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It contains 175 acres, is situated about fifteen miles south of Asheville, (on the main road from Asheville to Brevard) near the famous

### MILLS RIVER VALLEY.

About 160 acres is cleared, rest in good timber. 35 acres excellent bottom land. Well watered. A splendid mill site on the property, with good saw and grist mill in operation. A good ten-room dwelling, with outhouses, barns, &c. Daily mail. 300 bearing apple trees.

Being connected with business in Asheville, which requires all of my time is the only reason for wishing to dispose of this splendid farm.

Will sell on reasonable time, or for cash, to suit purchaser. Call on me at Blair & Brown's, 32 Patton Avenue. Will sell for half its value if taken in thirty days.

J. B. JOHNSON.

July 9-11

## NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of August, 1891, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in the city of Asheville, N. C., J. H. Stone's interest in a certain piece or parcel of land situated on Hominy Creek, it being the land now owned by E. W. Stone and others, adjoining lands of W. H. Curtis, H. A. Luther and M. H. Morgan, for taxes due for the year 1889 and 1890.

This July 3rd, 1891.

D. L. REYNOLDS, Sheriff.

Per S. J. Luther, D. S.

July 9-11

## WANTED!

A teacher to instruct my children in music and the usual branches of a good English education. Apply, with references, to

J. H. HALL,

Newfound, Buncombe Co., N. C.

July 9-11

## Notice.

Having taken out letters of administration on the estate of James Lusk, deceased, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate will present them daily on or before April 7, 1892, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will call and pay the same without further notice. This 7th of April, 1891.

A. T. SUMMEY, Administrator.

### Madison County Institute.

(For the Democrat.)

Sunday morning, July 19th, found me on board the cars bound for Hot Springs, N. C., the object of my trip being to attend an institute to be held at Spring Creek Seminary, about ten miles from Hot Springs. I arrived at Hot Springs at 12 m. and found Mr. S. W. Brown there with a conveyance to take me out to his beautiful country home. I would not fail to mention, however, that Mr. Lance, who keeps hotel at Hot Springs, entertained me, and that I met some friends, among whom were Mr. F. C. Ebbs, a merchant, and his polite young clerk, Mr. Rector, who had been a student in my school at Dover's Academy in Tennessee. But to return to my story I was most kindly entertained by Mr. Brown and his excellent wife until Monday morning, when I was found with others, on my way to the Seminary, which is only half a mile from Mr. Brown's. The building is a large two story frame building, nicely painted and finished up with ornamental work about doors and windows. Here was to meet the Madison County Teacher's Institute, presided over by Superintendent I. N. Ebbs. And let me say here that I have met no educator who was more considerate for his teacher's feelings and at the same time very strict in his examination of applicants. He extends them every courtesy, but at the same time makes them feel he cannot violate the oath required of county superintendents, and officers in general. How much better would it be for us if more of our public men would feel they are day after day writing their own histories, and that they wield an influence over their followers, either for weal or woe. Our Institute was a complete success. The teachers went home feeling they were again to enter upon a new year's work, all no doubt, going out from there, feeling they would strive harder than ever before to make successful teachers. The teachers were very kind to me, and many will not soon be forgotten. Among others I mention Mr. Tweed, of Marshall, N. C., as being considerate of my pleasure. Other teachers, Miss Honeycutt, of Barnard, N. C., and Miss Justus, of Del Rio, Tenn., I cannot mention all, but have for them the kindest feelings as fellow workers in the Master's vineyard. Among the people with whom I sojourned were Mr. Reeves and wife, where I spent a pleasant night, Dr. and Mrs. Askew, with whom I enjoyed some delicious fruit and good honey.

Our Institute closed the 24th, at which time addresses were delivered by Capt. Van Brown, Revs. R. H. Penland, M. D. L. Balding and Superintendent I. N. Ebbs. After the addresses the following resolutions were read and adopted:

(1) Resolved, That the teachers of this Institute thank Superintendent I. N. Ebbs for his kindness during the Institute.

(2) Resolved, That the Institute thank Capt. Van Brown, Bros. Penland and Balding and Superintendent I. N. Ebbs for their addresses on public education.

(3) Resolved, That the teachers and visitors thank the kind people for their hospitality so generously extended.

After this the Institute closed, and I spent another night with Mr. Brown, who sent me to the train next morning. As the cars were rushing homeward with me I asked myself the question, can Spring Creek Seminary be made a school of high grade? But this thought scarcely enters my mind till I say yes. With the wealth which surrounds it, the inspiring scenery on every side, and every body interested in it, it is bound to become one of the most noted schools in Western North Carolina.

I arrived at home to find all anxious to hear about my trip, and after having so delightful a visit, you may imagine me all that night dreaming of the beauties of Western North Carolina. Many thanks to all my friends who entertained me.

MARIA E. HELM, White Pine, Tenn.

Country Homes and Western N. C. Methodist will please copy.

### The Bechler Gold Coin.

Few of the citizens of Asheville, and in fact of Western North Carolina, know that there was once in current circulation, gold coin, made without the sanction of the government, but accepted by the people and the banks as freely as the present gold coin. Such is the fact. This gold was coined by a German by the name of Bechler, who lived in Ruthersfordton, and some of his gold pieces are still preserved. Judge E. J. Aston has one of these coins, a two dollar and a half piece, and other gentlemen of Asheville, have, it is believed, specimens of the Bechler one dollar piece. On one side of Judge Aston's gold piece appears in raised letters, "North Carolina gold, 2.50," on the other side, "Bechler, Ruthersford, and the number of grains and carats fine. It is said that Bechler was an expert metal worker and gold beater; a man of great intelligence, highly respected by all who knew him. The scarcity of a circulating medium gave rise to the Bechler coin.

There is no date on any of the Bechler coins, and none on Judge Aston's piece, but it was coined for several years, from about 1837 to 1845, or 1850. Col. Clayton, of this county, tells an amusing story about this coin, and the way business was done in the old days. His father, Col. Clayton the elder, who is still hale and hearty, had a contract to build a court house in one of the Blue Ridge counties. As fast as the sheriff collected the taxes, he paid over to Col. Clayton certain sums. It consisted almost entirely of Bechler coin and old Spanish dollars, and at last Col. C. had on hand a bushel box full. The late Bacchus Smith dealt largely in ginseng, going through the country to collect it from the mountaineers. Learning of the amount of coin in Col. C.'s possession, he visited him and effected an exchange for State Bank, or Bank of Cape Fear notes, giving a check for the money. When he filled his leathern saddle bags and rode away from Col. Clayton's, his son was in great distress, that all the wealth, so rare in those days, was irrecoverably gone.

### A Scrap of Revolutionary History.

THE DEMOCRAT commences this week the publication of an old manuscript written many years ago by a Revolutionary soldier. It is a narrative of events that came under his immediate observation, bound to throw additional light on the history of that eventful period. The writer was a participant in the battle of Kings Mountain, and was also one of the guard who opposed the crossing of the British army, under Lord Cornwallis, at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba. The narrative is full of interest from beginning to end, and will prove a valuable scrap of history to the collector of Revolutionary events.

An extra number of copies of THE DEMOCRAT is printed in anticipation of the demand for the narrative.

The famous Flat Rock Hotel property near Hendersonville, was sold Tuesday at auction, for division of property, to Mr. M. S. Farmer for \$17,110. This is one of the most valuable properties in the South, and is now crowded with guests.

### Dr. Curry's Lecture.

We regretted being denied the privilege of hearing the lecture of Dr. Curry in Lyceum Hall the other evening. To listen to him is a pleasure at all times. His effort on this occasion was to interest our citizens in the matter of manual training in connection with our public schools. His argument in behalf of the advantages of such training was unanswerable. The fact that America is dependent upon foreigners for experts in such matters grows out of the failure of America to establish and maintain such schools as Dr. Curry discussed; and the fact that foreigners can be obtained is owing to the facilities maintained by foreign governments, notably Germany, in connection with their public schools of manual training departments. Our State has established at Raleigh, a training school which, though but a year old, gives evidence of great usefulness and success. It would be a grand step for our State authorities to take, to establish such departments in connection with our graded schools. We thank Dr. Curry for his timely lecture upon the matter and trust that his advice will be seriously and favorably considered.

### Buncombe's Tax Assessment.

According to the lists as returned up to July 10th, the real and personal property of this county is as follows:

Avery's Creek	\$ 81,270
Lower Hominy	231,975
Upper Hominy	243,255
Leicester	460,035
Sandy Mush	104,765
Limestone	207,645
Fairview	187,165
Swannanoa	187,165
Reems Creek	216,350
Flat Creek	135,050
Ivy	210,295
Black Mountain	118,385
French Broad	160,010
Asheville (country)	2,360,820
east ward	1,901,945
west ward	2,861,692

The total number of polls listed in the county to July 10, was white, 4,347; colored, 785.

Capt. Patton thinks that a very large amount yet remains unlisted. If all were listed he thinks the total would be about \$10,500,000. We presume the above figures were obtained by adding the percentage to the last valuation as prescribed by the county authorities. Ten millions is certainly low. We believe a just assessment of values and a full return of all property would give the total nearer twenty than ten millions.

### Kenilworth Inn

Is now open for the reception of guests. It is one of the finest hotels on the continent, in all respects. A grand opening ball occurred there last evening, which the whole community turned out to enjoy, and to say it was superb in all respects will only convey a small idea of the enjoyment of the evening. Dr. Browning, and every one connected with the hotel vied with each other in contributing to the comfort and pleasure of the guests; while Prof. Bartzert's excellent band rendered music which could awaken the liveliest emotions of the gods. The lateness of the hour precludes a fuller account, but it was one of the most agreeable occasions that ever occurred in the South.

Hon. Geo. Williamson, a farmer and able State Senator, is visiting relatives in this city.

The distention of the stomach which many people feel after eating, may be due to improper mastication of the food; but, in most cases, it indicates a weakness of the digestive organs, the best remedy for which is one of Ayer's Pills, to be taken after dinner.

### Southern Exposition—October 1st to December 1st, 1891.

The following are among the articles that are desirable from each section of the South to place in the Southern Exposition to be held in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina.

One-half bushel of the following: Barley, buckwheat, corn; oats, rye, wheat, rice, grass seed, cane seed, field peas, beans, dried apples, peaches, quinces, prunes, cherries, wild and cultivated berries, nuts and acorns.

Preserved fruits in half-gallon glass jars. One to ten pounds of each variety of cotton in seed and lint; flax and jute in various stages of manipulation.

Ten pounds of each variety of sugar; one gallon of each variety of molasses and sorghum; honey, one quart or one to ten pounds in comb.

Two pounds of each variety of tobacco. Ten pounds of each variety of grass; one bundle six inches in diameter, of each variety of grain in sheaf.

Hops, five pounds; broom-corn, ten to twenty-five heads; garden peas and beans one gallon of each variety dried.

Plants and growing shrubs in pots. Spirituous liquors, wines and all kinds of liquors, one quart of each variety.

Minerals, building stones, precious stones, marl and phosphate rock, any size specimens; soils, one foot square as deep as desired, boxed up so as to retain the same shape as when taken from the ground.

Wood and timber specimens, if in sawed form, one inch thick, any width and length; if a section is sawed from a tree, to be any size desired; if split from the tree, the section to be large enough to square at least two by four inches, by four feet long.

Manufactured goods, from cotton, wool, flax and silk, each sample usual width, six yards long; from wood or iron, one specimen of a kind.

Stuffed birds and animals; Indian relics and curiosities; photographic views of buildings, farms and scenery, one of a kind.

The above list of articles may be added to, both in variety and quantity, according to what is produced, manufactured, or found in each State or community.

S. R. KEPLER, Director.

G. H. BELL, Collector.

### The Daily Home Journal

Made its first appearance last Saturday evening. It promises to be "independent of trusts and clicks of any kind, strongly favoring temperance, and while non-partisan will discuss fully and freely all public measures and the official acts of public men."

"The determination on our part to adopt a non-partisan policy, will act we trust, as potentially in guarding us against the untimely advocacy of new and untried schemes and doubtful measures, as against undue devotion to old issues and unwise measures."

The Home Journal is a combination of the Country Homes and Evening Journal, under the control of a company. We wish our cotemporary abundant success.

### The Sanitarium of the World.

The Baltimore Manufacturers Record in a late issue says: "No pen can fully portray the wonders, the scenery, sublime and awe-inspiring at times and again entrancingly beautiful, the invigorating climate, and the almost untouched but boundless resources of Western North Carolina, whose mountain ranges tower above everything east of the Rocky mountains. The North Carolina papers ought never to cease telling of that wonderland. Several years ago a distinguished physician who had made a specialty of climatology told the writer that 'West Carolina would become the sanitarium of the world.'"