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## Local News.

Mr. George W. Blount, of Wilson, paid Hickory a one day visit last week.

At Royster & Martin's you will find Spring clothing of the latest kind.

Brother E. L. Cline made his maiden speech as an attorney last Monday and gained the most of his case.

Exchanges will place us under obligation by calling attention to our offer to sell a half interest in this paper.

The White Front clothing store doth keep

New fancy vests of silk quite cheap.

Mr. O. M. Royster is putting an iron front in his Drug Store that will add much to the outside beauty and inside light.

If you do wish a straw hat to buy, You first should Royster & Martin try.

Field Brothers have commenced a new brick store, with an iron front on their vacant lot by the side of their present stand.

Spring hats of "latest shape" we keep. At prices far from being "steep."

ROYSER & MARTIN.

Who shall our future Mayor be? Just only wait and then you'll see; But he that doth that office gain Will gain from us a fancy cane.

ROYSER & MARTIN, Hickory, N.C.

Col. S. Mc D. Tate of Morganton spent a day in Hickory last week. He intends remodeling his house and was looking for our Architect and some of his beautiful designs.

Each boy of age below thirteen.

Who at the White Front buys a suit,

Receives a bargain unsurpassed, And a bat and base ball to boot.

Saloon keepers show less respect for their fellows than any other class of men. While one was a corpse last Saturday in this town, the other was enjoying a monopoly of the trade for all there was in it.

Another evidence of the good nature of our Town Marshal was exhibited Monday, when he allowed a prisoner to bid him "good day" and give "log bail" in broad daylight, leaving the Marshal to pay his fine and costs.

Mr. H. W. Conly is named by a correspondent in the Morganton Star for member of the Legislature from Burke county. Mr. Conly is mentally, morally and temperately qualified for the place, and Burke county can do no better than to send him.

Mr. E. L. Cline, after an extra course of law at Colonel Fulk's, has returned to Hickory and is now an active member of the firm of Cline & Cline, attorneys at law. We are glad to welcome Mr. Cline back, both as a citizen and a lawyer.

Halley Fairbank, Esq., of Portland, Maine, is in the city for his health.—Asheville Citizen.

He was only passing through from Tryon City to Hickory, where he has spent the winter and still remains, believing it to be the healthiest place he has found in the South.

John Pitts, a young man just about grown, died of pneumonia last Saturday morning, the 28th ult. It is said to be a fact that most of his time for years past has been spent in selling liquor. From the cabin to the grave is not a very inviting road.

The White Front always keeps on hand "Clerical" suits to suit the demand.

Bob and Jim Watson, brothers and young men, of Burke, had a difficulty last Saturday in which one shot the other, making only a flesh wound, not considered dangerous. The shooter was drinking, of course. A sober man would hardly shoot his brother.

Squire G. M. Beatty and wife of Mountain Creek were in Hickory, shopping Tuesday. Mrs. B. said, she was a constant reader of the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN and had an idea that Hickory was quite a little city but when she came and saw it like the Queen of Sheba, she was bound to say the half had not been told.

The moonshiners are getting smart for a fact. Deputy Marshal Harris and another were over in Alexander looking around, last week, and when night came on put up their horses to spend the night. While they slept some moonshiners or their friends stole their horses and rode them back into Catawba and turned them loose. Of course their object was accomplished, as the officers next morning went in search of horse-thieves and not blockade stillers.

At the twelfth annual session of the Y. M. C. A. which recently convened in Charlotte, one hundred and twenty-five delegates were present—the largest convention ever held in the State. Over \$1,500 were raised for the State work for the coming year. The association was never so promising in the State as now. W. G. Burkhead was elected president, and Prof. H. S. Smith and J. C. Joiner respectively first and second vice-presidents, and S. B. Weeks secretary. Why not have a Y. M. C. A. in Hickory?

The Bank of Hickory moved into its new building Monday, and is ready for business over the cleanest and prettiest counter, within the most richly frescoed walls, and on the most beautiful and nicely polished floor of native woods in the country. The true inwardness of this move makes this block the most valuable as well as the most popular now in the town. Bank, postoffice, printing office, law office, dental office, shoe shop, beef market and racket store. What more can mortal wish than he can get here?

### No Fault of the Mail Service.

If the Mail did not reach our subscribers on time last week we would respectfully inform them that it was not the fault of the mail service this time. It was our own fault. We stopped off a half day whipping a Democratic bully by the name of Bill Stockton. The printers had to stop to attend the trial. Your beloved editor, however, is all right, but you just ought to see Bill Stockton.—Statesville Mail.

### Guilford Battle Ground.

We are indebted to the committee for an invitation to be present at the grand celebration in commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Court House, which is to take place at the battle ground on May 5th. Great preparations have been made to make the occasion a grand success. There will be a grand display of military, barbecue, speeches by Senator Vance, Governor Seals and others. The Hon. D. Schenck will deliver the oration of the occasion.

At the Immigration Convention last week the charcoal drawing of our new hotel by Mr. Grace attracted universal attention and admiration. It gave an entirely new and much enlarged idea of our town and caused much inquiry as to our population, manufacturing and other interests. Very few people, even not distant from us, have a true knowledge of the growth and promise of the town of Hickory.

### One of The Fairs.

The Hickory Piedmont Fair Association met at the fair ground, near the Piedmont Wagon Works, Saturday, the 28th of April, at 4 p. m. A good deal of important business was transacted. The association leased the ground, of about 40 acres, for 5 years. A committee was appointed to finish up the fair grounds as soon as possible. It was decided to hold the fourth annual fair here on the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st of September, 1888. All present expressed themselves as being greatly encouraged as to the success of their fair.

The association adjourned to meet on the 12th of May, 1888, at 4 p. m.

D. W. ROWE, Pres.

J. F. CLACK, Sec.

### Host Wilson & Co.

Julius A. ("Big Jule") Wilson and Joseph Murphy the two Catawba men charged, with R. H. Bost, with stealing goods from C. E. Graham & Co., were tried and convicted in Asheville Inferior Court last week. Wilson was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years, and Murphy for three years, and both passed down the road Monday towards Raleigh. Both of these men have been hard drinkers. Bost gave bail the first of the week and left for S. C. Whisky has been his ruin, and causes him to be overtaken. When found in S. C. he was under the influence of liquor. He was returned to jail in Asheville, telling Graham he was now ready to go the penitentiary. His case was continued and in default of \$1500, bail he remains in jail. These men are respectably connected. Some will say they are natural rogues, but we believe liquor has brought them to their present condition.

### Catawba Industrial Association.

This old and well known fair association at Hickory is now busily engaged in improving their new grounds and will have them ready to hold their fourth annual fair to be held September 25th to 28th, inclusive. The land of twenty-one acres is near town, and has on it a nice oak grove, with seats, and a spring of good water is on the grounds. The officers have secured the plans of a Washington architect for one of the finest and most modern floor halls and other buildings in the South. Mr. D. W. Shuler, our worthy townsman and banker, has donated this land to the association, with a large amount of money to improve it. He has had eight years' experience in holding fairs in Michigan, with grand success. The go-ahead and enterprising citizens of our town, with the farmers of this and adjoining counties, are taking active part this year. This fair is determined to be ahead of any in Western North Carolina. Our premium list will soon be out, and great inducements will be offered in premiums. Competition will be open to the State. We have already had much encouragement from abroad. Hickory's motto is "Onward!"

### Come and See.

A correspondent of the State Chronicle, among other extravagant claims for the town, says that Hickory, N. C. (which for years was known simply as "Hickory Station," on the Western North Carolina Railroad), has the finest post-office in North Carolina! Can there be the ghost of a shadow of truth in the statement? In booming a town, how much latitude and longitude is allowed to the boomer, any how?—Progressive Farmer.

Is the Progressive Farmer apprehensive that the Chronicle will go beyond it in the "latitude and longitude" of the booming business? It need not be. There are larger post-offices in Raleigh and Wilmington and some other places that were built by and belong to the U. S. Government, but our postoffice was built by private citizens of our town, and is the finest office in the State that don't belong to the Government. If anybody doubts this let them come and see.

Since the above was written, the Chronicle replies to the doubter as follows:

"The Progressive Farmer thinks the Chronicle was extravagant in claiming for Hickory the finest post-office in the State. We repeat it—that there is no town in North Carolina, except where there are public buildings, which has so beautiful, so convenient and so elegant a postoffice as Hickory. The Chronicle does not boom a town simply to be booming. Hickory is a first class place—and the Chronicle believes that it has a bright future."

We serve notice on Brother Pock that the "Hickory Station" of some years back is a progressive town of this day. Besides the aforesaid post-office we have the handsomest and finest finished bank building in the South. Now, don't get scared and talk about "ghosts," but come and see. Come and remain over Sunday, go with us to "meetin'" and we will show you the neatest and most beautifully finished inside of a church you will find in a Sabbath day's journey. Don't set down in those old-fashioned, dismal looking houses in Raleigh and think there is no architectural beauty and mechanical finish in the world because you don't see it around you. The world moves, and science and art progress. So does Hickory.

### County Convention—Continued.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

By M. E. Lowrance.

Resolved, That the convention of the seventh Congressional district be requested to elect as a delegate to the National Convention, which meets in St. Louis on the 5th day of June, 1888, J. G. Hall, of Catawba. The democracy of Catawba demand this in recognition of the fact that they give the largest majority to the tickets, both National and State.

By F. L. Cline.

Whereas, Hon. S. M. Finger, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has commended himself to the people of the State at large by ability and industry in behalf of public education, we, the Democratic party of his native county in convention assembled, desire to place on record our unqualified endorsement and high appreciation of his services.

By W. H. Williams.

Whereas, Hon. John S. Henderson's course in the Congress of the United States for the last two terms has been eminently patriotic, able and consistent, and well worthy of the confidence of his fellow-citizens, we, the Democrats of Catawba county in convention assembled, do hereby endorse and approve of all his acts as our representative in the

congress of our country, and therefore be it resolved, that we must not and direct our delegates to the Congressional convention, to meet in the city of Salisbury on the 20th day of June, to use all honorable means in their power for his re-nomination, as our chosen Representative in the next Congress of the United States.

After the routine business was over, C. L. Turner made a stirring speech in which he said on such occasions he thought the banner presented to the county four years ago for our good work, should be on exhibition, and moved that it be brought in. The motion was carried, but the custodian, W. H. Williams, explaining that it was put away for safe keeping from moths in such a way that it would require some time to get it to the meeting, another motion was carried instructing the custodian to have it on hand at the next meeting of the convention.

On motion of W. H. Williams, Colonel C. L. Turner was appointed standard bearer to carry the banner at the head of the county's delegation to the State Convention.

The convention then adjourned to meet on Saturday, September 1, to nominate candidates for the Legislature and county offices.

### Conover Items.

Mr. Heilig, a clothing man from Salisbury, was here the first of last week. He sold a number of fine suits. Why should not our merchants make arrangements to supply such demand? (All such demands can be supplied in Hickory.—EDITOR PRESS AND CAROLINIAN.)

The fruit is not all killed yet; there will be some peaches.

Farmers are availing themselves of this remarkably fine weather in pitching their crops.

There have been several wagons busily engaged, during last week, in hauling brick from here to the factory at Newton.

Some of the young people of school went to the Catawba Springs on a picnic tour last Saturday. They had a magnificent day for the occasion, and report a real enjoyable time.

The graduating class have stood their final examinations.

Professor Yoder's house is rapidly nearing completion. The workmen are now ceiling, and have a couple of rooms about complete.

Mr. H. T. Phillips, of Lexington, as was noted in the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN from the Dispatch last week, will deliver our annual address. He was for some years Professor in Yadin College, in its most flourishing days; has devoted considerable time and talent toward the advancement of education in Davidson county; was Superintendent of Public Instruction, and he resigned to serve the people in a political office. He is now clerk of the Superior Court, was elected with a large majority, while otherwise the county gave a considerable Republican majority. He has delivered a number of literary addresses, which are both instructive and entertaining. We hope he will have a large audience.

### CONDENSED SKETCH OF PROGRAM.

Thursday, May 17, 10 o'clock a. m., literary contest, followed by literary address; 2 p. m., graduating address, followed by conferring degrees; 7:30 p. m., special entertainment.

May 18, explicit sketch next week.

The administration of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated here next Sunday at 10 o'clock services. Saturday evening, May 19, at 7 o'clock.

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