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Editorial.

The Standard Oil Company has reduced the price of all grades of refined oil one cent a gallon.

A bill has been passed and ratified to abolish the second week of Lincoln and Macon county spring courts.

Dr. Rogers introduced a bill Friday to amend the law of 1883, to revise and consolidate the charter of Franklin in Macon county.

The postoffice appropriation bill, carrying \$180,787,413, passed the House on the 3rd inst. This is a big country and it takes money to run it.

Last week Senator Crisp introduced a bill to repeal chapter 181, laws of 1901, relative to indictment of election officers in Federal Courts.

The following bills have been enacted into laws and ratified: To incorporate Jackson County Bank; To provide for better roads in Jackson county; To amend the road law for Cherokee county.

The Odell bill to increase the appropriation for Confederate pensions \$96,000, making the total appropriation \$236,000, passed the Senate last Friday by a rising, unanimous vote.

The Asheville Citizen and the Gazette-News both believe Feb. 2, is ground-hog day. They claim the g-h. came out, saw his shadow, and went back to remain six weeks while blizzards take possession of the country.

The Charlotte Observer recently put in a big, up-to-date press and folder which seem to work well, but we have only one objection to the whole scheme. The folder finishes the job with the head of the Observer tucked inside.

Hon. J. M. Gudger's bill before Congress for an appropriation to establish a fish hatchery in the Tenth district is an important bill and we hope it will pass. If it should become a law the hatchery will probably be established in Henderson, or Haywood county. It would enable the

CULLASAJA ITEMS.

Mr. Jimmie Gray has been on the sick list for a few weeks, but we hear he is improving.

Sylva Guy, an old woman of this section, died a few days ago. The Blue Ridge Locust Pin Co. has got through turning pins in this section and expect to begin turning at Otto, N. C., in a few days.

Mrs. C. L. Sellers is on the sick list, but hope she will be out soon again.

Mr. J. K. Bryson had the misfortune to fall and sprain his ankle and bruise his leg, and will be laid up for a week or so.

Joe Gibson and Mamie Jones were married a few days ago, W. R. Bulgin, J. P., officiated. X.

Mrs. Rogers Respited.

Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 2.—Governor Bell announced today that he would grant a reprieve until June 2, in the case of Mrs. Mary Mabelle Rogers, sentenced to be hanged at Windsor tomorrow.

Judge Swayne Files His Answer.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Through his counsel Judge Swayne today made formal response in the Senate to the articles of impeachment made by the House of Representatives. The answer was a formidable document in point of size, and in it the twelve articles of impeachment were each answered at length. In every case the fact charged was admitted, but explained from Judge Swayne's point of view, and in addition it was contended that even if the conditions were true as charged, they were not of a character to justify proceedings for impeachment for "High crimes and misdemeanors."

Will Be at Appomattox.

A Washington special to the Charlotte Observer under date of Jan. 31, says:

"Maj. Henry A. London, together with Mrs. London, arrived here today. This afternoon Mr. London visited the capital, where as chairman of the North Carolina Appomattox commission, he extended to members of the North Carolina and Virginia delegations a formal invitation to go to Appomattox on April 9th, when a monument will be placed on the spot where the last volley was fired by Cox's Brigade, of Grimes' Division.

This occasion will be the fortieth anniversary of the surrender and the exercises will take place on Sunday, the same day of the week of the surrender. The Virginia members, as well as the Carolina members, are expected to

Who Can Pronounce the Words Correctly?

If you want to see how badly you will be deceived in your ability to pronounce words correctly, just look over the following carefully and estimate how many words you might mispronounce, then take Webster's International Dictionary, and compare your pronunciation with it and you will be surprised. It was placed on a blackboard at a teachers' institute and a prize offered to any one who could pronounce all the words correctly. The lowest number of mistakes was twelve. The editor of THE PRESS had some doubts about the pronunciation of three words, but when the dictionary was applied he tumbled over nine of the words. Try it.

"A sacrilegious son of Belial, who has suffered from bronchitis, having exhausted his finances in order to make good the deficit, resolved to ally himself to a comely, lenient and docile young lady of the Malay or Caucasian race. He accordingly purchased a calliope and coral necklace of a chameleon hue and securing a suite of rooms at a principal hotel he engaged the head waiter as his coadjutor. He then dispatched a letter of the most unexceptional caligraphy extant, inviting the young lady to a matinee. She revolted at the idea, refused to consider herself sacrificable to his desires and sent a polite note of refusal, on receiving which he procured a carbine and bowie knife, said that he would not now forge fetters hymeneal with the queen and went to an isolated spot, severed his jugular vein and discharged the contents of the carbine into his abdomen. The debris was removed by the coroner."

Something Doing In the Country.

The following was received by mail Friday evening.

To the Editor of the Franklin Press will Please Publish this Alonzo items 2-2-1905 The Reunaways from Macon Co N C George Mecal & Jane Southard Both leaving ther Family's Jane Southard Being the Widow of the Deceased John Southard and after trying to marry a Preacher & a lawyer Desided to take any one that She might hav chance to & failing to git any one She received a fine Sun which She and the Said George Mecal taken a way from hear in there arms the Said Mecal leaving his wife &

A Poem for Today

THE BRAVEST BATTLE

By Josquin Miller

THE bravest battle that ever was fought;
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not;
It was fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen;
Nay, not with eloquent word or thought,
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart—
Of woman that would not yield,
But patiently, patiently bore her part—
Lol! there is that battlefield!

No marshaling troop, no bivouac song;
No banner to gleam and wave;
And lol! these battles they last so long—
From babyhood to the grave!

Yet, faithful still as a bridge of stars,
She fights in her walled-up town—
Fights on and on in the endless wars,
Then silent, unseen—goes down.

LONG BRANCH.

(Received too late for last week.)

EDITOR PRESS:—The weather has been intensely cold for a few days. The thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero, yesterday morning, (Jan. 25,) but is some warmer today, registered 4 degrees below zero.

The ink was frozen so hard tonight that I had to thaw it by the fire.

Some apples were frozen in Rev. D. L. Miller's cellar.

Mr. Henry Stewart, Jr., of Highlands, has been in this community surveying lands.

Miss Theodosia Peek left home last week to teach the public school at Hickory Knoll. We wish her success in her work there.

Miss L. D. McCall and others who attended the Sunday School picnic at Clear Creek report a good time while there.

Mr. Marvin Conley, of Tesenta, was over last week doing some picture work. Mr. Conley has a reputation as a fine artist.

Mr. Robt. Munger and Mrs. Nancy Ann Manly were married a few days since, both of Highlands. Mrs. Munger has been married three times. She says it never did "scare" her to get married.

Lizzie Reed, who is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller, has whooping-cough. They are glad to learn she is doing well.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

How a Cat Fooled the Cow

There was once a very smart cat who was very, very fond of milk, as all cats are. Now, this cat was accustomed to go into the dairy and help himself to the milk that stood there in the pails. When the milk was so low that she could not reach it she would deliberately upset the pail and then lap the milk from the ground.

"What are you doing there?" cried Mrs. Cow one day when she found the cat taking his daily midday meal of milk.

"Don't you know who I am?" cried the cat, in mock surprise.

"Of course I know who you are," replied Mrs. Cow. "You are the cat."



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