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Claude Brown.

Office, Hustler Building
next door to Blue Ridge Inn

County Commissioners.

The county commissioners met last Monday and transacted routine business, mostly. The only matter of importance was about issuing the bonds for \$12,000 to take up the floating indebtedness, authority for which has just been granted by the Legislature.

Mr. J. P. Hickman's offer of \$12,000 for the bonds was accepted, and the printing of the bonds will be done as soon as possible.

It is expected the claims of the county will be taken up in about one month, that is, they will start then. The finance committee passes on all claims.

The commissioners met on Monday, adjourned to Tuesday, but transacted no business then. They then adjourned until next Tuesday, the 12th, in order to avoid calling a special meeting for that date. Just why they are going to meet is somewhat of a mystery, but it was announced that something big is in the wind which will come up at this meeting. One of the commissioners said it meant the saving of several thousand good dollars to the county.

Notice to Tax-payers.

This is to notify all Taxpayers who have not paid their city taxes for the year 1906 to please settle at once and save costs. After March 28, 1907, I will advertise all property personal and real in the town of Hendersonville, which may under the law be levied upon and sold to pay taxes due to said town by delinquent tax-payers. This is my last call and it is now left with you to say what you will do. This March 5th, 1907.

Respectfully,
T. M. SMITH,
Tax Collector.

Notice.

To the Justices of the peace of Henderson county:—

I take this method of announcing to you that I will be a candidate for the office of tax collector of Henderson county at the May, 1907, election and will appreciate any support given me by any and all my friends at said election.

I do not wish in this contest to create any factional fights in the democratic party and shall urge my claims for the office with the best of feelings for any others who may like myself desire the position.

Yours truly,
J. L. CARLAND.

Mills River, N. C. Feb. 27th, 1907.

Hendersonville's Opportunity

The following article, written by the men intimately connected with the big lake project, is of interest.

Shall we have a million dollars on Henderson county this year or not? You can help to answer the question.

For about four and one half months the question of lake or no lake has been agitated and there has been some strong work done for it by some of our representative, public spirited citizens. The people have come nearer being a unit on this question than any other question that has ever been before our people. Some from one motive and some from another, we have had a few pessimists and a few croakers, but only a few.

The originators knew from its inception that it was going to be a hard thing to carry through on account of two things. First it would require a vast amount of money to carry out the plan on a sufficiently large scale to make it a success. There was only one plan to do and that was to get up a large body of Lake Shore land at its present value and put it in with the submerged land and get a Real Estate Development Company to buy the whole boundary and build the lake, boulevard, drive ways and electric car line and take chances on these things advancing the price of the lake shore land enough to get back the cost of the original tract, the cost of the boulevard, drive ways, electric car line, parks, street and landscape work necessary to make it a thing of beauty.

We have succeeded in finding such a company and they are ready with the money to pay for the land and put in the improvements contemplated and spend from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year in Magazine Advertising, which will reach the wealthy people from Maine to California and from the lakes to Mexico and put Hendersonville prominently before these people every month. They say they will be compelled to bring a wealthier class of people here than have ever come here in order to be able to sell the real estate for prices that will get their money back and a profit on the investment. They are men who are actively engaged in the real estate development work and on making a success of it they know just about what they can afford to pay for the lands and add to that the cost of all these improvements and get their money back with pay for the investment and risk. They have been here and looked over the entire boundary and submitted a definite offer for each man's land that is necessary for them to own. Here we strike the second and greatest difficulty that we expected to strike when we started out. There are 135 people to be traded with before we can have the lake. If each one of them should get excited enough by the agitation to ask \$100 more for his land than he did before the agitation was started that would make a difference in the total price of \$13,500. It is but fair to some of the land owners to say that they have come forward and put their land in at exactly what was offered for it and three men have put theirs in for less.

One of these men is Henry Hyder who put his land in for 1/3 of what he was offered for it. There are eight men who have put theirs in for what they were offered. Eight and three is eleven take eleven from 125 and you have 114 left. Of this number hardly any but ask \$100 more than was offered and nearly all of them want as much as \$500 and many of them want as much as \$1,000 more and some \$3,000 more than was offered.

It does not take much of a figurer to see that we soon get fifty or sixty thousand dollars difference between what was offered for the land and what is asked for it, 114 at \$500 is \$57,000 and 114 at \$1,000 is \$114,000. The prices offered were submitted to several parties some of whom were the land owners in question and some were not but were well informed as to real estate values here and elsewhere, and the unanimous decision was that they were fair prices. It is true that the asking price for land here is higher than in almost any town of its size in the world but that land is not selling, it is the cheaper land that trades; some of you have got mad with the Real Estate agent and have taken your property out of his hands because he sold other people's property and did not sell yours you thought he was using partiality toward the other fellow when as a matter of fact the reason he did not sell your land was on account of the price, you thought it was as cheap as the other property, but the buyer did not and the real estate man knew it was not. He could not afford to tell you so, it was not his business to price your land but yours to price and his to get it if he could.

Now can we afford to let this lake go

General

bill in the want of a few dollars more or upon the price of land? There is not a minute rule the land is offered but could take the time to use and make money. He amendments in the money that he gets and and the lands that are not wanted in lands that are not wanted. He take boundary and pay even more for it than the owner is asking now and then in three years time he will be worth twice as much as he will if he holds his land high and causes us to loose the lake. If you are one of the men who has been asking more for your land than you are offered find the difference in what was offered and what you ask and multiply it by one thirty five and see how much it is, the other fellow has just as much right to have that difference as you have. I know you think he was offered enough for his land but he thinks you have been offered more than yours is worth. This sounds ridiculous but it is an actual statement of facts as they exist among some of our men who are regarded as good business men. You ought to get yourself off by yourself somewhere and have a talk with yourself and then go and hunt up the option taker who has been talking to you and put your land in for any where from \$100 to \$1,000 less than you have been offered for it and then you would get a lot more than it will be worth any day during this coming June and more than it will be worth in June 1910 if we do not get the lake and your putting your land in for what it is really worth, not what you hope you can get for it some day or at least your grand son may get for it, will make the other fellow ashamed and he will come up and put his in cheaper and then we will get the lake, but unless a lot of you do this and do it quick we will be just as sure not to get it as the sun has been rising and setting. It is already a settled fact that we cannot get it unless almost all of these 114 land owners do this and do it within the next two or three days. All has been done that we know how to do and if we fall on it now we may as well kiss it good bye, for the question of price gets worse every time a trade is made in this boundary. It would have been eas-

ier to do this two years ago than now and is easier now than two months from now. If you are one of the land owners come up today and make your price acceptable and shift the responsibility for its failure on some one else. If your option has been taken for a higher price than you were offered you will be responsible for its failure. If you are not one of these probably you know who is and you may have some influence with that one, go and talk to him and see. If carried through this town will be a city in a few years. If it fails it would have been much better for us never to have mentioned it. Have a heart to heart and some sensible business talk with yourself about this matter to night and let us know your decision tomorrow. If in doubt about it give the lake the benefit of the doubt and you will never be sorry for it even if it fails.

Steamers On The French Broad.

Last Sunday the new steamboat running on the French Broad passed Horse Shoe for the first time. She carried a good load of passengers and made a brave showing as she went up the river. She is about 88 feet long and 20 feet wide, was built under the direction of a man from Norfolk, Va., and is owned by Miss Eastman and Mr. McBee, of Horse Shoe. The new boat runs from Fanning's Bridge up to Davidson River, and covers a distance of about 15 miles.

There is a decided possibility of Asheville men building and operating a steamboat to run from Asheville to Long Shoals. Passengers will then be transferred around the Shoals, a distance of a few hundred feet, and re-embark on the boat now running. For picturesque scenery and natural beauty the trip is unsurpassed, it is said, anywhere in the world.

This steamboat line is one of the novelties of the world, as there is probably only one being operated at a higher altitude than the one now making regular trips past Horse Shoe. It is really a steamer line in regular operation on the top of the mountains, and aside from the beauty of the trip, possesses the charm of a decided novelty. If the Asheville men carry out their part, it is expected it will be a paying proposition from the start.

JUST a WORD

about

Electric Flat Irons

You will find them for all purposes ranging from the small 3 pound iron for dainty work at \$3.75 to the larger 6 pound iron for general utility at \$4.25 in Aluminum Finish and \$4.75 Nickerled. A trial is all that is necessary to convince one, that the electric iron is not only more convenient but also more economical, when time is considered.

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J. O. Williams,

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