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## HALE ON HICKORY.

### Michigan Man's Impression of Our Hustling Town.

Richmond, Mich., Review.  
Willard G. Hale returned last week from his trip to Hickory, N. C., well pleased with his treatment there and delighted with what he saw and experienced—especially the mild climate and balmy skies. Hickory occupies an elevation nestled among the Blue Ridge range with a valley on either side, at an elevation of about 1,100 feet. The air is wonderfully clear and cool, and Mr. Hale's severe cold disappeared in a day and a half at Hickory. The place has a population of 5,000, having doubled in ten years, but in contiguous territory there are about 2,500 more souls, largely operatives in cotton mills, making the city a fine trading point.

Hickory is a hustling, modern place, with all modern improvements, including a sanitary sewer system, and impressed Mr. Hale with its appearance of newness as well as solidity. There are many fine churches and good schools. One of the popular and most useful features of the city is the Chamber of Commerce, located in its own building at the head of the main business street. But the one man whose personality with its push and enterprise, is the life of the body is A. K. Joy, the efficient secretary, who is on the job of keeping Hickory on the map, every minute. That he may prove a "Joy forever" in Hickory is the wish of every inhabitant. Mr. Hale was surprised to learn that the native agriculturists have been in the habit of merely tilling the soil while plowing, giving the country by their results a poor reputation agriculturally. Recently a system of dynamiting the earth has been resorted to, resulting in deep plowing and production of as much as 200 bushels of corn to the acre, showing that the soil is alright and of virgin quality.

Christmas eve was ushered in at Hickory with fireworks and processions of children on the streets with cow bells and other ear splitting devices, while all the big bells in town were rung. It was fourth of July six months later, following the Southern custom. Christmas morning egg nog is served for breakfast at the hotels and boarding houses. At Mr. Hale's hotel (the one where he stopped) a practical joker placed a fearful concoction in the egg nog pitcher and even the well seasoned veterans who quaffed the liquid were visibly affected. Fortunately Mr. Hale's abstemious habits and convictions prevented him from participating and he came away perfectly sober.

At noon Christmas day the thermometer stood at 66, with the sky clear. The nights are cool, the temperature going as low as 28. Fires are generally not needed for heat in the day time throughout the winter. Mr. Hale is convinced that agriculturally the South is behind, and the farmers as a rule live in poor buildings, but that rapid progress is being made. He regrets that he found no business opening in Hickory.

[But Joy will find him one, if he will just wait a minute.]

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## Jacobs Fork Items.

Christmas passed quietly in the South Fork vicinity. The young folks were busily engaged in carrying their best girls around in their buggies. No doubt it was a prelude to matrimonial unions. They also had a social party, the gents furnishing the oranges, candy, and other Christmas gifts and the young ladies the sweet cakes. They adjourned to meet again at Livonia Shuford's on Friday evening, to wind up their merry and jolly Christmas time with an old fashioned twistification dance.

The old folks were not indolent but were seated around a warm fire, chatting with their visitors about the old Christmas amusements. Elms Yoder, a son of Lee Yoder, went to Texas a few days before Christmas to join his brother Lester. His daughter, a telegraph operator, and brother came from Florida to visit him during the holidays.

The children of F. A. Yoder had a reunion at his home on Christmas day. So had the children of P. R. Yoder. Prof. Fred R. Yoder, came home from school in Farmington, Davie county, to meet his sisters who were at home from college to partake of a Christmas dinner. The president of the social party organization issued his royal proclamation notifying all the members to meet at the home of George Mosteller ready for an old time twistification dance. Enloe Yoder left Jan. 2nd for Oxford to divide the Q. A. Smith land among the heirs.

Mr. Ervin Miller spent some of his time in Jacob Fork township, to see his best girl.

Miss Maude Reinhardt of Hickory, spent Christmas with her father G. L. Reinhardt, in Jacob Fork township. Colonel.

## The Balkan Peace Conference.

The peace conference in London got fairly down to work on the 25th, when the victorious allies presented the following territorial conditions to Turkey, deferring financial conditions until later:

First—The cession by Turkey of all the territory west of a line starting from a point east of Rhodes, on the sea of Marmora, to a point in the bay of Malatra, on the Black Sea, and including the Peninsula of Gallipoli. Albania's status to be decided by the powers.

Second—The cession of the Aegean islands occupied by the Greek forces in the present war and by the Italians in the recent war.

Third—The cession to Greece of all Turkish rights in the island of Crete. The allies are prepared to accept the proposition of the powers, that Albania should have an autonomous government under suzerainty, but not sovereignty, of Turkey. At session of the conference on the 28th the Turks made the following counter demands:

First—The province of Andriano to remain under the administration of Turkey.

Second—Macedonia to be converted into a principality with Saloniki as its capital. The principality to be under the suzerainty of the Sultan of Turkey, but governed by a prince chosen by the Balkan allies and nominated by the Sultan of Turkey. The prince to be a Protestant and from a neutral state.

Third—Albania to be autonomous under the sovereignty of the sultan and governed by a prince of the imperial Ottoman family, who is to be chosen for a term of five years, with the possibility of a renewal of his appointment.

Fourth—All the islands in the Aegean sea to remain Turkish.

Fifth—The Cretan question not to be one for the decision of the conference, as it is a matter between Turkey and the great European powers. These proposals from Turkey were received by the representatives of the Allies with indignation.

## COMMENT

### LOCUST BEER AND SIMMON PUDDING.

The Democrat has received an anonymous bottle of locust beer with the following label pasted on the bottle:

"The spirit of sunshine and pure air blended together, to which is added the aroma of the daisy and the richness of the goldenrod. It sparkles with the zurgle of meadow brooks and the songs of many birds, and it is rich in flavor and good for the liver. Drink it all, and if you can guess the giver you can get some more, for he has a barrel full."

It is a rule of the Medes and Persians in this shop not to print anonymous communications, and a necessary corollary of that rule of course would be not to drink anonymous locust beer. Therefore we hope that the brewer of this mysterious and daisy-scented likker will come in and give us the wink.

And by the way, when he comes we would like to have him bring us a simmon pudding. We have been hearing a great deal about simmon pudding since we have been here. It is said to lay in the shade sweet potato pudding, even when the same is constructed out of the Catawba yam. We would even risk an anonymous persimmon pudding. A years subscription for a persimmon pudding!

Behold how these Christians love one another! Bishop Kille in a sermon at Durham said the laymen's missionary movement was sending a lot of hoboes (its secretaries) over the country to live at hotels and eat ice cream on other people's money. That is a cheap and dishonest statement and as yellow as yellow journalism. From Mr. G. Campbell Morgan down, so far as we have come personally in touch with them, the laymen's secretaries are most devoted Christians, and gentlemen, to a gentlemanly to ever make such a statement about Bishop Kille as he made about them. By the way, it ill becomes one who has been a mendicant for crumbs from the tobacco trust's table to speak sneeringly of "other people's money."

The Kindergarten of Mrs. H. D. Abernethy opened Monday. Parents need to economize in many ways but it is never economy to keep a tot away from a Kindergarten, especially when it is taught by a person remarkably gifted in the understanding of the child mind, as Mrs. Abernethy is.

The unspeakable Blease, of South Carolina, the same who said at the annual meeting of Gov. ... one be fully pardoned on Christmas day, their offenses ranging from first degree murder to minor infractions of law. He ought to be impeached for the act.

It was a great victory for law and order when 38 law leaders were convicted at Indianapolis of blowing up with dynamite buildings and bridges all over the country. The worst of these was the explosion of the Times Newspaper building in Los Angeles, when 21 persons were killed. The McNamara brothers were previously convicted of his act. Senator Kern, of Indiana, defended this crew of criminals, and we fully sympathize with the prosecuting attorney when he excoriated the former candidate for the vice presidency and not remaining at Washington and attending to the people's business instead of making extra money on the side by accepting fees from men charged with revolutionary and anarchistic acts.

This is a disease of the blood, though not always. It attacks usually the joints and tissue and causes a deposit of uric acid. In its acute stage it is one of much pain and suffering, sometimes affecting a large part or even all the body. When near the heart it is dangerous to life. We are thankful to say there is a proper treatment—Dr. King's Sarsaparilla—internally, to eradicate the poison blood. Dr. King's Nerve and Bone Liniment—externally, to give life to the stiffened, painful joints and tissue. Sold by all medicine dealers.

## Mass Meeting to Review New Charter

Every Citizen of Hickory not Only Invited, but Urged to Come.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Hickory has been called for Monday, January 13, at 7:30 P. M., at the Chamber of Commerce room. Should the number attending justify, the meeting will be held at the City Hall.

The object of this meeting is to review the work of the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, and co-operated in by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, to draft a new charter for the city of Hickory. It is hoped, through this meeting, to get a full and free expression of opinion on the various acts of the proposed new charter.

After this meeting, the full committee, which will consist of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the charter committee, and all the ex-mayors of Hickory, will meet to consider any and all changes in proposed charter that may be suggested, orally or in writing. This is your Charter, and you should be as vitally interested in it as those who have labored in its preparation. If you are a citizen of Hickory you are not only invited, but urged to come.

## The Parcel Post.

Progressive Farmer.  
After January 1, 1913, we will have a parcel post—cheap, inadequate, red-tape parcel post, to be sure, but still a great advance over no parcel post at all. We feel sure that many farmers will find the new departure a great help in both buying and selling; and we confidently expect this measure to prove the first step toward the establishment of a modern and effective parcel post system.

Many farmers are doubtless preparing now to profit by the new parcel post, and a great many others, who may think it a matter of no interest to them, can profit by it if they will. It will be of special value to the farmer who lives on a rural route, leading to a town of some size, for he will be enabled to build up a market in town for butter, eggs, dressed poultry, fresh fruits and other products; and surely, after all the talk we have had about direct marketing and unnecessary middlemen, farmers generally will not neglect to avail themselves of this opportunity to build up a direct trade with the consumers.

We print herewith a schedule of the new rates: The rural route rate applies only to packages originating on a rural route and stopping on it, in the town which it starts, or on another rural route starting the same office. The ability to send a ten-pound package of farm produce to town for 14 cents, ought to result in thousands of such packages going regularly; and it will be worth something, as a marketing proposition, for the farmer to be able to send three dozen eggs, which with package should not weigh over four pounds to a city fifty miles distant for the same sum. Articles which may not be sent by parcel post include intoxicating liquors, poisons, insects, reptiles, inflammable articles, disease germs, explosives, pistols, live poultry, obscene or defamatory printed matter, or anything having a bad odor. Eggs must be packed in a compartment and marked "eggs"; and all fragile articles must be marked.

## Parcel Post Rates

WEIGHT	Rural routes									
	Less than 50 mi.	50 to 150 Miles	150 to 300 miles	300 to 600 miles	600 to 1000 miles	1000 to 1400 miles	1400 to 1800 miles	Over 1800 miles		
1 pound	\$.05	\$.05	\$.06	\$.07	\$.08	\$.09	\$.10	\$.11	\$.12	\$.12
2 pounds	-.08	-.08	-.10	-.12	-.14	-.16	-.18	-.21	-.24	-.24
3 pounds	-.08	-.11	-.14	-.17	-.20	-.23	-.26	-.31	-.36	-.36
4 pounds	-.08	-.14	-.18	-.22	-.26	-.30	-.34	-.41	-.48	-.48
5 pounds	-.09	-.17	-.22	-.27	-.32	-.37	-.42	-.51	-.60	-.60
6 pounds	-.10	-.20	-.26	-.32	-.38	-.44	-.50	-.61	-.72	-.72
7 pounds	-.11	-.23	-.30	-.37	-.44	-.51	-.58	-.71	-.84	-.84
8 pounds	-.12	-.26	-.34	-.42	-.50	-.58	-.66	-.81	-.96	-.96
9 pounds	-.13	-.29	-.38	-.47	-.56	-.65	-.74	-.91	1.08	1.08
10 pounds	-.14	-.32	-.42	-.52	-.62	-.72	-.82	1.01	1.20	1.20
11 pounds	-.15	-.35	-.46	-.57	-.68	-.79	1.00	1.21	1.32	1.32

## Catawba Items

Mr. Charlie Long of Texas is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Oscar Sherrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Hudson, of Connelly Springs, are guests of Mrs. Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawrence.

Misses Bess and Maude Smith spent the holidays with Miss Connelly Springs with Miss Lawrence.

Miss Bower of Connelly Springs arrived Friday night to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawrence.

Miss Mary Lawrence and Miss Gladys Lawrence, who have been spending the holidays with home folks left Monday for Catawba College and Davenport College respectively.

Miss Elizabeth Capps returned Saturday night from spending the holidays at Manson.

Dr. F. Y. Long left for Benoit, Miss., Sunday morning to visit his sister Mrs. Blair Lawrence.

The public school opened again Monday morning.

Rheumatism. This is a disease of the blood, though not always. It attacks usually the joints and tissue and causes a deposit of uric acid. In its acute stage it is one of much pain and suffering, sometimes affecting a large part or even all the body. When near the heart it is dangerous to life. We are thankful to say there is a proper treatment—Dr. King's Sarsaparilla—internally, to eradicate the poison blood. Dr. King's Nerve and Bone Liniment—externally, to give life to the stiffened, painful joints and tissue. Sold by all medicine dealers.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Gov. Craig says he will never again be a candidate for public office.

A few friends were entertained at cards at the home of Mrs. W. J. Shuford Friday evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. C. A. Mehaffy brought their baby's body from California for burial at the old home in Alexander, County last week.

We call attention to the ad in this issue of the big sale of C. L. Beam & Co. at Rhodes, where great bargains are offered for a week. Mr. Corcoran, of a Washington Co., is putting on the sale and is open for other business.

Rev. J. H. Wannemacher, chairman of the Board of Missions left Wednesday for Monroe, N. C., to assist the local congregation in the calling of a pastor.

Mr. D. E. French, the traveling passenger and immigration agent of the Great Northern Railway, was in the city on last Tuesday, making arrangements to give a free lecture in the Opera House here on Monday night, Jan. 20th. The lecture promises to be a very interesting one. The Democrat will have more to say about it next week.

The Democrat is sorry to lose Rev. F. K. Roof from this county to the Lutheran pastorate at Leesville, Lexington county, S. C. Route 3. He is serving two churches, one having a membership of over 300. Mr. Roof is a splendid minister and citizen and Catawba county will long miss his personality and influence.

Mrs. F. P. Abernethy entertained the Hickory Auction Club at her beautiful home on Saturday afternoon. After cards a delightful salad course followed by Bavarian cream was served in most exquisite china painted by the hostess. Mrs. E. L. Shuford made a score of 1575 and was pre-empted with a piece of china done in old rose which she in turn gave to Mrs. W. W. Watt, of Charlotte. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Abernethy were Mesdames J. H. Hatcher, C. M. Royster, E. L. Shuford, T. A. Mott, Albert Abernethy, Roy Abernethy, James Shuford, Frank Henderson, R. A. Grimes, W. W. Watt and Miss Ransom.

Mr. Herbert Chase, of Colorado, spent a few days in the city last week. On Saturday he entertained a few of his old friends at a dinner at the Huffery. The following enjoyed Mr. Chase's hospitality on this occasion: Rev. Dr. Murphy and Monroe, Messrs L. R. Whitener, P. W. Whitener, A. A. Shuford Jr., E. L. Shuford, G. H. Geitner, S. L. Whitener, N. M. Seagle, B. F. Seagle, A. C. Link, J. D. Elliott, J. C. Martin, J. A. Martin, J. F. Abernethy, A. S. Abernethy, A. H. Crowell and James Wilfong.

Mr. Herbert Chase came to Hickory in the "early seventies," a mere boy, clerked for Mr. Schott a little while, then worked for A. A. Shuford at \$8.00 per month and board. Of this sum he sent his mother \$5.00 every month. He went on one success to another, and his business career has been remarkable.

## Corn Exposition at Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 3 The Fifth National Corn Exposition will open here on the 27th of January, closing on February 8th.

Monday, Jan. 27, will be strikingly celebrated in a significant manner as the Opening Day of the Exposition. Tuesday will be South Carolina Day, when special events representative of this State will be featured. Wednesday will be National Live Stock Day; Thursday National Farmers' Union Day, and Friday National Education Day. On each of these days there will be special addresses by prominent speakers, Saturday will be Boys' Day, marking the close of the Exposition School for Prize Winners, to be conducted during the first week.

Best Cough Medicine For Children. "I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.

## STATE NEWS

Mr. Overman is one of the three Senators on the inauguration committee to install Wilson.

Mrs. J. H. Van Ness was found dead, asphyxiated, in her bath room at Charlotte. She had fainting spells, and it is conjectured fell, knocking over the gas stove, and thus lost her life.

The cotton mills of Lenoir and vicinity seem to be doing well. We understand that the Hudson mill paid a dividend of 14 per cent, the Lenoir 12 and the Whitnell mill 8 per cent last year. We have not heard what the Moore Cotton Mill at Valmead paid, but suppose it has kept pace with the others.—Lencir News.

Col. W. H. S. Burgwin, a distinguished N. C. veteran, died last week in the eastern part of the State.

Gov-elect Craig has announced that he will appoint Mr. J. P. Kert, of Asheville, his private secretary and Garland A. Thomason, the junior member of the firm of Craig, Martin & Thomason of Asheville, will be the next Governor's executive clerk.

Mr. Lafayette Smith died in Lower Creek township, Burke county, Dec. 29.

## In Social Circles

Judge and Mrs. E. B. Cline entertained the Bridge Club on Tuesday evening most delightfully at their elegant new home.

After two hours of good bridge it was found that Capt. T. A. Mott had made the highest score and he was presented with the prize. An elegant luncheon was then served, consisting of salad, oysters, coffee, fruit cake, cream and all the other good things of the season.

Judge Cline then took all up to his "Den," where was found an ideal resting place for man. After a time the ladies left the men for a smoke, going down with Mrs. Cline to chat out the old and hear the bells ring in the New Year, after which a merry party said good by wishing the general host and hostess all the good things of the coming year.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. X. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shuford, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mott, Dr. H. C. Menzies, Miss Esther Ransom, Mrs. C. M. Royster, Mrs. E. B. Jones, Mrs. Wellons, Mrs. Beauco, Mrs. Sigmon, Mrs. E. L. Shuford, Alex Shuford and Mrs. W. S. Martin, of Canton.

Mrs. J. H. Hatcher entertained the Hickory Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A delightful luncheon was served. Those present were Mesdames Royster, Abernethy, James Shuford, E. L. Shuford, Grimes, Chadwick, N. W. Clark and Miss Ruth Abernethy.

## The Senior Button League.

The S. Luther League of Holy Trinity Church had charge of the services Sunday evening. Interesting papers were read by the Misses Pherie Whitener and Dora Williams. The former presented the "Motto of the League and the latter "How can we make this an acceptable year?"

The members on the program were followed by an inspiring address by the pastor. The League had its birth about a month ago and promises to be a mighty factor in preserving the strength of our young people for the church. Next Friday evening in the Sunday School room, the League will meet in a regular business session. It is hoped that many more of the young people will become members.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, ss. Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is, senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.  
(Seal) A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.  
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