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OUR OBJECT.

It is and shall be the object of THE MOUNTAINEER to advance the interests of both its readers and its publishers. We believe that the interests of our readers can be fosterered by presenting them, week after week, with a reliable *news*-paper, containing a correct record of the important occurrances both at home and abroad, and that will let the outside world know of our resources and the unparaleled inducements this section offers to the immigrant and the capitalist, the seeker for wealth as well as the seeker for health and pleasure. To this end the columns of THE MOUNTAINEER will contain, from time to time, editorial and contributed articles describing our mines and minerals, our forests and timbers, our farms and the produce of our farms, our mountains and our mountain scenery. We all labor for the good of both town nd country, believing that their interests are identical and not conflicting, as some would teach, and we hope to have correspondents at the various country offices to keep us posted on rural affairs.

We desire to advance the interests of the publishers by greatly increasing our circulation and by building up profitable advertising patronage, without which no paper can thrive. r MOUNTAINEER is already a good ising medium, we expect to make l better advertising medium, ery one o in our advers o the people abroad er may know that it own with wide-awake We desire the liberal reading and the ad nd shall endeavor

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A PRESSING NEED.

Writers on political economy, that great science which treats of "the production and the application of wealth to the well being of men in society," say that the requisites to a prosperous and wealth producing community are three, first, transmutation, or the production of wealth by the aid of the forces of nature, as in agriculture; second, transformation, the changing of the form of the crude products by the aid of mechanical forces, and thus increasing their values, which we term manufacturing; and third, transportation, by which the farmer, the manufacturer and the miner may reach the markets of the world, and secure the benefit of another great element in the production of value, "competition." While farming, which comes under the first of these heads, may be greatly improved in this section by the introduction of labor saving implements and a better system of fertilizing the soil and while we need competing railway lines to reduce freight rates and new railroads to reach sections of the State that are now without railroad facilities, still, our most pressing need comes under the head of transformation, our great want is the establishment of factories to work up our raw materials, to give our farmers a home market for their supplies, and to employ our unemployed population, thus changing a large percentage of our population from consumers to producers of wealth. No other branch of industry yields a better per cent. on the capital invested or inaugurates such general prosperity as manufacturing. Not only does it benefit those actually engaged in it as laborers or capitalists, but it quickens the public pulse and gives new life to every other industry.

To come down to the practical, our town and our county need more cotton and tobacco factories. Situated as we are in the edge of the great cotton belt and in the very centre of the finest tobacco producing lands in the world, our advantages are unequalled. Our water power is unlimited, fuel for the steam engine, both wood and coal, are cheap, the cost of living is small and wages, consequently, low—the very conditions necessary to a thriving manufacturing community.

Manufacturing in North Carolina and in *Western* North Carolina is no longer an experiment. Numerous examples of large returns from the capital invested are to be had in neighboring towns and counties, and the capitalist may now enter the manufacturing field with every confidence of success.

WE ARE at a loss to understand the rather vicious attack which Colonel (?) Murril, of the Hickory *Carolinian* has been making on us, as we have never, knowingly, done or said any thing to thwart his legislative aspirations. If he means to intimate that this paper is to be run in the interests of any corporation, his intimations are false. THE MOUNTAINEER will speak its views fearlessly and fully, and, while averse to controversies, will be always ready to defend itself from such uncalled-for and damaging attacks.

BITS OF NEWS.—Last Sunday's edition of the New York *Herald* was the largest daily paper ever published, containing 32 pages and 192 columns. The paper used in printing that edition if spread out, would have reached from New York to Richmond..... Mount Etna is on an eruption and is overwhelming the villages around its base.....All over the west the Indians are on the war path and have been burning houses, stealing cattle and horses and murdering the people. The latest outbreak was in New Mexico, where nine white settlers were massacred.....The cigar makers all over the United States, are on a strike for higher wages....Timothy Howe Postmaster General of the United States, died last Sunday, at his home in Wisconsin. The question now is who will be his successor.....Mrs. Vanderbilt gave a fancy ball last week that cost at least $50,000.

LORDSBURG, N. M. March 29.—Col. Noyes and two companies of the 4th calvalry from Fort Craig arrived here yesterday, en route to Gila Valley. The latest intelligence from Clifton is that the Indians are concentrated in force in the hills around that place, and that an attack upon the town may be expeeted at any moment.

ATLANTA, March 29.—A special from Athens says forty armed men entered Lexington a night or two ago to lynch Jones, the wife murderer, but left as the jail was double guarded, Jones is completely broken down and cannot sleep.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—Perhaps the largest transaction in cattle ever made in this country was effected at Fort Worth, Texas, last Sturday, the sale being of 75,000 head of full grown cattle by J. Kards and Harald Brothers to the Francklyn Land and Cattle Company, of New York, composed of Charles G. Francklyn, Frank G. Brown president of the Bosswick Mines, Colorado, and B. B. Groom & Son, of Lexington, Ky., the extensive breeders and importers of short-horn cattle. The price paid is private, but the figures are understood to be about $25 per head, which would aggregate about $2,000,000.

PITTSEURG, PA., March 26.—A special to the *Chronicle* from Uniontown, Pa., says that L.N. Dukes arrived there from his stepfather's last night, and this morning a committee of citizens waited on him and presented him with a resolution adopted at an indignation meeting lately held. They also gave him notice that he would have twenty four hours within which to transact his business and leave town. If he attempts to remain it is thought that there will be trouble.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 26.—A dispatch from Henderson to the *News and Observer* says the snow here is three feet deep. There is no abatement of the storm. News from other points gives the depth of the snow by actual measurement as follows:—Salem, 8 inches; Greensboro, 21 inches; Hillsboro, 10 inches; Middleburg, 22 inches: Durham 18 inches, At Kittrells the roofs of several houses were crushed by the great weight of snow, while trees were bent and broken. The snow is very deep on the Richmond and Danville Railroad between Greensboro and Danville. All the wires were down yesterday, and mesages were sent through the Raleigh office. The fall of snow at Weldon was slight. None fell at Sanford; none at Goldsboro, but there was much sleet; several inches at Wilmington; but little at Clayton, heavy fall, depth not given at Charlotte. The streams are reported as rising very rapidly and floods are expected. In the Blue Ridge the storm appears to have fallen to a great depth. It may be said to be the greatest March snow storm ever known in this State. The storm at Greensboro began at noon Sunday, and continued for 28 hours without intermission.

AN INSANE WOMAN BEATS HER DEAD HUSBAND.—A messenger from Mechanicsville rushed here for the police who were wanted to suppress the demonstrations of a crazy woman named Sallie Grier. The woman was crazed by grief. In the forenoon she received word that her father, who lives a short distance from the city, had just died, and in a very short time after this intelligence reached her, her husband, who was lying dangerously sick in her house, became suddenly worse and died. This double blow proved too much for the poor woman to bear, and reason fled. She rushed from the house and ran up and down the streets raving and shouting at the top of her voice. After awhile she went back to the house and some of the neighbors, attracted by the strange sounds inside, went in, when the shocking spectacle of the insane woman belaboring the corpse of her husband with a stick was what met their view. They made her desist, when she broke from them and once more went out to wake up the neighborhood. It was not until she was caught and securely bound with cords that quiet was restored. She is raving mad and the doctors think she will never regain her mind.—Char. *Observer*.

THE Asheville *Citizen* says: Scott and Ervin who have won much reputation as editors of the *Lenoir Topic*, have purchased the Morganton INDEX, and will conduct both papers hereafter. Mr. Ervin conducting the Morganton MOUNTAINEER, and Mr. Scott *The Topic*.

LOCAL.

—The last day of March, and who cares?

—McDowell court is in session, a two week's term.

—Col. Folk, of the Lenoir bar, is in town.

—Send in your advertisements to THE MOUNTAINEER.

—The snow was only six inches deep at Table Rock.

—Mr. Edward Morris, of New York is visiting relations in Morganton.

—Mr. Willams is erecting a new dwelling house on Hickory street, beyond "Break Neck."

—Quite a number of Morganton's young folks, who are off at the colleges, returned home last Friday, and spent Easter Sunday here.

—One of our typos, Mr. Ed. Crowson, is dangerously ill with pneumonia. This accounts for our limited supply of reading matter.

—A copy of THE MOUNTAINEER will make a good present for an absent friend who is interested in Burke affairs. The subscription books are now open.

—Our country friends, whether subscribers or not, are cordially invited to call on us when they come to town. Their visits will always be appreciated.

—Some very handsome memorial windows have recently been placed in Grace Episcopal church in this place by members of the congregation.

—The commissions for the new Magistrates are now in the hands of the Clerk of the Superior Court, who desires them all to come in and qualify at once.

—Morganton has one institution of which she may well feel proud. Col. Hunt at the Mountain Hotel keeps the best table of any public house in the State.

—The east bound passenger train was delayed several hours at Hickory last Wednesday by the breaking of an axle on the west bound freight a few miles below that place.

—Wm. McGalliard, who was sent to the Albany Penitentiary three years ago for some little difficulty he had with Uncle Sam's post office department, came home last week.

—Messrs. Lightill, Hawks, Prince, Wellington and Sinker, of Boston, Massachusetts, who are interrested in the Queen Mining Company, in this county, are at the Mountain Hotel.

—It is rumored that a new schedule is to go into effect on the Western Railroad before long, by which the west-bound train will pass this place at 7 a. m. and the east-bound train at 7 p. m.

—Messrs. Fred Oertell and Manly McDowell left last week for Avocado on the coast, to assist fish commissoner Worth in the hatcheries. "Company Q" mourns the loss of its most active members.

—Sheriff Lackey last week carried the prisoner, Moulton Boyce up to the head of the Western Railroad where he was placed in charge of the Superintendent of the convict force to serve out a two years term for larceny.

—A postal card from our young friend, H. A. Davis, who left a few weeks ago for Texas informs us that he has secured a good job on the new Insane Asylum at Austin, Texas, where he will remain for some months.

—We had a pleasant call Thursday from our good old friend, Bartlett Cisk, the well known guide to Table Rock, and the jealous custodian, of its honors. A trip to Table Rock in his company is a treat which no one should miss who has the opportunity of enjoying it.

—We were disappointed in not getting our new heading in time for this issue. It was ordered from Richmond two weeks ago, and would have been received in time but for an accident in the type foundry of Pelouze & Son, which prevented them from filling our order in time for this issue. We expect to come out in a better shape next week.

—The *Landmark* mentions R. Z. Linney, of Alexander: Edmund Jones, of Caldwell; A. C. Avery, of Burke, E. L. Vaughn, of Aleghany; Reuben McBrayer, of Cleveland: and John T. Hoke, of Lincoln, as some of the men who will be prominent for the Democratic nomination in the new eighth Congressional district in 1884.

—Hon. J. C. Harper, of Patterson, and Mr. J. G. Hall, of Hickory, of the Asylum building committee, were in town last Thursday and made arrangements to have about 5,000,000 brick manufactured at once for the completion of the northern wing of the Asylum on which work will be commenced at an early day. It is estimated that the building when completed will have consumed more than 20,000,000 brick.

ELECTION OF VESTRYMEN:—At a meeting of the congregation of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church last Monday the following were elected vestrymen for the ensuing year:

T. G. Walton, Senior Warden, T. Gordon, Junior Warden, Wm. Walton, D. C. Pearson, J. C. Tate, C. S. Smith, John H. Pearson.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:—The Mayor and town commissioners not being candidates for re-election, and wishing to give the citizens ample opportunity to nominate their successors, would respectfully suggest that a meeting be held in the Court House on Tuesday, April 17th, 1883, at 11 o'clock a. m. All interested are earnestly requested to attend.

JOHN TULL, Mayor.

[illegible] living on Silver Creek, about six miles from Morganton, and one of Burke's most energetic and prosperous citizens, met with a serious loss last week. His large barn well filled with hay and fodder, and containing two hundred bushels of grain was totally consumed by fire The illumination was distinctly seen at this place, some people thinking the fire might be the hotel at Glen Alpine, which is in about the same direction but farther from town.

THE FESTIVE PRINTER.—A printer is a terrible animal when he takes a notion, and in nine cases out of ten he takes the notion. The editor of one of our exchanges was thunderstruck, recently, at receiving a challenge from a young gentleman whose marriage notice he had inserted under the head "Marriage in High Life," and which he had concluded by wishing the newly wedded pair "long life and much prosperity." The relentless type fiend made him say, "We wish them strong tripe and much posterity!" This incident has been recalled to us by the shameful way in which our typos have made us slaughter the "King's English" recently although properly corrected in the proof.

AFTER THE SLAYER OF HIS SONS:—We publish elsewhere an account of the shooting of the Carlton brothers by one Henry Clippard, which occurred in Caldwell county about two weeks ago. We have received a letter from Mr. L. L. Carlton, a merchant at Meadow Hill, Wilkes county, and the father of the wounded Carlton's, in which he states that both of his sons were wounded, and one of them probably fatally. He describes Clippard as a very desperate man who fled from Virginia, for shooting a man, and who has recently been engaged in tearing down and burning defenceless women's houses on Kings Creek, in Caldwell county. Clippard, the fugitive, is about 35 years old, weighs about 180 pounds, is about 5 feet 6 inches high, has dark hair and red mustache, and has a large full face, very ruddy in complexion, This is the description of him as given by Mr. Carlton, who is making every effost to have him arrested.

☞You can still get Clover seed and Orchard Grass seed at, Davis Bros.

THE EPISCOPAL SUPPER.—On last Thursday night, the court room was turned into an elegant eating saloon, the magic touch of deft fingers having worked the wonderful metamorphosis. The stern old columns supporting the roof had been daintily decked with flowers, and the grim seat of justice was transformed into a bower, whence nymphs and naiads dispensed food more toothsome than ambrosia and draughts sweeter than nectar. The large hall was thronged with youthful beauty and mature dignity, and we are glad to know that the supper, which was given for the benefit of the Episcopal Church, was a success in a financial as well as in an epicurean sense. An additional charm was lent to the repast by the bewitching young sylphs who served it, and as for the one who presided at our table, we are sure no one can deny that she is a "Daisy."

THE EASTER SNOW-STORM.—It was a strange sight for Southern eyes that greeted us last Sunday,—a snow storm on Easter day. About nine a. m. the feathery flakes came flitting down from the dull, gray clouds, dancing in the eddying currents of air, and greeting the Sunday-school children with a soft caress. Everybody seemed to think it a fine joke, this attempt at a snow storm, with dewy April almost upon us and the crocus and the violet already in bloom. But it was no joke. All day the clouds kept up their feathery fusillade, and when the last loiterer had retired that night the violet and the hyacinth were stowed away under a downy snow-blanket full ten inches thick.

The "oldest inhabitant" can recall but few instances of so great a snow fall so late in the season, and, taking into consideration the fact that the snow fell rapidly for six hours before the ground was covered, we may estimate last Sunday's snow fall at fifteen inches,—a heavy snow for this latitude even in midwinter. The snow drifts on the Blue Ridge did not impede the east-bound passenger train on Monday, as it reached this place on time.

ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.—In order to advise the board of commissioners of the several counties; of certain special duties required by the amended "Machinery Act" to be performed at their meeting to be held in April, 1883 the State Treasurer has issued the following circular;

NORTH CAROLINA,
TREASURY DEPARTMET,
RALEIGH, March 19th, 1883.

To the Board of Commissioners of the several Counties of this State:

I inform you that the amended "act to provide for the levying and collection of taxes," passed at the recent session of the General Assembly, requires the Board of commissioners of each county, at their session held in the month of April, 1883, to appoint one justice of the peace and two discreet free holders in each township, to assess the land and real property in their respective townships for taxation. A new assessment is to be made.

At the said April session the Board of commissioners are required to issue a notice to the assessors, summoning them to meet at the county seat on the first Monday in May for consultation with the Board of commissioners, for the purpose of taking such action as will secure uniformity in the assessment of the real estate throughout the county.

The amended act further requires that the Board of commisioners shall, at their April session, appoint one justice of the peace, or other competent person in each township, to list all the land therein at the valuation assessed on the same, and all personal property in said township.

All other necessary infomrmation will be contained in the revenue acts now being printed under the direction of the Secretary of State, which will be distributed at the earliest day possible.

Very respetfully,
J. M. WORTH,
State Treasurer.

RICHMOND, VA., March 29.—Among the cases decided by the Supreme Court of Appeals to-day was one declaring the tag tax of five cents on each package of fertilizer illegal, and another that the school board of Portsmouth, appointed by Governor Cameron, is entitled to hold as against the Democratic board elected by the city council. Lawyers are divided in opinion as to whether this case settles the law in other pending school cases.