

The Lenoir News.

ONE DOLLAR PAID-IN-ADVANCE GETS THIS PAPER TWICE A WEEK FOR A WHOLE YEAR.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Congressman Webb is industriously engaged in pulling down graft for the postoffice building in his district. \$60,000 lump of \$20,000 for Gastonia, is pretty good for one day.—Ex.

Dr. W. L. Vestal, who was convicted of performing criminal operations at High Point and sentenced to 15 years in the States prison, died Monday night on the State prison farm. One of Vestal's victims, it will be recalled, was a young woman who lived in Statesville. Recently an attempt had been made to secure Vestal's pardon.—Statesville Landmark.

At the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Williams near Granite Falls, Mr. James S. Link and Miss Hester Williams were united in the bonds of matrimony Dec. 8th. Rev. A. L. Bolick officiating. The bridal party attended services at St. Matthews E. L. Church, after which they returned to the brides home where a sumptuous meal was served to about 60 guests.—Hickory Democrat.

One day last week, Mr. Erie Blanton, the son of Monroe Blanton of the Sharon section, killed a bird in the field below the barn and was walking back to the house when his gun accidentally discharged and killed a fine mule standing in the yard. The mule was the finest Mr. Blanton owned. The discharge from the gun entered the mule's head and death followed immediately. The killing was purely accidental.

The Winston Journal learns that Chas. Sprinkle, a Surry county farmer was blown to pieces Wednesday by an explosion of dynamite. Sprinkle had put dynamite under a stump to blow it out. It didn't explode and Sprinkle, carrying dynamite in his arms, went to see what the trouble was. The dynamite exploded, setting off what Sprinkle had in his arms, and the man was blown to pieces.

The Lexington Mirror Company's new plant at Lenoir is now nearing completion. It is to have about doubled the capacity of the local plant and the Co. expects to have it in operation by the first of the year. Mr. A. G. Jonas, superintendent of the plant here, is to have charge of the Lenoir branch and will divide his time between the two places. The new branch starts business with the very finest prospects and with Mr. Jonas managing it as he has managed the business here, its success is assured. Already there is a big lot of orders on file waiting to be filled from the new factory. Lenoir has five big furniture factories and all of them require big lots of mirrors.—Dispatch.

Time When She Would Be Boss.

At a long row of seaside bathing rooms, an important young man walked up to the door of the compartment, and, knocking at the same, testily inquired: "When in thunder are you going to get those trousers on?" There was a faint giggle, and a silvery voice replied: "When I get married, I suppose." The young man frowned. He had mistaken the door.—Ex.

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Refuge Given Asheville Lad, Who Advertised.

(Special to The Observer.)

Asheville, Dec. 11.—Charlie Fisher, the 13-year-old boy who came to this city several days ago, without money and friends, and asked that he be given an education at the Asheland Avenue school and advertised that he desired to be adopted by some family, received a home today. He was adopted by an Asheville woman who took him from the Salvation Army and the Good Samaritan Mission, stating that she would act as his mother and would give him all the advantages of an education. The little fellow has been placed in school and seems well satisfied with his surroundings.

A letter was received from the North Carolina Children's Home Society at Greensboro offering the boy a home in a good family and the advantages of a good school, but when the letter reached here, arrangements had already been completed for the care of the child.

John C. Arbogast of this city has instructed the Asheville branch of the Salvation Army to hold a Christmas tree for the benefit of the poor children of this city Christmas, and invitations are being issued to 600 young folks of Asheville to be present at the celebration. A mammoth Christmas tree will be erected and all of the children will be given baskets of toys and edibles.

The Salvation Army has also made arrangements to distribute about 300 baskets of food within the next few days.

Ed S. Bryant Charged With Abandonment and Bigamy.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Newton, Dec. 12.—Warrants charging abandonment and bigamy have been issued against Ed S. Bryant at the instance of his bride of a week, Miss Bessie Hewitt, daughter of Mr. William Hewitt of this place, and the officers have advised the authorities in a number of towns to look out for the man and arrest him. Bryant, who is said to be a Caldwell County man, married Miss Hewitt December 4 at this place.

Following the wedding, he met a woman on the street who knew him, it is said, and also ran across a traveling man who recognized him. Two days after the marriage, he announced his intention of going away for a day or two and vanished.

It is charged that he has a wife and four children in some Tennessee town. He gave his home as Weldon, and had been working as a foreman in a Morganton cotton mill. He had also worked in other mills. Miss Hewitt had known him about four months.

Grape cuttings made now should be cut close under the lower bud and about an inch above the upper one. Three buds are enough. Tie the cuttings in bundles and bury them in the ground upside down. I do not know why, but varieties that do not root readily will root well if buried in this way and set in the rows in the spring. In setting the cuttings in spring set them so that the top bud will be just above the ground. If the soil is clayey, it will be better to put some sand in the bottom of the trench in which to set the cuttings.—Progressive Farmer.

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STATE HOSPITAL REPORT.

Good Management of the Institution Shows Nice Balance to Its Credit.

The bi-annual meeting of the Directors of the State Hospital for the insane was held in Morganton last week and from the report we gather the following which will be of interest to our readers:

During the two years 558 patients have been admitted to the hospital and 341 discharged. The total number in the institution at the close of the two year period is 1,330. The recoveries based on the number of admissions during 1911 were 29 per cent., on the admissions for 1912 were 39 per cent. The average yearly death rate has been little over 3 1/2 per cent. The cost per capita to care for the patients has been \$150.27 for 1911 and \$164.79 for 1912. There is a balance of \$17,000 remaining on hand of the money appropriated for the maintenance of the institution, due to good and careful management.

The cost of maintenance is increasing, however, and for the next two years \$200,000 a year instead of \$195,000 a year will be asked.

The report stresses the urgent need of room. During this year 90 applicants have been refused for lack of room. The pressure is so great that only the most acute cases can be taken, leaving many deserving applicants in jails and county homes, or in private homes where they are great burdens and sometimes a menace. To supply the pressing need the Legislature will be asked for \$100,000 for buildings to accommodate 200 patients, the buildings to be designed for the reception and classification of acute patients. This will relieve the demand for room and add to the efficiency of the institution, which is doing such a great work for humanity.

We hope many of our farmers are starting bank accounts now that money for the year's crops is coming in. A man is more likely to save his money if he has started putting his surplus in a bank; and it is a great convenience to be able to make payments by check. When you pay a bill with cash you may have no record of its payment; but a returned check with the payee's endorsement on the back constitutes a good receipt. Not all farmers who have started bank accounts however, are as careful as they should be in writing checks. We have just received a check on subscription written in lead pencil. No check should ever be written in pencil. It must frequently pass through several hands before reaching the bank, and if written in pencil, it is easy for the amount to be raised.—Progressive Farmer.

The feature of the times now is the struggle for official appointments. We have just heard of one small town where there are twenty-seven applicants for the postoffice, while another man has just moved in to establish his citizenship so as to become the twenty-eighth. It will be a bad day for the country and a bad day for the Democratic Party if its leaders get the idea that the election was for the purpose of giving certain men the spoils of office and not of bringing about certain great reforms.—Progressive Farmer.

To Daniel Boone.

(Union Republican.)

Through the efforts of Mr. W. L. Bryan of Boone, N. C., there has been erected in the town, on Boone's old camp-site, a monument at a cost of \$203.27 contributed by public subscription, the larger part by Mr. Bryan himself.

The foundation is of native granite 8x8 feet. On this is erected a shaft of concrete blocks five feet square, 13 feet high. The monument is completed by a spire of concrete 12 1/2 feet high, making a total height of 26 1/2 feet.

A marble tablet on the west side has this inscription:

Daniel Boone,
Pioneer, Hunter,
Born Feb. 11, 1735
Died Sept. 26, 1820
Camped Here 1760-1769

The land containing the old camp-site belonged to the Councils after Boone camped here until about 1866 when it was transferred to Daniel Boone Dougherty, whose heirs still own it.

Slightly Mixed.

A paper recently contained the following item which got mixed with a stock sale: "William Smith, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucy Anderson, were disposed of at a public auction, one mile east in the presence of seventy-five guests, including two mules and 12 head of cattle, Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot for the parties averaging 1,250 on hoof. The beautiful home of the bride was decorated with sulky rake, one feed grinder and two sets of work harness, nearly new, and just before the wedding ceremony was pronounced, Mendel & Sons' wedding march was rendered by one milk cow five years old, one Jersey cow and one sheep, who carried a bunch of brides' roses in her hands, was very beautiful. She wore one light wagon, two crates of apples, three ricks of hay, one grindstone of moislne desole and trimmed with 100 bushels of oats. The bridal couple left yesterday on an extended trip.—Fx.

Pioneer Library.

Included in the recent additions to the Library we note some choice standard books as follows:

Woodrow Wilson—The story of his life by Wm. Bayard Hall.
Henry M. Stanley—Life of by Montflore.

De Soto in the Land of Florida—by Grace King.

The Farmer Boy who Became Bishop—by Bishop Graves.

Peter, a Novel of Which he is not the hero—by Hopkinson Smith.

My Friend the Chauffeur—by C. N. Williamson.

Janet Ward, A College Girl Story—by Margaret Sangster.

The Winning of Barbara Worth—Harold Bell Wright.

Bill Nye's History of the U. S.—by Edgar Nye.

The Four Million and Roads of Destiny—both by O. Henry (Will Porter) late of Greensboro.

David Copperfield—by Charles Dickens.

The Hoosier Schoolmaster—by Edgar Eggleston.

Abroad with the Jimmies—by Lillian Bell.

John Marvel, Assistant—by Thos. Nelson Page.

Don't forget to put a Red Cross Christmas Seal on all your Christmas packages.

Farmers' Union.

Messrs. F. M. Whitner and J. F. Steele, of this County, attended the State Convention of the Farmer's Union in Raleigh last week. They returned much enthused by the big gathering and report a most interesting meeting. Representatives from all over the State were present and many notable addresses were made. The convention went on record as endorsing a six months school for all the children of the State and as favoring a compulsory attendance law and as favoring the Traveling Library measure. All of these are important measures relating to the educational matters of the State and the stand the Farmer's Union has taken places them well in the lead in progressive education. They have gone further along this line than the State teachers. The convention went on record as favoring a dog tax, the proceeds from which should go towards the public schools. It was an unusually interesting and valuable session and was an inspiration to all in attendance. All the old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Marvel of The South.

The new south in the last thirty years has made such marvelous progress in industrial development and commercial importance that statistics stagger the mind. History gives no account of recovery from the desolations of war comparable with the South's record. Forty-odd years ago men and women in the South were producing barely enough to live on. Today, for every man, woman and child, white and black, there is a per capita production of over \$200 a year, and the then bankrupt South has today over \$1,000,000,000 deposited in bank, over \$2,200,000,000 invested in manufactures and a like amount in other property. The combined value of the South's production last year in agriculture, manufactures and mineral output amounted to more than \$6,000,000,000, or over twice as much as the total value of all the slaves in the South when they were demonetized by Lincoln's emancipation proclamation.—From Leslie's.

Puts Limit on Courting.

Bloomington, Ill.—"Courting days, Saturday or Sunday." That is a sign which will be tacked up at the homes of the young women school teachers of Cotlin.

President F. M. Curtis of the Board of education believes the teachers who receive callers during the week are prevented from retiring early, and, therefore promulgated an edict that they will not be permitted to keep company with young gentlemen either during school hours or at any other time of the day or night except on Saturday or Sunday.

About this time many people say, "Remember the poor!" and then button their overcoats so close that they can't get at their pocket-books.

It is sometimes a difficult matter to determine which does the most harm—enemies with the worst intentions or friends with the best.

Meat has been going up in price ever since men left off eating each other.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WATAUGA.

(Watauga Democrat.)

Owing to the rather poor health of Mr. Stringfellow, of Blowing Rock, they will not remain on the mountain this winter as he had first planned, but will leave at once for their Alabama home, where, it is hoped, Mr. Stringfellow's health will rapidly improve.

Miss Nannie Rivers, who has been teaching at Gragg, Avery county, has closed her school and returned to her home in the village Monday afternoon.

Benjamin Shull, brother of James M. Shull, of Valle Crucis, who went to Oregon more than 40 years ago is visiting relatives in Watauga. We are told that Mr. Shull has succeeded well in the West, accumulating quite a fortune.

BLOWING ROCK.

Mr. Jacob Klutz, an aged and highly respected citizen of Watauga, died at his home near Blowing Rock on the 9th inst. and was buried in the church yard of the German Reformed congregation nearby. "Uncle Jake" will be sadly missed by his many friends who loved him for his sweet disposition and lovable nature. Mr. Klutz was 86 years old.

Rev. Mr. Holloway, the retiring minister of the Methodist church in Boone circuit, leaves many friends behind him, he and his good wife having the sympathy and respect of the entire circuit, while Rev. Mr. Jones, the incoming pastor, has already made a good impression. May each have Heaven's blessings in the field to which the Spirit has sent them. X.

Iredell has spent \$160,000 of her good roads bonds and has 75 miles built. About \$40,000 of this sum is invested in equipment, so that \$120,000 is the net sum actually put into roads so far, an average of \$1,600 per mile. Iredell took the bit in her teeth, you'll remember, and voted \$400,000 of bonds for roads. As a result of her road improvement and drainage operations, Iredell is drawing in desirable citizens from all parts, and we regret to say, she is getting some mighty good farmers from Catawba County.—Catawba County News.

It's wonderful how many things a boy can hit with a coal scuttle on the way to the coal shed when his feelings have been ruffled.

"The world is but a fleeting show," quoted the Wise Guy. "And most of us have to be shown," added the simple Mug.

Do not let the bad weather delay your Christmas shopping. Remember that the clerks are not detained at home.

Because "love is blind" may be the reason that some women for weeks at a time do not see that a button is missing from their husband's coat.

If you want a man to respect your judgement, agree with him.

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