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A WRITER in the Baltimore Sun suggests local option for compulsory education. The Charlotte News thinks it is impracticable. We submit it to the teachers.

The Hendersonville Times makes a pertinent inquiry when it asks: "What would you give to have your farm brought three miles nearer town?" Then by way of answer says:

"There are many farms in this county which could, as far as the time required for the trip is concerned, be brought three miles nearer to Hendersonville by a better system of country roads."

This applies equally as well to our county and the towns one must reach to do business. Then why grumble at road taxes that are collected for the purpose of bringing you "nearer town" as it were, by keeping the roads in good condition in order that quick time can be made over them.

The temperance people of the county are circulating a petition asking the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of spirituous and malt liquors in Polk county. All who are in favor of prohibition in this county should sign the petition.

A temperance rally will be held in the court house at Columbus, on the first Monday in February and should be attended by all who wish to see such a measure enacted.

A committee of three, consisting of Rev. W. H. Perry, Rev. T. C. Croker and H. E. Gray, have prepared a circular letter, copies of which will shortly be sent to persons all over the county, urging them to attend this meeting and work for the cause of temperance. The ladies are cordially invited.

The temperance cause is gaining ground in the "Old North State" and many of the counties already have bills or petitions before the Legislature asking for prohibition or other temperance legislation.

CHIMNEY ROCK SOLD.

The Citizen learns today that Chimney Rock, which is one of the greatest curiosities of the Blue Ridge mountains, and located in the Hickory Nut Gap region, has been sold and that the purchasers are western parties.

Chimney Rock is located in the most romantic and interesting part of the Blue Ridge, about thirty-five miles southeast of Asheville. Near the gap is the grand canyon of the Broad river. Walls of granite rise in places to a height of over one thousand feet on either hand. Over one of these falls is Ribbon Falls, which goes down the rock for thirteen hundred feet, and is the third highest falls in the United States.

Chimney Rock, as its name indicates, is a curious rock formation shaped like a chimney of gigantic dimensions. It is five hundred feet high and commands a fine panoramic view of mountain and stream. The general scenery around Chimney Rock is wild and weird but beautiful. Bald Mountain, made famous by Mrs. Burnett's play of "Esmeralda," which she wrote while on a visit to the mountains. "Esmeralda's" cabin is still pointed out by the hotel proprietor at Esmeralda.

This mountain at one time caused the scientific world, as well as the immediate inhabitants, considerable anxiety by indulging in repeated rumblings that resulted in local earthquakes that broke chinaware and other fragile things, for miles around and finally a large fissure of bottomless depth appeared across the end of the mountain. This crack is half a mile long, about seven feet wide and the bottom has never been found. Smoke was reported to issue from it at one period. The Cave of the Winds is a large fissure in the solid granite of the mountain from which the scenery below may be viewed.

One of the most remarkable natural curiosities in America is at Chimney Rock and known as "The Pools." There are three of these, one of which is said to be bottomless, or at all events no one has succeeded in measuring it.

Chimney Rock belonged to Representative Freeman of Henderson county, who is now in Raleigh attending the legislature. It is expected that some noted improvements in the Hickory Nut Gap section will follow.—Asheville Citizen.

AN EXPRESS SAFE IS BLOWN OPEN.

The Southern Express Company's office at Hendersonville was broken into on the night of Jan. 15th and the safe wrecked with nitro-glycerine. The Hendersonville officers say that the safe was cracked by professionals and that there was more than one robber.

There was no money in the safe and the robbers had their work for nothing.

The front of the safe was blown entirely off and pieces scattered about the room. Although the remains of the safe show that a powerful explosive was used there was not enough noise to awaken anyone, nor did the night operator on duty at the depot, 100 yards away, hear any shock. Nothing was known of the event until next morning. The officers think that skilled operators must have wrapped the safe in blankets or heavy cloths to deaden the noise of the explosion, and they think that the pistol shots near the depot about the time of the occurrence were fired to attract the attention of officers or anyone who happened to be on the streets to the depot and away from the express office. The shots were fired at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 16th and this is thought to be time of the robbery.

The office was entered by the rear window. There was no employe in the office. The Southern Railway has a detective at Hendersonville hunting for the robbers.

CHURCH NEWS.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

PRESBYTERIAN—T. C. CROKER, Pastor. Preaching every third Sunday, 11 A. M., and at night Sabbath school at 10 A. M.

BAPTIST—REV. JOHN WALKER, of Rutherfordton, Pastor. Preaching every first Sunday in the month at 11 a. m., and the Saturday afternoon previous. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 A. M.

GREEN RIVER CIRCUIT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH. Rev. W. H. PERRY, Pastor, Mills Spring, N. C.

THE YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—Miss MAY E. McCLANAHAN, President. Meets every Sunday evening at 7 p. m. at the Institute building. All are cordially invited to attend.

The session of the Presbyterian church met Sunday after the morning service. A mid-week prayer service was arranged to meet every Wednesday evening.

Gray Hampton was elected sexton of the church.

The hour for Christian Endeavor meeting in Columbus is Sunday at 7 p. m. Ministers are requested to bear this in mind when making appointments for Columbus and try to arrange their services so they will not conflict with the Christian Endeavor.

The first quarterly conference for the Green River charge will embrace the first Sunday in February and the Saturday preceding.

Several Wesleyan Methodist preachers visiting in the Mill Spring section are holding prayer meetings from place to place.

Rev. W. B. Lyda, of Weaverville, has been assigned to the charge of the Saluda Methodist church.

COMPOSITION ON PANTS.

Pants are made for men, and not for women. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants. Such pants don't last. Pants are like molasses—they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold. Men are often mistaken in pants; such mistakes are breeches of promise. There has been much discussion whether pants is singular or plural; the fact is, when men wear pants it is plural, and when they don't wear pants it is singular. Men go on a tear in their pants and it is all right; when the pants get on a tear it's all wrong. If you want to make the pants last, make the coat first.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage executed on the 3rd day of February 1902, by Wm. Blackwell and wife, Nancy Ann Blackwell to T. C. Hampton to secure an indebtedness of \$41.00 which mortgage is duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Polk county in book 17, page 578 and, which became due and payable on the 1st day of August, and default having been made in the payment of the same, I will, on the 18th day of February 1903, within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale at the court house door in Columbus, N. C., at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said indebtedness with interest, cost and expenses added, the following described lands, lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of Polk, townships of Columbus and Tryon and described as follows: A tract of land known as the Julia Mills lot adjoining the lands of C. C. Constant, John Blackwell and others and more fully described in a deed from Julia Keller to Julia Mills containing two and one-fourth acres, more or less.

A second tract of land bounded as follows: Beginning on a rock near the old Pacolet church place on F. A. Thompson's line; thence north 78 yards to a rock; thence east to M. H. Weaver's line; thence south with said line to the corner of Thompsons and Weavers' line; thence with Thompson line to the beginning; containing four acres more or less.

Also a third tract which is herewith attached and bounded as follows: Beginning on a rock at the corner of the second tract and running north one hundred and forty yards to a stake; thence west to Thompson line; thence with said line south to the corner near the old Pacolet church place on the west side of the old road to the beginning, corner of the second tract, containing 3 acres, more or less.

T. C. HAMPTON,
Mortgagee.

This Jan. 19th, 1903.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage executed on the 7th day of October, 1902, by E. L. Holbert to J. T. Waldrop to secure an indebtedness of \$12.50, which mortgage is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Polk County, in Mortgage Book No. 1, at page 306, and which became due and payable on the 1st day of December, 1902; and default having been made in the payment of the same, I will, on Monday, February 2, 1903, within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale at the court house door in Columbus, N. C., at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said indebtedness with interest, cost, and expenses added, following described lands lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of Polk, Township of Tryon, and bounded as follows: Bounded by the road from Tryon to Columbus and the lands sold by Sample Hipp to Milnor Jones, running with said road 120 yards and back from the road 70 yards, containing 2 acres more or less.

J. T. WALDRUP,
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J. E. SHIPMAN, Atty.
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