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Blowing Rock Breezes

Rev. Edgar Tufts filled his appointment in the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning, to the great satisfaction and edification of the large congregation who heard some plain talk on the "sin of stealing" which, the speaker reminded them, is not confined to the common thief, but to be laid at the door of men and women high in office, in the church, the State, the professions and in every station of life, guilty of stealing not other people's money every time but stealing time, character and opportunity from their fellow men and their souls from the God who gave them and who demands them as His own.

In the evening a young clergyman friend of Brother Tufts occupied the pulpit and gave his hearers a most excellent discourse, the name of the preacher having escaped the mind of correspondent.

The Episcopal church was open for three services last Sunday, the parson having a lot of work put on him these summer days, the Bishop thinking that he "does too much gardening" and so gives him plenty of preaching to do, but, correspondent believes that parson would rather dig in the ground than in books in the summer time, at least it looks that way judging by the time he spends gardening.

Mrs. Robbins, wife of our popular traveling salesman, J. F. Robbins, Esq., is recovering from a severe attack of grip, her many friends will be glad to know, and the family spent a night this week in Valle Crucis with little Miss Ruth, who is undergoing treatment under Dr. Perry, a skilled surgeon of that place.

Dr. Gage, son of Judge Gage of Chester, S. C., is with his parents in their attractive cottage at Lake View, a suburb of Blowing Rock, overlooking the beautiful lake of the Cone estate, the Vances also in their handsome cottage overlooking the lake, the Whortons, McCombs, and Sudderths also owning cottages in that attractive community and all enjoying home life in regular summer style.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, two children and the Misses Gaither, sisters of Mrs. Sanford, a delightful auto party from Mocksville, after a fortnight at Watauga Inn, returned on Monday to their far away home perfectly charmed with this glorious country in the clouds.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bowden, a pleasant couple from Darlington, S. C., are at the Inn, this not their first to the Rock, however.

'Squire T. H. Coffey, while attending to the electric light plant of his popular hotel, fell and hurt himself quite severely last week, but is about well again.

Mr. and Mrs. U. O. Miller, of Hickory, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Williams, in their pretty home on Abernathy Road, and they are making many friends for themselves, being an attractive couple.

Mrs. Bard and daughter, Miss Bard, of Summit, N. J., also Col. and Mrs. Rowe, of Bennettsville, S. C., are among the recent arrivals at Grand View House, that justly popular resort, Mrs. H. W. Lawson sustaining her reputation for comfortable lodgings and an excellent table, the burning of her largest cottage, however, leaving her of much needed room accommodation, a new and modern group of cottages hoped for in the near future.

[illegible] valued friend, Mr. Ben [illegible] of Boone, passed through [illegible] week, giving us a nod [illegible] more.

[illegible] A. Robinson (Old [illegible]) of Durham, and [illegible] of Raleigh, both [illegible] sojourn [illegible]

Railroad Officials in Watauga

President Johnson, of the Virginia-Carolina Railway, with General Superintendent Kenzie, was in town the latter part of last week and again visited several of Watauga's best farming sections, as well as some of our most noted views, and expressed themselves as being most highly pleased with our county. Of course, the extension of their road from Todd or River Side, into Watauga, being in their minds, we take it that their visit here was for the purpose of looking over the territory to ascertain as near as possible the amount of freight they would control in case the road is built, and to see what inducements, if any, our people would offer them. They met with a number of our leading citizens and many propositions were discussed, but, of course, no definite conclusion could be arrived at, as such an undertaking as building a railroad of standard guage through the mountains a distance of 20 miles is an undertaking that requires much study and close calculation on the part of the promoters. It seems that we have the tonnage in timber and farm products to induce the extension of the road, and, in fact, we believe the officials are satisfied of this fact, still it is "up to them" to get the best proposition out of our people possible, and we are frank to say they are entitled to encouragement, as we need them worse than they need us. There is a deal on between the V. C. people and a large lumber company, whose name we will not mention here, which, if made, will practically settle the matter of extension to Boone, and will be decided in Philadelphia today (Thursday). Our people are more hopeful than ever before that we are to have railroad facilities, and should the deal referred to above be "pulled off," there is no doubt of it, and that at an early date. Mr. Johnson says that in the event the trade is made, he will have their engineers on the survey within the next ten days, and he hopes to complete the line from Todd to Boone by March 1, 1916.

The gentlemen have highly impressed the people of this section, they being men of business, brain and bustle, and we all hope to know them better ere long. They were welcome guests in our town, and the oftener they visit us the better we will all be pleased. In the mean time keep your ear close to the ground and listen for railroad news, as we confidently expect to have something of interest right soon.

per correspondents, have recently spent some time at Watauga Inn, these popular sons of the Old North State ever welcome in our midst, being frequent visitors here and never failing to write up most entertainingly this old-time resort which hopes some day to be nearer a railroad, at present half way between two railway points, Lenoir and Todd, each 23 miles distant, the public roads to each point not up to the standard, however, though toll is charged just the same over a bad road as over a good one, the old road over Flat Top the only free outlet and that the best road in the county, "if it is up hill both going and coming."

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