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As Others See Us.
Letter From a South Carolina Boy.

On Friday Oct. 13, Cleveland Epp and George Bates started on an extended mountain trip across the grand old Blue Ridge, in the shadow of which we so peacefully live. We went up the Jones Gap road which is quite a scenery with its short curves and numerous winds to climb the mountain, which seems almost impossible. It shows the great engineering skill of its promotor, Solomon Jones, who surveyed it with his natural eye and without the aid of an instrument.

After crossing the mountain we came to Cedar Mountain, a neat little hamlet with beautiful homes and a remarkable place of worship, known as the Rocky Hill Baptist church with which the Transylvania Association was in session. Here we stopped and stayed with the kind people of the community until Sunday and listened with attentiveness to the proceedings of the Association and met and heard several of the speakers, some of whom were able and talented. Rev. Jordan of Hogback, North Carolina, who is an aged minister and one who, I believe, has done a great deal to promote the cause and one who has been faithful to his calling and who has just about reaped his earthly reward; Rev. Allison of Crab Creek, N. C., is certainly a promising young minister and one who, I think will make a great mark in the ministerial field, and a number of others of marked distinction which time and space won't permit me to mention.

Now a word of the people and village. They are nestled among green trees; as pretty a little town as you will find anywhere, and distinctly a model for North Carolina with pure air, good water and good health. They have the quietness of the country, though they have long, rough roads to market their acceptable produce. The kindness and courtesy shown us during our short stay makes it still a grander place. Their kindness cannot be excelled by any people on earth and whatever may be my adventures in life I will recall the people of that place with respect, gratitude and affection.

On our way to Brevard we came to the Connestee falls, with one creek running due north and another running west and plunging off together into a chasm of great height. Then we came to the French Broad valley and traveled down its banks for some distance viewing its deep, blue and quiet water and crossing it at two places. Then we were in sight of a real town and in fact a beautiful one.

Leaving Brevard for home on Monday we came to Caesars Head for dinner and took a lunch on the head. From there we viewed the sections of Greenville and as far as eyes could see, where the earth and sky seemed to meet in the southern horizon. While standing on the head we could count nine different towns with their smokestacks all sending up

their great smoke showing that manufacturing is the prosperity of South Carolina.

Now in closing comment I can say that the beautiful, green hills and mountains of North and South Carolinas can not easily be excelled by any place. With their bare crags and peaks they stand in wondrous beauty and attractiveness. Respectfully,
GEO. BATES.

Marietta, S. C.
Vacant Lot Improvement.
Owners of vacant lots in a Michigan town have agreed to work with the village improvement society this summer in beautifying these unsightly spots. Flowers and vegetables will be raised on them, and instead of being dumping grounds for tin cans and other rubbish and eyesores to the neighborhood in which they are located they will be made clean and attractive. Other societies working for town betterment should look after the vacant lots in their localities. They not only spoil the beauty of a street, but are a menace to health.

Goin' Down.
Says Hiram Hicks to Rastus Green down in Bill Jones' store.
Where they hev sot day after day for twenty year or more:
"It ain't no use to talk uv keers a-comin' threw this taown.
This place ain't never comin' up; it's allus goin' down!"
It ain't no use to talk about a-buildin' big hotels
Er senternariums an' sech fur bringin' in the swells;
They hain't no one 'th enterprise in this durn sleepy taown;
This place instid uv comin' up is jest a-goin' daown."

Says Rastus Green to Hiram Hicks: "I swan, Hi, yew are right. I never seen a taown like this sence I hev hed my sight. Hain't nothin' doin' anywheres, jest git up every day. An' eat an' go to bed ag'in in jest the same ol' way. I talked on takin' boarders once, an' some one says 'Yew! Yew! Yew couldn't board a ferryboat, much less a city crew!"
An' so I kinder gin it up. No, Hi, this here durn taown.
Jest ez yew say, ain't comin' up; it's jest a-goin' daown."

Says ol' Bill Jones, the grocer man, who allus spoke right out in meotin' an' without regard fur any one about:
"Yew fellows air a durn good pair to talk about this taown
Not hev'n' any enterprise an' allus goin' daown.
Why, durn my skln, yew've squatted here fur more than twenty years
A-waitin' fur the train to come an' move yew frum yewr cheers.
Yew've sot right here with idle han's an' let yewr ol' tongues wag—
Yew can't buid up a taown, by gum, while holdin' daown a kag!"
—Springfield Republican.

How to Prepare a Mutton Ham.
A mutton ham for Christmas festivities should be prepared at once. Get the butcher to cut a large fresh leg of mutton into the shape of a ham. Let this hang for two or three days. Then rub in well one pound of salt, a quarter of a pound of coarse brown sugar, one ounce of saltpeter pounded, all warmed before the fire. Be very careful to cover, even the shank, with this mixture. Place the meat in a deep dish and turn and rub in the pickle every day for a fortnight. Then drain and dry it. Put under a heavy weight for one day. Then smoke for at least a week, more if time allows, or dry as bacon. This ham is equally good broiled and boiled.

Beware of Ointments
for Catarrh that contain mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co, Toledo, O., contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free Sold by all Druggists. Price 75c. per bottle.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The Beauties of Graft.
The following letter from a Transylvania boy way up in New York, was received at this office addressed to nobody and signed by nobody. It is published simply to show the workings of graft in that graft-ridden metropolis.
—ED. NEWS.

Dear Sir:
Even in the midst of a terrifying campaign for Mayor and other sundry city political offices, with wheezy cart-tailorators, red fire, brass bands galore and parades innumerable of the tailors, paper hangers, gold beaters, brick layers, street sweepers unions, I managed to drop in and have the saddle man send you five saddles. He would have sent them sooner but he only sells second hand saddles at that price, new ones costing \$8 per. Having only three second hand ones he was in quite a quandary how to fill the order until I kindly suggested that he take two new ones and ride them around for awhile, waving a banner for Hearst and "Pure" democracy, and they then would soon have the appearance of real, genuine, second hand saddles. After some persuasion he finally consented but took the precaution of filling the saddles with a couple of (de-luxe) editions of delegates from the walking delegates' association of Tammanites. This precaution was absolutely necessary as that was the only way to get the proper number of "strings" on the saddle. You will find the balance due you enclosed "with care" The man guaranteed to have all the available straps, strings, etc., and saddles of the size and width of "last" so in case you should receive any with glanders, stringhalt, spavin, blind or false teeth, let me know and I will proceed forthwith to "string" the man higher up.
Yours as B 4. X.

Jurors For November Court.
At the last regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners which was held Monday, Nov. 6, 1905, the following persons were drawn to serve as jurors at the next term of Superior Court for Transylvania which convenes Monday Nov. 27 1905, Judge McNeal Presiding:

J S Jones	James Heath
W O Garren	F T Whitmire
Robert Breese	David Wilson
P S Shuford	J E Aiken
M W Mason	J D Owen
W R Merrell	Manson Hamilton
M H Fowler	J T Gillespie
N M Brown	Fred Batson
I C Tinsley	W J Puette
E R Bishop	Thos S Boswell
J T Cantrell	D B Handcock
O L Erwin	A K Orr
T E Patton	D C Sims
J S Garren	J B Merrell
O E Clayton	M J Orr
Ed Aiken	C A Allison
E B Barton	W E Hall
Davis Glazener	P C Surrent
R W Norton	C L Osborne
M R Corn	L W Duncan
Charlie Brooks	W R Wilson.

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Minneapolis started a "great religious revival" some time ago. Minneapolis never does things by halves, it is either wickedest among the wicked, or the holiest of the holy.

Ohio and Pennsylvania were along time making up their minds to do it, but when they did, it was not "swatting em" with a tackhammer, it was a setting mail. Better keep it for further use, for they have got to be swatted a few more times yet.

William R. Hearst does not stop running for office just because the election is over, nothing pleases Willie better than a "run" even running amuck has no terrors for a runner like Billie. Go it "Bill."

George B. Cox of Cincinnati says he will retire from Ohio politics. That is very kind of George after the people of Ohio pulled the platform from under him. There was nothing else left for "Jawge" to do.

Now that the people have risen up and demonstrated that they intend to do the governing themselves and not leave that job to political bosses, there is one other vital step that should be taken that is rally round President Roosevelt and help him pass a railway-rate law, which will relieve us from the industrial and commercial despotism, under which we are now suffering from railway rule which holds the commerce and industries of this country at its mercy. Hon. W. J. Bryan, has exhorted every Democrat in Congress to stand by the President in the great fight he will make this winter to have Congress pass the desired law. Every Democrat as well as every patriotic Republican ought to aid in the passage of that bill.

ISN'T THIS ABSOLUTELY TRUE?
Nothing ever became popular—here or in any other country—without a reason.

Popular men have merit of some kind, must have, or they would not be popular.

They must have exceptional merit and wonderful character if their popularity increases with time.

As with men, so with goods. So with any article that is on the market. It cannot increase its sales, it cannot be adopted as a standard article, it cannot survive generations unless it has real, inherent merit.

Millions of dollars spent in advertising any article without merit are just wasted, so far as continued sales are concerned. Intelligent housekeepers cannot be compelled to buy what they do not approve of.

That much is a self evident fact. It cannot be gainsaid. But it tells its own story of Lion Coffee's quality—a coffee that has been the leader of all package coffees for more than a quarter of a century, that has steadily grown in the affections of millions of American homes since its first introduction long, long ago.

Its unexcelled flavor, perfect purity and uniform quality, its absolute cleanliness and neat appearance has endeared it to the hearts of the people.

Good grocers will tell you this, but those who drink coffee ought to know much more about quality than they who simply sell it.

Insist on Lion Coffee, buy no loose coffee (in bulk)—you don't know what you get. How can your grocer?