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Blowing Rock-Breizes

Prof. and Mrs. John S. Williams and their large and interesting family have moved from their old home at Deerfield to the John Council house on Abernethy road where their friends, old, new and yet-to-be will find a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and their jolly household are in their summer home determined to get the most out of the few months' outing, and their cousins, the Vardella, across the way, are up with the same determination.

Mr. Ivan Stewart, a popular young man of Newton, is with his brother, Herbert, at Skyland Inn, undecided as to the opening of that at one time popular hotel, their mother's health still not strong enough for her to undertake the work and responsibility of running the hotel during the season, only those who have tried it having any conception of the enormity thereof.

Prof. Gamewell, of South Carolina, and interesting household have opened their cottage for the season near Blowing Rock Hotel where they enjoy life literally in the woods for a couple of months, a privilege and pleasure combined which the mountain people do not appreciate as they have them all the year round, but city-bred folks do enjoy them to the full, partly because they are deprived of them most of the year.

The printer's devil caused correspondent to say in a recent letter that our summer cottage people "have not only brought prosperity but continue to improve it" when he, poor fellow, intended saying that they have not only bought property but continue to improve it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Cox have moved into their attractive bungalow on Washburn Avenue where, the other night, a little stranger came to brighten the home even on days when the sun shines not and the fog hangs like a pall over the whole earth.

Chief Clemens, with an able force of road makers, is grading the road between the village and the hotel district, so that ere long it will be the finest piece of road in this part of the State, but the incessant hard rains are putting to the test any piece of road pronounced good. Chief Clemens, however, is putting in ample culverts to drain off the great volumes of water that become torrents when rushing down a steep graded road as many of our mountain highways must, of necessity, be graded.

The summer visitors are much in evidence now-a-days and the village robbed of its quietude, but we welcome the good people who come here to enjoy nature to the extreme limit, yet there are some who seem to think that they are the whole world and all others are not worth considering, and these people drive through town after midnight waking the echoes with their mirth or blowing their auto horn to its fullest capacity, disregard the Sabbath day rights of other people and have no regard, whatever, for public opinion—such had better not leave the railroad but take the next train back home; yet the majority of the people who visit our town are a benefit and a blessing to it and we would feel lost should these splendid people fail to visit the Rock each year, for, after a lonesome winter spent in the heart of the Blue Ridge, where for months we must needs sit still and look at each other, a performance of which we grow mighty tired, it is delightful to see again delightful people from the outside world, a world from

More Hope for Europe Than Mexico

Terrifying as some aspects of the European struggle have been there is nothing in the whole world so forlorn as the plight of Mexico, and no topic so gloomy and in gloom. There is more hope in the worst corner of Europe than in the brightest spot in Mexico. In the period of Huerta's dominance our authorities at Washington pinned their faith upon Carranza. He seemed to represent the cause of the people, and to have a fair prospect of leading the way to peace and regeneration. Later on the administration was obliged to give up Carranza as wholly disappointing, and to make Villa, with his well-regarded assistant, General Angeles, the object of their prayers and hopes. General Obregon has of late seemed to hold the center of the lurid stage, and he is in the field while his chief, Carranza, lingers at Vera Cruz. A high authority at Washington remarked in private confidence the other day that a vigorous American leader could take a large trainload or two of provisions and a million dollars in cash and march straight to the City of Mexico with 200,000 loyal Mexican troops, who would be glad to serve him for daily bread and a small regular wage. Mexico today is an anarchy, not an organized political sovereignty. A military dictatorship doubtless will establish itself upon the ruins. It is a thousand pities that responsible Mexican citizens who have property and lawful interests in that country are so lacking in wisdom and common sense that they do not urge the United States government to take up the task of reorganizing Mexico in an altruistic and neighborly spirit.—Review of Reviews.

Confederate Way Contrasted With Lusitania Case

The sinking of the Lusitania recalls an almost forgotten chapter in history. In December 1862 the Ariel, a large passenger steamer, owned by Vanderbilt's grandfather, Commodore Vanderbilt, was overhauled by the Confederate cruiser Alabama off the coast of Cuba. The Ariel had on board 140 Federal officers and men, a battalion of marines on their way to the Pacific station. She also had on board over 300 other passengers, many of them women and children. Of course, it was not possible for the Alabama to take the passengers off the Ariel, which was a large and valuable ship, and the property of a bitter enemy of the South, but it never occurred to the Confederate commander, Raphael Semmes, to sink the vessel. He sent one of his officers to reassure the women and children who were expecting dreadful things from the "pirate." Not an article belonging to any passenger was touched. The soldiers were paroled, the ship placed under bond (a bond that Commodore Vanderbilt never made good) and the Alabama steamed away to seek for stronger foes. The South was shut in with powerful foes, as Germany is shut in, and the South was crushed in defeat as Germany probably will be, but defeated or victorious, Germany can never have the shining record for chivalry and consideration for the weak, coupled with unsurpassed courage, that is the imperishable heritage of the Southern Confederacy.—Ocala, Fla., Star.

which the winter storms of ice and sleet and snow and rain combine to shut us out for many months at a time. So we welcome the summer visitor and wish for him all that he hopes to gain of good from his sojourn among the hills.

Mr. Bryan's Sound Doctrine

Whatever else may be said about his views, Mr. Bryan is eternally right in his contention that preparedness for war provokes rather than prevents war. That has been demonstrated beyond any question of doubt in the present European conflict; it is so plain that, as The Landmark sees it, it is beyond the pale of argument. It is illustrated in the daily life of the individual. The average man, unless it is forced on him, will avoid a personal difficulty if he feels that the other fellow has the advantage in preparedness; and the average man will find cause for offence more readily if he thinks he has the advantage. A pistol in the pocket has brought on many a disturbance where there would have been none had there been no pistol.

And Mr. Bryan is also right in his contention that the European war is the result of the fundamental precept that "might makes right." The governments of Europe have been conducted on that false philosophy, that comes from barbarians, since the beginning. In the conduct of European affairs we have seen instance after instance, in recent years, of the strong oppressing the weak simply because the strong had the power. Japan's recent action in China is an example.

Paradoxical as it may appear, all of this does not mean that we should disperse our army and abolish our navy. So long as the ideas mentioned prevail, we must be in a position to defend ourselves or to enforce our rights if the necessity arises. But we should limit our naval equipment and our army to the lowest possible limit consistent with reasonable safety, not considering imaginary dangers; and we should continue, by precept and example, to contend against the idea that "might makes right," for once that is eliminated the necessity for burdening the people with immense armies and navies will have largely passed.—Statesville Landmark.

Obituary

The enemy death entered the home of Mr. Thomas Winkler on the morning of June 1, 1915, and snatched from him his dear wife, sister Grace, who died of epileptic fits, and was sick only a short time.

Sister Grace was married to Mr. Thomas Winkler about eight years ago, and had since that time lived a devoted life. She was formerly Miss Grace B. Coffey.

The deceased united with the Tabernacle Advent Christian church in Caldwell county, where she lived a faithful member and worker until she and her husband moved to Watauga county where she united with Pine Grove Advent Christian church.

The subject of this sketch was one of the most beautiful characters I ever knew. She was a friend to every person she met, and always had a kind word for each one. To know her was to love her. She will be greatly missed in church and community.

Sister Winkler leaves a kind husband and two small children, a father and mother, one sister, and three brothers, but they mourn not as those who have no hope.

Words of comfort were spoken by her pastor, Elder S. E. Gragg, from the 14th chapter of Job.

May Heaven's richest blessings rest upon the bereaved husband and friends.

We laid her to rest in Pine Grove cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. A FRIEND.

Secretary Lansing

We believe the country had expected that the temporary appointment of Mr. Robert Lansing as Secretary of State would be made permanent. This is a recognition of past services, for while Mr. Lansing had not been much in public view, he had been much in evidence in the council chamber of the Secretary of State's office and on the advisory board of the President. It is a recognition which will be of approval by the people.—Charlotte Observer.

Miserly Old Woman and Her Money

The papers have told an interesting story of an old woman in Grant township, Randolph county, Miss Ascenith Cox, who lived alone, was a miserly old soul, and died worth thousands. She was a distant relative of Mr. F. T. Cox of Newton and lived about a mile from his old home. It is estimated she was worth \$50,000, a tempting lot of gold and silver money and gold bars, foreign money, etc., being found in her home. It is said that several years ago she moved all her specie from the bank, and there was so much weight to it they used a one-horse wagon. Nobody has ever known what became of it. She would have nothing but specie in trading. Her timbered lands are very valuable and she would never sell a tree, telling buyers that she wanted the "ancient landmarks to stand."—Newton Enterprise.

The Starving Mexicans

From 12,000 to 20,000 of the city's poor have been standing in line at the food distributing station from 3 o'clock in the morning until long after dark for the last seven days in an effort to get enough corn to keep alive. From eight in the morning until two in the afternoon they bear the hot rays of a tropical sun and from the latter hour until dark they stand in downpours of rain, for the wet season has begun.

On some days as many as two hundred have been carried away on stretchers by Red Cross attendants. They have dropped from weakness due to lack of food, from being overcome by the sun's rays, or from suffocation. So desperate have the rushes for corn become at times that soldiers guarding the lines in the effort to maintain a semblance of order have had to fire over the heads of the hungry throngs. While these scenes were being enacted on the streets in various sections of the city, delegations to the National Convention were quarreling over whether General Gonzales Garza or Gen. Manuel Palafox should be named Chief Executive. At times the debate became so fierce as to cause weapons to be drawn.

One of these passages was interrupted by a mob of women who stormed the chamber with the cry of "Give us corn." There is little corn to give, an allotment of two quarts being the maximum allowed to any one applicant by the distributing stations. The delegates, when not engaged with matters of precedence and office-seeking, devote their time to passing laws such as bills to compel the tilling of all vacant lots, though seed corn for planting and water for irrigation are lacking and bills to lower the price of cereals, although little is to be had at any price. One delegate introduced a bill making labor compulsory on all, especially the rich men. This man is first assistant to a cabinet minister.—Mexico Dispatch, 18th.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

At 1 o'clock on Monday, July 5, 1915, at the court house door in Boone, N. C., I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, pursuant to the laws of North Carolina, all the lands in Watauga county on which taxes for the years 1913 and 1914 have not been paid, a list of which lands to be sold and the amount of taxes due thereon, with costs added, as required by Sec. 2883, Revised 1905, is as follows:

BALD MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP	
For 1913	
winebarger, w. t., 5 acres	\$3.61
clawson, o. w., 17 "	1.68
BEAVER DAM TOWNSHIP, 1913	
miller, e. b., 164 acres	\$43.85
BLOWING ROCK TOWNSHIP	
1913 and 1914	
carthim, e. p., 10 acres	\$18.95
dancy, l. b., 1 lot	2.95
emerson, mrs. c., 1 lot	2.95
martin, mrs. w. a., 1 lot	3.95
moftt, geo., 8 acres	4.95
stringfellow, j. n., 1 lot	2.95
summerill, dr. d. f., 1 lot	4.95
walls, clay, heirs, 1 lot	8.45
BOONE TOWNSHIP, 1913-'14	
brown, l. a., 1 1-4 acres	1.28
bentley, g. b., 67 acres	1.75
call, j. b., 1 acre	1.45
hedges & holsclaw, 3-4 acre	1.50
hagaman, j. r., 100 acres	8.45
harrison, d. l., 1-4 acre	4.43
moore, mrs. e. h., 1 3-4 acres	2.70
norris, j. h., 83 acres	12.56
ray, j. r., 1 lot	1.45
stinson, f. h., 50 acres	2.45
horton, cling, 1 lot	3.92
hagler, h. h., 2 lots	1.75
lenoir, jerry, 1 lot	2.15
shearrer, bob, 1 lot	7.50
shearrer, jack, 20 acres	1.95
williams, bev., 1 lot	1.85
BLUE RIDGE TOWNSHIP, 1913-'14	
benison, j. p., 20 acres	1.63
craig, h. l., 110 acres	6.84
hawkins, john, 224 acres	10.87
hampton, jessie a., 74 acres	7.97
hill, j. h., 2 acres	1.29
long, g. w., 218 acres	21.89
pendley, j. r., 187 acres	4.01
COVE CREEK TOWNSHIP, 1913-'14	
davis, mrs. l. n., jr., 36 1-2 acres	6.89
tenhour, w. m., 2 acres	1.45
ballew, geo., 29 acres	13.11
eggars, clarence, 10 acres	1.79
greene, mrs. l. l., 3 acres	1.70
miller, e. b., 215 acres	16.95
miller, l. e., 16 acres	2.65
norris, r. c., 23 acres	1.39
mittchell, john, 17 acres	2.18
SHAWNEEHAW TOWNSHIP 1913-'14	
worley, s. p., 227	24.95

There are about 250,000 Jews in the United Kingdom.

Tacks have been scattered in the streets of jitney-bus-infested Savannah, Ga. They were pushed through sheets of cardboard and arranged business end rampant.

Land Entry No. 2532
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Watauga County.
Office of Entry Taker for said county.
M. H. Kay and J. O. J. Potter locate and enter six hundred acres of land in Watauga county, N. C. North Fork township, lying on the head waters of North Fork of New River and West Camp creek. Beginning on a small Buckeye tree in or near the branch at J. H. and J. C. Horton's corner, running east with said Horton's line to B. E. Brown's line and to Patterson's line, thence a south course with Patterson's line to Woodring's line, thence a west course with the Woodring line, thence a north course with the Woodring line, thence a north course with the Woodring line and Potter line and the Kay and Potter line, then east with said line to southeast corner same, then a north course with said line to the beginning so as to include all vacant land lying between the above mentioned tracts.
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