

## Chimney Top Pipe Organs.

### How Stuart Coffey Utilized the Wind That Blew Across Boone.

"Did you ever hear of Stuart Coffey's pipe organ at Boone?" asked Mr. J. Lenoir Gilley of a Democrat man in the First National Bank.

"Never did?" "Well, it was this way: You know the wind comes roaring down through a narrow gap there at Boone. All the wind from Tennessee rushes through at one time, and it so happens that all the chimneys in Boone are built in a straight line from the gap. When the first chimney—that of the hotel—was built it was soon seen that when the wind blew down from the gap it made the hotel chimneys whistle, on the same principal of a boy blowing into a hollow cane.

"Now the brick masons of Boone took note of this phenomenon, and when they built other chimneys from time to time, as houses were added to this charming little mountain village, they built some lower than others, so that the wind, as it blew over them, would run the chromatic scale.

"Stuart Coffey, Tom Coffey's boy—he's the bookkeeper for Hinkel-Craig Live Stock Co., at Lenoir now—was a musical genius and he made some apparatus to go over the tops of the chimneys, attaching ropes to each one. Of these he collected the ends in his room at the Coffey House, and on blustering, Boreal nights he would sit in his room by the hour and play grand pipe organ music, which would startle the belated driver of the covered wagon hauling Watauga cabbages or apples to lowland markets, so that they would almost think that doomsday was at hand.

"I am surprised you never heard of Tom Coffey's house chimney pipe organ. Ask old man Josh Winkler or Bill Fletcher about it? They know it so."

## Help the Boy's Corn Club Work

Mr. J. M. Gray, of the State Boy's Corn Club department, told the Democrat when he was in this city that out of 1154 boys who entered the corn club contests in the state, only 364 made reports. Fifty-seven counties had representatives in the contests last year. It is greatly to be hoped that more boys will report this year than last. If they did not do so well as they anticipated this is no reason why they should not tell of the beginning they have made.

We are all proud that Earnest Starnes, of Catawba, made the largest yield, 146.28 bushels. Ten boys made over 130 bu. per acre, and 22 made over 100 bu. per acre.

Of the counties reporting, Cleveland led with 39 reports, Wayne sending in 27 and Guilford 22.

Mr. Gray hopes that the farmers of this and other counties will help to stimulate this splendid work by offering prizes, such as money; a pig, a calf, fine chickens, or any thing of this kind. If they will co-operate with County Superintendent Long, he will see that their offer is promptly reported to Mr. Parker, of the state agricultural department. We have some very liberal, progressive farmers in Catawba, farmers who are doing things, and if any of them are willing to help in this work, and will let the Democrat know, it will inform Supt. Long.

## Death of Mr. Paxton.

Mr. Joseph L. Paxton, of Brookford, died last Thursday and after funeral services conducted by Rev. Dr. J. L. Murphy was buried at Glen Alpine, the former home of Mrs. Paxton.

The cause of Mr. Paxton's death was the strange new disease pellagra. The skin of his hands turned very dark in the latter stage of the malady. Deceased came to this city some years ago from Crawfordsville, Ind., and he was married to the widow Simpson, who survives. He was a member of the Brookford Reformed church and a good man.

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.

## The Week in the Women's Clubs.

The Round Dozen Book Club was most fortunate in having for its meeting place March 15th the delightful home of its president, Mrs. C. H. Gettner. A round dozen responded to roll-call with quotations from the books.

Mrs. Gettner read a personal letter from Harry A. Frank, the author of the book "A Vagabond Journey Around the World," and at her request, Mrs. L. R. Whitener read an amusing Irish Story Discussion of current events concluding the program, after which the hostess led the way to the dining-room. Exclamations of delight came from everyone at the beauty of the decorations. As this was so near St. Patrick's Day, everything was in white and green, and the soft light of green-shaded candles enhanced the beauty of all. The place cards were dainty Irish scenes with an Irish joke written on the reverse side, the reading of which was much enjoyed. The color scheme of green and white was carried out in the delicious luncheon. Tiny Irish flags were given as souvenirs.

The Thursday Study Club was delightfully entertained on the 16th by Mrs. D'Anna. The meeting opened with quotations on Spring. Interesting papers were read on Hyderabad by Miss Hoffmann, and Work and Play by Mrs. W. H. Little.

The study of India has been much enjoyed and Ireland was chosen for next year's work. Items of current news were given and the Club adjourned to meet next week with Mrs. Worth Elliott. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. F. B. Ingold was welcomed to Hickory's social circle Tuesday March 14th, by a very informal "At Home" with Mrs. C. C. Cost. More than a hundred callers came in during the evening. Fruit punch and wafers were served by Misses Margaret and Constance Best, Annie Duke and Beatrice Cobb.

Mrs. Ed Menzies gave a small Bridge party in honor of Mrs. H. D. Abernethy March 14th. Mrs. Abernethy won a beautiful guest prize and Mrs. Neil Clarke the one for the highest score. Dainty refreshments were served.

The travellers' Club was entertained by Mrs. J. L. Gilley, March 16th. After quotations from Hickens, Mrs. Gwaltney's paper on "Edfu and its Temple" was read by Mrs. K. C. Menzies. Mrs. Aull read a MSS. letter from Egypt written by Mr. Nabors, who is a professor in the University at Assuit, Egypt. He presented the interesting topic "Monuments of the Nile, Luxor." Mrs. L. T. Mann read Amelia A. Edwards' account of Philae. The president, Miss Gettner, was cordially welcomed on her return from a trip of several weeks North. After refreshments the Club adjourned to meet next, March 23, with Mrs. E. B. Cline.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

"A dollar dinner" in honor of W. J. Bryan's 51st birthday was attended by 900 people at Lincoln Tuesday.

C. G. Kornegay, a railroad clerk at Shreveport, La., was shot and killed by Mrs. Leota Hayzie, who had run away from a husband and three children at Greenville, Miss. Kornegay was from Goldsboro, N. C., and had threatened to leave the woman. The murdered man has a wife and five children at Goldsboro.

The U. S. government is fighting Coca-Cola and in a Federal court hearing at Chattanooga, Dr. Kebler, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, said that to each 8-ounce glass there was 1.4 grains of caffeine and in 3 glasses 4.2 grains. Doses of three grains had been known to kill. Bugs and vermin, he said, had been found in the inspection of the Atlanta Coca-Cola plant. He admitted there was some caffeine in coffee but said the oils neutralizes its effect.

## University Glee Club.

### College Says Charm a Great Audience at Claremont College.

Hickory people enjoyed a rare treat last Thursday night in the form of a concert given by the University of North Carolina Glee Club and Orchestra.

It was the Glee Club's first visit to Hickory, and a large, enthusiastic audience attended. The program consisted of 12 good subjects, and each brought forth hearty encores.

The selections especially enjoyed were the vocal solos by Mr. Sneath, the clamant solo by Mr. Right and the songs by the quartets.

During an intermission, a house-shaking encore was brought forth by music which came from behind the curtains.

The concert was closed by the whole troupe joining in the University song, "Hark! the Sound."

While the audience was passing out, the house rang with the college yells for old Carolina football players who were present. Many remarks have been heard since about what a fine bunch of boys composed the Glee Club and Orchestra. The ladies who entertained the boys at their houses were all pleased with the young men. The entire group was entertained by Hickory people.

The boys were heard to say that they liked Hickory and the Hickory people because they received such hospitable treatment at their hands.

The time is looked forward to with enthusiasm by the Hickory people when the Glee Club shall return.

## Henry Items.

Correspondence of The Democrat. Henry, March 25th.—There is quite a lot of lumber cutting here on Jacobs Fork river in Bandys township, Route 3. Mr. J. M. Walker is logging a yard now which he bought from E. E. Chapman. Mr. Frank Lingfield will be in the first of April to cut it.

An accident occurred at one of the neighboring mills Monday evening. Mr. Raymond Abernethy's wife started to walk around the house, and struck her head against a plank which was nailed on the side of the house, cutting an ugly gash on her forehead. It took two stitches to sew it up.

Peaches and pears are killed outright through this section, apples probably are not damaged very much yet.

Wheat is looking fine owing to the mild winter, oats are good stand.

The cloud which passed over Monday at noon made it very dark here for about fifteen minutes, but very little rain.

Most of the farmers have their land broke and are still breaking and rebraking.

The men that have road contracts are busy working out their roads, they are sure putting them in good shape, the best they were ever in.

Some of the people were talking about the road tax; some one said, "The man that started road tax ought to be tied to a stake and a fire built around him." I honestly believe it is the best tax that has been levied in a long time, if we do not have the reason why. We never have had any roads and I think it is high time to do something towards getting better roads. What can the people do without roads and we ought to have better ones. I guess people think when we get that trolley line through here we won't need any more roads.

Mr. L. M. Williams sells out next Friday, the 24th, and is going to move to Charlotte to take charge of a farm down there. We all wish him well.

## "JOLLY BILL."

### Has Millions of Friends.

How would you like to number your friends by millions as Bucklen's Amica Salve does. Its astounding cures in the past forty years made them. It is the best Salve in the world for sores, ulcers, eczema, burns, scalds, cuts, corns, sore eyes, sprains, swelling, bruises, cold sores. Has no equal for piles. 25c at C. M. Shuford. Moser & Lutz, Grimes Drug Co.

## President Buchheits Fine Work for Catawba.

Correspondence of The Democrat.

Nowton, March 22.—President J. F. Buchheit on his five weeks trip through Pennsylvania in the interest of the college visited important Reformed churches and talked with many private individuals. His work benefits the college not so much in getting immediate results as in paving the way for getting both students and funds for the college later on.

However, in addition to securing some prospective students for next year, he raised in cash and pledges \$2300 and secured from Mr. John R. Kauffman, of Sunbury, Pa., the promise of a bequest of \$500 for endowing the John R. Kauffman Aleeve of English Literature. This is the first, but it is hoped that it shall not be the last, endowment for a special department.

Mr. Earl Rinehardt, of Philadelphia, returned with Prof. Buchheit to the college.

In the primary contest for declaimer's medal in the Athenian Literary Society the following declaimers were selected for the final contest: Lester R. Deal, Lewis T. Phillips, E. B. Ranklin, and Kay Herman.

Mr. Clarence Peeler, of Rockwell, paid his friends at Catawba a visit on Friday.

Mr. Roger DuBoise has returned to the sanatorium at Salisbury for further treatment.

The baseball team has gone on its Eastward trip; it will play Birmingham, Wake Forest and the University.

## Boone Items.

Correspondence of The Democrat.

Boone, March 18.—Fruit-growers are pleased with the cold weather March is giving us.

Mrs. Ett Horton and sons, Lawrence and Charley, are moving to Jefferson to take charge of the Gentry House.

J. M. Bernhardt, lumber dealer of Lenoir, is having a fine lot of oak lumber cut on the Perkins farm near town. This lumber will go on wagons to Lenoir.

Irish potatoes are very abundant, they are selling at 40 cents in town. Provender are scarce. There is enough corn to satisfy the demand.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw and Mr. E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, are conducting Sunday School Institutes in Watauga this week.

Rev. J. F. Davis, of Butler, Tenn., and Rev. J. M. Payne, of Blowing Rock, are assisting pastor Farthing in a series of meetings in the Baptist church.

Mr. Will Austin accompanied by a small party left on Monday for Montana. A. M.

## Educational Activity.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Dr. C. H. Mebane, secretary of the local tax campaign committee, has issued a bulletin showing the progress of local taxation in the State. It is brief and concise. "During the spring months of 1910," says Dr. Mebane, "we carried on a vigorous campaign and broke all records in the same period of time. We carried local taxation in 135 districts within a period of ninety days, making a total of 172 districts during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, located in 57 counties. The income from local taxes for the year ending June 30, 1910 was \$877,799.91, which is an increase of \$80,560.09 over the preceding year. This sum will be greatly increased this year. During the year ending June 30, 1910, there was raised by bonds and loans for special tax districts \$294,077.49. We have, taken all together, for the year ending June 30, 1910, the splendid sum of \$1,171,857.50 raised in special tax districts, showing an increase over the preceding year of \$134,585.62."

That is a very gratifying record and is evidence of great educational activity in the State. The local tax districts have increased from 502 in 1906 to 1,167 at the present time.

## Change of Heart

Seyvierville, Tenn.—"I never did believe in patent medicines," writes Mrs. Martha Hawn, of this place, "until I took Cardui, and it cured me. For six months, I could not do anything. Now I do all my housework, and it don't tire me. Doctors failed, but Cardui saved my life." The benefit from taking Cardui is not confined to one part of the body. Cardui improves the whole womanly system. It helps headache, backache, falling feelings, and female weakness. Try it. It will help you. Price \$1.

## New Furniture Firm for City.

### The Martin & Buchanan Furniture Co., Will Open in Shuford Building.

The growth of Hickory is evidenced by the organization of a new furniture firm under the name of the Buchanan & Martin Furniture Co. The place of business will be the Shuford building at the head of Union Square, and the company will handle a complete line of furniture, carpets, rugs, curtains, etc.

Mr. Z. B. Buchanan and Mr. J. C. Martin are the partners in the new concern, and are well known as two of the leading business men of the City.

Mr. Martin will be in active charge but, Mr. Buchanan will continue to devote a good deal of his time to the real estate business.

Stock is arriving and being placed, and the store will be open in a few days.

## Corn Growing.

Carolina Union Farmer.

The first and most important thing for a good corn crop is a good deep bed, with the deep plowing done in the fall. I would not harrow fall plowing for corn until ten days before planting, unless you sow a winter cover crop. After thoroughly harrowing just before planting lay off rows according to the fertility of the land. Be sure to have some good seed corn of known worth. Now, while there can be no iron clad rule as to the date of planting, I think April the tenth is about as near right in this latitude as it can be fixed. Plant corn with a planter as it insures even depth, that will tend to get your corn up at the same time, which is a very important matter. As soon as your corn shows the sharp point coming through take steel harrow and harrow. After the corn is well up, use the harrow a second time. After your corn gets big enough commence using your double cultivator, taking one row at a time and go over your corn shallow every six or eight days until your corn is well out in silk and tassel. Sow peas at last cultivation and you will help put back some of the plant food that the corn crop has taken out of your land.

## A High Tribute to Judge Cline

The solid phalanx of 89 who stood by Judge E. B. Cline in the nominating convention, as well as his many friends everywhere, will be glad to note this bit of evidence that he is making good. It is a resolution adopted by the bar of Swain county:

Whereas we, the members of the Bryson City Bar are deeply sensible of the zealous, faithful and able services rendered at this, the spring term 1911 of the Superior Court of this, our county of Swain, by his Honor, E. B. Cline, Judge presiding.

Now therefore be it resolved, that we do hereby most earnestly express our sincere appreciation of the learned, zealous and faithful work and labor done by Judge Cline and congratulate ourselves upon having had in our midst and presiding at our court of this learned, faithful and efficient Judge.

A. M. Fry, A. J. Franklin, Bryson & Black, Paterson & Henry, Crawford, Alley & Leatherwood.

Lewis West, colored, was sentenced to death at Wilson court for the murder of Deputy Sheriff George Munford on February 3, Purcell, an accomplice, got 30 years.

## Memphis Lady Writes

Memphis, Tenn.—Mrs. Emma D. Looney, of Memphis, writes: "I suffered misery for nearly eight years since taking Cardui. I am much stronger, and I haven't missed a single meal. I hardly know how to express my gratitude." Don't worry about your symptoms—Cardui goes deeper down. What you need is strength. Strength will enable you to throw off female troubles and will prevent the headache, backache, dizziness and other symptoms that you now suffer from. Cardui helps you get it.

## General News from All Over the State.

A seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kincaid, of Whitnel, while playing around a burning brush pile Thursday was so badly burned that she died Friday morning. The burial took place at Colliers church Saturday.—Lenoir Topic, 16th.

The Lenoir Chair Factory which was destroyed by fire some months ago began operations Thursday under most favorable circumstances. The new plant is larger and better equipped than the old one, and it is an enterprise of which the town is justly proud.—Topic, 16th.

Judges Pritchard, T. A. Jones, and J. D. Murphy have been addressing the voters of Asheville in favor of commission form of government for that city.

Wilmington has adopted and is delighted with the Commission form of government.

At the Raleigh railroad station, H. H. Powell, a Sanford hotel man, worrying over business troubles, in a fit of temporary derangement, shot at and wounded E. H. Smith; shot at and missed Duncan E. McIver, and then blew out his own brains. A bullet narrowly missed Miss Blacknall, of Kittrell.

Mrs. Farrar Royster, a Greensboro bride of 3 weeks, attempted to kill herself with a revolver because her husband, whose parents opposed his marriage, deserted her to go to a Western State. The girl was before her marriage Miss Mitchell, of Burlington.

The Virginia and North Carolina tobacco farmers, at Danville, decided to pool their 1911 crop; store it in dry prize houses and hold it till the price they demand is secured.

Miss Amanda Bogle was married to Mr. Maurice L. Gwaltney in the Presbyterian church at Taylorsville March 15th by Rev. L. L. Moore. Miss Flora Lee Gwaltney played the wedding march; Mr. J. C. Connelly was best man, and Messrs. A. C. Payne and J. A. Burkesushers.

The McAden farm in Cherokee county, 578 acres on the Valley river near Coalville, was purchased by J. C. and J. G. Robinson, Madison county farmers, for \$15,000. They intend to raise stock.

Carey Lysterly, 4-year old son of a Southern Railway conductor, was run over and killed by an automobile in Asheville. The driver was arrested.

Cleveland citizens are to meet in Shelby March 27 to make plans for the drainage of Buffalo creek.

At King's Mountain Monday, during the thunderstorm, Mrs. Defa Gordon was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Her daughter, Mrs. Wallace was severely shocked. Mrs. Gordon had just opened the door to look out at the storm when she was struck.

Ex-Congressman W. F. Stroud, who represented the Raleigh district in Congress for one term during the Populist days in the 90's, died Monday at his home at Chapel Hill.

## The Colt's False Tongue.

"Did you know that every colt when it is first born has a false tongue?" asked Mr. Cicero Cline, of a Democrat man, as he dropped into the office the other day.

"Well, it is so. This tongue is loose in its mouth—about four inches long and two inches wide. Fifty-five years ago it was shown to me by my mother, and she told me it was taken promptly from the colt's mouth, it would never be wind-broken."

Mr. Cline added that others had told him about this fact. Among those who have told him that they have seen the false tongue are Messrs: Sidney Hefner, Sidney Ward, Peter Killian, Sidney Taylor, Peter Smith and J. W. Bost. They saw this about 50 years ago.

Mr. Cline recalled the fact that Mr. John Cline, who lived in the first house ever built in Hickory, the old pole cabin, has a daughter 90 years of age still living here, her home being near the Piedmont Wagon Works.—Mrs. White.

For that awful cough take Bloodine Cough Checker. A 50 cent bottle will last longer than most any cough. Grimes Drug Company.

## Medallists at Rutherford.

### Mr. Vestal Wins Debater's and Mr. Ware Declaimer's Medal in Newtonian Society.

The two medal winners in last Friday's contests in the Newtonian Society at Rutherford College were Mr. Joseph W. Vestal, who took the debater's medal, and Mr. Henry M. Ware, who captured the gold prize for the best declamation.

The subject for the debate was a live one on which there is a good deal to be said on both sides: "Resolved, That North Carolina should adopt the initiative and referendum as a part of its government."

The debaters were on the affirmative Mr. Fred C. Ballard and Mr. Vestal and on the negative Messrs. Alfred R. Reep and Jacob E. B. Houser.

The judges for the decision were Profs. Hinshaw and Creech, and Mr. Sigmon, of the village, and for the medals Rev. J. D. Harte and Howard A. Banks, of Hickory, and Principal E. M. Hairfield, of Morganton. The negative won the decision and the Mr. Vestal the medal.

Prof. Hairfield presented the declaimer's medal in a neat speech, and Mr. Banks in presenting the debater's medal said he had never heard at Davidson, the State University or Lenoir College a better debate or one in which it was so hard to choose from the four debaters as to the winner.

In the declamation Mr. Ware's subject was "The New Social Ideal." Grady's "The New South" was the subject chosen by Mr. Benjamin H. Lefever and "The Crushed Flower" by Mr. Loyd W. Jones.

The officers were Messrs. Edgar L. Kirk, president; Hiram E. Myers, vice-president; and Walter M. Smith, secretary.

The marshals were Messrs. James H. Stroud, chief, and Wm. W. Sherrill, Fisher Hendley, Jas. E. Cornelius and Benj. L. Smith. The visiting judges were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnston.

## Nine Southern Shoe Salesmen Earn More Than \$60,000 Last Year.

A few years ago if a traveling salesman made a salary of \$1800 to \$2000 a year he was considered a successful salesman, but today it is not an uncommon thing to find a high-class salesman who will earn from \$3,000 to \$10,000 a year, but one of the most striking examples of what a salesman can do, is shown by the record made by nine of Craddock-Terry Company's leading salesmen last year.

J. B. Stroud, of Greensboro, N. C.; Calvin Young, Jr., of Selma, Ala.; J. W. Jenkins, of Shreveport, La.; E. B. Craddock, of Clatter Springs, Va.; M. S. McRee, of Montgomery, Ala.; Major P. J. Drew, of Columbia, S. C.; Walter C. Carrington, of Spartanburg, S. C.; George H. Gilmer, of Lynchburg, Va.; and Albert L. Noel, of Wilmington, Va., sold a million and a quarter dollars worth of Southern made shoes to Southern merchants and earned a little over \$60,000.

Some of these gentlemen earned more than the Governor of this State receives as a salary, and these salesmen averaged a larger salary than is received by our Congressmen.

The fifty odd salesmen representing Craddock-Terry Company, the largest manufacturers of shoes in the South, sold last year \$3,736,000 worth of shoes, and these aggressive Southern manufacturers are now invading the larger cities of the North, such as Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, and are manufacturing more shoes in Lynchburg than are made in such large cities as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and Lynchburg is now the fifth city in the United States in the distribution of shoes, with Craddock-Terry Company far in the lead of all competitors.

No more striking example of the South's progress can be found than the growth of Craddock-Terry Company's business in the last ten years. In sales, they show an increase of 165 per cent, and in the manufacture of shoes they show even a more remarkable gain. In fact, they started to manufacture in the year 1890, and in ten years became one of the largest concerns in their line in the world, and are now operating all of the factories in Lynchburg, but one, and are making more shoes than all of their competitors in the South combined.

## Mr. H. C. Lutz went to Statesville Monday to undergo an operation for appendicitis, the first symptoms of which manifested themselves that morning.

Kills A Murderer.

A merciless murderer is Appendicitis with many victims, but Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing Constipation. Headache. Billionsness, Chills, 25c at C. M. Shuford. Moser & Lutz, Grimes Drug Co.