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THE VANDERBILT PROPERTY.

Its Splendor Recalls the Arabian Night's Entertainment.
[From New York World.]
"The stories that have recently become current concerning the development of George Vanderbilt's schemes with reference to his residence and property in North Carolina have been of such a character as to excite a great deal of wonder and speculation. The house that young Mr. Vanderbilt is having built will be, it is said, one of the most costly private residences in the entire country, and the surrounding park that will include 30,000 acres of land will be laid out under the direction of a landgardener who has been instructed to spare no expense in getting it into a very faithful likeness of one of the private parks of old England. The Vanderbilt house will be two miles from the nearest residence, and a private railroad for the use of George Vanderbilt and his retainers has been constructed, or is in course of construction, to reach the nearest railroad station, which is twenty-five miles away. The bits of description concerning the house itself, the proposed furnishing and equipment of it, call up ideas of extravagance and splendor which can only be gotten in another way by reading the 'Arabian Nights.' It is stated, in fact, that young Vanderbilt has become so fascinated with the idea of establishing a North Carolina estate that his thoughts scarcely concern themselves with any thing else, and he has spent and seems to be willing to spend any amount of money to bring everything to the most complete imaginable point. One statement which must be an exaggeration is to the effect that when everything is finished and ready for the occupation and use of the owner, the entire expenditure will amount to \$5,000,000. This is half of George Vanderbilt's entire fortune, and from that point of view the story seems preposterous. This much is certain, that the Vanderbilt family are very much opposed to young Vanderbilt's scheme in its latest and most costly ramifications, and they have protested against his going on with it, but up to date the protests seem to have had no effect."
Several New York papers seem to take delight in misrepresenting Mr. Vanderbilt and his purposes in reference to his improvements near Asheville. The above, however, is the meanest effort we have seen in this respect.
Mr. Vanderbilt has about 6,000 acres of splendid land, situated within from three to five miles of Asheville—indeed, some of it comes very near the corporate limits of the city. The "nearest station" is on Mr. Vanderbilt's premises. He is having the grounds handsomely improved and has commenced the erection of an elegant home. It is estimated it will cost, all improvements, etc., when completed, several millions of dollars, but Mr. Vanderbilt has not yet been accused of not knowing what he was doing, or of not being able to take care of himself. Members of his family have visited this place and his property frequently, and enter with the fullest sympathy into all his plans and purposes. That Asheville and vicinity should be more attractive to Mr. Vanderbilt for the display of his acknowledged taste and the expenditure of his means to justify his taste is not surprising to people of intelligence who know anything of the place and surroundings; but the ignoramus who wrote the above could scarcely be expected to appreciate either Mr. Vanderbilt or his tastes.
A band of professional burglars are operating at Liberty and surrounding towns.

"A Tale of Woe."

Editors Democrat.—It is very amusing to see the deep concern (?) manifested by certain writers in your daily contemporaries for the poor working men of Asheville, who, according to their statements, are to be doomed to still greater poverty if the Improvement Bill is ratified by the people at the election next Monday. We are told that the poor citizens will have to stand the brunt of the expense of paving the streets; that we will all be sold out by the Sheriff and will be homeless, etc. They must think the poor men a lot of numskulls! They may frighten a few ignorant colored men into believing this, but the majority know it is all bosh!
Now it is a very remarkable fact that most of these men who are so terribly anxious (?) about the poor men are counted among our wealthy citizens, and that they have never been known to do anything substantial for the poor, or to have any use for them except when they had an axe to grind. Queer, isn't it, that they should so suddenly develop an interest in the poor people? It is also a noteworthy fact that one hears comparatively little kicking over the measure from the laboring classes. I have come to the conclusion that there is more self-interest at the bottom of all this kicking than there is any real concern for the interest of others. These kickers all own a great deal of property with considerable frontage on prominent streets, hence they think their pockets or bank accounts will be hurt, and a terrible howl ensues, and the "poor laboring people" are made an excuse for their howling. But it won't work. Their game is seen through, and the laboring men will cast their votes for improvement.
Their design is made the plainer by their proposition to pay for the improvements by general taxation. That would be a fine scheme for them, but they cannot delude the laboring classes into believing that it would be easier for them than the method proposed by the improvement bill.
If it is going to make raving lunatics, or destroy the future happiness of these people if this measure is ratified, I propose that the newspapers of the city open subscription papers to help pay for the paving in front of the property of these gentlemen. No doubt a sufficient sum could be secured to defray the expense. It would also be a good idea to place a subscription paper in each hotel and boarding house. The visitors would doubtless help us out of the mud and glad of the opportunity. I would contribute my "mite," although one of the poor
LABORING MEN.
FOR THE DEMOCRAT.
A Good Section and a Good School.
ALEXANDER, April 25, 1891.
I ask for a little space in your valuable paper to say a few words in regard to the condition and prospect of our farmers in this section of country. This section of country of which I write is three miles below Alexander, on the west side of the French Broad. The country, though hilly, has a productive soil and is especially adapted to the culture of fine tobacco, fruit, vegetables, etc. The peach crop rarely ever fails on the farms near the river, the dense fog from the river protecting the fruit from frost. We are glad to see so much energy displayed by the farmers since the fine weather set in, in preparing the soil for large crops of tobacco, corn, etc.
We have a splendid public school house, three miles from Alexander and one mile from Blackwell's Hotel. Our school building was completed last November, and the first school, which was taught by Miss Lowrance, closed the 16th

of April. We witnessed the closing exercises and were pleased to see the students acquit themselves so creditably.

The concert, recitations and motion songs by a class of little girls were splendid. A recitation, subject, "The Little Toy," spoken by little Patie Candler, was loudly applauded. He is seven years of age and never attended school until this term. In three months he has learned to spell, read and write. Let us all unite and make this resolve: that we will have a good school here all the time.
A FARMER.

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Is not much in the way of improving the public schools; but that is all we can get in the next two years. What are we going to do about it? We expected more, and we ought to have more; but we did not get it. That is an end of State aid for the present. It will not make our public schools a day longer, or teachers any better, or any more parents send their children to school, if we spend the next two years in criticizing the General Assembly. We must all do—do something. We ought to do the very best we can, which we have not done in the past. Our duty remains. The public schools will open in about three months. The parents are here yet; the teachers are here; the committees are here; the children are here, and the work must go on. Can't they improve it? If they will, they can. The committees should look to the houses and put them in the best possible condition. Parents should make all possible arrangements they can, in regard to their home work, so as to put more children in school. Teachers should have improved the long winter's time that they will be able to do better teaching than they did last year. Every one of them who holds less than a first grade certificate should be prepared to advance one grade higher when our institute and examination comes. Their salaries may not be increased in money, but if they have no pride in their profession, and no love for the children and their country, they ought to go out of the teacher's work. With proper effort, and intelligent labor in the right direction, we should be able to obtain better results two years hence.
C. B. WAY,
County Superintendent.

Hon. Ben Terrell,

National Lecturer of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, addressed a good and intelligent audience in the court house on Wednesday, upon the aims and purposes of the Farmers' Alliance. He is a pleasant, impressive speaker. His address as a whole was excellent; the aims and purposes of the order he showed to be good. We can only hope, however, that his arguments on the sub-treasury plan was beyond our ability to fully comprehend. However, at his writing, just as we go to press, we have not time to criticize, or rather suggest objections upon which we would like to be further enlightened. Mr. Terrell also addressed a large audience at the same place last night.

Haywood White Sulphur Springs.

The traveling public are to be congratulated that Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bright, who have won a national reputation as managers of the hotel at Balsam the past several years, have taken charge of the Haywood White Sulphur Springs Hotel at Waynesville. This is one of the most charming spots in America, and we are sure Mr. and Mrs. Bright will meet with deserved success.

Raleigh is to have a new hotel similar to the Kenilworth Inn at Asheville.

THE NEW DFAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.

Hon. M. L. Reed, of Buncombe, Elected President.

From the Morganton Herald we learn: "The Directors of the Deaf and Dumb School met at the State Hospital yesterday, all the members being present. The Board organized by electing Hon. M. L. Reed President, and John A. Dickson Secretary. The Executive Committee elected are Col. Samuel McD. Tate, Mr. N. B. Broughton and Hon. M. L. Reed. The Directors had a long session yesterday evening and went out to look at the site. Arrangements are to be made at once for commencing work on the grounds and erecting the building. Prof. E. McK. Goodwin, of Raleigh, was elected Advisory Superintendent."

To the Old Students of Judson College.

Dear Friends:—At the last commencement of Judson College some of the old students organized themselves into an Alumni Association, to be known as "The Judson College Alumni Association." Our first annual meeting will be held at the next commencement in June. We wish to have a good time then and so we are very anxious to have as many of the old students present as possible. Let every one come who can. The following is the programme for our first meeting in June:

—THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—

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President, H. P. Robertson
Vice-President, Miss Sallie L. McCracken
Sec'y and Treas., Miss M. Ula Osborne
Cor. Sec'y, H. F. Griffin
PROGRAM FOR JUNE 10, 1891, 3 P. M.:
1. Overture, T. H. Piemmons
2. Invocation, G. H. Church
3. Address, Subject—Relation of Alumni to Their Alma Mater.
4. An Original Poem, H. S. Anderson
5. Music, B. P. Robertson
6. Address, Subject—"Build Your Own Monument."
7. Essay, Miss Maggie Morrison
8. Address, M. W. Egerton
Subject—"A Tribute to Deceased Students."
9. Music, B. P. ROBERTSON.
10. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
11. Annual Business Meeting.
12. Music, B. P. ROBERTSON.

Public Discussion.

There will be a public discussion at Acton Church, Hominy Creek, Saturday, May 23d. The discussion will begin promptly at 2 o'clock p. m. Topic: "Is it possible for Satan to have such an influence over an ordinary Bible reader as to cause him to believe he is a fit subject for Heaven when he is not?" Rev. A. H. Starnes will defend the affirmative. Rev. J. L. Crook the negative. Immediately after the discussion Miss Carroll Crook will read an essay in favor of the affirmative, Miss Etta Starnes one in favor of the negative. Judges—Messrs. J. C. Curtis, A. H. Felmet, George G. Collins. All the people are invited to attend.

The Farmers' Alliance.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Winston-Twin-City Daily writes: "There are now 2,201 Alliances in the State. A year ago there were 2,062, two years ago 1,854, three years ago 728, four years ago 1, for it was on April 20, 1887, that the first Alliance was chartered (Ashpole, in Anson county.) The State Alliance was not formed until October, 1887. Now there are at least 100,000 members, Secretary Barnes says."

Monroe is endeavoring to secure the location of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Shops at that place.

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