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Fresh Lot Due Thursday, July 27

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High Grade Sardines.

We have just received a line of Fine Imported Sardines in 1/4, 1/8 and 1/2 tins.

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We are prepared to supply the citizens of Asheville with Fresh Bread, Rolls, Pies and Cakes of every description. If you want nice wedding or party cakes, give us an order and if you are not pleased in quality and artistic work we will refund you your money. We will add daily different lines of cake. Will bake any kind of cakes to order. Telephone 174.
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New Goods. New Goods.

AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE

We have just opened a beautiful line of Limoges China of our own importation in Dinner Sets, Plates, Cups and Saucers, A. D. Coffee, Chocolate Sets, Olive Pla and Comb Trays, Bon Bon Boxes, Salad Dishes, etc. We wish to specially mention the historical plates. They are one of the fads in China. Our line of Domestic and Imported Tumblers comprises over 60 varieties. We have a line of etched and cut that we are offering Bargains in. They come one dozen in a case and make suitable presents. Until the 1st of August we will give a handsome Japanese cup and saucer with every purchase amounting to \$2 and over. Visit our store. We can safely say that we have the finest and largest stock in North Carolina and prices the lowest.

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This beautiful cereal product made from yellow corn is equally attractive to the eye and palate. The intelligent housekeeper will doubtless find many ways to prepare this delicious article for the table.

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Also Midsummer Bargains in Straw Hats, Fine Dress Goods, Wash Dress Goods, and sundry other items. Seasonable things arriving almost every day. One price system.
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Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, etc.
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IT IS FROZEN FRUIT FRAPPE!
The most delightful soda fountain delicacy of the season. Have you tried it? Your friend has. Ask him.
HEINITSH & REAGAN.
WE ARE
Selling agents for HUYLER'S CANDIES received Wednesday and Saturday.
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SEND YOUR
Mail Orders for Drugs and Sundries and we will ensure prompt attention.
HEINITSH & REAGAN,
GRADUATED DRUGGISTS,
CHURCH STREET AND PATTON AVENUE.

A BRICK WITH A HISTORY

INTERESTING FIND ON THE VANDERBILT ESTATE.

The Brick was Made One Hundred Years Ago and For a Century Was a Part of The Fireplace in The "Haunted House" Near Biltmore.

A bit of interesting history of Buncome's early days is preserved at Biltmore in the office of Mr. Charles McNamee, the manager of the Vanderbilt estate.

The relic is a dated brick. After a century of service in the chimney of the old road house at the Horse-shoe ford of the Swannanoa, it fell from a point in the upper courses into the fireplace and was taken from the soot and ashes as rubbish, when the light of the numerals arrested the attention of the finder and the supposed trash was discovered to be a treasure.

The irregular lines and misshapen clay are shown in the reduced fac simile below, and indicate rude manufacture, the



figures being formed in the very oldest style. These latter show in distinct contrast with the dark red color of the general mass and are set in gashed-out matrices in the narrow edge; the whitened faces of the figures are of durable cement, like plaster paris, and must have been moulded in their present form while the composition was in a liquid state.

Various conjectures are afloat as to its maker and its object; the former was undoubtedly Col. John M. Patton or by his direction; whether there are more of the same sort and why this particular one should come to light in its centennial year, is the key to hidden mysteries in the old mansion and who will find them out, are unsolved riddles.

Viewed in the light of the oldest inhabitants of the house in which the brick was found, locally known as "the old Patton house," becomes a place where the charms of remote tradition meet the weird and ghastly romances of later times, and as they relate history they weave an old-fashioned tale of haunted house.

When Buncome's notes and bounds were laid the record is that the court was held at the house of William Davidson, the grandfather of Col. A. T. Davidson, who then resided on the south bank of the Swannanoa river at a point now known as the "Gum Spring," a short distance below Biltmore and near the old John Patton house. Tradition has it that some of the logs in the house in which the country was organized are yet to be seen in the old barn of the Patton estate just beyond the house.

The first order made by the officers of the new county was to lay out a road from this house of William Davidson to Cherryfield settlement, now Brevard, the Indian boundary on the upper French Broad.

The building was erected in the year on the brick, by Col. John M. Patton, in the forks of the road, half a mile down the river from the present station at Biltmore, and became a noted roadhouse for travelers. About 1830 carpenters were imported from Tennessee to remodel the structure, and its logs were then covered in its present finish.

An inspection of the house shows up an old timber, built for easy comfort in the hospitable Southern style, with open porches across the entire front above the spindling pillars giving place below to rooms at either end. The logs show their bulk outside, and their age is clearly read in the jagged rents and scars that scar their height. The propped up logs, the saggy, bulging lines and the gray and curling weather boards all tell a tale of storm and decay.

The interior is broken up with a dozen rooms, wainscoted in curious panel, closely oiled and embellished with simple lines of molding. The woodwork, once adorned with grass-green paint, is mottled with the discolorations of successive coats and patches of whitewash and the refuse of oil and water to mix.

The great big fireplaces will take a cordstick and the story goes that backlogs never went out.

A crooked, box-like stairway leads to the apartments above, finished much like those below with paneled mantels and wainscot in a faded glory of the same green paint; the expansive garret discloses the rough hewn timbers of the original framing, once taut and stiff in wooden pins, but now wobbly-jointed by the rack of the storms of a hundred winters; its inner walls are lined with snaky masses of dead and twisted vines, the remnants of the rank growth that once forced its way from the outer sunshine.

When the hustle of Mr. Vanderbilt's schemes began to change the face of nature, the place had become an ivy-clad ruin, with forlornest aspect and the reputed abode of ghostly haunts. Boldness doors swung to and fro on their rusty creaking hinges, and the battered and broken sashes offered entrances and exits to ill-omened creatures in their nocturnal flight. The spoiling of ages helped on the tales of tonguey guides when they spoke of foxes, owls and bats, uncanny witches and their broths from toads and snakes and nettles.

For half a century the marvelous tenacity of superstition habited the house with fantastical creations, groans and rattling chains, bloody bones and heads, snake-tailed devils covorting in hideous carnival and "curus looking white things a-moving todes me, twell I e'n'mos' got froze." The nearness of the rendezvous of spooks to the big road made flight travel after nightfall. A snapping twig or twittering bird discounted the rumble of thunder in the ears of the belated traveler and made him "hit the gric" for the shelter of the nearest quarters within their cabins with ashy face and bated breath he told of a "shore 'nuf hant wid hufs and haws, pawin' up de years of de big road by de ole Patton house" whose very grasp he had cluded by the skin of his teeth.

In more recent times, or "sence the war," and until the ruin was made habitable by its present owner, gay parties of young people from the city, ghost hunters for a night, made the ford in rickshaws, and in the gruesome gloom

of darkness and the rush of the river the bolder spirits engaged the crowd with tales of the magic of scarlet satans, and startled wild-eyed sweethearts into squeals of terror by sudden whispered announcements of the approach of headless wraiths in tracks of pale blue light.

Boys bathing in the river kept a weather-eye on the haunted house and sported like rats who've seen a cat.

Turned into a boarding house for workmen on the estate, the glory of the goblin hall is fading. During a recent visit, when its patched up rotting floors rattled in a rush of unknowable sounds, the timid observer suggested the supernatural, but the idea perished in the scornful tones of the woman of the house as she divined the cause of the disturbance and said, "Them ant hants, them's rats!"

FRANCE AND SIAM

French Gunboats Force a Passage Up The Menam River.

PARIS, July 27.—It is stated that an effective blockade of the Siamese coast by the French fleet will only begin Saturday or Sunday next.

Until then all the powers will not have received notice of France's intention to establish the blockade, a passage up the Menam river. The Chinese charged d'affaires had an interview yesterday with the chief officials at the foreign office in regard to Siam.

Temp's gives a detailed account of how a French gunboat forced a passage up the channel about 6 o'clock in the evening and immediately both forts and Siamese gunboats opened fire on the French warships.

The French gunboats crossed the bar, notwithstanding the explosion of the submarine torpedoes directed ahead of the fleet. The incessant rained and sank the Siamese gunboat. About 9 o'clock the forts at Oakland opened fire at a range of one quarter of a mile.

A French gunboat all this time was making ten knots an hour against the stream.

At 9:30 o'clock the French fleet anchored in front of the French legation at Bangkok. The fire had little effect owing to darkness.

A GREAT BUNGLER.

The Legal Lightning Does Not Work Well.

AUBURN, N. Y., July 27.—Wm. G. Taylor was electrocuted at 12:45 p. m. for the murder of Solomon Johnson in Auburn prison Sept. 20, 1892.

The electrocution of Taylor was not a success. The footrest of the chair broke and the dynamo gave out, so that the second current could not be applied. He was not dead from the first contact and soon began breathing heavily. He was placed on a cot and conveyed back to his corridor, where he continued breathing and groaning with pulse growing stronger.

It is now thought the power will have to be obtained from the city's electric plant and Taylor will have to be replaced in the chair and electrocuted to death. Physicians say he was unconscious after the first contact of over 1,700 volts. His condition at present is analogous to that of a man stricken with apoplexy. Morphine has just been administered. Witnesses are not permitted to leave the prison.

HE WILL HANG.

His Riches Could Not Save Him From the Gallows.

CHARLESTON, July 27.—A special to the News and Courier from Columbia, says: "In the State Supreme court there ended a remarkable case so far as the courts are concerned. The last decree has gone forth and Geo. S. Turner, the wealthy Spartanburg man, who foully murdered his brother-in-law, Edward Finger, some years ago after seducing Finger's sister, must die at the end of the rope, and that soon unless, perchance, executive clemency should intervene to save him from a felon's death. All his riches and the employment of the very best legal talent could avail him nothing save the delaying of the execution of the death sentence."

ROYALTY COMING.

Arch-Duke Franz Alexander Headed This Way.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—News has been received here that Arch- duke Franz Alexander, heir presumptive to the throne of Austro-Hungary, may be expected in the United States in a short time. He is making a tour of the world and if he visits the United States will come incognito, thus avoiding all official ceremony and recognition. He will probably enter the United States from Vancouver, B. C., and his itinerary will include Chicago, New York, Washington and other large cities of the north and west.

A Small Bank Failure.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 27.—The First National bank suspended payment yesterday. The Spokane Savings bank, connected with the First National, closed at the same time. In a few minutes the news was known throughout the city, but it was received quietly. There was no effect perceptible at any of the other banks. President Glover stated that the bank has only temporarily suspended and all depositors will be paid in full.

Russia Will Be Neutral.

PARIS, July 27.—The Petite Parisien today published a dispatch from St. Petersburg stating that the Czar has ordered Vice-Admiral Tirtoff, commander of the Russian Pacific squadron, to proceed to Siam with all available speed. The dispatch adds that it is understood in St. Petersburg that Russia intends to observe an absolutely neutral attitude in the Franco-Siam dispute.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting Sunday.

Dr. Wharton will speak at the Y. M. C. A. song service on Sunday afternoon in the opera house. Mrs. C. L. Pealey soprano of Christ's church, Nashville, Tenn., will assist in the song service. The meeting begins at 4:30, doors will open at 4:15.

It Will Not Close.

NEW YORK, July 27.—The governing committee of the New York stock exchange decided not to take any action looking to the closing of the stock exchange for a few days, which was suggested in some quarters yesterday.

A HORRIBLE DISASTER

BLOWN TO ATOMS BY NITRO-GLYCERINE.

A Pennsylvania Man, His Three-Horse Team and Wagon Blown to Shreds—Miraculous Escape of Bystanders.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 27.—Early this morning M. S. VanBuren and two brothers went to their magazine near Samples station, on the Pittsburg western railway, to get a load of nitroglycerine for the purpose of shooting an oil well. The dangerous fluid was being transferred to a wagon to which three horses were attached. A considerable quantity had been placed on the wagon, when in some manner which will probably never be explained, the glycerine exploded. The terrific concussion shook the buildings violently. People near the scene were thrown about in every direction. The only portion of M. S. VanBuren's body yet found is a part of a leg. Small shreds of flesh were scattered all about. Three horses were also blown to fragments, while only a few small pieces of the wagon remain. A hole was blown into the ground large enough for a cellar. Several people were injured by the concussion and flying debris, but they will recover. VanBuren was 22 years old and unmarried. The escape of his brothers, who were near by, was miraculous.

ONE MILLION IN GOLD.

Tide Rapidly Turning Towards the United States.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Early trading at the stock exchange was characterized by a good deal of feverishness, but there was far less excitement than had been looked for after the important events of yesterday. In a few stocks there were continued liquidation and prices naturally scored a further decline. Lackawanna was a case in point, breaking 4 to 127. General Electric and St. Paul were also under the hammer for a while and touched lower figures. In fact no substantial recovery occurred until it was announced that Lazard Preres had ordered \$1,000,000 gold for shipment to this side. This is the first large sum taken for some time past and the belief it will be followed by similar action by other bankers gave the street more courage. At 11 the market was firm in tone.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Today Taken Up by The Farham Lindsey Case.

At the last term of the Buncombe Criminal court Dan Norton, white, who was charged with retailing liquor without license, was put under bond for good behavior and the observance of the law until this court. Yesterday afternoon Norton was brought into court, where it was shown that he had violated the law again, and Judge Jones sentenced him to four months in the chain gang.

The court has been engaged today on the case of Farham and Lindsey charged with highway robbery. The defense is represented by J. W. Summers and J. M. Gudger, while Solicitor Carter is assisted by C. A. Moore.

AT CLAREMONT.

Pleasant Evening at the Home of C. W. Murphey.

Claremont, the bachelor home of Clarence Wainwright Murphey, on Town mountain, held a gay coterie of the friends of the popular city passenger agent of the R. & D., last evening. Dancing, flowers, music and refreshments filled the evening, and a "good-by" was sung in the early morning. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McLoud, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sluder, Miss Hilliard, Miss Penn, the Misses Cartmel, Miss McMiller, the Misses Rumbough, Miss Branch and the Misses Waddell, Messrs. Foster, Hilliard, Downes, Butler, Rumbough, Smith, Darby, Myers, Branch, Merrimon and Saunders.

MANAQUA CAPTURED.

The City Reported in the Hands of Revolutionists.

NEW YORK, July 27.—A cable to the Herald from Panama says: A private telegram from Nicaragua announces that the Leon revolutionists have captured the city of Managua. Details have not been obtained. The importance of the capture cannot be overestimated, as it will give them control of the capital of the republic, with all the moral effect and prestige it implies.

Storm Damage Near Clyde.

CANTON, N. C., July 27.—[Special.]—A severe rain, hail and wind storm passed near Clyde yesterday that was something akin to a cyclone in its effect. It was about half a mile wide and for some distance it cleaned up almost everything in its course, completely demolishing the tobacco and corn crops, tearing away fencing, tobacco barns, etc. One farmer, Thomas Medford, has 10 acres of corn that he says he will now take 10 cents for, and others are reported equally as bad.

Capt. Bourke Acquitted.

VALETTA, Malta, July 27.—The court-martial appointed to inquire into the loss of the battleship Victoria today rendered a decision in the case of Hon. Maurice A. Bourke, captain of the Victoria. The court found that no responsibility attached to Capt. Bourke for the disaster and he was therefore acquitted of all blame.

Palmyra, Pa., Burning.

READING, Pa., July 27.—A despatch received here from Palmyra, Lebanon county, says: "Fire started here this morning in planing mills, and half the town is threatened. Eight buildings have been destroyed up to this time, 10 a. m. The Lebanon fire department has been telegraphed for and is now on the way. Palmyra is 36 miles west of Reading and 1,500 population."

Resignations Requested.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Secretary Carlisle has requested the resignations of the following collectors of internal revenue: A. White, fourth North Carolina; James D. Brady, second Virginia; Patrick H. McCaull, sixth Virginia.

DRUGS, MEDICINES AND SODA WATER.

A Strange combination, but when you have tested the new drinks at our fountain which, always delicious themselves, contain extracts of medicinal properties, the most popular of these are:

COCA COLA, AROMATIC EGG PHOSPHATE, HIRE'S ROOT BEER.

Besides these, our Ice Cream Soda, Pineapple Snow, Peaches and Cream are more popular than ever.

In drugs our stock is as complete as it is possible to be.

We also carry a fine line of druggist sundries. Strangers will find our stock in this line far better than is expected of a town this size.

We have just received a very pretty new novelty in the Columbian Pen Knife, aluminum handles, and three good steel blades. We only have a few and will sell for \$1 each. Very suitable as a World's Fair Souvenir.

Don't leave Asheville without calling at our store. Open evenings till 11 o'clock.

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Twenty Per Cent. Discount.

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