

Letter from Rev. Edgar Tufts.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: It isn't often that you see a letter from a sanatorium, written by a person from the mountains, for the mountain people seldom have to go to such a place. If I had had the good fortune of being a native-born, perhaps I would not have had the misfortune to be in a sanatorium. But while I am not a native of the mountains, I have done everything I could since I have been old enough to know a good thing when I see it, to show my love for and faith in the mountain people. I have not only adopted the mountains as my home, but I persuaded a lady in Virginia to do the same. We have never regretted the choice, and there are now in our home three young, sturdy mountaineers who love their native heath next to their parents.

My heart throbs with joy in anticipation of getting back to Banner Elk about the 1st of March, as it did with sorrow last November when the doctors told me that I would have to leave for a few months. Many a time during these months of quiet rest and recuperation in this delightful retreat for the sick, have I looked up at the great Beech Mountain and wondered what the people in Watauga and Avery were doing. My heart has been touched more than once by letters of love and sympathy. It has been worth getting sick to find how many and how true our friends are.

A number of letters have come from other places begging me on account of health, to leave the mountains. I have felt like replying to them that I would rather live four years in the mountains than five anywhere else. Then I have been reminded of the seventeen years that I have lived in the mountains, filling from two to three appointments every Sunday without missing a single one account of personal ill health, until this breakdown occurred, and I have wondered how much better I could have done in some other climate.

But I did not mean to write so much about myself. I wanted to tell of the Orphan's Home that we are going to build at Banner Elk for the mountain children. We were starting this at the time that I was taken sick. I believe that this is a work that will appeal to everybody.

Perhaps in no part of our country are there more orphans in proportion to the population than there are in the mountains. The reason for this is not because the country is unhealthy for parents, but because of the number of children that are usually found in every home. And perhaps nowhere do orphan children have a harder time. The reason for this is partly because the houses of those who would take them in are usually small and full enough of their own, and partly because of the poverty of the people.

The location of this Home will be on what is known as the Lybrook farm. The house is being enlarged to a building of sixteen rooms. Water works and electric lights will be installed as a matter of convenience and economy. A portion of the farm and the outbuildings will be used for the home.

Until a better name is suggested it will be called the Grandfather Orphan Home, in honor of the great Grandfather mountain, whose rugged upturned face would suggest the pleadings of a father's blessings upon the orphan children, who will be cared for in the valley below.

It is our purpose to have the Home ready by the middle of August. In the mean time an appeal to the friends of the fatherless in the mountains and elsewhere, to help with their gifts. Not only money, but furniture

Blowing Rock Items.

The revival in the Baptist Church closed last Sunday night, and, considering the severe weather, the meetings both morning and night were well attended, much interested manifested and the churches revived under the able leadership and earnest preaching of Rev. J. M. Payne; many people walking miles through snow, sleet and biting wind storms, even the public school closing during the hour for preaching each morning, and teachers and scholars attending the services, indeed, it is a general custom throughout this region for the schools to close during the revival meetings, so eager are the people to have their children get spiritual as well as worldly wisdom.

On Monday after the Revival, a congregational meeting was held for the annual election of a pastor for the Baptist church here, the congregation almost to a man voting for Mr. Payne to succeed himself, the community rejoicing in the result of the election.

Mr. Norman C. Cordon, a popular travelling salesman for a Richmond Va., paint and oil house, returned home last Saturday after a long absence, and plans spending a week with his family who are wintering here; and in honor of his return and her mother's birthday anniversary, Mrs. Cordon gave a charming dining on Sunday last, among the guests present the following: Mrs. and Miss Haughton mother and sister of Mrs. Cordon, Master Norman Cordon and Miss Elise Weedon.

Mrs. Sallie Reeves and Miss Lena returned last week from a visit to Miss Ruth in Richmond, Va. their many friends and good neighbors rejoicing to see again a light in the window and smoke from the chimney of the old home closed for a month.

Mr. N. C. Green who has a good job on the new Government building in Hickory is spending this week with his family, and talks of moving to Hickory in the autumn, highly praising both town and climate, yet, Blowing Rock will be the looser, for "Newt" is much thought of here, and Mrs. Greene, daughter of our good townsman, "Uncle Luntz" Holshouser, is one among our most highly honored young married women.

Mr. Colliss Greene and Miss "Lae" Lentz were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley C. Lentz among our most substantial citizens living on the R. F. D., Rev. J. M. Payne performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Green, beloved wife of our highly valued citizen, Benjamin Green, Esq., is at this writing quite ill, but, with her sister, Mrs. Sim Pendley as devoted nurse and our Doctor Brooks as skilled physician, the many friends of Mrs. Green feel that she has a good chance of soon being well enough to resume her household duties.

Mrs. W. P. Pendley, to the delight of her friends, last Saturday left her room after an illness of three weeks, the whole household feeling that they could not have had a "Valentine" more sincerely appreciated than the recovery of this good lady who is one among the most popular hotelists in the famous Blowing Rock country.

A little grandson of Mr. Tolliver Greene of Bailey Camp died last Saturday, and was buried next day; the family having the sympathy of the whole neighborhood.

Because Ex-Mayor G. M. Sud-

and stock and poultry and clothing will be needed. Let us do for the orphan children what friends are doing for the orphans in other places and what we would wish others to do for our children if we had to leave them. For further particulars write to

REV. EDGAR TUFTS, Banner Elk, N. C.

derth, Ex-Postmaster LeRoy Bollinger, Squire Thomas H. Coffey, and Mr. Clingman Miller recently visited the metropolis of Watauga county, report has it that these gentlemen are each seeking the vacant postoffice here.—mean while we note that clerk George Coffey is running the office with commendable faithfulness, undoubted skill and to the satisfaction of the general public, while rural mail-carrier Bernard Cannon and deputy C. C. Winkler are sustaining an enviable reputation for efficient and faithful service. Mr. Cannon the successor of Mr. Stephen Coffey who, as the first R. F. D. man from this office for a number of years traversed the lonesome beat (how lonesome none but an R. F. D. man knows) braving dangers from storm and flood and enduring hardships which few beside the men of the coast guard service experience surely both classes of men are heroes of a class by themselves deserving of more consideration and greater remuneration.

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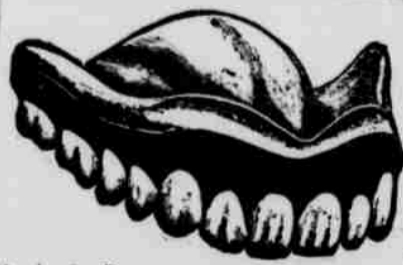
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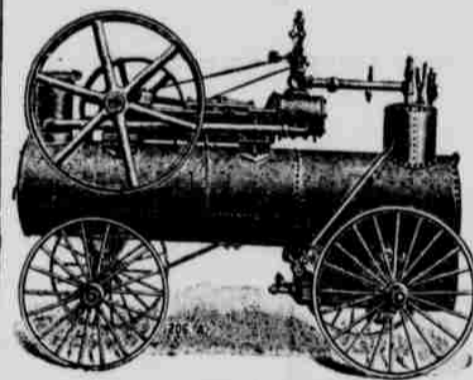
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