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## Notice—Entry No. 2435.

C. W. Henderson enters and claims 75 acres of land in Hogback Township, Transylvania County, N. C., lying on the waters of Flat Creek, of the south prong of French Broad River, adjoining the lands of G. W. Henderson, L. E. Reese, Julia Ann Galloway and others. Beginning on a hickory G. W. Henderson's line on the south end of Pine Ridge and runs corner on the south end of Pine Ridge and runs 1/4 mile courses for complements. Entered this 7th day of July, 1903. W. M. HENRY, Entry Taker.

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

### Remarkable Record of 2 Years—All Debts Paid, Iron Bridges Built, Railroad Extended, Taxes Reduced—County Paper Is at Par with Gold, and Prosperity Reigns,

It is the privilege of our citizens to vote as they please and any attempt to force freemen to do otherwise will ever result in failure. To a thinking man the right to vote is the right to advance the best interests of his county and to insure peace and prosperity to its people. He casts his ballot after due consideration and should not be influenced by prejudice, passion or any selfish motive.

It is not claiming too much to say that the majority of our voters are of the class described above, as there are many such in both parties; at times though the floating vote is large enough to overwhelm the better element. As a result incapable and unworthy men fill the public offices.

While there will not be an election here for over a year we want to call the attention of the taxpayers and property owners of Transylvania county to the management of the business affairs of the county under both democratic and republican control. After a careful consideration any clear minded man will easily see the great difference in the two administrations. Under democratic management the county has been rescued from bankruptcy and placed on a solid financial basis. All back debts, contracted under republican rule have been paid, the bond issue increased by \$25,000, great improvements made, and yet by the judicious, able and honest administration of the county's affairs our tax rate has been steadily lowered, until at the present time it is more than 10 cents lower than when the republicans were in office.

When the republicans went out of office in this county they left hundreds of dollars of debts unpaid. It was under their administration that the iron bridge across French Broad, known as Johnston's bridge was built but owing to their bad management and carelessness the amount due was not paid and the democrats had to pay something over \$600 on this bridge besides the interests on past due notes. Since the democrats have been in office they have built three iron bridges, at a cost of \$2700; several new wooden bridges, and have paid for them when the accounts became due, saving the taxpayer all interest and getting a good discount for cash. So in the matter of bridges the democrats have shown a marked business superiority over their republican predecessors.

Then in the payment of interest on the first issue of railroad bonds: When our friends the republicans retired from office at the earnest solicitations of the voters of this county, they had failed to pay the interest when it fell due. The result was that

the democratic officers had to pay the past due interest, and also interest on interest that amounted to over \$100, so the taxpayers of Transylvania had to pay for the bad management of the republican officials. Although the railroad bond issue has been increased by \$25,000 the democratic officials have paid every instalment of interest promptly as it became due. The taxpayers have not had to pay interest on interest since the democrats have had control. When the republicans went out of office the tax rate was \$1.23 1/2 on the \$100 worth of property and even at that high rate they were not able to pay running expenses of the county. If they had continued in office they would either have had to levy a higher tax, levy a special tax, (they did that once,) issue bonds or refuse to pay their debts.

The democrats, although they have more interest to pay and have spent much more for improvements have brought the tax rate down to \$1.10 on the \$100, a decrease of over 10 cents. Every cent the county owes is paid when due, there are no back debts unpaid, as was the case under republican rule.

At the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners the Sheriff made his bond for the new tax list, and having settled last year's tax in full, there was enough money on hand for the Commissioners to order that all county claims bearing date before September 8th, 1903, be taken up and paid. This order makes the juror tickets of last term of court as good as cash now. Under democratic rule county claims are worth 100 cents on the dollar. They don't have to be shaved—take them to the Sheriff and he will take them up. When was this ever done under republican rule?

There has been no trouble about the school funds since the democrats have been in power. Every school has run its full time and the teachers were paid in full at the end of the session. The Legislature had to pass acts for the relief and payment of several teachers who had not received their salaries by reason of republican bad management. We therefore point with pride to the able, honest, economical and progressive government of our county under an entire democratic administration, and not only is it a matter of pride, but it is a saving of many hundreds of dollars to the tax-payers of the county.

We ask that the citizens read and consider this article, and if they are in doubt to go to the records and find the statements made here verified.

The Sylvan Valley News office for blanks of all kinds.

## Progressive Hendersonville.

### Many Improvements Which It Would Benefit Brevard to Copy.

We are glad to learn that our enterprising neighbor is going to add to her many attractions a park, lake and street car system. Few towns in Western Carolina can offer as many natural inducements to visitors as Hendersonville, and with the above mentioned improvements she will be far ahead of any towns except Asheville and Brevard. The time has passed when Brevard need have any jealous feelings about Hendersonville; there is room for both, and enough people come to the mountains during the year to fill both to overflowing. In fact every improvement Hendersonville makes is a benefit to Brevard, and the same is true of Brevard's improvements.

There should always be a reasonable amount of civic pride in the citizens of each town, and also a small amount of rivalry, but our energies should be spent making greater improvements and in offering greater inducements to the traveling public and not in making violent and unseemly attacks on each other. Our interests are identical, and that which benefits the one but adds to the other. It affords us pleasure to advise our visitors when they decide to go elsewhere that in Hendersonville they will find much to please the eye, and we assure them that the health and accommodations of our neighbors are all that could be desired. If Hendersonville should become as populous as New York, Brevard would be its Brooklyn.

Summer visitors rarely spend the entire season at any one resort. We want them to be pleased with our mountain country; we want them to know that there is another town as attractive and pleasant as Brevard; we want them to come back next year, and the year after, so we talk for Hendersonville, which we can do with all truth. We are close together, and we can hold a much larger number of tourists in this section by speaking well of our nearest neighbors than we could by making harsh criticisms or unjust accusations. A genuine neighborly spirit and feeling will do much to improve both towns, and it is our earnest desire and intention to create and foster a feeling of friendship and fellowship and community of interest between the two best towns in the mountains—Brevard and Hendersonville.

## A Very Special Request.

I most respectfully and earnestly request all who were pupils of Dr. Braxton Craven to send me at once on a postal card their name and post office address. I feel sure that all former pupils will do this much for the sake of their great and revered pastor.

Respectfully,

T. N. IVEY,

Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate, Raleigh, N. C.

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## NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of W. C. Fisher, deceased, late of Transylvania county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said W. C. Fisher to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of August, 1903, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This August 13, 1903.  
RHODY E. FISHER, Administrator.  
W. W. ZACHARY, Attorney.

## Notice—Entry No. 2426.

John S. Patton enters and claims 26 acres of land in Brevard Township, lying on the waters of French Broad River, adjoining the lands of the heirs of Charles Patton, Wm. Johnson and others. Beginning at a hickory Charles Patton heirs' corner in Wm. Johnson's line and runs north 26 poles to a chestnut oak thence west with their line 18 poles to a black oak thence south 36 poles to a stake in Wm. Johnson's line, thence east with his line to the beginning, containing 26 acres. Entered 15th day of July, 1903. W. M. HENRY, Entry Taker.

## Big Land Opening.

A large tract comprising thousands of acres of fertile lands in the famous Red River Valley is now thrown open to the public for settlement. This body of land lies directly adjoining that rich and fertile section known as the Kiowa and Comanche Country of Oklahoma on the Red and Pease Rivers, within a few miles of Vernon, Texas, a flourishing county seat town of 3,500 people, substantial homes, public buildings, schools and churches. Two lines of railroads now completed; one Pease system runs directly through the land. Here is a county where wheat, oats, corn, cotton and alfalfa grow side by side; where they have a seaboard market and favorable shipping rates; where the growing seasons are long and the winters short and mild, laws second to none and taxes one-fifth that of Eastern and Northern States. Special trains via the Frisco system will run to this land, leaving St. Louis at 2:30, 8:35 and 10:40 p. m., and Kansas City at 7:15 and 11:30 p. m., Tuesday, September 15, next. Low rate of \$15.00 to St. Louis and Kansas City to Vernon, Texas, and return. Proportionately low rates from all other points.

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