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COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

KINGS CREEK.
Nothing of interest to comment on in our little town only mud. The roads are simply awful.

Mr. J. H. Barlow has just put up a corn mill near his home. Very convenient to the people.

Rev. J. G. Benfield filled his regular appointment at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Frenis Coffey is a very successful trapper. He has realized something near \$4.00 worth of muskrat hides in a few weeks. He is expecting to land a very large opossum soon.

We understand that Mr. Geo. Parsons, of near Meadow Hill, committed suicide last Friday night by shooting himself. We haven't learned the cause.

We are glad to see the Kelsy items grace the columns of The News so often.

The people of our community are enjoying the best of health. Hope it will continue.

Some unknown person tried to play a trick on Mr. Chas. Crofts last night by calling him out after the family had retired. Mr. Crofts came out but no response. No sooner than he had entered the house the same was repeated. This time Mr. Crofts took his gun with him and fired on them. He says they just touched the high place and occasionally a mud hole. Just served them right.

Mr. and Mrs. Game Beach were visitors on Kings Creek Saturday and Sunday.

The school is progressing nicely at this place. X. Y. Z. Jan. 27th, 1913.

BOONE.
The school building for the primary school in the Boone district is being completed in the west end of the district. This school is near the residence of the late Maj. H. Bingham and should go by the name which he gave this section—"Scouffville".

Reverends J. H. Farthing, J. M. Payne, and L. C. Miller closed on Sunday a series of meetings at Three Forks.

Rev. J. M. Downum filled the appointments of Rev. Mr. Jones at Hopewell and Blackburn Chapel on Sunday.

Hon. F. A. Linney has just returned from Wilkes Court. He says that there are 800 men working on the Watauga Railroad and that Maj. Landon, the chief engineer, says that he aims to get to Cook's Gap in time to get the Watauga Bonds.

The first Quarterly Meeting of the Boone circuit will be held at Rutherford next Saturday and Sunday. Rev. M. H. Vestal will preach and preside at the Conference.

Mr. G. H. Blair & Son manufactured this season 150 barrels of kraut. They will make 20 barrels more.

The macadam drive in front of the School buildings at the Appalachian Training School is a great success and has already been worth much.

Mr. Calvin Long who lives one mile west of town has sold his farm to Mr. R. G. Gragg.

A series of debates have been arranged between the Appalachian Training School, Marion High School, and Cullowhee Normal. The first debate will come off February 21. A. M.

WOMEN SHOULD NOT VOTE

Reader Sends us The Following in Reply to Our Recent Article.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the New York Herald's Woman's Suffrage Competition and was written by a young woman of Greenville who is a firm believer in woman's rights, but scorns the idea of a "womanly woman going to the polls to cast her vote or seek some political position."

Greenville, S. C. Jan. 16, 1913. The Herald's Woman's Suffrage Competition, New York Herald, Herald Square, New York City, N. Y.,

My dear fellow competitors:

As you will see from the heading of my letter I am a southerner and Old South Carolina is my native state. I am a firm believer in women's rights within her own sphere, but in my opinion her sphere does not extend to the political arena of state and government, nor do I believe she should lead a suffragette party into agitations of political questions, by public orations. Not that I undervalue the comparative sense of women, except that I cannot think that women as a class are endowed with the same senses of discrimination on all matters as men. Many women are grand exceptions to this rule; but public political suffragettes in my opinion who undertake to transcend their natural sphere, do so at the risk of losing their real rights, consisting of higher better and more sacred things than politics. A pure modest woman is the grandest, noblest and gentlest of all of God's creations. Her mission in life is greater and of more importance than that of a crowned monarch of the world. Her reign is in the home, where she sheds the sunshine of love and happiness.

After long weary hours of obstinate debate over some question of vital importance to our country, the uncertain politician seeks rest, not by shutting himself within the four walls of his study to think over the events of his busy day, but when he reaches home he finds a sweet faced wife to welcome and cheer him with her sunny smiles, loving words, sympathetic heart and intelligently agreeable mind. She is a firm believer in woman's rights, but would scorn the idea of a womanly woman going to the polls to cast her vote or seek some political position.

I long to further the cause of woman's rights. I want to see her loved and respected by man. I wish our American woman would forsake the political field and stand up for her own rights; the right to love and be loved; the right to inspire others with higher and nobler deeds; the right to make home happy; to make life worth living. She was not made to toil as a slave. She is a sacred being with a holy mission; too sacred and holy to be wasted in a political field.

(MISS) IVA B. HALL.

(The foregoing is alright from one view point and as far as it goes, but one of the main reasons why women should vote is that they may purify and raise politics above the low trade and trafficking plane to which they have descended. We believe she can do this to a large extent without sacrificing any of her womanly virtues and refining influences.—News.)

CAROLINA N.-W. RAILWAY.

Important Line, Some Facts Taken From an Article in Hickory Democrat.

The Carolina & North Western Railway now has a mileage of 135 miles, with over 40 towns and villages. The C. & N.-W. Railroad has within two months purchased two modern freight engines, and are now having built two more mogul freight and two large passenger locomotives, all at a total cost of \$75,000. There are over 500 employes on the pay roll, and the officials have just moved into spacious offices in the Pryor building opposite the Chester town hall.

It requires 45 office employes to handle the increasing business of the C. & N.-W. Railroad the headquarters of which have been in Chester, for over 26 years.

The C. & N.-W. has inaugurated a package car service from Charlotte via Gastonia north, from Lenoir south via Gastonia to Charlotte daily. On connection with the Piedmont Northern it also operates package cars tri-weekly from Charlotte to Chester and intermediate points via Gastonia. This enables the patrons of the C. & N.-W. to get goods the same day ordered. Passenger trains operating double daily, which makes connections with Piedmont lines via Gastonia, giving passengers from C. & N.-W. line the opportunity to spend several hours in Charlotte and return the same day. The C. & N.-W. is making preparations for a heavy Summer tourist travel and indications are for a good season, as they make close connection at all junction points with trunk line trains to all points North, South, East, and West.

There are 58 cotton mills on the C. & N.-W. Railroad (17 in Gastonia); four cotton seed oil mills; five knitting mills. Lenoir's six furniture and two chair factories ship out 25 cars of finished goods per week. Mortimer ships out 12,000,000 feet of lumber per annum. Between Hickory and Edgemont, 30,000,000 feet of lumber are annually shipped away over the C. & N.-W. Railroad. Hickory has the most diversified industries of any town on this railroad.

In 1892 the C. & N.-W. had only seven miles of side tracks which took care of all the business at that time. Now it has over 22 miles of sidings and more are needed for increasing traffic.

Gen. Dan E. Sickles, the Federal hero of Gettysburg, is in great financial straits in New York. He has held the position of disbursing officer of the state monument funds and was found short in his accounts about \$23,000, and litigation has been started against him. His friends are coming to his rescue, however, Governor Sulzer heading a subscription list with \$100, and it is likely the shortage will be made up in a little time. Mrs. Gen. Longstreet, telegraphed Gen. Sickles, that she would raise the money among the Confederate Veterans if need be, before he should be humiliated over the matter. The General is now 92 years old.

Perhaps that Georgia woman who wants to send a baby by parcel post desires to put the stork out of business.

THE DEBATING CONTEST.

The Lenoir Schools to be Represented in the Debating Contests in Feb.

In a spirited preliminary contest at the graded school the following pupils were chosen to represent the school in its debates with Hickory and Morganton Feb. 21, 1913. Miss Carrie Goforth and Reece Crisp will uphold Lenoir's affirmative in Lenoir against Morganton, while Lee Spencer and Cloyd Hartley will uphold Lenoir's negative in Hickory. Clyde Suddruth and Harold Corpening, both having excellent debates in the contest, were appointed Lenoir's secretaries of the two debates.

It will be remembered that Hickory, Morganton and Lenoir constitute one triangle of the debating union recently organized by the University. Already ninety-eight of the leading high schools of the State have joined this union and much interest is being manifested in the subject for debate which is: Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to allow women to vote under the same qualifications as men.

The regulations of the union require each school to have two teams, the affirmative debating at home and the negative at one of the two schools in its triangle, and that every debate in the union shall be held on Feb. 21.

Should any school in any triangle win both of its debates, the union provides for the entertainment of its four debaters at the University where they will contest for State honors on Mar. 7, 1913. The winners in this final contest will have their names placed upon the Aycock Memorial Cup.

Under the agreement entered into by the superintendents of the Hickory, Morganton and Lenoir schools each school will pay all necessary expenses of the representatives of the visiting school. To defray this expense it was further agreed that a small and uniform admission fee should be charged at each of the three schools.

Caldwell Medical Society.

The Caldwell Medical Society met in annual session Wednesday in the office of the Foot Hills Sanatorium. The following officers were elected for the year: Dr. A. B. Goodman, President; L. H. Coffey, Vice-President; Dr. C. B. McNairy, Secretary and Treasurer; and Dr. A. A. Kent, delegate to the State Medical Association; and Dr. M. T. Hickman, alternate.

The Society decided on a slight change in fees—\$1.50 for days visits within corporation, \$1.00 extra for night visits. For the country, 50 cents per mile for day visits and double for night visits.

Subjects of importance both to people and their profession were ably discussed, when they were invited to the home of Dr. McNairy, where they were handsomely and lavishly entertained at a banquet given by our good Dr. McNairy and his wife. Fortunate indeed were those of us who could be there for a more delightful entertainment we never attended.

We generally rush things when the grade is downhill.

Where women give way to a flood of tears, man proceeds to put up a few strong dams.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The Stewart Divorce bill making five years separation, legal cause for divorce has passed the house of representatives of the legislature.

A man named George Parsons, of Wilkes, committed suicide last Saturday, by shooting himself. He was about 65 years of age and weak minded.

Mr. J. H. Coffey, of Gastonia, who at one time lived in Lenoir, has invented a new kind of bug gy shaft that the Gastonia Gazette thinks is a valuable patent.

Among the bills recently ratified by the Legislature is one to amend the charter of the Watauga Railway company, so as to allow it to become an extension of the Virginia Carolina railroad.

N. B. McDoyett has been appointed clerk of the Superior court of Madison county, to succeed the late clerk, W. H. Henderson, who died recently. McDoyett is the first Democratic clerk the county has ever had and was appointed by Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Executive committee of North Carolina Bankers association, in session here today selected Asheville as place of next meeting sometime between July 1 and 20. President L. S. Covington and Secretary W. A. Hunt will decide the exact date.

Boliva county Mississippi is nearly covered by water from the overflowing Mississippi river and the towns of Beulah, Benoit and Rosedale partly inundated. There has been no loss of life reported and the stock has generally been taken to point of safety. New Madrid Missouri is also partly under water.

There are 1400 appointments made by President Taft pending before the United States Senate. The Republicans want to take up and confirm the appointments and the Democrats fight against it and prevent it. Thus the time of the body is frittered away over political matters instead of being used for the needed legislation of the country.

Among the Senators re-elected to the United States Senate Tuesday are, Benjamin Tillman, of South Carolina; A. B. Fall, of New Mexico; and F. E. Warren, of Wyoming. The new Senators are, W. H. Thompson, of Kansas; William Hughes, of New Jersey; W. M. Kavanaugh, of Arkansas; Morris Sheppard, of Texas; and Key Pitman, of Nevada. All of the above named are Democrats, except Fall and Warren.

North Carolina sent out of the State last year more than 22 million dollars for hay, corn and feedstuffs, all of which might have been produced at home without clearing an additional acre of land. We need capital in North Carolina and borrowers are paying seven and eight per cent for money with which to push enterprises which mean the growth of the State. And yet we are not wise enough to raise our hay and grain at home and keep the money here for developing our resource.—Chronicle.

It is wonderful how many things a girl can find to laugh at when she has pretty teeth.

SOME AUTOMOBILE LAWS.

New York State Passes Laws Protecting the Public Against Accidents.

New York State has passed a law providing a fine of \$100 and six months in jail for intoxicated persons who drive motor cars on public streets or highways and protecting the public in other ways against the irresponsible automobilist. A similar law is being considered by legislators in other States and it will no doubt be as warmly welcomed by sane automobile owners as by the public at large.

And speaking of automobile laws, North Carolina is in need of one that will protect the public, will not work a hardship on automobilists and will be reasonable enough to be enforced. Massachusetts has the best speed law in the country and it has no speed limit at all. It provides a heavy penalty for "reckless driving," and the officer making the arrest and the court are the judges of what constitutes recklessness. A speed of 40 miles an hour is not reckless on a good road in the rural sections with no teams to be disturbed and no pedestrians to be endangered. A speed of 20 miles an hour on unobstructed and quiet city streets is not excessive, but 10 miles an hour with an aggressive and reckless chauffeur in a crowded street would be dangerous. It is not so much the speed that is dangerous but the circumstances under which any given speed is made. Therefore it is the recklessness and not the speed that the law would do away with and which endangers the public. A speed limit of 20 miles an hour for the State is ridiculous, just as is the lower limit for the city, and what is the use of having a law that is not and cannot be enforced?

What North Carolina needs is a law that will severely penalize reckless driving, the driving of a car by a person who is under the influence of liquor and a law requiring examinations for chauffeurs before they are given license to drive a car. Entirely too many children are driving cars for the safety of the other people who are using the streets. There is no objection to a reasonable tax on automobiles, graded according to the power and weight of the car, the tax going to the road fund of the county in which the car is located or to a general road fund of the State.

E. C. Duncan Wants A. & N. C. Railroad

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—E. C. Duncan, president of the Merchants' National Bank of this city, a director of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, and one of the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line before its reorganization, submitted to Governor Craig today a proposition to purchase the 22,666 shares, controlling interest, in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad owned by the State, his offer being to pay the State \$949,950 cash for the \$1,266,600 par value stock the State owns. It is understood that Governor Craig will transmit this offer to the General Assembly tomorrow in a special message, recommending that the proposition be accepted.

When the police raid a bucket shop the proprietors look "pau"

A man who has a crying woman for a wife is usually afraid of the damp.