Western Carolina News.

HENDERSONVILLE.

As we are now starting out upon a new year it will be interesting to note a few of the following movements in our town during the year which has just taken its departure, says the Times.

As an evidence of the rapid development of our section as a health and pleasure resort and as a truck producing locality, we will print what our very obliging depot agent, Mr. J. W. Bailey, tells us. We published that eight millions of pounds of produce was shipped from this point in the year 1896. Mr. Bailey says that the shipment for 1897 was double that amount. The increase of the goods shipped to Hendersonville during the year 1897 over the previous year was at least twenty-five per cent. The number of tickets sold to the travel of Hendersonville doubled the previous year and the freight traffic increased fifty per cent.

It is well known that all our hotels and boarding houses in the town and country were filled with travel last summer and that for months during the busy season a very large per cent. of the travel were unable to find accommodation in our town or country.

The growth of the several churches during the last year was very marked, so that it is universally proclaimed that the church es have now the strongest and most devout pastors they have ever had, and it is the boast of some, if not the opinion of all, that our sister town, Asheville, cannot excell us for strong, pious and intelligent preachers.

In 1896 we had mails from two trains each day; in 1897 we had mails from six trains each day. The Hendersonville postoffice is the distributing office for all offices in the county and many in Transylvania county. As an evidence of the growth of our down in this particular, the salary of the postoffice has been increased ten per cent.

By reason of the working forces of our chain gang, augmented by the effectual work of our heroic mayor and the increase in the street force, our streets have been greatly improved, and are in better condition than ever before in January.

The number of houses, dwelling and business, erected last year in Hendersonville will exceed by probably fifty per cent. similar improvements of any previous year. It would be difficult for a person to occupy a position in our town where he could not see some new building erected in 1897, but with all the improvements there are practically no vacant house in town, even now, in the dead of winter. This argues that unless our moneyed men begin to build vigorously hundreds of people will come to and pass out of Hendersonville because they cannot find houses to occupy. Hendersonville can, with confidence, declare that she has improved more in the last twelve months, in proportion to her size, than any other town or any other two towns in the state, west of the Blue Ridge.

SEVERAL TOWNS.

It is reported that the commissioners have made it a fine of $20.00 for any one to contract to build a house in the corporate limits of Saluda, N. C.

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On January 8 a meeting was held at Columbus to confer with the incorporators of the Rutherford and Columbus railroad company, and committees appointed to solicit stock in the various townships, as we learn by the Polk County News. The road is to run to some point on the Southern railroad, probably at Tryon.

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Bob Chesney, a colored man, had a blacksnake around in a box Monday, which was over four feet long, says the Hendersonville Times. The way he happened to catch the snake was in putting his hand into a hole to get a rabbit when the snake was felt and taken hold of and brought out. He handled it as if it was harmless, yet to the looker-on it apeared most dangerous, as it run its tongue out and darted its head around. The crowd of gazers did not care for a close scrutiny.

BOARD OF TRADE.

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resolutions and names to be furnished to all newspapers that might be found willing to publish them. Col. Lincoln will assist in getting the resolutions published in the Boston Journal and other papers.

Dr. Williams moved to recousider. Mr. Merrick moved to table Dr. Williams' motion. Carried.

While the meeting was waiting for the report of the tellers, on a suggestion by Mr. Murphy, several members gave their views as to what subjects should receive the attention of the board in its work for the good of the city. Chairman Davidson thought the public roads leading out of the city should be one subject of importance. He said the chamber of commerce of Raleigh seven years ago took the subject of roads in hand, and now in consequence every road leading out of the city was macadamized for a distance of four miles or more.

Captain Patton spoke on the subject of arbitration and hoped a strong committee on that subject would be appointed.

J. P. Sawyer believed the board of trade could accomplish anything it undertook and suggested the subject of roads, an auditorium and a park. Dr. Williams spoke of provisions for the comfort and pleasure of visitors. The members of the board of directors were now announced. W. J. Slayden and J. P. Sawyer, who had been elected, requested to be excused, and on motion J. A. Nichols and T. S. Morrison were elected in their places.

The following constitute the board of directors: George S. Powell, J. A. Nichols, T. S. Morrison, W. T. Mason, T. W. Patton, W. A. Blair, W. B. Williamson, Frank Carter, A. A. Jones, L. B. Alexander and S. F. Chapman.

George S. Powell received the highest vote, forty-six.

The board of directors will meet Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Captain Patton's office.

Upon motion of Mr. Frank Carter a vote of thanks was tendered the Asheville club for the use of its rooms.

THE CONSTITUTION.

The constitution and by-laws as adopted are as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. This organization shall be called "The Board of Trade," of the city of Asheville.

Sec. 2. The object of this organization shall be to foster and promote an honest, active and enterprising commerce; to watch over and protect the business interests of the city of Asheville; to agree upon commercial forms and regulations; to decide upon and determine all matters of dispute and differences of opinion which may be submitted to its arbitration, promptly and upon the most fair and equitable principles; to assemble a general meeting of the business men of the city of Asheville in all emergencies wherein their rights or interests may be affected; and to collect and record all local and general information relating to the material welfare of the city of Asheville.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. Any person a resident of Asheville, or of Buncombe county, State of North Carolina, or any firm or corporation doing business within said limits, if recommended by a member of the organization and elected by the board of directors, may become an active member of the organization upon the payment of the initiation fee and the dues prescribed in the by-laws, and by signing an agreement to be governed by the rules and by-laws of this orgalization.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The officers of the organization shall be a president and two vice-presidents, to be elected by the board of directors from their number, and a secretary and a treasurer, neither of whom shall be a member of said board of directors, who shall be elected for the term of one year and who shall serve until their successors shall have been chosen and qualified.

Sec. 2. There shall be an election of eleven directors, on the first Monday in July of each year, the polls to remain open from 12 noon to 7 o'clock p. m. A record of the names of the members voting at the election shall be kept in triplicate as the ballots are deposited, the names on said list to be numbered consecutively, and corresponding consecutive numbers shall be entered on each ballot as deposited, and a majority of the whole number of votes cast shall benecessary to a choice; provided no member shall be entitled to vote who is in arrears in the payment of dues, and provied, also that no proxies be allowed.

Sec. 3. Two weeks previously to each election of officers of this organization, the board of directors shall give public notice thereof, and shall appoint inspectors to superintend said election; and if a failure to elect a board of directors or any part thereof shall occur, said inspectors shall order a new election to be held within one week thereafter to fill such vacancy.

Sec. 4. The board of directors shall enter upon their duties on the Tuesday following the day of their election, and shall organize by electing one of their members as president, another as first-vice president and another as second vice-president.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The board of directors, shall control, manage and conduct the financial and business affairs of the orgalization, and shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership, and prescribe such rules and regulations as they may deem expedient and necessary for the government of the organization and for carrying out the objects of the same.

Sec. 2. The board of directors shall have power to fill any vacancy in its numbers; to rent suitable apartments for the use of the club; to employ a secretary at such salary as shall be agreed upon by them, and to serve at their pleasure; to print and circulate documents; to appoint such agents as they may deem necessary, and to appoint committees as they may be called for by the business exigencies of our city.

ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the organization called for the purpose, provided that a notice in writing of the amendments or alterations proposed shall have been submitted to the board of directors one month prior to the meeting at which the amendment or alteration is to be considered, and a copy of the proposed change posted in the rooms of the organization at least one week prior to action thereon.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of this organization and of the board of directors, and to call such special meetings of the organization as he or the board of directors may deem expedient, or as shall be requested in writing by at least five members of the organization. He shall, from time to time, as he may deem proper, communicate to the orgalization such matters as may, in his opinion, tend to promote the prosperity and welfare, and increase the usefulness of the organization, and shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by, these by-laws, or by the board of directors.

Sec. 2. In the absence of the president, a vice-president shall perform his duties, in order of seniority, and in the absence of the president and vice-presidents, a member of the board of directors may be chosen by the members present to preside.

Sec. 3. The secretary shall keep a correct record of all of the meetings of the organization and of the board of directors. He shall collect all dues, assessments or moneys accruing to the organization, and pay the same to the treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures; shall draw all warrants on the treasurer, and shall give proper notice of all meetings of the organization and board of directors, and to all committees of their appointments, and shall conduct the official correspondence of the organization. He shall collect and keep records of the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of trade and manufacture of the city of Asheville, and other statistical information under the direction of the proper committees, and perform such other duties as may be required by the board of directors.

Sec. 4. The treasurer shall be elected by the board of directors and shall receive all moneys accuring to the organization, and countersigned by the president. He shall keep a regular account of all moneys received and expended by him, and shall make a semi-annual report thereof, and and such other reports as the board of directors may require.

Sec. 5. The secretary and treasurer shall give satisfactory security for the faithful performance of their respective duties, in such amount as may be stipulated by the board of directors.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. No appropriation of money shall be made by the board of directors, or by the organization, for any other than the strictly legitimate purposes of the organization.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The board of directors shall meet once a month at such hour and time as they themselves shall determine, or may be called as frequently as the president or three members of the board of directors may deem necessary. They shall also publish annual reports of the manufacturing, commercial and other material interests of the city of Asheville, as they may deem proper and expedient.

Sec. 2. The board of directors at the annual meeting shall report full details of the condition and finances of the organization.

Sec. 3. The board of directors may require of all appointees a good and sufficient bond to secure the faithful and honest performance of the duties assigned to such appointees.

Sec. 4. The board of directors shall have power to examine into charges against members, and shall report their findings to the club for its action, with such recommendations as they may deem proper.

Sec. 5. The board of directors shall elect annually:

1st. A standing committee on arbitration; and the president, with the approval of the board of directors, shall appoint the following standing committees, and vacancies occuring in the same shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the president with the approval of the board of directors.

2d. Committee on transportation.

3d. Committee on real estate and building.

4th. Committee on statistics.

5th. Committee on legislation.

6th. Committee on immigration.

Each of the foregoing committees to consist of three members.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. This organization shall be regularly assembled on the 2d. Tuesday of each month, at an hour to be fixed by the board of directors.

Sec. 2. The first Monday in July shall be considered the anniversary of this organization, when the members shall assemble at—to receive the reports of the president and standing committees and transact such other business as may come before them.

Sec. 3. Members shall have the privilege of inviting non-residents to any meeting.

Sec. 4. Notice of all meetings of this organization must be given by the secretary in at least one daily paper in the city.

Article 5 relates to the order to be observed at meetings of the board, which follow the usual rules of constituted assemblies.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. The initiation fee for the privilege of becoming a member of this organization shall be one dollar.

Sec. 2. The dues of each membership of this organization shall be fifty cents per month, payable monthly.

Sec. 3. Any member neglecting to pay his dues for thirty days shall be notified by the secretary that unless his errears are paid within the next thirty days, he shall no longer be considered a member of this organization, and should payment then be made, the board of directors may, at their next regular meeting, order his name be stricken from the list of members.

ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. These by-laws may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the organization called for that purpose, provided that a notice in writing of the amendment or alteration proposed shall have been submitted to the board of directors one month prior to the meeting at which the amendment or alteration is to be considered, and a copy of the proposed change posted in the rooms of the organization at least one week prior to the action thereon.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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ness came to the rescue, and upon the return of the light, he expressed a desire to know "where he was at." The manuscript he says beloogs to Mr. Fred Moore to whom it is given that he may address those present on the subject of Secret Societies.

Mr. Moore said: "The efforts of secret societies have been of incalcuable benefit to humanity. Almost every important movement has been fostered by them. They form a common level upon which all classes and all orders of society can meet and exchange expressions and ideas."

Mr. Moore having completed his talk, Mr. McLoud showered various witty remarks upon Mr. J. P. Kerr, whom he announced as being out of office because he didn't vote right.

Mr. Kerr expressed his approbation at the applause Mr. McLoud's remarks received and referred to him as the man who voted the gold democratic ticket and complained because good times had not arrived. He spoke of the life and teachings of Pythagoras, and mentioned that women were not debarred from his school of philosophy.

A. S. BARNARD.

Mr. McLoud in introducing Mr. A. S. Barnard, who spoke on "Woman," gave the following well-known quotation from Hugo's Les Miserables. "We look at a star from two motives, because it is luminous and because it is impenetrable. We have before us a softer radiance and a greater mystery—Woman.'

"The great novelist who wrote those words," said Mr. Barnard, "chose his language well, for in that simple figure he has summed up man's knowledge of woman; known to all men, she is understood by none of us. Like the brilliancy of the star, her mild and subtle influence pervades the entire realm of man, but despite the Galileo's and Kepler's who would penetrate her character, calculate her orbit, discover her springs of action and determine her constituent elements, she still remains a softer radiance and greater mystery; a contradiction and a snare—nature's greatest paradox. Whether we consider her the coy and modest maiden of ye olden tinies or view her in her nineteenth century newness, we must admit she has played an important, active and winning part in human affairs. For her worlds have been discarded, thrones abdicated, creeds renounced, policies altered and laws annulled. In the first exercise of her power, she even contrived the dethronement of the king of creation, raised herself from a secondary position to that of mistress of the world, and became a founder of kingdoms, a destroyer of empires. It was her beauty that impelled the prodigal son of Priam to carry off the daughter of Sparta and bring down the avenging wrath of Greece upon the unoffending Troy, fulfilling the prophecy that Paris should be the destroyer of his country.

"Dissatisfied on account of the existence of things which put upon her shoulders the burden of man's downfall, she has received a new inspiration from God and in a bible of her own reveals to us the true origin of the world and its wickedness. But, sir, her mission has not been one of destruction only. She has elevated and en-nobled life. Her mind, occupied with acts of smaller details, she has inspired man to the grandest achievments and aided him in the accomplishment of his most glorious deeds. The world is full of beautiful Lyglas and for each one of them a Vinicius is ready to defy the pagan gods of Rome and abandon the dissolute courts of Nero. In war, in peace; in religion, in art; in poetry, in prose, she has displayed a genius and a diplomacy which certainly marks her as man's equal, if not, in fact, his superior. In love she stands supreme. It would be an error to suppose that our order has not come in contact with an influence so potent and so universal. Those who are familiar with the story of Damon and Pythias know that in its very incipiency Pythianism met and overcame this force. The selfish tryant of Syracuse was unable to comprehend a devotion which led one man to sacrifice his liberty and jeopardize his life to give a few hours' freedom for another. Dionysias was sceptical of a confidence so unheard of and would gladly have seen that trust betrayed. Mindful of the seductive power of woman, he commands that she be admitted to the dungeon where Pythias lay bound. We find here there, entreating her lover to fly with her to a place of refuge, but the fair Calanthe could not persuade the faithful knight to ignore the pledge which won a respite for his friend. Pythias stands firm, Damon retreats and Pythian friendship triumphs over feminine love. We have invited her here tonight to see the brotherhood spring from that victory and her presence will recall to the minds of those who have passed the third ordeal, our sacred obligations to defend her good name, to preserve and protect her domestic peace and purity."

The home tallent had done credit to Asheville, but the evening's exercises were not to be closed until the visitor from Illinois, Mr. Jordan, was to be heard from. He replied to the call of "Mr. Roast Master" as he expressed it. He spoke of the true K. P., of his duties and of the noble men who were among its ranks, mentioning the names of McKinley and Bryan. His remarks were most graciously received.

PERODICAL TICKET NEWS.

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Bakery—J. M. Heston.
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Candy Kitchen—L. M. Theobold.
Clothing—Whitlock Clothing House.
Clothing—Alexander & Courtney.
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Drugs—Dr. Smith.
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Groceries—Cowan & Stradley.
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4.10 pm Lv	Hendersonville	Ar 12.30 pm
4.40 pm Lv	Horse Shoe	Ar 12.10 pm
4.45 pm Lv	Cannon	Ar 11.55 am
4.53 pm Lv	Money	Ar 11.47 am
5.03 pm Lv	Fodderstack	Ar 11.37 am
5.13 pm Lv	Penrose	Ar 11.27 am
5.25 pm Lv	Davidson River	Ar 11.15 am
5.40 pm Ar	Brevard	Lv 11.00 am

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