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Editorial.

Our Advertisers.

A few of our town merchants have been regular advertisers in THE PRESS during the year just closing, and we feel under many obligations to them for their patronage through the year.

J. S. ROBINSON.

This house has kept a standing advertisement in THE PRESS during the past year, and has done a good business. The store is the most attractive and profitable to be found in Western North Carolina.

SLOAN BROTHERS.

During the two years this firm has been in business, it has used a liberal amount of space in our advertising columns, and there has been a steady and continual growth apparent in the business.

J. D. COBB & CO.

Mr. Cobb came here two years ago an entire stranger and opened up a hardware business. At the very outset he planted a good-sized double-column advertisement in THE PRESS, and has kept it running continually.

FRANK T. SMITH.

Dr. Frank T. Smith has occupied a modest amount of space in our columns most of the time for several years. He keeps one of the best appointed drug stores to be found in this end of the State.

STALLCUP FURNITURE CO.

"Uncle Bill" Stallcup has been with us with his "ad" and business locals ever since he began business over two years ago, and is building up a large and remunerative trade.

PROFESSIONAL.

We are under obligations to our lawyers, nearly all of whom have kept their cards in the paper during the year, also to Mr. Furman Jarrett for his real estate card that has been running during several months.

THE PRESS never misses an issue on account of Christmas, but makes its weekly appearance on Christmas week the same as on any other week.

New Cure For Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills."

Conditions Reported to Be Bad on the Murphy Branch.

Special to Asheville Citizen. Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers has submitted to the commission his report of his recent inspection of the Murphy branch of the Southern Railway between Asheville and Murphy 133 miles.

He notes considerable increase in the road force for keeping the road in repair but declares it is very inadequate. He says that within five years the service on the Murphy branch was performed by one passenger train each way daily and one local freight daily each way and three extra per week.

The supply of freight cars in proportion to those demanded by shippers he estimates to be about 60 per cent. although the railroad people claim to have supplied at least 80 per cent of the demands made.

The report states that the greatest source of complaint has been from the passenger service. He found that from August 1, to Oct. 20 over 700 passengers were handled daily over the road and the trains were on time four times and late 77 times in the 81 days.

That there is no regard for published schedules, equipment short and motive power unfit for use, says the report is apparent. The service is inadequate and intolerable. In conclusion the report states that the extent of the Commissioner's power to enforce schedules and require facilities is general and recommends that the commission consider these subjects for recommendations in its next annual report.

The commission received and approved the report and made an order for the Southern Railway show cause why the suggestions made in the report shall not be observed.

A man with a sprained ankle will use a crutch, rest the ankle and let it get well. A man or woman with an overworked stomach can't use a crutch, but the stomach must have rest just the same. It can be rested too without starvation.

Mr. T. N. Rickman and Miss Nettie Ammons were married Dec. 11, 1906, at the residence of the bride's brother, S. J. Ammons, Rev. W. L. Bradley officiating.

Mr. E. C. Kinsland will occupy the house that Mr. Ray vacated. Mr. H. J. Elmore, of Whittier, was up on a visit to his father and family from Sunday till Tuesday.

John and Tom Rickman and wife have gone to Rabun, Ga., on a visit to relatives there.

I will on Xmas day give away 1% of all the money I take in during the 30 days before Xmas. For information call at my store. F. H. NOLEN.

A Hymn for Today

LOVE FOR GOD By Francis Xavier

FRANCIS XAVIER (Navarra, Spain, April 7, 1506—Island of Sancian, Dec. 2, 1552) was a famous Spanish missionary, the apostle to the Indians and one of the founders of the Society of Jesus.

My God, I love thee not because I hope for heaven thereby. Nor yet because I love not I must forever die.

I have about \$500.00 worth of ladies' and gents' shoes and hats, pants, dry goods sewing machines etc., that I will sell until Jan. 1st, at cost.

Pensioners.

Superior Court Clerk, R. M. Ledford has received the pension checks for the Macon county Confederate veterans and widows, and is ready to distribute them as Christmas presents.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure.

A property loss of about \$15,000 was sustained by a fire in the heart of the business section of Waycross, Ga., last Wednesday morning.

The body of Lawrence Nelson, of Lenoir, N. C., who had been missing ten weeks, was found on the 11th inst. No money was on his person, or evidence of murder.

Franklin J. Moses, Governor of South Carolina in 1872, and a man of varied experience, was found dead in bed in his room at Wintthrop, Mass., on the 11th inst., death caused by asphyxiation from leak in a gas stove.

It is a mistake to use a violent cathartic to open the bowels. A gentle movement will accomplish the same results without causing distress or serious consequences later.

According to a new directory of Atlanta, Ga., just out, the population of the city and suburbs is 152,000 an increase of 8000 during the past year.

We very strongly suspect that whiskey and cigarettes were either directly or indirectly the cause of the wreck at Lawyers, Va. that ended the life of President Spencer of the Southern Railway.

One hundred Italian laborers at the factory of the Champion Fibre Company's plant at Canton, quit their jobs last week and left on account of differences with the officials.

Outwits The Surgeon.

A complication of female troubles, with catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Ind., to such a deplorable condition, that her doctor advised an operation; but her husband fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters; and to the amazement of all who knew her, this medicine completely cured her.

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CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought. What is CASTORIA? Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups.

HARDWARE We Sell All Kinds of Hardware. Guns, Wire, Rivets, Lamps, Heaters, Cartridges, Wagon Irons, Grindstones, Scythes, Razors, Tools, Bolts, Iron.

J. D. Cobb & Co. FRANKLIN, N. C. FOUND DEAD. Jacksonville, N. C., on the 12th sustained a loss of \$28,000 by fire, partially covered by insurance.

Proposal Made to Quadruple the Postage on Newspapers. In the Postmaster General's report under of "Second Class Matter," Mr. Cortelyou discusses the abuses that unprincipled people use in mailing matter as second class that is not justly entitled to such, and proposes a change in the rates that is very unjust to newspaper publishers.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine...

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL FOR 1906-1907. Full courses in Latin, Mathematics, English and Science, and thorough instruction in Primary and Common School branches.

FRANK T. SMITH, Drugs and Druggists' Sundries, Bookseller and Newsdealer. FRANKLIN, N. C. Personal attention given to prescriptions day or night.

EXECUTION SALE. State of North Carolina, In the Superior Court. O. C. Barber vs. International Emery & Corundum Co.

J. D. Cobb & Co. FRANKLIN, N. C. FOUND DEAD. The Asheville papers state that the body of a man, apparently about thirty years of age, was found near the roadside at a point two miles from Leicester, Buncombe county, last Wednesday night.

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The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths. There is a disease prevailing in this country that is dangerous because it is so common, and it is called diphtheria.

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