizers**

The trees absorb plant foods-that is, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash—from the soil just the same as any other crop. Experi-ence has shown this over and over again. This truth has become so well recognized that " return to the land what the tree removes if you would expect the best results " has become an axiom with the best growers.

Apple, pear, peach, orange and other fruit trees soon respond to careful fertilization. But be sure to use the best fertilizers.

"I made a test with other companies' fertilizers," says Mr. H. O. Lowry, of Manatee County, Fla., "and yours proved to be the best. The yield where I used Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer, was just twice as much as where the other two companies' fertilizer was used." Hundreds of users say Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers are cheapest because of their good qualities—give better satisfaction and quicker results.

Many facts of great interest and value to fruit growers are pub-lished in the new 1909 Farmers' Year Book, a copy of which will be sent free on application to any of our sales offices.



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Light & Power Co purchased it and night in the year for all the ters of truck-farming and diveras such and after operating in peace under it acquired a vested right. It expended many thou-for power for only 9 or 10 fleeing from the bitter cold of

sands of dollars in developing months in the year. We have Michigan, found in Hickory last the plant, and in nurturing the offered, and still offer and now winter a pleasant refuge. So city's growth, even at a loss and offer, to operate our steam plant well pleased were they that they personal sacrifice of the stock- in the day time, as well as night expect to return next winter and holders of the company.

Company has patiently and dilli- Southern Power Company re- Catawba Springs Hotel, eight gently labored, even at a loss, to cently quoted us for a contract miles distant, opened May 15 foster the business in growth to pay them for their current. and many guests are expected. and developement, along with We have endeavored to get suffi- The Cliffs, a meal station on the city, from a non-remunera- cient power service in Hickory to the C. & N. W. Railroad, four tive business up to the point enable us to operate in the day miles away on the Catawba where it will probably become a time and will do so just as soon River, will be made attractive as paying business. Thus then it as and whenever we can get it. a pleasure and picnic ground. would seem to present such a We want to do it. The truth of The Cliffs Investment Company would seem to present such a we want to do it. The truth of The Cliffs Investment Company propose to build a nice hotel with propose to build a nice hotel with pavilions and places of amuse-daughter before the boy or girl got old enough or big enough to be able to take care of them-selves. Aside from the legal rights of our company in this case there is a high toned, hon-orable morel obligation on the logal of the west end of our power house of already picturesque grounds by electrifying the C. & N. W. orable moral obligation on the lot and furnish abundant and which it is expected will fre-City of Hickory to protect the pure water for the city from quent the grounds. Thornton Light & Power Co in those wells, but the city acted

all its rightsand privileges as differently. originally granted, instead of al- We ender originally granted, instead of al-lowing or authorizing any one Southern Power Company to ex and the people are proud of the to destroy the business which tend its transmission lines to fact, took care of the City of Hickory Hickory and furnish us a ser-

able; and looks so on its face, also previously, over two years spirit of that congress has stimuthat the City of Hickory could ago. afford to do so or would do so. The Thornton Light & Power ments and she proudly catches

The agitation for it has the ear Company has not violated its up the slogan: "A greater na-marks of enviousness. But that contract with the city of Hickory tion through a greater South." marks of enviousness. But that contract with the city of Hickory ought not to prevail. There is and has fully complied with each no logic or reason of any kind for and every provision of its fran-it. There is no room on the chise, and has put itself to extra

pains labor and expenditure of streets and avenues for either money to furnish the best elecanother set of poles or another tric lights that can be had, and

string of wires. there has none, anywhere, been The Thornton Light & Power Co is furnishing electric current better.

Therefore we must, and most earnestly and confidently, trustin Hickory to meet every deing implicitly in your honor and

M. E. THORNTON,

Thornton Light & Power, Co.

President,

**Trouble Makers Ousted.** spirit of fair dealing, and in When a sufferer from stomach trouble equity and good conscience, re-takes Dr. King's New Life Pills he's gardless of the legal aspects of takes Dr. King's New Life Pills he's mighty glad to see his dyspepsia and this most solemnly protest indigestion fly, but more hes tickled against the granting of the appliover his new, fine appetite, strong ner- cation.

ves healthy vigor, all because stomach Yours very respectfully, liver and kidneys now work. 25c at C. M. Shufords, W S. Martin, and Moser and Lutx.

if we can get the service; and at bring other friends. The Thornton Light & Power a price less than the price the Summer visitors are arriving.

Hickory was the smallest city to send a representative to the

They feel that they have aland nurtured it in its infancy, vice but they declined, rather ready received benefits due and at a loss. It is unreason- curtly. That was a year ago and directly to that organization. The ated Hickory to greater achieve-

> The one story shack formerly occupied by the Southern express company has been torn down this week to make room for the new building which is to extend over its site.

#### Could Not be Better.

No one has ever made a salve, ointment, lotion or balm to compare with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Its the nbe perfect healer of cuts, corns, ourns, eczema, salt rheum. For sore eyes, cold sores, chapped hands its supreme. Infallible for piles. Only 25c atC. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz, and W. S. Martin"



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checks up tolerably well. Considering the hegrty eaters at your table, it's a wondef you keep as well stocked as you do.

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