

Hickory's Young Poet Wins Praise.

The Magazines Take His Verse and He can Run Like a Deer.

Written for the Democrat.

Mention was made a few weeks ago of the fact that Richard F. Little, son of Mr. J. P. Little, of this city, and a student in Lenoir College for three years, had captured the championship of the South; and had come within a fraction less than seven seconds of meeting the world's champion record for making a mile run. He made the mile in four minutes and twenty-two and two-fifths seconds, the score being done officially by an official scorerman, Mr. Dickinson, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. Two days later the coach from the University of North Carolina, who has track athletics in hand made overtures to Richard to come to the University and enter their team. We might say that in making this test for Richard, several colleges had representatives here, but many of the students of Lenoir College knew nothing of the contest until it was over. Mr. Dickinson was on his way to Cornell University to take charge of track athletics there for next year at a handsome salary for that work, holding himself the world's championship on a half mile dash.

But I did not mean to write of Richard Little the athlete, but of Richard Little the poet. He is such a modest young man that few people know in Hickory that he can write a single verse, but the professor of English Literature in Harvard University knows what he can do, and has written a very flattering criticism on his work. Two American Magazines, Cosmopolitan and Munsey, have accepted and published fifteen of his poems since last May, and one of them has asked for exclusive control of all his pen work, though he has declined, up to this time, to be controlled by any one firm.

That our readers may know of the merit of his productions we give one of the prettiest, many think, of his pen work, though Richard himself does not think so. It is entitled "Blue," and portrays in beautiful figures the truthfulness and sincerity for which the color of blue is a symbol.

BLUE.

Ethereal Blue, thy lucid dye
Illuminates a woman's eye,
When all thy azure beauties shine
As in the eye of Caroline.

How gloriously the orbs of night
Display to man their splendid light,
Just so, within an iris blue
Man contemplates a spirit true.

How oft within that azure ball,
The soul of man is held in thrall,
How happy she by whom 'tis held,
Till Time has youthful ardor quell'd.

This poem was accepted and published by Munsey and we give it here through their courtesy. Also another one of splendid merit accepted and published by the Cosmopolitan is a

REFLECTION ON MAN.

Fluctuating as the waves,
From our cradles to our graves;
To our passions we are slaves—
Slaves we must remain:

Love and Hatred, strong as Death,
Dog through life man's devious path,
Bringing happiness or scath,
Freedom or a chain.

Mammon, like a wily fiend,
Agitates man's selfish mind,
Casting charity behind
To some future day:

Conscience from the soul we sever,
Like some mill or rapid river,
Seldom clear,—perurbed forever
As the passions sway.

Richard is a Sophomore in Lenoir College, a diligent student and a splendid Christian young man. His talent was discovered by the late and lamented Col. Weston, pastor of the Episcopal parish of this city, who gave to Richard all his documents of the Marshall Ney history and fired him with an ambition to continue the research and complete, if possible the details which he discovered and collected relative to this matter. We confidently believe that Richard will be faithful to this trust from a worthy man, and give to the world at some later date conclusions which will be final in the Ney history. In the meantime a greater field may be entered and Hickory's young poet become honored in other lines than those

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Ivey Dots.

Correspondence of the Democrat.

West Hickory, June 5.—The policeman has been working a number of hands on the new street which had been ordered opened up by the Board of Aldermen of West Hickory sometime ago. The work will soon be completed and will add greatly to the appearance of the town.

The weave room at the Ivey Mill shut down Monday for one day only. This was necessary to give the spinning department a chance to get a start on yarn as they have not been able to furnish enough yarn to keep the looms all running for sometime.

E. B. Brown, the overseer of spinning room went to Gastonia last Thursday on business.

Mr. James Abbe has been quite sick with fever for several weeks. We are sorry to say he is not any better.

Rev. Mr. Patton, of Hickory, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Michigan have been holding a tent meeting in West Hickory the past week. There has been a service nearly every night and they have a large attendance at each service.

J. R. Mathews and family moved here from Brookford a few days ago and are working in the Ivey Mill.

Jacob Abbe, and wife from Drexel were here last week visiting Mr. Abbe's brother who is sick with fever.

Misses Mary Riley and Cordie Day, who went to the country on Route no. 3 one day last week to visit Miss Day's brother.

Rob Holler and wife, who had been gone for several weeks have returned and are working in the mill.

Ray Wilson and wife from Brookford are here at present working in the mill. They are boarding with Peter Brown.

Captain L. E. Cole, the weave room overseer, was sick a day or two last week but we are glad to say is now well again and says he is starting on the present month determined to get the biggest run of cloth that has ever been made at the Ivey Mill in one month. Capt. Cole is sure a hustler and knows how to manage a weave room.

Jule Butler moved from the Ivey hill to his new dwelling house that he has had built in Longview. The house has been completed only a few days.

Ex-Sheriff Blackwelder and Esq. L. C. Huffman were in West Hickory last Wednesday listing taxes. IOTA.

The Southern Railway is to run a 3-day excursion to Asheville on June 14. The round trip rate from Hickory is only \$2.00. See ad. elsewhere.

Mr. Avery Whitener, with headquarters at Statesville, is sending the Monitor Sad Iron in this part of the State with great success. Attention is called to his ad in this issue of the Democrat. Mr. C. E. Hawn is the local agent here and those desiring the iron should consult him.

of history.

Hickory rejoices with Richard in his poetic talent and is glad to enscribe his name on the Honor Roll of noble achievement for Hickory boys. The names of Earnest Starnes as a winning agriculturalist, and Richard Little as a winning poet, should provoke other of our Hickory boys to let their genius show forth through faithful work, as the work of these two young men has done. We have no fear that these winning successes of these young men will ruin their prospects, for Ernest is preparing this year to beat his own record, and Richard is as faithful as if he had been rejected in all his efforts. Here's wishing them greater success in their future achievements and to winning of laurels in which Hickory will proudly share.

Hickory boys, our future will depend upon you. Your advantages are good and your birthright is great. Our schools, our colleges, our climate, our soils, our parentage are the best. Let the Honor Roll grow. Boys, its up to you to let your genius blaze forth and glow; what others have done others can do. Reward is the merit of diligent and persistent toil. Who next for Honor Roll?

The uniform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has made it a favorite everywhere. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

11 Prizes to be Given Away in The Democrat's Grand Prize and Popularity Contest.

An Exceptional Opportunity for Ladies of this County and Vicinity to Win Valuable Prizes

Clip the Nomination Coupon in this Issue and Get an Early Start.

(By W. B. Porcher.)

Would you like to own a handsome high grade piano? Have you not from time to time, looked upon your more fortunate neighbor with a feeling akin to envy, and then consoled yourself with the thought that some day you too might have a good piano? Then too doesn't that "some day" keep just beyond reach with a persistence that is discouraging? Of course you do not admit it, but you do feel just that way about a great many of the good things of this life—"some day" however, things will be different. That makes life worth living.

About that piano though, "Some day" has come for you, that is, if you will help just a little bit. The Hickory Democrat will give you a \$400 piano in return for a slight effort on your part during your leisure time. You know, of course, that circulation is as vital to the existence of a newspaper as it is in the anatomical scheme. Heroic measures are resorted to at times, in both to foster a more vigorous circulation. This is one of the times when a special effort on the part of the Hickory Democrat was deemed advisable. This opportunity is a golden one for you. Determine to win that piano and you will be surprised to learn how easily you can win.

If you do not succeed in winning the first prize, your chances for one of the beautiful diamond rings are equally good. Failing in all these would a beautiful gold watch be any consolation to you? A gold watch is yours for an absurdly small amount of work, of pleasant work, too. Even prizes in all are offered by the Hickory Democrat. Now don't you think it worth while?

FREE TO CANDIDATES

To enter this friendly struggle will not cost any one who is eligible a single cent; it will cost nothing to stay in and it will cost nothing to win.

Two ways of obtaining votes are offered: First by clipping and sending in the ballots that will appear each week in the Hickory Democrat and secondly, by securing prepaid subscriptions or the renewal of old ones to the paper.

While it is not absolutely necessary before being voted for, a nomination blank which can be secured from the Hickory Democrat office or cut from this paper, should be sent in for each candidate. A candidate may be nominated by any one, provided each candidate be in good standing in the community. All questions as to eligibility will be finally determined by the Contest Manager.

A ballot will be printed in the Hickory Democrat each week during the contest. All ballots must be neatly trimmed and include the border or they will be rejected as informal. These coupons will be good for the number of votes printed thereon.

Ballots must be sent direct to the Democrat office and postage must be fully prepaid of they will be rejected and not counted.

VOTES ISSUED ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

Paid in advance subscriptions must be sent direct to the Democrat office, and on receipt of remittance, special ballots will be issued. See vote schedule and

Special ballots are provided to carry with them additional voting value, according to amount paid and length of subscription. Any protest as to eligibility of any candidate will not be considered if votes have been cast for said candidate for a period of thirty days of longer.

No employee of the Hickory Democrat or member of employee's family can participate in this contest.

Any question that may arise will be determined by the Contest Manager and his decision will be final and absolute.

To secure special ballots all moneys must reach the office of the Hickory Democrat where ballots will be issued.

With every subscription to the Hickory Democrat is given when asked for a coupon good for a certain number of votes, according to the length of the subscriptions. This is explained elsewhere. These coupons must be voted before date of expiration which is printed on each coupon.

The date on which these ballots expire is printed on the bottom of each ballot, and if the time has expired the ballot will not be counted. A nomination blank counts for 1,000 votes.

Votes cannot be bought; they must be clipped from the paper or secured on subscriptions.

Votes secured by one contestant cannot be transferred to another.

THE VOTING RULES.

During the first two weeks of the contest ending June 22 no candidate will be permitted to vote more than 10,000 votes a week more than the highest candidate had in the previous week's publication.

After June 22 the limit will be raised 5,000 each week until one week before the end at which time the restriction will be removed altogether and candidates may vote as they choose during the last week.

SHOULD A TIE OCCUR.

In case of a tie for any of the prizes offered in the contest, the value of the prize or prizes thus tied for will be equally divided between the candidates who tie for same.

In accepting nomination all candidates must agree to abide by the above conditions.

Some Farm Don'ts.

Written for the Democrat:

Don't work the horses too hard these hot days. Give them plenty of rest and room.

Don't stop cultivating your crops on account of dry weather as frequent stirring of the soil causes the moisture to rise to the surface.

Don't forget to select some seed corn in the field this fall.

Don't fail to sow plenty of cowpeas this year. Sow them in your stubble fields.

Don't forget to water the horses at intervals during the hot days. How would you like to go from morning till noon without water? C.

Whooping cough is not dangerous when the cough is kept loose and expectation easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has been used in many epidemics of this disease with perfect success. For sale by all dealers.

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is one who is lovely in face, form, mind and temper. But is hard for a woman to be charming without health. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation and kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Electric Bitters always prove a godsend to women who want health, beauty and friends. They regulate Stomach, Liver, and Kidneys, purify the blood; give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion and perfect health. Try them. 25c at C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz and Grimes Drug store.

VOTE SCHEDULE—The Hickory Democrat.

Time.	Price.	Old Subscribers.	New Subscribers.
One Year	\$ 1.00	2,500	5,000
Two Years	2.00	7,000	14,000
Three Years	3.00	14,000	28,000
Four Years	4.00	20,000	40,000
Five Years	5.00	25,000	50,000
Six Years	6.00	32,000	64,000
Seven Years	7.00	40,000	80,000
Eight Years	8.00	50,000	100,000
Nine Years	9.00	62,000	124,000
Ten Years	10.00	75,000	150,000

Our Horses.

Written for The Democrat:

We have too many types of horses which show we have not as yet fixed our minds to any standard. Of course there is a reason because we are not raising enough of our own stock, which makes us an easy prey to the odds and ends of the central markets. But times are changing. We can grow just as good horses here as anybody (just as we do Jersey cattle). With the necessity of better and deeper plowing, it is easy to see what is going to be the horse—those big blacks or dappled grays, the 1200 to 1500 lb. kind—the kind we have to go down in our jeans to pay for. We must plow the acre under—the one we have been scratching—and there is no use sitting back and arguing that they are too heavy for us. The prices they command show, the little once-favored, so-called, general-purpose horse always brings the lower prices. When we raise anything we want the one that commands the highest price, those blocky colts, don't have to get 7 years old to be grown. They with the proper treatment mature early. With the right type they in a few years will make a considerable change in the mixture we now have.

The time is not far hence that we must pin our mind to the Percheron, whether we want to or not, because he is going to be the popular horse. Why the M. D's, drive the auto and the young bloods and sports drive the auto, almost completely cutting out the market for the fancy driving horse. We poor farmers can't make our living just driving to town. Why farmers buy the light weights is because the price is low. Stick a pin here: if we had 25 registered Percheron fillies in a few years people would come to Catawba county to get the horses they want, as they do Jersey cattle and good blooded hogs. But it will take quite a while to supply our home market.

Bro. farmer, if you don't agree with me give the subject your consideration, for we are sending out too much good money for horses that we ought to raise at home. L. H. S.

Severe Electric Storm.

Sunday evening the section two miles north of Conover was visited by a severe electric storm. The barn of Mr. H. A. Herman was struck by lightning and burned, including a binder, drill and other machinery. Several horses were in the barn, including those of Mr. Walter Payne of this city. Fortunately they were gotten out before the fire gained much headway. The Democrat sympathizes with Mr. Herman in his loss.

Work is being pushed on the approaches to the Catawba-Alexander bridge, and it will be completed within two weeks, when the bridge will be ready for traffic.

There is one medicine that every family should be provided with and especially during the summer months; viz, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed. It costs but a quarter. Can you afford to be without it? For sale by all dealers.

FRIDAY MORNING.

6:00 a. m. Sunrise prayer-meeting.

9:00 a. m. Classes in Institute work, by Miss Irene Boyles and others.

10:00 a. m. Song service—Rev. E. Myers in charge.

10:15 a. m. The Epworth League a training Station for the Laymen of the church—Rev. E. H. Rawlings, D. D.

11:15 a. m. The Adolescent—how he may be saved and kept for the Master's use—Rev. O. P. Ader.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

2:30 p. m. Song service—Rev. E. Myers in charge.

3:00 p. m. Address—Prof. H. A. Hayes.

4:00 p. m. The Epworth League and Literature Rev. L. D. Thompson.

8:00 p. m. Song service—Rev. E. Myers in charge.

8:10 p. m. Address—Rev. G. T. Rowe, S. T. D.

SATURDAY MORNING.

6:00 a. m. Sunrise prayer-meeting.

8:30 a. m. Song service—Rev. E. Myers in charge.

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10:00 a. m. Consecration Service.

Program of Epworth League.

Able Speakers to Consider Important Subject at Convention.

June 28—July 1.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Informal gathering of delegates at the church and assigning of delegates to their homes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2: p. m. morning service—Rev. E. Myers in charge.

2:20 p. m. Addresses of welcome—A. M. West and J. W. Clay.

Response to welcome address, Rev. E. W. Fox.

3:30 p. m. Organization and appointing of committees.

4:00 p. m. The Epworth League and evangelism—Prof. O. S. Dean

8:00 p. m. Song service—Rev. E. Myers in charge.

8:10 p. m. Annual sermon—Rev. E. K. McLarty.

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10:15 a. m. The Scout Movement—Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick.

11:00 a. m. Report of Junior Superintendents.

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3:00 p. m. The Epworth League and Missions—Rev. C. M. Pickens.

4:00 p. m. How the pastor may help and encourage the Epworthians of his church—Rev. Frank Armstrong.

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NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.

NOMINATION BLANK—Good for 1,000 Votes.

THE HICKORY DEMOCRAT'S PRIZE AND POPULARITY CONTEST.

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Only the FIRST nomination blank cast for each candidate will count as 1,000 votes.

CUT THIS OUT.

The Democrats Prize and Popularity Contest.

100 VOTES

Candidate

Address

District No.

This coupon, when neatly trimmed out, name and address, properly filled in and brought or sent to the Contest Department of The HICKORY DEMOCRAT will count for 100 Votes.

The first one of these coupons received for any young lady will place her in nomination and will count for 1,000 Votes.

This Coupon not good after June 21st.