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Our people were sorry to hear of that serious fire in Newton.

The newest thing out is that impure causes the new disease, called Pellagra. What next.

Hickory can boast of two men who can do big things, viz: J. A. Martin and E. L. Shuford.

A typesetting machine is needed badly in Hickory. One machine could do about all the work.

The race for the Democratic nomination for Judge in this district, bids fair to be an interesting one.

We are glad they have at last begun to grade out that sub-way under the railroad. It has been an eye-sore too long already.

Since the price of cotton has gone up, it is hoped that yarns will also go up, so that all the mills can run on full time.

The census takers will not make a fortune out of it. It is thought that the one or ones who take Hickory township, the largest township in the county, will only get about \$200.

The base and football games seem to start out very numerous, since the schools and colleges opened again. But it is sad to see the boys come home limping and with broad dry grins on.

It is said, that the work of ditching out Clark's creek, will make no stop for bridges or anything else. The question is, have they a right to ditch out a public necessity for an individuals good?

Corn Raising.

It is published in the papers that Dr. Long, of Statesville, raised this year one hundred and six bushels of corn on one measure acre.

This proves that farming on the intensive plan pays. First, improve the land. Second, prepare and plant it properly. Third, cultivate it timely and well, and then, with ordinary seasons, the laborer will reap a paying crop.

Beginning With Stock.

The man who begins the breeding of live stock should have a definite purpose or object in view, and then select a breed having special qualities in the line desired. This is an age of specialization, and the animal bred, fed and trained to do a certain definite line of work will usually do it most profitably. We can, for the present, advantageously allow others more skilled in the business to grow the pure bred animals for breeding purposes, except in certain limited special cases. The average farmer will find it more profitable to grow animals for the production of foods for man. What is needed just at present, and to start with, is a few more horses and mules; a few more hogs, and a few more sheep grown on every farm. These should always be from pure bred sires, and should be fed from the products of the farm.

Claremont Entertainment.

If the first of the Monday Evening Entertainments for this season given at Claremont college last Monday night is an earnest of what is to follow, then Hickory has something good in store for the winter. The program opened with a piano solo by Miss Fleta Moore. Miss Moore is a young pupil, but her performance showed the effect of the careful training she is receiving under Signor D'Anna. Miss Margaret Bost, always a favorite with a Hickory audience, recited with good effect, "A Georgia Wedding." "Murmuring Zephyrs," a piano solo by Miss Essie Robinson was greatly enjoyed. In technique and execution Miss Robinson gives great promise.

"A Telephone Romance" was rendered by Miss Hazel Elliott. This was one of the most pleasing numbers on the program, and Miss Elliott shows marked talent as an elocutionist. Miss Elliott was followed by Miss Grace Patrick who gave a piano solo, "Gay Butterfly." Those who have heard Miss Patrick before were expecting something good, and were not disappointed.

Miss Mary Heller in "Sallie Ann's Experience" proved herself to be a good impersonator and told the story with marked effect. Mrs. Murphy sang "Ask what thou wilt." "Her first call on the butcher" was recited by Miss Link. She was at her best. The audience thoroughly enjoyed it. "Valse-Scherzo" a piano solo by Mrs. Dr. White closed the evening entertainment. Many were anxious to hear Mrs. White and they were not disappointed. Signor D'Anna has great ability as an instructor and his power to drill students is much in evidence when his pupils appear before the public.

The next entertainment will be November 29.

Western North Carolina Fair

The recent fair held in this city was a grand success. Every body was interested in it. Our people of all classes are progressive and work harmoniously together for the upbuilding of our common country. Our farmers are, as a whole, the most progressive and prosperous of any in the State. In fact, Western North Carolina is getting to be one of the garden spots of the South. And its possibilities are unlimited. All it needs is a chance to show what it is and what it can be. There is no better way to show this than in one general fair, where they can bring together its stock and its people, so that the world even. Can behold it at one glance, you might say. The State Fair, held at Raleigh, is more specially for the benefit of the middle and eastern parts of the State; for their people are close enough to patronize it. It is not so with our Western section. Our people live too far from Raleigh to derive the benefits they deserve in every way.

The time has come when justice to our part of the State demands more of the State's public benefits. Hence, it has been suggested that all that section West of Statesville come together and organize what is known as the Western North Carolina Fair. As our people have begun it, and as we have the ideal location for it, having the necessary railroad facilities, as well as lights, water, sewerage and power advantages—for cheapness—are unsurpassed anywhere.

We ask the people of this city and immediate section to consider a Western Fair for Hickory, and for the Western part of the State. All that will be needed is the grounds, and improvements necessary to begin with. After then, with proper management, it will be more than self-supporting. Besides, it would be a great financial benefit to our part of the State. We need it, merit it, and it is due the outside sections that we have it. Let us have a Western North Carolina Fair Association, and begin right now.

A Serious Lawsuit.

There was a serious lawsuit here Saturday before Recorder Russell. The parties indicted lived in Highland, or most of them do. Ed Benfield, Frank Propst and Albert Cline were indicted, charged with gambling. M. H. Yount and E. B. Cline represented the State, and A. A. Whitener the defendants.

The facts are as follows: On the Saturday before, in Cline's store in Highland, about 4 o'clock they began tossing up coin and the one whose coin stopped nearest a crack in the floor, got the coins, and two like coins placed on the counter. First one and then the other would win. At first, they tossed silver quarters, later they tossed silver dollars.

The mayor, Mr. Hefner, happened there about 9 o'clock and told them they were violating the law. They said they were in fun. Anyway they played the game on all night and until about 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Ten or a dozen other men were in and out all the time from the first to the ending. Propst lived 4 miles out in the country and has a wife and three children. Cline a wife and 5 children. At the time his wife was quite sick. As to Benfield, no one swore that they saw him win or get any money during the all night playing "for fun." Therefore, he came clear. Cline and Propst were fined each \$50.00 and the cost. They said they would take an appeal, but no one thought they could afford to. Mr. Hefner, the mayor of Highland, being the main prosecuting witness he could not try the case. Hence, the Recorder had them to try.

Mr. Levi Keller was also tried, charged with being drunk. This was on the same occasion. Some believe they were all drinking which seems to be a common thing in that part of the town. He was found guilty and fined \$5 and cost in the case. If Mayor Hefner could get policemen with his grit and watchfulness, they would break up much of the gambling and drinking in that little new town.

Our City.

Our city is growing as fast as any town. But it is not growing as fast as it should, or could be made to do. Our own country people—many of them—are tired of country life, and are moving to the towns. The people East and North are seeking homes in or near Southern towns, especially in this Piedmont section. The thing for Hickory to do is to open wide her gates and invite them in.

We should invite and induce manufacturers to come and build manufacturing plants, all sorts and lots of them. They will bring laborers, who will have to eat and be clothed. Then our farmer neighbor who want to go to town, buy property and settle down, should be induced to come to Hickory.

There are many ways by which this can be done. But the best way is to show them that they can live as richly, pleasantly, cheaply and as profitably here as any where. After asking about our railroad, school and church facilities, they ask about health and taxes. We could improve the last two. We should have better sanitary supervision, and lower taxes. In other words we should show more benefits from our taxes for the general and public good.

How He Supported the Editor.

Please send me a few copies of the paper which had the obituary and verse about the death of my child a week ago. Also publish the enclosed clipping about niece's marriage. And I wish you would mention in your columns if it doesn't cost anything, that I have a couple of bull calves to sell. Send me a couple of extra copies of the paper this week. As my subscription is out, please stop my paper. Times are too hard to waste money on a newspaper.

Society News.

The Thursday Study Club met on the 21st with Mrs. Dr. Blackburn. Quotations on October were given, and Mrs. Worth Elliott gave a most interesting paper on Rotterdam. The reading from "Our Little Dutch Cousin" was given by Miss Mamie Sue Johnson. After current events delicious refreshments in two courses were served.

The Bazaar and Chrysanthemum show given by the Ladies of the Reformed church Tuesday evening netted between fifty-five and sixty dollars for their Aid and Missionary Society.

The Hickory Book Club held the first meeting of the year with Miss Wheeler, Wednesday Oct. 20. After criticism of the new books, Miss Wheeler read an interesting account of Mt. St. Michael in connection with her book. The social feeling was still further developed around the festive board while enjoying the good cheer and guessing witty conundrums. After this delightful hour, the meeting adjourned to meet next with Mrs. Dr. Menzies, Nov. 3.

Thursday, Oct. 21, Mrs. G. N. Hutton entertained the Travelers Club. Quotations on mothers opened the program of which the subject was the play, Coriolanus. The first topic was a Synopsis of the play given by Miss Geitner. As the first synopsis of the year's program, the brevity while comprising the salient points made it a fine model. Mrs. K. C. Menzies then told of Volunmia who has been called the most noble mother in the world. Comparisons of Shakespeare with his source, Plutarch made known in an interesting way this Roman matron.

Mrs. A. B. Hutton played with her artist's touch the Overture from "Merry Wives of Windsor" by Nicolai. Mrs. Martin read a selection from Hawthorne's "Marble Faun." Refreshments in courses were served before the adjournment of this pleasant hour.

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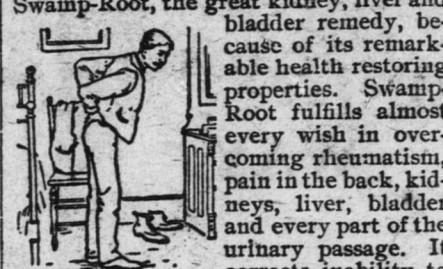
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