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Church Notices.

St. Philip's (Episcopal) Church. Service at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. second Sunday in month, conducted by Rev. D. H. Buell, S. T. D.; also, at same hours on 4th Sunday by Rev. Mr. Rice. Offertory at every morning service.

M. E. Church South. Service at 11 a. m. on the first and third Sunday of each month. Rev. Victor York, Pastor.

Baptist Church. Service on second and fourth Sunday of each month. No regular pastor at present.

Lodge Meeting.

Dunn's Rock Lodge, No. 267, A. F. and A. M. Regular monthly communication Friday before the full moon each month at 7. p m.

Arrival and Departure of Mails

For Hendersonville—Leaves daily at 7 a. m. From " Arrives " at 3 p. m.
For Asheville—Leaves daily at 7 a. m.
From " Arrives " at 6 p. m.

Travelers' Rest, S. C.—Tri-weekly.—Leaves at 5 a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; arrives on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p. m.

Pickens Court House, S. C.—Semi-weekly.—Leaves Tuesday and Friday at 6 a. m.; arrives Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p. m.

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R. C. LANKFORD, *Postmaster.*

THE RAILROAD.

It is with pleasure we inform our readers that the prospects are bright for our railroad. Greenville is to vote soon $200,000 to extend the road to the North Carolina line, and from a private letter we are informed that $345,000 has been subscribed at Knoxville; Engineer Runseur has been ordered to prepare the work for giving out at contract, and the survey through this State is proggressing.

Therefore, we need no longer have any doubts as to the early building of the road.

Since writing the above we learn that instructions have been received here to place before the people the matter of voting a subscription to the road; and we expect the County Commissioners will, at an early day, give some definite information on the subject.

THE HOTEL.

Now that there is no longer doubt that the Carolina & Knoxville road will be built through the beautiful valley of the French Broad, at an early day, it is hoped that some man who has capital and experience will seriously consider the advisability of the building of a hotel of large capacity at Brevard.

The time is not distant when Brevard will be no mean rival to sister towns of much greater pretentions at present, and we hope that some party will be induced to view the field and become acquainted with our many advantages, which would insure the success of a large and elegant hotel.

MRS. CLEVELAND was twenty-three years old last Thursday.

HON. Z. B. VANCE delivered an address in Asheville before the State normal school.

MR. SYLVANUS COBB, JR., a story-writer of surpassing popularity, died last week at his home at Hyde Park, Mass.

THE RALEIGH *News-Observer* speaks in glowing terms of the magnificient resorces of our mountain country, hospitality of the people, and the wonderful and lovely scenery.

THE total capital invested in 1887 in the fourteen Southern States is greater by $97,574,500 than during 1886. Alabama shows the largest increase, with Tennessee second.

for Thompson Orphanage (Episcopal institution) at Charlotte.

The contract has been given for a new graded school building at Greensboro. It is to cost $11,970.

A man at Durham took a sack of salt, weighing 250 lbs., in his teeth and walked across the store with it.

Gov. Scales has consented to be present at the Grange Encampment at Mt. Holly and make the opening speech.

The *Democrat* says two new brick buildings are to be erected at the poor house of Mecklenburg county for the benefit of the destitute of the county.

The Governor has appointed W. C. Fields, Esq., a director of the State Penitentiary, *vice* E. L. Vaughan, Esq., of Allegany county, resigned.

The Wilmington *Star* says that extensive beds of lignite have been discovered in Bladen county, near the Cape Fear River. It is possible that coal will be found.

The regular annual meeting of the N. C. Pharmaceutical Association was held Wednesday, at Asheville. At the same time and place the N. C. Board of Pharmacy met for the examination of candidates to practice pharmacy.

The horse of Mr. George Strickland, of Franklin county, took fright at a cow while he was driving along the road, ran away, threw him out of the buggy and killed him.

A [illegible] from Lexington to Salem in three hours time last Saturday week, (that hot Saturday) dropped dead just after reaching his destination. Indict the man who drove him.

The wife of the Attorney General of the State, Mrs. Theodore F. Davidson, departed this life after a long illness at her father's home at Alexander's on the 24th inst. She was interred at Asheville, the home of her husband.

The advisability of an ordiance prohibiting women from wearing Mother Hubbards on the streets has been under consideration by the commissioners of the town of Mocksville.

The business affairs of ex-Congressman J. W. Reid are again said to be satisfactorily adjusted by friends and relatives in this State and Virginia, and that he will leave Canadian soil an at early day.

Rocky Mount *Phœix*: On Friday night, between 9 and 10 o'clock a bolt of lightning struck the stables of Mr. T. E. Powell, near Gold Rock, and killed two valuable horses and a fine ox. The stables caught on fire, but the rain put it out.

Scotland Neck *Democrat*: Five thousand barrels of flour are brough to Scotland Neck yearly by our farmers. Was there ever a greater economic blunder committed by any people since the beginning.

An Exchange says: The recent assessment of property in Cumberland county cost the county at least $600. There were eleven townships, and three men from each township. There are ninety-six counties in the State, so the cost to the State will not be less than $50,000 or $60,000. If their duty has been conscientiously performed it is money well spent but if they failed—what then?

The United States Department of Agriculture reccommends the destruction of cut worms before the setting of plants. The mode is to place cabbage or turnip leaves in rows 15 or 20 feet apart all over the fields, and about the same distance apart in rows. The leaves are first dipped in a well stirred mixture of a tablespoonful of Parris green to a bucket of water; or they may be first dampened and then dusted with a mixture of one part of Paris green to 20 of flour, and placed carefully with the dusted surface next to the ground:

There are still 20,000,000 acres of Government land in Dakota open to settlement, but it is being taken up so fast that the whole will be gone within the next three years, it is said, and the best of it within the next year or year and a half.

P. E., on an execution issued on three judgements aggregating $14,200, held by James Kenworthy, a wealthy manufacturer.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days numbered for the United States 147, and for Canada 25, or a total of 172, as compared with a total of 179 last week, and 154 the week previous to the last.

The Minneapolis (Minn.) Chamber of Commerce, appointed a committee to meet with other committees to extend an invitation to President Cleveland to visit Minneapolis on his proposed Northwestern trip.

MR. S. L. FRADY, of Asheville, who was here a short time ago, has rented the Jerry Rich house, a mile from town, and is now occupying it with his family.

THE Asheville *Citizen* advocates extending an invitation to President Cleveland to visit that city on his return from Atlanta. He has also received an invitation to visit Memphis.

MR. A. F. WALTERS, who carries the mail from Brevard to Hendersonville, has just had a buggy placed on the route, and will hereafter carry passengers from one town to the other. Mr. Walters is an accommodating man, and those who patronize him will have no fault to find. The fare from one town to the other is $1.20, which is very reasonable.

This new and large hotel must be built. It will not injure the business of the private families where boarders are taken. On the contrary, the demand for private boarding-houses would increase. There is not a place in the South where a big hotel is so badly needed, or where one would pay as well.

THE *Advance* says that "a fine specimen California Salmon was caught in the French [illegible] weighed 7½ pounds. Some years ago the U. S. Fish Commissioners distributed several hundred of the small Salmon in the French Broad and its tributaries near Asheville, and this is thought to be one of them." We have not heard that any specimen of these fine fish has yet been caught in this locality.

WHY don't those who own plenty of real estate, and have no money, sell part of their land to raise money for improvements? Life is short; so do not wait for some one to give you a tremendous price for your land—you may not live to get the price you think you ought to have. Improve your property, and you increase its value. Do not wait to have somebody else improve it for you.

WE direct attention to the advertisement of B. C. Lankford, Esq., who recently bought out the livery business heretofore conducted by Mr. M. D. Cooper. Mr. Lankford has added additional stock and vehicles, and is prepared to furnish saddle horses or teams at any time. There are so many points of interest within our charming valley, that we predict Mr. Lankford's horses will have little time for rest during the summer and fall.

A DOG bit one of Mr. W. B. Duckworth's children. Mayor Farmer had the dog killed promptly. The same dog, which belonged to Mr. Duckworth, some time ago bit one of Mr. Hampton's children severely. There are too many dogs in the community. It is frequently the case that dogs rush from the yards and attack persons walking along the street, especially after dark, which is of course well known to the brute's owner, but who cares nothing. The public highways are for the convenience of people, not dogs; and any man would be perfectly justified in killing a dog if he is attacked by him on the street or road. Keep your dogs on your premises.

Rattle Snakes.

MR. S. S. WILSON, who resides a few miles from town, had a snake adventure a few days ago, and narrowly missed being bitten. He [illegible] in the act of stooping over a log, with his foot too near the ground on the opposite side to withdraw it before putting it down, he saw a rattle snake directly under the edge of the log and in a position to indicate he had just struck. The imminent danger inspired Mr. Wilson with strength and activity to get out of reach before the snake could strike again. He then attacked his snakeship with a shovel and cut its head off. As the beheaded reptile seemed to continue singing, he drew it from the log and found a pilot snake concealed under the leaves. After killing the pilot, Wilson concluded to take a peep under the log; and as he stooped another rattler struck at him, and barely missed his face. After killing the third one, and as he was dragging him out a fourth snake—a pilot—was found, which was also killed, when Mr. Wilson took a fresh chew of tobacco and went home.

Help Your Paper.

The Statesville *Landmark* is one of the best weekly papers in the State. It is also one of the best sustained. It publishes more letters from the people—more neighborhood news—than any paper we know. That is the way to encourage a paper. Subscribe for it, advertise in it and write for its columns. Do not leave the editor alone to do everything, and then find fault with him if his paper is not what you think it should be. Help him to make it such.—*Henderson Gold Leaf.*

Every word of the above is true. We hope our friends will bestir themselves without delay, and give all the aid they possibly can to the PIONEER.

Who will build it?

THE health of Transylvania is now very good, the dysentery which prevailed in the lower end of the county having subsided.

THE two falls on Cathey's Creek are called—the lower one "Sonfia," and the upper one "Willia." They were so named by Dr. George Glazener.

THE work around our public well, which Mayor Farmer has just had done, is a good job as far as it goes. Some arrangement should be made for carrying off waste water.

WE regretfully record the fact that a citizen of Brevard has been fined $5 for the violation of a town ordinance, and is also charged with resisting an officer in the discharge of his duty. This is a State case, and the defendant was bound over to appear before Squire Shipman on Saturday.

THE man who will interfere when a sale of real estate is being made, and advise the owner to go up on the price charged, thus possibly preventing a trade, is an incubus upon the growth and prosperity of a town. Any community would be much better off if he would either die or move away. We hope we have no such benighted heathen in our town. We want sensible and progressive men to help build up Brevard.

WE would like to inquire what preparation, if any, is being made for the opening of our school this fall? There is a very great responsibility resting upon a christian people in the education of their children; and where this duty is neglected the parents must suffer the odium attached to those who neglect their offspring. We could and should have a most flourishing school at Brevard. "What kind of schools do they have?" is a question asked by everyone when contemplating moving to a new home.

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Be Reasonable.

Before the city of Birmingham, Ala, was located, the capitalists were anxious to improve Elyton, the county seat. But the real estate owners of the latter village, thinking that a town could not be built anywhere else in Alabama except on their land, put the prices of building lots up to a figure which made themselves ridiculous, and drove off the buyers. The result was that the town of Birmingham was laid out, not far away from Elyton. And while Birmingham rapidly grew to be a flourishing city, Elyton went as rapidly down hill, until lots which the owners thought ought to be worth a hundred dollars could not be sold for five. The avaricious old fogies who had a chance to sell their property at reasonable prices, and help to build up Elyton, but would not, bitterly repented the folly of their grasping demands, and died poor and miserable, whereas they expected to kick the bucket with untold wealth at their disposal. The above are facts, which contain a moral.

Old Relics.

Some old and interesting relics of the early days of our State and of the Government were handed to us the other day by Mr. S. S. Wilson. Among them is an almanac which was printed during the Presidency of George [illegible] Thomas Jefferson Secretary of State. It contains a list of "Duties on goods imported into the United States of America, by an Act of Congress of the 4th July, 1787;" laws regarding foreign-built vessels, and for the regulation of custom-houses; lists of officers of the government, Senators and Congressmen, and the calendar.

There are two bills of Continental Currency—one of eight dollars, by act of Congress at Philadelphia, May 9, 1776, and the other of sixty dollars, by act of Congress at same place, September 26, 1778. They present rude specimens of letter-press work, but are printed on good and thick linen paper.

Four other bills are North Carolina currency—a $10 bill, printed "By authority of Congress," at Halifax, April 2, 1776; and three other bills of the denominations of one-fourth of a dollar, one dollar and ten dollars, by act of the Assembly at Hillsborough the 8th of August, 1778, entitles the bearer to receive the face value of the bill in "Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver." These are all printed on good paper, but in very inartistic style. They are about on a par, in this respect, with the sutler's shin-plasters with which we were all so familiar from '61 to '65. On all the North Carolina bills, except the one-fourth of a dollar bill, is printed the words "Death to counterfeit." Why it was omitted from this one is difficult to imagine, unless the currency was so worthless that there was no fear of anyone wasting paper in counterfeiting a bill of such very small denomination. These relics constitute a rare collection.

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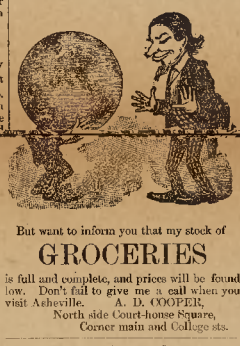

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