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## READ THIS.

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## Local News.

This is the year when the girls leap and men fly.

Mrs. J. T. Moore is visiting friends in Salisbury.

Mr. J. U. Long of Catawba was in town yesterday.

Wheat and corn taken in exchange for clothing at Royster & Martin's.

Mrs. Kate Weaver, widow of Absalom Weaver, died on Friday, the 13th instant, aged 73 years.

A very light snow—not half an inch—last Saturday night, lay on the frozen ground over two days.

Rev. Mr. Pearson, the evangelist, has been given a lot in Asheville, and will build and reside there.

Newton is moving for a large new summer hotel, and a roller flouring mill, says the Enterprise.

Six new babies helped to swell the population of Hickory last week and the rural districts yet to hear from.

Deputy Collector, Jas. H. Sherrill was in town this week, and we suspect the "moonshiners" may look out.

Mrs. Jane Hartzog, wife of A. C. Hartzog, of Lincoln county, and a sister of M. L. Cline, of this place, died on the 13th instant.

Mr. B. W. Barnett and Miss Mattie Sterne were married in Charlotte on the 19th instant. Mr. Barnett was once a citizen of Hickory.

The celebrated "W. L. DOUGLAS \$3 SHOE," also a full line of his other advertised goods may be found at LIXE McCOMB & Co's, Agents, Hickory.

The Winston Daily man ought to be lynched. He says that the figures 1888 look like three fat girls and a dude walking side by side down the street.

Mr. D. W. Rowe heard some person proving around his premises on the frozen ground one night last week. A shot gun is the remedy for such tramps at such an hour.

Beware of tramps. One appealed to Mrs. Merrill last week. She gave him food and a place to warm. A new pair of over-shoes went off the front porch about the same time.

It costs money to kill dogs and cats in Hickory. The present market value of dogs is sixty dollars, and cats twenty dollars. The owners can afford improved stock at these figures.

People can now begin to work more leisurely. The days will now increase at the rate of seventy-five seconds every twenty-four hours, and will continue at this rate until July 21, the longest day of the year.

Ell Taylor, Jr., living three miles east of Connelly Springs, raised an acre of tobacco, on common ridge land, that gave him \$100, clear of all expenses, as the result of his labor. Let this be an example for all our readers who are tobacco raisers, to excel.

The Catholic Convent has been sold to the Ohio Synod of the Lutheran Church, the writing drawn to day.

Mrs. James Clark of Catawba, aged about 25 years, died suddenly on Sunday, the 15th instant, leaving a husband and one child.

Miss — Shuler arrived in town on the 15th inst. If she should favor her mother, and bank stock holds up, she will have numerous applications for a copartnership before she is eighteen years old.

Miss Bettie Sharpe, of Statesville, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory, has been elected music teacher at Claremont College. Her father, L. Q. Sharpe, was a prominent lawyer and legislator twenty-five years ago.

Rev. J. H. Schneider, of Circleville, Ohio, has been elected professor of English in the Lutheran Seminary which the Standard brethren propose to establish at Hickory, N. C.—Our Church Paper.

A new engine was hauled out of town Tuesday to take the place of the old one in Cook and Icard's shingle mill, three miles west of town. It takes many shingles to pay for such an engine, but they saw them.

Jimmie, an eighteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bradford, died Sunday morning. "Suffer little children to come unto me," said the Savior, and this little one has gone to him.

Dr. Baker, railroad physician came from his wreck patients in Lenoir Tuesday morning, and reports Rev. Bell steadily improving, but Capt. Waddell's mashed leg not so well as was thought the day before.

Mr. J. E. Wilhelm, of Atlanta, who has been at Hotel Alexander in Hickory since the accident, intends to start home Friday. His arm is yet useless and carried in a sling.

## Economy.

Brother Shook, of Clyde, is real friendly and kind. Our increased circulation drove us to send him a sheet last week with only the last four pages printed. He goes into copartnership with us on that sheet, prints two pages of the Register on the other side, and re-mails it to us. Thanks, brother, for finishing our job; but you should have sent it to one of your Democratic subscribers.

## Bolick's Patent Wheel.

Mr. Jerome Bolick, carriage maker at Conover, has made the most complete wheel ever seen anywhere. The spokes are steel rods with shoulders on the hub, which is solid iron or steel, and a screw at the rim and with a tap, which tightens and makes fast the whole. The spokes are set in bicycle order so as to prevent "dishing" or "undishing," and in case one should break, which seems unlikely, another can be substituted in five minutes, with only a monkey wrench. Mr. Bolick has secured a patent on his wheel, which dates from January 24, 1888. He has had several applications to sell his patent, and we hope it will richly pay him for his industry and genius.

The Binghamton Leader says: "It is leap year, and it just been 1,000 years since there was as many 8's in the year as we have just now. It is a good time for old bachelors to cogitate, the girls to reciprocate, and not hesitate."

## We Beat You.

We received a card this week which had been mailed November 28, 1887, at Statesville, having come the whole distance of 40 miles in 49 days—nearly a mile a day.—Wilkesboro Breeze.

A card sent from here was 48 days reaching Cilley, 33 miles, and eighteen of this by rail.

## Leg Broken While on a Lark.

Mr. Daniel Brinkley spent last Friday in Newton. A short time before dark he started home. Next morning he was found about two miles from town lying in a fence corner on a pile of straw, badly bruised up and one leg broken. Soon the rumor spread that he had been waylaid and foully dealt with. But Mr. Charlie Setzer found him during the night in the road and put him on the straw. It is supposed that his horse fell down on him and caused the painful accident.—Newton Enterprise.

## Green Goods Cheats.

It is said some people not far from here have lost several hundred dollars in the purchase of "Green Goods"—counterfeit money—and we caution our friends against following their example. The Charlotte Chronicle says: There has been another outbreak of green goods men. Mr. C. P. Wheeler, of this city, yesterday received a confidential circular from J. Dakin, care of Barber, 58 Essex street, New York, offering him green goods. The circular is worded in the usual style, and is calculated to catch the ignorant. Those of our people who receive these letters should at once forward them to the chief of police New York city.

## Melancthon Seitz Severely Wounded.

Last week a party of young men went Rabbit hunting, among them were Melancthon Seitz and Fielding Baker. The party divided, one part on each side of a small branch, a rabbit started up between them and Baker discovering it, prepared to shoot, some one of the party spoke to him, he stopped and then brought up his gun again and fired, hitting Seitz who was in line on the other side of the branch, and peppering him from the ribs to the knees. Dr. W. L. Abernethy was called in, and did all that could be done in the case. While it is impossible to predict the result, it is believed the young man will recover.

## Lippincott's Monthly Magazine.

The February number of Lippincott's Magazine is a Woman's Number. Mrs. A. L. Wister translates a novel called "The Spell of Home," after the German of E. Werner. Amelie Rives shows herself in a new and most interesting light in a brilliant story of ancient Athens, "The Man of the Golden Fillet," which is an imaginative reproduction of classic thought and manners. Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood gives an entertaining sketch of her "Effort to Become a Lawyer." Agnes Repplier has a little essay on "Modern Word-Parsimony." An anonymous author discusses "Our Old Maids." "Life at a Working-Woman's Home," by Charlotte L. Adams, is clever and amusing. The poems are by Helen Gray Cone, Sarah M. B. Platt, Edith M. Thomas, and Ella Wheeler-Wilcox. The Monthly Gossip announces a scheme for a series of one hundred questions in literature and matters of current interest for answers to which a prize of one hundred dollars is offered.

## Catawba Court.

Judge Boykin opened Catawba court in legal time Monday of last week with his usual specific and forcible charge to a grand jury composed of good and lawful men, of which C. W. Herman Esq. was the foreman. The Judge had looked over the state docket, and dwelt with special force on some of the crimes which appear to have been committed. He gave such an explanation of the liquor law that the "prescription" business must be stopped if it does its duty. In all respects the charge was full, favorable and so clear that no member of the jury could fail to comprehend its meaning, and understand his sworn duty. In concluding his charge the Judge complimented our county in high terms and told the jury the Court House was no credit to such a county, but was sure to create an unfavorable and false impression against us with strangers visiting or passing through the county.

There were 51 cases on the state docket before any new ones sent up from Justice's courts since last term were added.

The Keever case and some others were continued and the whole business, criminal and civil, that was expected to occupy two weeks was finished by Friday. The grand jury found employment till Saturday, and we learn found much crookedness in many places, to be further investigated next court. Judge Boykin is one of the quickest and most business men on the bench, and is liked by all but the law breakers.

## Wonderful Occurrences.

Wonderful stories have been told of a haunted house in Caldwell county, some eight miles from this place. Mr. P. C. Martin was in our office on Tuesday, and gave us some of the particulars. They are wonderful, but we have not the space to give them to our readers this week.

The locality is known as the Martin house, and about two months ago the grand-daughter of our informant said there were rocks falling in the house. From that time on, this has continued. They were seen to fall in the house by various persons. Rocks from ten pounds weight down to a quarter of a pound. They fall apparently from the roof and do not indent the floor like they would do if dropped from that height. In two instances something resembling a piece of corn bread fell, and appeared to come from the comb of the roof. In some cases they appear to project themselves from the side of the room.

The first observation of this strange phenomenon was at the old Martin house. The family moved about a quarter of a mile to Mr. Martin's, and the rocks fell there. Then they moved into another house, and still they come. Some times they fall outside, and appear to fall from a clear sky.

They only fall when Mr. Martin's grand-daughter, a girl about eleven years of age, is present.

Other curious things happen. The wash-bowl will move off the bench on which it is usually kept, and fly up as high as the top of the door, and then go over across the room and alight on the bed.

We might fill several columns of our paper with the wonderful occurrences, but have not space. We shall look into the matter further and report again.

Royster & Martin have the lowest price "clothing."

## Meeting of Catawba Toll Bridge Company.

The regular annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Catawba Toll Bridge Company was held in Hickory on January 21, 1888. On motion of J. L. Lyerly, A. L. Ramsour was elected chairman and J. F. Merrill secretary of the meeting. On a call of the stock-holders, the following were found present: A. L. Ramsour with 75 shares, Shuford & Lyerly with 40 shares, and J. F. Merrill with one share, making a total of 116 shares represented, being a majority of the whole amount of stock. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, and the meeting proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. J. F. Merrill was elected president; A. A. Shuford, R. A. Bost, A. L. Ramsour and S. T. Wilfong were elected directors, and J. L. Lyerly was elected secretary and treasurer.

A. L. Ramsour, keeper of the bridge the past year, reported \$470 tolls received, and \$120 paid out for taxes and repairs on bridge during the year. He also reported about one hundred dollars due from various persons for crossing the bridge, and proposed to accept the same as his commission (20 per cent.) on collections, which was agreed to by the stock-holders. There was a motion to advertise for stockholders to meet and declare a dividend of the \$475 in the hands of the secretary and treasurer, as A. L. Ramsour was owner of nearly half the stock and wished the use of his money, but a substitute was finally agreed on that the secretary and treasurer should take Ramsour's note to be a lien on his stock and dividends arising therefrom, for \$175, as cash to be returned to Ramsour when dividends were declared, which was done, and the other half of the \$350 was paid to the secretary and treasurer. A. L. Ramsour was continued as keeper of the bridge, to collect tolls on 15 per cent. commission, keep the bridge in repair and report and pay over the collections monthly to the treasurer.

The secretary and treasurer were directed to have the proceedings of this meeting published in the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN, and pay for the same out of the next money received.

On motion the meeting adjourned till the third Saturday in January, 1889.

A. L. Ramsour, Chairman.  
J. F. Merrill, Secretary.

## Sons of Temperance.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance met in Statesville on Tuesday the 17th inst. The attendance was not full and nothing more than the regular routine of business was done. The officers for the ensuing year are:

G. W. P.—W. G. Candler;  
G. W. A.—A. M. Wittelspoon;  
G. Scribe—P. A. Cummings;  
G. Treasurer—J. G. Lindsey;  
G. Chaplain—W. F. Johnston;  
G. Con—J. A. Conner;  
G. Sentinel—J. W. Shook;  
P. G. W. P.—Jas. Butrick.

At night there was a public meeting at the Y. M. C. A. hall, and addresses were made by Hons. W. G. Candler, P. A. Cummings and Jas. Butrick.

The delegates expressed themselves as well pleased with our town.

The next meeting will be in Asheville April 5th, 1888—Landmark.

Overcoats mark down to \$2.50 at Royster & Martin's, White Front Clothing Store, Hickory, N. C.