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POINTS.

Fresh Momaja coffee at Latta & Beard's.

Wait for the market, Dec. 19th, at Shuford's Hall. 502t

Enterprise should be encouraged and not taxed.

The N. Y. World says we can all prepare to sneeze.

A lost key awaits its owner and pay for this notice.

A Banquet was given to Col. L. L. Polk in Raleigh last week.

Fill the stockings from the White Front Clothing Euporium.

Greatest variety of silk handkerchiefs at the White Front.

Miss Clinard arrived at Mr. F. A. Clinard's last Tuesday morning.

With the exception of a few feet Main street is now solid granite.

See the doll drill at Shuford's Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 19th.

Select your Christmas gifts from Royster & Martin's show windows.

Brother Jo. Caldwell's editorial last week on Jefferson Davis was very fine.

Ten cents is all it costs to go to Shuford's Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 19th. 502t

Give your minister for a Christmas gift one of Royster & Martin's clerical suits.

Messrs. Royster & Martin and Davis Bros. have very much improved their fronts.

Give your boy a \$1.50 suit or a \$2.50 overcoat for a Christmas present, Royster & Martin.

The "Ten-Times-One" society gave an oyster supper in Elliott's Opera House last Tuesday night.

You are liable to a tax of \$24 if you give your best girl a present to induce her to answer "yes."

Silk hats, fine umbrellas and walking canes for Christmas presents on sale at Royster & Martin's.

The many changes that are to be made with the beginning of the new year show the enterprise possessed by Hickory's business men.

Link, McComb & Co. have the exclusive sale of E. P. Reed & Co's ladies and misses fine shoes.

A. A. Shuford & Co.

The new preacher for Hickory and Lenoir M. E. Church will fill his appointment at Hickory next Sunday morning and night.

Lost on cotton platform, one gold horse shoe scarf pin set with pearls. Suitable reward will be given for return of same to E. L. Shuford.

We offer as an apology for our early appearance this week, the fact that the trade issue is coming out and we must work ahead in order to be on time.

After the 1st of January our customers and patrons will find us nicely fixed up in the nicest office in the South—in Elliott's Opera House building. Call around.

Mr. A. A. Shuford is to have a glass front put in the building now occupied by A. A. Shuford & Co., but which will be occupied by Link, McComb & Co. after January.

We thank Brother Scott for his kind approval of our free bridge scheme and if Lenoir will help we will soon open the gates and have free passage between Lenoir and Hickory.

Abernethy & Whitener have dissolved copartnership in the livery stable business. Mr. Shuford White-ner has formed a copartnership with Mr. L. H. Phillips in the Rack-et Store.

A good livery stable, run by a good man, will pay well here.

Spontaneous Combustion.

Quite a little scare was caused at the shops of the Hickory Mfg Co. last Tuesday morning, by finding the effects of a smouldering fire.

On Monday evening Mr. Jim. Hearne, an employee of the shops, was polishing a very fine piece of walnut furniture with some "waste" saturated with linseed oil. He rubbed it hard enough to cause the waste to become heated by friction. When the whistle blew in the evening he laid the waste on a shelf near by and went home. During the night the waste was consumed by spontaneous combustion. The shelf and wall were charred to some depth and a stick—the size of a lath—was burned in two. Fortunately the waste did not blaze up and thus the shops were saved.

Spontaneous combustion is often caused by contact of linseed oil and cotton, so if you have any old cotton rags saturated with linseed oil in your house you had better throw them away at once. Machine oil will not cause it.

Monument to Ex-President Davis.

The Ladies' Memorial Association of this city proposes to erect a monument of bronze to perpetuate the memory of the late President Davis on the public plant on Market between Front and Second streets. It is intended that the monument shall be large and handsome, something that our people may well feel proud of, and to which they will no doubt freely contribute.—[Wil. Star.

Piedmont Supper.

As is his custom Mr. Hall, president of Piedmont Wagon Works, will in the magnanimity of his heart, on the evening of the 25th of December, at 8 o'clock, give his annual supper, in honor of the employes of the shops, at the Hickory Inn. Seats for over one hundred guests have been engaged and Mr. Loughran promises the most gorgeous feast ever spread in Hickory, and he knows how to get it up.

Make Us Happy.

It would make us very happy if each one of our subscribers would send us in a new subscriber as a Christmas gift. Many of them could send two or more, but by a better effort, showing your paper and a little talk about the election news next year, all could procure one. Won't you try it? It won't cost you much and will be a great kindness to us.

Swallowed Another.

The Richmond and Danville Railroad Company has obtained an option on the bounds of the Danville and New River Railroad Company, and will soon purchase that property. The Danville and New River Company is a short line from Danville to Patrick Courthouse, and in the direction of the proposed extension of the Atlantic and Danville Road westward.

George Fox was arrested and bound over to court last week on suspicion or circumstantial evidence of having shot Miles Huffman in Clines Township two or three weeks ago. Fox drinks too much sometimes and while in this condition, it is said, has dropped some word indicating his connection with the shooting.

An entertainment will be given consisting of a Punch and Judy show for the little folks, a doll drill, tableaux, duets and solos. A small admission of ten cents will be charged at the door. 50-2t

Gift Enterprises.

Last Saturday morning, according to the Mayor's instructions, the city Marshal called on the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN, Davis Bros., Latta & Beard and Royster & Martin and demanded a tax of \$24 for running gift enterprises, each firm refusing to pay the tax. Messrs Royster & Martin give with each suit of boys clothing a small set of tools—or sell a suit of clothes and a tool set for so much money. Messrs Davis Bros. sell you a dollars worth of goods and give you a chance at three presents. Latta & Beard sell you six five cent cigars for twenty five cents, and give you a chance at a gold watch. The PRESS AND CAROLINIAN offers to EVERY SUBSCRIBER WHO PAYS UP ALL BACK DUES AND FOR ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE, AND TO ALL NEW SUBSCRIBERS WHO PAY A YEAR IN ADVANCE, the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN and the AMERICAN FARMER, each one year, for \$1.50. For these things we are pulled up, made to pay an attorney's fee, and tried for running gift enterprises. It is our humble opinion that none of these are to be classed under the head of a "gift enterprise." A gift enterprise, to our mind, is where you pay out MONEY FOR A CHANCE, and not where you receive an actual financial value for your money and have a chance at something given you. It is a peculiar man that would buy a boy's suit of clothes just to get a child's set of tools—if he had no boy to wear the clothes. If a man wants a Bible for a dollar he is going to buy it. If he does not want a Bible at all is a chance at a plush album going to induce him to buy the Bible? This is true reasoning and clearly shows that the offered chance does not induce people to buy, but after they have bought what they want it is human nature to take all one can get for one's money. A gift enterprise is a scheme where the chance of getting something is sold—the Louisiana Lottery for instance—and not where a financial value is given for the money and a chance actually given away.

If the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN is taxable every paper in the State is taxable and every time a merchant throws in the buttons and thread with a dress he is taxable. But this is straining the law. Yes, that is exactly what we think. It has already been strained to the last notch. In the first place because these are not gift enterprises. In the second place because the charter of the city of Hickory does not empower the Mayor to tax a gift enterprise—but in the face of all this decision he was in favor of the plaintiff on last Saturday.

The case against the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN has not been decided upon yet, and it is so absurd that we feel safe in making the same offer to our subscribers till the Supreme Court tells us to stop.

Call and pay us your subscription and get the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN and American Farmer for \$1.50.

Last Sunday Mr. Jason Yoder's barn was destroyed by fire. Mr. Yoder lives just across the South Fork, and his barn, it is said, caught from a straw stack which was set on fire by the carelessness of a boy with some matches.

We would gladly have published the resolutions adopted at the memorial services in Newton, but, although the resolutions passed, we received no copy of them.

Col. W. H. Williams, of Newton, accompanied Governor Fowle to New Orleans to attend the funeral of Ex-President Davis.

The Free Bridge.

This matter is a serious business matter and worthy the consideration and encouragement of many in Catawba county. It is no canard, but we mean, with the assistance of the people, to open the bridge FREE TO ALL. Do not put the matter off and "have to think it over." You all know the importance of the move, so encourage the matter and let it be a free bridge by the 1st day of January.

We have seen the stockholders of the Bridge Company, and while the bridge is paying a much larger dividend than the rent will amount to, they have agreed, verbally, to rent the bridge for \$600 per year and agree to keep it in first class order. This is \$50 per month and it is well worth that amount to the merchants, lumber men, and manufacturing establishments of Hickory. If all chip in the amount can be raised without any trouble. It is small, so let every one take the proper interest in the matter and open wide the gates that bar our commerce from us. Write the amount you will give on a postal card and send it to us.

Robert Browning.

The famous and soul-stirring poet, Robert Browning, died in London on the 12th inst., having lived out seven years of borrowed time, seven beyond the allotted seventy. He did not grow old gracefully, for he disdained to grow old at all. The body had been weak for some time, but the mind was as radiant as the sun in an afternoon sky, and the mind was all we knew of Browning. Few of us have seen his face; all of us have been inspired by his work. He affords another illustration of Holmes' happy saying, "It is better to be seventy years young than forty years old."

A Good Chance.

Advanced age and a press of work in the law office makes me desire a sale of my half interest in the Hickory Printing Co. and PRESS AND CAROLINIAN. The paper is doing well and would do better in the hands of owners who could give it undivided attention. My son owns one-half; is pleased with the business. I would sell my half to a young man of sober habits, good character and Democratic principles. None else need apply. J. F. MURRILL.

Link, McComb & Co. have rented the building now occupied by Shuford & Co. and will succeed them in business after the 1st of January, 1890. This enterprising firm always keeps up with the progressive element of Hickory and will carry a very large stock of goods when they get in their new quarters.

Notice.

I have been informed that a person calling himself a piano tuner has been using my name as employing him. This is to notify all persons interested that any person whom I endorse will always have a written statement over my signature. I shall have a competent tuner in about a month who will do first class work. Orders for him may be left at the Book Store. WILL H. SANBORN.

The Mountain Post is the second paper that has been started at Elk Park, N. C. Like its short-lived predecessor it is for the "advancement of its section and the support of its editor." We wish it success in both undertakings but we remember how numerous are failures for want of patronage in such small towns and even in large ones.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. J. N. Bohannon is visiting in Wadesboro, N. C.

Mr. John Michal and lady were in the city last week.

F. L. Cline, Esq., is attending the Supreme Court in Raleigh this week.

Mr. J. B. Beard and wife returned last week from their wedding tour North, having spent some days in Washington, D. C.

Conover Items.

Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder will preach at St. Timothy on Christmas day.

Prof. J. P. Miller and Miss Claudia Smith are teaching the public school in Conover.

There will be an education mass meeting held in the college chapel on Tuesday before Christmas, at 11 o'clock. All who are interested in education and especially all who are interested in Concordia College are invited.

Mr. Knox Smith, formerly of the firm of Smith Bros., has put up a new store in Conover. The post-office has been moved into his new store building.

Prof. J. P. Miller has moved into the house of Mr. Phillip Carpenter, his father-in-law.

Mr. W. C. Smith is teaching in Iredell county.

Conover Sunday-school will have a Christmas tree on Tuesday night before Christmas.

Mr. M. H. Yount has gone to South Carolina to teach. There are now three of our young men from Conover in South Carolina working in the educational interest of that commonwealth, Messrs. E. A. Smith and P. E. Hunsucker having gone before Mr. Yount. This ought not to be so, their services are needed in their native State, but unless North Carolina adopts a better system of public schools she may expect to lose more of her sons especially those who are preparing themselves for teachers. A. L. B.

Items from Penelope.

PENELOPE, Dec. 14th, 1889.

DEAR EDITOR:—The Union meeting of the Baptist Association is being held at this place. It opened Friday, December 13th, with a small delegation. Prof. Matbeney preached on Friday evening. He is formerly of Texas, but now of, Lincolnton, and is a very able speaker. School at the Academy is in a flourishing condition with Rev. C. M. Murchison as principal. The free school near this place which opened more than a month ago is in full blast and has 52 pupils. Mr. W. S. Pollard is principal. The farmers here have a very fine looking crop of wheat and are looking forward to a bountiful harvest next year.

The Alliance at this place is in fine working order with Maj. J. F. Click as president. D. W.

A Letter From Mrs. Davis.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7, 1889.

Agent of the Associated Press:

DEAR SIR:—Will you have the kindness to say for me through the Associated Press that it will be a physical impossibility for me to answer the thousands of telegrams of condolence that have poured in from all parts of the United States. I therefore take this means of expressing my appreciation of the profound sympathy exhibited by so many of Mr. Davis' friends to his bereaved and grateful family.

Very respectfully yours,
VARINA HOWELL DAVIS.