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Ginseng.

Capt. Toms has about ready for shipment, between fourteen and fifteen hundred dollar's worth of ginseng roots, raised on his farm on Jump-Off Mountain.

This fully demonstrates, beyond all argument, that the farmers of Henderson county have a veritable gold mine right at their doors. A small patch of rich ground, not larger than that covered by an ordinary store building, will yield a larger income than the average farm.

Western North Carolina is one of the few places where this strange root grows wild, and this section is admirably adapted to its growth. Capt. Toms, three years ago, purchased his first roots from men who gathered them on the mountains. As he has gone into it on a very extensive scale, his initial expense of course has been heavy, this first shipment representing an outlay of probably two hundred dollars while an equal amount raised next year will not cost more than five dollars.

There have been enquiries already for the ginseng on hand. It can be readily sold, before drying for over two dollars per pound, and Capt. Toms has an offer of seven dollars when the roots are dried and ready to ship.

What Capt. Toms has done on a large scale may be done by any progressive, wide-awake farmer on a smaller scale.

The ground must be rich, and after planting it requires very little care and attention. This is the first crop from plantings three years ago, from one bed, which is being replanted now. Next year there will be a similar crop and so on.

The possibilities from ginseng culture in the mountains of Western North Carolina is worthy of the most serious consideration on the part of all our farmers.

It may be made to yield a handsome income, at small expense, and by utilizing a very small piece of ground.

If anyone has any doubt on this point, ask Capt. Toms to show you his crop of this root, which has the appearance of a white carrot, and which has such strange medicinal properties. The actual roots, which are almost ready for shipment, and which represents a value of almost fifteen hundred dollars, is an argument which permits of no denial, and Capt. Toms has fully demonstrated to all the commercial possibilities of ginseng growing in Henderson county.

There is no indication of any lessening in the demand for ginseng. There are over two hundred firms exporting it to China, where it has the reputation of being a cure for all ills, and where it has been used for centuries. The medical fraternity of this country seem to be just awakening to the fact that there

may be medicinal virtue in this strange plant, and extensive trials of it along that line are now being conducted in the hospitals of Chicago and St. Louis. If satisfactory results are obtained, the market and demand for ginseng will be enormously widened, and the Henderson county farmer who "gets busy" now and starts his ginseng raising immediately will find an unlimited market at prices which seem fabulous when compared with the cost of raising, for all the ginseng and more than he can get to market.

Just now, there's a fifteen hundred dollar illustration of this fact right in town, and the farmers of this county have it within their power to make their exports of ginseng more than equal the total of all the business done by all the stores in the city of Hendersonville.

The Great Lake.

Progress is being steadily made on the survey of the lake, the field force of eight men working hard in order to get the work finished this week. The water line has been established at the different points as follows; making a shore line of about thirty miles in length. On Devil's Fork, across the upper part of S. M. McCall's land, a quarter mile this side of the old Howard Gap road; on Bates Fork, it will be one mile above Major Barker's land; on Behring Mill Creek, the line crossed a quarter of a mile above intersection of the Upward Road and that creek; on Mud Creek the line crossed the Norton land a half mile above Shepherd's bridge. The north end of Mud Creek trestle is just at the water line, while the south end is probably ten feet above.

There will be five distinct prongs to the great lake, and at one point on Bates Fork it will be over a mile wide.

As the engineers have progressed in their work and find out just where the lake will lie, they are more than ever impressed with the great natural beauty which will surround it, and it is safe to say that nowhere will there be a body of water to compare with it.

On the authority of one of the officers of the company, the statement may be made that work will be started by next summer.

All the timber and undergrowth will have to be cleared out, the timber probably being given for cutting and taking it away.

There has been another ten percent assessment levied on the stock, and it is desirable that it be paid promptly, as the expenses of the company are heavy.

Wealth in Agriculture.

An official government report announces that ten of the leading farm crops returned a revenue of \$2,698,604,940 to the rural population of the United States in 1905. It is estimated that when the harvest totals for this year have been made the income from such crops will reach \$3,000,000,000. That sum is equal to about five times the annual revenue of our country. The purchasing power of agriculture constitutes one of the most important subjects for financiers in every money changing center. In the coming few months that force will be directed in the channels of trade. Every farm community will pour its dollars into the commerce of the country. Purchases will be made for the winter, and debts contracted during the summer and autumn will be paid, with accrued interest. Public schools will open and thousands of children living in agricultural districts be clothed and started on the road to education. Every city, town and village will furnish something to the farmers and receive cash in exchange for the goods. A crop failure in the United States is felt in all sections of the world. It cuts short the rations of men, women and children. It shows the necessity for extending the system of agriculture and increasing the fields of production.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Good for everything a salve is used for and especially recommended for piles. That is what we say of DeWitt's witch Hazel Salve. On the market for years and a standby in thousands of families. Get DeWitt's. Sold by F. V. Hunter.



Hon. W. T. Crawford, who will represent the Tenth District in the next Congress.

The fight between William T. Crawford, democrat of Haywood, and James J. Britt, republican, of Buncombe, for a seat in the Sixtieth congress of the United States has probably resulted in a victory for Mr. Crawford. Returns from only the pivotal counties in the district have been had, but the vote in these counties indicates Mr. Crawford's election. The republicans, however, have not conceded Mr. Britt's defeat. A message from republican headquarters last night said that just before leaving there at 11 o'clock Mr. Britt claimed that he had been elected by 300 majority. In reply to a telephonic inquiry shortly before midnight Mr. Crawford said that while he had not heard from all the counties in the district he believed that he had been elected by not less than 800 majority. Mr. Crawford thought this a conservative estimate.

The contest between Mr. Crawford and Mr. Britt in the six voting precincts in Asheville was most flattering to Mr. Britt. This is Mr. Britt's home city and county and in Asheville his friends rallied to his support manfully. The six city precincts gave Mr. Crawford a majority of only 331. Two years ago Mr. Gudger carried Asheville by 500 majority. Outside of Asheville, however, Mr. Crawford ran well up with the county and legislative tickets. He made a gain of 55 votes over Mr. Gudger in the republican precincts of Ivy No. 1, Ivy No. 2 and Flat Creek. Mr. Britt with other republicans carried Avery's Creek. This precinct two years ago went democratic.

The six pivotal counties in the district have been heard from including an estimate on the Buncombe county majority. Placing Mr. Crawford's majority in Buncombe at 550, which is a conservative estimate with only a few precincts to hear from, Mr. Crawford has made a gain in the counties of Haywood, Buncombe, Transylvania and Rutherford of 65 votes over Mr. Gudger two years ago. In the two republican counties of Henderson and McDowell Mr. Britt made a gain of about 42 votes. Four precincts in Jackson county give Crawford 120 majority. Mr. Crawford has carried Haywood county by a ma-

majority of not less than 800. The official count at 11 o'clock with two small precincts to hear from gave him a majority of 876. It was stated that the two precincts could not possibly pull the majority down to less than 800. In Buncombe, Mr. Crawford has apparently fallen 100 votes behind Mr. Gudger's majority of 678 two years ago. He has apparently lost five votes in Rutherford and 50 in Transylvania as compared with Gudger's majorities two years ago. Mr. Britt has made a gain of 17 votes in Henderson and about 25 in McDowell. He has also increased the republican majority in Swain 55 votes, according to a message after midnight. According to this message Mr. Britt has carried Swain by 325 majority. Two years ago Ewart carried it by 270. Democrats challenge these figures and say that on the other hand Crawford made a gain there.

Macon county, which two years ago gave Ewart 37 majority, is said to be close. The democrats are claiming the county. Cherokee county, which gave Ewart 243 majority two years ago, has not been heard from, neither have Graham or Polk, two republican counties, by small majorities. Two years ago the republicans carried Polk by 56 majority. This year the democrats claim it. If the apparent democratic majorities of 800 in Haywood, 550 in Buncombe, 550 in Rutherford and 120 in Jackson do not fall below these figures Mr. Crawford is certainly elected by between 600 to 800 majority. Allowing Mr. Crawford 800 in Haywood, 550 in Buncombe, 40 in Transylvania, 550 in Rutherford, 120 in Jackson and 21 in Clay, a total majority of 2081, and Mr. Britt 435 majority in Henderson, 100 in McDowell, 325 in Swain and the majorities of two years ago in Polk 56, Cherokee 243, Graham 21, and Macon 37 a total majority in the seven counties of 1217, Mr. Crawford would be elected by a clear majority of 864. Late last night democrats claimed that this apparent majority 864 would be increased rather than decreased.

Your stomach churns and digests the food you eat and if foul, or torpid, or out of order, your whole system suffers from blood poison. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea keeps you well. 35 cents Tea or Tablets. Sold by The Justus Pharmacy.

Election Night in Hendersonville.

Election in the city passed very quietly, and no untoward disturbance marked the day on which the sovereign people expressed their will and choice of officers for the coming two years.

The real interest and excitement was manifested at night. Returns were received at the Hustler office and at the court house. The Hustler office was temporarily the democratic headquarters, and not a few of the opposite political faith availed themselves of the opportunity to get the earliest news of the battle.

Chairman Brooks stood at the constantly ringing telephone and received the news from the different precincts and from Asheville over the long distance wire, and announced the figures to the crowd. "Bob" Oates kept the tally sheet, as he is credited with the ability of being able to "figure out any proposition on earth."

The business office of this paper was filled to the limit with the faithful, and the crowd was so large it overflowed into the composing room. It was a jolly good-natured gathering, who took the good news with the bad, and found plenty of time to exchange jokes with one another. The room was so full of smoke it could almost have been cut out in blocks, so dense the electric lights burned but dimly, and the talking was loud and continuous, in the infrequent intervals when Mr. Brooks was not calling out the returns.

The street was enlivened by some of the more demonstrative of both parties, and yells and whoops for Hearst, for Hughes, and other favorites of the particular partisan were very much in evidence.

The Outlook and the Atlanta Riots.

The latest issue of "The Outlook" has three articles on the Atlanta riots; one, a Southern white point of view; another, a Northern black point of view; third, a missionary college point of view. The first article, by A. J. McKelroy, of Atlanta, is a dispassionate review of the conditions immediately leading up to the riots, and seeks neither to condone or excuse the killing of innocent negroes, but contains this pointed paragraph which may well be taken to heart by a certain class of Northern newspapers and reviews, the "Outlook," included.

"And if the Northern press were to remember the illogical processes of the negro's mind, how he perverts the denunciation of lynching into an approval of the provocative crime, it would leave the lynching to be attended to by Southern opinion and warn the negroes of their danger in its committal."

The second article, "A Northern black point of view," written by one Carrie W. Clifford, who labors under the imposing title of "Honorary President of Ohio Federation of Colored Women's Clubs," is an appeal for social equality, pleads for the assimilation of the two races, and suggests that the white, and not the black race, needs to be taught self-control.

Possibly the most absurd statement the Outlook permits this colored woman to make in its columns is that "the riot was not directed at the vicious negro much as at the progressive negro," which any one who pretends to have the slightest knowledge of the facts in the case knows to be untrue. Does the Outlook present this woman's article, including its plea for race assimilation, as representing the sentiment of the North? What excuse will it next offer for the negro brute who commits the one unpardonable crime? As Mr. McKelway says, "if there had been no assaults upon white women in and near Atlanta, there would have been no mobs and riots." This is a truism. And the Outlook is also asked to consider this comparison, taken from Mr. McKelway's article: "The population of Atlanta is, in round numbers, a hundred thousand; of New York, four millions. Multiply everything by forty. Suppose in New York City there had been, say, 480 assaults upon white women by Chinese brutes—240 in three days, 160 in one afternoon, that the white population had come to believe that the Chinese quarters of the city were hiding and protecting these crimi-

nals of their own race, successfully baffling detection of the guilty, what would the New York mob have done under those circumstances? What could have prevented their indiscriminate slaughter of the Chinese?"

Possibly the Outlook, in these circumstances, would have had some Chinese coolie woman write a defense of her criminal brethren and have pleaded the only cure lay in "race assimilation."

Scraps.

How does the election suit you?

The following gem is from the talented pen of a little student of the graded school:

Mary had a little lamb,
She fed it by the well.
One day she fed it dynamite
And blew it all to—pieces.

Capt. M. C. Toms has given the farmers of this county something to think about in that crop of ginseng roots he has ready for shipment. Its only a little pile and its worth \$1500—three times the income of the average farm and all raised on a 40x80 foot piece of land.

Mr. Wm. Hewitt, the genial proprietor of the Blue Ridge Inn, is setting up the cigars to all comers as a result of the New York election.

One of the officers of the lake company says the lake will be in course of construction by next summer. If so, it will mark the opening of a boom for Hendersonville, which will place it in the front rank of the cities of North Carolina.

It will be news to the many friends of Mr. G. M. Glazener that he is such an able exponent of "practical politics."

Such weather as we are favored with, when compared with the reports of snow and sleet in the North, makes one think that doctor knew what he was talking about when he said that "God has certainly blessed Western North Carolina."

The Cabbage Snake Again.

The perennial "cabbage snake" scare has reappeared in North Carolina and many correspondents of the Department of Agriculture are sending in samples of the supposed to be venomous creature.

The cabbage eating public are once more informed that the so-called "cabbage snake" is perfectly harmless to human beings. It may be eaten raw or cooked without the slightest danger or discomfort to the consumer. The sensational stories told about this worm are both untrue and foolish. These worms are not poisonous. They cannot live or propagate in the human body. No one need be afraid to eat cabbage on account of these worms.

The so called "cabbage" is really a species of nematode worm scientifically known as *mercus albicus*. It is normally a parasite of grasshopper and other insects. Its presence in cabbage heads is accidental, due probably to the previous abundance of insects upon the growing plants.

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Blackburn Defeated.

Greensboro, Nov. 6.—All indications point to the defeat of Congressman Blackburn. Mr. Vandiford, the democratic chairman, claims R. H. Hackett's election by a thousand majority. Wautauga, Ash and Wilkes are of course in the republican column, and Surry is reported doubtful, but affairs want to pieces for the republicans in Iredell, Rowan and other counties, where the friends of Blackburn expected to keep the democratic majority down to at least normal. In Iredell the democrats have been successful to the tune of something like a thousand votes.