

# TOWN & COUNTY

## Personalographs

### TRYON ROUTE ONE

Oh, the woods, the beautiful woods, as spring bursts forth in triumphant procession of blossom after blossom. Do we take time to appreciate God's little mission arise sent to us spring after spring in all their glory, to teach us beauty, purity, and innocence.

Master Woodrow Heague attended the musical contest at Raleigh.

Mr. E. B. Edwards and son Carl and daughter Miss Essie attended the district conference at Forest City 17, April.

Mr. Ed. Edwards and family are reporting over the arrival of another little boy. Mrs. Edwards and babe are getting on nicely.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Simpson, which prevented her going as a delegate to our annual meeting of the W. M. S. at Asheville last week.

Miss Jane Edwards spent a few afternoon hours with Miss Grace Hamilton Sunday last.

A great typical fox chase was experienced recently, when it was said to be about a hundred men and the race began on top of Fox Mountain, and went as far as Mr. J. T. Waldrop and back up and was caught on the Hamitte farm, some fun for the men, and boys and dogs to catch the fox.

They say Alaska is getting warmer, seems this morning they must have borrowed it from our good old N. C.

Hey to all correspondence did you know twa's Spring again, we would enjoy something about the vicinity, of each you, of you, just now, in the morning of the year.

Mrs. R. G. Hamilton

**HILLCREST INSTITUTE**  
Rev. R. N. Hunter, Mr. W. A. Whiteside and Mr. N. M. Brannon attended the meeting of Presbytery at Statesville Ave., church in Charlotte this week.

### Believed in Advertising

The late Nebuchadnezzar, ancient king of Babylon, who saw the famous handwriting on the wall, was no modest violet. A bit of autobiography he had inscribed on a cylinder 2,500 years ago and securely sealed in the wall of an ancient temple for posterity to dig up and read, now reposes in the Carnegie museum at Pittsburgh. Several of the opening paragraphs are gems of modest praise. He goes on to say: "I am Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, the great, the mighty, the favorite of Marduk (Babylonian God), the ruler who knows no weariness." Then he expatiates at great length on what a builder of temples and walls, "mountain high," canals and other structures he is, and adds, "may the wise men after me, read of all my works which I have written upon the tablet." Nebuchadnezzar was taking no chances of posterity neglecting to give him credit where credit was due.—*Cap-per's Weekly.*

### Historic Bells

An odd wooden cage for the heavy peal of ancient bells belonging to the church of East Bergholt, near Ipswich, England, has often been noticed. This elaborate oak cage stands in the churchyard. It was built originally in the early years of the Seventeenth century, and has been restored recently. The reason for its construction was that the projected and half-completed church tower was never finished. There is a similar, but not quite so large, timber bell-cage in the churchyard of Wrabness, between Colchester and Harwich. Throughout the ages bells have been the heralds of tidings, cheerful and sad, of news good and ill.



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### Stories as Told Place

#### Parrots in New Role

To illustrate his belief in the future life of animals, Mr. Elliott O'Donnell recently told the following stories to the London Times:

A lady living in Hampstead had a parrot of which she was very fond. One of her servants in a fit of rage killed it. The following day the lady was at a party, and she noticed that one of the guests, a gentleman and a stranger to her, was staring at her. Later on he was introduced, and he said to her: "Do you know why I was staring at you? It was because I saw a parrot sitting on the arm of your chair, and after a while vanish." The gentleman then described the parrot he had seen, and convinced the lady that it was the ghost of her killed pet.

Mr. O'Donnell next referred to a parrot belonging to an undertaker who had the bird for 28 years. One day it remarked to him, "You are going to die soon," and a few hours afterward the bird itself died. Two or three days later the undertaker died. At the inquest held on him, reference was made to this incident, and the query was raised, "Do parrots understand and are they clairvoyant?"

#### Worms in Soil

The best treatment for the worms in the soil, which are not likely to be doing any harm, is watering several times with lime water, as recommended recently. Different kinds of worms are found in soil in which there is decaying vegetable matter, but they are harmless. Castor oil is not likely to do your plants any good, and we should not advise using it.—*Montreal Family Herald.*

#### Compass at the Poles

The department of research in terrestrial magnetism of the Carnegie Institution of Washington says that in the absence of any observational data at the true North pole it is not possible to state to what movement, or change in direction, a compass needle at that point is subject. The north end of the compass needle at the true North pole would point approximately toward the North Magnetic pole which is situated about latitude 70 degrees 5 minutes north and longitude 96 degrees west of Greenwich.

### LORD WILLINGTON



Lord Willington, a prominent British statesman, has been mentioned as a possible successor to Lord Byng as governor general of Canada.

#### How Long Fishes Live

How long does a fish live? Not out of water. Any boy can tell that from observation. But with proper food—everything it needs? According to Popular Science Monthly, Major F. S. Fowler of England, who has been conducting a special study to find out, reports that a cat fish, with which he is acquainted, is now fifty years old and is still lively. An electric eel in the London zoo, he found, lived 12 years. Other fish age figures, as given by Major Fowler, are as follows: Carp, thirteen years; goldfish, twelve years; herring, four years; salmon, three years; brown trout, six years. A bullfrog's recorded age was fifteen years; toad, eleven years, and the giant salamander, fifty-two years.

#### Smaller and Better

"At the risk of incurring the scorn of the go-getters, I think that I shall withdraw my support from the bigger-and-better city movement and devote it to the smaller-and-better city movement," said Mr. Cato Ninetells. "There is nothing reactionary about this; quite on the contrary, it is progressive. The bigger-and-better movement, if not as old as the hills, is doubtless as old as cities. The smaller-and-better movement is a reform, a getting away from old things, a getting away from old slogans, as they are so ineptly called. The bigger-and-better movement has been in progress for a long time, and it has achieved remarkable results in the way of bigness, but nothing at all in the way of betterment. It may be that bigness and betterness are incompatible."—*Indianapolis News.*

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### American Nation No Higher Morally Than Western States of Europe

By DAVID HARRISON, in English Review (London).

It is submitted that on an impartial survey there is not a shred of evidence to support American claims to superior morality. However charming the individual American with whom our leaders come into contact, and while recognizing the valuable relief work carried out in Europe by American effort, the fact remains that the United States as a nation is no higher morally than the western states of Europe, and certain disquieting facts suggest a definite inferiority in some respects. Certainly her foreign policy during and since the war—with its failure to discern any moral difference between the belligerents until her own interests were directly touched, her desertion of Europe and Armenia during the critical years of the "peace" and her treatment of war debts on a strictly commercial basis, although her states and cities shamelessly repudiated their debts after the Civil war—suggests a nation acting deliberately according to self-interest.

### There Are Only Five True Tastes: Sour, Alkaline, Sweet, Bitter, Salt

By PROF. D. FRASER HARRIS, in Conquest (London).

We have only the following true tastes: Acid, or sour; alkaline, or soapy; sweet, bitter and salt. Vinegar is sour, baking powder is soapy, sugar is sweet, quinine is bitter and salt is saline. Anything in addition to these that we may perceive in regard to what we take into the mouth belongs either to the group of the odors, to that of contacts, or to that of sensations of heat and cold. In other words, nerves of taste, of smell, of touch, and of heat and cold are all involved in what we call "tasting" anything. If you are asked what the taste of an apple is like you would reply, "Oh, well, just its own taste, the taste of an apple." But there is no such taste; an apple must be sweet or sour; what we call the "taste" of the apple is its flavor or smell, which can be perceived before the fruit is taken into the mouth at all.

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In our plans for the enlargement and improvement of the service in Tryon, we found it necessary to employ an entirely new force of operators. These operators are thoroughly experience, but will require a little time to become familiar with equipment and local conditions. We therefore ask your co-operation in the following manner as a means by which we may render you the satisfactory service it is our purpose to give:

We have issued a new telephone book for your convenience, and in order to help us render a better service will ask you to please call by number, as our operators are not familiar with names in Tryon and in order to look up the numbers for you it takes time which would otherwise be used in securing for you prompt service.

In consideration of the fact that Tryon has grown over night by leaps and bounds, and as it is a well known fact that any telephone system of any size can only give a satisfactory service by requiring their subscribers to call by number, we are sure that in asking your help in this manner we are not out of line with what is reasonable, and assure you we are using every possible means to effect a better and greater system and service for a better and greater Tryon.

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