

Editorial.

It is strange that many of the old veterans walk a long way from the country to be present at the annual and other business meetings of the Veterans' Camp, while others who are members living in and near town remain away and take no part nor interest in the work of the organization.

There is a great amount of truth expressed by the North Carolina Christian Advocate in the following concerning people who vote for the sale of whiskey in either saloon or dispensary: "Again, this traffic is entrenched in a powerful aversion—a greed for gain—which makes friends for it by the thousand even among those who do not care for the beverage. In fact, the men to be feared are those who do not drink, and yet are heartless enough to profit by the weakness and ruin of their fellowmen. It is the hurt that comes to the craft of such men as these that causes the hue and cry against all prohibitive legislation. These with one common interest at stake will always stand together. They never divide. These are the men who tell us that we must have saloons to make our towns attractive."

It is the common property of all. It belongs to no individual or corporation, and therefore cannot, by reason of limit or congested traffic pass into the hands of a receiver. The price of every pound of food or other farm product transferred to market is influenced by the condition of public roads. Thus every one has an interest in the road, and each and every individual, corporation and property holder should assist in its construction and maintenance.

Third Mistrial for Nan Patterson.

Nan Patterson has been put on trial three times charged with the murder of Caesar Young, and in each trial the jury was unable to agree on a verdict. The jury in the trial that closed last Thursday was out twelve hours, and found an agreement to be impossible, and was discharged by the court.

Nan Patterson is the only living person who knows who killed Young. The sympathies of the public are on the side of the woman and thousands think she should be acquitted on general principles, even if she did kill Young, as the circumstances and conditions surrounding the whole case were disgusting and there is little sympathy for Young. Nan is no saint herself, but the death of Young was little loss to mankind. It has been intimated by the district attorney that another trial will not be attempted. Should this be the case Miss Patterson would be released either on nominal bail or under her own recognizance and the indictment eventually quashed.

The Call to Action Among Birds.

Mr. Craig S. Thoms tells a number of interesting things about young birds in the *New Idea Woman's Magazine* for June, and speaks of the significant intonations of a bird's voice as follows: "If one happens near a nest at a time when the young birds are able to come off, and gives it so much attention that the parent birds are alarmed for the safety of their nestlings, they call their young to leave the nest with a note I have never heard under any other circumstances. It is not a note of alarm, scolding or pleading, as when the young are helpless, but one of command, and command that has in it a note of encouragement, and also the assurance of being obeyed. This command the nestlings recognize instantly, and they know its meaning; they also obey it if possible."

The Veterans Meeting.

The Charles L. Robinson Camp of United Confederate Veterans met in annual session in the court house at 11 o'clock last Wednesday. There were present about forty veterans and a number of visitors. The exercises were opened by prayer by Rev. F. L. Townsend, and calling the meeting to order by Major N. P. Rankin, Commander. Adjutant W. A. Curtis acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting and the General order No. 6 were read.

The first thing on program was the election of officers for the next year. The old officers were re-elected with one or two exceptions and are as follows: N. P. Rankin, Maj. Commander. C. L. Luther, 1st Lieut. Com. M. J. Mashburn, 2nd " J. G. Bates, 3rd " W. A. Curtis, Adjutant. W. R. Stallcup, Quar. Master. H. G. Trotter, Commissary. E. P. Dowdle, Color Bearer. Rev. J. A. Deal, Chaplain.

The next business was the election of delegates and alternates to the Grand Reunion at Louisville, Ky., June 14, 15 and 16, 1905, and the following were elected: Delegates—W. P. Allison, G. A. Campbell, H. G. Trotter, S. H. Allison. Alternates—E. P. Dowdle, T. R. Gray, M. J. Mashburn and James Raby.

A recess was then taken till 1 o'clock p. m. Camp convened at 1 o'clock and proceeded to elect a pension board as follows: C. L. Luther, G. A. Campbell and W. R. Stallcup.

The following members were reported as having died since the last meeting, viz: A. T. Enloe, R. H. Cunningham and Mathew N. Russell.

There was great disappointment on account of Maj. General Julian S. Carr's not being present to deliver the annual address as was expected. A telegram had been received Monday evening from Gen. Carr's physician stating that he was seriously ill on the trip, and received a telegram from his wife, Mrs. Carr, who was very much enjoyed.

Prof. F. S. Blair, of Guilford College, was an interested visitor, and was invited to address the veterans and responded in a half hour's speech which was listened to attentively and much enjoyed by all who heard him.

Prof. Blair did exceedingly well considering the fact that he had no previous notice nor time to prepare a speech, but had to speak impromptu on the spur of the moment.

The meeting closed by prayer offered by Rev. J. E. Woosley.

Monster Methodist Missionary Meeting.

The South Atlantic Missionary Conference to be held in Asheville May 17-21, is engaging the attention of Methodist readers just now. It bids fair to be the largest assembly ever held under the auspices of that denomination within the state. All preachers, Sunday School Superintendents and League Presidents, within the bounds of North Carolina, South Carolina and a part of Tennessee and Virginia are accredited delegates. Besides these there are delegates elected from each charge. Four thousand are entitled to go from North Carolina alone. The county of Macon has 30 duly accredited delegates. A similar meeting held at Waco, Tex., last year was attended by 2500 people.

Bishops Hoss, Galloway, Morrison and Hendrix will appear on the program. Besides these there will be a score of leading Carolina and Tennessee preachers. Asheville is making big preparations. The splendid new auditorium will accommodate the monster meetings. The railroads grant a rate of one fare plus 25 cents. Tickets on sale the 16th good till the 23rd. Board may be had for from \$1.00 per day up. Write E. L. Brown, Jr., Asheville, for reservations of accommodations.

Gats 15 Months for Robbing the Mails.

Charles Gilbert, formerly mail carrier between Burnsville, Yancey county, and Ivy, Buncombe county, charged with robbing the mail pouch last January of over \$2,100 in checks, money and money orders, came into United States court this morning and through his attorney, Ellis Gardner, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 15 months at hard labor by Judge Boyd.

A Poem for Today

MY GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

By Henry Clay Work



IF it be true that he who makes the songs of a nation has more influence than he who makes its laws, Henry Clay Work should be ranked among the moving factors in American life. The song given below, which enjoyed immense popularity and is still remembered, is but one of many by this writer. Among his songs and ballads are "Marching Through Georgia," "No. 100,000, the Slave," "Lily Dale," and "The Year of Jubilee." Mr. Work was born in 1832 and died in 1884.

MY grandfather's clock was too large for the shelf, So it stood ninety years on the floor; It was taller by far than the old man himself, Though it weighed not a pennyweight more. It was bought on the morn of the day that he was born, And was always his treasure and pride; But it stopped short—never to go again—When the old man died.

Ninety years, without slumbering (tick, tick, tick), His life's seconds numbering (tick, tick, tick), It stopped short—never to go again—When the old man died.

In watching its pendulum swing to and fro, Many hours had he spent when a boy; And in childhood and manhood the clock seemed to know And to share both his grief and his joy. For it struck twenty-four as he entered at the door, With a blooming and beautiful bride; But it stopped short—never to go again—When the old man died.

My grandfather said that of those he could hire, Not a servant so faithful he found; For it knew that his time, and had but one desire— At the close of each week to be wound. And it kept in its place—not a frown upon its face, And its hands never hung by its side; But it stopped short—never to go again—When the old man died.

It rang an alarm in the dead of the night— An alarm that for years had been dumb; And we knew that his spirit was plumbing for flight— That his hour of departure had come. Still the clock kept the time, with a soft and muffled chime, As we silently stood by its side; But it stopped short—never to go again—When the old man died.



Above the house on the hill, where the author lived, was a residence on West Main Street, plan drawn by David Knox, Knoxville, Tenn., and built at a cost of \$1800. Work was commenced on it August 28, 1904, and the family moved into it December 14, 1904.

The Town Election.

The election last week for mayor and aldermen was very quiet. There were two tickets in the field and the votes polled were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: For Mayor and Aldermen. Lists names and vote counts for candidates like J. P. Bryson, H. G. Robertson, F. E. Smith, etc.

The board elected are all young men and it is presumed they will take up the duties that are incumbent on them and do all within their power to give the town an administration of progressive lines that will prove most beneficial.

The new board met Thursday night and the mayor and aldermen elect were sworn in by Geo. H. Dalrymple, mayor protem of the retiring board. M. D. Billings was elected secretary and treasurer.

Buy Atlanta Journal.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—James R. Gray, editor and general manager of the Atlanta Journal today purchased a controlling interest in the Journal of which he has hitherto owned a minority of the stock. With Morris Brandon and H. M. Atkinson, Mr. Gray in April 1900 purchased the paper from Hon. Hoke Smith, H. H. Cabaniss and their associates. Mr. Gray has now acquired the holdings of Messrs. Brandon and Atkinson. The trade was for cash, and the figures have not been made public, but it is said that these two gentlemen realized a large advance on their purchase. The Journal will continue under the sole management of Mr. Gray.

Terrific Race With Death.

"Death was fast approaching," writes Ralph F. Fernandez, of Tampa, Fla., describing his fearful race with death, "as a result of liver trouble and heart disease, which had robbed me of sleep and of all interest in life. I had tried many different doctors and several medicines, but got no benefit, until I began to use Electric Bitters. So wonderful was their effect, that in three days I felt like a new man, and today I am cured of all my troubles." Guaranteed at Smith's drug store; price 50c.

Safe Crackers Visit Sylva.

Sylva, May 2.—Postoffice robbers have become active again in the Western part of the state. Sometime between midnight and day Saturday the safe in the office at Sylva and that in the store of Marcus Buchanan were blown open and rifled. J. P. Long, the postmaster, says that about \$300 in money and stamps was secured by the robbers. There is no clue as to the identity of the robbers. Little loss was suffered by Mr. Buchanan.

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COMBINATION CLUB RATES.

Table with 2 columns: Club Name and Rate. Lists rates for Press, Tri-Weekly Const., Sunny South, \$2.50; Press, Weekly Const. and Sunny South, 2.00; Press and Tri-Weekly Constitution, 2.25; Press and Weekly Constitution, 1.75; Press and Sunny South, 1.50; Press and Semi-Weekly Journal, 2.00.

COWEE ITEMS.

Mr. Thomas Shepherd had the misfortune to get his right leg broken and his ankle badly mashed on the 25th of April, while logging, under Dr. Lyle's skillful treatment.

A. P. Boyd, formerly of Asheville, but later of New York, was found dead on the streets of New York last Thursday, the victim of knockout drops or a sand-bag.

New York, May 5.—A coroner's physician held an autopsy today on the body of Albert Boyd.

Funeral of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.

Richmond, May 4.—The funeral of General Fitzhugh Lee was held at St. Paul's church at 1 o'clock today, attended by an immense assemblage of people. Rt. Rev. Randolph, bishop of southern Virginia, officiated, assisted by Rev. Beverly Tucker of Norfolk and Revs. Landon, Mason and E. E. Barnwell of this city.

Grover is Along.

Georgetown, S. C., May 2.—Commodore E. C. Benedict, president of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation, arrived here at noon on his private yacht "Oneida" with a party of friends consisting of ex-President Grover Cleveland, Dr. W. C. Lusk, Dr. J. E. People and L. D. Huntington.

Asheville Democrats Win.

Alf S. Barnard was elected mayor by 538 majority, and Stickleather, Burnette, Francis, Jones and Patton, were elected Aldermen by majorities ranging from 462 to 604, all Democrats.

Cleared for Action.

When the body is cleared for action, by Dr. King's New Life Pills, you can tell it by the bloom of health on the cheeks; the brightness of the eyes; the firmness of the flesh and muscles; the buoyancy of the mind. Try them. At Frank T. Smith's drug store, 25 cents.

A Juryman in the Nan Patterson Case.

A juryman in the Nan Patterson case is quoted as saying the jury stood eight to four for acquittal. He said none of them believed Young shot himself, believing Nan shot him through accident.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF The Bank of Franklin, Franklin, N. C.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Lists assets like Loans and Discounts, Capital stock paid in, etc., and liabilities like Deposits, Cashier's checks outstanding, etc.

Commenced Business July 1, 1903.

I, J. G. Siler, Cashier of the Bank of Franklin, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: SAM L. ROGERS, JOHN C. WRIGHT, F. S. JOHNSTON, Directors.

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