

A DEMOCRATIC family newspaper devoted to the interest of County State and Nation. Published every Thursday at Boone, Watauga County, N. C.

Our Biggest Tree.

The largest tree in the State of California, or on the American continent, perhaps is "Old Sequoia," the titan of all the red wood giants, which stands at an altitude of 5,300 feet above the sea level, at a distance of seventeen miles from the Yosemite Valley. At present "Old Sequoia" is but a blackened stump, but as it stands it is without doubt the oldest representative of the vegetable kingdom in the world. At one time, before the wind and fire partially destroyed the grove of "big trees," of which it was the chief, "Old Sequoia" was more than a hundred yards high and upwards of fifty feet in diameter. At present the stump is 185 feet in diameter near its charred and blackened roots.—Ram's Horn.

The Fruit of Giving.

In Connecticut a few years ago lived a lady who had a beautiful flower garden in which she took great pride. The whole country was proud of it, too, and people drove miles to see it.

She fastened two large baskets on the outside of her fence next to the road, and every morning they were filled with cut flowers—the large showy kinds in one basket and the delicate, fragile ones in the other. All the school children going by helped themselves and studied the better for it; and the business men took a breath of fragrance in their dusty offices that helped the day along. Even the tramps were welcome to all the beauty they could get in their forlorn lives.

"You cut such quantities," some one said to her, "aren't you afraid you will rob your self?"

"The more I cut the more I have," she answered. "Don't you know that if plants are allowed to go to seed they stop blooming? I love to give pleasure and it profits as well, for my liberal cutting is the secret of my beautiful garden. I'm like the man in Pilgrim's Progress:

"A man there was (though some did count him mad). The more he gave away the more he had.—Gospel in All Lands.

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An exchange says that Mrs. Nancy Hollifield, who lives near Ellenboro, Rutherford county, is the oldest person in the State, if not in the world. Her age is 115 years. She is bright, cheerful and talkative. Some two or three years ago she fell and injured her hip and since that time has been confined to her bed. Her health is good and eats heartily.

It is now stated that there will be no money at St. Louis during the Republican Convention with which to buy negro delegates as has been the custom heretofore. If the colored brother hears of this deficiency he will not press into the convention like if there was money to pay for his vote.

Leap year is getting in the full work. In Kentucky a license has been issued for the marriage of a 15 year-old boy and a woman of 40, and in one of our western counties a 16-year-old boy who is so deformed that he cannot walk or stand or sit, was carried to the Tennessee line in an ox cart to marry a deaf and dumb woman 20 years old.

Russell may be a weak man but we can't beat him by saying so and resting. Our opinion is that Russell just has a spleen and prejudice enough to get the republican vote. He is bitter and mean, of course, but is about as good as the republicans ever put up. The democrats will work before them.—Chronicle.

Notice to Claimants of Seizure.

United States Internal Revenue. Asheville, N. C. May 15 1896.—Notice is hereby given that seizure was made at Grayson, Ashe county, N. C., on the 7th day of May, '96, of 20 barrels of corn whiskey, and one copper still and apparatus complete property of F. V. Cass, No. 4578. Above seizure was made for violation of Internal Revenue Laws. All persons making claim to the above property will appear at my office in Asheville, N. C., within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice and file such claim, otherwise the property above described will be declared forfeited to the United States under Section 3460 R. S. S. L. ROGERS Col. 4th Dist. N. C. per J. C. HORTON, D. C.

NOTICE.

By order of Elias Carr, Governor, a special term of the Superior Court will convene at the court house in Boone, Watauga county, N. C., on Monday, July 13th, '96, to continue for one week, or until the business is disposed of. Judge Henry R. Bryan to preside. Said court is for the purpose of trying civil cases, also State cases, where the defendants are in jail. Plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses, take notice and govern yourselves accordingly. W. C. COFFEY, Chm. Id. Co. Coms. Boone N. C., May 25, '96.

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as the executor of Jonathan Horton, deceased, late of the county of Watauga, N. C. This is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of June 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment. This May 21st 1896. J. C. HORTON, J. B. HORTON, Executors of Jonathan Horton, deceased.

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Raleigh, N. C., April 10 96. A Convention of the Democratic party of North Carolina is hereby called to assemble in the city of Raleigh on the 25th day of June, 1896, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Governor and other State officers and Presidential electors for the State at large; for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Democratic convention at Chicago, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

The several counties of the State will select delegates to the State Convention in accordance with the plan of organization this day promulgated.

Done by order of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

JAMES H. POU, Ch'm. Smithfield, N. C. WILEY RUSH, Sec. Ashboro, N. C.

(Democratic papers are requested to publish.)

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that a petition will be filed with the board of county commissioners on the first Monday in July asking that the Blowing Rock township line be changed so as to add the following named boundary to Blue Ridge township: Beginning at Thunder Hill on top of the Blue Ridge, thence with said ridge to Yaddin spring at the county line, thence with said line east to the Blue Ridge township line, thence with the Blue Ridge and Blowing Rock line to the beginning. This May 3, 1896. PETITIONERS.

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COPY OF RECEIPT:—Received of the Equity Life Association on check of P. H. Trout, Treas. No. 2929, dated March 13th, 1896, payable to the order of Mary Brown on the Augusta National Bank of Staunton, Va., which said check is accepted in full payment and discharge of the policy No. 3046, issued May 7 '94 on the life of William H. Brown, of Dellaplane, N. C.

Mrs. MARY BROWN. Witnesses—J. F. Shepard, J. P. R. W. S. Pegram M. D. Dellaplane, N. C. GEN. FITZPUGH LEE, Pres't. FRANK A. CLINARD, Agt. Hickory, N. C.

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Lenoir Topic: The people are beginning to talk politics just a little at last, and it is pleasing to note the lack of partisan bitterness and resentment that characterized the campaign of two years ago. There seems to be quite a spirit of tolerance and conciliation abroad in the land. Good men in all parties want what is best for the country.

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