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Town Taxes.
The Tax List for the year 1903 of the Town of Brevard is now in hands for collection. All tax payers are notified that the tax is now due and prompt payment will be enforced without favor.
J. A. BRYSON,
Town Tax Collector.

Brevard Tannin Plant.

A New Bridge Over the French Broad River at This Point Is a Necessity.

For the first time since April we found time on Monday last to visit the new plant of the Brevard Tannin Company near Pisgah Forest. In the five months that have intervened since we were on the ground, quite a respectable village has grown up in the beautiful farming country which has ever been one of the principal Davidson river attractions. In addition to the extensive buildings which contain the huge machinery and other paraphernalia necessary for extracting tannic acid, there have been built 15 cottages for homes of workmen who will have permanent employment when the works get to running. The genial superintendent Mr. W. P. Long was ready and willing to impart information, but as it was not our intention to describe the plant until completed, our interview was not extensive. His answer to the question as to when the plant would be in operation was this: "Our condensers, ordered in May, have not yet been shipped from the factory. Other orders were in ahead of us and we have been compelled to wait our turn. We expect, however, that they will be shipped very shortly." As the condensers turn out the finished product ready for shipment there can be no grinding of wood or filling of vats until they are in position and ready for business. The enterprise is a vast undertaking and represents an investment of many dollars. It has already doubled the price of wood in the county and will be a permanent market for many years to come.

A NEW BRIDGE NEEDED.

Learning that a petition was in circulation for a new bridge over French Broad near the Tannin plant, and that said petition would be presented to the County Commissioners at their next regular meeting, we concluded to personally inspect the ground which would be most benefited. As we see it the people who live on the Dunn's Rock side of the river would be very greatly benefited by this bridge, whether they wish to come to Brevard on business or haul wood and bark to the acid plant. The distance in either case would be shortened and a better road for business or pleasure. The merchants of Brevard would be benefited because many who now go to Hendersonville to trade could come here. The Tannin Company would only be benefited by reaching a little farther to the mountains for their wood ply, and yet the company proposes to give the right of way through its premises and pay the cost of the bridge—a liberal proposition.

A new bridge that is built to bring the various sections of the county in closer touch and therefore benefits every citizen. If our town expects

to grow in population or importance as a business center it should encourage the building of bridges—there are not half enough in the county. If we aim at any notoriety as a summer resort we must have attractive drives for our summer visitors and this bridge would open to them the Tannin plant, Pisgah Forest and Vanderbilt's road up Davidson river, and would make one of the most attractive drives in the county.

The petition being circulated already contains the names of several of the heaviest tax-payers in the county, while the mountain people would be most benefited; T. T. Patton gives the right of way through his Dunn's Rock land, so there could be no cost for damages; It would open Pisgah Forest station to the people of Dunn's Rock township, and would add to the pleasure of our summer visitors by attractive drives. There are a hundred valid reasons why the bridge should be built while there are none against it. We need more roads and bridges and we sincerely hope the Commissioners may see the matter in the same light.

A Sad Incident.

Mrs. P. B. Wilson, of Pee Ell, Wash., whose visit in this section during August will be remembered by her many friends, sends us the following clipping from the Arizona Range News, of Sept. 4. The parties interested are well known and have many friends and relatives in Brevard who will be pained to learn of their trouble:

"Sunday afternoon as the west bound train pulled into Willcox two ladies with a little child in their arms, dangerously ill, were seen to leave the train and hasten to the hotel. Dr. Nicholson was summoned and did all a physician could to alleviate the suffering infant, but it expired about 6 p. m. In the meantime it was ascertained that the strangers' names were Mrs. Robert Wilson, mother of the child, Mrs. P. B. Wilson her sister, and they were enroute from Brevard, North Carolina to Pe Ell, Washington, where they were to meet their husbands.

They were strangers in a strange land and in distress, but the ladies of Willcox were equal to the emergency and assisted the unfortunate travelers in every way possible.

The Masonic lodge also tendered its services and the use of their hearse.

The funeral which was well attended took place Monday afternoon, the remains being interred in the local cemetery. Messrs. H. A. Morgan, Kasper Hansel, M. J. Soto and W. R. McComb acted as pall bearers and W. M. Ayers officiated.

C. C. Shronfe, Superintendent of the Tucson division of the

S. P. Railroad happened to be a visitor to Willcox at the time and hearing of the predicament the strangers were placed in, at once instructed Station Agent Lean to exercise every precaution and see that delay necessitated at this point did not inconvenience the travelers in the further use of their tickets in reaching their destination.

The unfortunate strangers left Tuesday on the west bound train but not, however, before expressing their appreciation and thanking the citizens of Willcox for the kind assistance tendered them in their hour of distress."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Clifton Branham was executed at Wise, Va., for wife murder. Before going to the scaffold he made a speech and asked indorsement of his deed. About 300 of the crowd agreed with him.

Mississippi is experiencing a labor famine. The mills and brick yards are having trouble getting hands as well as the farmers.

In the case of Aaron and Archie Dill, charged with peonage, at Birmingham, Ala., gross cruelties and theft were charged.

The German cruiser Falke, is at Pensacola, Fla. The president and the kaiser were toasted when officials visited the Falke.

The army worm has appeared in the delta around Vicksburg. Druggists are getting rich selling paris green.

Sherman Stephens, a negro, was hanged at Wedgwood, Ala., yesterday for the murder of his aged father.

At yesterday's session of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows at Baltimore, the report of the committee on the proposed million dollar memorial building was adopted.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Bryan daughter of Hon. W. J. Bryan, to Mr. Charles B. Leavitt, will take place at Lincoln, Nebr., on Saturday evening, October 3.

Dynamite was exploded under the buggy of Contractor Ferguson, near West Middleton, Pa. Mr. Ferguson who was killed, had \$5,000 in a satchel, which is missing.

Troops that will take part in the army maneuvers at West Point, Ky., are beginning to arrive there. The maneuvers take place in October.

Ellis Roberts, treasurer of the United States, made an address to the District of Columbia Bankers' association last night.

Hon. Harvie Jordan, of Georgia, has been elected president of the Farmers' National Congress.

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New Road Is Now Complete.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 26.—Five thousand persons, representing six counties, at Dunn, participated in the celebration of the completion of the Cape Fear and Northern railway from Apex to that place, a distance of 40 miles. Governor Aycock and the other state officers were present and the governor spoke. The company which owns this road, of which B. Duke, of New York, is the president, is building, at Duke, on its line, the Erwin cotton mill No. 2 with 35,000 spindles and 1,500 looms. These mills were visited.

Ladysmith Defender.

New York, Sept. 28.—Lieutenant General Sir Ian Hamilton, who participated in the defense of Ladysmith, arrived from Liverpool on the Lucania today.

A Love Letter

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed salve for sores, burns or piles. Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best salve on earth. 25c at Nichol's drug store."

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