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**NOTICES.**

H. A. MURRILL, Editor.

The Editor has gone to Yancey court.

Yellow fever is still raging through the South.

Sweet potatoes taken on subscription at this office.

We are sorry to learn that Hickory has so soon lost its daily paper.

The Coterie met in full attendance last Tuesday night at Mrs. Menzies.

Lincoln court next week. We hope to see many of our subscribers there.

Coal and blankets have been very much in demand for several days and nights.

Drop in at Links and see what bargains you can get for your money or produce.

W. B. Myers, the barkeeper, has sold out, and is going to seek for "pastures green."

The Catawba river at Morganton was twelve feet above the county bridges last week.

Shuford & Co. have handled 1,200 bushels of peach seed from the natural fruit this year.

A. Y. Sigmon is putting more machinery in his flouring mills to meet the demand for his flour.

Boys suits in winter weights for \$2.50 each at Royster & Martin's.

Hickory, N. C.

Read Alexanders new advertisement. He quotes your prices so low that you can't help but call and see him.

Don't forget the Y. M. D. C. Friday night. The President has some important business to put before the club.

Company C, 28th N. C. regiment, got the \$25 prize as the largest Company at the Hickory Fair, 57 men were in line.

On account of our inability to get the entry books we will have to delay the publication of the premium list another week.

Thanks to many of our subscribers for prompt renewals. Many more are due us whom we hope will come in and pay up.

We will furnish this paper club lots till after the election for 15 cents, any one sending us a club of five will receive the paper free.

All advertisers wanting their advertisements changed will confer a great favor upon us by bringing in the manuscript Saturday morning previous to week of change.

The Hickory Printing Co. took the premium on job work at the Hickory Fair. If you want any thing in their line call or write for samples and prices. They compete with Northern works.

The main object of the R. R. C. C. at Shuford, & Co's. is to give on accurate balance to the cash. On the first days trial, Mr. Chase tells us his cash balanced to the cent which has never happened before.

Last week brought us thirty-one new cash subscribers and many cash renewals. One new subscriber is in London, England. Thanks gentlemen. Let the good work progress. Our county and town people especially, can't afford to do without a good paper and if you will stand by us we will give it to you.

## THE HICKORY FAIR.

Interesting, Inspiring, Instructive.

A GRAND SUCCESS FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA.

Interesting Program—Big Crowd—All Happy—Lots of Money.

Last week was indeed a gala day for Hickory, one that has not been excelled since the founding of Rome, and the institution of the Olympian Games. Not only was this an occasion of joy for Hickory, but a treat for all of Catawba and many other counties of North Carolina.

For several days previous to the day set apart for the commencement of this great feast of fun, dark, lowering and awe-inspiring hung the nimbus clouds from horizon to horizon, from pole to pole, and from ocean to ocean, while the rain came steadily down. It looked as though the devil had out-prayed us, and that we were hoping against fate. But lo! a gleam of light pierces the cloudy west and the black veil is lifted as though by magic, and on Tuesday morning the sun shone forth in all his lurid grandeur.

But as we reported the progress of the fair up to Wednesday night, it would be repetition to go over the same grounds again so we will take up the thread where we dropped it.

Bright and early Thursday morning the town was full of people still lively with the enthusiasm with which they had been instilled on the previous night by the largest torch-light procession and speaking Catawba Democracy has ever known. All the avenues to the city were thronged and the road to the Fair Ground was filled with trains of vehicles etc.

At 9:30 o'clock the program for the day was entered upon and the immense crowd of people witnessed the parade of the Military Opera Band and its procession to the Fair Grounds followed by thousands of eager people.

At 10 the judges made awards, an hour after which time came a hotly contested running race between horses owned by Messrs. C. M. Holden, of Durham, John Garrison, of Burke and Frank Moore of Catawba.

The race track was in good condition and the race was exciting. Mr. Holden's horse, Tom Dixon won the \$50.00 purse.

At 12 o'clock came the exhibit of stock which was indeed a fine one and would have been a credit to countries more adapted to stock raising than ours.

At 1 o'clock, on account of the non-arrival of the train Col. L. L. Polk's agricultural address was put off, and a trotting race called. In this race was entered "Ambler," belonging to Mr. Bennett Barnes; "Harry Ingomar," to Mr. Greene of Durham, "Dixie" to Mr. Garrison; and "Bob," owned by Mr. Hallman. The race was very close between "Harry Ingomar" and "Ambler" Ambler winning.

At 3 o'clock came a feature of the program as interesting as a novel and as beautiful—well, as two of the participants. Just in front of the Grand Stand Messrs. Alonzo Huffman and Ed. Tennent; Misses Mary Lingle and Annie Ruby, respectively were united in the holy

bonds of wedlock. Equire Killian officiating. In half an hour after this came a competitive drill by the M. O. Band. They had sent out a challenge for \$100 to any band in the State but none had enough "grit in their craws" to tackle our boys and woe unto the band that had. The "tug of war" between Catawba and Burke came next. This was very exciting, but it did not take Catawba long to pull Burke across the line.

At 5 o'clock the bicycle race, a one mile dash, between H. S. Chase and H. A. Murrill for a \$50 purse came off, the race being won by the last named contestant.

This closed the program of the big day. It is estimated that there were 5000 people within the grounds—there being 4000 tickets sold up to about 1 o'clock.

On Friday the program was full of interesting features—Sailing the Alps, eating pie, the pie giving out before the eaters did, foot races, mule races, etc. At 10 o'clock there was a running race and at 3 o'clock a trotting race between "Ambler" and "Harry Ingomar," "Ambler" winning by a neck. On Saturday every body was busy packing their exhibits and receiving their premiums on their exhibits, exceeding a thousand, which were paid in cash from the Grand Stand.

And so ended the great carnival of fun.

In writing this we have done it after the plan of eating dinner—having saved the best for the last. Now let us go back to the Farmer's and Floral Halls. The Farmer's Hall was packed with an excellent display of the products of the earth and the outcomings of the dairy and kitchen, each department of which was so fine that on first entering the hall, it would make a man hungry, then he would want to be a farmer, and then want a wife that could make such bread and such preserves as were there displayed.

The Floral Hall was a thing of beauty and artistic design and arrangement—to be wondered at, studied and admired. It was full and filled tastily with curiosities, handiwork and "purple and fine linen," thanks to the ladies in general—what a world this would be without them. They were energetic, patriotic and heroic in their efforts to make their department what it should be, and how well they succeeded the Floral Hall testified better than we can explain.

Hickory will hold another Fair next year, at which there will be a larger attendance and larger premiums offered. Don't forget it.

**Can't Turn Them Down.**

There is a firm in our town which has a record that can't be beat. That record it is not necessary to proclaim but the firm is Chase Brothers under the name of A. A. Shuford & Co. They are "right up" and keep climbing higher. The latest addition to their store is a Rail Road cash carrier—an ingenious device for carrying cash to the cashier and receiving the proper change. It works like a charm and it is worth while buying something to see your money scoot off at a rapid rate to the cashier. Call and see it.

The largest stock of men's, youth's and children's clothing is now on exhibit at Royster & Martin's White Front clothing-emporium.

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**Terpsichorean.**

The ball given by the German club on Thursday night last was the most brilliant social feature of the season. Preparations had been made for a large number of participants but the ball of the club could not supply sufficient space for the flying feet. We attempt no enumeration of the guests, cities and towns all the way from Brooklyn, N. Y. and Shreveport, La. being represented. The regular programme of dances went on smoothly until 12 o'clock, after which an elegant German was given. To the efficiency of the floor managers, the success of the evening may be largely attributed.

The costumes were unanimously voted unusually rich and tasty; white, pink, blue and black were the prevailing colors in satin, silks and veiling, with bows and braids, pearls and gold ornaments, while the young gentlemen were radiant in their full evening suits and snowy fronts. An old lady was overheard to remark that the scene recalled to her mind the fairest pictures of beauty and chivalry in the South during its palmiest ante-bellum days. How appropriate to many of our fascinating partners were the words of Forizel to the beautiful Perdita in "Winters Tale."

When you do dance, I wish you A wave o' the sea, that you might ever do,

Nothing but that.

**Military Opera Band.**

This band, which has been organized but a short time, is now complete. On Tuesday of last week they came out in full uniform to receive Hon. Daniel G. Fowle, that strong supporter of Democracy, and Rev. Mr. Sanderlin. The band is composed of twenty-six pieces, played by twenty-six of Hickory's handsomest men, who have been thoroughly trained in music by Prof. Herndon, and in the science of military tactics have they been brought to such a point of perfection by Mr. F. A. Grace, of Detroit, Mich., that they would be a credit to any nation as a body-guard to its ruler.

When the band first came out in full uniform, so beautiful was the scene and so inspiring was the music that all were thrilled with enthusiastic desires. One of our staunchest Democrats, who followed the fortunes and fate of the Southern Confederacy, viewed the sight as long as possible with an admiring eye, then seized the Democratic banner of Catawba county and joined the procession. May they continue to flourish and improve.

This is the fourth year since the institution of the Catawba Industrial Association of Hickory. They have held four fairs, each being a greater success than the previous one, and never yet has the premium list been shaved or a single premium cut down, or the payment of a single premium been refused because any entry of stock was removed from the grounds before the fair was closed.

**Lost.**

A check for the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) payable to H. A. Murrill. It is no benefit to any one but myself, as it is not endorsed. It will be to the advantage of the finder to return same to me at this office. We warn all banks against the cashing thereof.

Clover seed at

Royster's Drug Store, Hickory, N. C.

**PERSONALS.**

Miss Minnie Schenck, of Brooklyn, is visiting Mrs. B. F. Seagle.

Rev. Dr. Ingold and wife are visiting in Lincoln county this week.

Senator Ransom passed through the city on his way to Washington last Monday.

Mrs. J. F. and Master Paul Murrill are on a visit to the city of Washington, D. C.

Miss Lida Schenck, of Brooklyn, has been visiting Mrs. O. M. Royster for the past week.

Miss Mary Lenoir spent several days visiting Mrs. J. G. Hall, of this city, the past week.

Misses Mary and Annie Pleasants, of Asheville, are visiting Mrs. F. L. Cline, of this city.

Miss McNeely returned to her home in Salisbury last Friday after a visit of several weeks in the city.

Miss Ada Shuford, one of Hickory's most charming young ladies, has gone to Lenoir to attend Davenport College.

Messes D. W. Shuler and H. S. Chase spent a few days in Asheville this week looking up furniture for the hotel.

Miss Sadie Menzies is recovering from a serious sprain, caused by the upsetting of a carriage some time ago, and is again able to be out.

We are glad to hear that Dr. Ellis has returned from Morganton strong and healthy after having been confined in the asylum for some time.

Miss Cutliffe and Mrs. Baxter, of Shreveport La., who have been spending some days in Hickory, left Tuesday for Charlotte N. C. where they will remain till the quarantines are raised from the infected districts of the South.

**A Communication.**

FOSSUM HOLLEN, N. C., Sept. 24.

HON. HUGH MERRILL.—Dear Sir:

We wrote you a short letter some time ago, inquiring about the Fair at your place. We must confess that we did not believe all that had been said about it, and our curiosity led us to Hickory during Fair week to see what you were doing and what you had. Now, sir, we believe in "giving the devil his dues," and write to say that your Fair was more than we expected; it was a great credit to your town, and was far ahead of any fair ever held in Catawba county. At least this is our opinion and the opinion of all our neighbors. We did not take any stock as you asked us to do, and we are glad we did not, for although the accommodations were very extensive, we are afraid, judging from the lengthy stock parade, that our cattle would have had to stand outside. We didn't intend to stay but a day when we went up, but we were so much entertained and treated so politely by your officers that we were induced to stay all week and were much benefited and amused all the time. Again complimenting your Fair and wishing you all success, we are,

Your energy loving admirers,  
GEO. WASHINGTON AND FATHER,  
P. S.—We hope you won't publish this letter.

We are sorry we can't comply with the request of George and the old man, but in justice we must publish the above. We are glad they enjoyed their stay here, and are sorry they did not call and see us. Another year we will have plenty of room for all their stock.—Ed. P. and C.