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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Correspondents and friends anywhere in the county are requested to call us up at our expense when news of importance occurs on Monday evening or Thursday evening.

A subscriber who wishes his paper changed, will please give his present address as well as the new one.

Advertising rates will be furnished on application. The News is going to the people. If you want to reach the folks advertise in the News.

Our columns are open to correspondents and others to discuss public men and public policies. All communications must be accompanied by the true name of the writer, even if this does not appear in print.

The editor reserves the right to give the names of correspondents when they are demanded for the purpose of personal satisfaction.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1907.

THE words of the good are like a staff in a slippery place—Hindu Saying.

THE only love worthy of the name ever and always uplifts.—George MacDonald.

THERE is no cutting of the Gordian knots of life; each must be smilingly unravelled.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

I PLEAD for education, not because it is the highway to prosperity in law, or in medicine, or in the pulpit, or in the political life, or in science, but because it means manhood. I plead for education as the indispensable condition of a continuing, complete and perpetuated happiness.—Henry Ward Beecher.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We wish to speak a few words of encouragement to our correspondents, who are waking up from the lethargy of the summer vacation and again giving us bright, newsy letters from the various sections of the county. Last week we had unusually good letters from Alpha, Caesar, "B" and "J. R. W."

We would call the especial attention of our correspondents to the letter from Crouse, in last Friday's paper, signed "B". This is a good model to go by. It gives you fresh news that is interesting to the general public, and is written in excellent style. There is no effort to "spin it out" into a long letter. It tells you just what you want to know and then stop. That is the kind of letter we want from our correspondents.

Now, that the season of winter is coming on, when you will have long evenings at home by the fire, sit down once, or twice, a week and write to the News just what you would tell a stranger about your neighborhood if one should drop in to spend the evening with you. Suppose some one from a distance, of whose acquaintance you would feel proud, were to call on you; wouldn't you think rapidly and try to find something fresh and interesting to tell him so that you would make a good impression and please? Well, that is the way we want you to treat our readers; like they were your guests for the evening and you wanted to tell them, in the best way you could command, of everything that you think they would like to know about you and your home, and your neighborhood.

You will find this most excellent training and practice for you and it will help you to write and talk better, and give you more confidence in yourself when among strangers. You will find, after awhile, that you are making more of a "hit" with your friends and acquaintances than you formerly did, that you are more attractive. These are a few of the advantages that our young correspondents

will derive from writing for publication if you will take pains and care, as everyone should who writes for the public.

Charge Of The Light Brigade.

Consternation reigned in the ranks of the Court Square loafers last Thursday afternoon when they saw advancing upon them a solid phalanx of feminine warriors, armed with brooms, rakes, dustpans and pitchforks. A hurried investigation disclosed the fact that this advancing host was the much-dreaded Civic League, under full sail, with banners spread and decks cleared for action. Not even a council of war was held by the loafers, but grabbing their hats they fled incontinently and left the field in full possession of the enemy.

As the victorious advance reached the Court Square the Captain issued an order and, with military precision, the platoons deployed and set up a vigorous attack on the dirt, leaves, loose papers and fruit parings which strewed the sod as the only evidence left that there is a loafer in Lincolnton.

While this demonstration was in progress those men who had business on the street "stepped lively" and kept their eyes askance as if in mortal dread of a stray shot from the feminines. A careful reconnaissance on the part of The News man developed the fact that there were a few loafers concealed behind doors and barrels in the stores nearest the square and these were taking their defeat in various ways. One godless wretch was gently humming "Let the women do the work, do the work, while the men look on, look on," and another wore an expression of agonized disgust as he remarked, "No more Lincolnton for me since the wimmen have tuk the town in charge," while yet another was delivering a diatribe to the effect that "if these officious busy-bodies would stay at home and tend their own babies and clean up their own back-yards the men could manage to run the town." In fact, most of the men interviewed on the subject seemed deeply hurt that the ladies should so reflect on their habits of cleanliness as to make this public demonstration which they take as a rebuke for negligence along these lines. All The News has to say is, that the Court Square is certainly cleaner and more attractive looking than it has ever been before, and we think the credit is due to the Lincolnton Civic League.

Pine Grove News.

Mr. Dan Costner is building a new dwelling house, which will soon be completed. We all know he will laugh behind his ears when he moves in his new house.

Mr. John Dellinger lost a nice hog last week. They were lifting it into a pen and when it struck the floor of the pen it broke its neck, so there will be no more dry bread eating around Pine Grove.

Mr. C. L. Royster happened with bad luck last week. He lost a nice horse which was sick only a few hours, and it is supposed colic caused its death.

Mr. Joel Wright and sister Miss, Adah are now in school at Piedmont.

Mr. Zenis Dellinger and Mr. Presley Brown have traded mules which they have been trying to trade for some time.

Corn shuckings have begun around Pine Grove. Mr. Frank Royster had a shucking last Thursday night for the first one. The young people are glad to know the shuckings have begun so they can enjoy tap ring once more.

BLUE BIRD.

Mr. Dellinger Gets The Prize.

Mr. Luther A. Dellinger, of Iron Station, wins the prize, which is one year's subscription to The News, in our watermelon contest. Mr. Dellinger's melon weighed 60 pounds, and was not only the largest melon received but also the finest in point of sweetness and flavor. This melon was raised on sandy upland, without fertilizers.

An Excellent Address.

Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered an eloquent and masterful address in behalf of education before a large and appreciative audience in the Court House Saturday afternoon. A great many teachers and school children were present, and the speaker was introduced by County Superintendent G. T. Heafner. Mr. Joyner began by complimenting the people of Lincolnton and Lincoln county on the progress and advancement made in the public schools, not only in the buildings and equipment, but also in the personnel of the teachers. He spoke of the handsome Graded School building now being erected in Lincolnton and said that there was now little left for the people of Lincolnton to do but to see that every child was required to take advantage of the splendid privileges offered. Mr. Joyner drew a very striking comparison between Massachusetts and North Carolina, emphasizing the fact that the one state was little more than a barren waste, with poor soil, and rigorous winters while the other abounded in vast timber and mineral wealth, with vast areas of fertile fields and the finest climate in the civilized world. One state is only one seventh the size of the other and yet the smaller state, Massachusetts, stands at the forefront in wealth and education while North Carolina ranks 2nd in illiteracy to all the other states of the Union. With one seventh the area, Massachusetts has ten times the wealth of North Carolina. Why is this? The people of Massachusetts are not superior, naturally, to the people of North Carolina. The secret lies in the education of the masses in the New England State, making the entire population alive and alert to the opportunities of life and giving them the ability to take advantage of and lay a tribute on those who are less intelligent.

Mr. Joyner spoke of his boyhood days when the eastern counties of North Carolina were practically vast forests of virgin timber with a few patches of cleared land here and there. The owners of the timber, in their ignorance of its value, cut it down and the flames from the burning illuminated the night, "an offering of ignorance on the altar of mammon." He told how the shrewd people of the north came down later on and bought the timber rights from these ignorant people for a mere song, and now roll in wealth and luxury while the original owners still toil away on the farm. They did not know what to do with the great wealth which was theirs and in ignorance, sold it for a mess of pottage.

Mr. Joyner also spoke of the iron ore which used to be shipped from Iron Station to New England for \$20 per ton, and which, after being mixed with Yankee brains and inventiveness was shipped back to Lincoln county in the shape of horse-shoe iron for which we paid \$80 per ton—\$20 worth of iron and \$60 worth of brains. He drew another comparison between the crude pig iron and the steel watchspring; \$20 worth of pig iron shipped from the State and the same coming back in the shape of watchsprings, for which we pay \$1000 per ton—\$20 worth of iron and \$980 worth of brains and invention.

In emphasizing the earning capacity of skill and education Mr. Joyner used as an illustration the famous painting "The Angelus," by Millais, which he saw in a Parisian Art Gallery. Mr. Joyner estimated the raw material, the canvass at 50 cents, the paint at 50 cents, and the brushes at 50 cents, \$1.50 in all, and yet this raw material was worked into a creation which sold for \$100,000.

Mr. Joyner subdivided his address into three heads, as follows: Money, Manhood, Mastery. He said he started with money first because he considered that the lowest in the scale, but the capacity to make money was the feature which appealed strongest to a great many in the plea for education.

He elaborated these three points in a masterful manner, rising to flights of eloquence at times which completely charmed his hearers. The News regrets that it is unable to reproduce Mr. Joyner's address verbatim as it was an effort which deserves the careful thought and attention of each and every citizen in Lincoln county. Mr. Joyner is doing a great work for the cause of education and the results of his labors will be felt in the prosperity and enlightenment of future generations.

Another Big Potato.
Mr. Noah Shrum, of Route 4, has broken the record, so far, on large sweet potatoes. He got three Hayti red potatoes out of one hill last week which weighed altogether 8 1-2 lbs. The largest weighed 4 1-2 lb, the next 2 1-2 lbs, and the other one 1 1-2 lbs. These potatoes were raised in black, sandy land and no fertilizers were used except a little stable manure.

The Lincolnton Market.

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Tickets to be sold October 21-25th with final limit October 28th.
Special train from Rutherfordton to Charlotte, Wednesday and Thursday, October 23-24, passing Lincolnton at 8:05 a. m. arriving at Charlotte 10:00 a. m., returning leave Charlotte 5:45 p. m. Extra coaches will be provided on trains East of Charlotte where ever necessary.

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