

What Shall It Be?

That's the question that is asked over and over again when there is a present to be chosen for a graduate.

Most people agree that it should come from a jewelry store—because somehow jewelry and presents are always associated.

If those interested only knew it, we could relieve them of their uncertainty in a minute.

Our stock furnishes the hint. It reveals in a minute more appropriate presents than anyone could sit at home and recall in a whole day.

So we invite buyers of presents, and we promise to make their choosing easy and their choice satisfactory.

J. O. Rhodes

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. H. M. Sledge is all smiles. It's a girl.

Miss Cora Carr is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Charlie Cline went to Washington Sunday.

Col. Thornton wants to buy some corn on the ears.

Mr. Bryan Jones went to Happy Valley Monday.

Rev. T. W. Lingle of Davidson was in the city Monday.

Mr. Ellis McComb is remodeling his home on sixth st.

Mrs. Welker, of Wooster, Ohio is visiting Mrs. Bourbonnais.

Mr. Frank Henderson is building a handsome residence on 13th ave.

Miss Lillie Ury, of Durham is here visiting the family of F. P. Johnson.

Mrs. G. P. Brown of Concord is visiting her uncle Dr. T. F. Stevenson.

Miss Cora Carr who has been visiting in the city left yesterday for Salisbury.

Miss Carrie Steele, of Happy Valley is visiting Mrs. D. F. Messick of this city.

Mrs. Ralph Little and son of Newton are visiting her sister Mrs. James Shuford.

Miss Litaker entertained the graduating class from 4 to 6 Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Britton, of Cherryville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Whitener.

R. D. Barker will start to work here Monday for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Mr. Bert Hutton went to Newark, N. J. and other northern cities on business this week.

Can any one tell us who our post master will be? If so we would be glad to hear from you.

Rev. Jno. G. Garth was chosen moderator at the meeting of Presbytery held in Lenoir this week.

Mr. C. H. Mebane editor of Catawba County News, was a pleasant visitor at this office Tuesday.

Mr. Lee Bryson, of Gastonia, who was hurt in a motorcycle accident last week is able to be out again.

Mrs. Sam Harrison is here from Mooresville, visited her sister, Mrs. R. E. Tatum, on eleventh avenue.

Mr. Glenn Allen left Sunday for Catawba, where he will paint the Southern Railway bridge, over Catawba river.

Mr. H. H. Hamilton and family expect to move from their present residence on 12th avenue to the Huffman house on tenth avenue.

Mrs. S. F. Watson and Mrs. Louis Gwin were in Morganton Tuesday, the guests of Dr. Houck assistant physician at the State Hospital.

Rev. L. L. Moss of Taylorsville and Rev. Garth will exchange pulpits Sunday, Rev. Moss preaching here and Rev. Garth at Taylorsville.

Professor Hawn came in yesterday and presented the editor with a nice bunch of radishes from his garden. The Professor says he will soon have cabbage.

Mrs. Carrie Leazer of Mooresville, who is Historian for the United Daughters of the Confederacy is here making an address to the local chapter U. D. C.

Misses Stanley Hall, Clara Bowles and Mr. J. W. Clay are the delegates from the Methodist church to the Sunday School Convention at Greensboro this week.

Rev. J. G. Garth, Rev. C. A. Monjoe, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Ramsay and Mrs. H. C. Dixon left Tuesday for Lenoir to attend the presbytery there this week.

The moving picture show

Monday is considered by many to have been the best ever seen in our city. "The Star of Bethlehem" was the play and it was grand.

Mr. J. M. Whitener who lives four miles out from Hickory brought in the first strawberries of the season today. Messrs. Whitener and Martin bought the berries.

We regret very much to know that Mrs. Bridges is very ill. Her sons Dick and Tuck of Augusta, Ga. were called to the bedside. Mrs. Bridges is the mother of Mrs. Lee Latta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Riddle have returned home after an extended tour of northern cities. Mr. Riddle was recently married to Mrs. Gabelle Stuart of Savannah, Ga. We welcome Mrs. Riddle to our city.

With Our Advertisers.

The Abernethy Hardware Co. advertises a splendid line of refrigerators this week, look their ad up.

The Hub Theatre announces the Coburn Minstrels for tonight.

Dr. H. P. Flowe, Veterinary surgeon is a new addition to our professional column.

(Read the ads in the Democrat this week, they are interesting.)

Knox 5 and 10c store, offers his week a special line of buckets at a low price. Manager Knox states that the broom sale last week was such a success that he will repeat it soon.

Moretz-Whitener Clothing Co., says it's not a matter of cost to be well dressed. See their ad elsewhere.

The Van Dyke Shop mentions that it is now "kodak time" and tell about their line.

The D. M. Boyd & Co., the vehicle and harness dealers, tell an interesting story this week in their ad about Babcock vehicles.

J. O. Rhodes, Jeweler, says that Jewelry make a nice graduating present. See his ad.

M. V. Dunavant Co. tells why the Ford is the "universal car" look their ad up.

Live business men advertise their wares, and the sleepy ones are awakening.

The Bowles Furniture Co., tells about their stock of porch furniture.

Geo. E. Bisanar advises people not to neglect their eyes. Look his ad up.

Miss Mary Rosebrough; announces her mid-summer millinery opening on next Monday.

Beckley & Brown, announce the arrival this week of more new things in fashionable millinery; look their ad up.

J. K. Morrison Co., Statesville, advertise a sale of sun-dried apples. See the ad elsewhere.

Allen announce special reduced prices this week.

Population of North Carolina and Catawba County.

The Bureau of the census has just issued a Bulletin, "Population of North Carolina: Composition and Characteristics of the population." From this Bulletin we get the following facts about Catawba county, which will be of interest, and which should furnish us with information to help better the county educationally:

The population of Catawba county in 1910 was 27,918; in 1900, 22,133; in 1890, 18,689; in 1880, 14,949; in 1870, 10,984; there are 408 square miles in Catawba county, and the population per square mile including towns, 68.4; the rural population per square mile, 59.3; gain in urban population since 1900, 46.6; gain in rural population in the same length of time, 23.5.

Thus it will be seen that the city population has increased in the last 10 years practically twice as fast as the county population.

There are 24,447 white people, and 3,471 colored people in the county.

Of this 99.4 are of native parentage, leaving only 1.4 of one per cent of foreign parentage.

The total male population in Catawba county, is 13,888; female, 14,230. (More females than males), 5976 males are of voting age. The total number of illiterate males are of voting age in the county; 857, per cent or illiteracy, 14.3. Native whites, illiterate, 659; 12.5 percent illiterate. Negro natives illiterate, 196; 29.6 illiterate. Persons 10 years old and over, total number of illiterates, 2308; per cent, illiterate, 11.7. Native white, 17203; number of illiterate, 1819; per cent illiterate, 10.6. In other words, 10 1-2 white persons out of every hundred from ten years old and up in Catawba county can not write. Total number of negroes illiterate, 482; illiterate, 20.4.

In other words, 20 negroes out of every hundred can not read and write.

The greatest problem now before the people of Catawba county is the education of the children.

The number of children of school age (between the ages of 6 and 20 inclusive) in Catawba county, 10,069; number attending school, 6566. Only 65.2 per cent of the children of the county attending school (any part of the session) in 1910.

W. J. SHUFORD.

HICKORY ENTERTAINS 9TH. DIS. MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Meeting Was Held in Hub Theatre—Interesting Lectures on Intensely Important Subjects—More Detailed Report Next Week.

At one p. m. on Wednesday, the Ninth District Medical Society met at the Hub Theatre. He was called to order by the president, Dr. Isaac M. Taylor, of Morganton, and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Murphy. The address of welcome was by Dr. W. H. Nicholson, on behalf of the citizens of the town. It was a gem and will be published in our next issue. Dr. J. H. Shuford spoke a few well-chosen words for the physicians of the town. The response was to have been given by Dr. D. J. Hill, of Lexington. In his absence Dr. C. B. McNairy, of Lenoir replied to the addresses of welcome. He spoke of the struggle he had made for an education and of how he had felt certain lacks, but said that his knowledge was the more to be valued because it had been obtained through sheer contact with suffering and thorough familiarity with the conditions in any form of sickness which he treated. He advised the doctors, in their meetings, to dwell more on their failures, as it was from them they learned most. The impromptu talk was an excellent one. The speaker spoke of the failure in attendance and urged that it be better, as the society considers its meetings good post graduate classes.

Very full minutes of the last meeting were then read by Dr. McNairy, the secretary, and ordered adopted by the Society.

Dr. Taylor's address was next in order, and his subject, in language that the laity can understand was "The School as a faculty in diseases of childhood and youth." So important is this subject and so well was it treated that the Democrat will make an effort to obtain this address and print it in our next issue. A most interesting discussion followed. The gist of the argument seemed to be that there should be investigation; education, legislation. Every child of school age should be carefully examined before entering school and frequent intervals afterwards. No child can keep up with classes while it has adenoids, enlarged tonsils, defective eyesight or hearing. The paid medical examiner should be a feature of every town large enough to have schools and the counties should have an officer for rural schools.

The next item on the program was an address on "Anaesthesia and Anaesthetics," by Dr. A. B. Goodman, of Lenoir, an expert. His paper was clear to any understanding, his directions plain and simple, his advice against drugs in connection with anaesthetics excellent. In the discussion following, decided ground was taken against chloroform in operating and for ether. It seemed plain that, where there was a safe anaesthetic, like ether, it was both foolish and dangerous to use any other.

The afternoon session closed with an intensely interesting discussion of cases coming under treatment of the doctors present. The evening meeting will be reported in full next week. Our columns are crowded.

Mr. Ogden Crowson, editor of the Burlington News has been appointed to a clerkship on the senate rules committee by Senator Overman. Mr. Crowson is a brother of Mr. F. B. Gwin, of this city.

Mr. Bogle of the Overland Car Co., Dr. J. A. Wood and family, Mr. James Shuford and family, Misses Alice Witherspoon and Mildred Stallings, Messrs. Dallas Whitener and Charles Hahn spent Sunday in Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Bird, of Newark, New Jersey were here Monday and are so highly pleased with our southern country, and Hickory especially, that they may move here. Mr. Bird is a traveling man and has been working this territory some time.

Fifteen or twenty persons went from here to Greensboro to the State Sunday School Convention. Several hundred people are expected at this convention and it will doubtless be an interesting instructive affair. The Gate City is busy now looking after her guests.

The following delegates from the German Reformed church attended the Sunday School Convention at Greensboro this week. Messrs. Frank F. Allen, A. P. Whispant, David Smith, Lewis Warlick, Richard Boyd and Misses Margaret Bost and Mattie Abernethy.

The Lenoir College team played the Morganton Deaf and Dumb School, last Friday afternoon, defeating them 18 to 4. The game was slow and an easily won victory for Lenoir. Another game was scheduled to be played at Morganton yesterday, but was canceled, by the Deaf and Dumb School.

Two Letters Written By Pupils of the Hickory Graded School.

We publish in this weeks issue letters written by two pupils of the Graded school. The dictation and spelling are just as they wrote it. We hope the readers of this paper will read these letters so that they may see the good work that is being done by our graded school. The articles follow:

A Visit to the Sea Shore.

One day mother and father said, "children we are going to the sea shore and stay two months and you both can have a new bathing suit, Mabel's can be blue and Jack's red, and we'll all go pretty soon."

They went to the station and got on the train and travelled for many days until one day father said, "we are near Atlantic City."

When they got there the children went to the shore and played on the sand.

Father told us it was dangerous to go in unless he watched them. But if you won't go out very far out in the water you can go in. But be careful not to drown.

The next day a dreadful storm arose and we all had to go back to the hotel and stay. When we got there the thunder pealed and mother said it was the worst storm she had ever been in.

At night we could see the light from the light-house shining bright over the ocean.

The next day the sun shone out bright and we all went down to sit under the palm trees. Father said he would take us in a row boat a little while. It was not long until two men came up and said there was a sail boat, and that we might get to ride on it.

Mother said to us that it was not time to go, and we could go in and wade a little while.

We went in and got all wet. We saw a little fish. We picked up sea shells and saw all the big ships sailing on the water.

One day father said he would take us to see the men who took the shells off of the oysters and packed them up to be sold.

One day we were playing in the sand when Jack said, "lets play like we were building a battle ship, and make like we are hammering it out."

It was getting late and we thought that we ought to go home.

When we got home it was moon light and we were very sunburned for being out so long.

By that time the months were out and we all went home very happy.

RUTH CAMPBELL,
Age 9 years, 3rd. "B" grade.

A lion and a bear chanced to fall upon a fawn at the same time, and they began to fight for it. They fought so fiercely that at last they fell down, entirely worn out and almost dead.

A fox, passing that way, saw them stretched out, and the fawn dead between them. He stole in slyly, seized the fawn and ran away with it for his dinner. When they saw this they could not stir, but they cried out, "What wretches we are to take all this trouble for the fox."

This all teaches us that when two people fall to fighting for something the third person is apt to get it.

WYTHROW JOY,
Second A Grade.

For any pain, burn, scald or bruise, apply Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil—the household remedy. Two sizes 25c and 50c at all drug stores. Adv

Death of a Child.

The one year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherrill, of Hickory, R-2, died Tuesday morning and was buried at Mt. Olivet church Wednesday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. D. Mauney.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wootten have returned home after spending several days in Wilson, N. C. Mr. Wootten attended the meeting of the Royal Arcanum at Wilmington N. C.

Odd Fellow Sermon.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, will preach a sermon to the Hickory Lodge No. 206 of I. O. O. F. on next Sunday morning at the First Baptist church. This will be the 94th anniversary of the I. O. O. F. The entire lodge will attend in a body and the public is cordially invited.

Robinson-Hamman Recital.

The public is cordially invited to attend the graduating recital of Misses Essie Lea Robinson and Edna Maie Hamman, in music and expression, at Lenoir college, next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Carrie—Isn't the bear's skin to keep him warm in winter? Mamma—Yes, Carrie. Carrie—Then what does he have to keep him cool in summer? —Harper's Round Table.

For Burns, Bruises and Sores.

The quickest and surest cure for burns, bruises, boils, sores, inflammation and all skin diseases is Bucklen's Arnica Salve. In four days it cured L. H. Hafin, of Irdell, Tenn. of a sore on his ankle which pained him so he could hardly walk. Sold in every house. Only 25c. Recommended by C. M. Shuford, M.D. Lutz and Grimes drug store.

Notice of Sale of Sun Dried Apples

Notice is hereby given that we will, on the 14th day of May 1913, at Eleven O'Clock A. M. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, seven thousand (7000) pounds of sun-dried apples, primes stock, in good condition. Place of sale at our store room in Statesville, N. C.

April 1913.

J. K. Morrison Grocery & Produce Co.

STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Saturday and Monday
April 26th and 28th
10 Dozen, 10-Quart

Heavy Galvanized Tin Buckets
A Regular 25c Value, for
15c Each

Only one to customer. None sold only on these two days at the above price. Regular price is 25c. See window display.

As we stated last week we shall offer every Saturday and Monday a special price on some useful article. Watch our ads and windows for these specials, some of them will interest you.


Knox 5 and 10c Store
Thornton Building

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Don't Neglect Them

More nervous troubles and headaches come from eye strains than any other defect. Eye troubles not corrected, not only ruins the eyes but impairs the whole system.

Come at once, and have your eyes examined.

GEO. E. BISANAR
Jeweler & Optometrist
Watch inspector for So. and C. & N. W. Rys.



Henry Ford has built more automobiles than any man who ever lived. He knows how. That's the reason he can build "The Universal Car" at a wonderfully low price. Better get yours now—if you want a Ford this season.

Our great factory has produced nearly a quarter of a million Model T's. Prices: Runabout, \$325; Touring Car, \$400; Town Car, \$380—4, 5, 6, Detroit with all equipment. For full particulars get "Ford Times"—an interesting automobile magazine. It's free—from

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HICKORY, N. C. Phone 210

Special Reduced Prices This Week at Allen's

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Dress Goods and Silks, ladies' and children's Shoes, Oxford Ties and Sandals, and all men's Shoes and Oxfords, (except U. S. Army Shoes and Oxfords which cannot be sold for less than \$3.50.) One lot ladies' and children's (last years) Oxfords and Sandals to be closed out at Big Cut prices. \$3.00 ones at \$1.75. \$2.50 and \$2.00 ones at \$1.50. About 40 pairs men's "King Quality" and "Cyclops" black and tan \$4.00 oxfords at \$2.90. Many bargains await you.

THIS WEEK AT

ALLEN'S



A Becoming Hat for Every Face

is our aim in selecting stock. And if you will take a look at our stock we believe you will agree with us that we have succeeded to a large measure. We will receive this week a number of beautiful shapes in burnt straw, and other attractive effects in straw, etc., we will also get in this lot of goods a number of beautiful Ratine shapes in white and many beautiful colored effects—be sure to see them. We still have a few more Gage and Fiske Hats in the Soft Crown effect, a style that is being worn by many this season; a nice assortment of small hats, picture hats, etc., to select from—see our line before you purchase.

We desire to thank each and every lady for the most liberal patronage that has been accorded us during this season, and we shall endeavor to merit a continuance of same in the future. Respectfully,

BECKLEY & BROWN
Over Thompson-West Co.'s Store