

W. A. CURTIS, Editor. Published every Wednesday.

Editorial.

The desire of the thoughtful citizen...

The taking of testimony in the Gudger contest...

Tom Riddle, one of the attorneys in the Moody contest...

The clientless attorneys contesting the election of Hou. J. M. Gudger, Jr. to congress...

While Mr. Moody lived, the contest in the Asheville district was a personal one.

The chief motive for continuing the contest is for the Moody attorneys to consume that \$2,000 that Congress allows for the business.

With no less than five wars and revolutions going on in foreign countries, and the United States having flour, meal, corn, salt, meat, molasses, syrup and canned goods to sell...

Congress has created a new department, and a new member of the President's cabinet will be added.

There are eleven stores in town, but only one advertiser in the Press. There are ten manufacturing concerns in town; not one of them advertises in the Press.

What Hints Held. Third Storm Period—Reactionary.

Things to look for: Should the high temperature and low barometer of the regular storm period preceding not break down until about the 15th, the culminating blizzard will fall about the 14th and 15th, and be followed by severe cold.

You may have a friend who is willing to divide his last dollar with you, but it will take him a long time to get down to the last dollar.

Escaped An Awful Fate. Mr. H. Higgins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It really saved my life. This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Frank T. Smith, Druggist. Price 50c & \$1.00. Sold everywhere."

MRS. ROOSEVELT AND MRS. DAVIS.

They Sent Gifts to Dallas Ladies for Charity—One Accepted, One Rejected.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Roosevelt was severely denounced by society ladies of Dallas at a meeting held in the Elks club rooms today.

The stationery accompanying the handkerchief is worth more than the gift. Mrs. Jefferson Davis in response to a similar request sent a costly handkerchief beautifully handworked by herself, containing her monogram beautifully stitched.

We notice communications in the Clarkeville and Clayton (Ga.) papers vindicating the character of Walter Thomas, a merchant at Dillard, Ga. He was arrested on a warrant sworn out at Clarkeville charging him with the larceny of some chickens when carrying in a wagon yard in that town.

The court and the people of Asheville were amazed Friday morning at the verdict of the jury in the W. T. M. Creasman case. He was accused on two counts of an assault on his thirteen year old daughter. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Judge Hoke said:

No self-respecting jury could justify this verdict except upon the ground that they believed the prosecutrix was not an innocent woman at the time the defendant had incestuous knowledge of her.

The judge then ordered the solicitor to send a bill to the grand jury against Creasman charging him with incest with his blind eleven year old daughter. The jury returned a true bill and fixed his bond at \$1000.

MONUMENT TO WADE HAMPTON. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 13.—The house of representatives has passed by unanimous vote a bill to appropriate \$20,000 toward the erection of an equestrian statue to the memory of Wade Hampton. The appropriation becomes available when \$10,000 additional shall have been raised by subscription. A large part of this voluntary fund is now on hand. The Senate will act favorably on the bill.

MAON COMPULSORY EDUCATION. The Committee on Education yesterday afternoon decided to report favorably a mild compulsory school law for Macon county. The bill was introduced by Mr. Jarrett, and provides for an election by the people on the subject.

THE DRADLY CIGARETTE. Charity and Children. While the Legislature is proposing to protect the small boy from explosives more than three inches long, it would do well to give a little attention to one just about three inches in length, inclosed in white paper, which looks the picture of innocence, but which is loaded with deadly dynamite.

It has always seemed strange to us why women will spend so much for fine underwear that no one ever sees.

There will be great rejoicing all along the line from Corolla to Clayton if the iron horse rolls into Clayton on July 4th. The contractors are pressing the work as rapidly as possible, and the probability all seem to read towards Clayton and the glorious fourth.—Mr. Atty Protestantist.

REMINISCENCES OF FUGATE LIFE.

A Long and Heavy Vigil That Was Done.

In the summer of 1892 when the Second N. C. Cavalry Regiment was camping about Kinston, N. C., one morning we received orders to go to the picket line some twenty five miles down the Trent Road towards Newbern.

It was after night, and we were escorted to the out-post by an infantry Lieutenant to relieve his men on that post. As we approached the post the Lieutenant gave instructions that we must not speak above a whisper while on post, and were cautioned to keep our horses as quiet as possible.

We were told to take our stand side by side across the road-way, and not to dismount, and all to remain on duty at the same time and be very alert, impressing us that we were occupying a very dangerous out-post.

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AN OLD FAVORITE

PHILIP, MY KING

By Black Mark Malach Craik. THIS poem is considered one of the finest epigrams to children ever written and is honored as such by being given first place in the "Poems of Infancy and Youth" in Bryant's "Library of Poetry and Song."

"The hours upon his baby brow the round And top of sovereignty." LOOK at me with thy large brown eyes, Philip, my King!

Oh, the day when thou'rt a-wooling, Philip, my King! When those beautiful lips 'gin a-sing, And some gentle heart's lark is unding, Thou dost enter, love-crowned, and there's Sittest love-gladdened—like kindly, Tenderly over thy kingdom fair; For we that love, ah! we love so blindly, Philip, my King!

I gaze from thy sweet mouth up to thy brow, Philip, my King! The spirit that there lies sleeping now May rise like a gust, and make men bow As to one Heaven-chosen amongst his peers. My Soul, than thy brethren higher and fairer, Let me behold thee in future years! Yet thy head needeth a circlet rare, Philip, my King!

A wreath not of gold, but palm. One day, Philip, my King! Thou too must tread, as we tread, a way Thro' thorns, and cold, and cold, and gray; Rebels within thy heart, and foes without, Will march at thy brow, but march on, glorious, Martyr, yet monarch, and angels shout, As thou sitt' at the feet of God victorious. "Philip, the King!"

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NEWS BRIEFS.

The members of the Murphy M. E. Church, South, will remodel their brick church building at a cost of \$2,500, half of this amount having already been subscribed. The floor plan is excellently arranged and is modern in design. The plan adopted is an addition for a Sunday school room, 26x16 feet, with a tower about fifty feet high; a new self-supporting roof; raised floor; opera chairs; new pulpit furniture; furnace in basement; new lighting arrangements, probably acetelene gas. When these improvements are completed our Methodist friends will have one of the prettiest churches in the western part of the State.—Cherokee Scout.

The Burlington Express No. 6, was held up after midnight of last Wednesday night, eight miles east of Butte, Mont., and robbed by two men. It is said they did not get more than \$500.

The Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland county has voted to ask the Legislature to grant the issue of \$40,000 bonds for road improvement.

Congressman Small has secured a half million dollars appropriation for the erection of a lighthouse off Cape Hatteras.

The sheriff of Haywood county has offered a reward of \$25 for the capture of Zeb Giles, the negro who robbed the hardware store in Waynesville Wednesday night.

The Southern Railway has placed orders with a number of car and locomotive works for immediate construction of 200 engines, 3,000 freight and coal cars and 50 passenger cars, deliveries to be made at the earliest possible moment.

Supposed Rapist Caught. (Special to the Citizen.) Rutherfordton, N. C., Feb. 12.—Solon Jackson, the negro who is supposed to have criminally assaulted Miss Minnie Carley, an 18-year old white girl near Tryon Sunday, was captured at Forest City this afternoon by Constable J. C. Barritt and Chief Jones of that place and is being held for the Polk county authorities.

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Robbery at Waynesville. The hardware store of Rhinehart & Turley, at Waynesville, was robbed Wednesday night, and \$275 in money stolen. Later a negro, Zeb Giles, was caught and confessed and took Mr. Rhinehart to a place where he had buried the money. While Rhinehart was sleeping by the cash, the negro ran off and made his escape.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry Dies. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, formerly ambassador to Spain, and head of the Penoldy fund, died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. K. Connally, in Asheville, last Thursday night, Feb. 12th, at 11:20 o'clock. His age was about 78 years.

Crum's Nomination Defeated. Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate committee on commerce today agreed to report adversely the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum, who is collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. The vote on confirmation was six to eight. All the Democrats voted against confirmation and they were reinforced by the votes of Jones of Nevada and Ford of California.

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NOTICE. North Carolina, Macon County Superior Court. Before the Clerk Barrett H. Fleming, Bertha H. Fleming, Barney H. Fleming, Hatie H. Fleming, Belle H. Gober, and J. R. Gober. VS. Bazil H. Fleming and Bedford Fleming.

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