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**Alpha's Letter.**

The equinoctial storm struck us last Sunday night. The heaviest rain of the season fell, accompanied by considerable wind. No serious damage to crops.

The little infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sherrill died last Tuesday night and its body was interred at Mountain View cemetery Wednesday evening. The child only lived about 20 hours.

Mr. Ed Ballard, of Machpelah, has contracted to teach the public school at Elbow.

Ed Shipp, a colored man, of near Denver, carries the honor of having the first bale of cotton ginned in our section this season, the cotton was ginned about Sept. 10th by Mr. J. C. McIntosh.

A Sunday school was organized at the new Methodist church, (Lebanon) last Sunday evening.

Rev. Walter Rudisill closed a revival meeting at St. Paul's church last Sunday night which resulted in several conversions and 4 accessions to the church.

There lives in Catawba Springs Township, a colored gentleman of the Baptist persuasion who, for convenience, we will call Dan. Sometime ago Dan was licensed by his church to preach, and not being able to read he called on Mr. L. his employer, to read them for him. After Mr. L. had read his authority for propounding the gospel the following conversation took place: Says Dan: "Now Mister L. I want to preach a sermon to my people, on de subject of insurance I think you will fine de tex in de ninth chapter ob de ax ob de deciples, I want yer to read dat chapter fer me." The ninth chapter of the acts of the Apostles was read to him by Mr. L. but the word "insurance" did not show up, whereupon Dan says "read de hol book mister L. I know its in dar some whar." Mr. L. then commenced to read until he pronounced the word "assurance," when Dan stopped him with "stop right dar mister L. I thinks dats de word ise lookin fer, anyhow dat word will do dem niggers jes as well as insurance." This same colored man told his brethren that "Nickerdemus baptized Jesus in de ribber of Jordan."

Mrs. Mary Dellinger, wife of the late A. C. Dellinger, of Chronicle, had the misfortune to fall in her room last Wednesday evening, and received injuries from which she is not expected to recover, stumbling over a cat was the cause of the accident.

Dr. Horace Abernethy, P. A. Thompson, M. J. Shelton and Linom Brotherton, all of Denver, left for Jamestown this week. Dr. Abernethy will visit Washington before he returns and will, incidentally, call upon Teddy at the White House, the doctors friends say that the object of his visit to Washington is in the interest of the Denver P. O. and also to ask the President to recommend in his message to Congress the advisability of establishing a U. S. government building at Denver, this last, however, is only surmised.

We wish to call the attention of the young men of Lincoln county to the schools for higher education established at Denver and Crouse, these schools are open to all public school teachers, and to all students of our public schools who have successfully passed the seventh grade. We believe these schools will fill a long felt want, and we hope that our young people will take advantage of this golden opportunity to get an education. In this day of rush and push, when labor is scarce and wages high, we fear that too many of our young men are laying too much stress on the dollar now to the neglect of the improvement of

their minds. They seem to entertain the false idea that because they are not making any money while going to school, their time is being wasted. This is a sad mistake, young men in getting an education. You are laying up that which none of the storms or reverses of life can take from you your education will prove a bank that will never break. Even from a financial standpoint (which we think should be the last thing considered in getting an education,) the educated young man has a great advantage over the uneducated.

As an illustration of what perseverance and pluck will do in this direction, we now have in mind two young men, brothers, who were reared almost on top of the Little Mountain, sons of a poor widow, left fatherless when they were mere boys, but they seemed to have a thirsting after knowledge, and lost no opportunity that presented itself to that end. On account of their fondness for reading they were even persecuted by their near relatives. We remember of hearing one of them say "the boys wont work and never will be any account." Well where are these trifling boys today? One of them worked his way up until he graduated from one of the leading business colleges of our country, and is today Chief clerk in the office of the Southern Railroad in Richmond. The other graduated from one of our leading Medical Colleges, and is now a practicing physician in high standing in the city of Richmond Va. Go thou, young man, and do likewise.

ALPHA.

**Electricity On The Farm.**

A company has been organized in Harford county, Maryland, for the purpose of applying electricity on a large scale to farm operations in that county. Besides the great water-power of the Susquehanna river washing the eastern side of Harford, there are a number of smaller powers within the county limits, and these it is proposed to develop for purposes of electric lighting and of motive power on the farm. The possibilities in such an undertaking are vast. There is considerable of a labor problem in the county which is hampering dairying operations, and it is thought that one of the first adaptations of electricity will be to the operation of milking machines, which, it is claimed, insure perfectly hygienic handling of the milk from cow to consumer. But electricity may also be used to run the thresher, to saw wood, cut fodder, pump water, turn grindstones, and even to run in the house the washing machine, the clotheswringer, the sewing machine and the ice-cream freezer, to say nothing of ironing by electricity and housecleaning generally. The uncovering of this project will be watched with interest. It is really no novelty, but has been put into effect with most satisfactory results here and there in the country. A demonstration of its success on a large scale should tend to bring every power stream in the rural districts of the country into subjection to the farmer to lighten his loads and those of the housewife and to do much toward solving the ever-pressing labor problem of the farmer.—Southern Farm Magazine.

Mr. W. A. Aderholdt, the hustling representative of the Morrison Brothers Company, left Wednesday for a trip through North Brook. "Prof." Aderholdt never fails to leave pianos and organs in his pathway as mementos of his visits.

**Pierponts Little Graft.**

Thomas J. Pence in News & Observer.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.—Within a period of two years the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Company has received \$45,348.60 from the Southern Railway. This nifty sum is nothing more nor less than a gift, which the man who controls the railroad extracted from its treasury. Under the guise of charges for postage, stationery, ink, commissions, etc., this sum was given the great Wall street concern in payments made at frequent intervals. To better understand the situation it should be stated that J. P. Morgan & Company is a banking firm, and as such handle the finances of the Southern Railway. Mr. Morgan controls the ownership of the Southern, his banking firm simply acts as banker to the corporation. Any ordinary banking firm would go to the expense to do the banking business of the Southern. Not so with J. P. Morgan & Company. That firm charged, and charged well, for handling the finances of the Southern.

This information was unearthed in the examination of the Southern's books by the State's wide-awake attorneys, Messrs. Woodard, Justice and Bryant. The disclosures are pertinent to the North Carolina rate case for the reason that North Carolina is assessed to the extent of 22 per cent for this charge of \$45,348 in favor of the Wall Street firm. This charge of 22 per cent against North Carolina is made by the Southern in the distribution of all its general expenses. No other Southern State is assessed so heavily by the Southern. The payments made to the Morgan firm by the Southern follows:

October, 1905	\$1,473.81
May, 1906	1,473.81
June, 1906	536.32
June, 1906	877.67
September, 1906	685.20
October, 1906	1,473.81
March, 1906	2,474.75
December, 1906	1,407.66
December, 1906	5,703.01
June, 1907	6,056.51
January, 1906	5,698.44
October, 1906	1,473.81
Other charges	15,000.00

**A LITTLE ITEM FOR ANDREWS.**

The attorneys for the State discovered during the hearing here that Col. A. B. Andrews, Vice President of the Southern Railway, gets \$3,000 a year as President of the Carolina division of the road. This amount was not mentioned by Comptroller Plant when that official gave Col. Andrews' salary at \$11,000. In addition to this \$14,000, the State's attorneys declare that they will prove that Col. Andrews draws additional and larger sums from the subsidiary lines of the Southern.

The State put in evidence a voucher dated July, 1905, which shows that Vice President Andrews was paid \$3,000. There was no suggestion in this item of expense for what purpose the money was expended. The voucher read "for expenditures by the first vice president." The State will summon Col. Andrews as a witness for the purpose of explaining the purpose of this expenditure. He will also be questioned about the \$4,000 paid John C. Drewry and the \$2,000 paid the Raleigh Evening Times.

**TRAVELING EXPENSES TOO.**

A number of vouchers were introduced for traveling expenses incurred by the first vice president. They foot up \$2,337.55. There was another voucher for \$128.92 for supplies for private car. The vouchers giving traveling expenditures follow:

October, 1905	\$126.45
November, 1906	337.00
August, 1906	100.25

December, 1906	178.70
May, 1907	347.25
July, 1906	202.25
January, 1906	281.00
February, 1906	207.00
May, 1907	154.00
March, 1906	275.55
March, 1907	129.50

**A FEW HUNDRED FOR HENRY MILLER.**

Two vouchers showed payments to Henry W. Miller "by order of the First Vice President." One was for \$501 and was dated July, 1905. The other was for \$100 and was dated January, 1906. Neither of these vouchers showed for what purpose the payments were made.

The Southern Railway gives a bond to North Carolina to secure the performance of its contract in the lease of the North Carolina railroad. The cost of this bond is \$1,000, and it is given with the American Surety Company. This is charged to the general expenses of the company.

Fines amounting to \$538.75 which were imposed on the Southern for failure to post train arrivals, were also charged to the general expense account.

**Great Series of Races.**

Charlotte, Oct. 3rd.

Every indication points to the greatest series of races at the coming Mecklenburg County Fair ever held in this city and the attendance of more prominent turfmen with a higher class of horses than ever before. The program for the four days includes running races in dashes and heats, trotting races of various classes and pacing by some of the fastest horses in the East. Purses aggregating \$4,000 have been offered by the association and with this attractive inducement Secretary C. M. Creswell has been successful in enlisting the attendance of horsemen all over the East.

Every provision for the amusement of the public is being made and the midway attractions will be a greater variety than formerly. A few of the larger midway attractions that have contracted for space on the "War Path" are as follows: Francis Ferrari's Animal Show, requiring 300 feet frontage with seven tent shows; Kemp Sisters, wild west and hippodrome; Igorrote Village, showing native Filipinos; Wilson & Kojan, showing electrical illusions; Con Island widows; and others. Many of the attractions are coming direct from the Jamestown Exposition and some from Coney Island.

**Mr. Asbury To Wed.**

The Charlotte friends of Mr. Louis H. Asbury will be interested in the following special which was received in the city from Boston, Mass., yesterday afternoon: "The announcement just made by Mrs. Freeman Crosby of the engagement of her daughter, May Whitmore, to Mr. Louis H. Asbury, of Charlotte, has created a furore in society here. Miss Crosby is one of the most charming debutantes of the season and is very beautiful. Freeman M. Crosby, the father of the bride-to-be, was one of the best known of Boston's business men; his recent sensational suicide is still a prime topic in business circles. At his summer home in Centerville, Mass., he took poison and then tying himself to weights threw himself into the pond on his estate. Financial troubles were given as the cause for the deed." Mr. Asbury is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Asbury, of this city. Several years ago he went North to live and has since achieved considerable note as a rising young architect of New York.—Charlotte Observer Oct 1st.

**Caesar's Letter.**

Mr. Sam Sigmon has sold out all his possessions, and will move with his family, on next Tuesday to the state of Illinois. We regret very much to give him up for he is a young man of the very noblest character. We cannot understand why he should prefer the Northwest to the good old South land. But we guess he is like most other young people, thinks his fortune can be made easier in some other state.

But my dear friends, this is one of the grandest and most fatal mistakes anyone can make or fall into; for there is always a mine of diamonds under one's feet if he just only knew it, and the only reason why we don't know it is just simply because we do not take more time to think. I remember reading this little story not long ago: A certain man and his wife had just returned from a lecture, the subject of which was "the mine of diamonds under your feet," and while trying to take off his collar, which was very hard to slip over the button, the husband became highly angered and began to curse. The wife, by way of kind reproof said, "Remember dear John, that you are standing on a mine of diamonds." He did so—he did as he was bidden, and the consequence was he invented the lever collar button. So young man, I have this to say to you, when you are thinking of leaving the fair land of Dixie, if you will only look around about your feet at the untold sources of wealth and riches you will be perfectly content to remain where you are in the land of your native birth—Carolina.

In our last letter to The News we forgot to state the runaway of Mr. R. H. Ballard. He was returning home from Lincolnton; the bridle of one of the mules slipped off its head causing both mules to take fright and during their break-neck speed, which continued for some little distance, Mr. Ballard was thrown from the wagon heavily to the ground, two of his ribs being broken and fractured by the fall. At this writing he is reported as doing fairly well. Dr. H. N. Abernethy, of Denver, is in attendance.

Mr. William Benfield spent a few days last week visiting friends at Spencer, N. C.

Mr. Van Cobb, of the firm of Jones & Cobb, has sold out his one-half interest in the store to Mr. James Helderman, and henceforth, the business will be conducted under the firm name of Jones & Helderman.

Mr. Editor, I remember a Baptist family that was plied with questions something like these: You admit that you read nothing but the English translation of the Bible? We do. You will also admit that you know but little or nothing at all of Greek and Hebrew? We do. You will further admit that the men who translated and revised the Bible from the original, which is Greek and Hebrew, were the most learned scholars in these two languages that could be found, and besides this were the most pious men that could be obtained? We do. Well, now then, tell me this: If you read only the English translation of the Bible, and know but little or no Greek and Hebrew at all, and admit that the men who translated and revised the Bible from the original, which was Greek and Hebrew, were the most learned men in these languages that could be procured, besides being the most pious that could be found or obtained throughout the world, and if they say they do not know, which they do, how in the nation, or name of common sense, do you who have only the English trans-

lation know? What you do know has come through them, and without them you know but little or nothing. It is my humble opinion that Jumbo would profit very much from the above in regard to baptism.

CAESAR.

**Census Report on Advertising.**

The bureau devoted to the collection, compilation and publication of statistical information has put forth a bulletin on printing and publishing, covering the year 1905.

Therein appear striking confirmation of the sense of the business man who advertises and enlightenment for the business man who fancies he can get along as well without.

The bulletin shows that in 1880 the circulation revenue of newspapers was \$11,000,000 more than the advertising revenue.

In 1890 the advertising revenue had overtaken and passed the circulation revenue and led it by \$16,000,000.

In 1905 the advertising revenue led the circulation revenue by \$34,000,000.

This phenomenal increase of advertising revenue, as compared with circulation revenue, is not due to decline of the latter. The cause is the discovery of advertisers that advertising pays.

Wise men having discovered that advertising pays; they increased their investment in a good thing. Their example has been followed by new men in business who have likewise found that the best way to sell goods is to let the people know that one has them for sale.—Buffalo Enquirer.

**What is a Home?**

What constitutes a home? Folks or furniture? A house, or those who inhabit it? This is a mystery that the wayward pen cannot solve with a flourish. A home is expansive, indeed, for it includes all who are born in its charmed circle, and many more besides; but it is a thing that grows, that is subject to evolution! Make the answer to suit yourself; let it be whimsical or serious; but you may be sure that the spirit of home is not to be found in warehouses, nor in the auction shops, nor in the market places of the world. It is an ethereal essence, with a fluency which fills every corner from cellar to garret, and gives out its perfume even to the stranger that enters the door. And if you have ever had a whiff of this subtle perfume, count yourself fortunate among the children of men!—Joel Chandler Harris in Uncle Remus's Magazine for October.

**Gaston Items.**

Rev. J. A. Hoyle, pastor of the Loray Baptist church, left this morning for Lincolnton, where he goes to baptize and to receive into the church Mr. Benjamin Beal, who lives two miles east of Lincolnton. Mr. Beal is a brother of Mr. J. B. Beal, of Gastonia, and suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago, from which he has never entirely recovered.

Mr. William Smith, who lives two miles from Dallas was the victim last Friday afternoon of a most distressing accident. While attempting to take some lint out from under the gin at Mr. John Humphrey's gin in Dallas, Mr. Smith's right arm was caught in the saws and completely jerked off. A telephone message this morning stated that Mr. Smith was resting well and stood a good chance to recover from the effects of the terrible accident.—Gastonia Gazette, October 1st.