

35 Cts. FOR FINE FLORIDA Strawberries At Allen's, Opposite P. O.: Headquarters.

THE WEATHER. Washington, March 5.—Fair. The following temperatures prevailing at 9 p. m.:

Dr. H. J. Chapman, in charge of the government weather bureau at the Winyah, reported at 9 o'clock last night the following weather condition prevailing in Asheville:

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF. Zeb Vance club meets to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Alonso Rankin, who recently underwent an operation at the hospital, is getting along nicely.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. meet Saturday at 4. Fine band of directors at 5 p. m.

Miss Maud Vaughan will lead the devotional meeting of the Central Epworth League this evening.

There will be a meeting of the Flower Missions at Mrs. J. A. Burroughs in-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A catfish caught in the French Broad river weighing twenty-seven pounds was sold in the city yesterday.

The nineteen draymen brought before Justice Carter for nuisance, were, after a good lecture from the judge, acquitted.

Flato Bosth continues to improve and hopes are entertained for his permanent recovery. He is able to be up and walking, is wholly conscious and can see slightly.

Sally Williams and Little Langen were up before the police court yesterday morning for being drunk and disorderly. A fine of \$5.00 was imposed upon each one of them.

The new road from Smith's bridge to McLean's store has been inaugurated and accepted. The jury was composed of J. J. Mackey, J. M. Green, E. Meadows, John Cochran and Joseph Parham.

Reagan Hunter, a well known character in this county, had a hearing before United States Commissioner A. T. Summey on a charge of selling liquor without license and in default of bail was committed to jail.

Mr. R. J. Stokely will be a candidate before the democratic county convention for the nomination for clerk of the superior court of Buncombe county. Mr. Stokely is known to be a man of fine business ability and is nominated the Gazette predicts his election.

A young man visited the Gazette office last evening and exhibited a full-grown possum which he captured on north Main street. Evidently the animal had escaped from one of a number of wagons from the country which came in yesterday with produce for market.

Miss Denne, a graduate of the University Hospital, London, will have charge nursing department of the Asheville Sanatorium. Her assistants will be Miss Bacterium, a graduate of the Brooklyn Hospital, and Miss Stewart.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Dr. Byrd; vice-president, Mrs. Mrs. L. M. Foss; secretary, Mrs. Bettie Child; treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Hull.

White G. Smith recently placed an advertisement in the Gazette putting forth the merits of his patent tasteless castor oil, "De Castro." Before 9 o'clock on the morning of its appearance, a customer appeared with the ad clipped desiring the article.

Rev. C. E. Robertson, of Gaffney, S. C., who has been invited to visit South Side Presbyterian church with a view to a call to this work, is expected to arrive on Monday. He will preach at Southside Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and will speak at the prayer meeting in the First Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

There will be a number of interesting talks Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the court house. The Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy will all have representatives. Major Robert Bingham has consented to speak for the Daughters on the subject, "Private Soldier." Col W. W. Strine and Capt. Garland Ferguson, of Waynesville, chosen by the Veterans, will speak from personal reminiscences. Haywood Farber will have something to say as the representative of the Sons of Veterans.

AT PRIVATE SALE. At my residence, 147 Bailey street, all of my furniture, carpets, fancy ornaments, pictures, a Schmeer piano, which can be played on by hand, or by electricity, also a surry. I also offer for sale four residences for the next ten days at a very unusually low price. Apply about the residences to E. Coffin or J. Friedman. 23-6

Announcement.

We take pleasure in announcing to the public that we are opening up in our new carriage repository the finest and most complete assortment of all kinds of

Carriages, Buggies, Farm and Spring Wagons

ever brought to Western North Carolina and cordially invite you to call and inspect our goods and learn our prices before buying any vehicles. Will also carry a fine line of both double and single harness, whips, etc. We are agents for the celebrated Studebaker and Overland Wagons, Tyson & Jones Buggies, etc. Visitors Welcome.

Carolina Carriage, Wagon and Harness Co. Wright & McCleskey, Props. 88 Patton Ave., Opposite P. O.

McCLURE'S FOR MARCH. The March number of McClure's Magazine might be characterized in a sentence as a literary and pictorial exposition of the heroic side of real life. A letter from Nils Strindberg, one of the few men who have gone no one knows whither with Andree, in the bold endeavor to reach the north pole by balloon. Herbert E. Hammon's account of his own adventures as a locomotive engineer; and a true story of the ingenuity and bravery of a Chicago fireman—all dealing with matters of fact, are still full of the very best which the novelist (too often in vain) bests his brains for. An article by Mr. Hamlin Garland on the Klondike, setting forth in good plain terms new information regarding the Klondike and the various ways of reaching it and getting at its riches. This information Mr. Garland has gathered from United States and Canadian government surveyors and explorers who have returned from the Klondike within the last month or two to make their official reports, and his article has an obvious practical value, in addition to being extremely interesting. The fiction of the number comprises two good short stories by new writers and a stirring instalment of Anthony Hope's new Zenda novel, "Rupert of Hentzau."

SOMETHING TO KNOW. It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50 cents or \$1.00 per bottle at T. C. Smith's drug store and Peibham's Pharmacy.

RHEUMATISM CURED IN A DAY. "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by C. A. Raysor, Druggist, Asheville.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS. The following sales were recorded yesterday: James A. Suber and wife to Mattie E. King, 70 acres on Cane creek, \$500.00.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. License was issued yesterday for the marriage of David H. Greene and Anna Belle Raub.

Da Castro TASTELESS CASTOR OIL

Perfect, Pleasant and Palatable. Contains 97 Per Cent. Pure Castor Oil.

Easily retained by the most delicate stomach. Children take it readily and ask for more.

Dose:—Adults, one to two table spoonfuls. Children in proportion.

Manufactured Only by White G. Smith, Ph. G. ASHEVILLE, N. C.

For Sale by All Druggists.

We strive toward perfection; but, after all, it is human weakness which makes life interesting.

Fame is a possession which the greatest man on earth can not distribute among his children.

Drowning men clutch at straws; but men frequently go under because they have clung to straws too often.

A man is always a hero to his wife because she knows he wouldn't have proposed to her unless he was very brave.

SCROFULA in its worst form yields to the blood cleansing power of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Thousands of cases have been perfectly CURED.

When the matinee girl gets to heaven she won't wear a crown unless it has seven big ostrich feathers in it.

Just the Thing for a Small Family! Shafer's Pig Ham Mild Cured. It Has no Equal. COWAN & STRADLEY, PHONE 47. 16 North Court Sq.

Maybe You Don't Know, Or, perhaps forgotten what bargains we are offering in overcoats and suits. Think of a \$20 Beaver overcoat, lined with finest wool serge and Skinner's satin being sacrificed at \$15. All fancy worsteds and plaids in \$18 suits at \$14. All \$15 grades at \$11 and all \$10 grades at \$7.50. Can't buy them at wholesale at those prices in New York, today. A word to the wise—go at once and secure a bargain. More value for less money than you've yet seen. Alexander & Courtney 50 PATTON AVENUE, Drhumor Block.

A LITTLE RECREATION is needed by the brain as well as the body. The persistent application of the nose to the grindstone must surely narrow one's vision, and certainly curtails the nose. Many business men cultivate a hobby for the diversion it affords. Amateur photography is one of these, while we do not have cameras we do have the best books in which to keep your pictures. They are adjustable, making a handsome book of from 12 to 48 leaves. Extra leaves in stock. See them at ROGERS' BOOK STORE, 22 South Main Street.

Ladies' Eagle for '98, Only \$50, Best. A handsomer wheel was never made regardless of price. Alluminum mud and chain guards of Cold Rolled Alluminum. Another Ladies' Model at \$35; a good one, too! Asheville Cycle Company, Eugene C. Sawyer, Mgr. Phone 228. 47 Patton Avenue

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Wampole's COD LIVER OIL A Perfect and Tasteless Preparation of the Extract of Cod Liver Oil. Heinitsh & Reagan Druggists, Church St and Patton Ave.

DON'T DO IT. Don't try to do your own laundry work. Don't have anything to do with it. Don't go to a laundry where you have to tell them how to do your work. That's almost as much bother as doing it yourself. Send your clothes to us, and you shall have them just as you like them, just when you want them. We use no injurious chemicals. We don't tear the fabric. Asheville Steam Laundry, Phone 95. 48 West College street.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Why does the coal shipped by us always burn clear and free, give out more heat, burn longer and need replenishing less often than any other coal you can buy? We won't charge you anything for telling you that it is because it is carefully selected, high-grade and carefully screened, and we don't ask any more for it than you will pay for some inferior grades. Asheville Ice and Coal Company, 34 PATTON AVENUE, PHONE 40.

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Spring and Summer SPORTS! Golf Supplies of All Kinds, A first-class Golf Stick for \$1.50 each. Base Ball Supplies, Tennis Goods, Croquet Sets, Dumb Bells—wood nickel plate and iron—Indian Clubs, Whitley's Exercises, Striking Bags, Roller Skates for side walk and rink. A nice line of Gymnasium wear. Call for supplies. L. BLOMBERG, Leading Cigar Store, 17 Pat. Ave. Established 1887. I LEAD--OTHERS FOLLOW.

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