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LOCAL.

Don't bear it in mind—that all work done in the Citizen Job Office is strictly cash on delivery.

Parties wanting job work, of any character or description or of any style and price, should remember that the Citizen office is thoroughly prepared to do the same at the shortest possible notice. Blanks of all kinds a specialty.

A baptistry is being built in the Baptist church in this place.

The work of gardening has commenced in earnest in this locality.

The rental season commenced yesterday.

The Public School will begin in this place on the first proximo.

A revival of religion is in progress in the M. E. Church in this place this week, attended with several conversions.

Yesterday was St. Valentine's Day, and many were the missives, both sentimental and comic, that passed through the mails hereabouts.

See the new advertisement in another column of L. Chapman, who has moved into the spacious store room lately occupied by Patton & Summey.

The alarm of fire yesterday morning was occasioned by the roof of the residence of F. E. Davidson, Esq., catching on fire. No damage done.

The good weather of the past few weeks has rendered the roads in this locality almost as good as in the summer time.

McDuffie, of the Fayetteville *Wale Asheville*, has been appointed Superintendent of the convict labor on the W. N. C. Railroad, vice Henry Miller removed. This is one move in the right direction.

Chickens thieves played the havoc a few nights since with the coop of Mr. ———. Thirty-four were taken at one haul. The plank on the side of the coop were broken off.

The Asheville Reading Club has again commenced holding its weekly meetings, Thursday nights being the time of its assembling. This is one of the most pleasant institutions in our midst.

Messrs. Pleasant, Mills & Co. have opened their new stock of goods in the upper store room in the Eagle Hotel. Mr. J. L. Pleasant will have immediate charge of the business, and would be glad to see his friends.

The telegraph poles have been put up as far as Henry's on the line of the W. N. C. Railroad, and an office will be established at that place in a few days. Now let the line be completed to this place.

The ladies of Asheville and vicinity, who feel any interest in the welfare of the orphans of Western North Carolina are earnestly requested to attend a meeting to be held at the residence of Mrs. Hall on Monday next, at half past 3 o'clock.

Capt. H. G. Robertson, of this place, has two washing machines of his own invention, each possessing great merit. He claims for his atmospheric pressure a largely increased power over any other machine of the kind ever invented.

AUDITOR LOVE.—The Editor of the Statesville *Lawnmark*, writing from Raleigh under recent date, says of Dr. Sam. Love:

"No department of the State Government is better officered than the Auditor's Department. Dr. Love fills the office admirably. He is exceedingly affable and courteous to visitors, and is one of the biggest-souled men in the State. Dr. Love has been closely identified with our State history for the last 40 years, and is a true and devoted North Carolinian. In early life he studied music under an accomplished German artist and is a composer of no mean attainments."

COUNTY ITEMS.—Our correspondent, writing us from Glencoe, gives us the following items:

"The farmers are unusually busy in this part of the country, and they have never before had more of their corn land broken up at this date.

"Mr. M. Cook has a good school at the Bear Creek Meeting House. There is at the same place a good debating club, of which Wm. Springs is President. It meets every Thursday night.

"Mr. Ashberry Davis, who is a fine stock-raiser, has the finest Berkshire pig ever seen in this section."

Procure it in time if you wish to save doctor bills. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price 25 cents; large size, 50 cents.

THE GROWTH OF TOBACCO IN BUNCOMBE.—From the flattering success that has attended the growth of tobacco in this section, we wonder that more of our farmers do not try the experiment of growing it, as it would afford them a money crop with but little additional cost to the present cultivation of their land. The land of this whole section is naturally adapted to the growth of tobacco, and suppose each farmer should plant two acres of it this year; a low average yield would be 500 pounds to the acre, and the average price are from \$10 to \$15 per hundred. It can readily be seen how much ready money this would put into the pockets of our small farmers, especially when it is remembered that the work upon those two acres of tobacco would not interfere with any other crop.

WHAT A VISITOR THINKS OF WAYNESVILLE AND ITS PEOPLE.—A gentleman who has recently spent a few weeks at Waynesville, Haywood county, writes us as follows:

Messrs Editors:—It was the writer's good fortune to spend a week or two in Waynesville, and for the benefit of those who are making enquiries about this section, I would say that, for romantic scenery, rich mountain lands, water power, &c., it cannot be surpassed, and to the weary seeker of rest it is an oasis. The people possess in a remarkable degree the courteous hospitality that characterized our father's times. They take no stock in Lesley's Fashion Plates, choosing rather the precepts of Christ and a conscience void of offence. To illustrate: At a two days Baptist meeting which I attended, on the first day (Saturday) there were about twenty-five grown women in attendance, and twenty-three were homemade sun bonnets, and dresses to correspond. They came there to worship God and we doubt not they realized His presence, for there was no sign of Maamun there.

If there is any place in Western North Carolina possessing more good qualities than Waynesville please tell us.

Yours,
T. B. C.

Asheville, Feb. 10th, 1877.

A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM JAIL—THE JAILOR LOCKED UP AND THE PRISONERS BREAK OUT—THEIR SEQUEST RECAPTURE.—On Thursday afternoon last Mr. H. P. Brookshir, the jailor in this place, went up to the cage to carry the dinner to the prisoners confined therein—the cage contained at the time a white man named Franklin, charged with theft, the negro, Jud. Morgan, the Tennessee horse thief who recently stole Mr. Wm. Rice's mule, and the negro Zeb Parker who recently broke into the drug store of Dr. Summey. As Mr. Brookshir opened the door to pass in the food he was caught by Zeb and pulled into the cage, when Jud. Morgan, who had been chained to the floor and had broken his chain, came to Zeb's assistance; the jailor was choked and thrown to the floor, when the two negroes ran out of the cage, locked the door, and passed on down stairs and out at the front door, Morgan having a piece of the chain still fastened to his leg. The white man made no effort to escape. Mr. Brookshir immediately commenced calling for help, and some children in the jail yard saw the negroes as they passed out and gave the alarm, and pursuit was immediately made, Morgan being brought to bay just before he reached Bean Catcher by Mr. Gailther West who induced him to halt under the soothing plea of a six-shooter in close proximity to the runway, and Mr. Jim Alexander overhauling Zeb, just beyond the College building. The prisoners were returned to jail, and Mr. Brookshir, who was not hurt other than being choked, vows that he will be more careful in visiting them in the future.

This is the second attempt these negroes have made to escape, they being engaged in the effort to get out of jail the same night that Yawberry let himself down from the window.

A Baptist Preacher Testifies.

DR. TUTT: Dear Sir:—Having used in my family for six years your Expectant, I deem it due to yourself and the public to state that I have uniformly found it efficient in relieving and curing pulmonary diseases. I am strictly opposed to quackery, but touching this very pleasant and excellent medicine I have testified that which I do know and that which I have experienced. Respectfully yours,
J. C. HARGROVES,
Pastor Baptist Church,
MARCH 19, 1874. Elmira, N. Y.

A SECOND EDITION OF THE HENDERSON-POLK REV-ENUE WAR!

An Attempted Rescue—Two of the Rescuers Wounded and Three Captured.

Three of the Prisoners Removed to the Asheville Jail.

SUBSEQUENT RESCUE OF WASH. FISHER!

We gave last week the particulars of the arrest of Walker Newman, an illicit distiller, in Polk county, his examination before Commissioner Morris in Henderson county on the 2d inst., the attack at the time upon Deputy Marshes Merrill and Harkins, and the wounding of Harkins and Jas. Fisher, one of the attacking party. Subsequently Fisher, who had been placed at a house near the academy, was arrested for his complicity in the raid on the U. S. officials, and on the 6th inst., his wounds admitting of it, he was removed to Hendersonville jail for safe keeping, a raid or attempt to rescue him on the part of his friends being anticipated, and a strong guard placed at the jail. The jail itself is a splendid fortress, being built of stone.

On the same evening Wash Fisher, Bailey Painter, ——— Cantwell, ——— Durham, from Polk county, in company with Jackson Fisher and Peter Camp, came to Latta's, eight miles east of Hendersonville, the first four remaining all night and the other two coming to Hendersonville. Jackson Fisher that evening and the next morning visiting his brother in the jail, he and Camp leaving about 10 o'clock on the morning of the 7th and returned to Latta's, meeting the party which had remained there, the latter expressing dissatisfaction that the wounded prisoner did not return with them. The whole party then started towards Polk county, but in some half hour they returned passing in full speed towards Hendersonville, about 1 o'clock (about midnight) the jail was great haste and called for the Sheriff, telling him to release the prisoner, that "he—1 would be to pay there in a few minutes," that 500 armed men were coming to rescue him. At this time the remaining five men came dashing into town, two on horseback and three in a Jersey, shouting and firing their weapons as they approached the jail. They approached within 30 steps of the jail, Wash. Fisher being in front, when the guard, who were stationed at the windows in the second story of the jail, fired upon them, Fisher's mule being instantly killed and him receiving three buckshot in his right thigh and one in his right breast. The firing on both sides continued for a few minutes, when the guard desisted, and the raiders cutting their horses loose from the Jersey started to return taking Wash. Fisher with them. The Sheriff at once summoned a posse of men and gave pursuit, Painter and Durham escaping but Jack Fisher and Camp remaining with their wounded companion.

Commissioner Morris and a Magistrate committed all the parties to jail on the charge of conspiracy to prevent the execution of the laws of the United States. Jack Fisher and ——— Camp were subsequently arraigned before Commissioner Hildebrand and held to bail in the sum of \$5,000, in default of which they were remanded to jail, and on the 11th were removed to the Asheville jail in company with James Fisher, the man wounded in the first difficulty, Wash. Fisher being left in the Hendersonville jail, his wounds not admitting of his removal.

One of the parties who escaped, Balless Painter, was wounded, in the nose and in the side, and only effected his escape by abandoning his horse while being pursued.

LATER.

On Monday night of this week twenty armed men visited the Hendersonville jail, in which was confined Wash. Fisher, (he having been considered too badly wounded to be removed to Asheville), and succeeded in removing him therefrom and making good their escape with out any light, the guard for the moment being "off their guard" and absent from the building.

OUR RAILROAD BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE.—As we can present nothing of more importance to our people than the consideration of the bill relating to the W. N. C. Railroad now before the House, we surrender much of our space to the action of the House thereon on Saturday last. We condense the following from the report in the *Raleigh Observer*:

Bill to be entitled an act to provide for the speedy completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad, and to amend an act entitled an act in relation to the Western North Carolina Railroad, ratified the 13th of March, A. D. 1875, was taken up as the special order for 11 o'clock a. m., with the following report from the committee on internal improvements:

The committee on internal improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 67, to provide for the speedy completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad examined the same, and recommend its adoption with the following amendments:

Section 2 be amended by striking out in line 28, all after the word "act" down to and including the word "services" and insert the following: "And no Director, other than the President, shall receive for his services any compensation except ten cents per mile for the distance travelled from and to his home by the most direct usual route of travel to place of meeting of the Board of directors."

The report submitted from the judiciary committee recommends a number of amendments the effect of which will withdraw one-fourth of the capital stock donated to private stockholders.

A minority report from the judiciary committee signed by Messrs. Todd, of Ashe, King, Vaughn and Johnson, of Washington, submitting their reason for dissenting from the majority, as follows:

1st. Because it is doubtful whether the State has a good title under the purchase by the Commissioners.

2d. Because T. D. Carter claims to have purchased said road, franchises, &c., under an execution on a judgment which was duly docketed in the counties through which the road runs before the decree was made for the sale, at which the road was purchased by the State.

3d. That there is now, and was at the time of the decree for sale, a proceeding in bankruptcy, against the Western N. Carolina Railroad Company, which has not yet been determined.

4th. Because it was shown that the decree for the sale was made by the consent of the private stockholders, with the understanding that they were to have their shares allowed to them in the reorganization, and in pursuance thereof, the Company was reorganized and acted and controlled the road. We (the minority) think this was a fraud upon the construction bondholders, which would invalidate the sale of said road, as far as said bond holders were concerned. We (the minority) cannot recommend an appropriation of \$70,000 per annum, together with \$59,500 per annum, as interest on the bonds issued by the Commissioners, &c., &c.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Burke, it was agreed to consider the bill by sections.

The question recurred upon the amendments recommended by the judiciary committee, to section 1, which takes away the stock given to the private stockholders.

Mr. Wilson, of Burke, opposed this amendment. He thought it to be a gross injustice to his people, who were paying tax on \$50,000 of bonds. The adoption of the proposed amendments, would be an act of bad faith on the part of this Legislature. It was true, he was a stockholder, but no personal interest or motives influenced him. He cared nothing for the amount of stock which he owned and controlled, and would cheerfully surrender it to the State, to see the road built. This was his individual feeling in the matter, but the rights of his constituents were in his hands to guard them, he wished justice done to them.

Mr. Moring was in favor of the amendments, and did not believe the private stockholders had any vested right in the matter, and could not complain at the taking back what he termed a donation or a gift which had never been received.

Mr. Wilson, of Burke, denied that the giving of this one-fourth of the stock was without a consideration, and called again upon the House to protect the right of these private stockholders, as they could look for protection no where else.

Mr. Graves thought there was a legal necessity for the proposed amendments. Mr. Henderson did not agree with Mr. Graves. He did not see how the private stockholders owning one fourth of the stock would hamper the State. They had paid \$2,000,000 in cash for the road. Giving this one-fourth of the stock to the bare private stockholders was nothing but a bare recognition of their rights. He opposed the amendments as unjust and violating good faith, &c.

Mr. Rose thought that if these amendments were adopted it might operate to plunge the Company into fresh law suits. He thought the private stockholders

had a vested right, &c.

Mr. Gailther favored the amendments. The yeas and nays were demanded on the 4th amendment, which was adopted by a vote of 48 to 32. Messrs. Carter, Cooper, avis of Haywood, McClure, Sams and Spake voting in the negative.

The question recurred upon the amendment offered by the judiciary committee to section 2, which operated to return this bill to carry out the idea of the exclusion of the private stockholders. Mr. Rowland offered an amendment that the Governor shall appoint a director of this road from each of the Congressional Districts and one for the State at large.

Mr. Carter of Buncombe, earnestly opposed this amendment.

Mr. Rowland advocated his amendment. He thought its adoption would tend to make every section of the state feel an interest in the completion of the road, &c.

Mr. Carter again argued in opposition to the amendment.

Mr. Todd, of Ashe, favored the amendment of Mr. Rowland. The road was a State road and all portions of the State should be represented in its management.

Mr. Wilson, of New Hanover, favored the amendment. The people of the East felt a great interest in the completion of the road.

Mr. Scott was opposed to the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded and the amendment was adopted, by a vote of 54 to 32.

All of the other amendments to the bill were accepted by Mr. Carter, of Buncombe, and they were adopted by the House.

Mr. Carter, of Buncombe, asked that the bill be put through its second reading.

Mr. Vaughn moved to strike out \$70,000 as the amount of annual appropriation and insert \$1,000.

Mr. Carter, of Buncombe opposed this new amendment, believing that it would virtually kill the bill. The bill did not propose to aid one farthing to the burdens of the tax payers of the State. He urged the House to vote down the amendment.

Mr. Bledsoe favored the passage of the bill as it was guarded. He thought that it would be folly to leave the matter standing without a sufficient amount to carry forward the work now that the road was again in the hands of the State.

Mr. Todd, of Ashe, was dissatisfied with the title which the State had for this railroad. He was in favor of spending a small amount to complete it, because notwithstanding he got the complete control of it, it would be of great benefit to the people of the West. He was in favor, and it was due to the people of the West, to make such appropriations as would support the convicts proposed to be worked upon this road. He was willing to assist the road as far as the State is able. He, like Mr. Vaughn, could not see the use of expending so large an appropriation as \$70,000.

Mr. Wilson of Burke, said that the construction bonds were not a lien upon the road, but were only a lien against the State's interest in the stock of the company.

Mr. Moring said that Mr. W. N. H. Smith had given two weeks examination of the title of the road, and was of the opinion that the State had a good title to the road.

The question recurred upon the amendment of Mr. Vaughn, and the House refused to adopt it.

On motion the House adjourned till Monday.

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