

THE CATAWA COUNTY HEN.

A Slanderous Attack Upon Her by a Jambou Mergulua Ma.

To the Editor of the Democrat:

For a long time, a friend of yours has been watching to catch you napping and give you a twist. He said to me that "in other days, when your polished pen enriched the columns of the Charlotte Observer, he delivered a lecture in Washington on music and in commenting on it, you said 'what he didn't know about music would fill volumes.'" He admitted that "he might be off on music, but insisted that you were off on poetry, and he continued in this fashion:

A few weeks ago the Hickory Democrat regaled its readers with a classic and eloquent tribute to the Catawba county hen. The Orpingtons, the Leghorns, the Barred Rock, the Brahmas, the Black Minorcas, the Rhode Island Reds—in fact none of the new candidates for poultry honors according to Banks, were in the same class with the old fashioned wobby, omnivorous, speckled hen of Catawba.

Of ancient Dutch descent, with the facial expression, the lymphatic movement and all the lines and lineaments of her environment; indigenous to the soil; her habitat in no other clime; in-ocuous to all the ills which chicken flesh is heir to; a semi-weekly layer, a careless mother, a shiftless, thrifless female citizen, yet dear to every heart in Catawba.

Twelve hours in boiling water with a pinch of soda now and then, wouldn't make her toothsome, yet she is the pride and joy of a great county.

The Iceland, amid his banks and bergs of eternal snow never worshipped the stars, nor the mystic Norseman his Isis and Osiris, nor the dark and untutored Egyptian his cow—Adumbla—with the same loyalty of spirit that the Catawba folks worship their speckled hen. Her ancestry goes back beyond the jurassic to a prehistoric period.

The Sphinx and pyramids are infants compared to her. Before Homer sang, before Abraham journeyed, yea when the morning stars sang together and shouted for joy—she was.

Banks has one in his office. A friend, seeing it, thought it petrified and asked

Dr. King to be at Lenoir Again.

Dr. Bryon W. King, of King's College of Oratory, Pittsburg, is to be at the Lenoir College on the evening of March 9th, at 8:00 o'clock. Dr. King is the greatest entertainer, lecturer, and orator who has ever appeared at Lenoir College, and all near enough to come and hear him should do so as his visits to our Southland are not frequently made.

Dr. King is the greatest entertainer on the American platform today, in the opinion of many. We say this not to bring revenue to Dr. King, but in order that our friends may not miss this treat.

By special arrangements of the college authorities the admission to the public is remarkably low. Byron King is a dispenser of sunshine, a man of the highest, best ideals of life—a genius in the art of entertaining and instructing. Come and you will never regret it.

himself, if it was with Noah at Ararat? He grew indignant and replied: She is the finest fowl in all the world. The soft sweet cadence of her voice is matchless music and when she sings:

"The waves of trouble roll,
Across my peaceful breast."
Growing more eloquent, he said, "She is a most charming companion; she sparkles with good humor. Her figure, the contour of her face and features are all sculpture and her wonderful coloring could not be imitated by the pigment of painters' palette."

Hopeless—aint he?
But to his poetry: In closing his tribute to the star-eyed goddess of the Catawba barnyard he wrote:

"A great Congregational preacher
Called the hen a wonderful creature.
The fowl forth with laid an egg
in his hat,
And thus did the Henry Ward
Beecher."

It should have read:
"A famous American preacher
Said the hen was a beautiful creature.
The hen, upon that,
Laid an egg in his hat
And thus did the Henry Ward
Beecher."

Respt.
SUBSCRIBER.
Morganton, N. C.

The Legislation gives Shelby a recorder and auditor combined.

Ivey Dots.

Correspondence of the Democrat.
West Hickory, February 27th.
—The Ivey Mills shut down Saturday February 25th for a week's rest.

Henry Lewis, who has been sick for several weeks with heart trouble, we are sorry to say is not any better.

Mrs. Ed Sherrill and children have been over in Caldwell county the past week visiting Mrs. Sherrill's parents.

Make McKenzie went to Rockingham last week to visit his mother.

A number of the mill hands are away this week visiting relatives and friends.

George Travis who left here several weeks ago and went to Johnson City to work has returned and is now working in the Ivey Mill.

Charlie Tolbert has taken the place of H. C. Flowers as machinist at the Ivey Mill.

The stock of goods at the Drum Store which was bought by Z. H. Buchanan at auction sometime ago is now being sold out by Ed Sherrill.

John King and wife from Illinois were here last week visiting the family of B. Stafford.

J. C. Vicas from Rhodhiss was here last Friday visiting friends.

R. Wilkison moved to Johnson City last week.

Dillon Wilson from Brookford is a regular visitor at the Ivey Mill every Saturday evening, we reckon to see his best girl.

Rev. Mr. Hill preached here at the Wesleyan Methodist Church Saturday and Sunday night.

Harve Taylor who has been sick for some weeks is now able to walk around again.

Mr. Roy Bumgarner and Miss Clara Lingle, both of West Hickory, were married here Sunday evening.

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Catawba College Notes

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. More, superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., spent Sunday, Monday, and part of Tuesday at Catawba College and with Mrs. J. F. Buckheer.

Mrs. More conducted the chagel exercises on Tuesday morning, making a profitable talk on the text, "Be strong." He goes from here to visit other points of interest in the State.

Miss Margaret Crowell spent Saturday and Sunday in Hickory visiting friends at Lenoir College.

Mr. Corrier went to his home in China Grove last Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Waggoner went to Salisbury on Saturday and while there visited Mr. DuBose whom he reports to be on the way to recovery.

The baseball team is practicing every day and under the coach of Mr. Yount, ought to develop a creditable team. Mr. P. H. Johnson, who has been in the school for some weeks, is exercising his pitching arm each afternoon and promises to do his best in the box.

Last week the Civic League met and heard reports from the students. Several students had raised more than the promised amount. Miss Helen Smith reported \$5 from L. C. Bickett and \$5 more from S. L. Rhyne. Misses Paulin and Nannie Phillips reported \$4 between them. The Tonors names to be given later.

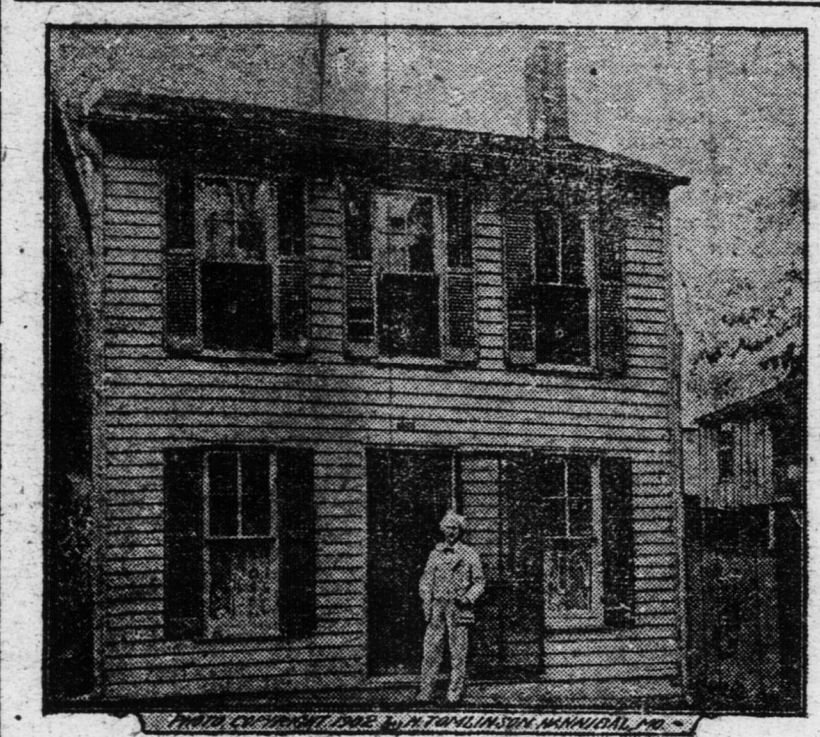
Mr. Stone, of Hickory, has been making pictures of the college. The campus of the college and the yard of Prof. Weaver are both being improved by the removal of decayed trees, it is a sorrow to see those old friends go but the grass and the young trees for which they make room will add to the general appearance.

George Washington's birthday was a holiday for the school and many of the students celebrated it by going to the basketball game at St. James, some of them having a picnic on the way. The girls are now practicing for a play to be given March 10. A more extended notice of which will be given later.

Mr. W. J. Shuford went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can? For sale by All Dealers.

Residents of Hannibal, Mo., Are Preparing to Honor Mark Twain



RESIDENTS of Hannibal, Mo., are preparing to recognize the greatness of Mark Twain, the city's distinguished citizen, by dedicating a park to his memory and by turning his old home into a permanent monument and museum. The home is not of much value pecuniarily, though it is in a fair state of preservation. A movement is already under way, fostered by the Commercial club of Hannibal, for the purchase of the house and lot, which was visited by Mr. Clemens only a few years before his death. The Commercial club has also recently purchased eighteen acres of land just south of the city, which includes the bluff known as "Lovers' Leap" and a half mile of picturesque scenery. The genial humorist often declared that when he was taken to Hannibal at the age of four the bluff was merely a mole hill, and he saw it grow as he grew. Lovers' Leap is now 265 feet high, and it commands a magnificent view of the Mississippi river above and below Hannibal. A bill has been introduced in the Missouri legislature appropriating \$10,000 for the erection of a monument to Twain in Hannibal. The Commercial club has promised to deed the riverside property to the city as a perpetual park. There is every indication that the bill will be passed and that Missouri will honor the most distinguished literary man the state has produced. Samuel L. Clemens was born in Florida, a little town up Salt river about thirty miles from Hannibal.

Married in Burke County.

Married in Burke county at the residence of Esquire Adams on the 26 of February. Mr. Roy Bumgarner to Miss Clara Lingle, both of Catawba county. H. A. Adams was the officiating magistrate.

Mr. Boliek going to Virginia.

Mr. H. A. Boliek, of Conover R. F. D. No. 3 leaves today for Charlottesville, Va. He has bought the Woodland Farm of 178 acres four miles north of that city and will make his home there in the future. He will farm and raise stock. This is a beautiful country but we hate to lose such a good farmer as Mr. Boliek, who was born and raised here and who will be missed.

Mr. Boliek has sold one of his farms to the Newton Land and Loan Co., and another to Perry Bumgarner and J. J. Barringer. He still has his home place of 82 acres for sale.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

The pastor will preach at both services next Sunday. The hour for the evening service is changed to 7:30.

The Covenanters and the Junior choir will meet as usual on Sunday at 3 and 3:30.

The pastor expects to go to Mitchell county to conduct a meeting for Rev. J. A. Harris at South Toe. He will leave on Monday and return on Saturday.

Next Wednesday the missionary prayermeeting will be conducted. An interesting program has been arranged and the Junior Choir will sing a special number.

If you think the Covenanters are doing a creditable work in printing the bulletin—why tell them so. It won't hurt you, and it will help the boys. Any boy who wants to learn to print may just ask the committee in charge, and fix a time to go to the room. This committee is Henry Menzies, Voorheis Garth and Louis Stevenson.

We are now entering the last month of year and if there are any persons who have church letters we should be glad to have them placed in the pastor's hands right away.

Miss Anna Patterson and Mr. Guy Lyon of Flint Mich., arrived in the city Tuesday night. They will spend the winter at Mrs. John Robinson's boarding house.

Terrible Picture of Suffering

Clinton, Ky.—Mrs. M. C. McElroy, in a letter from Clinton, writes: "For six years, I was a sufferer from female troubles. I could not eat, and could not stand on my feet, without suffering great pain. I had lost hope. After using Cardui a week, I began to improve. Now I feel better than in six years." Fifty years of success in actual practice, is positive proof, furnished by those who have tried it, that Cardui can always be relied on for relieving female weakness and disease. Try Cardui, today, now!

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS

SOUTHERN RAILWAY	
No. 21 going West	4:30 p m
" 11 "	11:30 a m
" 35 "	11:21 p m
" 12 "	5:30 p m
" 22 "	10:57 a m
" 36 "	9:54 a m

C. & N. W. RAILWAY

No. 10 going North	11:55 a m
" 9 "	2:55 p m
Mixed train going North	8:35 p m
" "	South 8:40 a m

Catawba Items.

Correspondence of the Democrat.
Catawba, March 1.—Mr. Fred Lowrance of Altivista, Va. is the guest of his father Mr. R. G. Lowrance near town.

Miss Winnie Reid of Sherrill Ford and Mr. Nat Reid of Asheville spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reid.

Miss Bertie Abernathy of Charlotte came up Saturday to spend Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sam Abernathy.

Miss Jessie Lowrance of the St. James High School spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lowrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abernathy of Asheville have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Abernathy for a few days.

Miss Mary Lowrance of Davenport College spent Sunday near town the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowrance.

Miss Lula Ervin has gone to Charlotte where she will undergo a treatment at the Charlotte Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sherrill arrived here last week from Quincy, Fla., and have been the guests of Capt. and Mrs. James H. Sherrill. Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill will probably make Catawba their home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rufty entertained a large number of their friends Friday night in their handsome new home. Capt. James H. Sherrill is confined to his bed with a severe attack of grippe.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by All Dealers.

City Taxes—To the delinquent tax payer: Please pay me your 1910 tax before March 20, 1911 and save cost, and oblige, Yours respectfully, P. P. JONES, City Tax Collector.

Lost—Monday morning Feb. 27 as Mr. Lawrence Manning, the Engineer, was riding horseback from my house going out to the Cliff's he lost his surveys—, 100 foot steel tape measure and a leather halter before he got to Mr. Pink Winkler's. The finder will confer a great favor by leaving them with me. He needs the steel tape measure very much. 3-2-11

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

In the matter of }
McCoy Moretz, } IN BANKRUPTCY.
Bankrupt.

Under and by virtue of that certain judgment rendered by the United States District Court, for the Western District of North Carolina, the same sitting as a court of bankruptcy, at Hickory, N. C., on the 24th day of February, 1911.—The undersigned trustee will on the 26th day of March, 1911, at the steps of the First National Bank, in the city of Hickory, sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder, the following described property, which said property belongs to the estate of the said bankrupt.

8 1-2 acres, more or less, on East side of Washington Street, dwelling house, barn and outhouses, 140 feet front by 220 feet deep commencing on South side of the lot at private hedge and running 140 feet to a stake; thence 220 feet West and running around to the beginning. One lot 100 feet, more or less, by 220 feet deep South of dwelling, to street or avenue. Two lots South of said street 85 by 220 feet deep. One lot about 200 feet, North of dwelling on Washington street. One lot on Sixth Avenue 175 feet front by 135 deep, known as the cane-patch lot. One lot at Granite Falls.

This sale is to in no way effect the liens, mortgages or Trust Deeds held upon this property by the First Building and Loan Association of Hickory, N. C., or of C. H. Geitner, and the purchaser will take title to said property subject to the rights of said Association and said Geitner. Sale will be made subject to confirmation by the court of bankruptcy. This the 25th day of February, 1911. S. E. Killian, Trustee of the estate of McCoy Moretz. A. A. Whitener, Atty. 3-2-11

Methodist Church Notes

There were 310 pupils present at the Sunday School of First Methodist Church on last Sunday morning. Fifteen of these were new scholars.

New equipment and added facilities are the order of the day, in the management of the Methodist Sunday School. Steps have been taken to seat the infant class room with chairs, that are especially adapted to the needs of the little folks; while the school has just been supplied with a new song book, the music of which is both sweet and inspiring.

On next Saturday afternoon Prof. H. A. Hayes, Superintendent of The Children's Home, will arrive in Hickory, and will have with him fifteen orphans from that institution. On Saturday evening (March 4th.) at 7:30 o'clock, these children will give a free entertainment of songs and recitations, at the opera house.

All the people of Hickory are cordially invited to be present on that occasion.

The eleven o'clock service of First Methodist Church will, on next Sunday morning, be conducted by Prof. Hayes of the Methodist Orphanage. At that hour he will deliver one of his masterful addresses on the work in which he is engaged. It is earnestly urged that the Methodism of the entire community come out to hear him. A cordial invitation is also extended to the public at large to attend this service. The class of orphans will be present at this service, and also in the Sunday School, in the exercises of which they will take some part.

Ellis Ludwick, of New York, arrived in Hickory Wednesday while with Capt. and Mrs. Moth.

A card from Dr. Fry says that the fishing is still good in Florida.

George Blackwelder left Wednesday for Canton, N. C. where he will work for W. S. Martin.

The fire company's racing wagon was turned over during practice Monday. The shafts were broken, but the men escaped injury by jumping from the wagon.

The fire department did good work Tuesday morning in putting out a fire at the Elliott Knitting Mills, which started, it is believed from shavings in the boiler room. The inside of this room was charred but the fire did not spread. The loss is slight and the mill will hardly suffer any interruption from the trouble.

Mr. H. C. Lutz has been invited by Mr. J. A. Conover to be present at the farmer's institute at Taylorsville March 3 to make an address on "Breeding and Selecting Dairy Cattle." He will also tell about the work of the Catawba County Live Stock Association. Mr. Lutz is a progressive farmer with a message.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by All Dealers.

State of North Carolina,
Department of State.
Certificate of Dissolution.

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greeting;

Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Moore Milling Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the city of Hickory, County of Catawba, State of North Carolina (H. L. Moore being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revised of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution;

Now, Therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 2nd day of February, 1911, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have here to set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 2nd day of February, A. D. 1911.

J. BRYAN GRIMES,
Secretary of State.

COUNCIL & YOUNT, Attys.

NORTH CAROLINA,
CATAWBA COUNTY.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Certificate of Dissolution of the Moore Milling Co., has been recorded in Corporation Book No. 2. Page 59 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Catawba County.

This 20th day of February 1911.
R. R. MOORE,
Deputy Clerk.

The Week in the Women's Clubs.

The Hickory Book Club met with Mrs. E. L. Shuford Wednesday Feb. 22nd. After discussion of books, quotations and current events, the hostess spoke in detail of the book "Cavanagh" by Hamlin Garland.

Red roses with ferns in the candlelight adorned the table where all the members in town enjoyed the genial hospitality and social intercourse with the courses served. March 8th, Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr next entertains the Club.

Mrs. C. M. Shuford entertained the Travelers Club Feb 23rd. After quotations on "the sweetest flowers that blow,"—Roses, Mrs. J. L. Murphy presented the interesting topic: "The Fayoum; The Labyrinth and Lake Moeris." Mrs. L. T. Mann then gave "An Egyptian Night's entertainment" portraying with vividness the quaint peculiarities of these Orientals. A reading by Mrs. K. C. Menzies concluded the program. Refreshments in courses were enjoyed after adjourning to meet next March 2nd with Mrs. N. E. Aull.

A delightful affair was the meeting of the Embroidery Club Feb. 22nd, with Miss Lillie Hallman, at Oak View Home. Fourteen members were present, and Mrs. Hoffman, of Virginia, and Misses Stecher and Schrey, of Lenoir College, were guests. White nimble fingers were busy with embroidery or crochet work, Mrs L. R. Whitener read a short story, and Miss Stecher gave much pleasure by singing two songs.

Delicious refreshments in two courses were served, the souvenir being tiny flags in honor of Washington's Birthday. The next meeting, March 9th., will be with Mrs. T. F. Stevenson.

The D. A. U. P. Club met with Misses Frank and Rose Martin, February 21st. It was indeed an interesting meeting. Paper materials for making hats or caps, were given to each member by Miss Mary Blount Martin. Miss Greta Wezen was the lucky milliner. She made a lovely pink and white automobile bonnet. The reward for her neat work was a box of candy. Then we went into the dining-room where we found delicious refreshments consisting of chicken-salad, pickles, rolls, and mints. By each plate was a dainty little hand-pointed market maid. We adjourned to meet again March 6

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Lord Decies Is a Member of the Celebrated Beresford Family



LORD DECIES, who won the hand of Miss Vivien Gould, is not an Englishman, but is an Irishman, being a member of the noted Beresford family. He is not the first Beresford to wed an American girl, his youngest brother, Hon. Arthur Beresford, having led to the altar Miss Florence Miller, daughter of Garstney F. Miller of Providence, R. I. Two other members of the family have also married Americans in recent years. Lord Decies' name is pronounced as if spelled Dee-seez, with the accent on the first syllable—sees nothing unusual in the fact that he is more than twice as old as his bride and that he is only two years younger than her father, George J. Gould. Such matches are quite the usual thing, he says, in England. He says his courtship was commonplace, though it was his first. "Miss Gould and I were both interested in horses," he explained, "and then she liked to listen to my tales of soldier life in India and Africa." Lord Decies can tell thrilling tales of his military experiences, for he saw service in India, in the Matabele war in 1896, in the Boer war and in the Somaliland campaign. During this fighting he won the cross of the distinguished service order for conspicuous gallantry in action. His peerage, which does not carry with it a seat in the house of lords, was created in 1812.