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NOTICE!

By an act of the Legislature passed Jan. 17th, 1889, the name of the city of Bryson Swain county, N. C., was changed to Bryson City. Application has been made to the Post-office Department at Washington to have the name of the post office changed to correspond. Notice of the change will be promptly given in the Herald.

this week, is inserted by the special request of the writer and some of his friends. As a rule we are averse to allowing any such article to appear because they are liable to call forth similar efforts from others which we must refuse from lack of space. But in this case the effort, seemingly honest of a man who has gone astray, to lift himself out of the depths into which he has fallen is deserving of sympathy and helpful countenance, and if this deviation from our rule will help him in any way we shall be well pleased.

A careful count of noses gives Bryson City 246 inhabitants, an increase of 100 percent in the past year. This is doing pretty well. The last U. S. census gave us 86 and if we use proper efforts the next one will make it nearer 8,600. The corporate limits now are not very widely extended and we have been careful to count only those who can safely be reckoned as inhabitants.

We print this week the full text of the Bill to validate certain land grants in Haywood, Jackson and Swain counties, which will prove of much interest to many of our readers.

We call attention to the notice "for sale" inserted in this number by J. E. Shuler. Mr. Shuler's farm is beautifully located.

See the advertisement "To Ladies Only" in this issue.

A. F. and A. M. Lodge room.

By permission of Worshipful Master Collins we have been permitted to look at the interior of the new A. F. and A. M. Lodge room. We were led up the rather steep stairs, which smelled strongly of new paint, to the upper story of the Academy. The anteroom—its armchairs unusually are—was a plain box of room, with the inevitable slide in the door. Opening this we were ushered into the lodge room proper, 32 by 36 feet, with ceiling ten or twelve feet high.

The building fronts north west, and the brethren have taken advantage of this fact, and given to their room a novel arrangement, which is one of the finest in effect we have ever seen. Entering in the middle of the northwest side of the room, you see the Worshipful master's seat in the east corner, and the senior and junior wardens have their appropriate corners also.

The arrangement brings each of these offices in full view of every member, and while it seems a little odd at first is really pleasing.

The room is whitewashed with a gas burner, oil unguessed. The ceiling is appropriately painted sky blue, as are also the window and door casings. Above the wainscoting the walls are plastered. Four elegant hanging lamps suspended over the principal officer's seats, a three lamp chandelier over the altar and two bracket lamps furnish an abundance of light. On the floor is a striped manilla matting, with plenty of padding under it.

The room without the lodge furniture proper would look cozy and inviting, but it is on this furniture and the regalia that the members particularly pride themselves. The furniture is of wood heavily gilded, but with nothing tawdry in its appearance. White marble is used on appropriate articles, and blue appears with good effect in various places. The regalia are of blue and white silk, satin silk, plush and damask, trimmed with heavy silver fringe and embroidery. The desks are of black walnut with green badge covers. The furniture and regalia were furnished by the M. C. Lilley & Co. furniture factory of Columbus Ohio.

We have been permitted to view the interior of several Masonic lodge rooms but have never seen one better or better arranged than this. The fraternity in Swain and adjacent counties is to be congratulated. May their deeds be as fair and wholesome as is their new sanctuary.

The lodge is in vigorous condition. Following is a list of the present officers:

D. K. Collins, W. M.
J. H. Everett, S. W.
W. K. McLean, J. A.
M. E. Serungs, S. D.
Joseph Upton, J. D.
T. H. Parrish, Soc.
E. Everett, Treas.
A. H. Welch, Tyler.

Robbinsville Rustlings.

Robbinsville March 22nd 1889.
For the Herald:

We are the sawmill boys. Our boss takes the HERALD and we are glad for the day to come when the Herald brings news of home.

We don't want our folks at home to think we are dead either. We have never heard of a case of hay fever in these mountains. We don't believe it exists here. We have heard of a few cases of consumption, but almost if not quite all of them could safely be attributed to insufficient food and clothing and other indiscretions in the manner of living. We feel perfectly safe in recommending this climate to any and all, suffering from disease of the lungs, throat or nasal passages. Come and see us. If you are poor you cannot find a place where living is cheaper. If you desire first class hotel accommodations you can find them here. Come and see for yourself. Enjoy the life and health giving properties of our mountain air and drink deep of our pure springs and be healthy.

The communication from the pen of "C. C. M." which appears

COME TO THE MOUNTAINS.

COME TO SWAIN COUNTY.

COME TO BRYSON CITY.

Here will you find all the natural elements for a home—

SOIL

CLIMATE
WATER
SCENERY
PRODUCTS.

There is no place in the world where nature has been so lavish as here.

Come and see!

FRUIT RAISING.

This is one of the great future industries of this section. The

THERMAL BELT

affords a complete immunity from killing frosts over a vast area of the country and in this belt the

PEACH CROP

is absolutely certain every year.

Grapes, plums, apples, pears and all berries

grow in astonishing profusion and attain a

Perfection

not seen elsewhere.

SHEEP.

The climate is so mild that sheep can and do live here year after year, without housing or feeding.

The soil is peculiarly adapted to grasses.

Spring and spring brooks bound,

No river ever in more natural place for sheep raising to be found.

At present the country is mostly covered with a dense growth of

TIMBER.

Oak, ash, hickory, beech, maple, pine, hemlock, black and white walnut, poplar, buckeye, cucumber tree, cherry, black birch or mountain mahogany—these are some but not all the varieties which are attracting the attention of lumbermen.

The lumber trade of Swain County needs no puffing from us. It is a thriving industry.

After the timber is cut down and gone to make beautiful houses, while sheep and vineyards will be enriching the owners of our fertile valleys and hill sides, the great

MINERAL

wealth of the county will be employing and enriching thousands of gold.

Silver
Copper
Lead
Talc
Mica
Asbestos
Corundum

and other valuable minerals and gems are here. The work of

PROSPECTING

is just commenced, and while many rich leads have been discovered but little systematic work has been done.

HEALTH RESORT

Bryson City has attractions for invalids

UNSURPASSED

elsewhere in the United States.

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The farmers are doing a good business now. They are grubbing, plowing and fencing. A fine future is making her appearance in Graham. Look out Swain!

Swain boy.

HEALTH WEALTH
or
PLEASURE

come to Bryson City Swain county North Carolina.

Dont be frightened by the malicious stories of citizens of rival towns.

COME AND SEE US.

Report of rainfall for week ending March 27. Kept by M. J. Beck U. S. S. S. correspondent.

	Amt. of rain or Depth of ground melted snow in inches.	inches.
21	—	yes.
22	—	no.
23	—	no.
24	.68	no.
25	.30	no.
26	—	no.
27	—	no.

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