Western Carolina News

MITCHELL COUNTY RAILROADS

Important Connection Expected to be Made.

Capt. W. G. Copening, who with his brother, has the contract for the building of fourteen miles of railroad work in Mitchell county, will leave to-day for Lenoir for the purpose of obtaining the award of the referee, Col. Edmund Jones, who was appointed by the order of the court to settle all claims against the Linville River Railroad company, which was filed some days ago. The amount involved is in the neighborhood of $10,000, to be divided among several creditors, of which amount there is due the Corpening brothers $6,-000. Capt. Corpening, who seems to be conversant with the facts connected with the proposed building of fifteen miles of railroad through one of the finest timber and mineral portions of the state—giving a through line from Johnson City, Tenn., to Chester, S. C., connecting and crossing the Southern railway at Hickory, N. C.—says the present line has been in operation for twenty years from Johnson City to Cranberry. The fourteen miles above spoken of run from Cranberry to a point on the Linville river, known as Pineola. The project is to extend the road from Pineola to John's River Store, the present terminus of the Caldwell Northern railroad. When these connections are made they will furnish the shortest and cheapest route to the mountains of Watauga and other western counties.

The people of Mitchell county are taking much interest in this enterprise, as its success will give them an outlet for their valuable timbers and ores, as well as inviting inducements to summer tourists. If this connection is made it will give the shortest route from all points in South Carolina and other southern states to one of the most picturesque sections of Western North Carolina.

BREVARD.

It is rumored on good authority that some of our citizens will open a bank at this place by February 1.

J. Wiley Shook and E. A. Aiken were in our city last week and made several unsuccessful raids among supposed moonshiners in the county.

Wedding bells continue to ring in this community. The latest was the marriage last Friday of Mrs. Lankford, widow of B. C. Lankford, to 'Squire E. B. Clayton. Dr. Dan Atkins, the Methodist presiding elder, officiated.

J. Wiley Shook has been "triggering" in a mysterious way with the "faithful" in town for some days and it is thought he expects to get a newspaper outfit from them, but whether it is to operate here or seek larger pastures is a matter of conjecture.

J. F. Hayes, manager of the Toxaway Company was in town last week and interested some of our citizens in a proposition to build a direct, well graded road from this place to Sapphire. It is to be built by a stock company and will be a model road in every particular. As such a road would make easily accessible one of the most attractive spots in the mountains, which has already become very popular with the northern tourists, it is a matter of general public interest and we hope our people will aid in the construction.—French Broad Hustler.

MURPHY.

A slight wreck occured on the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern at Kinsey five miles southwest of Murphy Saturday night. Some one had moved the switch, causing the train which was two hours late, to take the side track. The engine and one coach jumped the track. Nearly all the passengers and crew were shook up considerably. Conductor Garwood was hurt rather badly but nothing serious. A relief train from Blue Ridge brought the passengers to Murphy at 2:30 a. m. Sunday.

The passenger schedule of the Murphy branch of the A. K. & N. was changed yesterday. Trains now leave Murphy at 8 a. m. which gives a lay over in Blue Ridge of over four hours. We understand this is done in order to accomodate the freight business from Blue Ridge to Marietta. This schedule is very inconvenient for the traveling public and will not only hurt Murphy but the railroad as well, and we trust that the authorities will give us a better schedule. We certainly deserve some consideration at the hands of this road. What about that passenger train you promised us, Mr. McWilliams?

J. D. Murphy, Esq., of Asheville, who owns some property near town was here last week.—Scout.

CRAB TREE.

Crabtree, Jan. 19.—The republicans of Peru have moved the postoffice from a democrat in the centre of the community where it accomodated all to one side of the right place by at least three-fourths of a mile in order to get it in the hands of one of the believers. Many are wrought up over the situation and a long petition has been sent up to have it kept at the old stand. It is certainly a very petty affair, as it don't pay more than $25 per annum. The republican petition which was sent up at first consisted of five names, three of whom received their mail at another office.

Messrs. J. C. Bennett and O. A. Jarrett of Palm have gone to Weaverville where they will spend their time in school till commencement.

F. B. Noblitt of Old Fort has an interesting school at Thickety settlement near Clyde. He is a fine young man and no doubt will make a success at his work.

Another "Norther" has struck our country and sn[illegible] ice will be no strangers [illegible] in.

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J. R. K.

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[illegible] of public in- [illegible]ollowing impor- [illegible] of County [illegible]ard to or- [illegible]r 1896 and 1897, for public funds when there were no funds due in the districts.

The committees had no authority to sign orders for money when there was none due the school for which they gave the orders for school supplies, and the person or persons accepting these orders did so at his own risk.

The banks that bought such paper or orders, did so upon their own responsibility. I feel sorry for the banks, but I feel sorry for the children whose money is squandered.

Some counties in the state have been canvassed by agents who knew there was no money due the schools, and the committees knew they had no money to pay the extravagant orders they were giving.

It is a shame to see the hundreds of dollars of orders given for money when there was none, expecting to gobble up the money of the children for this fiscal year.

Do not spend one cent of the school money due from July -, 1897, to June 30, 1898, to pay orders made by your predecessors in office.

If there was money due the district for which the goods were bought at the time they were bought, and for the school year in which they were bought, then of course such orders must be paid, otherwise do not pay them.

Yours very truly,
C. H. MEBANE,
Supt. Public Instruction.

FOR MAID AND MATRON.

Correspondence to The Landmark.

If the girl born in May is named May, and the August girl is called Augusta, then the boy who comes to town in January should be named William, for January is nothing if not the month of Bills. An old woman once said, "This has been a most unhealthful season! People have died this season who never died before." So in January bills come in that never came before. Aside from the regular monthly accounts, there appear upon the scene, with the certainty of death and taxation, the souvenirs of the physician, the dentist, the milliner and the modiste. But if we are frank, most of us will admit that we get the full worth of our money. Of course we must make an exception of the money paid for servants', wages and ice!

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A woman who has passed her forty-seventh milestone and whose beautiful face is perfectly free from wrinkles, told the writer that the "secret of beauty" was the daily nap. Summer and winter, no matter what her duties and engagements may be, this woman retires to her room, loosens her hair, dons a lounging-robe and takes a nap. Sometimes she sleeps only ten minutes, but she rises greatly refreshed. Fatigue is a great foe to good looks—indeed it ranks next to worry as a wrinkle-producer, but sleep is the antidote. Let her who would keep her cheeks firm and round and her face free from crow's feet, take plenty of sleep.

YANCEY COUNTY AFFRAY.

Yancey county furnishes another sensational shooting affray in which one Mashburn and Nat Briggs were the participants. One of the parties used a Colt's revolver, and the other a Winchester rifle.

Briggs received two wounds, one in the leg and the other in the body, the latter thought to be fatal. The difficulty occurred near the line between North Carolina and Tennessee, at a place known as the "Flag Ponds." The difficulty occurred at the house of Lewis Cram, and grew out of an old feud. Mashburn has not yet been arrested. It is also reported that George McCurry shot and killed another man a few days ago. No particulars have been received.

WESTERN CAROLINA APPLES.

The crop of Western North Carolina apples is not yet exhausted. Several wagon-loads came in yesterday and retailed readily at from 60 to 80c per bushel. The Gazette is informed that quite a large quantity of the choicest fruit is being held by growers for the spring trade, when prices will be higher.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN TODAY.

Washington Post, Jan. 18.

The attempts on the part of the gold organs to dismiss Hon. William J. Bryan as a "back number," "a dead issue," and to relegate him to the limbo of insignificant and forgotten derelicts, do not strike us as being particularly happy. Whether they have been inspired by honest ignorance of public sentiment throughout the country or are mere demonstrations of malice and deceit, we do not undertake to say. Perhaps we should accept both explanations with a geographical division, attributing the ignorance to the east and the deceitful purpose to the west. No newspapers in the United States have a poorer understanding of popular opinion than the "great metropolitan dailies," because none are so cock sure of their own omniscience and of the overshadowing importance of the community they represent. To find the true provincial, the hopelessly narrow view of things, one must go to New York. Compared with that big, bumptious and complacent aggregation of prigs, Hogeye, Texas, is a veritable cosmopolis. We can easily believe that New Yorkers speak in perfect candor when they say that Mr. Bryan is a closed incident, for they regard their own verdict on a national issue as beyond appeal.

But neither conceit nor misrepresentation will avail to dispose of Mr. Bryan. Every intelligent and comprehensive observer of public events knows that he is stronger with the party to-day than he was a year ago; that he has lost none of the marvelous personal influence which he exerted during the campaign of 1896 that the principles for which he stands are as ardently espoused by the democratic masses as they were when Bryan proclaimed them with the fire of his enthusiasm and the witchery of his eloquence. No one need be deceived by the circumstances of the recent campaign in New York City. The fact that Tammany ignored the Chicago platform is of no significance. We may admit that, for the immediate purpose of that particular struggle, and in order to recover control of municipal affairs—to rescue Greater New York, in fact, from the dispensation of an impudent and hypocritical tyranny—the democratic masses consented to the Croker-Whitney programme. But that proves nothing. Indeed, we may say that, even if it involved the permanent rejection of Mr. Bryan and the Chicago declaration by the New York organization—which it does not—the fact would be of minor consequence. The democrats of the nation are not under New York control. The millions who voted for Mr. Bryan in 1896 do not look in that direction for guidance and leadership. They would not be moved one hair's breadth from their purpose if New York were to threaten them with absolute secession. They lost New York in 1896. They can afford to lose it in 1900. They have no calculations based upon New York as an indispensable factor in their scheme. They know that Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform brought out more votes, year before last, than any democratic candidate ever received before—nearly a million more than Mr. Cleveland had in 1892—and they are content with that record and the brilliant prospect it opens to them in the future.

Let no one imagine that Mr. Bryan is a dead issue. If a democratic convention were to assemble to-day, he would be without a serious competitor. Unless all political conditions be revolutionized meanwhile, he will be even stronger two years hence.

"THE DAZZLER"

Emil Heusel, who will be seen in the part of the unfortunate Wertzenburger Ratz in the "Dazzler" at the Grand opera house on Monday, January 24, is a New York boy, and one of a number of bright comedians that Edward Harrigan has furnished to the stage. He joined Harrigan's forces when but a young lad, and at that period in Harrigan's career when he was doing his sketches with Tony Hart at the Comique in lower Broadway, New York. He was the leader of the boys who marched in the "Gallant 69th" in one of Harrigan's first sketches, and soon attracted the attention of the public, and of Harrigan, by his wonderful dancing. He remained with Harrigan & Hart for eleven seasons, moving up town with them, and gradually assuming more and more important roles in their productions.

He is a German by birth, and naturally portrays German characters in a most life-like and relistic manner, and as an all round dancer he has no superior on the American stage.

There is hardly a farce comedy touring the country that does not contain one or more people who have learned their dancing steps from him.

BINGHAM SCHOOL PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions are announced at Bingham school in order No. 1:

Retired officers, R. S. Bynum, first lieutenant; R. L. Wilkins, first sergeant.

To be first lieutenant—Cadet Lieutenant J. B. McCampbell.

Second lieutenant—Sergeant Major C. L. Latham.

Sergeant major—Sergeant V. E. Whitaker.

First sergeant—Sergeant A. C. Wilson.

Sergeant—Corporal Dunn Houston.

By order of Lieutenant Perry. T. Hamilton, lieutenant and adjutant.

THE SALE OF WITNESS TICKETS

Chairman Brown and Clerk Wilson on Abuse.

Chairman Brown and Clerk Wilson are both of the opinion that some steps should be taken to protect witnesses from the impositions that are being practiced upon the ignorant in regard to the purchase of claims allowed for an inadequate sum.

Clerk Wilson is outspoken in his views on the subject. He says that the board of commissioners should make an order that no claim allowed be issued to any one other than the claimant himself and upon his endorsement.

Chairman Brown says that he realizes the fact that abuses exist along this line and that he is in favor of such action being taken by the board as will remedy the evil complained of, and will call the attention of the board to the subject at its next regular session. Both officers approved of the Gazette's notice of the matter.

PRIMROSE AND WEST.

Primrose and West's Minstrels drew a crowded house at the Grand last night in spite of the bad weather. There were no vacant seats. The entertainment was first class, sparklingly bright throughout with not a feature that dragged or failed to please. There was just enough spicy fun, good music and feats of acrobatic and athletic skill to gratify everybody. George Wilson was seen at his best, and that is the best that the modern Minstrel stage can produce.

PERODICAL TICKET NEWS.

Below is a correct list of the merchants with whom you can leave Periodical Tickets:

Art Needle Work—Mrs. B. D. Jones.
Bakery—J. W. Heston.
Books—H. T. Rogers.
Boots and Shoes—J. Spangenberg.
Carpets and Furniture—Williamson & Co.
Candy Kitchen—L. M. Theobold.
Clothing—Whitlock Clothing House.
Clothing—Alexander & Courtney.
Drugs—Heinitsh & Reagan.
Drugs—Dr. Smith.
Dairy, Roseland—J. B. Morris.
Dry Goods—Bon Marche.
Engraving—Miss A. M. Cole.
Florists—Idlewild Floral Co.
Fresh Oysters—Asheville Fish Co.
Fruits—W. E. Allen.
Groceries—A. D. Cooper.
Groceries—Cowan & Stradley.
Groceries—A. F. Cook.
Hardware—Brown, Northup & Co.
Job Printing—Asheville Printing Co.
Jeweler—B. H. Cosby.
Laundry—Asheville Steam Laundry.
Livery—Chambers & Weaver.
Meats, Game, etc.—W. M. Hill & Co.
Music Depot—Hough & Dunham.
Men's Outfitter—M. Marcus.
Newspaper—Daily Gazette.
Paints and Paper—F. B. Miller.
Photograph—T. H. Lindsey.
Vegetables—R. L. Ownbey.

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HENDERSONVILLE AND BREVARD R. R.

T. J. RICKMAN, Manager.
In Effect Sunday, Dec. 5, 1897.
(Standard Eastern Time.)

NO. 2, Daily	Stations.	NO. 1, Daily.
1.10 pm Lv	..Hendersonville..	Ar 12.30 pm
1.40 pm Lv	...Horse Shoe...	Ar 12.10 pm
1.45 pm Lv	.....Cannon.....	Ar 11.55 am
1.53 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

T. S. BOSWELL, Supt.