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CONSUL GENERAL JERNIGAN.

From the (Presbyterian) *Missionary* for May we learn that the Shanghai, China, papers have published a petition to President McKinley asking that Consul General Jernigan be retained in that most ancient eastern land as consul. The petition was gotten up without Mr. Jernigan's knowledge, and without regard to political parties among the American residents at Shanghai.

They say he has been asiduously faithful to all duties; courteous and dignified; has mastered the details of his difficult position; he has rendered signal satisfaction to his countrymen, and pleased the Chinese government, as well. Dr. Woods, a missionary writes: "All missionary societies out here desire earnestly to keep him in the service in China, as he has been such an energetic, faithful officer, and has rendered such willing, invaluable aid to missions." Mr. Jernigan had a communication in the *Christian Observer*, Louisville, sometime since in which he was advocating the part of the missionaries and their work against some insidious outside attacks. We trust that Mr. McKinley will be induced to permit Mr. Jernigan to remain consul at Shanghai. His home is in Raleigh, N. C., and we are proud of our consul.

OF UNIVERSAL APPLICATION.

There is in mechanics what men call a "universal joint," which allows movements in different directions for the strength and easy working of the machinery.

So the rule of right—often called the "Golden Rule"—has its application in *all* the conduct of *all* men—none are excepted. We need the fresh air all the while—we should be guided by this rule constantly. The man who serves, the man who is served; the well-to-do, the poor station in life does not release. The higher the station—the more of privilege we enjoy, the more, properly, is required of us. To approve our own conscience, to hold the respect of men, to satisfy the great Lawgiver, we should each endeavor to do the duties of his place fully; and require in church and State all men to measure up to the same standard of conduct without any guilty partiality to any one. God does not look upon the outward appearance. Personalities should not enter into or interfere with the discharge of our obligations.

The Easter edition of the North Carolina *Christian Advocate* was an exceedingly creditable one as to form and matter.

Information About Greece.

It has a population of 1,187,208.

It is called "Hellas" by its people.

The mean temperature of Greece is 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

No part of Greece is forty miles from the sea or ten miles from the hills.

About one-half of the population are agriculturists and shepherds.

It has an area of 21,977 square miles.

It is the only country in the world whose armies are provided with the Grass guns and paper-covered cartridges.

The Greek flag is a white cross on blue ground—the Bavarian colors and the Greek cross.

Greece is more thickly populated than any other country in Europe, with the exception of Sweden and Prussia.

It has few rivers and many hills. None of the former are navigable, any many of the latter are fortified.

Its present boundary limits were determined by an arrangement among Great Britain, France, Russia and Turkey, concluded at Constantinople on July 21, 1832.

Only about 70,000 of the inhabitants speak any other language than Greek, and only about 20,000 profess any religion other than the orthodox.

The chief characteristics of the average Greek are his inquisitiveness, fondness for excitement, love of discussion, desire for knowledge, and aptitude for learning and aggressive patriotism.

The climate has two striking peculiarities—the heat in summer and the cold in winter are far more intense than those of any other country in the world lying in the same latitude. Gell once remarked that in traveling through the Morea in March he found summer in Messenia, spring in Laconia and winter in Arcadia, without having moved beyond a radius of fifty miles.

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BRYAN ON CLEVELAND.

The first gun of the battle of 1900 was fired at a dinner given by the Reform Club in New York last Saturday night. The Reform Club is made up exclusively of the personal followers of Mr. Cleveland and this dinner was given to place him in the field as a candidate for President. Mr. Cleveland, ex-Secretary Carlisle and ex-Postmaster General Wilson were among the speakers. Mr. Cleveland responded to the toast, "Present Problems." His speech bears on its face that it is intended as a reply to Mr. Bryan's speech at the Jefferson dinner in Washington, in which Mr. Bryan served notice on those Democrats who had refused to support the nominees in 1896 that they would be welcomed back when they came "as Democrats ready to abide the will of the majority." Mr. Cleveland attempts to answer this challenge by a defense of the Palmerites, by the false charge that the banners of the Democratic party had been stolen by "ruthless agitators," whereas the men who bore the banner in 1896 were chosen by the same orderly party methods as those by which Mr. Cleveland was three times made the standard bearer of the party. Mr. Bryan, in the New York *Journal* of Monday, thus comments on Mr. Cleveland's speech of Saturday night:

The presence of Mr. Cleveland, two members of his Cabinet and such eminent gold Democrats as ex-Congressman Turner, Bynum and Patterson made the banquet an important political event, and the address delivered by Mr. Cleveland may fairly be accepted as setting forth the present views and future purposes of the bolting Democrats.

Probably the most unexpected thing in the address was his reference to the Republican administration. He borrows emphasis from a scriptural text and accuses the Republicans of returning in hot haste to their wallowing in the mire of extreme protection. This is an unfair criticism, because the Republicans have never shown any disposition to abandon extreme protection.

ON M'KINLEY DEMOCRATS.

Mr. McKinley won political fame as the apostle of a high tariff, and during the late campaign reiterated his devotion to this policy. Those Democrats who voted for Mr. McKinley voted with their eyes open to tariff possibilities.

Neither have those Democrats reason to complain of Mr. McKinley's attitude on the money question. To be sure, the President has sent an argosy abroad in search, not of a golden fleece, but of an object equally elusive, namely, an international agreement for the restoration of bimetallism, but in so doing, he is only carrying out a pledge contained in his platform.

Unless the gold Democrats were in possession of assurances not given to the public generally, or expected the President to abandon his platform, they ought to be satisfied with his financial policy. He promised to maintain the gold standard until relief comes from abroad, and he is doing it in spite of the continued distress caused by such a policy.

CAN CONDEMN POLICIES.

The Democrats who supported the Chicago platform can consistently condemn both the tariff policy and the financial policy of the administration, but those who supported Mr. McKinley are only receiving what they had a right to expect.

Mr. Cleveland accuses the Republicans of a determination "to repay partisan support from the proceeds of increased burdens of taxation placed upon those already overladen."

He knew that the Republicans had collected a campaign fund larger than ever before known in American politics. Did it never occur to him that the contributors would expect repayment through legislation friendly to their interests? Has not the Dingley bill been drawn exactly upon the plan of the McKinley bill? It may differ in its schedules, but it does not differ in its general plan and preparation. But if those Democrats who supported Mr. McKinley have no reason to criticise his course, what shall we say of those Democrats who supported the Indianapolis ticket? What claim have they to consideration at the hands of the President?

FROM BOLTING DEMOCRATS.

Mr. Cleveland asserts that when the fate of the nation seemed in the balance, deliverance came through the bolting Democrats. Does he mean through those Democrats who voted directly for Mr. McKinley, or through those who voted for the Indianapolis ticket? The leaders among the gold Democrats claim to have voted for Palmer and Buckner. Certainly this did not entitle them to pose as saviors of their country. They knew that the contest would be close—even Mr. Cleveland refers to the campaign as one of doubt and fear.

Was it patriotic for gold Democrats to throw their votes away upon a ticket which had no chance when their support might have decided the contest? There is a touch of humor in the boisterous intentions of those who, during the contest, watched the struggle from afar and after the battle was over claimed all credit for the victory.

HIS WAR DECLARATION.

The important part of Mr. Cleveland's address, however, is found in his declaration of war against those who supported the Chicago ticket. In this best address he has given more aid to his opponents than to his supporters, just as he did by his official acts. His surrender of the Executive branch of the Government into the hands of the Wall Street financiers during his last administration did more than any other one thing to arouse the American people to a knowledge of the iniquity of the gold standard.

His thinly digested support of the Republican ticket in the late campaign did much to drive the silver Republicans out of the Republican party, and their loyalty to bi-metallism has not been shaken by defeat. In his address Saturday night he aided the silver cause still further by removing whatever danger there might have been of concessions from the regular Democrats to the bolters.

If he had discussed the fundamental principles of Democracy and then urged a union of force upon a platform comprising differences on the money question he might have done us hard in some sections, but his dogmatic insistance upon a foreign financial policy and his emphatic endorsement of the organization of the gold Democrats will have a wholesome influence in convincing timid Democrats of the folly of any attempt to reunite the Democrats who believe in bi-metallism with the Democrats who are wedded to gold mono-metallism.

CONTEST IN ITS INFANCY.

Mr. Cleveland recognizes that that contest over the money question, instead of being ended, is just beginning; he recognizes it as an irrepressible conflict, and in this he reasons rightly.

The Democratic party will in 1900 reiterate its demand for free and unlimited coinage at 16 to 1, and it will be opposed by those who at that time believed in a gold standard. This being as certain as any future event can be, why should those affiliate now who expect to engage in combat so soon hereafter.

We now have a harmonious Democratic party, and we have a bolting organization which claims to represent another kind of Democracy. Let them both exist and time will determine which is fittest to survive.

If any bi-metallist is converted to the gold standard he can join their organization; if any gold Democrat repents he can return to the fold. However much we may differ from Mr. Cleveland we must admit his courage.

A less resolute man would hesitate to assume the leadership of a little band of 130,000, many of whom voted the Indianapolis ticket by mistake, and then acuse 6,500,000 voters of being either designing agitators or the dupes of designing agitators.

A man of less self reliance would re-examine his own conduct to see whether it was his folly or theirs which separated them from 5,000,000 of Democrats who once idolized him, but in the lexicon of Mr. Cleveland's maturer years there is no such word as "mistake."

POWERLESS TO RELIEVE.

The gold Democracy is impotent to bringing any real relief to the country, it is long on platitudes and short on performance, it reaches its maximum at a banquet and its minimum at the polls. It is the toy of those financiers who prate about national honor while they fatten on the nation's extremity, and is powerless to protect the people from the extortion of trusts and the greed of unrestrained corporations.

Those Democrats who believe in equality before the law will naturally gravitate toward the regular Democracy and those Democrats who believe in a Government by syndicates and for syndicates will naturally dritt into the Republican party, because it offers them the best prospect of success.

The Supreme Court Decides the Revenue Act Unconstitutional.

Raleigh Special, 23rd, to Charlotte Observer.

A decision of the Supreme Court, filed this evening, put in effect the poll tax and general tax of 1895. It was rendered in the case of the Governor against the Auditor, in which the former sought to make the latter change the poll tax to $1.38 and thus correct the carelessness of the Legislature, which, in the revenue act, made the general taxes 46 cents and the poll tax only $1.29. The majority of the court decided that sections 2 and 3 of the revenue act are unconstitutional and void, leaving the corresponding act of 1895 in force. Justices Clark and Douglas dissent. The opinion is lengthy and is written by Justice Montgomery.

The revenues which the Treasurer will receive from taxes on property levied in 1895 of course will be less than they would have been under the levy of 1897 and the Treasurer will, of course, disburse the same for the various purposes set out in section 3 of the act of 1897 pro rata and according to law, the regular expenses for conducting the State government first to be considered.

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DEFEAT FOLLOWS THE GREEKS.

They Abandon Larissa and Fall Back—The Threatening Attitude of Bulgaria.

New York Times, 25th.

Larissa has been abandoned by the main Greek army under Crown Prince Constantine, who was defeated by the Turks at Matti, in Thessaly, after a stubborn resistance, the Greeks no doubt having been outnumbered and thoroughly exhausted.

Constantine has established a new line of defense twenty miles further back, with headquarters at Pharsalos. The Greeks, however, according to a Constantinople dispatch, have reached the rear of Elassona, and may yet execute some movement fraught with grave import to the Turkish force under Edhem Pasha.

In Epirus a Greek army has been defeated near Janina, according to reports from the same source, and a dispatch from Athens says the impression is now prevalent that the fighting will not continue much longer in that province.

Very unfavorable to the Turks is the threatening attitude of Bulgaria, which has refused to submit to vassalage and obey the Saltan's mandate to terminate its diplomatic intercourse with Greece.

The revolt in Albania also, in which Turkish troops have taken part, and the raids of Bulgarian insurgents across the frontier, may be the precursors of similar happenings in other parts of the Ottoman Empire, which wait for encouragement upon the slightest success of Greek arms.

GREEKS FARING BADLY.

A London Dispatch Indicates That the Campaign is Over and That the Trouble Will be Referred to the Powers for Settlement.

Charlotte Observer, 27th.

The Sunday dispatches from Greece brought the news of the capture of Larrissa, the Greek army headquarters, by the Turks, who advanced upon and took it Sunday, the Greeks evacuating it, retreating even in disorder, and losing cannon and valuable stores and arms and munition. Colonel Mavomacalis, in rallying the troops, exhibited the greatest fortitude, and shot several of the panic-stricken deserters. He wired to General Smolenitz, who is in command at Reveni: "I am defeated and am retreating to Kazaklar. Act according to your judgment." There is great depression at Athens and great rejoicing at Constantinople over the Greek defeat. The Greeks will make a desperate stand at Pharsala, which has better natural fortifications than Larissa, and another memorable battle may take place there. There was consultation among the powers Sunday in regard to interfering and intervening in the contest. England, Germany and France were in favor of this policy, though Germany demanded that Greece must pledge herself, before intervention, to abide by the decision of the powers.

INDIGNATION IN ATHENS.

King George and His Government in Great Disfavor—Scared By Edhem Pasha's Probable Move on Athens.

LONDON, April 27.—The *Evening News* this evening publishes a dispatch from Athens, dated 3:10 p. m., and saying that the people there are frightfully incensed with the retreat of the troops. The dispatch further states that the bitterness against King George and his government is intensified by the news that the Greek army has been ordered to suspend operations, pending reconsideration of the position. Continuing, the dispatch says:

"Indeed, it looks probable that to-morrow will see the end of the whole business. There is reason to believe that the government is contemplating the withdrawal of the Greek troops from Crete and to make an appeal to the powers to settle the troubles. This change upon the part of the government is due to Edhem Pasha having intimated his intention of marching upon Athens."

A Crisis Approaching.

LONDON, April 27.—A dispatch has been received from Athens stating that affairs there are fast approaching a crisis. The recent defeats of the Greek army have aroused public feeling to such a pitch that King George may be assassinated or deposed. There is also danger that the mob may take possession of the city. The resignation of the Greek minister of marine is reported in another dispatch.

TRAMPS GROW BOLD.

Shoot at the Engineer—Another Crowd Assaults the Porter.

Tramps are growing very bold indeed, as will be seen by the following items from the Salisbury *Sun* of Monday:

"Last Thursday night Engineer Bolick took the Chattanooga train out from Salisbury and when he was nearing Marion several tramps, who were riding the first blind, began shooting pistols. They evidently tried to hit the engineer, because one bullet shattered a glass in the cab near his head. He blew the alarm and stopped the train. Several of the crew came forward and the tramps were ejected. They gave no further trouble.

"The next night when the west-bound Chattanooga train stopped at the old shop place to register, Capt. Perry sent Will Brown, the colored porter, to the front to drive off some tramps whom he thought were trying to beat. Brown found three big fellows on the tender and ordered them off. They obeyed reluctantly and when they got on the ground one of them grabbed Brown in a vice-like grip and another made a pass at him with a knife. He yelled for help and Capt Perry ran up with his pistol. When the tramps saw help coming they made off and did not try to board the train any more."

☞ Base ball goods and hammocks at Swindell's.

RUTHERFORD RIPPLES.

A Runaway—A Novel House—Store Burned—Democratic Municipal Ticket.

Rutherfordton Vidette, April 23rd.

Col. Frank Coxe arrived here Wednesday from Philadelphia. We suppose he has come to spend the summer at his Green River home. ...The democrats of Rutherfordton met in convention Wednesday evening and nominated Mr. C. P. Tanner for mayor and Messrs. J. C. Cowen, J. F. Flack, D. F. Morrow and J. R. Washburn for aldermen. ....On last Monday morning Mrs. R. F. Logan and her daughter, Miss Fannie, were driving along in their buggy near Mr. Henry Miller's en route to the latter's school at Darlington, when a bolt which held the shafts in place dropped out and let them down on the horse's heels, causing him to run away. Fortunately the horse was stopped before any serious damage was done. When the horse started Miss Fannie jumped out and sprained her ankle, but not so severely as to prevent her from going on to her school. .... The most modern thing in the way of housebuilding in this section is that of Mr. Leroy E Hulet's photograph gallery. The building material was all prepared before it was brought to the ground for erection, so it was a matter of only two or three days' work for three men to get it ready for occupancy. The building is 16 by 30 feet and is a comfortable one. It is so constructed that it can be taken down and moved to another place in a few hours and at but little expense. ....Mr. C. Y. Smally, of Golden, this county, got his store house, with all its contents, burned Tuesday night. He had about $15 in silver and about the same amount in gold dust, none of which could be found after the fire. It was doubtless the work of an incendiary. There was no insurance.

AID FOR THE INDIA SUFFERERS.

Fortune's Fat Job—Belwood Institute Commencement—A Record Breaking Cow—Death of Mrs. Matthews Ross.

Cleveland Star, April 21st.

The Shelby baseball team has accepted a challenge from the Spartanburg team to play on the latter's grounds on May 5th. .... The faculty and students of the Shelby graded school contributed very liberally to aid the famishing people of India. A check for $30.70 was sent out last week as the school's contribution. The Baptist Sunday school, the Presbyterian society and other organizations have made very liberal contributions and the money has been forwarded to the committee appointed to receive the funds. ....Capt. Junius Brutus Fortune is to be clerk of the eastern district federal court at Raleigh as soon as the successor to Judge Seymour enters upon his duties. This is a fat office and lasts for life or during good behavior, unless "providentially" hindered by the opposing political party. .... Mr. J. A. Carpenter, of Knob Creek, has a cow that is a regular record breaker. She has given birth to five calves in a little over twenty months. She will be six years old in June and already has seven calves. She is a very fine milch cow and is highly valued by the owner. ....The commencement exercises of the Belwood Institute will take place on May 11th and 12th. R. L. Durham, Esq., of Gastonia, will deliver the literary address and Rev. S. B. Turrentine, of Charlotte, will preach the annual sermon. The exercises by the school always have been excellent and this year will be no exception. The institute has had a most successful year. ....Mrs. Matthews Ross, aged 75, died last Thursday at the home of her son, a few miles north of Shelby. She moved down from Rutherford county last year. Deceased leaves six children and a large number of relatives to mourn their loss. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church for nearly fifty years and was fully consecrated to the service of her Lord. The remains were interred at Ross's Grove church, Rev. T. Dixon conducting the funeral services.

GROUND TO DEATH.

A Prominent Railroad Man Killed—A Marriage—Fire Near Machpelah—Death of Mr. George Ramsaur.

Lincoln Journal, April 23rd.

Mr. S. T. Pender, general passenger agent of the Carolina & North-Western Railroad, was killed at the depot here at 4:35 yesterday afternoon. He had telegraphed to the editor of the *Journal*, Mr. W. A. Fair and Dr. W. L. Crouse to meet him on business at the freight which arrived at 4:16 These gentlemen were talking with him when the train started. It was moving rapidly when it reached the point at which Mr. Pender stood, and he attempted to board the front platform of the passenger coach. He caught the rod with his left hand but failed to catch the coach with his right. His body swung around between the coach and the car ahead, his foot slipped and he fell on his back on the rail directly in front of the wheels of the passenger coach. He was dragged along the rail for about 150 feet, when the wheels passed over his body, mangling it most horribly. Both legs were broken all to pieces, his body cut in two, and the top and back of his skull torn off. Mr. Pender was on his way home from a meeting of the Southern States Passenger Agents' Association in Atlanta, and was in high spirits over what he had accomplished for his road there. He was an exceptionally able and bright railroad man, and a most charming gentleman. He was a son of the famous Gen. Pender. He was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife, five little sons and a little daughter. His home was at Lenoir, and as we write his mangled body is being prepared to be taken to his home there. ....Mr. John L. Cobb has been quite sick this week with an affection of the heart. ....Mr. George Ramsaur, one of the county's oldest and best citizens, died at his home in Howard's Creek township Wednesday. We are informed that he was about 90 years of age. Messrs. Eli and Pink Ramsaur and Mrs. Dan Hoover and Miss Laura Ramsaur are the surviving sons and daughters. He was a good man and a good citizen. His remains were interred at Daniel's church yesterday.

The Possibilities and Practicabilities of the New School Law in McDowell.

Written for The Messenger.

It has been justly said that as you raise people in the scale of intellectuality, you make them more moral and more religious. It is a fact beyond question that help which comes from within develops a strong character, while that which comes from without is weakening and enervating. Hence, I say that the law giving the right of local taxation for the maintenance of public schools is the best that can be devised.

Under it, combining as it does State aid in addition to that raised by local taxation, the public schools of McDowell ought to receive a new impetus. The length of the terms can be easily doubled; better school houses can be built. The way is now open for a system of education that will be the pride of the people of this county, blessed as it is by nature. Let McDowell be the first to grasp the opportunity offered, and place the blessed boon of education within the reach of every child living in this favored region.

Just think of it! How much better to spend money upbuilding and ennobling the minds and characters of the children than to spend it in the courts of justice trying to repress crime, when it can be done so much more easily by touching the fountain-head with truth and purity. Then how much more noble the work! Instead of criminals, we should find upright, intelligent, liberty loving citizens. Who is not willing to make the change? It seems that a better day is about to dawn. Give us the masses well educated and in a single generation capital will be attracted to our midst as we never dreamed of before. Instead of idleness and dissipation, industry and thrift would be seen on every hand. When you educate the masses you strengthen the very foundations of free government. Let every man who loves his country and his home vote for this system. OBSERVER.

Greenlee, N. C., April 25, 1897.

Mica Dots.

Correspondence of The Messenger.

Miss Fannie Cheek and Mr. Harry Hibbard, who have been visiting Mr. George Greenlee's family, have returned to Marion.

Mr. Fate Hall and Miss Hettie Crosswan were married last Wednesday, the 21st.

Mr. James Quinn has been very sick with pneumonia, but we are glad to learn that he is getting better.

Miss Maggie Hickey, of Bakersville, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Berry, has returned home.

Mr. McLaurin passed through en route to North Cove last Thursday. From there he goes to Statesville to atend Presbytery.

Mr. J. K Irby, Jr., and his sister, Miss Georgia, were at Mica last Saturday. They expect to leave soon for Oregon. We are very sorry to lose them.

Mr. Cherry, pastor of the M. E. church here, preached too good sermons last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Sorrels, who has been visiting in Marion, returned home last week. BETSY.

KIND WORDS FROM THE BRETHREN

THE MARION MESSENGER celebrated its first anniversary by issuing a large trade edition. This issue was nicely gotten up and showed journalistic enterprise.—*Lenoir Visitor.*

THE MARION MESSENGER celebrated its first anniversay last week by getting out a trade edition, which was very creditable.—*Waynesville Courier.*

THE MARION MESSENGER issued its first anniversary number on the 16th of this month. It was twice its usual size, being eight pages, and contained a good "write up" of McDowell county and illustrations of different scenes, together with a great deal of other interesting matter. It was a great credit to the publishers, and will without doubt do much towards building up that beautiful section of the Old North State.—*Southern Publisher, Charlotte, N. C.*

Garden City News.

Correspondence of The Messenger.

Miss Nora Ray, who has been attending school at Ball Creek, Yancey county, has returned, to the pleasure of her many friends.

Mr. Roy Brown is up from Silver Creek. He will probably spend the summer on the creek.

We are having sickness in our neighborhood.

Mr. J. G. Patton was in Marion Monday.

We are having some lovely weather and the farmers seem to be taking advantage of it now, as they have been delayed some.

We are having quite a nice Sunday school at Clear Creek and well attended by the young and old both.

Rev. Mr. Myers will preach at Mrs. Gowan's the first Sunday in May and will hold services there all the time until we get a church built.

PANSY.

The True Remedy.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., *Chief*, says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for coughs, colds, whooping cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at Morphew & White's Drug Store.

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BIG SHIPMENT OF POTATOES.

Catawba a Fine Potato Section—Hickory's Bicycle Club Rents a Track—A Ewe Gives Birth to Three Lambs—Easter in Hickory—Other Catawba News.

Hickory Mercury, April 21st.

Mr. John W. Lawrence, of Catawba, has a ewe which gave birth to three lambs this season, one white and two blacks. ....The first carload of tobacco for Dellinger's new smoking tobacco factory was unloaded in this city last Thursday. ....Mrs Amos Canapp, aged about 75 years, died Friday night last. She was buried at St. Steven's Sunday. ....Easter in Hickory this year in every way was one of pleasure to both old and young. Easter services were held at every church, and all have been pronounced the best, especially the singing. ....Last Wednesday 605 bushels of sweet potatoes were shipped from this place, principally to Georgia. This is a fine potato section and our people know how to grow and keep them. The result is right here. ....Mr. W. L. Greer has purchased the Petra Mills property in Caldwell county, formerly owned by Mr. T. E. Field, of this city, and Mr. J. M. Smith, of Granite Falls. Mr. Field went to Lenoir last Wednesday to make titles to the property. ....The bicycle club has rented a bicycle track from J. S. Leonard in front of the Hickory Manufacturing Co. Browder & Deal get the contract to grade the tract, for which they are to get $60 .... Mr. J. S. Setzer received a telegram Monday from his son at Raleigh, Mr. J. W. Setzer, saying that his wife was sinking fast and without a change could not live long. Mrs. Setzer once lived in Hickory and by her spotless life made many friends while here, who will be pained to hear of this sad dispensation of providence.

STATE NEWS.

It is said there are 800 bicycles in use in Raleigh.

A new bicycle track and baseball ground is being constructed at Concord.

Newton boasts of five citizens whose combined weight reaches 1,380 pounds.

W. P. Fife, the drummer evangelist, has begun a series of meetings in Durham.

A hen's nest with eggs in it was found on the truck of a car of the Yadkin train at Salisbury.

The corn crop of North Carolina is reported at 29,504,148 bushels for 1896, in the *Agricultural Bulletin.*

The wheat crop of North Carolina for 1896 was 4,621,922 bushels, of which 4,483,264 bushels were consumed where grown.

Mr. J. B. Sherrill, editor of the Concord *Times*, contemplates starting a daily paper in that town some time in the near future.

Rev. M. Bradshaw, of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, now stationed at Maxton, and Miss Mary Whitehurst, were married Wednesday morning of last week.

Lenoir *Visitor:* Caldwell county has taken a forward step in having a telephone connection with, at present, two townships—Globe and John's River—and a movement is now on foot to connect King's Creek with Lenoir.

Robert Bailey was run over by a freight train at Lexington Sunday morning and instantly killed. He was arrested and tried Saturday for being drunk and it is thought that he was under the influence of whiskey when the train struck him.

Federal court at Statesville adjourned last Saturday at 1 o'clock. Ten women and 32 men were sent to jail for terms of from one to six months. Two men were sent to the Columbus penitentiary for 13 and 18 months respectively. The officials went to Charlotte Monday, when a special term of the court began.

Salisbury *Sun*, 26th: A lady on the south-bound train last night became hysterical and told the conductor and several passengers that she was going to die before the train reached Charlotte. She was still alive, however, when the train passed Salisbury and we understand was living when it reached Charlotte.

Kinston *Free Press:* A distressing accident occurred Monday morning in Southwest township. Mr. Clay Hood threw a large piece of wood out of a wagon, when the four-year-old son of Mr. Will Tyndall ran from behind a pile of shingles and under the wood as it was falling. It crushed the child's head, killing him instantly.

Raleigh correspondence Charlotte *Observer:* There was a curious and sensational divorce case here to-day. A white man of Raleigh eight years ago married a young woman in an adjoining county, thinking she was white. He discovered a few weeks ago that she was a negro. This fact was fully proved in court to day and he was granted a divorce. The woman is good looking, has straight hair, and has no appearance of the negro.

A strange story comes from Lexington, N. C. It is said that Mr. A. B Fuller, of Tabernacle township, found one thousand dollars in gold on Sunday morning, the 18th inst. The night before Mr. Fuller dreamed of finding money at a certain spot on his plantation, and Sunday morning he was so impressed with the dream that he took a mattock and went to the place he dreamed of and commenced to dig, and at once found one thousand dollars in gold, consisting of ten dollar, twenty dollar and thirty dollar coins. The money is supposed to have been buried away more than a hundred years ago by some old miser.

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