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TOWN DIRECTORY.

B. F. McLEAN Mayor.
ENOCH BURNS,
J. LEACH,
J. D. JOWERS,
W. J. CURRIE,
J. P. SMITH, Town Marshal.
LODGES.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR, No. 1,720 meets on second and fourth Wednesday's at 7.30 P. M. **J. B. WEATHERLY,** Dictator **B. F. McLEAN,** Reporter.
FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE Council meets on Tuesdays after second and fourth Sundays at 7.30 P. M. **A. McL. MORRISON,** President.
Y. M. C. A., meets every Sunday at 7.30 P. M. **WM. BLACK,** President.

MAXTON GUARDS, WM. BLACK, Captain, meets first Thursday nights of each month at 8 P. M.

CHOSEN FRIENDS meet on second and fourth Monday in each month. **Argus Shaw,** Chief Counselor; **S. W. Parham,** Secretary and Treasurer.

SILVER STAR BAND, W. S. NICKERSON Leader, meets each Monday and Thursday at 8 P. M.

MAXTON LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIUS, meets every Friday night, except first in each month, at 8 o'clock.

ROBESON COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY **H. McEachern,** President.
W. W. McDermid, 1st Vice-President.
D. J. D. Croom, 2nd Vice-President.
A. D. Brown, Secretary.
Wm Black, Treasurer and Depository.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
Rev. Joseph Evans, **Rev. H. O. Hill, D. D.,**
Rev. J. S. Black, **Rev. O. P. Meeks,**
Rev. J. F. Finlayson, **Jos. McCollum,**
J. B. Smith, **Duncan McKay, Sr.,**
N. P. Brown, **Dr. J. L. McKellan.**

AUDITING COMMITTEE.
J. P. Smith, D. H. McNeill, J. A. Humphrey,
Place of next meeting—Lamberton, N. C. Time of next meeting—Thursday, May 30th, 1889, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

Bibles and Testaments can be purchased of **Wm. Black,** Depository, Maxton, N. C., at cost.

All churches and Bible Societies in the county invited to send delegates.

Forward all collections to **Wm Black,** Treasurer, Maxton, N. C.

CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN, REV. DR. H. G. HILL, Pastor. Services each Sabbath at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

METHODIST, REV. W. S. HALES, Pastor. Services second Sunday at 4 P. M., and fourth at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.

MAXTON LITERARY SOCIETY meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

MASONIC.

MAXTON LODGE A. F. & A. M. meets 1st Friday night in each month at 8 P. M.

GENERAL DIRECTORY OF ROBESON COUNTY.

Senator, **J. E. Purcell.**
Representatives, **J. Hamilton McMillan,**
D. C. Regan.

County Commissioners, **J. L. McLean,**
J. H. McEachern,
W. J. Regan,
D. A. Buie.

O. S. C., **C. B. Townsend,**
Sherriff, H. McEachern.
Tax Collector, R. O. Pitman.

Reg'r Deeds, S. W. Bennett.
Treasurer, W. W. McDairmid.

Board of Education, **Rev. J. S. Ivey,**
J. S. Black,
J. S. McQueen.

Supt. Pub. Instr'n, J. A. McAlister.
Coroner & Supt. of Health, Dr. R. F. Lewis

Russia is willing to spend \$90,000,000 on a new navy.

Twelve years ago the Modoc Indians were uncivilized heathens. Now they are a community of industrious farmers, with half their number professing Christians. It cost the United States Government \$1,848,000 to care for 2200 Dakota Indians seven years while they were savages. After they were Christianized it cost, for seven years, \$120,000, a saving of \$1,728,000.

It is generally predicted that Oklahoma will be settled up with phenomenal rapidity. The Oklahoma Valley is one of the finest in the United States, with an abundance of timber and an altitude of 1600 feet above the sea. If any cattlemen are ill-advised enough to remain in the Territory, observes the *New York Tribune*, they may expect short shrift from the boomers, who will have many old scores to settle.

The occasions upon which anybody receives the Knighthood of the Order of the Bath in his ninety-first year are extremely rare. Mr.—now Sir Edwin—Chadwick, who attained the age of ninety in January last, has earned this distinction. His first article appeared in the *Westminster Review* in 1828, more than sixty years ago. His whole life seems to have been passed on committees, councils, congresses, commissions and conferences in connection with the English Social Science Association.

NORTH AND WEST.

NEWSY ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.

Being A Condensation of the Principal Happenings in Different States

A FREIGHT train ran into a burning bridge at Catawissa, Penn., and broke through into the ravine, making a terrible wreck and killing Engineer Bonstine, Fireman Jonas Russell and Brakeman James Indine. The loss was about \$70,000.

A OUSENE oil well was discovered at Leigonville, Penn. It threw off 115 feet in the air, and was running at the rate of 700 barrels a day.

The plant of the Harlem (N. Y.) Electric Lighting Company was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of nearly \$150,000.

Forests fires swept an area of about 3000 acres surrounding Millville, N. J., destroying barns, crops and much valuable timber. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

OLIVER PERRY LEWIS, aged twenty-one years, of New York city, drowned himself while clad in his dress suit in Central Park reservoir. He had recently undertaken the support of his mother and sisters, and shame and distress at his failure are thought to have been his motive. Before drowning himself he had fixed the day and hour of his funeral, and sent out notices to friends asking them to attend it.

JAMES CONNER and **James Harris** were killed near Homer, Mich., by a premature explosion of dynamite while blasting stumps.

GEORGE M. McNEIL, formerly of Iowa, employed on the Oak Levee, at Baton Rouge, La., and two colored women, **Colly Norton** and **Frankie Romero,** were drowned by the upsetting of a skiff in which they were attempting to cross the river.

A COLLISION occurred between two freight trains a mile south of Glen Mary, Tenn. Brakeman Taylor, Conductor Hiline and Engineer Ruak were crushed to death. Two others were slightly injured.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed **Daniel A. Grosvenor,** of Ohio, to be chief of a division of the First Comptroller's office. He is a brother of Representative Grosvenor.

SIR EDWARD MALET, the British Ambassador at Berlin. Mr. Scott, the British Minister at Bern, and Mr. Crowe, the commercial attaché of the British Embassy at Paris, have been appointed Royal Commissioners to represent England at the Samoan Conference.

MR. PENDLETON, the United States Minister to Germany, will take no part in the conference in Samoan affairs. He presented his letters of recall to the Emperor William, and immediately left Berlin.

MESSRS. KASSON, Bates and Phelps, the American Commissioners to the Samoan Conference left London for Berlin.

KING CHARLES of Rumania officially announced that his nephew, **Prince Ferdinand,** had been selected as heir to the throne of Rumania.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

MAGGIE MITCHELL has a new play. **ADELAIDE RISTORI** was born in Italy in 1821.

ROBERT ELSMERE has proven an unexpected success in Boston.

Mrs. POTTER, the society actress, has bought a farm on Long Island.

The Bijou Theatre, at Melbourne, Australia, has been destroyed by fire.

GEORGE DREW-BARRYMORE has signed with W. H. Crane for next season.

AMONG salaried actresses **Ellen Terry** draws the biggest pay—\$800 a week.

THERE are thirty-four regularly appointed opera companies traveling on the road.

ADELAIDE MOORE, the English tragedienne, is preparing for her American tour.

The current theatrical seasons in Berlin and Vienna have been unusually successful.

A MUSICAL entertainment for the benefit of the Home for Dogs, in London, netted \$2500.

CLAY M. GREENE has written a new play of New England life called "Blackberry Farm."

N. C. GOODWIN, the comedian, will not under the management of James C. Duff next season.

The leading New York society ladies propose to erect a monument to the memory of **Lester Wallack.**

The late Duchess of Cambridge used to pay **Signor Tosti** \$1500 a year to entertain her with music an hour every day.

THERE will be six or seven comic opera companies bidding for the patronage of **New York theater-goers** this summer.

CATHERINE SINCLAIR, widow of the tragedian **Edwin Forrest,** is seventy-two years old and a resident of New York city.

MANAGER J. M. HILL, of New York, has discovered a new dramatic luminary in **Glady's Orme,** a pretty fifteen-year-old girl.

Mrs. HALLSTONES-IN-THE-STOMACH, who will be with **Forepaugh's circus** next summer, is described as the **Langtry** of the Sioux tribe.

SIGNOR NOVARA, the well-known basso, has been engaged to support **Patti** during her operatic tour of the United States next winter.

WACHEL, the French tenor, has been celebrating his jubilee at the age of sixty-five. He says that he has sung "Le Postillon de Longumeau" 1000 times.

EDWIN BOOTE made his reappearance at Cleveland. He gave not the slightest indication of physical deterioration and in action, as well as speech, recalled the strength of his best days.

JOACHIM, the great violinist, has returned to Germany after a brilliant season in London carrying the six-thousand-dollar Stradivarius violin recently presented to him by his British admirers.

CHARLES W. DURANT, of New York, who managed **Estelle Clayton's** theatrical tours and who three years ago inherited \$250,000, is in court the other day that his sole possession consists of a watch and ring given to him by **Miss Clayton,** and valued at \$450.

THERE is a great flurry in the Southwest over the alleged discovery of natural gas at **Fort Smith, Ark.**

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

The Marvellous Story as Told by Bankers in the Various States.

The *Manufacturers' Record* published special reports from leading bankers all over the South as to the condition of business in their vicinity, stating that the views of bankers were secured because they are the best possible authority on the financial position of their section. The *Record* says:

In the North there is a complaint of dullness. In the South an activity never before equalled is seen in every line of industry; people are not only hopeful but enthusiastic. The steady progress of late years has brought about a season of prosperity which has infused new life into everybody, and the whole South is alive and at work. Drones are at a discount, energy and enterprise are ceaseless, tireless vim and push are now the controlling factors in the South. The reports of bankers scattered from Virginia to Texas, without exception, tell of the great improvement in business, of activity in trade and manufactures, and of the enthusiasm which pervades all classes of citizens, farmers and business men alike.

This is probably the most uniformly favorable summary of the condition of business in an area as great as the South could ever have been made. In giving some of the reasons for this prosperity the *Record* says that during the last two years it has reported the organization in the South of upwards of 10,000 new industrial establishments, covering every line of manufacturing and mining, from making pins to building locomotives, and the building of nearly 6,000 miles of railroad and the production of the largest crops ever raised in this section, which yielded fairly good profits to the farmer.

During these two years the South raised over fourteen million bales of cotton, over one billion bushels of corn, nearly one hundred million bushels of wheat and one hundred and sixty million bushels of oats. The total value of these and other agricultural products reaching an aggregate of upwards of \$1,400,000,000, or an average of \$800,000,000 a year.

The character of the reports from bankers is shown in the following from a few of them.

The **First National Bank**, of Florence, Ala., reports: "Business is on a sound financial basis and activity unprecedented in this section, with money easy. Thirty or forty new factories have been located here in the last few months."

The **First National Bank**, of Athens, Tenn., says that section was never before half so prosperous nor the outlook half so flattering.

The **Planters' Bank**, of Danville, Va., reports: "The prospects are more promising than ever before."

The **First National Bank**, of Fort Worth, Texas, reports: "An era of unprecedented prosperity," and adds "that the farmers are jubilant over the crop prospects."

The **First National Bank**, of Salisbury, N. C., speaking for all that section, says: "A better outlook than for twenty years, and the people are united and enthusiastic."

The **First National Bank**, of Rome, Ga., reports: "Business very active and increasing and people full of hope and enthusiasm."

Lehman, Durr & Co., bankers, Montgomery, Ala.: "Not a single mercantile failure for a year and everything bright and promising."

Warren Deposit Bank, Glasgow, Ky.: "New era of prosperity."

The **First National Bank**, of Rock Hill, S. C.: "Brighter than for ten years."

The **First National Bank**, of Vicksburg, Miss.: "Going ahead with marked rapidity."

The **First National Bank**, of South Pittsburg, Tenn.: "Satisfactory to the most sanguine."

His Beloved Charlotte Gone.

Mr. G. W. Cramer, of Abbeville county, S. C., publishes the following unique advertisement in the *Abbeville Medium*: On Feb. 5 my beloved wife **Charlotte,** after an absence of eighteen months, returned to her home and conjugal duties. She was welcomed with joy, for I fondly thought that my troubles were over and I could spend the rest of my days in the fear of God, in a home blest with content and domestic love. The second day after her homecoming she went to town on a shopping excursion, and made such purchases as she desired, for my purse was open to her. But no one knows the trouble I see. About the 1st of March she made some objection to an imaginary wife she said I had made, in which she was not provided for. I calmly reasoned with her that everything had been arranged by law for her comfort and security after my death; but all I said fell upon unwilling ears, and my kind intentions were rejected by a perverse temper. On March 2, she was off again, taking her departure as suddenly as she made her appearance nearly a month before. Why she left I do not know. She had a good home, my purse was open to her, and I treated her kindly. I do know, however, that she went off in the buggy of a young married man, who has as much as he can do to take care of his own family; it is a strange attachment, for she is many years his senior. My object in publishing this is to say that if there is any law to punish one for "alienating a wife's affections," this young man shall feel its weight. Also to let the public know that she has a good home when she returns to her wifely duties, that I will not be responsible for any of her contracts when away from home, and that I have always treated her as an honorable man and law-abiding citizen should treat his wife.

GEO. W. CRAMER.
The beloved **Charlotte** and the young married man have not yet returned.

SOUTHERN ITEMS.

NEWS FROM EACH STATE.

Farmer's Alliance Active—Notes of Accidents, Etc., Classified.

The world's visible supply of cotton is 2,281,484 bales.

The **West Tennessee Hospital** at Bolivar is about completed.

Works will be built in **Chattanooga, Tenn.,** to manufacture dynamite.

J. B. Fortune has been appointed postmaster at **Shelby, N. C.**

Information has reached **Asheville, N. C.** of the death of **Mrs. S. B. Steele,** of Kentucky, mother of **Mrs. Senator Vance.**

The **Westmoreland Calisaya Tonic** Company has been organized at **Greenville, S. C.**

The winners at the **Memphis races Saturday** were **Cassandra,** **Lullie B. Kee Veena,** and **Strideaway.**

The date for the **Cabarrus county (N. C.) fair** has been set for **October 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th.**

Robert S. Houston, newly appointed postmaster at **Birmingham, Ala.,** is a native of **Iredell county, N. C.**

Robert P. Willis and **Samuel Halford** have been sentenced to be hanged at **Rutherfordton** on **May 27,** for burglary.

The **South Carolina Press Association** adjourned **Thursday evening,** after an interesting session.

Armour & Co., the great meat packers of **Chicago,** will establish a branch packing factory at **Knoxville, Tenn.**

Postmaster-General Wannamaker allowed the postmasters at **Savannah and Atlanta** to close their offices on **April 20—Confederate memorial day.**

An agreement has been effected that will prevent any collision between **Tennessee and Virginia** officers on account of the undetermined location of the **State line.**

The **Congaree Construction Company** have contracted to build the **Columbia, Newberry & Laurens** railroad from its present terminus near **Little Mountain** to **Newberry,** a distance of 20 miles.

Cesar Frazier, colored, was hanged at **Charleston** on **Friday,** for the murder of **A. Oldenbun,** white, on **February 9.** The condemned man professed the Catholic faith before going to the scaffold.

Col. A. G. Sharp, of **Tennessee,** formerly Chief Postmaster Inspector, has been appointed Chief Inspector of the **Atlanta, Ga. division,** to succeed **W. W. Simpson,** resigned.

Pat Hunt, under sentence of death at **Paris, Ky.,** for killing **James Abney,** put on a most brazen appearance during the trial and smiled when the verdict was read. He left the court house escorted by three officers and smoking a cigar.

A **Texas railroad** has sent its agents to **Oklahoma** to induce those who cannot get land there to come to **Texas.** The railroad offers good land on easy terms, and has 7,000,000 acres to sell, while all **Oklahoma** contains only 1,800,000. **Texas** hopes to get 20,000 emigrants from the overflow.

Carter Colquitt, son of **Wm. H. Colquitt** of **Atlanta, Ga.,** died in **Utica, N. Y., Tuesday,** where he had been taken to a hospital for treatment. He graduated at **Emory College** last fall and was a brilliant young man. He developed brain fever which his physician in **Atlanta** attributed to excessive cigarette smoking.

An Entire Family Gone.

A horrible crime was reported from **Macon county, N. C.** **W. P. Wood,** an industrious farmer, lived in the country at least five miles from any neighbors. His family consisted of his wife, three sons, and two daughters. Three of the children were grown, and the other two were aged 12 and 14 years. **Wood** had saved some \$700, and had always kept his money in an old trunk. It was generally known among his neighbors that he had this amount of money in his house, and at one time burglars attempted to break in and get it, but he frightened them away with his gun. On **Monday last Wood** was called away from home on business.

When he returned he was horrified to find his house in ashes. A short distance from the ruins he found three axes and two bowie knives, all stained with blood, and the old trunk in which he had kept his money. The trunk was broken open and its contents were gone. Among the ashes charred bones were found, showing that the entire family had been murdered before the house was fired. There are no clues to the murderers.

An American Girl Marries a Chinaman.

Charley June, a twenty-two year old Chinaman, and a good-looking American girl, 26 years old, were married at **Boston, Mass.** When the clergyman asked the groom, "Will you take this woman to be your wedded wife?" **Charley** seemed confused.

The answer is, "I will," prompted the clergyman.

Still the Chinaman opened not his mouth. The bride, who was evidently beginning to fear that he had changed his mind, broke in:

"Say yes or no, one or the other."

Then **Charley** replied in very good English, "I will."

After the ceremony was concluded the clergyman advanced toward the bride, saying, "Mrs. June, I congratulate you, and the bride dropped into a chair exclaiming, as she drew a long breath, "Mrs. June."

FARMS AND FARMERS.

A TALK WITH NATURE'S NOBLEMEN.

Dr. W. L. Jones, of Georgia, Advises Farmers to Raise Their Own Pork.

Now that the spirit of a genuine economy is abroad in the land, let us not forget that it is as important to raise "hog" as it is to raise "hominy." Possibly every farmer has not made provision for this, may not have the animals necessary to do it. In that event let him buy a few hogs. An animal six weeks or two months old, will if properly pushed, make 200 pounds of pork by next December. But it must be pushed, matters must not be left to hazards and chance. One must look ahead and provide. One of the best things for young hogs is milk—buttermilk or skim milk. This in connection with a little bran, shorts, or meal, will push pigs very rapidly. But they ought to have a pasture or lot to run on; clover is best, bermuda is good. In the absence of these, native grasses and weeds will help. Inclose a little place for the pigs, let it have a shade and, if possible, running water; but this is not essential. In its absence, they must be supplied daily with fresh clean water, with slats nailed across, so they cannot wallow in it and delfie it. They ought to have a pasture or lot to run on; clover is best, bermuda is good. In the absence of these, native grasses and weeds will help. Inclose a little place for the pigs, let it have a shade and, if possible, running water; but this is not essential. In its absence, they must be supplied daily with fresh clean water, with slats nailed across, so they cannot wallow in it and delfie it. They ought to have a pasture or lot to run on; clover is best, bermuda is good. In the absence of these, native grasses and weeds will help.

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But crops should be planted once for supplementing milk and pasture. We discuss the matter in the light of one starting right now, and you had made no previous preparation. Preparation had been made, a patch of burr clover (where red clover does not grow well) would have been ready, and a patch of winter oats soon would be. In the absence of these, one might plant some crops that will come in as quickly as possible. At first, reliance must be had on garden vegetables. Six weeks beans, squashes, garden peas, cabbage, etc. A special planting of these might be made for the hogs. A crop of whippoorwill peas may be started the last of April. One of early amber cane planted at once (get Northern grown seed for this, that it may mature early) a patch of early corn (Adam's extra early) will furnish roasting ears in June. It is almost too late to plant Irish potatoes, but these when cooked make excellent hog feed. Most of the vegetables named above should be cooked for pigs. Spanish groundpeas and sweet potatoes should be planted for latter part of summer and autumn, and successive plantings of corn made, to furnish roasting ears through the summer. One who has not tried it, will be surprised to see how much hog food can be obtained at small cost, by the exercise of a little energy and foresight. We have not been in the habit of doing these things, but it is time we were getting into such habits. Let us get out of the old ruts a little.

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