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## Hickory Sprouts Transplanted

### Little Miss Sprout asks a Hard Question about Electricity

#### AREN'T WIRES HOLLOW?

#### How Can the Thrill Run Through Them?—And Even Edison Couldn't Answer the Child's Question

Written for the Democrat.

Of all the interesting attachments to the upper branches of tall Hickory Trees probably those of farthest-reaching possibilities are telegraph and telephone wires. The boy whose kite-tail catches on them or the little sparrow that perches thereon, may not grasp any of the vast potentialities of the electric currents coursing through the slender metallic lines; but such lack of comprehension no more limits the reach or reason of the message than the little newsboy's ignorant hawking of world-stirring news detracts from the portent of the great events whose stories he has to sell.

But Hickory Trees, whenever they get in touch with "live" wires, may be themselves so thrilled as to make their ever-vibrating, never-breaking fibre vibrate anew; for even the best Hickory is ever susceptible of growth and development—and some of it, in human form, grows almost as fast and perceptibly as a well rooted weed when the sun comes out upon it after a warm June shower. Who doesn't know just such Hickories?

One specimen of Tall Timber like this—most of you have seen him grow until his branches spread and toss defiantly in each successive breeze—has his own Transplanted Sprouts worth watching. He has touched the vibrant wires so often, and with such perennial assurance has made them tingle anew with knowledge, that he might, with all due respect for sound Hickory, be dubbed the Shock Centre. Among his pet diversions has been the dissection of induction coils, the emission of sparks from insulated, well-guarded lines, where no spark should be, the tingling tests of dry or liquid-batteries—in short, the aspiring evolution of some freshly-discovered theory that mayhap will flash a new magnetic idea in currents hitherto untried—for you know the glass insulator isn't always attached to Hickory Trees when the wires dangle against them.

Well, Daddy Hickory (who has electricity to burn in his charming new Philadelphia home; who uses it in coffee-percolators, in carpet-sweepers, in sad-irons, lights, telephones and what-not?) never hesitates to pick to pieces some new "dim-a-light" or newer dazzle-maker; and he'd been at it well into the hours one recent day.

Miss Hickory Sprout had watched it all with a curiosity born of the wire-touched Tree they clipped her from; and the questions had come almost as incessantly as the experimental electric sparks themselves.

"Daddy, what makes it tingle so in your fingers and elbow when you touch the two wires at once?"

"You 'ground 'em, honey, and you're just like the branches of a wet or sleety tree would be if it touched 'em while the current was carrying something over or through the wires."

"But, Daddy, why aren't the wires hollow?"

"Don't need to be, child; they're FULL of the current."

"Then, Daddy, how does the current, or light, or message, or thrill get through, if there's no hole in the middle of the wire for it to travel in?"

And thus a dear little Hickory Sprout, 7 years old, had propounded one of the most profound problems that the powers of the electrical universe ever grappled with—a question that no erudite Edison, Westinghouse or Tesla would dare presume even partially to answer: Where, in all this material world, does life, or fire, or power, actually begin? Where, here below, will either of them ever reach its ultimate? Or why?

The wires still tingle with their magnetic suggestions in the branches of the Hickory Trees, and the Sprouts still bristle with interrogation points—for they are well-grounded, though transplanted away up North here—and who knows but some of the

deepest "Hows?" and "Whys?" the world has ever asked and heard no answer from may yet cut in upon some new celestial message for all mankind?

Oh, it's fun to watch them grow!  
N. B. H.

## Southern to Improve Right of Way

The Southern Railway property which runs 200 feet from the centre of the track is to be cleared up in the space between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets to the right of the railroad, and this at an early day.

At the extreme end of the right of way, which runs into the Freeman backyard, there is to be a walk; to the north of this a driveway of 18 feet, then another walkway, and at the left of this the slope of the bank down towards the railroad tracks will be turfed.

This will help to beautify the section of the track between the present passenger depot and the Hotel Huffy. The baggage room is to be moved further down towards the hotel, somewhere near the centre of the two streets mentioned.

The Democrat gleans these items from a responsible source, and also the fact that the railroad is planning to put a new passenger station at Hickory at the earliest possible moment.

The Southern will win the appreciation of Hickoryvites by giving them these advantages as soon as it can.

## MAIDEN'S B. & L.

### A Near Bear Saloon just outside of Newton

Correspondence of the Democrat.

Newton, N. C., Feb. 23.—The last case to be disposed of at the February Term of Court was J. P. Seitz vs. Brookford Mills. Judgement was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$500.00. We understand that the defendant will take an appeal.

Mr. C. M. McCorkle, Clerk of the Court was in Hickory Tuesday to issue Letters of Administration on the estate of the late A. P. Ward. J. C. Fry was appointed administrator.

A near beer saloon has been started just outside the incorporate limits in the northern part of town and, it is said, did a land-office business Saturday night. But there is some doubt as to the perpetuity of this new industry on account of a clause in the town charter which gives the town authorities the right to say what shall be and what shall not be within a radius of one mile of the incorporate limits.

Mr. B. M. Spratt, Jr., of Maiden was in town yesterday filing with the Clerk of the Court a Certificate of Incorporation, of the "New Home Building & Loan Association." This speaks well for the citizens of Maiden and shows that they realize the worth of a Building and Loan Association and have the growth of their town at heart.

## WATAUGA HOLSTEINS

### Dairying as Well as Beef Cattle—To Mark Site of Boone's Cabin

Correspondence of the Democrat.

Boone, Mch. 2.—The high price that has been paid here for butter makes one think that the dairy business would be profitable here. The merchants have been paying 20 cents per pound for country butter. There are very few dairy cows here. Beef breeds are being raised exclusively. The Appalachian Training School will introduce early in the spring a herd of Holsteins which are good for milk and make fairly good beef.

An effort will soon be made here to mark in a suitable manner the cabin site of Daniel Boone. The property on which the cabin was located has belonged since the war to the Daugherty family.

Mr. Arlie Wilson, of Zionville, introduced last fall the first canner of fruits and vegetables in this section and says that about \$300 worth of cherries, apples, blackberries, etc., were saved during the season.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## Common Sense In Chicken Feed

### Food for Layers Different from Table Chickens

#### PROTEIN MAKES EGGS

#### "Redwood" Has Valuable Suggestions Based Upon Close Personal Observations and Experience

Written for the Democrat.

We have it on good authority that Bro. Noah had only two chickens in his flat. All the different breeds of fowls that we have today must have originated from that pair. In this case Nature was satisfied that this pair would reproduce itself. Nature was also satisfied that the cow that had the luck to escape the freshest would only nourish its offspring until it could eat grass; Nature was also satisfied with the wild rose that grew in the forest, but the modern poultryman demands a better fowl, the modern dairyman a better cow and the modern florist an American Beauty instead of the wild rose. We do not want to discuss the subject of poultry feeding from a scientific standpoint—we could not if we wanted to—but from the actual raising of chickens we have learned some things that the beginner has yet to learn. We do not belong to that class of poultryman who have made a failure of raising poultry and are now making their living telling other folks how to do that which they made a failure at.

In discussing the subject of feeding poultry, in the first place, what are you feeding for? If you are feeding with a view of fattening the fowl you should feed a certain kind of feed and if eggs are what you want, the feed should be altogether different. The hen, in her natural state would only lay in summer, but by years of breeding we now have a fowl that will lay many eggs in winter as in summer. The flock of the writer has averaged 65 per cent since last October. In order to get as many eggs in winter as we do in summer, we must make the condition and surroundings of the hen as near like summer as we can. In summer Nature has provided warm sunshine, plenty of green stuff and an abundance of grass-hoppers and if we are to get eggs in winter we must keep her warm and give her green stuff and artificial grass-hoppers—in other words she must have the food necessary to produce eggs or she can not lay.

Now to answer that oft repeated question, "What can I feed my hens to make them lay?" This subject has been worn threadbare by discussion and you have seen different formulas for feeding. We do not want to discuss the merits of all these different formulas, but want to lay down this rule that will hold good and which can be understood by any farmer of ordinary intelligence—For eggs, feed the kind of feed that you would produce milk, and to fatten, feed the kind of food that you would feed your hog to fatten it.

Feeds that are rich in protein are what we want to feed for eggs and those feeds rich in fattening elements are what we need to fatten. Wheat contains more protein than any of our grains and is therefore the most perfect food for a laying hen, oats is next in order of value and corn stands at the bottom of the list. Now to feed a flock of hens in winter for eggs, wheat or wheat products, bran, middlings, etc., with plenty of green stuff, turnips, rye, etc., and with the necessary animal food that the hen gets in summer, together with plenty of lime and grit is all that is necessary.

The animal matter necessary may be supplied by the average farmer from scraps and bones from the table—there are no bones in "fat back," you had better raise your meat—milk will also help to supply this element and is very valuable. Corn when fed should only be fed at night and then in not very great quantities. The cry of "cholera" comes from the ones that have been feeding too much corn.

A laying hen must have a certain amount of lime to produce the shell of the egg and this can best be supplied in the form of oyster shells. It is very important that the feed fed through the day be thrown in some kind of litter so the hens will have to work for it—this is especially important in winter.

"REDWOOD."

## Caldwell County Items

The Lenoir News says Hon. W. H. Bower suffered an attack of illness which rendered his condition more serious last week but he later improved.

The Lenoir News says the frame work of the Hudson Chair Factory is up and that the 110 h. p. boiler has arrived.

Will Gray was found dead in bed Wednesday morning at Kelsey. The burial was in Boone's Fork settlement.

Three young men prospecting in an old corn field near the Sink Hole mountain in Yancey county, near the Mitchell county line, says the Lenoir News, discovered what is expected to prove one of the richest mica mines in that section. The boys sold their claim to Jason E. Burleson, one of the well known mica men of Mitchell county, receiving \$3,000. Mr. Burleson put a small force of men at work on the new property, and working only five days, they had taken out \$6,000 worth of mica, and there was at least \$2,500 more in sight.

## \$1500 PROFIT ON FARM

### Catawba Real Estate a Fine Proposition

Correspondence of the Democrat.

Oxford Ford, Mch. 3.—It is rumored that a steam railroad will pass through Cline's township, in passing from Taylorsville to Newton.

One is entirely safe in relying upon the advancement of Catawba County real estate. We know of a well-to-do farmer who made a profit of some \$1500 by holding a farm he purchased, for two years and then selling the same. The reason for this steady advancement in Catawba dirt is that scores of new homes are established each year. In our opinion, this accounts for the healthy and natural advance in the price of Catawba land.

We are glad to hear that Mr. F. A. Cline had added many names to the petition for good roads. We believe the section between Oxford Ford and Catfish has not been canvassed, and we know of some pretty bad roads between above points; so Mr. Cline had please take note.

We hear it said that "The Democrat" is now the most interesting weekly in Catawba county. We would go a step further and say it is the most interesting weekly between Asheville and Charlotte.

## Bond Issues for the Statesville

### Air Line

From the Statesville Landmark

Mt. Airy township, Surry county, voted Tuesday to issue \$65,000 of bonds for the construction of the Statesville Air Line railroad.

With this election in Mt. Airy, every township in Iredell, Yadkin and Surry counties, through which the proposed line from Statesville to Mt. Airy will run, has voted bonds for the road. Iredell townships have voted a total of \$167,500, Yadkin \$90,000 and Surry \$100,000. This makes a total of \$357,500. In addition the town of Statesville many years ago voted \$50,000 of bonds for the road. If these are still available, and it is believed they are, they will make a total of \$407,500, well toward the half million mark.

With these resources it is certain, as anything in the future can be, that the Statesville Air Line will be built, and active work is expected to begin in the very near future.

## Two Bears and Three Eye-talians

A grizzly and cinnamon bear were visitors to town last week. They were traveling with 3 Eye-talians. They were so tired after 25 miles of travel that they went to sleep on their paws and had to be aroused rudely to participate in the boxing match with one of the party, which was pulled off after a dollar had been pulled out of the pockets of the by-standers.

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Does your cough annoy you at night, and do you raise mucus in the morning? Do you want relief? If so, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you will be pleased. Sold by W. S. Martin & Co.

## Twin Shufords In The Southwest

### Middlekauff and Pink Brave Confederate Soldiers

#### FORMER WAS DROWNED

#### Lost His Life in Escaping from a Federal Prison Ship—J. H. Shuford's Interesting Family Sketch

Written for the Democrat.

Middlekauff and Pink Shuford were twin sons of Uncle Eli R. Shuford. They were born on the waters of the South Fork river in Catawba County, January 23, 1844. Eli R. Shuford married Eveline Collins of Burke County. I expect to visit Burke County soon to see the Collins graveyard there, and learn more about the Collins family from the records of the tombstones. This family of people are a part of the early history of Burke County. When the twins were about twelve years of age their father with his family moved from Newton to Quitman, Texas. Before the twin brothers went to Texas Uncle Eli R. Shuford came to my father's house to spend the day. The twin brothers and I played together under the old apple tree near the house.

In 1862 the twin brothers became soldiers in the Confederate Army. They belonged to a company of Texas soldiers. This was a company of infantry. Their brother Alberto Poindexter belonged to the same company. After being in the Army a few months they were discharged because they were too young for service. In 1863 they became Confederate soldiers in Col. Warren B. Stone's Regiment of Texas Cavalry. The Captain of the company to which they belonged was John Wilson, of Quitman, Texas. They did service in Louisiana and Arkansas.

The Confederate defenses of Louisiana were now entrusted to Gen. Richard Taylor, son of Zachary Taylor, twelfth President of the United States. As Banks with forces numbering 31,000 men proceeded up the Red river he was met and defeated at Sabine Cross Roads near Mansfield, Louisiana, April 8, 1864. The Federal Army retreated to Pleasant Hill, where it was again attacked and made to fall back April 9. Middlekauff and Pink Shuford fought in the battles named.

They fought in some other battles following these. Their command was then ordered to Arkansas to aid Gen. Price. When they were in the locality of White river, Middlekauff was captured by the enemy when he and others were ordering in their pickets. He with others were placed on a United States boat on the White river. The boat anchored one dark night. Middlekauff and others cut a hole through the boat and made their escape. Some of the escaped prisoners reached the shore. Middlekauff was lost in the river. Thus died a brave Confederate soldier. He was brave in battle and brave in death. Pink Shuford belongs to a Confederate Camp at Oklahoma City, Okla. J. H. SHUFORD.

## Notice to Rural Patrons.

Patrons of rural routes will please read carefully the following instructions of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, and be governed thereby.

In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coin in boxes, by rural patrons, has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail, and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that, commencing with February 15th, rural-letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from the rural mail boxes.

Patrons should enclose loose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so that they can be easily and quickly taken from the boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

Respectfully,  
S. M. Hamrick,  
Postmaster.

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## In Memory of Thomas M. Hufham, Esq.

On Friday, Feb. 18th 1910, a meeting of the bar of Catawba county was held in the Court House at Newton in respect to the late Thomas Hufham Esq., of Hickory.

Judge W. B. Council was called to the chair, and L. L. Witherspoon, Esq. was named as Secretary. Messrs. W. A. Self, W. B. Gaither, and C. L. Whitener were appointed a committee to draft resolutions and reported the following:

Resolved 1st. That in the death of Thomas M. Hufham, the Bar of Catawba County has lost a brilliant and able member, and the State of N. C., a son whose loyalty was unswerving, whose attainments were varied and comprehensive, and whose natural gifts raised him to the rank of genius.

Resolved 2nd. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the court's proceeding, a copy of same furnished by the Clerk to the Rev. J. D. Hufham, the venerable and distinguished father of the deceased, and that copies thereof be furnished to the newspapers of Catawba county and to the Charlotte Observer and the Raleigh News and Observer.

W. A. Self,  
W. B. Gaither,  
C. L. Whitener,  
After addresses eulogizing the deceased by Messrs. Self, C. L. Whitener, Feinster, McCorkle and Cline the resolutions were adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes of the Court.

## Death of J. H. Craig, of Gastonia

In the death of John Henry Craig, aged 81, at Gastonia last Thursday night North Carolina loses a good citizen. Mr. Craig was a man of powerful individuality. In the tannery, cotton-buying and live stock business he accumulated a neat fortune, which, as he grew old, he divided to a large extent amongst his children. The latter are:

Mayor Thomas L. Craig of Gastonia, Mr. J. Robert Craig of Gastonia, Mr. David J. Craig of Statesville, Mr. John M. Craig of Charlotte, Mrs. Archibald Brady of El Reno, Okla.; Mesdames E. W. Mellon and T. M. Shelton of Charlotte, and Mrs. T. A. Wilkins of Dallas. He also leaves fourteen grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon.

## Everybodys for March

One of the most promising serial stories appearing in the current magazines is "A Successful Wife" in the March Everybodys. The heroine is a young girl who is forced by the death of her father to support her mother and family. Her struggles and experiences in doing this are very forcibly told in the first instalment.

The seventh instalment of Judge Ben B. Lindsey's, "The Beast and the Jungle" is fully as interesting, and possibly more so than the preceding chapters. A number of clever short stories and an unusually attractive cover page help to make the March Everybodys an even more interesting magazine than usual.

## The March American

"Is the East also Insurgent?" is the title of an exceedingly interesting article by Ray Stannard Baker in the American Magazine.

The experiences of a German boy as a peon in "Barbarous Mexico," is also very interesting. "Bending the Twig," or the education of the eleven-year-old boy who lectured before the Harvard professors on the fourth dimension, by H. Addington Bruce, tells how William James Sidis, the boy mathematical prodigy, was educated.

A number of interesting short stories add to the attractiveness of the issue.

## Euronian Society's Debate

The nineteenth anniversary of the Euronian Literary Society will be celebrated on Monday evening, March 14. The query for the debate is: Resolved, That Congress should establish a Central Bank in the United States. The affirmative will be represented by Messrs. O. B. Robinson and J. T. Horney; the negative by Messrs W. L. Plonk and H. C. Miller. The final oration will be delivered by F. R. Yoder; subject, "The Call of the South."

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## Spray Apple Trees Early

### Either Spray or Get Out of the Fruit Business

#### GET BAD BUGS' BLOOD

#### The Birds, Enemies of Insects Have Disappeared with the Forests—Use Bordeaux Mixture

To Fruit Growers:

No doubt that all the men growing apples in these mountains remember when beautiful fruit was grown in here without the use of spray pumps, but that was before the dense forests were all cut out. The forests and the brushy places have about all been cut out, and the natural food supply of the insects has been taken away from them, and they are now attacking the fruit trees. Besides the wholesale slaughter of the birds has almost driven this farmers friend out of this country. The birds live on insects and their eggs, but if we have no birds, we must get rid of the insects by spraying.

The time for spraying will soon be on us. Get ready and spray just before the buds burst, using the Bordeaux mixture. This will destroy the germs on the limbs and buds. Then give the next spraying immediately after the trees have leafed out, or while the calyx (or the young apple itself) is pointed upward, so that the poisonous spray may enter the bloom end of the fruit. Another poisonous spray should be given two weeks later. If the trees are sprayed while in full bloom it will kill thousands of honey bees and some injury will be done to the fruit itself.

Do not let these remarks scare you, for this is of course some trouble and expense, but the increase in fruit and the quality of it will more than repay for both trouble and expense, and remembering going to be a matter of spraying or get out of the fruit business because the man next you is going to spray and he is going to get a good price for his fruit, and the man with the wormy, knotty apples is going to get nothing or nearly so. So I say get ready and let us know where and when you want help from Raleigh to show you how to mix and put on.

Secretary,  
Fruit Growers Association,  
Taylorsville, N. C., Feb. 15, 1910.

## A CONTEST

### For Junior Readers, 10 to 15 Years of Age

In order to test the ability of the "Democrat's" junior readers to spell correctly, we offer a prize of one dozen lead pencils for the best list submitted. Neatness will also be considered. Contest closes March 10th. Mail your list to,

Kenwood Poultry Yards,  
Conover, N. C.

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nostrils  
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marvellous  
sedar  
firy  
sentinel  
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recieve  
bever  
mischif  
diference  
nabors  
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persue  
rightous  
scithe  
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