

THE HICKORY DEMOCRAT

Established 1899

HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1913

Democrat and Press, Consolidated 1905

ADDITIONAL LAWS PASSED BY RECENT LEGISLATURE

Number of Measures Enacted of Special Interest to the Farmers of the State.

In addition to the general laws enacted by the recent North Carolina Legislature, a number of measures were passed of special interest to the farmers of the State. Among these measures are the following:

1. Authorizing county commissioners and county boards of education jointly to employ a county health superintendent, one-half of his pay coming from the school fund and one-half from the county funds. This applies only after a six-months' school term has been provided for in each district in the county.
2. Authorizing any county with less than \$15,000 school fund to join another county in employing a county superintendent for the counties.
3. Authorizing women to serve on school committees.
4. Providing that any hog, immediately upon taking hog cholera, shall be confined so as to prevent it from getting access to any running stream and so spread the contagion.
5. Authorizing a special committee to ascertain the advisability of having the State publish school books for the children of the State and furnish them to the people at cost.
6. Requires hunters, wagoners, campers, etc., to extinguish all fires.
7. Authorizing a judge to summon a jury from another county instead of moving the case to another county.
8. Authorizing the board of trustees of the A. & M. College to give free tuition to one boy in each county, provided he agrees to farm or to teach agriculture two years.
9. Prohibiting any one from letting a child under 12 years old use a pistol, gun or other firearms, loaded or unloaded.
10. Prohibiting the promise or acceptance of any money, office, or political support or influence or reward of any kind in exchange for votes.
11. Making stricter the law prohibiting the sale or gift of cigarettes to persons under 17.
12. Authorizing county commissioners to prohibit circuses from showing at the same time a county fair is being held.
13. Authorizing any township to vote not more than \$50,000 in bonds without waiting for a special act of the Legislature.
14. Providing that school committees shall be elected in July, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, instead of all for the same term as heretofore.

Catawba Items.

Mr. and Mrs. John Setzer of Newton were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ruffy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Yount of Zerk spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harwell.

Mr. Claude, Jones of Asheville was a guest in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walker left Sunday for Frankfort, Ky., where they will visit relatives. Mr. E. O. Thomas of Caroleen is relieving Mr. Walker at the bank.

Mrs. Pinkie Lowrance from near Newton is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. George Trolinger.

Mr. Chilton and Miss May Miller of Salisbury and Mr. C. A. Reid of Asheville were the guests of Miss Emma Pitts Sunday.

Mr. Lee Linebarger of Alexis spent Sunday with Mrs. Linebarger at Mrs. Harwell's.

Mrs. West Sherrill and little son, of Statesville, spent a few days here this week with relatives and having dental work done.

Mr. W. L. Sherrill received a message Monday saying that his daughter Mrs. Robey Cline had undergone an operation for appendicitis Sunday night and was doing nicely.

Baraca Class Notes

First Baptist Church :: By Class Reporter

"One crowded hour of glorious bliss" is the way some one has described the first hour of the Christian experience. This must have been the experience of Joseph when told by Pharaoh that he should have the highest place in the kingdom. "Down and out" would be the modern description of Joseph's experience just previous to this event. Falsely accused by a woman whose vice had been severely rebuked by his virtue, he was cast into prison on an accusation for the very sin that he had refused to commit. But Joseph was made of stern stuff and never stopped to waste his time in repining. His mission in the world was one of helpfulness and the prison bars were no obstacle in the way of his achievements. He made himself useful to others in the dungeon. His body might be held in bondage by others, but he was still master of his soul. His day dreams were with him even in prison. His tact, wisdom and fidelity stood him in good stead and won for him the kind regards of all. Last Sunday's lesson dealt with the elevation of this favorite son of Jacob from the prison to the throne. Next Sunday's lesson will tell of the culmination of Joseph's dreams in the reality. The Baraca Class of the First Baptist Church is making these lessons both interesting and instructive, and the young men who attend the class are learning many valuable lessons.

All young men of the town as well as visitors will find a cordial welcome there and every thing possible will be done to make the hour spent there a profitable one.

NEWS BREVITIES.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Raleigh.—Traffic on the Seaboard Air Line over this division of the main line was tied up for six hours early Sunday on account of a freight wreck near Wake Forest in which 11 cars were derailed and numbers of them badly smashed. No one was hurt.

Washington.—The Federal Government's "money laundry" will be in full swing this week when the Treasury Department will begin the operation of four currency washing machines, turning out daily 100,000 washed and ironed notes which otherwise would be destroyed. Simultaneously with this experiment, the question of forbidding the washing of money because of the alleged danger of counterfeiting is being agitated in Congress. Secretary McAdoo and Treasurer Burke, however, have announced their intention to give the machines a fair trial.

Reidsville.—Policeman Cabell Davis in an effort to save his own life was compelled to kill Mark Payne, a negro man about 22 years old, Sunday afternoon. The officer had been informed by a Winston-Salem negro that Payne was wanted in the Twin City, having escaped from the city court there after a verdict of guilty had been rendered against him for highway robbery.

J. C. Smith, was elected mayor of Shelby on last Monday.

The Cabinet and the Churches.

The President of the United States and all the members of his cabinet are church members and active Christians. Their denominational affiliations are as follows: President Wilson, Vice-President Marshall, Secretary Bryan and Secretary Wilson are Presbyterians, the first three being elders in that church. Secretaries Redfield, Garrison and McAdoo, and Attorney-General McReynolds are Episcopalians. Secretary Daniels is a steward in the M. E. church south. Secretary Burleson is a Baptist.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday, June 1st, by Rev. S. A. Leinbach, of Reading, Pa.

Dr. Ernest Derindinger returned from the meeting of the North Carolina Classis Saturday night, on Sunday afternoon he spoke to the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. of the spiritual lessons learned at Classis.

Misses Mary Lowrance and Ethel Peeler spent last Saturday and Sunday in their respective homes at Catawba and Rockwell. Professor G. H. Smith delivered the commencement address at St. James High School last Saturday, the subject being "The University of God." At the declamation contest in the afternoon Professor Smith and Miss Stahr, also of Catawba College, acted as judges.

Besides a recital on May 29 by the pupils in the departments of music and expression, the commencement program is as follows:

- Sunday, June 1, 8:00 p. m., Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. S. A. Leinbach, D. D., Reading, Pa.
- Monday, June 2, 8:30 p. m., Graduating Recital, Vena Little Goode.
- Tuesday, June 3, 3:00 p. m., Art Exhibit.
- Tuesday, June 3, 8:00 p. m., Alumni Oration, Dr. C. Banks McNairy.
- Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 a. m., Commencement Exercises.
- Wednesday, June 4, 2:30 p. m., Commencement Address, President Wm. Louis Poteat, Wake Forest College.
- Wednesday, June 4, 8:30 p. m., Annual Commencement Concert, Choruses from "The Pennant" and Readings.

There are eleven on the honor roll for the last month. Those in the college department are as follows: Gracella Shank, 97; A. R. Tosh, 92; and Jno. F. Carpenter, 90. From the preparatory department there are the following: Howard A. Buchheit, 97; Grace Gaither, 96; J. George Fearheller, 95; Arthur F. Zug, 94; Franklin Buchheit, 93; Mabel L. Bacon, Edgar Fearheller, and R. B. Sigmond, 90.

Fourth Class Men Must Stand Examination Says Postmaster General.

Washington Dispatch.

After a conference with President Wilson today, Postmaster-General Burleson announced that an executive order would be issued requiring all fourth class postmasters now in office or candidates for prospective nominations should be subjected to a competitive examination to determine their fitness for the office. The postmaster-general issued a statement explaining the purpose of the new executive order declaring that President Taft's action in putting the fourth class postmasters in the classified service was not sufficient and that the mere placing of a "great horde of persons" in the classified service was not in conformity with the spirit of the civil service as there were no tests to determine the merits of the applicants.

The new order which substantially amends the Taft executive order, retains in the classified service all fourth class postmasters but specifically requires a competitive examination and a selection by postoffice inspectors from among the first three eligible applicants. The order places the age limit for appointees at 65 years.

Mr. Burleson, in his discussion of the situation, indicates that the Wilson administration wishes to take the fourth class postmasters out of politics but points out that democrats as well as the republicans will have an opportunity under competitive examinations to show their fitness.

Mr. R. H. Arndt, of Claremont, was a pleasant caller at the Democrat office Monday.

In Social Circles

Thursday Study Club held the final meeting for the year with Mrs. Herbert Little, May 8th. Quotations on Spring were given at roll-call. In the absence of Mrs. Grimes, her topic, "Women of the 19th Century", was given by Mrs. C. G. Bost. Mrs. F. B. Ingo'd read an entertaining sketch of the Belgian Queen, and Mrs. L. R. Whitener gave the last chapter from the Women of Homer. These "Women in all Ages" have been much enjoyed and the club members part from them with regret. The business meeting to adopt next year's program will be with Mrs. Bost July 23rd. Mrs. Thompson, of Brevard, was guest of honor. At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess assisted by her sister, Miss Rudisill, served dainty refreshments.

The Mountain White.

(After "The Native Irishman".)
Before I came from way up North
To this delightful place,
I thought the native Mountaineers
A funny sort of race.
I thought they lived in tiny huts,
And none of them wore shoes.
And none of them could read or write
And all said "you-uns" and "yous".
I thought they never went to church,
And schools were quite unknown,
And children idled all the time,
And men were—children grown.
I thought that sawdust filled their heads
Where we are blessed with brains,
And that no mountain white had sense
To come in when it rains.
But when I came unto the land
Of which I heard so much,
I found that the inhabitants
Were not entirely such.
I found their features were not all
Exactly like baboons,
I found that some wore hats and coats
And some had pantaloons,
I found their teeth were quite as small
As Northern peoples are,
And that their ears, in point of size,
Were not peculiar.
I even saw a face or two
That might be handsome called,
And by their very largest feet
I was not much appalled.
I found some educated men,
Their names I could recall;
And heard some sentences that did
Not always start with "Waal".
I saw, and this you'll not believe,
A judge among the lot,
And several whose houses were
Much larger than a cot.
I saw some women dressed with taste,
Saw children playing ball;
Some houses with a porch and stove
And pictures on the wall.
In fact they're not all brutes or fools
And I suspect that when
You place them by the Yankees side
They'll prove as valiant men.

MRS. C. C. BOST.

The above poem was published in the Democrat about a year ago, and so many have requested that it be published again, that we are reprinting it this week.

OUT OF THE FIRE.

News & Observer Plant Being Rebuilt—New Machinery Ordered.

The News and Observer was destroyed by fire on April 24th. But it did not miss a single issue. It appeared the morning after the fire, fresh and resolved to give the news to North Carolina folks.

Work begins at once to rebuild, new machinery has been ordered, and the News and Observer will be better than ever, and try more than ever to serve the people of North Carolina.

The News and Observer needs one thousand new subscribers. The price is six dollars a year. Will you not help that paper to rise from its ashes superior to the flames by enrolling yourself as a subscriber?

The Hickory printers are about all to turn foreign missionaries. Mr. J. W. Clay is soon to leave for Brazil to run a printing office for the Methodist missionary committee and Auburn H. Setzer is to go to Africa to take charge of a joint Presbyterian and Methodist missionary printing office. The printing office, with its vexations and trials, is not generally considered a good school for the training of missionaries, but it is not strange that Catawba printers would accept opportunities to get as far away from home as possible.—Newton Enterprise.

POLK MILLER AND COL. "TOM" BOOKER COMING

Will Appear at Hub Theatre, May 19th, For Benefit Hickory Military Company.

Through the great effort and enterprise of our townsman, and soldier, Captain George Lyerly, the people of Hickory and adjoining towns will have an opportunity to witness one of the performances of the last tour of the South of the famous "Two Old Confederates." For many years since the Civil War Polk Miller and Col. "Tom" Booker, have went about over the country giving lectures and exhibitions of the old days in the South previous to the war. And, now these gentlemen are growing old and have decided that after this trip they will appear no more on the stage.

Mr. Miller, one of the most successful business men of Richmond, Va., and a Confederate veteran, is the best delineator of the Old Southern Plantation negro that has ever appeared on the public stage. In his description of his "boyhood's happy days down on the farm," he introduces the most side-splitting stories and reproduces in a realistic manner those old plantation melodies, accompanied by the banjo, which carry the old-time Southerners back to the days of their childhood and presents to the younger generation a faithful picture of "Auld Lang Syne."

Col. "Tom" Booker, of Amelia County, Virginia, will assist Mr. Miller in reproducing in story and song a civilization about which Thomas Nelson Page, Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus), and Ruth McHenry Stuart tell of in books. To the Southerner it is the revival of sweet memories of childhood's days "down on the farm." To the young people, North and South, it is a living picture of the scenes of plantation days before the War, instructive and amusing, and from it they can learn more of the antebellum days in Dixie than from the reading of all the books that have been published on the subject.

Messrs. Miller and Booker were raised on adjoining plantations in Southside Virginia, and hunted possums, coons and rabbits with the "little niggers" who belonged to their parents. Although Mr. Booker appears to be much the older of the two, on account of his gray hairs, they are of the same age. He, like Mr. Miller, was a private soldier, but the younger generation insist upon calling him "Colonel Booker."

Mr. Miller brings with him this time his famous "Old South Quartette" of negroes, given up to be the best one on the stage today; they dress, act and sing like the real Southern darkey in his "workin'" clothes.

As to their voices, they are the sweet, though uncultivated, result of nature, producing a harmony unequalled by the professionals, and because it is natural, goes straight to the hearts of the people. To the old Southerner it will be "Sounds from the Old Home of Long Ago." To others who know of Southern Plantation Life from much reading, it will be a pleasant and Educational Pastime. Sandwiched in between these will come the Dialect Stories and Recitations of MR. POLK MILLER and Col. "TOM" BOOKER, which are bits of Folk Lore, giving the characteristics of the Old Southern Darkey which are as true to life as are the poems of Riley on the Hoosier of Indiana, and is a combination of the Pathetic and Humorous. To hear them is to live again your boyhood days Down on the Farm.

This company comes here Monday, May 19th, in the interest of the Hickory Military Company, the best one in the State; and

COMMENT

NO PRIMARY WANTED.

It seems to be somewhat of a problem for our Congressman to decide on a man for postmaster. It does seem to us that Mr. Webb, with each and every candidate's petition before him, could tell who has the strongest support. We hear it rumored that there is to be a letter primary. We cannot see the necessity of a primary when there are but few men in the town who have not signed a petition for one of the candidates, and these petitions were sent to Mr. Webb a month ago.

Mr. Webb did not ask for a letter primary at Newton, but went ahead and made the appointment. Now why should Hickory have to have this primary. Is it because Hickory is so much more important than Newton? The citizens of Hickory think that, with six candidates to select from, it would be an easy matter to take each candidate's petition and judge from them who the people of Hickory want. If Mr. Webb would name the man who has the strongest endorsement before him, not one of the other candidates would in the least be offended, we are sure, as they are all men of intelligence and they all know that only one man can get the appointment.

We cannot see any necessity for a primary. The fact is, that the candidates have spent their time and money expecting to get an appointment, and now at this late day have a letter primary, or any other kind of primary, would be absurd.

It is very gratifying indeed to the management of The Democrat to hear the many compliments based on the mechanical improvement of the paper in the past month. We are endeavoring to give the good people of our town and county a clean, newsy paper, and these words of encouragement are appreciated.

If you are a reader of the paper and know of any news of importance in your neighborhood, you will confer us a great favor by sending it in. It will be appreciated and you will thereby aid us in giving our readers the news from the different localities in the county.

The Rock House Farm.

The Rock House farm is found between the rivers of Jacob and Henry Fork where they unite and form the South Fork of the Catawba.

Henry Whitener, the pioneer settler of the South Fork country, came in possession of this farm about 1750. He gave the farm to his son, Henry Whitener, who built a house on it. The house was built from stones and is known as the Rock House. In 1804 Henry Whitener, Jr., sold the farm to Jacob Summey, who gave the farm to his son, George Summey, who married Elizabeth Corpening in 1808. Here George Summey lived and raised a family. He and his wife were the parents of two daughters and eight sons. They lived to be grown.

George Summey sold the Rock House farm to his son-in-law, John Wilfong, who married B. E. L. Summey in 1826. Mr. Wilfong took the Rock House down and rebuilt it. It is now located upon an elevated piece of land farther from the two rivers. The house is surrounded with an orchard, fields and a branch. There are a few houses on the farm where negroes lived in the days of slavery.

John Wilfong gave the farm to his son, James Wilfong, who is a successful farmer and a good worker in the Reformed church at Bethel.

J. H. SHUFORD.

Two Marriages.

Married on last Sunday evening at the residence of H. A. Adams, in Burke county, Mr. Jones Lowman to Miss Bunie Carswell, Mr. Matthew Deal to Miss Elenora May, all of Catawba county. The marriages were well attended, H. A. Adams officiating.

will be presented at the Hub Theatre, the price of admission has been made low in order that as many as possible might take advantage of seeing the last tour of these men. The price of admission is 25c, 50c, and 75c.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS TO MEET IN CONFERENCE

Meeting to be Held in Washington, D. C., May 15th to June 8th.

Seventh-day Adventists in various parts of North Carolina are looking forward with much interest to the quadrennial meeting of the general conference of that denomination, which will be held in Washington, D. C., May 15 to June 8, and which will bring together believers in the faith from all parts of the world. A delegation of 12 members will represent the Southeastern Union Conference, which takes in the state conferences in North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia and the eastern portion of Tennessee.

The North Carolina Conference will be represented by President Stewart Kime. The other delegates will be as follows: C. B. Stephenson, president of the Southeastern Union Conference, W. H. Williams, H. M. Hiatt, V. O. Cole, L. T. Crisler, W. H. Heckman, W. H. Branson, C. V. Achenbach, Professor C. L. Stone, M. C. Strachan, and J. W. Manns.

These persons will be among delegates that will represent every one of the 5 union conferences in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and Africa and the mission stations in Africa and Asia. While the delegates will number between 300 and 500, the number of persons to attend will swell to listen to about 4000, as believers from all parts of North America will flock to the scene to listen to the important questions concerning the whole denomination that will come up for consideration, and the explanation of Bible themes by leading ministers of the faith.

Purchases Parlor Cars.

The Carolina & North-Western Railway has purchased four parlor cars to be used on its line this summer. They were brought here Monday and will be put out on regular runs as soon as the summer travel to the mountains begins. In addition to these a through coach from Edgemont to Raleigh will be put on about May 18. These cars will be transferred to the Seaboard at Lincoln and will be handled by that road on through to Raleigh, and will be the means of people living between here and Edgemont getting to Raleigh and other points several hours earlier than now and without changing cars.

Write Today.

"Today, you should write that long deferred letter to your mother; she will be glad to hear from you. In the fierce struggle for existence, you have, perhaps, unconsciously neglected her; you have put off writing home, waiting for your condition in life to change for the better, and you have, perhaps, lain awake through the long night, thinking of the happiness which a visit will bring to you both, but time in its remorseless flight, may have left you still struggling, still hoping for the happy day which does not come. You may have become discouraged, and in a measure, weaned away from home, but every moment of your absence, your mother thinks of you, and when she kneels at her lonely bedside, her prayers are for you. Won't you answer her prayers through a letter or by a visit?"—Ex.

The Farmer's Quick Reply.

A farmer carrying an express package from Chicago mail-order house was accosted by a local merchant. "Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved you the express, and besides you would have been patronizing a home store, which helps pay the taxes and build up this locality." The farmer looked at the merchant a moment and then said: "Why don't you patronize your home paper and advertise? I read it and didn't know that you had the stuff I have here."—Ex.