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Testimonial to Capt. McBee.

Over one hundred employees of the R. & D. railroad seized the opportunity of Capt. V. E. McBee's visit to Asheville on Saturday last to present him with a costly and substantial testimonial of their regard. This testimonial was in the shape of a solid silver service costing \$850 and a handsome diamond scarf pin costing \$300; both from Tiffany's, New York. The plate consists of a massive salver, a tea pot, coffee pot, sugar bowl and finger bowl, of exquisite form, elaborately chased with rich and unique ornamentation.

On the salver is inscribed:

Presented to
V. E. McBEE
Superintendent of the Western North Carolina Division of the Richmond and Danville Railroad

by the employees of that division on the 31st of July, 1891, as a mark of their admiration for him as a man and officer. Each piece was inscribed with the letters "V. E. M." entwined in a monogram. For ten years Capt. McBee was superintendent of the Western North Carolina railroad, being recently transferred to the management of important railway service in Georgia—a promotion as popular as it was deserved. That Capt. McBee's work on the W. N. C. gave satisfaction goes without saying, and that his wise but firm government was popular the testimonial on Saturday from his former subordinates shows.

Capt. McBee was accompanied to Asheville in his private car by Mrs. McBee, Miss Rosa McBee, V. E. McBee, Jr., and a party of intimate friends. While here he and his friends were the recipients of much kind attention from friends and acquaintances. The gifts were presented in a very neat speech by Capt. Charles Price in behalf of the employees of the R. & D., and Capt. McBee responded in accepting them in a feeling manner. To duty, fidelity, and strict loyalty to the interests of his employers he ascribed his own success and that of others who have risen to high position in the service of the R. & D.; and the very same opportunities are open, said he, to every man in the company's service to-day.

At the conclusion of his remarks the company were invited into the spacious and elegant dining room of the Kenilworth Inn, where the presentation took place, and partook of an elaborate dinner at which all the delicacies of the season were served.

At a late hour the company broke up, lingering, one by one, to grasp the hand of their friend and former chief in farewell. Besides the gentlemen of the railroad, a number of Capt. McBee's friends in Asheville were in attendance and joined in honoring one who to know is to admire.

A TRIP TO FRANKLIN.

Good Crops en Route—Dillsboro Railroad Prospects.

In our visit to Macon county a few days ago we were pleased to find so many evidences of improvement along the route. The crops throughout are very promising, notably the corn and tobacco. The wheat was not so good as was hoped it would be, but the crop is sufficient for local consumption.

The Kaolin works at Sylva have begun operations again under favorable auspices.

At Dillsboro much improvement was manifest. The Carolina Clay Co. is working up to its full present capacity and an enlargement has become necessary. The extensive lumber works of Messrs. Cumings & Buffham are now in full operation again, and re-constructed so as to defy the storms, it is hoped, which did so much damage some time ago. Messrs. Glover & Co. have recently purchased near the town, what is said to be a very superior kaolin deposit, and

are taking steps to develop the same at once. This means another important enterprise for Dillsboro. These kaolin and lumber mills are, in conjunction with the people of Dillsboro, Webster and Savannah townships, contemplating the construction of a railroad from the town via Webster to the valuable mines on Savannah and the splendid timber of the upper Tuckasegee. This road can easily be carried to within ten miles of Franklin, and the people are anxious to have their Macon friends meet them there with their line from Rabun Gap via Franklin. There is energy and pluck in these people. They have a country rich in resources and are determined to keep up with the procession by way of developing them.

Besides the Dillsboro Hotel, formerly kept by Maj. Bryson, but now kept by Mr. and Mrs. Swan, Mr. R. P. Potter has opened a new house near the depot called the Tuckasegee House. It is a neat building, comfortably furnished, and Mr. Potter says shall not be waiting in any respect to be satisfactory to his guests. A number of new buildings have been erected since we were last there, and a number are now in course of erection. It is an attractive point and will grow.

At Franklin the people are all united in a purpose to get a railroad. It is one of the best people and counties in the State, and they have begun to realize the bad effect of being cut off, as it were, from railroad advantages. The shipment of corn and other products are already large, and would be very much larger if facilities were at hand. We hope they will keep agitating until they have a road. They will never improve until they get a road through this county, and the sooner it comes the better for them; and the fact that it can be built so cheaply should and we are sure will encourage them to persevere until they get it. THE DEMOCRAT is in full sympathy with its western friends in all enterprises.

The Franklin House, Mr. Robt. Jarratt, proprietor, still cares comfortably for the weary traveler. The Allman House, N. G. Allman, proprietor, is still the pleasant home it always was for the public.

D. Funningham is still there. This means that Franklin still flourishes.

FROM TAMPA, FLA., TO ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Another Important Railroad Project. Mayor Blanton has received the following important letter:

MT. CARMELO, S. C., Aug. 5, 1891.
TO THE HON. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, ASHEVILLE, N. C.:
GENTLEMEN:—A railroad convention for the purpose of provisional organization, etc., in the matter of the proposed line of road from Tampa, Florida, to Asheville, N. C., and to Roanoke or Lynchburg, Va., is hereby called and appointed to meet in the city of Milledgeville, Ga., on Thursday, 17th September next. All communities interested will please send delegates properly instructed.

Very Respectfully,
W. A. GAINS, Chm.
W. W. HEAD, Sec.

In Full Operation.

THE DEMOCRAT is pleased to announce that the T. L. Clayton wood-works and machine shops are again in full operation. Two fires and one washout seem enough to discourage any man, but not so with Col. Tom. Clayton. He does not come from an easily discouraged stock. He has rebuilt his mills and shops, and added the best and latest improvements in machinery, and is now prepared to do all kinds of work for outside or inside of house-building and finishing, in the very best manner and at reasonable rates.

AN INTERESTING RELIC

Which Recalls the Carson-Vance and Baxter-Erwin Duels.

Captain J. A. Tennent has an interesting relic in a pair of dueling pistols which revives some thrilling reminiscences of the past. The pistols formerly belonged to the late Dr. J. G. Hardy, of Asheville, whose daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Tennent, presented them to Captain Tennent. The old pistols have a history. Tradition says they were once the property of a German Count, but who he was is not remembered. They were presented to Dr. Hardy by Dr. Samuel H. Dickson, of South Carolina, who was a frequent visitor to Asheville in the old days, and who once owned property near where the Kenilworth Inn now stands.

The pistols are of German manufacture, having "C. Reheichler, in Muchen" inlaid in gold letters on the barrels. The barrels are long—15 or 16 inches—and the stock carved to fit the hand with great nicety. A finger rest is in front of the trigger guard, and they carry a ball about the size of the little finger. One of them has a broken stock neatly mended in German silver—and thereby hangs a tale. It is not known in how many duels these pistols were used, but they had a reputation in the old days for certain fire and execution and were always in demand in affairs of honor. It is known, however, that they were used in the Carson-Vance and Baxter-Erwin duels, both fought at Saluda Gap, in which Vance was killed and Baxter wounded.

It is said that the Carson-Vance duel was caused by Vance charging that Carson's father had taken British protection in the Revolution. If so, the old manuscript now being published in the DEMOCRAT would have furnished proof that Carson, with others, took protection by order of Col. Cleveland for the purpose of saving Whig stock, and not only so, but actually led the British on to Tory stock. This is related by Col. David Vance, and it is possible that if the duel had not been so hurried that Dr. Vance might have learned that his charge, though right in actuality, yet attached no onus to Carson or his comrades, and thereby avoided the duel.

In the Baxter-Erwin duel, after they had fired, it is said that Erwin, thinking he had missed Baxter, caught the pistol by the barrel and dashed it at his antagonist with some violence; the pistol striking the ground broke the stock short off.

Mr. Sam Tennent has also a pair of dueling pistols once Dr. Hardy's; rather longer and with hair triggers so delicate that on one occasion—after being loaded for the fight which was by some means compromised on the field and did not occur—the seconds placed in their case one at full cock, and when the lid was snapped down caused the hammer to fall. An explosion followed, and the case shows the effect by the burnt velvet lining and the hole of the bullet through its end.

It is said that Col. David Crocket was present at the Carson-Vance duel as a spectator. At that time Col. Crocket was a frequent visitor to this section, having married a Miss Patton, of the Swannanoa. An old citizen of Buncombe remembers having seen Crocket giving Carson lessons in marksmanship by sending a negro boy up a tree who dangled a line down to which was attached a rock to keep it straight. Carson became so expert that he could cut the line at nearly every shot. This same old citizen says that Crocket gained his admiration by knocking the middle man out at every trial in the old fashioned game of marbles.

A Blue Trip Slip, a Ten-cent Fare.

We fear our friend Col. Martin, manager of the Asheville Street Railway, misapprehended the purpose of the public in its desire for transfer tickets. The public at least were not hankering after an increase in the cost of travel. However, the public will not be so unreasonable as to complain of the extra nickel, if it is demanded, in order to maintain the present high efficiency of the service, and to make it pay its owners. After full experience the company find the enterprise cannot or does not pay at the old rates, the public, we take it, will be willing to pay the new rates in order that the line may be well maintained.

Linville.

We had a pleasant visit from our friend S. T. Kelsey, of Linville, this week. He informs us that the Linville Improvement company has completed the finest road in the mountains from Cranberry to the beautiful town of Linville. New and elegant hotels at Cranberry and Linville. Linville is 20 miles from Blowing Rock and 40 from Lenoir. The road from Lenoir to Cranberry via Blowing Rock and Linville is splendid, through the grandest mountain scenery. Tourists and pleasure seekers could find no better route, where excellent accommodations can be had at convenient points.

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.

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J. B. JOHNSON.

July 9-4t

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 of land situated on Homing 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 9th, 1891.
D. L. REYNOLDS, Sheriff,
Per S. J. Luther, D. S.

July 9-4t

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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 9-4t

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 duly verified 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.
3m A. T. SUMMEY Administrator.