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OLD NORTH "THE LAND STATE NEWS.

Interesting Items of News Miss Carrie Ballard, a Visitor Briefly Set Forth For Busy Readers.

The electric chair for the death chamber at the State prison will be ready for use in the near future The Lincolnton News last wee The first electrocution will take published the following, letter placs in March when a Robeson from Miss Carrie Ballard, of tha county negro will pay the penalty place, who is now sojourning a for a criminal assault upon an Greenlee, Mc Dowell County, Indian woman. When completed The letter follows: the electric outfit will cost \$1,500, I am now at Greenlee, a small the Legislature appropriating town six miles west of Marion on \$1,000, and the penitentiary prothe Southern railroad. Just where viding the additional \$500. the road begins to climb the Blue

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Ridge. Representative Pou, of the Ral-To those who have never visited eigh district, has introduced in the the mountain section of the State House of Congress a bill to appro-I shall say you have no idea of the priate \$5,000, to be expended by beautiful scenery that is within the Raleigh chamber of commerce, our own beloved Carolina. and the Merchants' Association at you the song so much used and Raleigh, under the direction of the loved by the school children. The Secretary of War, for the erection North Carolina Hills, can not posof an heroic bronze statue of Presisibly be more than a rapsody of dent Andrew Johnson in the park words. Had I the descriptive in rear of the postoffice at Raleigh. powers of "Bobby" Burns, still

would be unable to picture the A man in the western part of beauty of nature as it exists here. the state offers a 600-acre farm, I have been in the heart of this worth \$6,000 to the Presbyterian church, Asheville Presbytery, if

the interests of these schools wi heart. He is entergetic and be lieves in the latest methods of school work. He stands by hi teachers like a stone wall. Beside attending to his duties as County Supt. of schools he is also princi pal of Marion graded school. He goes about his work in a business way and requires the same of his

teachers. There are already a number of special taxed districts

in the county, having a tern of six or eight months with two or three and even four teachers. Since came here four or five more dis tricts have voted special schoo tax. Of the many miles of rail road in the county only a fer miles are not under a school tax. Good painted school houses are to be found in almost every district. We have a new up-to-date four room, painted building, piano and other modern furnishings, having four teachers and enrollment of 100 pupils here at Greenlee, with a seven months term.

With all this, "One thing lack est thou yet, McDowell," we have no Woman's Betterment Association in the county. This to my mind is a great benefactor to the educational interest of any county.

New Cotton Mill for Johnson City. no fault in the soil why this is not Johnson City, Feb. 23 .- D. D. a better county than it is, neither mountain country since last July Little, the well known cotton mill do I believe that the Hookworm is and each succeeding day some man, of Spartanburg, S. C., was is giving us any trouble in th

PEOPLE'S FORUM te people on various topics. Tun PROG mable for the riews of its corresp ents. All coms igned for our protection though the be witheld in publication.

PROGRESS.

Pertinent Comment on Farming in McDowell.

Well, old brother farmers, the bright spring days are fast approaching, and we are still roasting our toes, chewing and smoking our tobacco, and telling our brother farmer that we have nothing to do. That is and has been our yearly cry as long as I can remember, and I am getting rather old. Of course I don't feel old by any means, but I see some silvery hairs on my head, and after many squandered years of my life I can see how and where we farmers of Mo-Dowell have been and are still missing our mark to prosperity.

Since the good leaders of Marion have strained every nerve to bring our county to the front in Westers North Carolina, this has caused us to think and see more than usual. It is true we have a fine county, excellent land to cultivate, land that will produce most anything that we wish to grow. So there is

thing else, and that I enjoy farm

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it is some-what amusing and rather



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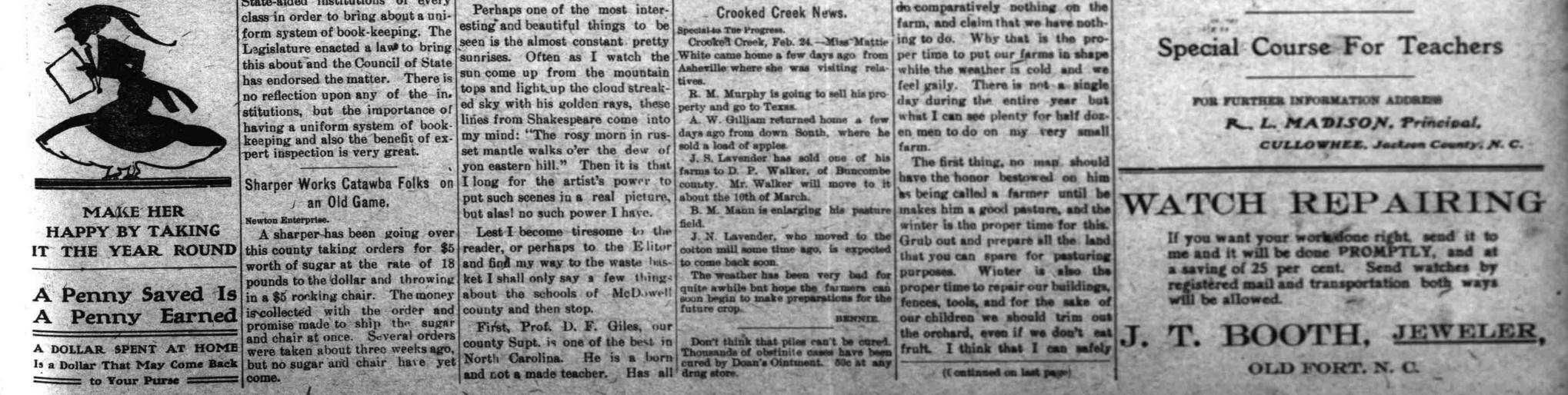
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school for orphan boys. An effort is being made, therefore, to secure \$2,000 to start some buildings.

ing skyward to the great Almigh- railroad. Fire at Greenville early last

Thursday morning totally destroyed two business blocks, causing a loss estimated at \$150,000, less than half covered by insurance.

* * * A near-beer saloon was opened in Newton a few days ago and the aldermen met in extra session and dot the mountain sides on every talk of a large cotton mill to be have fell back on the farm because levied a tax of \$500 per annum on hand. Today an eight-inch snow erected on the C. C. & O. by Mr. I could not make a success at anynear-beer dealers.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY LINE Isothermal Traction Company Incorporated-Headquarters In Rutherfordton. above the surrounding country.

utherfordton Sun

A charter under the name of at 7 o'clock a. m. and continued the Isothermal Traction Company till 8 p. m. The thermometer at New Equipment for C. C. & O. Ry. ideas. We see so much good fertile has been secured through the sec- 7 o'clock this morning registered retary of state, now on file in this five above vero. This is the first county in the Clerk of Superior snow of the season that measured Court's office, for the construction above two inches, yet almost any of an electric railway line from cloudy day snow may be seen fall-Rutherfordton to Gastonia, the in- ing. The changes are more sudtention of the company is to take den than in Lincoln county, and in Forest City, Caroleen, Henrietta more precaution must be taken and Cliffside, in this county; Shel- against taking cold. Especially by, in Cleveland county, and this is true in the Autumn season.

Cherryville, Dallas and Gastonia, While the changes are more sudden yet the climate is oppressive. in Gaston county.

The company is now engaged in The killing frost came about the securing sufficient funds to cover tenth of October. On the second the expenses of a survey, procur- of September we had frost enough ing rights-of-way and franchises to injure potato tops, bean vines and the costs of preparing reports and other less hearty plants. The to be placed before the under- water is one of the inviting things delivered they will be used in haulwriters. The surveyors it is said to the visitor here. Every few will be placed in the field not later hundred yards is a clear cool than March 10th. stream gushing out of the mountain side. This is one of the main

Expert Accountant for State Income to Western Carolina in the stitution. summer time if you would be free

Raleigh, February 28.-Governor Kitchin is contemplating the early employment of an expert acthe middle and eastern section of countant to audit accounts of all the State. State-aided institutions of every

thing new and interesting can be in Johnson City today and it is ru- least. The truth of the whole seen. "Oh these North Carolina mored that he is contemplating es- story is, we are the most stupid. Hills," how majestic and how tablishing a large cotton mill on lazy, tender-footed farmers in the grand, with their summits front- the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio State. Now, I don't mean to hurt

the feelings of any farmers, simty's hand. I have watched them Last spring he organized and is ply because they are t e most no as they changed their bright green president and treasurer of the ble class on the globe.

summer suits for the Autumn Marion, N. C., Manufacturing No doubt but we all have good ones, and on till they laid these company, the three hundred thous- reasons for being some kind of aside and went in to the grasp of and dollar mill which is now un- farmers, and my reasons are simking winter. Indeed I do not der the course of construction at ply this: I have tried most every wonder why so many hundreds that place. Since the organization thing except preaching and selling annually visit here, or why. hotels of that mill there has been much books (the highest and lowest) and

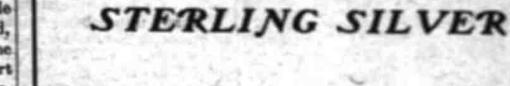
crowns each craggy peak. Surely Little and his associates. nothing declares "The Hand that His son, S. C. Little, has been life best of all. So I suppose that made us Divine" more than these in Johnson City for several days is the case with a great many farsnow clad mountain peaks as they confering with C. Guy Bell and mers, and that is why we are makraise their lofty heads of eight" or local business men in regard to the ing a mock of the (should be) noble ten hundred feet and even more proposed daily paper, which is work.

scheduled to make its appearance The snow began falling Friday here within the next few weeks.

> disgusting to see some strange farm land lying out and growing up in The Carolina, Clinchfield and briars and bushes. We are giving Ohio Railroad has placed orders for a number of new passenger back from branches, fence rows, ditches, wood lands and such like coaches and ten big locomotives until one-third or one-half of our of the latest types. The engines farming lands have become worth are monsters, having a capacity of less to us. And just look at the hauling a mile of coal cars. The good men in the county who have new coaches and engines will be no land who are willing to work if delivered in March. we would only give them a chance,

The C. C. & O. has several big but it seems that we are too closeengines that are being used fisted to give such men all they can hauling coal from Dante, Va., make one or even two years to far south as Erwin, Tenn., though clean up and put in proper cultinone of the engines now in operatvation. Such plots of land are lyion are as large as the ten engines ing idle that would add greatly to that have been ordered by the the value of our farms were they company. When the engines are cleaned out, besides they would support a number of families ing coal trains into Spartanburg. throughout the country. We About March 1 a double daily could well afford to give a tenant passenger schedule will be inaugursuch chances for looks alone. ated between Spartanburg and reasons why you hear so many say Dante, Va., and in order to be have noticed that a great many

prepared for the new service the officials of the company have than the land-lord, and I often from chills, malaria and other placed orders for ten passenger, think how much better it would such diseases that are common in coaches of the latest type. In be if they would swap jobs. comfort and finish these cars will be almost equal to Pulman cars.



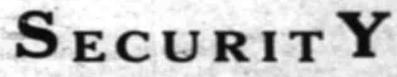
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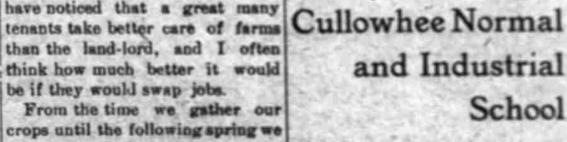


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