

News Items.

The date of the holding of the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina conference has been changed from Nov. 24th to Nov. 17th at Hickory.

Last week Galveston Texas witnessed a severe storm and tidal wave similar to the one that wrought such destruction there about ten years ago. The city is now protected by a high sea wall and that saved it last week.

Up to the 22nd inst. the Standard Ice Company of Charlotte had received 1000 car loads of Georgia peaches that were being shipped to the Northern markets.

Pinkey Stepp, a fourteen year old son of Mr. John Stepp, of Polk county, was bitten by a rattlesnake last Thursday and died that night.

How to Get Rid of Galls and Gullies.

Progressive Farmer.

Whenever we see a galled spot or a gully, bare of vegetation, we can't help wondering how any land-owner can get his consent to permit the continuance of such conditions. The longer they exist the worse they become.

Why should any farmer permit himself to be thus robbed of his "stock in trade," his capital, his farm? Furthermore, the true loss through the necessity of more frequent turns, or in working over or around them, rightly employed, would prevent their existence or restore them to a useful condition after they have been farmed. We do not believe infilling gullies with rails, brush, or other materials which are likely to be in the way later on. For gullies or galled spots, the best remedy is straw, coarse stable manure, or some other material that will improve their fertility. Follow this with some growing crop. If a gully, plow dirt into it, turn the excess of water in another direction and sow peas; if a galled spot, plow deeply and keep something growing on it all the time. We have seen gullies ten feet deep filled and brought up to the most productive parts of the field in three or four years by a liberal application of straw, leaves or coarse stable manure and the sowing of cowpeas. It will pay to fill them up for the crops they will bring, and if the fields are to be put in condition for the use of the implements necessary for economical cultivation, these scarred and gullied fields, so common in many parts of the South, must be made to disappear.

The latest injunction against the town of North Wilkesboro was heard by Judge Council at Hickory last Saturday and the case was won by the town. We haven't learned how much additional cost this puts upon the town. However the commissioners met Monday evening and completed the purchase of the Beddies River, or Hack of, power property, which includes the dam and mill and 17 acres of land. The deed was investigated by counsel employed by the town, and transferred, the treasurer paying out \$19,125.00. Seventy five dollars was paid at the time of the contract. The balance of \$3000.00 will be transferred to the Wilkesboro Manufacturing Co. as soon as a survey and deed is completed.—Wilkesboro Hustler.

On next Tuesday, the 27th, work will begin on a steel span to take the place of the wooden approach to the Catawba river bridge on the Lenoir road, and in consequence the bridge will be closed for ten days, except to those on foot.—Morganton Herald.

Last Juror Passes.

Toledo, O., July 23.—While engaged in making repairs to his cottage at Lake Harbor, William Fay part owner of the Libby prison when the civil war broke out and supposed to be the last surviving member of the jury that indicted Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, for treason after the close of the civil war, died from a sudden attack of heart disease.

"One by one they pass away, soon there will be nothing left to remind us of the President of the Southern Confederacy except history. A few more years and the old soldiers that can now tell us of things that happened in President Davis' time, will be no more, in the next ten years very few indeed will be here. It now takes our large cities to hold the annual regiments, ten years hence any town of a few thousand can take care of them. If you have it in your mind to do something for the old, gray headed man, do it quick or it may be forever too late."

New Enterprises.

Raleigh, July 21.—Four new corporations were chartered to day: **Reidsville Co-Operative Tobacco Company**, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by P. M. Walker and others, dealing in leaf and manufacturing tobacco; **The Graham Real Estate, Loan and Trust Company**, capital \$25,000, by Jacob A. Long and others; **Dixie Guano Company**, Durham, capital \$125,000, by W. J. Griswold, and others; **the Capital Producing Company**, Statesville, capital \$15,000, Charles F. Sandworth, Washington, D. C. and others.

Wheat Crops Destroyed.

St. Louis, Mo.—Estimates place the present flood loss in the Missouri Valley at \$7,000,000. Half the wheat crop has been destroyed. The Mississippi River crest here is 35.5 feet, ranking fifth in height in the last sixty-five years.

The greatest damage was done at the junction of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. All day a train carried passengers from West Alton, Mo. One thousand refugees from Missouri points reached Alton, Ill., having been warned by John Kite, who rode horseback through that section at night.

Five brothers married five sisters in Kent county, Kentucky, last week, Maude, Nellie, Kate, Anne and Susie Martin wedded John, Dan, Jack, Hugh and Dick Hill. Five sisters of the brides acted as bridesmaids and five brothers of the grooms acted as attendants. A wedding "tower" that would have extended to St. Louis was proposed for five couples, but crops are so late that the men folks thought they had better put off the honeymoon trip at present.

40 Killed Under Falling Building

St. Petersburg, July 23.—Forty were killed and a score buried in the ruins of a building which collapsed today. It was a four story structure under construction.

Forty bodies have been recovered and groans under the debris indicate that many more are buried.

A Method of Eradicating the Wild Onion.

The Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture, has now ready for distribution a circular giving a detailed discussion of the wild onion problem and outlining a plan where by the pest can be exterminated. This circular will be sent free to any person requesting it.

Henry Steele Dead.

On Thursday night, July 22, about ten o'clock, Henry Steele, Sr. died at his home in Lower creek valley, four or five miles east of Lenoir, and was buried in the family burying ground near the old home Saturday at eleven o'clock surrounded by a large concourse of people. Rev. J. C. Benfield, pastor of Lower Creek church, of which Mr Steele was a member, conducting the last sad rite of consigning his body to the tomb. Mr. Steele was one among the oldest men in Caldwell county, being near his ninety-first birthday. He leaves a wife and five children. A good man and true to no more. He will be missed in his neighborhood. The majority of the people in this town have known him all their lives as "old Mr. Steele," or "Uncle Henry Steele."

Mr. Steele was a modest, quiet, Christian man and a great reader of the bible. At his burial, his old bible worn and soiled by much use, was shown to the congregation and the highest tribute to this man's Christian character was the much used old family bible. A more extended notice of the deceased will probably appear later in these columns.

Hickory Institute.

We are giving special prominence to the Farmer's and Women's Institutes to be held in Hickory, next Monday, 2nd. These are very important meetings and should be attended largely by Caldwell people. The ladies will be particularly interested in the exhibitions and demonstrations of the Women's Institute and they will learn many helpful things about their household duties by attending. A very low railroad rate has been provided and persons desiring to attend can go on the early 5:40 train and return at 8:55 p. m. having a nice day off at small expense.

LIGHTNING HOLES.

How the Diameter of a Lightning Flash is Ascertained.

"Did you ever see the diameter of a lightning flash measured?" asked a geologist. "Well, here is the case which once inclosed a flash of lightning, fitting it exactly, so that you can see just how big it was. This is called a 'fulgurite,' or 'lightning hole,' and the material it is made of is glass. I will tell you how it was manufactured. Though it only took a fraction of a second to turn it out.

"When a bolt of lightning strikes a bed of sand it plunges downward into the sand for a distance less or greater, transforming simultaneously into glass the silica in the material through which it passes. Thus by its great heat it forms a glass tube of precisely its own size. Now and then such a tube known as 'fulgurite' is found and dug up. Fulgurites have been followed into the sand by excavation for nearly thirty feet. They vary in interior diameter from the size of a quill to three inches or more, according to the 'bore' of the flash.

"But fulgurites are not alone produced in sand. They are found also in solid rock, though very naturally of slight depth, and frequently existing merely as a thin, glassy coating on the surface. Such fulgurites occur in astonishing abundance on the summit of Little Ararat, in Armenia. The rock is soft and so porous that blocks a foot long can be obtained that are perforated in all directions by little tubes filled with bottle green glass formed from the fused rock. There is a small specimen in the National museum which has the appearance of having been bored by the teredo and the holes made by the worm subsequently filled with glass.

"Some wonderful fulgurites were found by Humboldt on the high Nevada de Toluca, in Mexico. Masses of the rock were covered with a thin layer of green glass. Its peculiar shimmer in the sun led Humboldt to ascend the precipitous peak at the risk of his life."

Wrong Feeding is One of Easiest Methods to Make Children ill

One of the prime and principal ways of making children ill-tempered is to feed them wrongly.

"He was always a very cross baby," said an old woman at a coroner's inquiry the other day.

"I don't at all wonder at it," remarked the coroner, who had been inquiring into the poor little creature's diet; they had chiefly fed the child upon "boiled bread, butter, and sugar."

The mixture first made him "cross," and eventually killed him. If he had been older he might perhaps have escaped with his life, but even so, would probably have lost his temper permanently. A child fed in this way could not be expected to be anything but cross.

Half the peevishness of children—nay probably three-quarters of it—comes simply from stomach derangement, and could be prevented by judicious diet; not too much sugar or rich foods, plenty of fresh air and exercise, and an occasional dose of fluid magnesia.

Next to wrong feeding in the production of ill-temper comes the habit—far to frequent in nurseries—of perpetual "nagging."

You will hardly ever find sweet tempered children in a nursery presided over by a nagging mother or nurse—one who is eternally fault-finding and scolding, whose objurgations are unending.

It is only natural that this should be so. Children are to a great extent "creatures of habit." If they are nagged at and scolded for every little trifle, they acquire the habit on their own account, and faithfully copy the pattern shown them, and carry it out in their dealings with those younger than themselves.

A scolding nurse is fatal, so far as charge are concerned. "A soft answer turneth away wrath," said Solomon, and it holds good for all time: so do his words that immediately follow—that is, "Grievous words stir up anger."

Anger can't be stirred up constantly among children without as serious deterioration in their tempers taking place; and a temper thoroughly spoiled in childhood is seldom, if ever restored.

People too frequently imagine that temper is entirely a matter of temperament. It is so, no doubt to some extent, but by no means altogether.

What might have been a sweet temper under judicious management may become insufferably sour under conditions that tend to develop the worst side of the nature. This is a point that parents cannot afford to lose sight of.

One sometimes sees grown people reproving children for doing the very things they do themselves. They can see the faults committed by children, but if any one were to suggest that they themselves were equally guilty, they would be in dignant or unbelieving, or possibly both.

This is a kind of "mental blindness" from which we who have the care of little children should endeavor to remain free, and we can only do so by trying now and then to picture ourselves in the children's place, and seeing our selves with their eyes.

Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, daughter of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, died last Sunday night at her home at Colorado Springs, after an illness of six months. Mrs. Hays, 54 years old, was the wife of J. Addison Hayes, president of the First National Bank of Colorado Springs. She was the last one of the family.



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In a Barnyard

there was a brood of little ducklings, one of them, larger than the others, was a very ugly white bird that appeared to be hated by all of the others, and was constantly being pecked at and abused. As time went on the "ugly duckling" developed into a lovely white swan, the admiration of everyone who saw it, and the envy of those who used to peck at it. The "ugly duckling" is Price. They pecked and hammered away at us and said we couldn't do it. But today the name Price stands for quality, and the difference between the Price make and others is as great as the difference between the beautiful swan and the common barnyard duck.

"WHEN IN DOUBT, BUY OF PRICE!"

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Deceived Woman.

Salisbury Post.

In Haywood county Superior Court here last week, Judge Ferguson sentenced J. B. Barrett to five years on the roads for victimizing Mrs. L. L. Long, of Winston Salem.

Barrett, who had a living wife and daughters in Swain county, about four months ago was in Winston-Salem, where under the pretense of being infatuated with Mrs. Long, persuaded her to entrust her money, \$130, to him and go with him to Waynesville and get married. After they arrived at Waynesville Barrett gave the woman the doge and left on the first train with her money and baggage. When she found he had left her, she put the officers on his trail. He was quickly arrested and was brought before a magistrate, who committed him to jail. His wife and daughter were with him during the trial.

Tortured On a Horse.

"For ten years I couldn't ride a horse without being in torture from piles," writes L. S. Napier, of Eugless, Ky., "when all doctors and other remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me." Infallible for Piles, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Boils, Fever-Sores, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Corns, 25c. Guaranteed by J. E. Shell.

Items From Watauga Democrat.

Frost was seen on Tuesday morning, the 22 inst. Not in any very great quantity, of course, but it was frost just the same.

Mr. Larkin Greer, son of Mr. Newton Greer, after eating his supper on the evening of the 10th inst. died almost suddenly. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, 32 years of age, and had many friends. He leaves no family. His home was at Triplett.

Rev. Mr. Downum, of the Training School faculty, preached a most excellent sermon in the Methodist Church in Boone last Sunday night.

Mrs. J. Hill Cottrell and little son, of Yadkin Valley, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cottrell in Boone.

Proper Treatment for Dysentery and Diarrhoea.

The great mortality from dysentery and diarrhoea is due to a lack of proper treatment at the first stages of the disease. Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is reliable and effectual medicine, and when given in reasonable time will prevent any dangerous consequences. It has been in use for many years and has always met with unvarying success. For sale by J. E. Shell, Druggist, Dr. Kent Druggist.