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A HEROINE IN OBSCURITY.

Eloquent Appeals, Devotion And Bravery Of A Noble Woman Squandered On A Luckless Wretch—A Letter That Would Melt A Heart Of Stone Had No Effect.

In the pocket of a dissolute man who, tired of life, ended his miseries by suicide in Cleveland a few days ago, was this letter from his wife, who lived in another city, says the Louisville Courier-Journal:

"Think of the good times—the woods and the brooks and the country walks—the old happy days in the flat. Are you letting it go? I have believed the good would triumph. I can believe in you still—oh, so heartily, with just a little encouragement.

"My dear you are the heart of my heart. I have done all I could. If I have not been acceptable, God pity me. I would give my life to make you the man you were intended to be if I knew how. Sometimes I have given without avail.

"This was your time, this is your time to show what manner of man you are. I write severely, but my heart goes out to you and you know it in spite of my words. I shall send the money, though it will be a little less than \$40. Your telegram broke my last \$40. It is just as well. I want to know what you are doing. If you return, it means you need my nursing and will resume your work as soon as you are able. It must not mean that you have petered out and have no backbone. That I will not face. Ask yourself if you have done the best you could.

"Don't send more telegrams collect, for I am sending you all my money. You know how much I had when you left and I have no more. Don't think I don't love you. You know I do, but don't delude yourself into thinking that there is any work in New York that is sure or any that is possible if you are not doing right."

You may dig deep into imaginative literature and you will not find a finer piece of writing than this. You will not find a more appealing glimpse of wifely love, courage and sacrifice. You will not discover a truer picture of a woman rising to nobler heights and fulfilling the great duties of woman's life. And yet the pleas, the devotion and the bravery were squandered upon the luckless wretch to whom his wife sent those eloquent words.

He Stopped His Paper.

Once upon a time a man got mad at the editor and stopped his paper. The next week he sold his corn for four cents below the market price. Then his property was sold for taxes because he didn't read the treasurer's sales. He was arrested and fined \$8 for going hunting on Sunday simply because he didn't know it was Sunday, and paid \$300 for a lot of forged notes that had been advertised two weeks and the public cautioned not to negotiate them. He then paid a big American with a foot like a forge hammer to kick him all the way to the newspaper office, where he paid four years in advance and made the editor sign an agreement to knock him down and rob him if he ever ordered his paper stopped again.—San Francisco Call.

COLUMBUS NEWS.

Showers Have Made Crops Grow Steadily—The Ice Cream Festival Saturday—Other Notes.

Sim McFarland has gone to Rutherfordton to find employment.

Many Columbus citizens attended the childrens' day exercises at Mill Spring Sunday.

Rev. T. C. Croker preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning on the subject "service and worship."

The ice cream festival, for the benefit of the Baptist church, will be held, as formerly announced, at the dormitory building, Saturday, June 24th.

The showers that visited this section lately have kept crops growing steadily. Most farmers have their crops cleaned, and chances for good yields are bright.

Register of deeds F. M. Burgess and Sim McFarland made a trip to Rutherfordton Friday, returning Sunday. W. H. McFarland, of Tryon, acted register of deeds during the former's absence.

Few people in this section know that Mrs. Olive Tilford Dargan, who is at Log Cabin Inn, is a successful writer of plays. Her book "Semiranis and other Plays," has been highly commented by the press all over the country. Here, for instance, is the New York Herald's opinion of the writer's ability: "Mrs. Dargan will henceforth be one who must be counted with when American poetry is the theme."

THE WAR.

Estimated That Russia Has Lost 180,134 And Japan 153,662 Lives, Total 333,796—Bloodiest War in History.

Unless a change is made in the programme as agreed upon, representatives of Russia and Japan will meet in Washington about two months hence and endeavor to agree upon terms of peace; or at least come to such an understanding as will bring the war to a close. It has not yet been announced with any apparent degree of accuracy what terms Japan will lay down as the price of peace, and it will doubtless be some time yet before these are known. While Russian officials now and then make the statement that Russia will only accept generous terms, there is little to indicate that she can do other than what Japan says about it.

The news from Manchuria is that steps have been taken for the signing of an armistice which will stop the fighting between the armies of General Linevitch and Field Marshal Oyama. The latter is represented as having practically enveloped the entire Russian army and he being anxious to inflict a crushing blow upon the Russian army even as Togo did upon the navy. The chance of his doing so, however, appears to be remote, for peace is in the air, and the time of gunplay seems to have passed.

Now that the war is practically over, estimates of the total losses are being made. The aggregate losses since the beginning of hostilities, February 8, 1904, are estimated at 180,134 for Russia and 153,662 for Japan—333,796 in all on land and sea. Considering the number involved, this has been perhaps the bloodiest war in history, the mortality being even greater than in the mighty civil struggle in the United States.—Charlotte Observer.

A NEWSY LETTER FROM LYNN.

Birthday Celebration—People Coming And Going—Less "Booze" And More Discretion Would Be Better For The Boys.

G. B. Logan is on an extended visit to his old home in Rutherford county.

Attorney James P. Morris, of Columbus, was in our town this week on business.

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Quite a number of the I. O. O. F's attended a memorial service at Hendersonville last Sunday.

W. T. Hammett made a short visit to his home in Inman, S. C., last Saturday and Sunday.

Keep your eye out for the Jr. O. U. A. M. program for the 4th of July, it will appear in the next issue.

A little less "booze" and a little more discretion among some of our boys would prove to be a great deal better.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Keeter, of Green Hill, N. C., are visiting the former's father, W. A. Cannon, and family.

Rev. Mr. Gibson preached quite a long sermon in chapel last Sunday evening his subject was "christian education."

Miss Mary Lewis Hicks, of Henrietta, N. C., and Miss Maud Hicks, of Spartanburg, visited relatives and friends in our little town this week.

Dr. J. H. Feagan, of Spartanburg, who was an old Polk county boy, was among the picnic folks last Thursday, and with his wife and several friends drove out to our little village.

Quite a number of friends of F. A. Thompson, Esq., and R. H. Metcalf, were invited to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Thompson last Tuesday evening to celebrate the birthday of the above named two gentlemen. Ice cream, cakes and candy were served and a good time generally was reported.

Ruling Passion Strong In Death.

The ruling passion is often very strong in death, says Harper's Weekly. A senator from Tennessee discovered this some years ago. Among his constituents was a certain man who came to him regularly twice a year for the purpose of obtaining a pass to Baltimore. The man and his family had served the senator when he was first making his way up the ladder of politics, and as a result of this he always obliged him, and had, moreover, a soft place in his heart for the man. He obtained for him a position in one of the departments at Washington; but this did not seem to be enough, for regularly at the end of each six months he applied for his ticket to Balti-

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TOWN TAX LISTING NOTICE. I have set Saturday, June 24th, 1905, for listing taxes for the town of Columbus. Don't fail to meet me and list your taxes. L. H. CLOUD, Tax Lister. 6-22

Legal Notices. NOTICE OF LAND ENTERED. L. L. Talbot entered 25 acres of land more or less in Columbus township county of Polk on Waters of Horse Creek joining lands of T. T. Ballenger, W. H. McFarland and Tallant heirs. Entered May 26th, 1905. F. M. BURGESS, Entry Taker.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE. Under and by virtue of the last will and testament of W. M. Faulkner deceased, late of the County of Person, State of North Carolina, which will is of record in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Person County and Polk County, we as Executors of the said W. M. Faulkner deceased will on Saturday July 8th, 1905, at the court house door in Columbus, Polk county, at 12 o'clock m. expose for sale to the highest bidder, the following tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Lying being in the county of Polk, State of North Carolina about two and one half miles from Tryon city, and known as the Tryon Gold Mine Tract containing one hundred and ten acres more or less, adjoining the lands of D. E. Stearns and others, and bounded on the South by Skyuka creek and the land once owned by one Wilcox, and being the land once owned by the late Thos. McGehee and conveyed by his heirs to the late W. M. Faulkner. Terms: One third cash; one third in six months and one-third in twelve months. Deferred payments to bear six per cent interest and title retained until full purchase money has been paid. T. H. FAULKNER } Executors ELISHA BETTS }

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