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The world's greatest men grew upward from the lower classes, while the world's meanest men grew downward from the upper class.

Some people marry because it is contagious. Others because they can't work in single harness. But the most marry because they fall in love and can't fall out.

If you want to know all you have ever done, and many things you never thought of doing, just run for office, and you'll get your character aired in good shape.

The United States is the only country in which the son of the poorest mechanic or laboring man may become ruler and where the daughter of a farmer may become the wife of a President and the mother of Senators. It is the only country where all earthly honors are within the reach of every citizen and where it depends upon the individual himself whether he will be a Senator or a street-sweeper, a rail-road president or a rail-road section hand, a millionaire or a pauper, a general or a policeman a banker or a bankrupt.

**To Our Subscribers**  
 Will you be in Columbus first Monday, that is, next Monday? If so, will you be so kind as to call around at our office and settle that little account you owe us and save us the trouble and expense of sending an agent to see you? We need the money. Each account is small but, in the aggregate they are large to us.

We have many accounts past due, both on subscription and for job work. We will appreciate it if those indebted to this office will call and settle at once, or at least make some satisfactory arrangements.

How much better it is to take the brambles out of the path of your friend than to add thorns to wound his feet.

**Ladies Must Not Read,**  
 Harvard Lampoon.  
 If she had to stand on her head.  
 We knew she'd get it somehow.  
 This poem she has already read.  
 You will wonder how she got a feeling  
 If she got the least kind of a glow.  
 But you bet she will get it somehow.  
 If something she ought not to read.  
 If there's anything worthier in a word.

**Church Directory.**

COLUMBUS, N. C.  
 Baptist—Rev. T. H. Posey pastor.  
 Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and on Saturday before 2nd at 3 p. m. Sabbath School every Sunday 10 a. m. N. T. Mills Supt.  
 Presbyterian—T. C. Croker, pastor.  
 Preaching—3rd Sundays at 3 p. m. Sunday School—Every Sunday 10 a. m. C. C. Hampton, Supt.  
**SECRET ORDER.**  
 Knights of Pythias—J. E. Shipman, C. C. J. P. Arledge, K. of K. and S.  
 Meets every Tues. night in hall over P. O.  
**BUSINESS.**  
 Livery Stable—J. W. Newman, Prop. Columbus, N. C.  
 Lawyers—J. E. Shipman and E. B. Cloud.  
 Polk County Telephone Co.—J. G. Hughes Manager and Miss Katie Campbell Ex. Operator—Columbus N. C.  
 Hotel—J. P. Arledge Prop.—Columbus, N. C.  
 Railroad Station—Tryon, N. C.  
 Private Boarding—Mrs. C. C. Hampton T. E. Walker.  
 Lumber Manufacturers—Cloud & West—Columbus N. C.

**DENTON CANNON.**  
 Popular Couple wed in Asheville Thanksgiving Day.

The romantic marriage of two of Polk's popular residents has just been announced, and so well kept had been the secret that even the most intimate friends of the couple had the slightest inkling of the marriage. The contracting parties are Mr. W. A. Cannon and Miss Eliza Denton, of Lynn.

The ceremony was preformed in the parlor of the Swannona Hotel, of Asheville, N. C., on the 26th day of November.

The groom is the popular postmaster at Lynn and well known throughout the county.

That the secret was kept in violate will be evidenced by the surprise of mutual friends when this account is read.

THE NEWS extends hearty congratulations and bespeaks for them a successful future.

**Thanksgiving Services.**

A thanksgiving service was held at the Baptist church last Thursday. Rev. T. H. Posey preached a very interesting sermon from a strong and appropriate text revealing a great and beautiful providence to which all humanity is indebted for innumerable blessings.

The people were exhorted to render gratitude and service in return. Special music for the occasion was rendered by the school, under the training of Miss Garnette Williams. A quartet composed of Misses Williams, Bertha Cannon, Prof. Posey and Mr. Jasper Arnold sang very sweetly.

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**A PERFECT EGG TESTER.**

**Mr. Hyder of Forest City, Invents Device For Testing Eggs**

President S. T. Tanner, of the Henrietta Mills, Caroleen, last week showed several friends one of the simplest and at the same one of the most effective implements ever devised for testing eggs. The inventor is a Mr. Hyder, who lives near Forest City, in Rutherford county. Sometime ago Mr. Tanner was passing near his place and observed this device. It was so simple and so nearly perfect that he suggested that one be sent down to Charlotte. This is the one which he displayed to several friends on the porch of the Southern Manufacturer's Club.

The device consists of a small box, on the top of which is a mirror and one side is open. The eggs are placed on end in the hole and the light shining through them is reflected in the mirror. If the eggs are spoiled or the least bit tainted, the mirror will show it without fail. A patent has been applied for by Mr. Hyder.—Charlotte Observer.

**MRS. N. L. WILCOX DEAD.**

Died of Typhoid Fever at Her Home in Tryon.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. N. L. Wilcox of Tryon, died at her home of typhoid fever.

The funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her home, the interment took place at the Tryon cemetery.

Mrs. Wilcox was a highly respected lady and the entire community is saddened by her death.

**Can't Please All.**

There never was a preacher or president, poet or politician who could please every body. There never was a tinker or a tailor, soldier or a sailor who could suit us all. Show us a doctor or a lawyer, or a sawyer who pleases the whole multitude. The Lord himself and all the angels in heaven have not succeeded in comforting the human race. There is not a thing on earth or anywhere else that meets the approval of all mankind. Then it would be nonsense for editors or correspondents to fret when their honest efforts fail to please a certain few. Write with sound judgment an honest purpose and a decent pen, and the majority of sensible people will rise and call you blessed.—Ex.

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**Deer Hunt.**

Messrs. Curtis Arledge, Pete Engle and John Fisher of Tryon, have returned from the Sappdore country, near Lake Toxaway, where they have been hunting deer for a week.

They were very enthusiastic about their hunt, and well pleased with the result, having with other members of their party killed five deer. Knowing the discredit which is usually given to hunter's tales they took the precaution of bringing home a victim of the hunt. The editor was convinced by sight and taste that they got one deer some way.

**THE TELEPHONE AND THE FARM**

The present active development of telephone lines throughout the United States brings to mind the fact that it is comparatively few years since the invention of the telephone, which was first publicly exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, 1876. Since that time over 7,000,000 telephones have been put in service. Alexander Bell, the inventor, formed a company for exploiting the device, which was leased, not sold, to the user. The general public immediately realized the immense advantage of the telephone and soon every large city had its exchange. The "Bell" companies, however, did not care to develop the smaller towns, and the village at all. This was but natural, as in large towns, high rentals could be charged, short lines need only be built, and a small investment brought large returns, whereas in a country, the lines were longer and the subscribers fewer.

It was not until the advent of the INDEPENDENT telephone movement, about ten years ago, when local home owned companies formed to supply service where the "Bell" would not, that telephones were placed in reach of the farmer. This was rendered possible by the fact that the original "Bell" patents had expired and that numerous concerns had invented improvements on the original idea, thus placing in the hands of the great American public, better telephone equipment than it was possible to secure from the monopoly, which did not sell, but only rented its products.

The INDEPENDENTS turned their attention to the great mass of undeveloped territory to be found in rural communities, and soon lines sprang up in every direction. In Iowa and in the great Northwest, the farmers in various communities have combined, and by each man buying his own telephone and building the line, which is, after all, a very simple process, telephone service over an entire county or state is possible, and the actual cost of operating these systems amounts to only a few cents per month for each phone.

The advantages of having a telephone are many. First, the advantage of being able to call a neighbor in case of sickness, fire, danger from tramps or other sudden calamities. Second, come the social features. The fact that appointments can be made or social affairs discussed by the women folks who are thus enabled to visit the neighbors and learn what is taking place without a tiresome drive over dark and muddy roads.

If there is a good musician in the neighborhood, the receiver is taken down, the neighbors all listen at their phones, and the music can be heard in twenty different homes many miles apart, thus enabling many to enjoy what hitherto has only been possible for a few.

Third, is the immense financial advantage the farmer himself gains by being able to call up the nearest town and find out the market price of a load of corn, cotton, etc., before he brings same into town. It is also possible with the phone to call up the bank, or the hardware store in case a piece of machinery is broken, and duplicate parts needed, or it is possible to call up the store and have them send something out by a neighbor who is coming your way; in other words, the telephone will monthly save ten times what it costs to the farmer.

The county merchant soon realized that his business is more than doubled by the neighborhood phone line. People buy more when it is easy to ask for. He can buy cotton quickly or can notify his customers of some special bargain. He gets in touch with his customers every day instead of once or twice a week.

When the postoffice has a phone, think how easy to call up and ask if there is any mail, instead of having to drive in to find out.

It is certainly a protection to know that the neighbors will call help in case of need, and tramps carefully avoid farmhouses into which they see the wires running, as they know that even though the men are away, help is in easy call, and they would have no chance to commit a crime and get away undetected, as the whole county can be notified of their whereabouts.

Putting up the telephone line is a very simple matter, the poles can easily be cut near the route of the line, and are easily placed in position. The wires should be of a special grade sold for this purpose, ordinary fence wire will not do. The telephone should be of the best possible grade. One concern, after ten years' of experience, developed a line of instruments known as "Famous Farmer Phones," which are particularly suited to this service, as the parts are few and their construction simple. This concern also furnishes upon request, complete instructions telling how to put up the line and connect the telephones, and how to organize exchanges.

Not only is the telephone of the greatest possible use to the individual, but it is a money making proposition for two or three hustling men who will get together and work up the proposition in good territories.

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