

# 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.

An epidemic of meningitis is prevailing in Dyersburg, Tenn. There have been sixty-five cases and thirty-five deaths from the disease in the vicinity.

Two newspaper men of Boise, Idaho, have been sentenced to pay fines of five hundred dollars each and be imprisoned ten days each for contempt of court. They criticised the decisions of Idaho Supreme court in the paper, hence the indictment.

The world's production of gold during the year 1912, was four hundred and sixty-five million dollars about five and a half millions more than in 1911. The production in the United States amounted to little over ninety one millions a slight falling off from the amount in 1911.

A young man by the name of Walter Messer, a flagman on a freight train had a leg and arm crushed off by a train in the yards at Waynesville last week. He stepped off of the freight train and was run over by a passenger train backing into the switch. He is not expected to live.

The Democrats and Progressives, of New Hampshire, elected a Democrat for Governor of that state last week, in the legislature. At the November election no candidate received a majority of the votes cast and the election was carried to the legislature and a combination of Democrats and Progressives elected a Democrat to the office.

Reports from Washington indicate that the new Parcel Post started in with a big business on Wednesday the 1st and was handled with fairly good results for the first day. Some mistakes were made, mostly by persons using ordinary postage stamps on their packages when the rule is for special parcel post stamps. All packages weighing over four ounces are now sent by parcels post and not in the ordinary way.

The new Commissioner of Agriculture for Catawba county entered upon his duties last week. He is an Ohio man and is said to be well qualified for the work. Mr. Ernest Perkins, of Caldwell County, was elected to this position, but owing to the fact that he had only taken a two year course in the Agricultural & Mechanical College, instead of four year course, he was not acceptable to the Chicago organization that was furnishing half of the money for the work.

The Democratic senators in Congress will likely work against the confirmation of Col. Goethals, as Governor of the Panama Canal zone in case the President should nominate him for the place. The Democrats want the place filled by an appointee of Governor Wilson when he enters upon the duties of President. Col. Goethals has been in charge of the work on the canal for some time and is said to be well qualified for the position of Governor.

A German scientist declares that every cubic foot of air contains 50,000,000 insects. A traveling man says that if it is a fact, some beds in which he has recently slept must be built entirely of air.

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

### Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WATAUGA. (Watauga Democrat.)  
Miss Alma Moretz, music and primary teacher in Oak Hill Academy, Caldwell county, came over Friday and remained until Sunday at noon with home folks and friends in Boone. A more popular, accomplished or better prepared young lady never left the village, and we are all glad to know that she is succeeding so well with her work, and that her lot has been cast, for the present, at least among a people to whom she seems perfectly devoted.

While the public generally was enjoying the festivities of the holiday season, that devout man, Rev. J. M. Payne, was conducting a revival meeting at Middle Fork, which closed on Thursday, the 26th. As a result of his labors there were 8 additions to the church, 2 by letter and 6 by baptism, and a great awakening of the church people throughout the community. The efforts of Elder Payne for the cause of his Master, seldom go unrewarded.

Young Dr. Ronda Hardin, who is now finishing his third year in the Charlotte Medical College, spent a part of the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hardin, near the village. The young man has many warm friends here who are always delighted to see him and to know that he is one of the leaders of his class in the Medical College.

### Miss Mary Emma Graham Passes.

Last Saturday Mr. Luther Hoffman received a telegram calling him to the bedside of his step-daughter, Miss Mary Graham, at Cleveland, who as many of the readers of The News know has been a sufferer from tuberculosis for many months. Later advices say the young girl passed away on Sunday afternoon and the body was buried yesterday at the family burying ground near the former home of her parents in Rowan county. Rev. E. N. Joyner of the Episcopal church, Lenoir, attended and conducted the funeral services. Miss Graham's case was a pathetic one, as she was a bright engaging young girl just budding into womanhood, when the dread disease attacked her. Everything possible was done to arrest the progress of the disease, but in vain. Her mother was a victim of the same trouble and died only a few months ago, and Mr. Hoffman has the deep sympathy of our whole community in his double bereavement. Miss Graham was a member of St. James Episcopal church, having been confirmed by Bishop Horner a few years ago.

A Mississippi man advertises that he teaches the piano. After he has taught the piano, we suppose he will look around for some pupils.

When a man offers you a cigar and then hesitates in deepest thought, don't think that he is philosophizing. He is simply trying to recollect which side of his vest contains the gift cigars.

Under some circumstances it is better to leave than to be left.

## KILLING AT RHODISS.

### Noah Mathis Receives Shot Intended for Gaither Teague.

Last Saturday afternoon about five o'clock at Rhodiss Arthur Hollars shot and killed Noah Mathis. It seems Hollars and man named Teague were in a difficulty and were about to fight, when Mathis came in as peace maker and in attempting to prevent a fight was shot, the ball taking effect in the head and producing death in less than an hour. There was not a particle of feeling between Hollars and Mathis as far as we can learn and Hollars, who was dinking heavily at the time says he had no feeling against Mathis. Hollars surrendered to the police of Rhodiss, who immediately notified Sheriff Leard, and Hollars was brought here Saturday night and placed in jail. He has very little to say about the unfortunate affair, more than asserting that he was drunk and does not know what he said or did, but he insists he was not in the least out of humor with the man who was killed. He has engaged Mr. M. N. Harshaw, of this place, to appear for him and the preliminary trial will likely be held this week, but the time has not yet been announced.

### Profitable Poultry.

Mr. John N. Smith, of Route 1, this County, who is one of the most successful poultry raisers of this part of the country, gives us the following details of his work in this line last year. He had a flock of seventy hens on an average during the year, mostly of the Brown Leghorn breed. From these hens he gathered 992 dozen eggs, worth at the prevailing prices, \$207.16. In addition to this he sold \$18.00 worth of chickens, besides using all the chickens his family wanted, for which no account was taken. He made a careful calculation of the cost of feeding these chickens and found it to be \$91.25, which shows a net profit of \$115.91 for the year and he now has more chickens than he began the year with. Mr. Smith lets his chickens run at large about the place and while they did some damage to his growing crops, he estimates the insects destroyed by them and the fertilizer gathered from the roosts to much more than compensate for the small damage they did.

### Off for Raleigh.

The Caldwell delegation to Raleigh have gone to be on hand at the meeting of the Legislature tomorrow.

Lieutenant Governor Newland left Sunday and Messrs Lawrence Wakefield, senator elect; and E. D. Crisp representative elect left Monday at 1:15 and today Mr. Mark Squires who is, we understand, a candidate for re-election to position of Reading Clerk of the senate. Mr. J. A. Bush who has served as Stationary clerk for two terms to the senate, is also a candidate for re-election and left on the early train Monday for Raleigh.

Many a man thinks he wants rest when he wants exercise and many a man thinks he wants exercise when he wants rest.

It requires a mighty small tack to puncture a fellow's good intentions.

## DAMAGE TO CORN CROPS.

### Some of The Insects Pests Which Damage Growing Corn and Cause Great Loss.

I have been studying the enemies of growing corn during the past Summer and am convinced that Caldwell County loses thousands of dollars every year through the ravages of Corn Root Worms.

The worst of these is the Southern Corn Root Worm and is commonly known locally as the Bud Worm. This Bud worm is the young of a twelve spotted beetle, yellowish green with twelve black spots on its back. This is not the regular melon bug although it is seen to some extent on the young melon plants. The regular melon Bug has yellow wing covers with black stripes running lengthwise and feeds on the young melon vines while its young feed on the roots of the young melon plants by cutting off their roots.

The young of the twelve spotted beetle feed on the roots of corn and sometimes bore into the stalk just above the roots under the ground. These cut into and kill the young corn in some cases while in every case they do serious damage by cutting off the roots of the corn and thus dwarfing it even when they do not kill it outright. The damage done is much greater than most people are aware of as it is done under the ground and out of sight.

There is another solid colored, yellowish green, bug, the larva of which feeds on the roots of corn and destroys millions of dollars worth of this great crop every year in the United States. Fortunately, however, this bug is found chiefly in the Western Corn Growing States and I believe that we have but few, if any, of these in Caldwell County.

The Wire worm also feeds on corn roots. It is a redish-yellow, hard worm, and is the young of the Snapping Bug, or Jack Snapper.

Still another worm, The Larger Corn Stalk Borer, which did a great deal of damage to corn in North Carolina last year, was found by me, personally, to be present in this County. The first generation there are two generations of this worm in a year, feeds in the top of the corn while the corn is growing and the holes made by these may be seen in the leaves after they grow out. This worm feeds as low in the throat of the plant as the water or dew will allow and if the bud is eaten off to that point the stalk will be ruined as it will not tassell. Later on they bore into the stalk near the ground. The second generation feeds for a little while on the lower blades and then bores into the stalk near the ground where it eats the pith out of the stalk. After a hard wind, if the stalks are found to be broken at the ground, they should be searched for The Larger Corn Stalk Borer as that is what probably caused them to break. These worms pass the winter in the tap roots of the corn stalks. Any farmer who saw any sign of round holes cut in the blades of his growing corn during the past Summer should examine the roots of the corn stalks which are still standing for these worms. If worms are found to be present a round hole will be found in the stalk near the ground and the stalks should

## MUST HAVE GOOD ROADS.

### More Interest Manifested Than Ever Before in Caldwell County.

The need of doing something thing for the roads of Caldwell County is the pressing question that seems to be uppermost in the minds of our people. They are beginning to realize that Caldwell is not keeping pace with the procession in this respect. The plans for securing better roads are almost as varied as the number of roads in the County. The sentiment for issuing bonds is growing steadily and will in a short time, with proper pushing, carry in some townships of the County. There are many persons who have never favored a bond issue who are beginning to see that it is the only practical way to do the work. The experience and example of Hickory and Newton townships in our sister county of Catawba is having a good effect on the people of Caldwell. It is thought by many persons that a bond issue of reasonable amount would carry in Lovelady, Hudson, Lenoir and Lower Creek townships, and the sentiment in favor of it is growing all over the County. There are many and strong arguments in favor of it and those who propose any other means are unable to show how their plans would be better than the issuing of township bonds. The meeting of the committee here next Saturday promises to be well attended and to be full of interest.

be pulled up and laid in the bottom of the furrow at the time the land is being plowed, which should be between the fifteenth and thirtieth of March, or earlier as the worm turns about that time to a brownish yellow moth. This Larger Borer, as it is called, is not likely to be bad where a good rotation of crops is followed and corn is not planted on the same land oftener than once every two or three years. Land which is planted every year in corn will have to be closely watched or this borer will damage the crop unless the stalks are buried in the furrow very deeply as stated above.

There are several remedies for the small Bud Worm, or Southern Corn Root Worm, which does us so much damage but none of these is perfect in so far as I know. Fall breaking does some good and frequent cultivation and rotation of crops both help. Very early or very late planting also aid to some extent in keeping this pest under control. Prof. Massey says that if kainit is put under corn the bud worms will not kill it, I have never tried this remedy. I asked every man whose record in Demonstration Work I took, what treatment he gave for bud worms. Mr. J. S. Sears, of Dudley, was the only one who had used any treatment whatever and his remedy was One Table-spoonful of Spirits of Turpentine to each gallon of seed corn. Mr. Sears sprinkled the turpentine over the corn. He states that this remedy aided him a great deal in keeping off the worms and was also beneficial in keeping moles from cutting off the stalks of the young corn.

The United States Department of Agriculture has promised to send a man here next Spring to investigate the insects which injure our corn.  
G. M. GOFORTH.

## THE PARCEL POST SYSTEM.

### Wrinkles Will be Ironed Out in Few Days' Practice on Part of the Public.

Washington, Jan. 2. Two operation of the new parcel post system has loaded postoffices with freak shipments, thousands of packages, so improperly wrapped or packed that they can not be transported and thousands of others stamped with ordinary postage instead of the special parcel postage stamps. Most of the packages have gone through but the two latter classes will have to take the slow course through the dead letter office. Postoffice officials, however, are confident that the wrinkles in the new system will be ironed out with a few days' practice on the part of the public.

President Taft received one of the first packages. It contained silver spoons from John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia. Postmaster General Hitchcock has received several packages.

Eggs from Long Island, 300 miles away passed the local postoffice safely. Officials declared many other fragile shipments, properly packed, were being handled without mishap over the country.

All classes of merchandise and, of course, all mail matter formerly designed as fourth class, continued to pour through the postoffices. Officials say the new service is destined to have a phenomenal growth.

New York, Jan. 2. The first violation of the parcel post law was discovered here this afternoon when a queer looking package, addressed to Philadelphia, was opened to reveal a live lobster and a handful of live shrimp. Under the law live shellfish are classed as "unavailable matter." The package was held up.

More than 1,000 packages were mailed at the general postoffice here today and many thousands more at the branch 5,000 bundles came in during the morning from suburban towns. Among them were 40 cartons containing eggs.

Only a small percentage of persons using the parcel post today took advantage of the privilege to have their packages insured.

Postmaster General Hitchcock today issued an order amending the parcel post regulations which would bar from the parcel post service "pistols or revolvers whether in detached parts or otherwise."

A fair correspondent asks: "Will you please send me a receipt for a nice home-made pie?" "Yes, Edith, we will send the receipt in the very first mail after we have received the pie."

No man knows whether he is honest until he has had a chance to steal.

The most distinguished settlers in the South are those who settle the first of the month.

Put your life into your work, or your work will take the life out of you.

Whether business and religion will mix depends upon the mixer.

If things will not come your way you had better go their way.