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## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

Greensboro, Nov. 24.—Ten people were hurt in three automobile accidents on the High Point road yesterday. One of these was knocked unconscious, another had collar bone broken and a third had an arm broken. The others received cuts and bruises. The automobiles in each instance were badly smashed. Two of those seriously hurt were ladies. One child was painfully cut. In each instance it is said the accidents might have been avoided, but for recklessness.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has recently ruled that Carriers may not lawfully waive any provision of their tariffs or bills of lading, and especially refer to Section 3 of Uniform Bill of Lading, which provides that no claim for loss, damage or delay will be paid unless presented within four months. The Railroads have no desire to escape payment of any just claim under this ruling, and urge all patrons to file their claims within four months from date of delivery of shipment, as unless such action is taken no claim can be lawfully paid.

It appears that about one-fifth of those who fought in the War between the States are alive. This conclusion is reached from the report of the Commissioner of Pensions who shows that there are 462,379 persons receiving pensions. There were 2,272,408 enlistments for the war or 2,320,272 reduced to a three year basis on the Federal side and against these 650,000 Confederates fought. The largest number of pensioners are in Ohio, where 77,599 receive aid, and in order are Pennsylvania, with 75,618; New York 68,270; Illinois, 56,428; Indiana, 49,987; Missouri, 39,490; Michigan, 34,298 and Massachusetts, 34,124.

### Boys' Day.

We invite everybody, men, women and children to come to Lenoir next Saturday, 29th, to the Corn Club Rally. Mr. T. E. Brown, manager of the Corn Clubs in North Carolina, will speak in the Graded School building in Lenoir, at 11 a. m. The law requires agriculture taught in the schools, and the Club work is part of the teachers' work. At the teachers meeting Nov. 1st, one of the large grade rooms would not hold the teachers, and we are expecting them to take as much interest in this meeting.

With the boys in the Corn and Pig Clubs and the girls in the Tomato and Poultry Clubs, we will be progressing as rapidly as any county in the South.  
G. M. GOFORTH.

### Don't Crowd The Editor. (Fairmont Messenger.)

How is that Thanksgiving turkey? The editor of the Messenger can't use but one for that day, so don't crowd him too much with the birds else some one of our friends would have to be put off and we would hate to do that.

It is called a "breakfast gown" when she is a bride, but after a year it is known as a "wrapper."

## THE RATE COMMISSION. (Greensboro News.)

The commission appointed by Governor Craig to hear the protest of the railroads against the application of the rates written in the Justice intrastate rate bill is a remarkable one in that not only is there not a politician in it, but not a man who took any part in the recent agitation over railroad rates.

But although the personnel of the commission will doubtless surprise many people, we believe that the longer they consider the matter the more firmly will they be convinced that the Governor has discharged his difficult duty with admirable wisdom. A scholar, a jurist and a business man at first sight appear to be a strange combination to decide a question of freight rates; but come to think about it, what better combination could be asked?

The decision of these men involves many hundreds of thousands of dollars; should they err on the one side they will injure their countrymen; should they err on the other they may wreck the railroads, the circulatory system of civic life. Certainly the railroads are going to be represented before them by the ablest special pleaders that money can hire, and presumably the people will not lack for skillful and eloquent advocates. The pressure will be tremendous, for too much is at stake for either side to lose any opportunity to present its case in the best possible light.

Under such circumstances the supreme requirement, after a character for honesty that is above suspicion, is the rare ability to think clearly and to retain one's sense of perspective in spite of the most vigorous efforts to disturb it. All the evidence must be carefully weighed and considered; who is competent to do this, if not a judge? Plausible sophistries must be detected and fallacies ferreted out in spite of the most skillful presentation; who is more able to do this than a scholar, especially one who has devoted his life to the most perplexing and exacting of the sciences? Practical questions in finance and transportation must be given practical answers; here is where the business man is supreme.

M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordton, father of E. J. Justice, who drew the bill, has for many years been a Superior court judge and during his service on the bench has gained a statewide reputation for fairness and keen vision.

W. L. Potat, president of Wake Forest college, is a biologist of international reputation. In addition he is a student of affairs whose reputation for careful consideration and nicely-balanced judgment has given his opinions great weight with the people of the state.

Alf. A. Thompson, of Raleigh treasurer of the Just Freight Rate Association, is a cotton mill man, vice president of a Raleigh bank, and treasurer of a fire insurance company. He stands in the front rank of North Carolina business men.

We believe that the appointment of this commission means the beginning of the end of the freight-rate war, for with the place its members hold in the estimation of the people of the state, there can be no appeal from their decision.

It is hard to tell a man's bent when he is in straits.

## LENOIR PEOPLE ABROAD.

Mrs. H. J. Hardin is spending the week with kin folks in Lenoir.—Watauga Democrat.

Messrs. Plato Wilson and Todd Webb spent Sunday in Lenoir.—Morganton News-Herald.

Attorney A. C. Payne was in Hickory and Lenoir last week on legal business.—Taylorsville Scout.

Mr. M. S. Harvey has returned from a business trip to Lenoir and Boone.—Wilkesboro Patriot.

Mr. Homer Isbell of Lenoir, was visiting relatives in Morganton this week.—Morganton News-Herald.

Friend Joe Greene of Liberty Hill, visited relatives at Upton, Caldwell county, last week.—Watauga News.

Miss Sara Tulbert went to Lenoir Sunday to take a place in the graded school at that place.—Wilkesboro Patriot.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Morrison are in Cherryville where Mr. Morrison is conducting a land sale.—Hickory Democrat.

Mr. Geo. Starnes of Lenoir, will take the place of Henry Lohr as driver at fire station effective December 1st.—Hickory Democrat.

John Franklin and wife of Collettsville, have visited his brother, S. L. Franklin and his sister, Mrs. Mary Clarke.—Montezuma Notes in Avery Vim.

Miss Lina Ivey of Lenoir, spent Wednesday night in Statesville at the home of Mr. Geo. M. Foard. She was en route home from Charlotte. Statesville Landmark.

Miss Minnie Culver who holds a responsible position as trained nurse in the Foot Hills Sanatorium at Lenoir, is visiting her parents at Mabel this week.—Watauga Democrat.

Mrs. Russell Barlow of Lenoir, nee Miss Texie Horton, has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Horton, at Vilas, since last Friday. She will return to her home the latter part of the week. Watauga Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Mck. Kincaid had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tate of Marion, Mrs. E. H. Hahn of Gastonia, Mrs. Watt Minish of Lenoir, Mrs. Bessie Sweeney of Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Puett. Morganton News-Herald.

The last marker for the Daniel Boone trail through Watauga has been shipped to Lenoir by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson and will be attached to a suitable boulder at Cook's Gap as soon as it can be gotten from the depot. This will make six on the historic trail through the county.—Watauga Democrat.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Wilson Lumber & Milling Co., will be held in Lenoir today. Messrs. J. D. Stocker, president, and S. M. Cook of Scranton, Pa., and E. E. Dale directors, of the company are in attendance. These gentlemen and other officials of the company will be here tomorrow to inspect the North Wilkesboro plant.—Wilkesboro Patriot.

It is very hard for a girl who has been engaged once to behave with the next young man as if she never had.

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## BLOWING ROCK ITEMS

(Watauga Democrat.)

The new bank building is so near completion that the safe from the old building has been moved into its new home of concrete blocks, truly a handsome addition to the already artistic group of buildings on Main St.

The Martin cottage has been remodeled and enlarged to such an extent that from rather an unattractive feature in the landscape, it will be one of the handsomest structures on the street, roomy, home-like and serviceable for a hostelry as well as a home. Mr. H. C. Martin is the architect, designer and owner thereof.

The galax business is at flood tide, thousands of leaves daily being brought in, packed and shipped by H. C. Hayes & Co., giving a means of livelihood to many, a many a mountain family and proving a source of revenue to our town, the galax trade first introduced in this section of country by Mr. Kelsey of the Highland Nursery at Pinola near Linville.

Mr. Norman Cordon, who purchased the Waller cottage on S. Main St., after a long and tedious illness, has entirely regained his strength, and expects soon to go on the road for a Richmond firm of which, for many years, he has been a highly valued representative, his family to remain on the mountain throughout the winter months.

Among the recent visitors at the popular Watauga Inn, were Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wagner, of Valle Crucis, en route to Patterson, Lenoir and Hickory, where they are to visit friends, and upon their return will be "at home" in their new and handsome abiding place on the banks of beautiful Watauga River.

### CAPT. C. M. BOWERS ARRESTED.

Greensboro, Nov. 24. Capt. C. M. Bowers, who was arrested a few days ago in New Orleans for using the mails for a fraudulent purpose, is now in the coming term of Federal Court. He was arrested on complaint of B. C. and Parks Deaton, of Statesville, and other Iredell people, who charge that he swindled them out of \$8,000, using the mails and thereby laying himself liable to prosecution by the Federal government. There had been a tradition in the Deaton family that relatives of theirs in England had died without heirs and they were entitled to a considerable estate. Bowers, who lived in Statesville, for awhile claimed to know of the estate mentioned and went to England at the expense of the Iredell people. On his last trip to England he cabled the Deatons at Statesville that the suit had been successful and they would get the property or its proceeds. During the time he had made several trips to England and had obtained about \$8,000 in money for expenses and attorney's fees, as he claimed. After the cablegram stating that the suit had been successful Bowers became quiet and the Iredell people became suspicious. They had another investigation made and found the whole thing without foundation. The postoffice officials took the matter up, traced Bowers from England to Canada and then to New Orleans, where he was arrested a few days ago, as stated in the newspapers at the time. Much evidence has been obtained against him.

## PUBLICITY—GOOD AND BAD. (Charlotte Observer.)

The Greensboro Record thinks that the matter of theater going needs looking into as well as that of liquor drinking. It developed recently that the supply of that town amounted to the neighborhood of 165 gallons a day, and The Record shows that the receipts of the Gertrude Hoffmann entertainment at the opera house footed up \$1,330.25. The attendance at the shows, where the women do not cut such a figure on the stage is lamentably small. The inference is that in Greensboro the people are as they have been since the days of Noah, inclined to let their money go on women and whiskey. It is human nature, and human nature is not always good. We suppose the same conditions prevail in other towns. The Record advocates educating the people to patronize "clean shows, concerts and the rest." The advice is good, but how is it to be done? The minute the public is advised that a certain show on the way is not of the sort that decent people should see, designs on the box office sales will be laid. The Observer believes that the remedy is not in publicity. It is in casting the veil of silence on the incident. If the newspapers had given no attention to the criticisms of the Hoffmann play, that production would have gone on its way unheralded and with nothing more than the average gate receipts. It is the advertising that makes these shows go. But then, when an ill-advised move like the appointment of a committee of inspection is made, what are the newspapers to do about it? Give the shows the very thing they thrive upon. Yet publicity is a good thing. While it is not good for the bad show, let it be tried once on the soaks. Instead of publishing that 165 gallons of sowpaw are received in Greensboro a day, suppose the papers announce that the names of the parties to whom this liquor is consigned are to be printed, and see how the receipts will fall off. There is an easy way to handle the liquor question, but when it comes to keeping the crowds from the theater it is a more difficult matter.

### Thanksgiving at Oak Hill.

Oak Hill Council, No. 392, Jr. O. U. A. M. will present a flag and Bible to Oak Hill High School on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27th, 1913.

At eleven o'clock in the forenoon Rev. C. T. Squires, Pastor of First Presbyterian church, Lenoir, will deliver the sermon and present the Bible.

At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon Rev. C. T. Squires, will deliver the address and present the flag.

Everybody invited.

The News has some very interesting Thanksgiving announcements in its advertising columns from our local merchants.

At the last meeting of the Minister's Union it was decided to publish brief synopsis of the previous Sunday's sermons in the different churches, thus giving all the people who read the papers a chance to get the outline of what was going in the churches of town; and some may read with profit who could not or did not attend church at all. So each week you will find about a column given in this paper to this kind of work.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

### Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Day after tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. Are you fixed for it?

Mr. J. E. Adicks of Asheville, was a business visitor here Friday.

Mrs. E. C. Ivey left Friday morning for Charlottesville, Va. where she will visit relatives.

Mr. A. N. Todd is making extensive improvements to his dwelling in the eastern part of town.

New buildings continue to rise up in Lenoir, yet we still have people asking about dwellings to rent.

Mr. J. H. Aubrey of Atlanta, with the Citizens Light & Power Co., of Lenoir, was a prominent visitor here Friday.

Good roads are the greatest things in the way of development that a county can secure and we should realize this and get busy on this proposition.

Mrs. Tate Powell and little son left Friday morning for Lake Butler, Florida, where they will spend awhile with Mrs. Powell's father, Mr. F. M. Rivers.

Mr. W. H. Randolph and daughter, Miss Bessie Randolph left Sunday for Philadelphia and Atlantic City and other points in the east for a business and pleasure visit.

There are a large number of mountain wagons coming to Lenoir now and they are bringing in all kinds of produce. Good prices can always be had here for all kinds of farm crops, which is the reason so many come here to trade.

The matter of good roads is an important one and interest is growing in it in all parts of the country, but a matter of equal importance is the maintenance of them. This can be best done by wide tires a well graded road, used only by wide tires will stay good all the time and along with the improvement of the roads should go the sensible and modern way of using them.

It is just one month from this date until Christmas. Things now uppermost in the minds of the people is the matter of suitable Christmas presents. In the advertising columns of The News will be found the ads of the most up-to-date merchants of our city, who will take pleasure in helping to make your Christmas shopping a pleasure as well as a course of profit to you by trading with them.

The people of Conover, Catawba County, have the right kind of spirit in regard to public improvements and especially good roads. Just read the following: "Conover, being unable to respond to the Governor's call on "Good Roads Days" set Thursday and Friday instead. The citizens began work Thursday morning on one of the main roads leading out from town towards St. John's church. A great crowd of men gathered early from the surrounding country. A number came from Newton to assist in the work. The ladies served an excellent dinner at Poplar Springs about a mile from Conover. The road is being completed as the work goes. The top soil is furnished by farmers."