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TUESDAY, FEB. 16, 1904.

War news for the past week reminds one of the eatings for a day or two after Thanksgiving and Christmas—pretty decidedly dashed with things it seems we've had before.

The contract for building Caldwell county's new court house has been let to a firm by the name of Otter & Poe. Le-nair folks after see to it now that they don't get a poe job.

The editor man who undertakes to give the farmer man advice is, of a truth, treading a snaky path; but, anyhow, we are going to repeat with our endorsement the "note of warning" issued by the Rutherfordton Tribune: "Don't plant more cotton than you can cultivate. Gause is a great thing to grow grass."

The Charlotte Chinaman who, affecting to decline to be interviewed on the neutrality of China and evacuation of Manchuria, responded deferentially to the reporter: "Me talker washer; me my talker war," was a diplomat of finest Celestial wool. As a declaration of neutrality there's nothing in all the schools of diplomacy to beat it. The reporter is mistaken in supposing his effort to interview was unsuccessful; it was wholly otherwise.

The Greenville Reflector has in its employ the feminine half of a courting couple—but a last year's almanac on it. Just hear it rehearse its troubles:

"A Reflector—The Reflector will appreciate it if people over town will stop calling employes of the office to the phone just for a social talk. The employes have duties to perform that are interrupted when they have to answer needless phone calls. Please do not call them except on business."

Now, that's a mighty amiable and polite request, and the "people over town" ought certainly to have regard to it. If they do not, we suggest that the Reflector take down and publish a conversation or two, verbatim et helleo-tem et hal-hal-and-swe-tem, which it certainly has the right to do if it has a 'phone. It could possibly then get more co-operation in its own office toward inducing "people over town" to stop using the 'phone except on business with the Reflector.

Senator Hanna Dead.

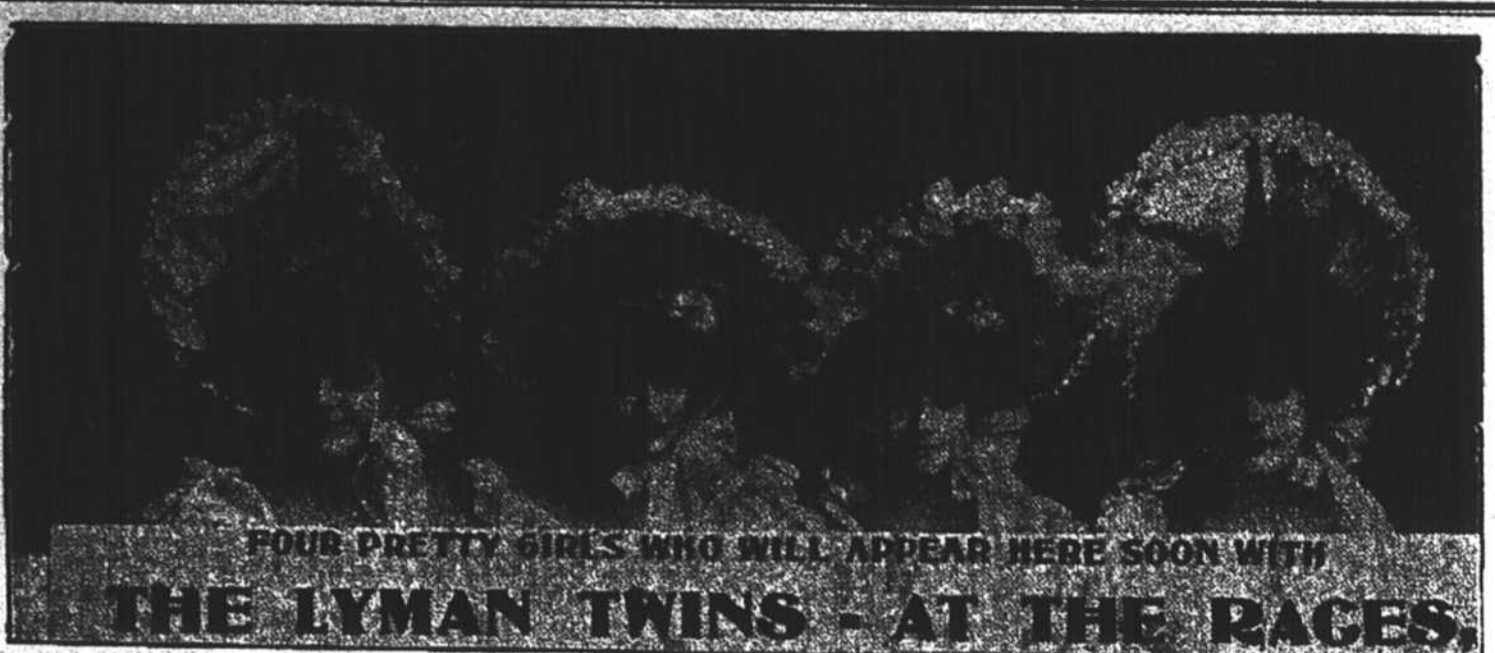
United States Senator Marcus A. Hanna died yesterday evening at 45 minutes past six o'clock. He had been ill for a week or ten days with typhoid fever. He had been practically unconscious since Friday.

Chamberlain's Umbrella Story.

Joseph Chamberlain, in one of his recent tariff reform speeches, told an umbrella story that has not been recorded, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

This farmer had made a journey of some twenty miles on foot to a small town. As he was about to set off for home again, a hard rain came up, and his hat loomed him an umbrella—a novelty at the time—opening it himself as he to save his friend all possible trouble.

"A week later the farmer brought the umbrella back. The weather was bright and fine, but he held the instrument open over his head.



FOUR PRETTY GIRLS WHO WILL APPEAR HERE SOON WITH THE LYMAN TWINS - AT THE RACES.

It is announced that the famous twin comedians "THE LYMAN TWIN BROTHERS" will appear at the Opera House on Wednesday night in their latest and greatest musical comedy success "AT THE RACES". This excellent company with its beautiful scenic equipment, numerous wonderful mechanical and electrical effects together with one of the strongest casts to-day in musical comedy, comprising a pretty chorus, wonderful dancers and clever comedians producing original novelties will give one of the most pleasing entertainments of the season. The costuming is superb and together with the dazzling effects used in the numerous specialties including the poppy girl dance, the country maidens, and the charming daisy girls, you are sure of an ovation seldom seen here.

CLUSTER OF CLOVER ITEMS.

Popular Young People Marry—Clover Interested in the War News—Preparing for a Big Cotton Crop.

Clover, S. C., Feb. 15.—Miss Mary Jackson and Mr. Robert M. Sifford were married at the residence of John Law Jackson, father of the bride, last Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. S. H. Hay performed the marriage ceremony. A few friends and relatives were present to witness the happy union. Mr. and Mrs. Sifford received quite a number of beautiful and useful presents. They will go to house-keeping in the Dr. Campbell house on Main street, to which they expect to move during the present week.

Mr. Jas. A. Hedgpath has purchased the Ben Smith house near the cotton mill and moved into it.

Messrs. Williams and Adams have opened a grocery business in the Dr. Campbell store room recently vacated by the Kendall Co.

Miss Nancy Snider and a Mr. Sparks were married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sallie Snider, last Wednesday evening at 1 o'clock, Rev. R. M. Stevenson performed the ceremony.

Capt. W. B. Smith went to Columbia last week on business.

Quite a lot of interest is being taken here in the Russia-Japan war. Most people seem to sympathize with the Japs. Most of the daily papers failed to get here last week on time. This caused a lot of disappointment as war news was in demand.

Prof. J. A. Tate of Yorkville, was in town Saturday afternoon shaking hands with his old friends. We are always glad to see Andy. So come again.

A camp of Woodmen of the World has recently been organized at Bethany, 6 miles west of this place. Our information is that the camp starts out with about 22 members.

Quite a number of mules have been sold in this section this winter and the gano that is being contracted for gives evidence of plans for a large cotton crop this year. X. Y. Z.

Mrs. J. W. Griffin Dead.

Mrs. Laura E., wife of the Rev. J. W. Griffin, died at her home at Stanley Saturday morning, the 6th instant, after a lingering illness from nervous prostration. A large concourse of sympathizing neighbors attended the funeral and burial Sunday, the 7th, at Mt. Zion church, the services being conducted by the Rev. F. H. Fennell and W. B. McClure. A husband and three grown children are left to mourn the death of this good wife and mother. The sons are Baxter, living at High Shoals, C. C. Griffin, weaver at the Avon mill in Gastonia, and Mrs. Frank Turner, at Kings Mountain. Mr. Griffin was here on a visit to his son and desired us to say that he is deeply grateful to his neighbors for their great kindness and Christian sympathy, and especially to Mrs. Lon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Morris, Mrs. William Cannon, Mrs. Ed Davis, Mr. M. Spargo, whose helpful attentions and kindness during Mrs. Griffin's illness were constant and unremitting.

THE LADIES love painting their shoes, and therefore we give every lady a chance to receive a liberal quantity of the LADIES'S SHOE PAINT.

STANLEY.

Feb. 15th.—A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. Jno. B. Smith in South Stanley on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The children present were Mrs. D. A. Wallace, Mrs. James Grier, Mr. M. B. Smith, and Mr. L. L. Smith of Stanley and Mr. John B. Smith, Jr., of Dallas township and M. C. Smith, Esq., of Asheville. Mac Smith, who is the oldest of the sons, has not visited the old home since 1892.

We have in Stanley at present a traveling salesman from the State of Michigan, who claims that he is tired looking at mountains, hills, valleys, and rocks and is homesick for a sight of the lakes, ponds, and marshes, with their warning flags of cattails and bullrushes, attended with the barytone brogue of bull frogs, and we claim that Gaston can furnish all of these beauties of nature when the spring time comes, "gentle Annie."

Rumors of war in the orient, cause some of our citizens to examine their large maps with more than usual care.

Mr. Frank Thompson of Richmond, Va., is spending some days of present week with friends in Stanley.

During this prolonged and unusual cold snap a small number of our sweet Southern mocking birds have remained in the town of Stanley and occasionally on sunny days they give us a most charming matinee.

Entertained Book Club.

The Book Club was delightfully entertained Saturday afternoon by Mrs. C. A. Johnson at Mrs. C. V. Blake's residence. In addition to the members of the club the following guests were present: Mrs. J. A. Page, Mrs. L. L. Jenkins, Mrs. C. D. Holland, Mrs. T. L. Craig, Mrs. L. N. Glenn, of McAdenville, Mrs. W. E. Kinley, Miss Mabel Craig, Miss Susie Hoffman, and Miss Ada Friday, of Charlotte.

This Fire Was Extinguished.

The home of Emanuel Suggs, colored, near Bethesda church, came near going up in smoke Sunday afternoon. Mr. P. L. Horsley tells us that while the family was at church, the fire rolled down and set the floor on fire. About three o'clock a colored boy returning from the church noticed smoke issuing from the house and gave the alarm. He broke open the door and threw water on the fire with effect. Three or four feet of floor next the hearth was burned away, two chairs were burned and the varnish peeled off of the foot-board of one bed. Narrow escape, sure.

Col. William H. McCorkle, probate Judge of York county since 1888, died at Yorkville Saturday afternoon at the advanced age of 83 years. During the war he was lieutenant colonel of the Twelfth South Carolina Regiment.

Letters have been sent to the pupils of the State Normal at Greensboro stating that the work of the college will be resumed on Thursday, February 18th, and students are expected to arrive in Greensboro on the 17th. In the event that freight delays may necessitate a postponement of this date of the opening, due notice of same will be given.

A CARD.

In view of the fact that one R. H. Lane has been going about in these parts preaching, and saying that he is in fellowship with those gathered to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we feel it our duty to say that having tested him by Matthew VII. 15-20, we disclaim all fellowship whatsoever with the man. RUDOLPH H. HALL, Iron Station, N. C. February 13, 1904.

CHERRYVILLE TEACHERS IN EARNEST.

Every One Attended Township Meeting Except One who was Sick.

The Teachers meeting for Cherryville township was held at the Sellars school house last Friday, the 12. The presence of a large crowd changed the meeting into an education rally. A beautiful dinner was served on the grounds and an interesting program carried out. Every teacher responded save one who was absent on account of sickness.

The order of exercises was as follows:

- 1. Attendance—L. H. J. Houser.
2. Organization—S. P. Wilson.
3. Relative importance of subjects taught—E. L. McGinnas.
4. Scheme of lessons—Lafayette Lackey.
5. How to conduct a recitation—Mrs. S. P. Wilson.
6. How to keep up interest—S. M. King.
7. Rules—W. R. Carpenter.
8. Punishments—L. M. Wilson.
9. The troublesome pupil—V. Q. Stroup.
10. The dull pupil—Miss Rendleman.
11. Agriculture for Beginners—F. P. Hall.
12. How is the teacher to improve—Miss Bland.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Van Sellars was called on and responded at length.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed and, it is believed much good was done for the cause of education.

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Realizing that the insuring public in general are desirous of knowing the effect of the Baltimore confederation upon the Companies doing business in that city, and which at the same time are doing business in Gastonia, I take pleasure in advising persons holding policies in Companies represented by me, that none of my Companies were at all seriously affected and will pay every dollar of the claims just as soon as the losses are adjusted.

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ROOSEVELT'S MEMORY LAPSES

Intimations that President Conventionally Forgets Promises of Place.

Washington, February 4.—Representative W. Godfrey Hunter, the only Republican Congressman from Kentucky, had a disappointing experience to-day. He went to the White House to suggest the name of Judge Morrow, of Mount Sterling, Ky., for pension agent. He understood the President to say that no appointment would be made until Judge Morrow's claims could be presented formally to him. Then he went down to the Capitol, where he was astounded to learn that the President had just sent in the name of Major A. T. Wood for the place. Major Wood, it seems, had been recommended by Internal Revenue Commissioner Yerkes. There is a factional fight in Hunter's district, and Kentuckians say that Hunter's opponents will make the incident a campaign cry, claiming that Hunter is evidently persona non grata at the White House. It may defeat Hunter for re-election.

Ex-Congressman Irwin had sought the place. "The President told me," said Mr. Irwin, when he heard of Wood's appointment, "that his predictions were in favor of appointing me. When he said that I knew I had no chance. He once told me he would appoint Col. Stone collector of Louisville. On another occasion he told me he would appoint Gen. Collier, surveyor of the port. He didn't appoint either of them. When he told me about his predictions I knew the game was up."

Not a "Possum But a Rattlesnake.

Willamson Chronicle. Out on the Brushies, one morning last week, Mr. Rufus Frazier had a rather exciting experience. His dog treed what he thought to be a possum the morning after the snow fell. It was in a sort of a rock cleft. He reached in and got hold of what he thought to be the tail of a possum. He quickly jerked it out, but to his astonishment it was a big rattler, which struck at him, just barely missing his hand. The rattler ran back in the hole. He got his mactock and, digging into the hole, found three rattlers, which put up a stubborn fight before he got them killed.

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We Received Two Cars of Good Mules and Horses. last week. One car from Tennessee, and one car of extra big Mules from Virginia. Among them can be found Mules to weigh 1200 lbs., and good ages. The other lot are same class as we have been getting from Tennessee all season, and they are too well known to need describing. Every farmer who buys one of them is pleased because they are extra well broken. We also have a lot of Tennessee stock, in number more than one hundred head to show you. We are now prepared to suit almost any purchaser, and at prices as low as you can find them any place. And remember every animal is guaranteed as represented when sold. Come and see our stock and get what you want either for cash or on time. Craig & Wilson.