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## Catawba News.

Wheat is backward, but this is said to be best.  
Polk Miller lectured at Hickory, March 16th.

The five year old child of Elias Holder, near Conover, was burned to death recently.

The Narrow Gauge Railroad lost 6000 feet of lumber by fire, which occurred near Newton Tuesday of last week.

On Tuesday evening of last week, John Barringer's wagon and team was run into at the Railroad crossing near Newton Cotton Mills by a C. & L. train. The horses suffered no damage. The wagon was broken up, but a jug of whiskey was "unharmful."

Prof. E. A. Smith, recently of Roanoke College, Virginia, is now at his father's home, near Conover. Prof. Smith has quit teaching and will devote his time to scientific farming. He has been the Chemistry and Physics man at Roanoke for some time.

Property of the late R. V. Murray was recently sold at Claremont.

Some days ago Elmore Cloninger was sworn in to make an arrest at Claremont and when he went to arrest the man he found him with a rock secreted about his person, and Cloninger then swore out a warrant against him for carrying concealed weapons.

The man was arrested and arraigned for trial before one of the "retawm" magistrates, recently made by that notable "machine" down at Raleigh. The defendant employed counsel and when the trial came off the counsel moved to quash the whole procedure. The learned Justice of the Peace entertained the motion and ruled that it was in order and therefore the case ended.

The magistrate then gave judgment against Cloninger, for the cost and in default of payment committed him to jail, thereby laying down a ruling and a precedent never before surpassed in depth of learning and judicial profoundness known to the Solo's of the law.

Cloninger has been released from jail but not until an attorney went out to the magistrate's house and showed him by the law wherein he had erred.

Verily, verily we are reaping the fruits of Populism.—Newton Enterprise.

## Gaston News.

Rev. E. F. Jones and family have moved to Wataga county.

Dr. E. C. Boyle has located at Mt. Holly. He was formerly located at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg county.

Nathan Bean, of Cherryville is dead.

Mrs. Goode's house was burned at Cherryville the first part of last week. She was sick in bed at the time the fire occurred.

Cherryville is moving to have another cotton mill.

The house of A. C. Jenkins three miles from Cherryville was burned last week. It was insured.

The widow of the late J. W. Bean, of Gastonia, says that Bean claimed he was going to leave her \$500 in gold when he died. She thinks this money and some valuable papers must be in the hands of some friend of Mr. Bean's. She is needing the money now.

Jno. A. Lynn and Miss Louise Forbes were married near Clover, S. C., March 4.

School closing and measles are much in evidence in Gaston these days.

Gastonia is trying to get up a baseball club for this season.

The stockholders of the Gastonia Coffin company met recently and declared a dividend. B. G. Bradley is President of the Company.—Gastonia Gazette.

The Ohio State Convention met last week and endorsed McKinley's candidacy. Senator elect Foraker presided.

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## The Way it Works in Mexico.

Rav. H. R. Mosely, before spoken of in this correspondence, who is now pastor of the Baptist church at Rock Hill, S. C., lectured here on the social and religious life of Mexico. Your correspondent afterwards talked with the gentleman and gained much valuable information from him in regard to that country which is so much talked of. Mr. Mosely is a gentleman of broad intelligence, and from a seven-years residence in Mexico as a missionary and president of an educational institution speaks accurately and readily about the condition of things in that country. He said that there was no vestige of a middle class there—only the very rich and the very poor. A village would contain two or three families who lived in elegance and the remainder of the population would be in the most abject poverty. You could buy no article of luxury except at the most exorbitant price. One American dollar was worth two of that country. He had seen car loads of silver bullion sent from the mines to the mint. "Did it benefit the laborer?" "Not much; they had dug that bullion out of the mines for 25 to 30 cents per day wages. If," he continued, "I wanted to buy a pair of shoes I paid \$10 or \$12 for them. Mexico is isolated, and is becoming more so every day. They have no exports nor do they want any market. They have nothing to sell. The silver standard is stimulating them to some manufacturing, because they cannot buy what they need from any other country without paying two or three prices for it. I think they are being benefited in this way, but I also think the silver standard would ruin any country which has its industries already established. Mexico is a great place for the men who have money to increase their wealth by employing their cheap labor and working it to death.—Monroe correspondent in Charlotte Observer.

## Preparing Strawberries.

Five berries and large crops depend so much upon the treatment the plants receive in the spring while frouting, that no one can afford to neglect them then. Where the soil is free from weed seed, the matter is vastly simplified. But such soil is not always to be had, and the richer the soil the more apt it is to be infested with weeds.

Subdue the weeds by running shallow cultivator down middles as early in spring as practicable. Scrape around and between plants with small, well-sharpened weeding hoes, which will remove all weeds and not cut deep enough to injure roots.

Then apply over rows, plants and all, about 500 pounds an acre of highly soluble commercial fertilizer, rich in potash. Stable manure and unleached wood ashes, if to be had in sufficient quantities, are excellent. Ten good loads of manure and fifty bushels of ashes an acre will do, scattered over and around the plants; the ashes on top as they hasten the action of the manure.

Remember that almost anything can be safely scattered over and on strawberry plants while in a dormant state—while not growing. Should application be unavoidably delayed till growth begins, it should be applied just before a rain, which will wash it off the leaves into the ground; or it can be scattered around and between the plants. Where the soil is not so infested with weeds as to need much scraping, the manure and ashes are best applied late the previous fall.

If weeds appear after the fertilizer is applied, they must be dug out, or removed by hand, so as not to draw the fertilizer or manure from the plants.

The weeds will overcome, apply mulching. It is best to scatter it over and let the plants grow up through it. The berries then form above the mulch and keep perfectly clean. Pine needles (ten loads an acre) are best. But any straw or hay chopped small enough not to blow off, will answer. With plenty manure, no mulch is needed.

Take the advice of an old grower of strawberries; keep your fields clean; manure them well, and unless your varieties are worthless, you will not fail of your reward.—O. W. Blacknall, in Home and Farm.

## Russell Not in Favor.

I have some information in regard to the Republican gubernatorial situation, so far as Cleveland county is concerned, that is absolutely straight and reliable. Readers of the Observer will remember that some time ago there appeared in the Observer a card signed by State Senators J. B. Fortune and J. Y. Hamrick, L. L. Smith, member of the Legislature, and H. K. Winslow, and D. J. Hamrick, chairman of the Republican and Populist county executive committees, in which card they nominated Russell for Governor, and as everybody understood it pledged Cleveland county's vote in the State convention to him. Now comes the information, given your correspondent from Republican sources, that when the vote of this county is cast in the convention, it will be cast for O. H. Dockery, leaving the Duke of Brunswick without a vote from the county which first inaugurated his little boomlet.—Shelby Correspondence Charlotlott Observer.

## what a Lie!

Mr. Cleveland advises that gold standard advocates to unite in one party.

Sharon church, Mecklenburg county, has a row, which is due to politics. Four of the six Elders are Populists. The majority of the congregation are Democrats. The end is not yet, says the Charlotte Observer.

## Sanity and Silver.

In 1873, when silver was first demonetized, it was worth \$1.29 per ounce. The Bland law partially restored it in 1878, but it had a rocky road to travel, and remained low. But in 1890 the Sherman law was passed, giving it a limited chance, and then the price jumped at once to \$1.17 per ounce, showing to the satisfaction of any sane person that a complete restoration—free and unlimited coinage—as the Constitution of the United States provides, will put it on par with gold, and it will stay there so long as it is not legislated against.—Progressive Farmer.

Then, if a Congressman fails to vote for free silver at 16 to 1, he is violating his oath to support the constitution of the United States! But the wonder is that a sane man could write a paragraph like the above, and still a greater wonder is it that there are those who will believe such stuff when written.

## Hiram L. Grant or Wayne.

The public remembers that during the last legislature Hiram L. Grant, a citizen of Wayne County, was a prominent factor in giving us local "self government", "an honest election law" which does not require the judges of election to be men of good moral character, lower taxes, and lower salaries for all county officers. In fact, Mr. Grant was a great friend of Fusion and was regarded as Senator Butler's right hand man. Well, Hiram got nominated for a job up in Washington some time since, and all that was needed was Butler's vote; but this Grant has never gotten so far, and now they say that Grant has talked too much and some Republican Senators have also gone back on him. Mr. Grant has not yet gotten his relief and Senator Butler is supposed to know why.

## Legging for a Job.

The Populist magistrates met a negro in the road the other day and told him they heard he was going to be married.

"I is," he said; "I see just on my way to see Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, to git him to marry me."

"Oh," said the others in unison, "he ain't a magistrate no more; his time's out; we'll do you up brown, we are magistrates now for this township," whereupon a bargain was made and the two agreed to tie the knot for a dollar, which they did the following Sunday.

As a matter of fact, however, the other J. P.'s time will not be out until 1900, but he's a Democrat.—Concord Standard.

## Turns Farmer.

Beginning with our next issue we shall run in the Mercury, under a suitable heading, a department devoted exclusively to practical farming.

Though the Mercury has been for some years the organ of the Catawba County Farmers' Alliance yet it just now sees that it ought to establish a farmers' column! It has talked politics all this time, and it now awakes to its sense of duty and intends to give the dear farmer some points on farming, only since it has succeeded in giving him enough "education" along other lines! Great, isn't it?

## Head Not Seen Smith and Peebles.

"What impressed you as the most remarkable thing you saw on your trip through the South?" "A live chicken running at large in the streets of Charleston."—Chicago Tribune.

The only inference possible from this is that dead chickens run at large through the streets of Chicago.—Asheville Citizen.

The State Committee of the American Bi-Metallic Party of California met at Los Angeles last week and endorsed Senator Morgan of Alabama for President and Senator Allan of Nebraska for Vice-President.

## A Builder of Colleges and Schools.

The Progressive Farmer of last week took an inventory of Alliance assets, and credited that "Noble Order" with having built colleges and schools without end, so many of them it couldn't name them all. But it will take all those schools and colleges to work the "devilment" out of the people, which that order has instilled in them all these years.

## The Alliance Incubator.

The incubator turns out living chickens and our organization turns out living issues and men to push them forward.—Progressive Farmer.

But where is the Sub-Treasury issue, and the \$50 per capita issue? The Farmer should get a cure for those drooping chickens.

Senator Irby of South Carolina, says that the South Carolina Democrats must not think of bolting the National Convention.

The Repe and Pops have fixed up a divide in Alabama. Reed leads as a presidential candidate down in that state. McKinley is second.

Up to this time \$529,931 have been collected for the Grant Monument in New York, which is now being built, and will be completed sometime this spring.

Oscar W. Blackwell, of Kittrell, now sells 1,000,000 strawberry plants annually in the West and England. He also sells 50,000 quarts of strawberries from his farm.

Richmond Pearson has issued a circular letter for use in North Carolina. He calls on all true friends of silver to join the Republican party. He favors fusion of Populists and Republicans again. He is against Butler's New Silver Party.

J. S. Coxe, of Coxe's Army renown, and a few others met somewhere up in Pennsylvania last week and decided to form a new party. They call it the Reform Party. Coxe was lately a Populist. Four "Reformers" attended, says the report.

Congressman Shuford has had a case of measles for the past several days. He is unable to attend the sessions of the House. This accounts fully for the fact that cotton is going down and that the country has not yet been treated to free silver at 16 to 1.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, has been opposing the Cuban resolutions all along. Last week he made a very severe attack on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, of which Senator Sherman is chairman. Hoar claims that Senators have the presidential election in view, and that accounts for a good deal of the Senatorial "patriotism" lately displayed.

## Baltimore's baseball team, the Orioles, will play at Charlotte April 1st.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, has taken Senator Hawley's place on the Senate Committee on Pensions. The place is regarded as an honorable recognition of Senator Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard has also been taking a hand in the discussion of the Delaware Senatorship matter.

The Philadelphia Times says it has positive proof that Hauss, the man who has been managing McKinley's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, has been soliciting funds from eastern manufacturers with which to influence delegates. This is what we call disgraceful methods of campaign, whatever party does it.

S. Otho Wilson, who once posed as a martyr for the connection he had with "Gideon's Band," says the Populists have not yet receded from the idea that they must have the candidate for governor in the Fusion "decide." This seems to be a notice to Russell and Dockery to go slow about having themselves nominated. That some folks will have to enter a plea of "nolo contendere," becomes more opposit as time passes.

## Notice.

Hereby take notice of my position and unquestioned purpose to advertise, without further notice, the property of all those who fail to pay their town tax in full by April 1st 1896. This March 20th 1896. J. K. CLINE, T. C.

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## Notice to the Public.

The public is hereby notified and forbidden to hire, or employ, or maintain the below named boys or in anywise encourage them to stay away from home, they both being minors and having left home without the consent of their father. Names as follows: Henry Rooney and Lee Rooney, sons of PETER and ANNIE ROONEY, Lincoln County, N. C. Feb. 8th 1896.

## Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of E. F. Lutz, deceased, late of Lincoln County, N. C., a person having claims against the estate of said deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of February 1897, or this notice will be deemed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 6th day February 1896. D. F. YORST, Administrator of E. F. Lutz, deceased.

## Notice.

Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Caleb Motz I've'd notice is hereby given to all creditors to present their claims to said Executor before the 25th day of February 1897 and this notice will be deemed in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to said estate will come in and settle at once. This 26th day of February 1896. EREKLEA A. MOTZ, Executor. C. MOTZ, Dec'd. 2-26-96.

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