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## HOME AGAIN AFTER FORTY-NINE YEARS

Story of Benjamin Hemphill, Who Left Buncombe County Many Years Ago.

Everything in Asheville is New, and the Homecomer Finds Few Old Friends.

After half a century spent away from home, most of the time in foreign lands, Benjamin C. Hemphill returned to his home in Asheville last night. He left here a comparatively young man and returned at the age of 78. When he left his children were small boys and girls, and he returns to find grandchildren and even great grandchildren whom he has never seen or even heard of.

Mr. Hemphill left here in 1852, and he has been absent a little less than 49 years. He left a wife and three children, who are now Mrs. A. C. Monday, Mrs. Fox of Reems Creek and a son who lives at that place also. He is now staying with Mrs. Monday on Depot street, and The Citizen had a talk with him there today as he ate his dinner.

Since leaving here he has spent his time in California and British Columbia, most of the time in the latter country. He came here direct from there and the journey, especially for an old man, was very wearisome. The fact that he could after losing so much sleep and enduring such incessant travel tell a connected story of his travels is a remarkable feat for an old man.

"I am used to hardships," he said to The Citizen, "and if I were in the woods could stretch out under a tree and sleep well enough, but to have to have people walk over you in a day car for a week or two is another matter and I have slept none at all hardly since leaving Victoria."

The first thing he intended doing this afternoon and tonight was to take a long rest.

### HIS TRAVELS.

When Mr. Hemphill left here in '52 he drove in a team to Newberry, S. C. There he took the railroad and went to Charleston. There he boarded the steamship "Isabella" and sailed for Havana. He was compelled to remain in Havana several months. There was something wrong with his ticket and it had to be returned to New York for correction. After waiting patiently for its return the steamer finally was sighted in Havana harbor, but when the physician went aboard it was discovered that there was cholera aboard, and the authorities threatened to fire on the steamer rather than let the passengers or any part of the cargo land. Consequently Mr. Hemphill was in a bad plight. He had four negro slaves with him and the tickets to California had cost \$250. His cousin, Mr. Greenlee, had gone on and was to wait for him in Panama, but did not do so. The route to California was via the Isthmus of Panama and the Pacific ocean.

Hemphill finally secured passage for himself and slaves to Aspinwall. Then the passengers and their outfit were transferred to a kind of barge and pushed up the Chagres river to Cruces, which was the last landing place they could reach with their boat. There they took to the road and packed their goods to Panama on the western side. This was in July. He found about 7000 people at Panama waiting to take the steamers for the gold country.

Finally the vessels Cortez and Brother Jonathan came along from their trip around the Horn and Mr. Hemphill boarded the former, a new boat. The negroes had previously been sent on ahead to California in charge of Dr. Stafford, a friend of Mr. Hemphill, the latter remaining in Panama three months.

### IN THE MINES.

When he reached San Francisco he met his friend, Dr. Stafford, and then he immediately set off for the mines several hundred miles away. He took the river steamer to Stockton and packed the camp goods the remainder of the way. At these mines he remained about six years, and then being attacked with chills and fever his physician advised him to go to British Columbia to get the benefit of the sea air. In British Columbia he decided to remain. Victoria then was no larger than Asheville was when he left it, there being nothing but a few huts and stores. He kept going for about 500 miles. He had never since returned to Victoria until he went there on the return to Asheville. The town grew up rapidly and he is sorry he didn't remain there.

"What about the appearance of Asheville then and now?" he was asked. "Well, sir," said the old gentleman, with a laugh, "I am lost. Mr. Monday has been taking me around today and nearly everything seems new--these wonderful improvements. Turn me loose here and I would hardly know the way. Very few of my old acquaintances are alive here now, though their descendants are here in large numbers. There are only a few buildings that were standing when I left. The fine road over the river was nothing but a trail."

Mrs. Hemphill lives on Reems Creek, but is visiting at Swannanoa. Mrs. Monday has gone to inform her of her husband's return.

### MRS. GAGE DEAD.

Washington, May 18.—Mrs. Lyman J. Gage, wife of the secretary of the treasury, died last night after a two months' illness.

## ENDEAVORERS IN HENDERSONVILLE

Proceedings of the District Convention Opened Friday.

Hendersonville, N. C., May 18.—[Special].—Mr. Craig Caldwell welcomed the delegates to the district Christian Endeavor convention on behalf of the society, the churches and the citizens of Hendersonville. He spoke earnestly of the origin and marvelous growth of the Christian Endeavor movement.

Dr. Thaeler's response embodied a comprehensive view of more than 20 years' march of this movement so blessed of God. Dr. Thaeler called attention to the fact that our great leader, Dr. Clarke, had at every annual convention introduced an universally practical step, such as, first, the Tenth Legion, composed of those who give to God the portion claimed by Him of them which He so freely gives us; second, the quiet hour, giving 15 minutes of our time every morning for reading and meditation upon the word of God and in prayer; third, the Macedonian Phalanx, a strong band who, through their society, give \$20 annually for missions at home and in foreign lands.

The beautiful words of the Christian Endeavor state song composed by Mrs. A. D. Thaeler were heartily sung to the tune of "Old North State."

This morning delegates, local Endeavorers and friends were all promptly assembled and all felt the spiritual uplift of the early watch from 7 to 8 o'clock.

The Scriptural lesson was read by Miss Marguerite Smith of Tryon. All present offered some testimony for Jesus.

At 8:30, morning service, prayer, special music, six five-minute talks and straight facts and figures of Christian Endeavor by Mr. C. A. Robinson of Hendersonville.

"Our State Work," Rev. A. D. Thaeler.

"Facts and figures and possibilities of the district union," Miss Bertha Johnson of Hendersonville, district secretary.

"The quiet hour," Miss Giffin of Asheville.

"The Tenth Legion," Prof. W. A. Osborne of Mills River.

"The forward movement for missions as shown in the Macedonian Phalanx for larger fellowship the world around," Mrs. K. L. Fitzpatrick of Asheville.

"Echoes from the state convention," Miss Grace Venable of Asheville.

Collection for the district work; benediction.

### MAY NOT GET MUCH.

THE SCHOOL FUND AND POLICE COURT FINES.

And now they say that the aldermen fixed it so in the charter amendments that the county will not get more than one-third of the police court revenue for the school fund under the recent Supreme court decision. Possibly the schools will get nothing for some years, and possibly they will get nothing at all.

The first arrangement is the result of a provision for collecting costs in police court, and having these costs going to maintain the department. The law provides only that fines and penalties go to the school fund. Most of the present fines, if charged as costs, would just about meet the costs, so there would be nothing left for the school fund. Then a final decision in the case is not expected for two or three years. The Supreme court merely ruled on a demurrer and the city can now answer to the complaint in Superior court and put the case at issue. The docket is overloaded now, and this case wouldn't see light for 18 months or two years, and if the county gets a judgment it will have to be collected by mandamus and not by execution, and being to enforce a money demand it would have to be returnable at term. If the school board should prevail it is a question whether it would not be sufficient answer to the mandamus to show that the entire revenues of the city were absorbed in paying its necessary expenses, and consequently there would be no funds to pay the demand with, and taxation being up to the limit no taxes could be levied for that purpose. It is regarded as questionable whether the board will get a dollar.

Then the Supreme court will have another try at whatever decision the Superior court makes, which will put the matter off still further.

### DANISH WEST INDIES.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS BUT SALE NOT MADE.

Copenhagen, May 18.—It is officially announced that the Danish West Indies have not been sold. Negotiations are progressing as to matters of detail, but it is not likely that a treaty will be concluded before the rigsdag and congress meet.

### \$55,000 LOUISVILLE FIRE.

Louisville, Ky., May 18.—Fire this morning burned out the four-story wholesale tinware and hardware store of Stratton & Turstogs at 710 West Main street, causing a loss of \$55,000 on building and stock.

## NEW SOUTHERN FREIGHT DEPOT

Work on the Foundations for the Structure Here is Now in Progress.

Figures of the Summer Schedules Which Are to Go Into Effect Soon.

For three years the present freight depot of the Southern at this point has been inadequate to the amount of freight handled. This amount has been steadily increasing until a new freight depot is absolutely imperative. In addition to the lack of warehouse room, the office room has been too small and very unsatisfactory. The officials have decided to build a new and up to date freight depot and the work has already begun on the foundation.

The building will be brick, with slate roof. The present building will be entirely converted into warehouse room. This is 122x44 feet. On the south the addition will be built 75 feet long, making the total warehouse floor space 225x44 feet. The receiving, loading and delivery clerks' offices will be at the extreme south end on the first floor. At this end the building will be of two stories, and the second story devoted to the offices of the agent and his clerks. The agent will have a private office 16 feet square, the cashier will have a separate office next to this, of the small size, and on the opposite side of a wide hallway the room will be for the general clerks, 16x42 feet.

On each side, the entire length, an eight-foot loading platform will be built, covered by a shed roof. The appearance in architecture of the building will be greatly improved. J. D. Elliott of Hickory has the contract for the work, which is to be completed by August 1.

Tomorrow the change of schedule on the Knoxville division goes into effect. The only change is in trains 21 and 22, to Morristown. Their numbers are changed to 14 and 15, and No. 15 will arrive at 6:15 a. m., eastern time, instead of 7:15 a. m. as formerly. No. 16 will arrive at 11:45 a. m. instead of 10:15. On this train will come the new St. Louis sleeper, which runs direct from St. Louis to Asheville, over the new Chattanooga, Louisville & St. Louis road, which the Southern has recently purchased.

The changes on the Asheville division will not go into effect until May 26. There will be no change in No. 35, which arrives from Salisbury at 1:10 a. m. No. 36, the early morning train which arrives from Knoxville at 6:10, will leave at 6:55. It will make the same connections at Salisbury and make connection at Chattanooga with the Pan-American express. It will carry the sleeper from this train to Buffalo, as far as the Southern goes. The Charlotte train will be run earlier from Statesville to connect. This makes the wait less at Salisbury going north.

Round Knob will be made a flag stop for trains 36, 11 and 12. Cannally Springs will be made a flag stop for 35 and 36, which do not stop there now.

No. 12, from Knoxville, will not be changed, arriving here at 2:10 and leaving at 2:30. No. 11, from Salisbury, will arrive at 2:50 and leave at 3:10. These two trains meet at Biltmore.

No. 9, from Spartanburg, will arrive at 2 p. m. instead of 2:48 as at present, and No. 10, returning, will leave at 3 p. m. instead of 3:05.

No. 14, the early train to Spartanburg, will leave still earlier, at 7:05 a. m. instead of 8 o'clock. No. 13 will arrive at 7:15 p. m.—no change.

On the Murphy branch, it will leave Asheville at 10:15 a. m. instead of 9 o'clock. No. 18, returning, will arrive in Asheville at 6:50 p. m. instead of 6:25. No. 19 will leave for Murphy at 3:15 instead of 3:45, and No. 20 will return at 1:45 instead of 1:50.

This will throw the trains all here closer together, and all connections on the main line will be the same.

On June 10 the summer trains between Spartanburg and Morristown will be put on. They will be numbered 39 and 40. No. 39 will arrive at 10:05 a. m. and leave at 10:10 for Morristown. No. 40 will arrive at 7:30 p. m. from Morristown and leave for Spartanburg at 9 o'clock, city time.

### TYPEWRITERS BARRED.

CHARACTERISTIC ACTION OF TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

Constantinople, May 18.—The customs authorities have prohibited the entry of typewriters into Turkey and 200 machines now in the custom house have been ordered returned to the owners.

### QUEEN TAKES POISON.

DRAGA OF SERBIA IS SAID TO BE VERY ILL.

Vienna, May 18.—A story is current here to the effect that Queen Draga of Serbia took poison when the king discovered the situation caused by conflicting statements regarding her health.

## MRS. M'KINLEY OUT OF DANGER

Secretary Hitchcock Makes the Reassuring Announcement Today.

San Francisco, May 18.—The news was given out this morning that Mrs. McKinley had decidedly improved after a quiet and uneventful night.

After the announcement by Secretary Cortelyou at 10:50 last night that there would be no further bulletins, only once was anyone seen to stir about the house. Shortly after midnight a nurse raised a window blind in the sick chamber a few inches and after a very short while the light in the room burned more brightly.

This was construed by some of the watchers on the outside to indicate a change for the worse, but there was no later and substantiating development to warrant the acceptance of this theory.

No one entered or left the house after 11:35 at which hour Mr. Moore of New York, one of the president's party left the house after an hour apart with the president.

The official bulletin on Mrs. McKinley's condition, given out today, reads: "Mrs. Hirschfelder, Gibbons and Cushing met Dr. Rixey at 8 a. m. and found Mrs. McKinley's condition decidedly improved since last evening."

Secretary Hitchcock stated this morning that he now considered Mrs. McKinley out of danger.

### JUDGE BROWN'S LEVEL.

EVENTS PULLED OFF IN THE POLICE COURT.

Will Brown remarked in police court this morning that "a person does things away from home that he don't do at home." This philosophical reflection was in reference to his jagged condition yesterday. Judge Brown did not regard this as an excuse or explanation. The prisoner admitted that the police court room had a familiar look to him and that he felt at home on the prisoner's bench, but he "disremembered" whether he had ever boarded at the jail or not.

Judge Brown gave him the opportunity of trying to remember that he was fined \$10 this time. Then Brown was tried on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon—a razor. He admitted that he had the slashing implement, but said he was just taking it to get it sharpened. He made quite an argument to be released on that ground. Judge Brown yawned. "Let him give a \$50 bond to appear in the Superior court," he said.

Joe Roberson, colored, and Dock Luther, same color, were fined \$4 and \$5. Drunk and disorderly was the charge.

### FIRST BAPTIST MUSIC.

PROGRAMS FOR MORNING AND EVENING HOURS.

The music at the First Baptist church tomorrow morning will be as follows:  
Organ prelude, "With verdure clad," Haydn.  
Anthem, "O, Savior of the World," Goss.  
Organ offertory, "Angel's Serenade," Braga.  
Organ postlude, "St. Ann's" Fugue, Bach.  
The evening program will be:  
Organ prelude, Nocturne in E flat Chopin.  
Anthem, "The radiant morning bath passed away," Woodward.  
Organ offertory, Nocturne in G minor Chopin.  
Organ postlude, "Worthy is the Lamb," Ferdinand Dunkley, organist.

### BATTLESHIP OHIO.

LAUNCHING AT SHIPYARD OF UNION IRON WORKS.

San Francisco, May 18.—The battleship Ohio will be launched at 12:25 o'clock today from the shipyard of the Union Iron works. Unless there should be a marked change for the worse in the condition of Mrs. McKinley the president will certainly be present.

The distinguished guests include members of the cabinet, Governor Nash and party of Ohio, Governor Geer of Oregon, Governor Murphy of Arizona, a large delegation of congressmen from the eastern states, as well as scores of other prominent men from different parts of the country.

### REUNION TRAFFIC.

SURE TO BE LARGER THAN WAS EXPECTED.

Memphis, May 18.—Memphis passenger agents are convinced that the attendance upon the Confederate reunion will be larger than was calculated two months ago, and they have increased their requisitions for coaches for handling the business.

There are enough available coaches, however, to save any of the lines from the embarrassment of inadequate service.

### LIGHTNING'S WORK.

Philadelphia, May 18.—The country home of Thomas B. Wanamaker at Meadow brook, was struck by lightning this morning and burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The house was adorned with valuable paintings and bric-a-brac, all of which were destroyed.

## TROLLEY STRIKE ENDED AT LAST

Lines in Five Towns in New York Resume Their Regular Trips at Noon.

Agreement Reached Making it Possible to Avoid a Strike in the Future.

Albany, May 18.—The street railway employes' strike which was inaugurated seven days ago in Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Rennselaer and Watervliet is at an end and operations on the entire system were resumed at noon today.

There have been concessions on both sides, and an agreement was reached at an early hour today at a conference under which it is possible to avoid a strike in the future.

The company on its part agrees to receive representatives regarding grievances or any committee of employes representing organized or unorganized labor; that men suspended or discharged by the superintendents shall be entitled to appeal to the executive committee of the company; that in case employes can disprove the charges under which they were suspended or discharged they will be entitled to pay for the time they were idle during such suspension or discharge, and that there shall be no discrimination against any of the men who engaged in the strike except those guilty of unlawful or riotous acts.

The company reserves the right to employ union or non-union men and to discharge employes for cause.

The men agree that no proposition for a strike shall be acted upon by any division at the same meeting at which it is introduced, but that 24 hours shall elapse before the proposition shall be voted upon, and that if a strike shall be ordered it shall not take effect until at least six days have elapsed after notice to the company, during which time the employes shall continue their work.

Don't forget the J. B. Bostic auction sale of business and residence lots on Patton avenue and Bailey street Monday next at 4 o'clock on the premises. Now is your time to secure some of the finest improved real estate in Asheville. A rare opportunity, one that may not be offered you again in a life time. It

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New White Goods..... 20c.  
Quality Special..... 12 1/2c.