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EDITOR.

Ex-Empress of Brazil is dead.
Read Link's new advertisement.
La Grippe has taken hold of some of our people.
A dwelling house for rent. Apply here, or to J. F. Murrill.
Extra copies of the trade issue will be furnished for 5c each.
Write goods for the opening of the Opera at Royster & Martin's.
A Frankinton fire destroyed \$40,000 worth of property on the 16th inst.
Call on us in the north room—ground floor—of Elliott's Opera House.
Hear the Boston Quintette Club at Elliott's Opera House on the 14th inst.
The Oxford Ledger is out in an industrial issue. The South is booming.
Messrs. Link, McComb & Co. have moved into the Shuford & Co. building.
Piedmont Wagon Co. have moved their office to the Elliott Opera House.
Hannah B. Southworth, the sister of Stephen Pettus, died in her bed on the 7th inst.
The Piedmont Cigar Co. has moved its factory to the brick building on Alexander St.
Full dress suits to hire for the Quintette Club next Tuesday night at Royster & Martin's.
Full dress shirts, white vests and ties suitable to wear to the Quintette Club at the White Front.

A pleasant October breeze struck us last night and it was cold enough for frost this morning.
Reduced rates at the Hickory Inn for those coming to hear the Boston Quintette Club.
The Asheville Citizen after suspension of a week is out again. Brethren put us on your list.
Mrs. Judge Gilley was called to the death bed of her most excellent father, Colonel Harper, this week.

No flute player ever created such enthusiasm as Oscar Hentschel who comes with the Boston Quintette Club.
Wash Raby, last week, while building and overshot wheel, fell and sustained injuries from which he is now suffering.

John F. Rhodes is the greatest violinist at present in this country—he will be here with the famous Boston Quintette Club.

Mr. J. M. Lawrence will soon move his complete jewelry establishment into the brick building next door to Royster & Martin's.

Louis Blumenberg, the world renowned violoncello virtuoso, will be heard shortly in conjunction with the celebrated Boston Quintette Club.

Hall Brothers' card in another column is all that is necessary to refute the false report made by Bradstreets that they had as signed.

Undoubtedly the handsomest lady in the musical profession is Miss Anne Carpenter the soprano of the Boston Quintette Club. She will sing here shortly.

In the frescoing of the Elliott Opera House the artist, Mr. Grace, informs us that the lining, if lengthened out would amount to over fourteen miles.

What Will Hickory Do In 1890?

The substantial growth of our little city during the past year excelled that of any other. Its manufacturing interests have been added to and increased, its schools have grown to be equal to the best in the State, its population has steadily increased, a fine hotel, many large and handsome residences and business houses have been erected and our population and general business have grown in like proportion. To all these evidences of our rapid growth, or it may be one great promoter thereof, we can add health unsurpassed in any community, as a result of the finest climate and best water to be found anywhere.

We can look back over the past year with pride and pleasure. The blessings and prosperity we have enjoyed in the past give us hope for the future. As much has been done we feel that much more can and will be done. Our manufacturing interests will be increased, our schools will grow as they become more widely known, and these will increase our population and all business relations. Let us have no divisions, nor holdbacks, but one grand united push forward and our growth in 1890 will far exceed any year in our past history.

The Press and Carolinian feels the weight of its responsibility. It has done its best in the past but hopes a more general support will enable it to do more in future. Our city would be almost unknown without its local paper. The paper cannot live without city patronage. Let us help each other to over-ride all opposition and go on to success and the glorious future that awaits us. Let every one do his part and we shall know no failure or disappointment.

Summer In Winter.

The "coldest inhabitant" has never seen such a winter as this has been. The ground has not been frozen an inch deep and there has been no rain to count in two months. The farmers have been plowing all winter and the land is coated in green as in late spring. Some fruit trees are blooming and vegetation is springing from the unchilled earth. Onion tops are a foot high and we had lettuce from the open garden in January. Verily it appears the time has come when we know not the summer from the winter.

The opera boxes went like hot cakes on the 7th and in less than six hours after they were put on sale, over two hundred reserved seat tickets were sold. Secure your seats at once for the Boston Quintette Club.

The Western North Carolina Railroad will sell return tickets to Hickory for the opening of the Elliott Opera House by the Boston Quintette Club for one dollar from Morganton and 50 cents from Connelly's Springs. Tickets will be on sale Jan. 13th and 14th, good to return Jan. 15th.

A lady in the city wrote to another: "I am dying for some fun," and at the masquerade ball which followed, both nearly died laughing at the fun. Hickory has a funny crowd of young folks when they set that way.

Although it seems a long time since Christmas we must mention the Christmas dinner served at the Hickory Inn as being the most elegant it has ever been ours to enjoy.

The getting out of our trade issue has thrown us a day late. We will be on time next week and in the future.

Eighteen-Ninety.

With this issue we salute you all and make our obeisance to the young and happy New Year.

The old year is gone and with it many happy days—none of which can be recalled and we must look to the future for the realization of our hopes and anticipations. Our lives are, to a certain extent, just what we make them and yet we are in a great measure dependent upon every one of our fellow beings for our happiness. So in the year to come let us try to make things peaceful, instead of disagreeable, for those with whom we come in contact.

Hickory's future, as well as our own, is just what it shall make. Many changes and improvements have been made with the incoming of the new year—let the wheels of progress keep rolling. Let us every one think and act for the good of Hickory, for therein is our success. In the years to come it will ever be the self-assumed task of the Press and Carolinian to censure wrong doing and to uphold everything that is for the good of our city. With the proper support we can run a paper that will benefit Hickory and we now ask it of our people. In the past we have worked and spent more than our earnings in trying to improve the Press and Carolinian and shall continue as we have begun. We shall endeavor with each week to give you a better paper and to improve Hickory and the surrounding country by showing what we have. This we can not do without the support of all others interested and we hope our business men and countrymen will not hesitate to give their support. We cheerfully enter upon our task, and wish you all a very happy New Year.

Reception at Claremont.

One of the charming events of the holiday season was a reception given by the young ladies and faculty of Claremont on the evening of Jan. 1st. These occasions, both because of their pleasures and their infrequency, are always taken advantage of by our people and the spacious rooms were promptly filled by those who came to pay their respects to the inmates of this reputable institution. The rose buds there under cultivation were displayed to the best advantage and the young men were not backward in showing their appreciation of the opportunity offered them to inhale the aromatic atmosphere which surrounds youth and beauty.

Selfishness is a very prominent characteristic of some persons' natures. One of our subscribers stopped his paper because we have so strongly urged the "free bridge" question. We are, of course, sorry to lose him, but we cannot afford to cater to one man's selfish ideas, when the welfare of a county is at stake. We hope to consummate the scheme and open the gates of the bridge to all soon.

We want correspondents in every community and always appreciate their kindness in sending us items of interest. We want them in brief form and they must be written only on one side of the paper or we can not use them.

The special issue of the Tradesman, published at Chattanooga, Tenn., issued on the first of January, is a capital publication, and is a perfect encyclopedia of information.

The trains on the W. N. C. railroad it would seem have not yet recovered from the effects of Christmas festivities.

Claremont Bestezed.

Last Thursday night a large part of the best and jolliest people of Hickory, (male and female,) regaled themselves in masquerade costumes and marched *en masse* upon the temple of learning on the hill.

The charming occupants of the strong-hold being taken by surprise the fort was gained and the besiegers most hospitably received. The Hickory string band was sent for and the evening was made merry with dancing and the devouring of Christmas dainties set out by Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn.

The party was very hurriedly gotten up and some of the parties were well disguised, but for parties who are so unfortunate as to be built in a manner not suited to head sheep a "mother Hubbard" is the only successful disguise.

A Card.

EDITORS PRESS & CAROLINIAN:—The publication of "The Bradstreet Co." that Hall Brothers, Hickory, N. C., had assigned is absolutely false, having no foundation in fact, and the publication had not the least incident upon which it could be rightfully based.

Bradstreets telegraphed us on the 6th, as follows: "Error discovered last week and every effort is being made to correct. Correction will be made in next sheet."

We state, that our financial condition is better than ever, and we propose to defend our business reputation in all reasonable and lawful manner, against any and all imputation. HALL BROS.

A large audience were treated to a rare feast of music and sweet harmony last night in the Y. M. C. A. Hall by the famous Boston Quintette Club. From the very first chord to the close of the programme the Club displayed its wonderful power of blending sounds and perfect union, which at times resembled an organ, a brass band, and musical instruments not used by the Club.—[St. Louis Republican.]

At the Piedmont supper on Christmas Eve Mr. J. G. Hall, president, was presented with a handsome silver fruit basket and Mr. Geitner, superintendent, was presented with a beautiful cigar stand, by the employes of Piedmont Wagon Co.

Mr. E. L. Shuford has handled within the last thirty days 3,993 dozen eggs. Most of them went to New York and Augusta, Ga. Hickory is probably the best egg market in the State.

Errata.

On page 6, paragraph 2—Frank Loughran—read 1883, *viz* 1877.
On page 4, paragraph 2—A. A. Shuford—read 1861, *viz* 1871.

Married.

By S. E. Killian, Esq., on January 1st 1890, Mr. William P. Busby to Miss Laura Isenhour, both of this township.

On January the 7th, Mr. Lewis Holler to Miss Dora Caldwell, both of this city.

On January 5th, Mr. James Marlow to Mrs. E. E. Cline.

Congressman W. D. Kelley, the father of the House, is reported in a critical condition from cancer in the throat.

Owing to our immense purchase of winter overcoats and the prevailing mild weather, we are now selling them at Summer prices. Call and see them. ROYSTER & MARTIN.

PERSONALS.

Col. G. N. Folk spent several days in the city this week.

Mr. Sam. Flaum was in the city last week, looking well and happy.

Mrs. J. H. Payne of Waynesville was visiting friends in Hickory last week.

Miss Ella Turner, of Hillsboro, is in the city visiting Miss Carrie Holden.

Mr. Wm. Dickson returned last week from a trip for the Piedmont Wagon Co.

Miss Florence Shuford left last week for Chicago, where she will remain sometime.

Judge C. A. Gilley is attending the funeral of his father-in-law, Col. Harper, in Patterson.

Miss Jennie Stephens, of Petersburg Va., is visiting her sister Mrs. N. C. Browder of this city.

Messrs W. S. C. Tate and I. T. Avery, attorney, and Mr. S. T. Pearson of Morganton, were in the city on legal business Tuesday.

Miss Hortense Ingold, of Randleman, returned to her home last Friday night after spending the holidays visiting Mrs. J. F. Murrill.

Mr. J. E. Wilhelm, of Atlanta, was in the city Friday consulting with his attorneys, Gilley & Murrill, about his suit against the C. & L. N. G. railroad.

Jacob's Fork Items.

Christmas passed off very quietly with all of its enjoyments.

John W. Helton has been confined to his bed about two weeks with something like bilious colic.

Mrs. Enza Copenning accidentally injured herself with a piece of stove wood and is unable to walk.

Wallace Rhoney, from Bandy's township has moved on the Max Shuford farm.

R. J. Helton has moved to Carpenter & Co's factory to put his children in the factory to work.

During Christmas Charley Yoder, in a scuffle, sprained his ankle so that he has to walk with crutches.

There have been some excitement created among the dummies about a "spook" that they have heard and seen in the woods near Blackburn which caused a hunt for the animal.

No new postmaster has been appointed at Blackburn to succeed J. M. Yoder, who sent up his resignation some six weeks ago, and moved to his farm in Lancaster, S. C. G. M. Y.

We are informed that Frank Jennings, an old man at Rutherford College, made two attempts to commit suicide last week by taking laudanum. He had been drinking heavily and said there was nothing for him to live for.—[Morganton Herald.]

J. H. McNeely, of Burke county, store-keeper at a distillery near Shelby, N. C., shot and mortally wounded B. O. Jenkins, owner of the still, on the 8th inst.

So far as heard from in Mitchell county only six men were killed during the Christmas festivities. Several others were wounded and bruised.

The Washington (N. C.) Gazette appeared last week in a nicely gotten up industrial issue. It shows enterprise and will benefit the little city of Washington.

Gen. Longstreets wife died in Gainsville, Ga., Dec. 29th.