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## MOTION TO MOVE MURDER CASE

On Tuesday M. Dillard of Murphy associated with counsel W. R. Sherrill and J. H. Harwood made a motion before Judge Ferguson who is trial Judge at Robbinsville court to have the case against Hardy Wiggins and Merritt Miller for the murder of R. L. Phillips of Tulula moved from Graham County to Cherokee.

The trial of these two defendants will draw a great crowd to Robbinsville, if the motion made before Judge Ferguson is overruled. The murder of Mrs. Nancy Phillips, her daughter Mary Runyan and son Charlie on May 1st and the ambush of the husband and father R. L. Phillips on Aug. 24th has created more excitement than anything that has occurred in that county for many years.

Former friends and relatives of the defendants have taken little interest in establishing the innocence of the men, because all reports of the evidence is of such a strange strong and convincing character as to discourage and repel them.

## STUDENT'S REUNION.

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A few months ago I suggested, through the columns of the Journal, that we have a reunion of the students, patrons and friends of the Dawson-Hughes school of East La Porte Academy. A Committee was appointed to arrange a program, but nothing definite has been arranged, or rather, been announced.

The time has arrived when we should "get busy." If agreeable with the committee, and if no other arrangements have been made, I would like to suggest that Saturday, September 25th, be set apart as the date for this occasion; since that would give those who are at a distance an opportunity to attend both this reunion and the Jackson County Fair.

Would like to suggest also that each one interested make an effort to notify the students at a distance of this occasion.

LELA POTTS HAGAN,  
No. 12 North Pack Square, Asheville, N. C.

## COURT HOUSE GROUNDS TO BE IMPROVED

The County Commissioners have employed men to clean off and level up the grounds on the court house hill. This work will be done before the unveiling, and in the spring they intend to have a lot of work done on the grounds, such as setting out trees, sowing it in grass and a number of other improvements. When this is done Jackson County will have one of the most beautiful county seats to be found any where.

Bring your exhibits to the fair and show the people what you are doing along this line.

Sept. 18 is the date for the unveiling of the monument.

## Program Unveiling Monument.

Chairman, W. L. HENSON, Clerk Superior Court.

1. Invocation—  
Rev. EDWIN R. HARRIS
  2. "Maryland, My Maryland"-----By Choir.
  3. Address of Welcome—  
HON. COLEMAN C. COWAN.
  4. Response—  
Prof. A. C. REYNOLDS, Pres. Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School.  
(Music by band)
  5. "The Sword of Lee"  
MISS BEULAH DILLS.  
(Music by band)
  6. Presentation of Monument—  
JAMES H. CATHEY, Chairman Monument Association.
  7. Acceptance—  
HON. BAXTER C. JONES, Member of General Assembly.  
(Music by band)
  8. Solo—"The Flag of Dixie"  
MISS LUCY GRINDSTAFF.  
(Dixie by band)
  9. Unveiling by eight little boys and girls dressed in white and gray, assisted by twelve young ladies dressed in red, white and blue, bearing twelve State Flags.
  10. "Dixie"-----By Choir
  11. Introduction of Orator—  
CORSEY C. BUCHANAN.
  12. Oration,—  
GENERAL THEODORE F. DAVIDSON.  
(Music by band)
  13. "The Old North State"-----By Choir
  14. A Living Flag --  
By Young Ladies of Qualla Graded School.
- DINNER.

## LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

Mr. D. L. Robinson,  
Willet, N. C.

Dear Sir:—As I have been living in this country for quite a while, I will write and give you my honest opinion of this state as I see it, requesting you to have it published in the Journal for the benefit of my old friends of Jackson county.

This state is going to be a pauper state in the near future. It has been growing worse for the past five years. I should not advise anyone to come to look for work or for a home. The state is overrun with both classes. You tell all you see who are thinking of coming west as soon as the war is over, thinking there is a better chance for him, he will be sadly disappointed. For the classes who will in a short while make this the hardest country in the united states for the laboring man to make an honest living, have got the hold in this country.

The time has been when a good, steady boy could save some money here, but it will never be again. I have been in this state and other surrounding states the greater part of 16 years, as you all who know me know, and I think I know what I am talking about. When the home seeker comes to buy land he must pay 50 cts. in the dollar for climate.

The idea of the war bringing prosperity is a foolish one so far as the Pacific coast states are concerned. These states have had their boom.

They rose, but fell never to rise again. Land that sold readily at a good price three years ago, must go begging now, simply because it will not produce as it once did.

If a man comes here to work in the lumber industry he must compete with the cheapest labor of Europe. All the big lumber camps

now give our foreign neighbor the preference in their work. When you go in a camp now and see an American born citizen, you may say they are short on foreigners, because he cannot fill his job if they can fill it with one of them. This is why I say this must become a hard country to live in.

The milk industry did look very promising but the business is on the decline and going fast. It's a fact that a dairy cow that once sold for \$150, now brings only \$75; the steer that sold for 11 cts. per lb. is now 7 cts. per pound; and the same is true—in proportion of pigs and sheep. So you can see at once how it has gone. But if you want to buy a beef steak it costs from 18 to 25 cents per pound.

That goes to prove that a class is fast getting a hold that will make this—the northwest—the hardest place in the United States to live in.

So tell all our boys who are thinking of coming to this country to just keep their money and buy some young live stock, for they have not even a gambler's chance in this country.

The timber in the northwest is all we ever could boast of very much and forest fires are burning it now, as I write this letter by the millions of feet and the vast wealth of our country going up in smoke.

Many of our people would deny this, but if you doubt it, come and take a look at our hills after a fire.

I have worked in the wood since I came here, 16 years ago, and after the timber is gone 3-4 of the land is absolutely worthless.

As I see it the South is the one country that must come to the front. It grows the things that all the world must have, cotton, grain, live stock and many other things I could mention.

If I was a young man looking for a home, I would settle in the South and especially western North Carolina, from what I have seen.

For fear my letter is too lengthy I will close. With best wishes to my Jackson county friends; I remain,

Yours truly,  
MANN BLANTON.  
Hamilton, Wash.

## REMEMBER

The Confederate Veterans will have the freedom of our little city at the Monument unveiling on the 18th of this month. Every privilege and pleasure are yours.

Especially are the Confederate Veterans, their wives and daughters invited to the unveiling. We do not wish a single one to be absent. This is your day.

Every precious widow of a Confederate soldier—you have the warmest welcome of our hearts, at the unveiling the 18th.

Let all the sons of Confederate soldiers turn their faces toward Sylva soon on the morning of the 18. We want you. We need you. We cannot get along without you.

Let no person in Jackson County or anywhere else feel "slighted." Every man, woman or child in all these happy mountains is cordially invited to be present at the unveiling and the management will feel slighted if you are not. Sylva has but one big gate of welcome for all that day and the latch-string will be on the outside and a baby can pull it.

Dinner will be abundant and absolutely free on the day of the unveiling. Sylva will do her part on the subjects of "eats," but the crowd will be so big and happy and healthy on that day that little old Sylva will need some rescue and we modestly, kindly, earnestly request all our country cousins to bring a box or basket from their rural, rich abundance and let us all have one square meal in mutual beseeching, old time mountain, camp-meeting hospitableness and cheer. Free Dinner. Free and Dinner at the unveiling will be verbal partners. They will be the best of friends, the chummiest of sweethearts—wherever you look you shall see Miss Dinner hanging on the arm of Mr. Free chattering in the most approved and delicious fashion about Chickamauga and Gettysburg and Seven Pines and the bronze man representing the man in gray and the tottering veterans and the sweet children and the beautiful girls, the gallant "sons" and the spic national guard and any and everything the eye may see and the tongue may utter that is interesting and timely, romantic and reminiscent. Say, cousin, if it clouds up a little the morning of the eighteenth don't you beat a retreat but you order a charge.

Jas. H. Cathey, Chairman

## BRIDGE CONTRACT LET

The County Commissioner awarded the contract of putting in a bridge across Scott's Creek on the Sylva-Dillsboro Road near the fair grounds to W. M. Brown and H. O. Curtis.

The contract price is \$1500 and the work is to be completed before Sept. 28th.

This will make it much more convenient for the people below here to get to the fair grounds during the fair.

## THE FAIR AN ASSURED SUCCESS.

The Fair which will begin here the 28th of this month and continue until Oct. 1st., promises to be one of the best fairs yet. From the number of inquiries that are coming in there will be one of the largest exhibits of live stock, poultry, agriculture and horticulture exhibited in the western part of the state, and also of ladies work.

The management has secured one of the largest carnivals that has ever been in this part of the state, consisting of a number of shows, merry-go-round, ferris wheel ocean wave and a large number of concessions consisting of almost every kind of amusements that are moral that can be gotten together.

In fact it looks now as if everything was going to be full from the pig pen to the midway.

Friday Oct. 1st. will be Educational Day. There will be a parade of 1200 school children led by the brass band and old soldiers. After the parade will be a short address, and then the contests by the students of the county schools.

## WORDS OF PATRIOTISM.

Following is an extract from a personal letter from Hon. T. D. Bryson of Bryson City which I take the liberty to publish. It is the feeling of a worthy son of a noble sire expressed in such terms of patriotism as well as beauty of diction that I feel it would be a distinct loss for the public, especially the young men of Jackson, in the face of our duty to the Confederate soldiers, to lose it:—"I am unable to tell you how much I appreciate your kindness in allowing me to be of some small assistance in the erection of this monument. There is no cause that is nearer to my heart, or in which I feel a deeper interest than I do in keeping green in the memory of the generations to come the noble achievement, heroic valor and patriotism of those who marched under the flag of the Southern Confederacy.

They fought and died for an ideal. Their devotion to the cause that they deemed just is written in letters of blood upon many battle fields, and the rear guard of that grand army is now rapidly marching to the last roll-call and soon taps will have sounded. To those of us who have the honor to be sons of those who once wore the gray is left the precious heritage and one not lightly to be regarded, and it behooves us all if we hope to be considered worthy sons of our valiant sires to keep bright their memory and by our tribute of words and example burnish brighter, if possible, the shield of their valor.

Jas. H. Cathey.

## HEALTH AND HAPPINESS DEPEND UPON YOUR LIVER

That sluggish liver with its sluggish flow of bile is what makes the world look so dark at times. Dr. King's New Life Pills go straight to the root of the difficulty by waking up the action of the liver and increasing the bile. Dr. King's New Life Pills cause the bowels to act more freely and drive away those "moody days." 35c. a bottle.