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AYLA'S ANNUAL.

The Democrat has received the 1912 newspaper directory issued by N. W. Ayer & Son, of Philadelphia. It is a huge volume of 1414 pages, and gives the circulation of 24,345 publications in the United States and Canada.

There appears to be a tendency toward the lessening of the number of small dailies.

It is an herculean task to gather the information necessary to make a fairly accurate annual. The postal matter used in the preparation of the 1912 edition included 33,800 two cent stamps, about 28,000 stamped return envelopes, 8,000 stamped wrappers, 500 single postal cards, 5,000 double postal cards, about 2,000 Canadian stamps and sundry West Indian, Cuban and other stamps. These stamps and cards were used solely for the work of revision, and do not include any of those used in selling the Annual, or in connection with the advertising in it.

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LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S CONVENTION.

The Lutheran laymen's convention in Salisbury mightily stirred the hearts of all those who attended. The program with its 34 speakers during a period of three days was a magnificent one, and marked its maker, Rev. E. C. Cronk, as a genius. Missionary information was forcefully presented and the inspiration was great. Catawba county as a strategic centre of Lutheranism sent a large delegation and will doubtless feel the uplift for years to come.

FIRE WASTE

The distressing fire of a few days ago should make people careful. Insurance Commissioner Jas. K. Young recently sent out this statement:

The fire losses in North Carolina amount annually to practically \$1,500,000, or \$4,000 a day. It is accepted as true that by the exercise of ordinary care two-thirds of these fires could be prevented—a saving to the citizens of North Carolina of \$1,000,000 a year, or over \$2,500 a day. By my count last year 21 persons lost their lives by fire in North Carolina; and already, with only a few days of the new year gone, I have seen all of three deaths from this cause. Is not the saving of 14 or 15 lives worth our while, to say nothing of a million of dollars in property?

ments and their maintenance. To add this would increase the amount to at least the value of all buildings erected in the State during the year.

Mr. McKesson's Word For Prohibition.

The News and Observer in its support of the Temperance convention at Raleigh had the following to say of the letter of Mr. C. F. McKesson of Morganton:

MR. MCKESSON'S LETTER

One of the most interesting matters of yesterday was the reading of a letter from Mr. C. F. McKesson, of Morganton. It was almost compensated for the fact that it was addressed to Chairman Heriot Clarkson and read by him.

"Dear Sir:—With no purpose to weave a golden gauze, to my own intimacies, and to your deliberations will arouse a deeper interest in the great work you are assembled to attend. The heart of the best citizenship of the State is in earnest sympathy with the meetings now being held at the Capital City, and hopes that the members will strengthen the foundation of the great temple of prohibition.

The first utterance for the liberty of the citizen that ever floated over the world came on the 20th of May, 1775, from North Carolina. Great as was that Declaration, the people of this Commonwealth issued a greater one, when by a majority of 44,196 they declared for State-wide prohibition. This temple of prohibition, built of the courage, manliness, the strength, the faith, the prayers and tears of the people, is ours—not to be destroyed, but to guard and defend.

"I am not predicting any quick-coming millennium, I only speak as one, who rowing hard against the stream, sees distant gates of Eden gleam. And does not deem it all a dream."
 Very respectfully,
 C. F. MCKESSON.

Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and used two bottles which completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by C. M. Shuford, Moser and Lutz, Grimes Drug Co.

Miss Arlie Moose, daughter of Mrs. W. M. Moose, who lives near Taylorville, and Mr. Wade White, son of Mr. Tilford White, of Whittenburg township, were married January 28.

HOW OLD PEOPLE

May Prolong Their Lives
 At an advanced age waste is more rapid than repair. The organs act more slowly and less effectually than in youth. The circulation is poor, the blood thin and watery, the appetite poor and digestion weak. We want to say to every aged person in this vicinity that Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron tonic (without oil) will prolong life. It creates an appetite, aids digestion and makes good blood. In this natural manner Vinol retards waste and replaces weakness with strength, giving new life to the worn system. If people in this vicinity only realized how Vinol invigorates old people we would not be able to supply the demand. Try a bottle of Vinol with the understanding that your money will be returned if it does not help you.
 For sale by Moser and Lutz, Drug store.

Corn Club Prize.

A State prize for a free trip to Washington is to be awarded to the boy making the largest yield at the least cost per bu.
 District cash prizes are offered by the State Department of Agriculture. Five prizes each district for the best yield at least cost per bushel. First, \$15.00; Second, \$12.00; Third, \$10.00; Fourth, \$5.00; Fifth, \$2.50.

The eighth and ninth districts as follows:

Eighth District: Counties of Burke, Wayne, Stokes, Alexander, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey and Avery.

Ninth District: Counties of Iredell, Davie, Rowan, Gaston, Catawba, Lincoln, Guilford, Forsyth, Surry and Polk.

RULES

1. All members must be under 18 yrs. of age August 1, 1912.
2. Each boy must plant one acre of corn (3440 sq. yds.) doing all the work himself, except that small boys may hire their land broken.
3. No member must use more than \$10 worth of commercial fertilizer.
4. Each member must keep a record of his work, amount of manure and fertilizer used and make out a report on the special blank which will be furnished.
5. Each member must read the instructions sent him by the Department of Agriculture.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreadful disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
 Address: F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Revenue Captures.

On February 8th 3 miles south of Morganton, Mr. H. W. Jones in company with revenue officers Kanipe, Hawkins and Sheriff Berry, of Burke County, captured and destroyed a block still, cap and wren and other still fixtures with about 300 gallons of beer.

On the same day, 13 miles southwest of Hickory, another block still was captured, including fixtures and several hundred gallons of beer. One man Jackson was captured and carried to Morganton jail to await a hearing.

Shocking Sounds

In the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warning are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Diabetes, Gravel, etc. Take Electric Bile Beans at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. They received great benefit from the same remedy and bladder trouble, kidney trouble, South Rockwood, N. C. Try it, 50 cents a bottle. Moser & Lutz, Grimes Drug Co.

Greatly Reduced Rates to Chattanooga, Tenn., and Return via Southern Railway on Account of Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Friday 6-8, 1912.

On account of the above occasion, the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets from all points to Chattanooga, Tenn., at greatly reduced rates, tickets on sale February 4th-5th and 8th with final return limit February 13th, 1912.
 The following round trip fares will apply from points named:
 Charlotte \$11.80
 Concord 12.35
 Salisbury 11.70
 High Point 12.70
 Greensboro 13.15
 Davidson 10.65
 Statesville 10.90
 Winston-Salem 12.35
 Rock Hill 11.60
 Hickory 9.95
 Low round trip tickets from all other points on Southern Railway. For further information, schedules, Pullman accommodations, etc., apply at nearest agent or write,
 R. H. DEBUTTS,
 Travelling Passenger Agent,
 Charlotte, N. C.

Robt Garth's Good Lessor.

Master Robert Garth wrote the best essay in the Covenanter's lesson, as reviewed by Miss Mary Munroe. It was crowded out last week but is printed now. Robert is one of the brightest boys in Hickory.

1. How is the New Testament related to the Old?
2. How were the books of the New Testament gathered?
3. Name the three periods in gathering the New Testament books.
4. What and how long was the first period?
5. What and how long was the second period?
6. How were the Gospels and the Acts written?
7. Why were the Epistles written?
8. How were the writings collected?
9. How were they collected?
10. Who decided the "Canon" of the N. T.
11. The council of Carthage in 397 A. D. decided the "Canon." How many great persecutions of Christians were there?
12. In which did they try to destroy the sacred books?
13. Who was the first Christian Emperor?
14. What he did?
15. Name the books of N. T. by division.

The Epistles were written to explain certain truths of the N. T.
 They were collected from 1000 to 175 A. D.
 Each church had its own collection of these books.
 The council of Carthage in 397 A. D. decided the "Canon."
 How many great persecutions of Christians were there?
 There were 10 great persecutions.

Blamed A Good Worker
 "I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. E. Evans, Danville, Va., "but now it was indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me."
 Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c. at C. M. Shuford, Moser & Lutz and Grimes Drug Co.
 Mr. Geo. Hall is back from a trip to New York. He has been absent for a few days past with the grip.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

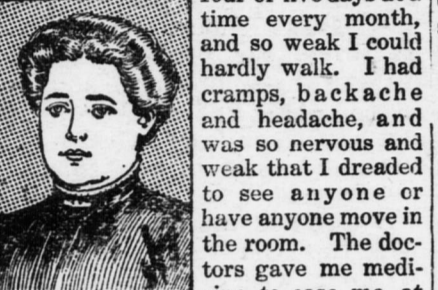
Mr. A. L. Baker of the Dutch Dairy Farm sold three milk cows Tuesday to Mr. S. M. Barnhardt of Salisbury, for \$175. The cows were shipped by express from Newton.—Newton News.

The Republicans and Democratic national conventions are each to have 1,074 delegates. A Republican candidate is nominated by a majority of the delegates, therefore President Taft needs only 538 votes for re-nomination. The Democratic national convention nominates a President by a two-thirds vote, therefore the winner in that convention must secure 711 votes.

SEVEN YEARS OF MISERY

How Mrs. Bethune was Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Sikeston, Mo.—"For seven years I suffered everything. I was in bed for four or five days at a time every month, and so weak I could hardly walk. I had cramps, backache and headache, and was so nervous and weak that I dreaded to see anyone or have anyone move in the room. The doctors gave me medicine to ease me at those times, and said that I ought to have an operation. I would not listen to that, and when a friend of my husband's told him about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it had done for his wife, I was willing to take it. Now I look the picture of health and feel like it, too. I can do all my own household work, work in the garden and entertain company and enjoy them, and can walk as far as any ordinary woman, any day in the week. I wish I could talk to every suffering woman and girl, and tell them what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me."—Mrs. DEMA BETHUNE, Sikeston, Mo.



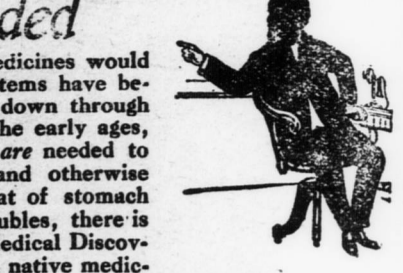
Remember, the remedy which did this was Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.
 It has helped thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing down feeling, indigestion, and nervous prostration, after all other means have failed. Why don't you try it?
 Yesterday Mr. L. C. Bickett purchased the Trott property on College street, the consideration being \$2,400. Mr. Bickett will occupy it this month.—Newton News.

Remedies are Needed

Were we perfect, which we are not, medicines would not often be needed. But since our systems have become weakened, impaired and broken down through indiscretions which have gone on from the early ages, through countless generations, remedies are needed to aid Nature in correcting our inherited and otherwise acquired weaknesses. To reach the seat of stomach acquired weaknesses, and consequent digestive troubles, there is nothing so good as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a glyceric compound, extracted from native medicinal roots—sold for over forty years with great satisfaction to all users. For Weak Stomach, Biliousness, Liver Complaint, Pain in the Stomach after eating, Heartburn, Bad Breath, Belching of food, Chronic Diarrhea and other Intestinal Derangements, the "Discovery" is a time-proven and most efficient remedy.

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The publishers of The Youth's Companion announce that they will accept yearly subscriptions at \$1.75 to end of March. The new rate of \$2.00 will go into effect promptly on April 1. The large number whose subscriptions run over into the early weeks of the year, as well as those who are unable to send in new subscriptions before January 1, will have this opportunity to get The Companion for another fifty-two weeks at the old price. If you had no other periodical reading for your family, The Youth's Companion would be sufficient—sufficient for keep enjoyment by every one, young and old; sufficient to keep you posted on the important news and events of the day; sufficient to give you a mind richly stored with useful knowledge. The new departments have become indispensable features of the paper. The page devoted to the interest of boys in school and college always has an article of expert advice on athletics by some one who speaks with authority, whether it is football, baseball, skating, swimming, or other vigorous pastime. The page for girls suggested useful occupations at home and profitable occupations in the community, ornamental as well that girls like to be in the family page, useful. And there is the family page which in the course of a year fills the place of a domestic encyclopedia. Subscribe now—to-day—while The Companion may yet be had for \$1.75.

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