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When questioned, Mrs. Nation says, "I cannot tell a lie. I did it with my little hatchet."

Special guards are being detailed for inauguration day, to prevent "kodak fiends" from violence.

No more romances with the little queen of Holland as an anonymous heroine can be written now.

Asheville is proud of its own enterprise and it congratulates Durham on its ability to do things. That city is to build a \$350,000 electric line, extend the city limits, and hold a fair.

The Danville (Va.) Register, commenting on the movement in the North Carolina legislature to secure a better law as to divorces, urges some action to secure uniformity in the laws of this state and Virginia regulating marriage.

Mr. V. Richards, the land and industrial agent of the Southern railway, who is accompanying the Cincinnati party which visits this city today, is quoted as saying in Knoxville yesterday: "This year, in my opinion, is going to be one of the best in the history of the industrial development of the south."

What people can do, if they will, has had a forcible illustration in Columbus, Ohio, where the electric power companies were brought to time. This result was not gained without an effort on the part of those at interest. In Columbus, as elsewhere, there were two parties—the people and the investors. The people had valuable rights in their possession, worth many millions of dollars.

The present legislature is going to impeach Purchas and Douglas, judges of the supreme court. They ought to im-

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peach Faircloth and give him and others to understand that when any man antagonizes the greed of a North Carolina legislature, he can't get out of it by the little act of dying. This legislature is determined that no supreme court shall be behind what it does.

The Brooklyn Eagle sagely remarks "If you want to find out about a woman, don't judge by what other women say of her, but by what she says of them."

TOPICS OF THIS TOWN.

BROTHER J. C. Garlington of the Spartanburg Herald contributes to his paper a column and a half of interesting stuff about the National Park association meeting, which he attended and about park matters in general. He says a number of graceful and timely things. A few of these follow: "It is a great mistake to look upon this (the park movement) as an Asheville enterprise."

A FRIEND reports the following fragment which he overheard in the freight yard the other day: "Go 'way 'om heah; I ain't got no time fur common niggers lack you. I see er milyunah, I is. "Yes, you is er milyunah; You's got er milyun airholes in dem e'er tags."

Mrs. C. DEAKE, who is to be depended upon as a weather prophet, says the cold weather is over for the winter, so far as Asheville is concerned. We are yet to have a great deal of dirty weather, however. It is consoling to those of us who, for human reasons, delight to see the tourist within our borders, to remember that in the north and west they are having weather that is just as bad as weather can be, even in the north and west.

Mrs. Frieda Siemens. The First of the musicales of the Asheville Conservatory of Music will be a concert by Frieda Siemens. Concert company, to be given in the Grand opera house next Wednesday night.

Among the many claimants for the approval of the musical public in this country, there are none who occupy a higher or more deserved rank than Mile. Frieda Siemens, whom the most prominent critics of Europe and America have unanimously styled the equal and successor of Mme. Essipoff, the greatest woman pianist of the past century.

BON MARCHE, 15 S Main

INCIDENTS OF A WAGON RIDE ASHVILLE TO OKLAHOMA

George R. Stephens Writes of His Experiences.

Mr. George R. Stephens who left Asheville in a wagon for the west last fall, writes back from Oklahoma as follows:

When I first hinted that I had a faint notion of going by wagon over the Appalachian System, of mountains, and across the Mississippi valley, away out into the supposed wilds of Oklahoma, or some other "No-Mans-Land," the wise ones of my friends showed a look that expressed all the shades from doubt to positive disbelief. Some thought I was indiscreet, if not worse, in wanting to undertake such a feat. One good soul said it would be quicker to go by rail. But I wanted the outdoor life and the experience of travelling among the savages of Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas.

When nearing the first range of mountains the natives tried to make me feel as badly as possible by saying the road was impassable. So I had to draw on my reserve force somewhat, and whistle to keep up courage.

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PERSONALS. John A. Hendricks came in yesterday from Marshall. Allen V. Sheridan of Paola, Kans. is in the city. M. Lehmann of New York is a recent arrival. A. W. Adams of Chicago is staying at the Hotel Berkeley. Mr. and Mrs. Watt G. Bass of Indianapolis were among yesterday's arrivals. O. C. Bell of Atlanta is here. H. Nelson Burroughs of Philadelphia is registered at the Berkeley. Fred P. Miller came up from Hickory yesterday afternoon. Miss May Harden of Jamestown, Ind., who has been in Asheville for several weeks, will leave today for Barto, Fla., to visit relatives. Miss Harden has made many friends while here who will learn of her departure with regret.

go up there about a hundred yards and by the air of mystery, so I concluded to see for myself. Going in the tracks I soon saw a man, who acted as though he, too, had just happened there. I asked how far it was up to where they were at work. He asked me where I was from, where I was going, asked my name and business, and I expected him to ask my age, politics and church connection.

But he appeared to be satisfied, and without saying more walked up the small, indistinct path, while I followed. A few steps brought us to a small log building, so loosely built that you could throw two cats through it on any side. In this stood several negroes of crushed apples in a souring condition. In one corner was a small furnace, and the simplest apparatus for making brandy. A stream as clear as crystal about the size of your little finger ran into a key. My guide permitted me to taste the innocent looking stuff. A teaspoonful was enough to satisfy my curiosity. I had heard of swallowing liquid lightning and here was an example of it. I quickly told him goodbye and went on my way, wiser if not more joyful.

All along, I had admired the clear water in the many streams. It was soft and clear and cold, and many were the nights that I camped near enough to hear the musical gurgle of some limpid brook during my waking moments of the night. I sometimes overlooked the poetry of these waters, and the tunefulness of their ripple, when I had to ford the deeper ones especially if the banks were steep and the bed of the streams literally strewn with boulders that all but upset my wagon.

I think I got my greatest impressions of grandeur at the summit of the mountain range just before reaching Andrews. As I looked back from the commanding eminence I could see countless peaks thick as ant hills. This impression was increased by the sudden appearance of an army of clouds that shut off my vision, yet rushing by like a torrent. I suspected that a rain was following close, and after nightfall when I was safely camped in a valley, it came in bucketsful.

VALENTINES AT BAINBRIDGE'S, 47 Patton Avenue, Patrick McIntyre, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT, 53 South Main Street Telephone 218.

HIS LIFE WAS SAVED. Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful illness. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to die of consumption when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous remedy is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Regular sizes 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all drug stores; every bottle guaranteed.

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