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NOTICES.

H. MURRILL, EDITOR.
New Advertisements.
Real Estate—Halliburton & Ballard.
Educational—Claremont College.

Newton now has eight lawyers.
Royster & Martin's full stock is now ready.
Go to Field Bros. for best home-made shoes.
See Royster & Martin's crushed hats at 75c each.
Special club rates to alliances wanting this paper.
There were 369 alliance men in line at the Hickory Fair.

T. & W. Collars and Cuffs at Royster & Martin's.
Wagner & Killian's new brick store is nearly completed.
Field Bros. sell the best sewing machine made in the world.
Don't fail to examine Royster & Martin's boy suits at \$1.50.

Call on Wagner & Killian for the best sewing machine on earth.
Phoenix Mfg Co. is running day and night to keep up with orders.
Brother Ashe has greatly improved the Observer as far as news goes.
We are glad the Concord people are having such fine weather for their fair.

Send to the white front clothing emporium, Hickory, N. C., for extra size suits.
Where is there a town in the State that can boast a prettier building than our opera house?
Smoking jackets, fancy white vests and full dress suits always on stock at Royster & Martin's.

"All the go" in millinery goods and in ladies hats at Hall Bros. Call on them for your winter hats.
Try the old reliable firm of Link, McComb & Co. when you have produce to sell or want to buy goods.
The nicest line of felt hats in the city at Link, McComb & Co. Be sure and look at them before buying.
When passing along Main street don't fail to look at that beautiful line of glassware and candy at the Racket Store.

We will publish at least part of the list of those people who won premiums at the Fair next week. It is impossible to do so this.
The Earnest Workers return their sincere thanks to the "Ten Times Out" for their kind and efficient assistance at the oyster supper.

The Hickory Ptg'g Co. received an order for sixty dollars' worth of job work from Cary, N. C., last week. Good work and reasonable prices. Give them a trial order.
We direct special attention to the advertisement of Halliburton & Ballard, of Durham. They are to sell some very fine investments in real estate on the 22nd inst.

Ladies see the latest novelty at the Racket Store. A nice case containing two papers best sewing needles, hat pins, shawl pins—all conveniently arranged and ready for use for fifteen cents.
We are greatly indebted to Mr. J. A. May, the Pigeon River nurseryman, for a box of the handsomest apples we have ever seen. They were grown in his nursery and were on exhibition at the Fair.

THE ANNUAL FAIR BALL.

A Credit to the Projectors and all Concerned.

We are not given, as a rule, to commenting upon the disposition always manifested by the young gentlemen of this place to exert themselves for the entertainment of visitors within our gates. The success of their efforts hitherto and the reputation acquired among those who have enjoyed their suppers, drives, dances etc., have been a fitting and perhaps a full reward.

Yet we may be allowed to state publicly that no one feature of last week's unprecedented celebration was more attractive or delightful than the annual Fair Ball given on Thursday evening by them and the proprietor of the Inn. It was not, as is usual, advertised; yet lovers of the dance knew it would not be omitted and came from distant cities and in great numbers. We have seen no party where the ladies were more affable and fair or the gentlemen more courteous and handsome.

We attempt no mention of the elegant costumes or the long list of participants, either of which would over-run our already burdeaned columns.

The crowd was managed with perfect ease and the good order was most gratifying to those who had it in charge.

But few places can boast the social dances of Hickory and few houses the accommodation of the "Inn." The gas may flicker but the flying feet never.

Lincoln Court.

Judge Connor is holding Lincoln court this week. His charge to the grand jury was comprehensive and forcible. The docket was small and the cases were for minor offenses. The case against Massey for mill burning went off under a decision of the Supreme court quashing the indictment and thus ended a long and vexatious prosecution. A case against a negro man and a woman for unlawfully living together developed the fact that they had gone to S. C. and been married by a colored preacher to save the tax on marriage imposed by a stupid N. C. Legislature. We hope the next Legislature will repeal this abominable and anti marriage law.

Death of Rev. P. C. Hinckle.

NEWTON, Sept. 27.—Rev. P. C. Hinckle, D. D., died Thursday morning at Conover, of an illness of only a few days. He was a son of Rev. David Hinckle, who founded the branch of the Lutheran church known as Hinckleites, by forming the Tennessee synod, in 1848 and was one of its most prominent and useful ministers. He was about seventy-five years of age.—Globe.

At the present term of our Superior court, Mr. Charles Watson Rice, of Newton, who acquired considerable reputation in working up the "Keeverville cases" a year or two ago, was licensed as an attorney. He was duly sworn in at Lincolnton on Monday, and will commence the practice of his profession in this county. Good luck to him!

Claremont College is having the best of patronage. Twelve new scholars entered last Monday and many more are expected this week. We direct the attention of all our readers having daughters to educate to the new advertisement of this excellent college. You can find no better place to educate your daughters.

For the best wheat fertilizer farmers should go to Field Bros. It

THE HICKORY FAIR.

A SUCCESS, A CROWD, A DISPLAY

THAT HAS NEVER BEEN EQUALLED IN WESTERN CAROLINA.

The ordinary duties of a reporter's existence are more laborious than pleasant, for the reason that they grow irksome. As a general thing they are of that stereotyped nature, of which one soon tires, and it is very seldom that one of these imps of the quill meets with an affair that is so gorgeous, grand and gay, that to think of having to tell the people what it really is, at first seems a task that would require the strength of Hercules, the learning and powers of description of Macaulay, and the tongues of several people that we might mention. When the first shock is over and the imp ceases to be overawed, then it is a pleasure to bend every energy to a task requiring more than ordinary exertion.

So it is with us and the Hickory Fair. Every body knows it was a success and we do not care to conceal the fact. It was a success beyond our most sanguine expectations. We said we were going to have a big fair but who expected such a display, such a crowd and so much fun.

We want to convey an idea of what the Hickory Fair was to our many readers but we don't wield a pen that can write the words.

Dark and lowering hung the clouds, as though they were nailed to the horizon, all day Monday, and when on Tuesday morning a heavy fog enveloped everything like a mantle, we felt gloomy. If it rained all week the Fair must fail. However before six bells the mantle was torn asunder and bright and clear shone out the sun.

TUESDAY—FIRST DAY.

The first day, before noon, was taken up in the formal opening of the Fair. An immense procession marched from the public square headed by our deservedly popular Military Opera Band. And just here let us remark that we are prouder than ever of our band. The boys played better than ever and we more strongly than ever claim the pennant. The afternoon was taken up with a display of stock, races and other amusements.

WEDNESDAY.

At 9 o'clock the 4th Reg. Band appeared on dress parade, after which came a general display of stock and we don't think the display of fine cattle could be excelled in the whole State.
Hon. John S. Henderson's address was delayed a little, but when it came the enthusiasm of the crowd showed how much Catawba loves her Congressman. The crowd after dinner much exceeded all expectations and races and other amusements were given for their benefit.

THURSDAY.

Thursday was the big day, blue-ribbon day, alliance day, the day of a grand display of a great crowd of Catawba's grand and great hearted people. At 10 o'clock, Maj. Robbins addressed the crowd. After a parade of the band Hon. Elias Kerr addressed the people on the alliance. Then came a display of 369 farmers in line and the awarding of the premium of \$25 to the alliance having the greatest number of members on the grounds.

Maple Grove alliance came first—a list of the members of which we publish elsewhere. We are sorry that we were not furnished with a list of Wesley Chapel alliance, which took second premium. Snow Creek alliance was also in line with 50 members.

The remainder of the day was made enjoyable by an interspersed program of races, tugs-of-war, etc.

THE CROWD which by long odds was the largest ever gathered together in Catawba

county was estimated by unbiased judges at 16,000. This seems a little extravagant but the gate receipts show that there were over 10,000 people in the grounds on Thursday. Burke and Caldwell won the tug-of-war—one heat—and the Catawba end the other.

FRIDAY.

The crowd was good and enjoyed an interesting program of races, foot races, bicycle races, walking matches, etc.

A walking match between Mr. J. G. Hall and Mr. Newton Whitener resulted in Hall's being badly out-walked and Whitener's getting his \$5, a natural consequence of a town man trying to outwalk an active country farmer.

FARMERS' HALL.

This department was specially deserving of commendation. We have never seen a better display of farm products. It showed clearly how far Catawba leads in this line.

FLORAL HALL.

While the floral hall presented a good appearance the proper interest was not taken in it by the ladies of Hickory. This was their department and we are sorry that the display did not represent them. Those who took an interest in it, however, deserve much praise, but the trouble was, so many of our ladies took no interest in the matter.
Withal we are glad to say that every one seemed pleased. The big man and fat baby were both here and the show of birds, etc.
There was no quarrelling and everything passed off most pleasantly and successfully. All praise be to a town and a county that can hold two such fairs as were held in Catawba this year.

Prominent People.

Mr. J. B. Hussey, once a citizen of Hickory, who has occupied the position of chief of the pension division of the Third Auditor's office, has been displaced and the vacancy filled by the appointment of Theophilus Gaines, of West Virginia.

The Hon. Daniel Dougherty has been nominated by Tammany Hall to fill the vacancy in Congress caused by the death of Sun-Set Cox.

The name of Hon. Saml. F. Phillips is considerably canvassed in connection with the vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Prof. Mangum has sufficiently recovered in health to resume his college duties, though he is still feeble.

Tim Lee has been appointed immigrant inspector at Wilmington at \$5, a day.

The Fair's Art Gallery.

One of the nicest, prettiest and most beautifully arranged departments of the Hickory Fair was the art gallery—a new addition. We failed to say any thing about it in the fair article because something or somebody interrupted us. The gallery building was built this year and was well filled with pictures of all descriptions, principally from the brushes and crayons of those who have attended Claremont College.

The exhibit attracted, as it deserved, great attention, and won a goodly number of premiums.

Gen. D. H. Hill Dead.

Gen. D. H. Hill died in Charlotte on the 24th of September, in his 68th year. Another of the great Confederate leaders has crossed the river and rests on the other side. Whether as soldier, editor, teacher or Christian citizen, Gen. Hill was a great and good man and his last end was peace.

The Trial of Rev. Father Boyle.

The trial of the Catholic priest, Rev. Father Boyle, upon the charge of a criminal assault upon Miss Geneva Whitaker began in Wake Superior Court yesterday.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. L. Ludwig left for Chicago last Monday.

Miss Ann Saunders left the city last Monday for Chapel Hill.

Mr. E. V. Jones, of Asheville, spent several days in the city last week.

Miss Mary Walker, after visiting several days in the city, returned to Charlotte last Monday.

Mr. Ed. Suford left last Monday for the Northern markets to purchase goods for the One Price Cash Store.

Mrs. S. D'Anna, after spending the summer in Hickory, returned to her home in Lexington, Ky., last Wednesday.

Miss Emily Wheeler, of Lenoir, is now a resident of this city, having rented the property of Rev. R. M. Blair on Watauga street.

Miss Ada Schenck, who has been visiting Mrs. O. M. Royster for some time, left the city last Monday to visit friends in Charlotte.

The Alliance That Won.

Herewith we give an official list of the members of the alliance that took the premium at the Hickory Fair:

- Sigmon, N. E.; Sigmon, Z. V.; Sigmon, W. P.; Sigmon, P. S.; Sigmon, Q.; Sigmon, J. L.; Sigmon, J. E.; Sigmon, J. B.; Sigmon, M. L.; Sigmon, M. H.; Sigmon, Logan; Sigmon, Porton; Sigmon, Geo.; Sigmon, N. C.; Sigmon, M. D.; Sigmon, W. M.; Shook, Daniel; Shook, Jacob; Shook, Frank; Setzer, J. D.; Setzer, Y. F. and Smith, B. E.

- Cline, M. L.; Cline, P. L.; Cline, B. S.; Cline, Jason J.; Cline Will, and Christopher, A.

- Travis, Washington.
- Hefner, T. S.; Holler, J. F.; Holler, Eli; Holler, A. S.; Holler, Jonas; Holler, Mark; Holler, Calvin; Hedrick, David; Hedrick, Quint; Hedrick, Elmore; Huffman, Hose; Huffman, Eno; Huffman, Bart; Huffman, Daniel; Huffman, R. J.; Huffman, W. E.; Hunsucker, Nelson; Hunsucker, T. L.; Herman, Mose; Herman, Jeff; Isaac, Levi; Isaac, Henry; Isenbower, D. E.; Isenbower, W. M. and Isenbower, Daniel.

- Abernethy, Jas. W.; Abernethy, Ed and Abernethy, M. A.

- Rocket, W. H.; Rocket, O. M.; Rocket, J. W.; Rocket, R. L.; Rocket, A. V.; Roseman, D. F.; Roseman, M. I.; Rowe, J. D.; Reitzel, R. R.; Reitzel, T. S.; Reitzel, J. C.; Reitzel, H. J.

- Moore, John; Moose, D. W.; Moser, G. H.; Mathis, Jonas; Mathis, Will.

- Yount, G. D. L.; Yount, Dallas; Yount, D. E. and Yount, Alonzo.

- Drum, Peter; Drum, John; Deal, Perry; Deal, R. H.

- Little, Q. L.; Little, Charles; Little, Lewis; Lael, Henry.

- Fox, Quint.

- Pope, H. P.; Pope, R. F.; Pope, Q. E.; Pope, W. P.; Pope, Frank; Pope, Jeff; Pope, Gus.

- Dellinger, W. J.; Dellinger, M. D.; Dellinger, Jonas.

- Stivault, Homer; Stine, J. M.; Mathis, Carm; Miller, Frank.

- Rector, Will.

- Beard, Julius; Brown, Lee;

- Hefner, J. W.

- Gilbert, Jacob.

- Carpenter, Will. W.

- Hoke, Frederick.

- Present 103.

- A correct list of members of Maple Grove Alliance No. 460.

- W. P. Stomox, Sec.

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