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LETTER FROM OKLAHOMA.  
W. T. Austin, formerly of this city, writes the following letter to the Knoxville Journal:

Kildare, Kay county, Oklahoma, October 21, 1897.  
Editor of Journal: I have just emigrated to this country to make my home with my two daughters who married Messrs. E. P. and John N. Brooks, brothers. Finding the climate all any one could wish for, the land just rolling enough to drain itself and as rich as the Tennessee river bottoms or Mossy Creek Valley, I feel it a duty I owe my hundreds of laboring neighbors and friends of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, to give them my views of this grand country, thirty settled and, as yet, the land so cheap. One man can break and drill eighty acres of wheat. This has been done by a number of men whom I know this fall, and the wheat is now ready for fall pastures. This last year Mr. E. P. Brooks, with a few days hired help, made 2,500 bushels of wheat which can be seen that one man can make \$1,700 off of wheat alone and only with a small amount of hired help. The soil is suited for all kinds of grasses and vegetables. Fruit trees are growing in all this section of the country and the crop seldom fails. I am a farmer all my life and claim that I am a fair judge of different soils and all kinds of stock. After a careful examination of the climate and situation of this country and the farms I think I am safe in saying that for farming and stock raising this one of the garden spots of the United States. I am now past 63 years of age, was born in Hawkins county (now Hamblin). I was raised and lived 65 years in Grainger county, so that I am heir to that rich country of East Tennessee. I have many personal friends in East Tennessee and at any time I will cheerfully answer any and all inquiries about this section either through the columns of the Journal or by letter. I must say that I have not seen in East Tennessee more beautiful or pleasant October weather than we are having here. Good rains and no frost yet. Yours truly,  
W. T. AUSTIN.

## WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION FOR DECEMBER.

In the variety, interest and timeliness of its literary features, and in the beauty of its illustrations, the December Woman's Home Companion is a notable number. Christmas stories are contributed by popular writers, including "A Study in Hearts" by Lillian Bell; "The Mother's Christmas and the Daughter's," by Harriet Prescott Spofford; "A Christmas Bulletin," by Opie Read, and "A Christmas Gift," by Abbie Farewell Brown. In a symposium entitled "Songs of Yuletide" such clever versemakers as Clinton Scollard, Ernest McCaffey, Ella Higginson and William Lightfoot Vischer are represented. J. Maud Souders chats cleverly about the contents of "The Christmas Book-Shelf," Jean Roberts presents a novel idea in "A Game of Chess," Hezekiah Butterworth has something pertinent to say about "Christmas Merriments," and W. Bert Foster furnishes the Christmas story for the little folk. Aside from the purely holiday features there are many other good things, including the closing chapters of Julia Magruder's story, "A Realized Ideal."

Try our peanut brittle, made fresh every day.—The Alcazar, 32 Patton avenue.

## JOTTINGS OF CITY NEWS

### Yesterday's Events Chronicled Briefly.

### A Large Number of Arrivals Recorded.

### Increase in Freight Business on the Southern.

### Entertainment for the Benefit of the Kindergartens.

### Address Last Evening at the Y. M. C. A. on "Fruit Bearing"—Bishop Dudley of Kentucky in the City—Special A. L. I. Drill.

There were more arrivals in the city yesterday than during any one day this week.

H. H. Porter, of the Chicago, Eastern and Illinois, arrived yesterday with his family in a private car. Mr. Porter will return at once to Chicago. His family have taken a cottage here for the winter.

William E. Hidden, the discoverer of the Hiddenite, is in Western North Carolina prospecting.

Freight business is very good on the Southern and shows an increase. Yesterday several extra freight trains were sent out.

Rt. Rev. T. U. Dudley, D. D., the bishop of Kentucky, with Mrs. Dudley and daughter, are at the Battery Park. Bishop Dudley will remain over Sunday and preach at Trinity church at the eleven o'clock service. Bishop Dudley will also preach Sunday afternoon at St. Matthias church. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. W. S. Cook, pastor of the Christian church, delivered an interesting and instructive address last evening at the Y. M. C. A. on "Fruitbearing." Meetings of both the gymnasium and penmanship classes were held.

The A. I. I. will have a special drill this evening in their armory.

A meeting of Central Epworth League will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the church. All members are requested to attend.

The Wilber company will be the attraction at the Grand next week commencing Monday and giving nightly performances at popular prices.

The musicals given last evening for the benefit of the kindergarten at Mrs. Merrimon's on French Broad avenue, was quite a success. The following was the program rendered:  
Valse—Chopin. Miss Evelyn Merrimon.  
Solo—Mrs. Hamilton.  
Recital—Miss Hamilton.  
Solo—Mr. Friedman.  
Piano—Miss Evelyn Merrimon.  
Duet—Faust. Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Friedman.

Miss Hamilton, who is an instructor in elocution at the Asheville college, favored the audience with several selections (encores) not on the program.

Among the many improvements of a permanent and attractive nature in Asheville is the newly equipped ticket office of the Southern Railway company and Asheville Transfer company, located in Patton avenue, opposite the government building. These offices are fitted up in the most modern style, carpeted, ventilated and well lighted with electricity. The improvement is one creditable to the company as well as the city and gives Asheville and the traveling public the second to none in the south. To Passenger Agent F. R. Darby is due much of the credit of this new improvement, and the handsome new office now occupied testify to his enterprise, taste and good judgment.

The whereabouts of Lambert seems to be the all-absorbing topic of the day. Many rumors that he has been located in one place and other have proven to be fakes, and those who have been seeking his capture for the sake of the rewards offered are still in the dark. Jailer Laney, who has been one of the searching parties for the past two days and nights says that he is satisfied that Lambert is yet in the county, but that no information can be gained in Limestone township.

## GRAND CHRISTMAS OPENING

### Last Evening at J. H. Law's, Patton Avenue

An interesting event last evening and one which attracted many admiring visitors was the grand Christmas opening of J. H. Law's, Patton avenue. The large and handsome store presented a brilliant scene with its rows of brilliant colored lights which displayed to a great advantage the elegant stock of fine queensware, silver novelties, etc., arranged on an exquisite piece of embroidery. In the background were pretty '98 calendars suspended from the glass door, while on the right was a number of beautiful pictures, framed. A variety of dolls was displayed in the other window also pretty American cut glassware.

Among the special features exhibited to great advantage was wedgewood and new crimson ware, jardiniere, lamps in rock-

wood, drift wares, large solid brass frames gold mounted, German stines or ale mugs, French beebur dolls, brass and onyx lamp, decorated globes, oil stoves, punch bowls, picture moldings, decorated glass vases and an elegant variety of sterling silver novelties and handsome '98 calendars.

## APPLES FOR EXPORT

### A Glasgow Firm's Offer for Varieties Grown Here.

Alex. Campbell & Co., fruit brokers of Glasgow, Scotland, have written to W. Murdoch (Wiley, of Salisbury, that they are at present receiving shipments of apples such as are grown in Western North Carolina, paying for (N. Y.) Imperials 25@26 shillings a barrel, Winesaps 20@22, Newbourns 20@23, Albermerle 25@30. Campbell & Co. says: "Our opinion is that apples will now continue to sell well right through the season, as everyone here recognizes the shortness of the crop, especially in Canada. We recommend fancy large Newbourn, Albermerle or New York Imperials to be packed in cases, each rolled in paper separately. If any other of the growers desire to ship their apples either to our Glasgow market or to Dublin, via Liverpool, we shall be pleased to handle them to best advantage. Immediately apples are sold we cable price if desired and remit by draft."

## NOVEL DAMAGE SUIT

### Brought Against the Southern Railway Company.

An interesting case will be called today before Judge Norwood, at Bryson City, in Swain county, in which the plaintiff claims damages to the amount of \$2,000 from the Southern Railway company. The case is an unusual one and will be of some interest. The plaintiff claims that while traveling in the public road, in order to avoid an approaching train he was forced to drive into a river with his team and sustained the damages complained of. Capt. Bason, attorney for the railway company, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Bryson City to be present at the opening of the case, which presents some novel questions as to the liability of a railroad company as well as the measure of damages.

## Kiss-Me Candy Company.

Owing to a large increase in business the "Kiss-Me" Candy Co. will open at once at 43 Patton avenue, under the opera house, a branch store and will continue their business until January 1st at the old stand at 8 North Court Square. After January 1st they will remove their old stock to Patton avenue and in connection with their fine stock of candies they will add an ice cream and oyster parlor in the rear of the store. They will also have one of the finest soda fountains in the city, and will make their candy fresh every day in the store. A first-class candy maker is expected from New York. The "Kiss-Me" company is an enterprising firm under the management of Frank C. and Alexander C. Mitchell.

## ALLEGED WHITE CAPS

### THREE MEN ACCUSED OF THE CRIME IN JAIL.

### Brought to This City Yesterday—One of the Charges Against Them a Capital Offense.

Com. Surret, William Surret and Ebed Jones, three of the alleged Sandy Mush whitecappers, the story of whose crime appeared exclusively in The Gazette Sunday, were brought to Asheville last evening and placed in jail, under a commitment signed by Justices John W. Boling and A. E. Wells, who have been engaged in the investigation of the case since last Sunday. Constable R. D. Robertson, accompanied by Jesse Robertson, "Boss" Andrews, Jack Worley and Campbell McManis, were in charge of the prisoners.

A Gazette reporter called at the jail last night and had a talk with the prisoners, all of whom protested their innocence and they protested that they were not present and had nothing to do with the outrage complained of.

R. J. Surret, one of the accused, as stated yesterday, is under arrest at Dillsboro and will probably be brought to Asheville today.

The commitment by the justices charges the defendants with several offenses, such as assault with deadly weapons and breaking into a dwelling house at night time, the last being a capital offense. The defendants were committed without bail. Each of the prisoners asserted that he could have given bond if it had been allowed.

About thirty witnesses were recognized to appear at the next term of the criminal court, to go before the grand jury. The evidence in this case is altogether circumstantial, as the men were not identified at the time they are alleged to have committed the crime, as they wore masks, and hence the necessity of such a large number of witnesses.

The justices before whom the case was investigated spared no time or care in securing evidence that might throw light upon the matter, and their action in committing the defendants meets with the approval of the people in Sandy Mush township who desire the conviction of the guilty parties to the outrage.

Lon Wells, of Madison county, has been retained by the defendants and will be in Asheville Saturday to arrange for assistant counsel and in otherwise preparing for the defense of these men.

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## "SPIRITUALISM"

### Subject of Prof. Bowman's Lecture Last Night.

"Spiritualism" was the subject of Prof. Bowman's address last evening at the court house. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather there was a good sized audience present, "many of whom," said the speaker, in opening his remarks, "are here no doubt through curiosity."

"Spiritualism," continued the lecturer, "is a general subject and my method will be to consider one special theme. I am, however, required in this lecture to go over the entire ground briefly. The subject of spiritualism is not very well known in the south and west, though it has made rapid strides in the north and east. It is comparatively young, only having been discovered about fifty years ago in the state of New York. Its history is exceedingly interesting and during its brief career has attained a most phenomenal growth, there being about twenty billion spiritualists today in America. No system of theology or religion has grown so rapidly.

"Spiritualists are the only people who even pretend to, or offer any evidence of another life. All religions are based on a faith in a spiritual world. Christianity is based on ancient scripture, though our modern christianity is not. Evidences and demonstrations of a spiritual world were given freely during the days of early Christianity. Christianity is based altogether on a spiritual world.

"Spiritualism, given in a generalized form as a great system of religion and physiological research consists of two parts: phenomena and physiology. The first part is varied in its nature and occurs mainly through the agency of certain persons known as mediums. We must not imagine that a medium is an extraordinary wonder. As to mediumship it has been ascertained that all persons possess this in a greater or less degree by cultivating it.

"The phenomena of spiritualism consists of those things which used to be known as miracles. It is impossible to contemplate a physiological happening contrary to the laws of nature. Every event, always occurs according to the laws of some particular realm of nature. The telegraph is a miracle to those who have never heard of it. The scientific world has flooded the whole earth with miracles and the time has come when no man says that anything is impossible.

"Spiritualists believe that everything is amenable to nature and this the grand work science is doing. Science has overthrown the fables of mythology by discovering a universal law which will outline the doctrine of modern theology. Of the phenomena we have table rappings, slate writings, &c.

"There are two kinds of worlds; spirit and matter. We sometimes call ourselves materialists, though we know not of what we speak. Matter is that of which the five senses of man take cognizance. Spirit is something that has quality also, though different and higher in its nature. The body is matter while the mind is spirit and the former is controlled by the latter. The spirit has intelligence, memory, love, faith, etc., none of which pertains to the quality of matter. It is degrading to call ourselves materialists. Matter without spirit has no potency, no promise. Spiritualism is the opposite of materialism.

"We are so physical and material in our habits that we almost entirely lose the fact of the spirit matter, the spiritual world. Man should cultivate the highest part of his nature and rise from the material to the spiritual plane. It is almost rank blasphemy to say that we who are made in the image of Almighty God are materialists."

Today the professor goes to Marshall, but he will return to Asheville and spend a few more days. Although no announcement was made last evening Prof. Bowman expects to lecture some time next week on the "Philosophy of Spiritualism."

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

### Annual Election of Officers in Pisgah Lodge.

The semi-annual election of Pisgah lodge No. 32, K. P., occurred last evening, at which the following officers were elected for the next six months:

C. C.—Frank S. Smith.  
V. C.—Frank R. Darby.  
Scribe.—Zeb Weaver.  
Keeper of Records and Seals.—Hilliard Morris.  
Master of Finance.—B. A. Welkie.  
Master of Exchequer.—L. Lipinsky.  
Master-at-Arms.—E. C. Barnhard.  
Inner Guard.—Hugh L. Barbe.  
Outer Guard.—L. L. Smith.  
John A. Nichol, F. M. Weaver, Prof. M. M. Lemond were elected trustees for one year.

## DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.

Hendersonville Times: On Wednesday evening, November 14, Mr. Rufus Edney died at his residence in Edneyville. He would have been 82 years old at his next birthday and was a resident of Henderson county all his life, well known and highly esteemed by all its citizens. He was a county commissioner for several terms and a justice of the peace in his township for probably half a century. He also held many other positions of honor and trust. He was a man of peace and through his influence many controversies occurring among his neighbors were settled. He was a devout Christian, a member of the M. E. church, south, and in his daily walk and conversation exemplified his religious profession.

## YOUR LAST CHANCE.

The balance of my goods will be sold by the yard for less than cost. It is good, staple goods and it will be to your interest to call upon me.  
Suits, Trousers and Overcoats.  
J. J. FOLLER, 32 Pat. Ave.

Professor H. B. Russell leaves today for Wayneville, where he will lecture.

A. L. Homes, of Bowman's Bluff, is in the city.

Sweet, Florida oranges at The Alcazar, 32 Patton avenue.

## THE COTTON MARKET

### Riordan & Co's Report of Yesterday's Transactions.

Special to The Gazette.  
New York, Dec. 2.—The dull spell in cotton was unbroken today. Liverpool disappointed the bears this morning as that market was slightly higher when some decline had been expected. Prices here were two to four points above last night's figures at the opening. After the opening the market settled down into a state of lethargy from which it was not aroused until just before the close when the execution of some Liverpool selling orders and raiding by the local bears caused a small decline. Receipts today were full. January opened at 5.69, advanced to 5.70, declined to 5.65 and closed at that figure, with the tone of the market easy. There are no new features in the situation at present. Sentiment here continues bearish.  
RIORDAN & CO.

## FRENCH LESSONS.

Madame Heutte has several pupils in French to whom she gives private lessons. She is a Parisian and offers an excellent opportunity to those who wish to learn French or to perfect themselves in that language. She yet has some hours at her disposal and will go to the home of her pupils or receive them at 99 Haywood street, as may be desired.

## RANKIN-CARTMELL

### YESTERDAY'S WEDDING AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

### Pretty Ceremony Witnessed by Many Asheville People—A Breakfast at Kenilworth.

Perhaps no event of the year has attracted the attention and aroused the interest in Asheville's social circles that did the marriage yesterday at noon in the First Presbyterian church of Miss Nancy Brady Cartmell and Mr. Arthur Eugene Rankin. Both young people are from Asheville.

The bride is the second daughter of Mrs. Anna Rodman-Cartmell, who is a native of Kentucky, but who has been a resident of this city for some six or eight years. Most truly is the reputation of old Kentucky for lovely women upheld by the queenly bride. She is a young woman of more than ordinary gifts and by her many charms and admirable qualities she has endeared herself to hosts of Asheville's best people.

The groom is the son of Mayor J. E. Rankin and has been quite prominent in social and business circles here. He held for a number of years the position of teller in the Western Carolina savings bank.

Some time before the noon hour the church was filled to overflowing with eager spectators, silently awaiting the arrival of the party.

Mrs. O. B. Van Horn was at the organ, Mr. Connell and Mr. Hemenway, of Cobb's orchestra, assisted with violin and cello and as the harmonious strains of Lohengrin wedding march echoed through the church the bridal party commenced its march toward the altar.

The mother of the bride, wearing a handsome dress of black brocade satin, preceded the party, taking a seat near the altar. Then on the right came the bridesmaids, their dresses of pink organdie and bleach Gainsborough hats, bearing bouquets of pink carnations. First Miss Grace Rankin and Miss Louise Branch, Miss Lucy Steele, Miss Nina Wadsworth; opposite in the left aisle, two by two, marched the ushers, Mr. J. C. Rumbough, Mr. Houston Merrimon, Mr. E. C. Jones and Mr. D. C. Wadkins. Marching thus up the aisle they arranged themselves as couples, forming a semi-circle. Then followed the maid of honor, Miss Janie Cartmell, a sister of the bride, dressed in a gown of pink taffeta, trimmed in white silk, bearing a handsome bouquet of white carnations. Next came the bride, arrayed in a beautiful gown of cream satin and supported on the arm of her brother, Thomas Rodman-Cartmell, of Louisville. She held a bouquet of "bride roses."

The bridegroom, escorted by the best man, his brother, James Guy Rankin, approached the altar by the opposite aisle. His coat was hidden a handsome ring of the bride and Dr. Charles W. Byrd performed the marriage ceremony.

The procession from the altar was to the music of Mendelssohn's wedding march. In the vestibule the bride and groom were greeted by their friends who showered upon them congratulations and good wishes.

From the church the entire bridal party and the families of the happy couple were driven to Kenilworth Inn, where an elegant wedding breakfast was served to them. After a brief rest at the splendid hotel Mr. and Mrs. Rankin were escorted to the Biltmore station, where they took the east bound train for unknown points north. It is thought, though, they will visit Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

In the bouquet of the bride, which was really five small bouquets exquisitely arranged, was hidden a handsome ring of the gift of the bride to whoever of her maids should draw the lucky bunch of roses.

Miss Louise Branch, according to the tradition as to the receiver of the lucky bouquet is the first one who will become a widow.

The bride gave to each of the bridesmaids a beautiful pearl pin. The present from the groom was a brooch set with diamonds and pearls.

After returning from their trip Mr. and Mrs. Rankin will be at home to their friends at No. 16 Grove street, the home of the bride's mother.

The church decorations were beautiful and consisted of palms, wild smilax, pampas grass and other evergreens, with a background of pink. They were furnished by the Idlewood Floral company, as were the bride's and maids' bouquets.

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## BIG BREAKS IN TOBACCO

### A Lively Day at the Asheville Warehouses.

### Farmers Realizing the Advantages of Our Market.

### No Higher Prices to be Obtained Anywhere.

### From 2,000,000 to 5,000,000 Pounds Wanted by One Exporter.

### A Talk With W. W. Barnard—Prices Realized at Two Warehouses Yesterday—Tennessee Tobacco Coming in.

Yesterday was a field day in the Asheville tobacco market. The floors at both the Farmers' and Banner warehouses were well filled with diversified lots of tobacco from Madison, Haywood and Buncombe counties and not a small quantity from East Tennessee counties.

At the Banner R. F. Drummond, a pioneer in Western North Carolina tobacco trade, filled the position of auctioneer and the bidding was lively and prices good.

Certain grades were in demand and buyers paid unusual attention to the orders.

"At the Farmers' that well known auctioneer, J. S. Ball, cried the sales and the bidding was lively. At both houses the sales were exceptionally large in view of the fact that until quite recently farmers have had no opportunity to market their crops.

It is a matter of congratulation that the people of Western North Carolina are realizing the fact that our home market is the best and cheapest for them.

In conversation with W. W. Barnard, of the Banner yesterday, that gentleman stated that every leading tobacco manufacturer in the United States had orders placed on the Asheville market and that certain grades of our tobaccos were especially in demand, and that the class of tobacco desired is bringing little better prices than for the past five years. Export dealers, also, said Mr. Barnard, have their orders placed here and that Asheville is the best point to sell at and ship from. In support of this assertion Mr. Barnard says that the buyers for the large manufacturers are instructed to pay as high prices on the Asheville market as on any other North Carolina tobacco. He was on the market yesterday and bought largely of the grades he desired.

Among the heavy buyers in Asheville are R. P. Walker, representing the American Tobacco company; Henderson Brothers and Charles Davis.

At the Banner yesterday Z. C. and W. L. Rector, of Madison, sold 286 pounds for \$72.70, Cling Davis, of the same county, sold 867 pounds for \$145.72, W. P. Gordain, of Haywood, 1006 for \$177.50, Cathey and Justice 764 pounds for \$137.52.

The books show that during the past week about one hundred thousand pounds have been sold on the floors of the Asheville warehouses. Last night both the warehouses were filled with wagons and the breaks will be large today.

It is a notable fact that most of the Tennessee planters are shipping their tobacco to Asheville, realizing the advantages of our market over those more distant.

## The Low Prices of Silver and the Higher Tariff.

The fierce competition between the manufacturers of Sterling Silver articles during the last few months has, notwithstanding the higher tariff, caused a great decline in the prices of many articles. For instance, a hair brush with solid Sterling Silver back that formerly cost \$6.00 or \$8.00 can now be bought for \$3.25, and the large size that formerly cost \$12.00 can now be bought for \$4.75 to \$5.00. Small Sterling Silver articles that now sell from 25 to 50 cents a few years ago would cost from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Dishes and novelties that can be bought now for \$3.00 or \$4.00, and those that cost \$25.00 and \$30.00, formerly cost respectively from \$10.00 to \$20.00, and so on all through the jeweler's line.

In gold goods there have been many great reductions, but as the value of gold in an article is much greater than the value of silver in proportion to the making, the reductions are not as great as on silver goods. These great reductions have also caused many firms to make inferior goods, and people should be very careful in making their selections, to buy of firms in whom they have confidence.