

**THE NEWS  
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**POETIC CORRESPONDENCE**

Shovels full of cinders;  
Wagons full of sand  
Would make better walking  
For the feet of man.

J. R. Willson responds and says,  
"Here is some poetry to add to your  
cinders and sand."

And now I hear you talking,  
And this is what you say;  
What it takes to make good walking,  
But you never mention clay.

The Board of Trade sits sadly,  
Like a bump upon a log;  
Advice it gives most gladly,  
That all goes up in fog.

**The Unnamed Subject**

'Twas red clay, mirey clay,  
Of which our feet were shy  
Hence 'twas for sand and cinders  
We made poetic cry.

**MORE ABOUT THE CITY PARK**

On next Tuesday the qualified voters of Hendersonville will say by their ballots whether or not they want to issue bonds to the amount of \$23,000 to purchase the Noterman property for a city park.

Happily the people have their own say in this matter. Those who remain from the polls will count against the proposition as it will take a majority of the qualified voters to carry the election. This issue, as do all other public matters that amount to very much, will receive its full quota of indifference, hence we believe there is little likelihood of the park advocates carrying the election, but since we are not particularly courting the popular side of any issue just because we want to go with the crowd, we will review briefly the points we have heretofore emphasized.

Every city needs one or more central parks. Such should be provided for in the original city plans. In case of such oversight the authorities should later provide such.

When will another opportunity equal to the present one present itself for a desirable park site so centrally located and so admirably suited to such purposes?

If the price is exorbitant, then the people should hesitate. If they begrudge the sellers a small profit, this should make no difference if the price is reasonable. They can subdivide the property and no doubt get a much better price than asked from the city.

The question has been raised as to the city's exceeding its bond selling capacity. The NEWS showed last week that there is plenty of play-room yet for this.

It is argued that the city needs a water supply. This is very true but we needed it ten years ago and just because we continue to ignore this very important issue is no reason we should neglect others of less importance. Some say that taxes will be too high. A levy of only a few cents on the \$100 property valuation would be necessary to carry the project. The increase would not be appreciable. It is said that we can do without a city park. We could also do without cement sidewalks, paved streets, school houses and churches but who wants to forego their benefits.

Hendersonville needs a high school building. Are we going to do without it? Couldn't the Noterman house be converted at little cost into a high school building suitable to our needs in this respect for years?

If you want a city park vote for it next Tuesday.

J. M. Stepp and family are ill with influenza.

When the heads of political organizations speak out in open meeting and on such generous terms as did Mr. Ewbank and Mr. Staton you had better get ready for a better and far more progressive day in Henderson county. When politicians speak as these men spake you may say without hesitation that they have the better interests of Henderson county at heart. Henderson county needs about 2,000 politicians of this type. We never could see why a man had to be a fool with reference to the right of suffrage.

**Mrs. J. T. Wilkins Dead**

Mrs. John T. Wilkins died at a local sanitarium Tuesday afternoon at the age of 24 years after an extended illness. Interment was made at Oakdale cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Dr. E. E. Bomar conducted the services. The following pallbearers were from the Masonic order: H. A. Stepp, Charlie Morrow, Paul Rhodes, Nathan Brenner, W. A. Keith, Dr. W. B. Wilson.

Before her marriage a little more than four years ago the deceased was Miss Olive French Eury. She was a graduate nurse of the Mission hospital, Asheville, and was acquainted with much suffering through observation and experience, but she knew how to bear it with patience and fortitude. Mrs. Wilkins spent the past summer in the vicinity of Bat Cave for her health and shortly after returning home entered a sanitarium where she might receive the best of treatment and attention. In addition to the husband Mrs. Wilkins is survived by one daughter.

**Telephone Rates Raised**

The telephone rates have been raised by the government. There has been an advance of 25 cents a month on residence phones and 50 cents a month on business phones effective Feb. 1. Long distance tolls have been increased.

**Flu Bad at Balfour**

The Asheville papers reported conditions quite bad at the Balfour orphanage and as a result of the appeal for help quite a nice sum of money, food and clothing were given to the children.

**Drake & Jones Store Robbed**

The store of Drake & Jones was robbed on last Thursday night and Asheville blood hounds were sent for. They trailed some person for about four miles to a barn on Mud Creek and couldn't go farther. It is believed that the thief there mounted a horse and continued his journey. The owners of the store are unable to say how many goods were taken, yet they missed a good many.

**PRAISES KENTUCKY HOME**

Editor J. D. Boone of the Waynesville Montaineer-Courier returned home and wrote the following kind words:

"A few of the editors and publishers of the weekly press of Western North Carolina met at the Kentucky Home in Hendersonville last Friday afternoon and evening, the place of meeting having been changed from Asheville on account of influenza conditions in Asheville.

"Excepting the small attendance, the meeting was a very successful and enjoyable one. President Hollowell, of the Hendersonville News, and Miss Beatrice Cobb had an interesting program prepared and this was discussed freely even in the absence of some of those scheduled to talk.

"The Hendersonville Board of Trade paid the hotel bill and would have given us an auto drive, if there had been time for one but some had to catch the first train out Saturday.

"We must hand it to the Kentucky Home management for they have the best hotel in this end of the state outside of Asheville and they tell us it always is well patronized."

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**JOB SHIFTING AT POSTOFFICE**

The departure from the postoffice of Assistant Postmaster S. G. Rhodes, resigned, makes a considerable shift in positions of postoffice employes as follows:

Rev. J. A. Mason, stamp clerk, will become assistant postmaster. J. C. Waldrop, assistant dispatch and mail clerk, moves up to stamp clerk. W. B. Reid, substitute clerk, replaces Mr. Waldrop as assistant dispatch and mail clerk, and Fred Edney, carrier on R. F. D. No. 2, takes Mr. Reid's place as substitute clerk. Clarence Coston, substitute carrier on Route 2, will carry the mails on that route until a civil service examination is held in the near future and a permanent carrier appointed.

Fralo Kuykendall will carry mail on route 1.

Mr. Rhodes expected to play between the First Bank and Trust Company and the postoffice until Feb. 15, but sickness at his home this week makes it necessary for him to be with his family.

**Rebuild Spartanburg Road**

It will be good news to the people of this section to know that the project of rebuilding the highway from the Spartanburg to the Henderson county lines has been approved, and that work will start as soon as weather and labor conditions permit.—Tryon News.

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