

Surl News.

Mr. Charlie Cates and Miss Minnie Oakley were married on the third Sunday in March.

Sheriff Thomson is always glad to see his customers when they call at Morris-Webb Drug Co.

Mr. Mac Allen and Mrs. J. H. Chandler visited some of their kin folks near Bushy Fork on the 29th of April.

Some farmers in this section has tobacco plants that will soon be large enough to plant.

Mrs. Thos. Briant of Foster has been on the sick list.

Mr. Jack Welch had his house to burn May st. When he woke up the cook room was afire all over. He waked up Mr. Calvin Snipes and they managed to save what he had down stairs. It is said that Calvin got the most of his wearing apparel burnt up. Jack has the sympathy of this community.

Mr. J. R. Lee visited his son in Chapel Hill some time ago.

Mr. J. L. Garrett, that big guano dealer, has one among the finest gardens in his community.

Mr. Joe Noah bought him a fine suit of clothes, it is a good fit. He bought them from Long, Wood & Morton, of Roxboro.

Mr. John Satterfield has built him a new wire fence for pasture and has two nice young calves in there and some milk cows. He also put him up a new wire fence around his garden.

Mr. R. S. Glenn and also Mr. H. C. Fog eman are selling goods cheap to their customers. They appreciate their trade.

Satterfield and Clayton, they are they are holding a good trade.

Mr. J. W. Noell, of Mt. Tirezah, is taking the tax list in this section. He is going from house to house this time, that is something new for the people through here.

Mr. Charlie Duke is doing some good farming these days.

Mr. H. M. Cuzart is certainly got a good head for carpenters work.

Mr. Robert Morris whom clearks for Mr. C. H. Hunter says he farmed up until about six years ago and has been selling goods ever since. Mr. Morris is a nice young man.

Mr. R. L. Satterfield has fenced in his yard with wire.

Mr. R. A. Peed when it comes to hauling he does his part of that.

Mr. Tom Thaxton, he is a man that raises his own home supplies and right much tobacco that enables him to be an independent farmer.

Mr. J. A. Clayton of Oklahoma, whom I told you in my last write up, that he wanted to see Surl News often so that he could hear from the people in the Surl section. I should have said so that he could hear from the people in the Surl section. Of course he hears from his people through private letters. I gladly correct this mistake.

This correspondent has a calf that will be 12 months old the 4th of June, is the same color of her mother, marked like her, but there is one difference, she is not as large as her mother, though in my opinion you will have to go a long ways to find a calf than she is to her age.

Mr. George Peed has a good nice dwelling and also good out-buildings.

Mr. Will Moore is farming with his father this time and are putting in some good work. It makes him think of old times.

THOS FRAZIER, Surl, N. C., May 11th.

Improve Your Old Furniture

I can make your old furniture look new again. Polish and retouch up your faded picture frames with gilt and make them as good as new. All work guaranteed, and prices reasonable.

Alex Hester.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve

The Best Salve in The World.

DIGGING THE BIG DITCH.

How the Steam Shovels Make the Dirt Fly at Panama.

The steam shovels stand on terraced levels and in fifty minutes load a train of eighteen flat cars, which are unloaded in fifteen minutes more amid a shower of dust. The line of cars is followed by "spreaders." All through the cut puffs of steam here and there indicate where the shovels are burrowing their way and pushing the work forward. Watching shovel 221, I stood on engine No. 298 when she was at work. Engineer Harrison, his hand on this lever, was pushing the cars up in due course as the steam shovels filled them, while the conductor, raising and lowering a flag, directed a "shove-up," so that even while loading it is sometimes necessary for an engineer to keep his hand on the throttle. One shovel accomplished probably as much work in a day as could be done by 600 men, and there is a great deal of rivalry among the operators to make the best record.

The record of steam shovel 223 for one hot day shows how the dirt flies on the Isthmus. Three hundred and thirteen cars were loaded in 470 minutes. "In the language of Larry O'Grady, this was "going some," almost an average of a car a minute, with eleven seconds grace, or a rate of a cubic yard of earth every seven seconds. A remark was made by a sad eyed man of unknown nationality, "It looks as though the dirt had wings, doesn't it?" Over 50,933 cubic yards of rock have been taken out in twenty-five working days by one shovel, and a completed tunnel through the cut is excavated within every month.—Joe Mitchell Chapple in National Magazine.

A FOREST GIANT.

Monster Tree Trunk That Rivals the Famous Fallen Monarch.

A rival of the giant tree, the Fallen Monarch, familiar in pictures with a stagecoach on top of its trunk, has been found on the slopes of Bald mountain, in northern Tular county.

It is in a region little visited and was first noted by R. H. Gallagher, an old Yosemite stage driver, two years ago. When Gallagher tried to return to it he lost the trail and did not find the great tree again for months.

The great trunk lies in the forest, the lower two or three feet of it buried in the soil which has been accumulating for ages. It is believed that hundreds of years have passed since the great tree fell, and the fires of ages have rolled over it through the forest. Much of the bark has been burned away, yet originally it was from twenty to forty inches thick. The trunk now is more than 100 feet in circumference, and it is a hard climb to get on top of it.

Bald peak is midway between the Sequoia National park and the General Grant National park. Near by is Redwood mountain, on which there are said to be 10,000 giant trees. The region, which is northeast of Visalia, is reached by stage to Eshom valley, twenty-one miles, where Gallagher has a camp called Juanita camp.—Los Angeles Express.

German Acuteness

The egg cups imported into India at one time all came from Great Britain. The Indian eggs are, however, very small, and the egg cups did not fit. A German traveler noticed this small item and got his firm to make smaller egg cups and export them there. All the trade is now in German hands. In Africa the scissors imported from Sheffield were found to be rather dangerous weapons to place in the hands of the natives, owing to their sharp points. The Solingen Steel works sent a lot of round pointed scissors out, which found favor, and now Germany has captured the whole market.—From "Germany of the Germans."

Saving the Edelweiss.

The edelweiss, responsible for so many deaths, is becoming rare. The plant when it is culled is not of particular beauty, but the fascination of picking it is in an inverse ratio. Natives of the poorer class gather the flower, and tourists buy it for the same reason as certain anglers buy trout. The Bavarian government is so alarmed at the threatened destruction of the mountain "orchid" that a law has been passed to penalize the gathering without a permit. The measure is somewhat drastic, for even a proprietor who wishes to gather the flower must first obtain a permit.—London Globe.

Bacteria.

Modern investigations as to the origin of diseases have brought the 'little organisms called bacteria into so much prominence that search has been made to ascertain whether they existed during the early geological periods. Not long since the fact was announced that Regnault had discovered bacteria in coal. Continuing his researches, he found evidence that bacteria were probably coeval with the first appearance of organic life on the earth. They attacked vegetable tissues as well as the bones and teeth of animals; but, as a rule, they belonged to species distinct from those of today.

A Romantic Career.

Caid Belton, the young English officer who, at the age of twenty-six, became commander in chief to Mulai Hafid and helped him win the throne of Morocco, has had a stranger than fiction career. At nineteen he received his commission for bravery in South Africa, soon after achieved his captaincy in Somaliland, entered Mulai Hafid's service in 1908, and now everybody in Morocco calls him "the kingmaker."

English Etchings.

London's newest music hall seats 4,000 persons.

Female labor on the farms of England has almost disappeared.

No horse has ever succeeded in winning the five classic races—the Derby, Oaks, St. Leger, One Thousand and Two Thousand Guineas.

"To tell the truth, the 'wholesale' truth and nothing but the truth," was the oath taken by a witness in a London court. Mr. Cluer, the magistrate, suggested that truth, even retail, would be accepted.

Town Topics.

New York burglars took a safe out into the street to blow and rife it. It must have been Wall street.—Detroit Journal.

Boston now leads Philadelphia as a port, and the axis of the universe sticks out of the gilded dome on Beacon hill a little higher.—New York World.

The ratio of population to bathtub in St. Louis is 14 to 1. There's no heaven born quality about that ratio it ought to diminish. It is diminishing.—St. Louis Republic.

Eye-Sight Restored

After Being Given Up by Specialists

A wonderful cure by MILAM

Mr. W. E. Griggs, Secretary and Treasurer Westbrooks Elevator Co. and formerly Cashier Bank of Danville, says:

"About ten years ago my eyesight began to fail to such an extent that it became necessary for me to consult a specialist. My trouble increased until I found it necessary to consult several others. My case was diagnosed as Atrophy of the Optic Nerve, caused by impoverished blood quality. The progress of my trouble was slow but steady, with never any relief, until finally my physician advised me that nothing further could be done. About this time, about two years ago, I could not see to read, and my range of vision was so short that I could not see anything at a greater distance than fifty or seventy-five feet. I often found it difficult to recognize acquaintances when I met them, distinguishing them more by their voices than their features. In May, 1909, a friend advised me that 'if the physician's diagnosis was correct, MILAM will cure you, because it will purify and enrich the blood, increase the flow, and build up the system; but it will take a long time and the improvement will be slow.'"

"I did not believe one word of this, and consented to take MILAM because I did not think it could hurt me, and there might be a bare possibility that it might help me. After six weeks' use I began to notice a slight improvement in my sight, which has been slow but steady, and with no setback. Now I can read newspapers, with ordinary glasses, can distinguish large objects two miles away, and have no difficulty now, as far as my sight is concerned, in attending to my duties as the executive officer of a corporation."

"I am still careful not to tax my eyes unreasonably, because I realize that I am not cured; but I hope, and am more and more encouraged, as time passes, to believe that the continued use of MILAM will cure me."

"I think it proper to state that my general health and strength have also improved in the same ratio as my eyesight, and I attribute this to the use of MILAM." W. E. GRIGGS, Danville, Va., March 23, 1910.

MILAM IS NOT AN EYE medicine and will cure no blindness except that arising from impoverished or impure blood or depleted system. Ask Your Druggist

Southern Railway

Very low Round Trip Rates to Jacksonville, Fla., and Return Account Southern Baptist Convention May 17th to 23rd 1911.

The Southern Railway announces the sale of low round trip tickets for the above occasion as follows:

From,	
Raleigh,	\$15.75
Durham,	15.75
Goldsboro,	16.50

Tickets will also be on sale on same basis from all other stations. Dates of sale May 14th to 17th inclusive. Final return limit to reach original starting point not later than midnight of May 31st, 1911, or by depositing ticket with special Agent at Jacksonville and paying a fee of \$1.00 final limit may be extended to reach original starting point not later than midnight of June 30th 1911.

For Pullman reservations, also information as to rates etc., call on your agent or address the undersigned.

J. O. JONES, T. P. A. Raleigh, N. C. M. H. SCHELL, City Ticket Agent. Raleigh, N. C.

STATEMENT

Union Mutual Life Insurance Company 396 Congress Street, Portland, Me.

Amount of Ledger Assets Dec. 31st of previous year \$15,620,763.57
 Income—from policyholders, \$2,239,273.16:
 Miscellaneous, \$819,850.29 Total 3,059,123.45
 Disbursements—to policyholders \$1,396,983.85;
 Miscellaneous 578,136.87 Total 1,975,120.72
 Business written during year—
 Number of policies, 2,672 Amount 4,520,885.00
 Business in force at the end of year—
 Number of policies 43,132 Amount 61,345,358.00

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate (less amount of incumbrances)	956,782.37
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,261,964.03
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, stocks or other collateral	1,076,188.76
Loans made to policyholders on this Company's policies assigned as collateral,	1,467,238.54
Premium notes on policies in force	111,127.24
Value of Bonds and Stocks	11,601,404.47
Cash in Company's office	463.42
Deposited in trust companies and banks not-on interest	29,777.17
Deposited in trust companies and banks on interest	197,286.81
Interest and rents due and accrued,	205,791.34
Premiums unpaid,	260,978.85
Market value of bonds over book value	5,151.16
All other assets, as detailed in statement, Agents values	2,533.49
Total	\$17,176,687.65
Less assets not admitted	5,722.84
Total admitted assets	\$17,170,964.81

LIABILITIES

Net reserve, as computed	\$15,344,336.00
Present value of amounts not yet due on Supplementary Contracts, etc.,	62,817.00
Net Policy Claims	142,200.24
Premiums paid in advance, including Surrender Values so applied	1,840.92
Unearned interest and rent paid in advance	5,142.83
Dividends due policyholders	13,963.33
Commissions due to agents, etc.,	4,600.00
Dividends left with company	14,401.94
All other liabilities as detailed in statement	51,900.00
Unassigned funds (surplus)	1,552,723.55
Total Liabilities	\$17,170,964.81

Business in North Carolina, During 1910.

Policies on lives of citizens of said State in force December 31st of previous year Number 344	Amount	615,971.15
Policies on the lives of citizens of said State issued during the year, Number 88,	Amount	132,012.66
Total Number 432,	Amount	747,984.11
Deduct ceased to be in force during the year Number 46	Amount	138,535.24
Policies in force Dec. 31 1910, Number 386, Amount	Amount	609,448.87
Losses and claims unpaid December 31st of previous year, Number 3,	Amount	9,000.00
Losses and claims incurred during the year Number 2,	Amount	3,100.00
Total Number 5	Amount	12,100.00
Losses and claims settled during the year in cash, Number 3,	Amount	9,100.00
Premiums collected or secured in cash and notes or credits without any deduction for losses, Dividends, commissions or other expenses,	Amount	22,799.25

F. E. RICHARDS, President.
 J. F. LANG, Secretary.
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 State of North Carolina, Insurance Department, Raleigh, February 18th 1911.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Portland, Me., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December 1910.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above named.
 JAMES R. YOUNG,
 Insurance Commissioner

BY WAY OF Illustration

Suppose I write "JOHN SMITH" and you write "JOHN SMITH" underneath, we use same pen, ink and paper, and we write same name; and yet there is a vast difference. Just so in monument designing, one is mechanical (or unmechanical), the other is artistical. The same material and design may give you a great variety of results, from very poor to exceptionally good.

A \$20.00 tablet may be ruined by one inch variation of proper size of base. A \$1,000 family monument will be weakened or detracted from by the use of inappropriate markers.

These details are tedious to enumerate in an advertisement. I only mention them that you may better appreciate the fact that ours is truly work of art, and that we strive only to please our customers.

Judging from the vast number of people who have written for the 100 free fans which we are giving to churches, we will aid in giving lot of people comfort during the warm summer hours. But then the supply is inexhaustible and we will supply every church in the State if they write, for them.

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 Never Leak—Never Need Repairs—Fireproof—Storm-proof—Handsome—Inexpensive—Suitable for all kinds of buildings. For further detailed information apply to

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