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WM. MAXWELL, Sec'y.

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I. O. O. F.
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Closing Exercises

Sixteenth Annual Commencement of the Cullowhee High School.

Editors Sylvan Valley News:
It being the writer's privilege to be present at the commencement exercises at Cullowhee the 23rd and 24th ult. I desire to give to the readers of the News a synopsis of the splendid program so excellently carried out on this occasion.

On Monday morning at eleven o'clock occurred the annual sermon by Rev. Mr. Sims, pastor of the first Baptist church of Waynesville. He gave us a great spiritual treat on the theme of the Christian's reward at the end of life and showed how much better was the end of life than the beginning.

After partaking of the bounty so hospitably spread by the good people of Cullowhee the audience reassembled to witness the exercises of the primary and intermediate students. These exercises were very amusing and were highly appreciated by all present. The little jumping "grasshoppers" tickled everybody.

Monday night occurred the joint celebration of the Columbian and Erosophian Literary societies. All who took part in these exercises did credit to themselves and the society which they represented. Two of our Transylvania boys, Messrs. Joe Johnson and Riley Wilson, were on the debate and acquitted themselves very creditably on this occasion. We are always proud to see our boys and girls standing in the front ranks.

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock occurred the dedication exercises of the new school building. A number of very interesting and glowing speeches were made; out the climax was reached in a speech delivered by Mr. T. G. Picklesimer. We feel that Jackson county would do herself greater honor by sending Garry to the Legislature.

After the dedication exercises we all had a treat in the annual Literary Address delivered by Mr. Kirkpatrick of Waynesville on the subject of "History Making."

The immense throng of people were again invited to the grove where the tables were loaded down with all the good things imaginable and the people proved themselves well prepared for this feature of the program.

In the afternoon occurred the graduating exercises and the annual meeting of the alumni, the six classical graduates. Each delivered a fine oration, and Misses Hattie Norton and Lillian Stillwell read essays which were very appropriate for the occasion. Miss Ellie Wright, of Short Off, delivered the Alumni address, which to say the least, was worthy the highest praise. Several medals, scholarships and diplomas were awarded.

Tuesday night occurred the final entertainment, which consisted principally of amusing drills, dialogues, comic speeches, etc., etc. On the whole the exercises were of the highest order

and are worthy of higher commendation than I have language to express.

Cullowhee is an institution of which the state has a right to feel proud. It is now entering upon a new era. The new \$7,000 school building which has recently been completed and well furnished is a beauty indeed. It is situated on an elevation overlooking the waters of Tuckasegee river, Cullowhee valley and the surrounding country. We believe there isn't a more worthy institution of learning in Western North Carolina.

Very respectfully,
CHAS. W. HENDERSON.

A Piasant Outing.

A Low Country Girl's Experience in the Mountains.

Editors Sylvan Valley News:
Having accepted a most cordial invitation to join a "mountain party," the writer in company with eleven others including the chaperone and his "better half," left Brevard Thursday morning May 12 for a 3-days sojourn in the heart of the Blue Ridge.

Surely a more congenial crowd of young people could not have been gotten up in the "Old North State." Each one manifested much interest toward the pleasures and comforts of the others.

Music and song add much to the enjoyment of such occasions and certainly Apollo never touched the cords of the lyre more skillfully than did the musicians of our party handle the harp, guitar and mandolin. Even the gigantic oaks seemed to be appreciative of the sweet and innocent music and youthful yells and gave token of it by their continual swaying to and fro.

On, on we journeyed down the Jones Gap road, beyond the famous "winds" until we reached a desirable camping ground. Here amid the singing of birds where the atmosphere was sweet with the fragrance of wild flowers, near a stream of clear, rippling water we pitched our tent.

After dinner was served chaperone No. 1 and the young men of the party with guns and dogs sallied forth into the jungles of the forests, while chaperone No. 2 with the more timid creatures remained in and near the camp. Neptune had bountifully supplied the rivers with fish. Too much cannot be said about the abundance of trout in the streams. The woods also abounded with game of various kinds.

Of evenings we all gathered around the camp fires and each one related his or her experience of the day. There were indeed some thrilling adventures and hair-breadth escapes the details of which we may give at some future time.

Early Saturday morning we bade adieu to our camping ground and set out for Buck Forest where we spent several hours very pleasantly walking through the grounds and the once popular hotel but alas, time and decay have wrought sad havoc upon it now.

Last but by no means least of the numerous points of interest,

we came to Conestee Falls. Here the running waters make a grand leap of many feet over the mighty rocks into the ravine below. Leaving the falls we next come in sight of the French Broad River and valley. The latter is not only noted for its beautiful scenery but is also the most productive and fertile farming region in Upper Carolina.

At length we reached our "dolce domum" much to the regret of the whole party that the time had passed all too quickly. Nevertheless we were all thankful for the trip and that a kind Providence had guided and shielded us from all harm and danger. Truly my grateful heart with rapture swells with memories of those three happy days.
PALMETTO.

The Russian as a Traveler.

After all, it is the personal touch with the people of a nation that reveals most clearly the national character. The cleanliness of everything Japanese has excited the admiration of every one who has visited the Land of the Rising Sun. The Russian seems to be the antithesis of the Jap in almost everything, and from the following extracts from a writer in the Era Magazine the divergence of the character of the two peoples in the matter of personal cleanliness would seem to be no exception to the rule. The writer says:

The Russian Jew is not always the most agreeable traveling companion, but compared with the Russian he is neatness and cleanliness personified. The third class traveling coach reserved for Jewish itinerant merchants is only too often the one clean compartment in a Russian train. Russians who have journeyed abroad and thereby acquired a taste for comparative cleanliness in travel, wherever it is possible to do so, travel across Russia by river steamer in preference to impromptu in one of their compartment cars. Even in the first and second sections of the Russian train, men, women and children huddle into the coaches, even family bringing its own bedding, food and toilette.

Seats and aisles are soon inch deep with broken food and the air redolent with cigarette fumes. For even the women of Russia quit the wool. The seats are convertible into couch-berths, one above the other, two or even three deep. There are no curtains, and there is no privacy. A single washroom serves for both sexes, and the bath is indescribable. In the third class compartments barefooted men, women and children huddle together indiscriminately, sleeping by day and night, and with closely closed doors and windows emitting an effluvia that surpasses the reality of George Kennan's descriptions of the overcrowded, fetid prison wards of Siberia. Yet in this squalid the Russian finds his chief happiness. The Jew, however, draws the line at herding with the Russians of the masses. He will sacrifice any amount of comfort rather than do that.

"If cleanliness is next to godliness," here is at least one matter concerning which so-called pagan Japan can teach "holy Russia" a lesson in practical Christianity.

Nothing Done to Stop Grafting.

Congressman John Lind of Minnesota has again called attention to the fact that although the special commission appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate the scandals in Indian Territory reported that most of the members of the Dawes commission were interested in land companies there and the commission had outlived its usefulness, yet nothing had been done to stop the grafting. Mr. Lind introduced in the house of representatives a resolution of inquiry which would have struck at the root of the matter, but the Republican majority in congress passed a substitute resolution which was a simple request to the secretary of the interior "to advise the house, if not incompatible with the public interests, what has been done with the report of Charles J. Bonaparte and Charles R. Woodruff, a special commission, who investigated the condition of affairs in the Indian Territory."

Revised by Its Friends.

The high protectionists still claim that when the tariff is revised it must be revised by its friends. What are these "friends" going to do about it, though, should the other fellows win at the election? Probably they still feel safe in having the senate. Well, there may be a strong enough expression of public sentiment to turn the leaning of that body without changing its party complexion.

Call for County Convention.

A convention of the democratic party of Transylvania county is hereby called to assemble in the court house in Brevard on June 11th for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention to be convened in the city of Greensboro on Thursday, June 23d; also delegates to the congressional convention to be held in the Town of Hendersonville on Tuesday, June 21st, 1904; also delegates to the senatorial convention yet to be called; also to nominate candidates for the county offices, including member of the legislature, register of deeds, county commissioners, sheriff and constables, and to transact such other business as may be properly brought before the convention.

The voting precincts in the county will be entitled to the following strength in the convention, the same being based on their vote in the last gubernatorial election and according to the democratic plan of organization:

Brevard.....	7
Boyd.....	2
Catheys Creek.....	4
Dunns Rock.....	2
Cedar Mountain.....	1
East Fork.....	2
Eastatoe.....	1
Gloucester.....	1
Hogback.....	3
Little River.....	1

The various precincts will please hold their primaries on Saturday, June 11th, 1904, and select delegates to represent them in the county convention.

It is the earnest desire of all the every precinct be fully represented at the county convention, and we urge that all good democrats attend the precinct primaries on the day above mentioned. Respectfully,

J. W. McMinn, Co. Chmn.
W. E. Breesse, Jr., Secretary.

LONG HAIR A DISGRACE.

In Corea It is Indicative of Social Obscurity or Mental Humility.

The wearing of long hair in Corea is indicative of social disgrace or mental humility, and marks either the penitent or the outcast. The custom of wearing the hair long by these classes has accused the commercial spirit in certain speculative natives, and they have set about the labor of supplying the world with hair shaved from the heads of their fellow-countrymen.

When the Mongolian fakier desires to punish himself for a sin—real or fancied, it makes no difference—he allows his hair and nails to grow. In the same countries the criminal is obliged to let his hair grow, because the true oriental despises long hair, and the wearing of it is a certain sign of penitence or a punishment.

Now, of recent years the Coreans have learned to put these extraordinary growths of hair—that is, after they are cut off—to some commercial use. They have established factories for the manufacture of mats, horse blankets, saddle blankets, halters and even whole sets of harness, all from human hair.

A carpet factory, in which carpet is made from human hair, is also located at Seoul. In this connection it may be apropos to mention the famous "prayer rug" of the shah of Persia. It was made in Corea more than a century ago. It is three feet square and bordered with diamonds and pearls, and is considered of almost fabulous value.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentonsville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefitted. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and throat troubles, consumption, pneumonia and grip. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free. Regular size 50c and \$1.