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POWERS.

The Phoenix Flour Mill will be closed for ten days to put in new power.

The local editor is very thankful for the exceeding kindness of many friends during his confinement.

Mr. W. L. Killian will be in Hickory, Saturday, Feb. 23rd, with fruit trees—to sell and deliver those that have been spoken for.

Both editors of this paper are confined to their beds. This we think is excuse enough for all shortcomings. When we get well we will "whoop'er up."

Mr. F. A. Yoder, of Jacob's Fork, has bought and shipped to New York City from the 10th of November, 1888, to the 4th of February, 1889, 6,799 dozen eggs.

Dr. Chas. L. Alexander, of Charlotte, has invented an automatic gas extinguisher which is highly spoken of, and which, it is said, will make him rich.

The business communication of Messrs. Shuford & Shuford, which appears elsewhere, was intended for last week's issue, but was received too late.

The trains on the W. N. C. Railroad were delayed eight hours, on Monday by reason of a "wash-out" in the road embankment near Plott's station.

Among the new patents lately issued to citizens of this state is a device for sharpening drills, to Mr. F. A. Grace of Hickory. So Mr. Grace has a capacity for inventions as well as for ornamentation.

Rev. Vardry McBea, formerly of Hickory, but now rector of the Episcopal Church in Montgomery, Ala., was married, on the 7th inst., to Miss Annie Gwin, of Wilkes County. Rev. R. W. Barber performed the ceremony.

Mr. H. S. Chase has returned from a very successful southern trip through Georgia and Alabama. He says they make a great fuss about Alabama towns but Hickory, for the amount of capital invested "turns 'em all down."

The first number of the Rutherford College Gazette has been received. It is a neat and newsy, three column folio and dirt cheap at 25 cents a year. We hope all of the Doctor's 6103 students that are living will subscribe and pay for the paper.

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal Church will have an oyster supper at the Hickory Inn, Friday night, 1st proximo. The supper will consist of oysters, tea, coffee, bread, butter, rolls, biscuits, crackers, pickles, and will be served from 7 o'clock till 10 o'clock. Price 50c. proceeds to be applied to a balance due on church furniture. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

The Progressive Farmer begins its 4th Vol. with a new and handsome heading, increased in size and otherwise improved. It starts the Vol. with 10,000 subscribers and calls for more at the same old price. The paper is a great help to the farmers and they should give it a liberal support, as they doubtless are doing. Our best wishes for its continued success.

The Ladies' Aid.

Notwithstanding the fact that the weather was inclement—that it rained as though it had never rained before—the Ladies' Aid made quite a success of their supper last Friday night. Every thing was excellent and served very tastily. They cleared \$47.00 for the parsonage.

"Let Us Have Peace."

We are informed that the Conover petitions have been withdrawn, so that persons on each side of the court house question, who have allowed themselves to get more or less excited, should now let the matter be dropped. Catawba people are too great a people to keep up a bickering over any matter after it has been finally settled.—Newton Enterprise.

Keeps Hotel In Statesville.

Mr. S. A. Chandler, of Hickory, is the new lessee of the St. Charles Hotel. He has arrived and is having the establishment put in order, and will have it open for guests in a week or two. Mr. Chandler has experience in the hotel business and is confident of his ability to give his customers satisfaction.—Statesville Landmark.

Mr. Chandler is well and favorably known to the travelling public. He entertained a large proportion of it in Hickory that will be apt to find him in his new place in Statesville. He is a clever man and we wish him success in his new home.

Tearing Down a Bar-Room.

John and George Britain were at Chick Huffman's bar room, last Monday, and bought whiskey from Will Murphy, Huffman's clerk, as long as their money lasted; but it gave out before they became satisfied, or before they got drunk enough, and Murphy refused to credit them. They became enraged and swore they would have whiskey, money or no money. They tore down the chimney and enough of the house to force an entrance. About this time a fight began, between the Britains and Murphy, the clerk, and ended in the Britains getting the worst of it. What depths a man will resort to for whiskey!—Morganton Star.

Seven Deaths in One Family.

Death has made sad havoc in the family of Elbert E. Simmons who lives near Horton's Ferry in this county. In less than one month his beloved wife and seven children have died. To-day friends bury Miss Lillian the seventh one and are fearful that the father and son Jeff, both dangerously ill, will soon join the others in the cemetery. Five children died of measles and the wife and two daughters from typhoid fever. This is fearful fatality in one family.—Shelby Aurora.

Amusements.

CANDY PULLING.

Last Friday night Mrs. O. M. Royster entertained a small party of young people at her residence. The evening was spent in pulling candy and the enjoyments of the numerous accidents which usually occur when inexperienced hands pull candy.

AFRON PARTY.

A very novel entertainment was given by the Misses Menzies last Tuesday night. To the young gentleman who did the nicest sewing was awarded a prize. Mr. E. R. Cline got the prize.

A Hartford Calamity.

PEOPLE BURIED UNDER THE RUINS.

Feared that Forty or Fifty Have Been Killed or Injured.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 18.—The boiler in the Park Central Hotel, this city, blew up with terrific force at 5 o'clock this morning totally wrecking the entire front of the structure, which was a five story brick building. The entire fire department, with the police reserves, was summoned. The ruins immediately took fire, and the work of firemen was greatly impeded by dense volumes of smoke and steam which hung over the debris. It is the most horrible catastrophe that has ever been known in Hartford, and it is feared that forty or fifty lives have been lost.

Applies to Hickory.

The Aurora opposes high license, yet appreciates the innumerable difficulties of enforcing prohibition and the frequent violators of the law are hard to punish. High license is no cure for the curse of intemperance and its attendant train of evils upon society, it is only a \$500 bribe to the conscience of an incorporated town like Shelby. No Christian can uphold the destructive saloon, because it pays back to the town \$500, or one-half of its net profits, for this is a bad investment.—Shelby Aurora.

The coroner kindly furnishes us with the testimony in the Frank Brannan case, but as it is all about buying and drinking liquor, and of a demoralizing nature generally, we considered it too unhealthy reading for our columns. It was a sickening debauch, participated in by Brannan, Charles L. Coon, from Lincoln county, Phil Huffman and Jane Eckard.—Jane Eckard, who sold Frank Brannan liquor last Saturday night, from the effects of which he met a tragic death, was brought down to jail Tuesday afternoon, on the charge of retailing liquors.—Newton Enterprise.

THE COURT HOUSE QUESTION.

Another Phase.

MR. EDITOR:—According to the last issue of the Newton Enterprise, "the agitation of the removal of the county site from Newton to Conover, the center of the county, has ceased, and peace and harmony now prevail." Allow me to make a few suggestions which might settle the whole matter of county sites for all time to come. It seems from an examination of the geography of the county that down the Catawba river to Island Ford and from there to Simpson's Bridge on the South Fork river are excellent roads leading to the town of Hickory and nearly all the farmers residing in that territory do most of their business there.

Now why could there not be a new county located making Hickory the county site and taking in Jacob's Fork, Brady, and a portion of Cline's townships, and including part of Burke, Caldwell and Alexander, and then the balance of the county take the eastern portion of Lincoln county and thereby form a county which would be acceptable to them.

CITIZEN.

For Sale.

A good farm horse—cheap. Apply to E. L. Shuford, 814 Hickory, N. C.

Communication.

ED. PRESS & CAROLINIAN:—Please allow me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to call the attention of the public generally and of our law-makers in particular to a matter, which if taken hold of and properly managed, cannot result otherwise than to greatly increase the revenue of the State, and at the same time be of great advantage to the people.

It is well known that there is no better paying business in this country than that of insurance. Anyone who doubts this assertion need only to examine the sworn reports of the leading life insurance companies of the United States to be convinced of its truthfulness, or let him enquire at what price stock can be purchased in these companies. They are all above par, and in some of them stock can scarcely be had at any price. There being no question as to the financial success of a well-conducted insurance company, I wish to suggest to our Legislators the propriety of establishing a State Insurance Bureau, and let the State make the thousands of dollars profit that are now paid to companies outside of her borders, and at the same time offer to her citizens an opportunity of obtaining insurance with an institution in whose honesty and ability they have full confidence.

This State insurance bureau could have local agents in all the counties, if necessary, and issue both life and fire policies at just as low a rate as any of the companies who are doing a safe and profitable business. All of the officers could be paid by commissions, as are the officers in other companies, making the expense proportionate to the income.

With the State at the back of an insurance department, no man need be afraid to insure—in fact, this would so inspire confidence that other companies would, to a considerable extent, be driven from the field.

I will not now further elaborate on the advantages to be derived from such a step by our Legislature, but hope our members will think favorably of the scheme and take action in the matter. Very respectfully,

E. C. S.

Hickory, N. C., Feb. 18, 1889.

Catawba River Items.

MR. EDITOR:—There have been two marriages in this vicinity recently: Mr. N. Huffman and Miss Sarah Heiner, Rev. D. C. Huffman officiating; and Miss Mattie Heiner to Mr. Eckard. We wish them all a happy life.

Hickory Grange meets Saturday, March 21. Everybody cordially invited to attend after 7 o'clock p. m. Several members from Granges and Alliances are to be there and make speeches; also, other men, who have nothing to do with the grange's organization, will speak. Subject for discussion—Should farmers organize, how and what for?

The school, conducted by Mr. Frank Newton, near Mr. A. J. Carpenter's, closes on 23rd. There will be some exercises by the students, and a big time by the young people who attend.

The commissioners of Durham county have resolved that in the future they would issue license to retail liquors to no one who had been convicted of violating the liquor laws of the State. That is good common sense and good law. Let all commissioners adopt the same rule.

Shuford & Shuford.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11, '89.

PRESS & CAROLINIAN:—Your kind inquiry to hand. Am nearly through buying; will be home this week.

During the past three weeks have been looking for good values extraordinarily cheap, and have found a full stock. Bought more than I intended. However, we will discount every bill.

Now ours will not be a "racket store," but a one-price cash store. One price—because the business man buys where no time is lost in beating the seller down; or, if inconvenient to come himself, can send and get the article just the same. Cash store—because this system will enable us to retail goods at North Carolina wholesale prices. No firm can do this and sell on a credit. Our merchants sell goods as close as they can be sold under the old system; but it would astonish you to see how much lower goods are retailed in the cash stores North and South. Think about it! One price for the money may be new to you, yet business men everywhere are adopting it. Men who formerly expended thousands of dollars annually in supporting a credit department are now giving it to the cash trade in lower prices.

We mark all our goods in plain figures at a certain per cent. above cost. But cost and per cent. are interesting inquiries of no practical importance, and are matters never pertinent to a sale. Our motto is, underbuy for cash—undersell for money. Goods are never cheap enough, provided they can be bought cheaper. We will convince your readers that at no time in the history of Hickory trade have such close prices prevailed as will be placed on our counters Friday, March 1st, 1889. It will be a red letter day for the cash trade. A revelation in close prices.

But, after all, prices tell and figures do not exaggerate. Your readers all know that the very best alumina retails for 8c a yard; under our system it will go for 5c a yard; gingham, latest dress styles, 8½c; best indigo blues 7c; Fruit of the Loom 9½; G. L. cashmere, sold for 25 to 30c, 18½c; table oil cloth, old way 30c, new way 18½c; ladies' kid shoe \$1.27, examine it—old price \$2.25; gents' calf shoe \$1.47, old price \$2.50; shoe brush 10c; latest crushed fur hat 50c; heavy overalls for 43c; Dolan worsted suits \$6.25, worth \$10 to \$12 old way; cloth brushes 15c; Dec water set \$1 and \$1.25, sold for \$2.50; job toilet soap 3 cakes for 4c; job suspenders 5c; tacks 1c per box; agate buttons 3c a gross, etc.

Select line of staple and fancy groceries, wood and willowware, tinware and crockery will be retailed at wholesale prices.

A general line of staple merchandise bought for cash, to be sold for money or produce at cash prices.

Remember the opening day, Friday, March 1, 1889.

Yours truly,

SHUFORD & SHUFORD,

One-Price Cash Store.

Per Ed. L. S.

Better Times Coming.

From all sections of our State and of the South comes the cheering assurance from the Alliances that they are going to plant less cotton, use less guano, incur less debt and make more of home supplies.—Progressive Farmer.