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## Sues H. C. Perkins for Divorce and \$5000.00 Damages.

H. C. Perkins, who came here last Spring and superintended the alterations of the Hotel Gotes, afterwards buying a fine piece of property on Main street adjoining Capt. Tom's place, has been sued by his wife, Susan Ellar Piper Perkins, for divorce and \$5000 damages. Mrs. Perkins has attached the property on Main street. The case will come to trial during the May term of court. The bill of complaint has not yet been filed, but it is expected it contains startling allegations. The affidavit for attachment, which appears below, charges that Mr. Perkins was already married when he took his present wife. Michael Schenck is attorney for Mrs. Perkins. It is said Perkins was at one time a candidate for mayor of Greenville, that

he was at one time a member of the board of alderman of that city and served in some official capacity in Asheville.

That the defendant, H. C. Perkins, is indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of five thousand dollars, and more, over and above all counter claims known to the affiant, which has arisen on account of fraud perpetrated on plaintiff by defendant by falsely and fraudulently representing himself as a marriageable person, whereby he procured a pretended marriage with the plaintiff, thereby procuring co-habitation with her as his wife, and whereby he procured from her large sums of money to the great injury and loss to her person, feelings, character and estate; five thousand dollars and more; when the truth is as affiant is informed and believes, the defendant was a married man, having living at the time of the marriage a living wife, and that the affiant is informed and believes that the

defendant has been out of the state for quite a while and has returned or is returning to the state with the intent to remove or try to remove or dispose of the property with the intent to defraud his creditors, and especially the defendant.

## A Mountain-Lake City Next.

The Charlotte Observer, of the 17th, has the following as its leading editorial:

We are glad to hear good news from Hendersonville's lake. Last Tuesday, we learn from the Hendersonville Hustler, a mass meeting of citizens was held, the county commissioners met later and unanimously voted to build three iron bridges at a cost of \$12,000, and the Hendersonville Lake, Land and Power Company forthwith decided to go ahead if only it can get the land at reasonable prices. Holding at fancy figures seems to be the only remaining obstacle. Outside capital has been interested and the company proposes to expend \$150,000 on the project this spring and summer. Focusing its mind's-eye, The Hustler declares the future, as follows:

"No one can now realize what it means to Henderson county, to have this great body of water here. Nearly three times the size of Toxaway, with six mountain peaks nearly 6,000 feet high within plain sight of it, a magnificent boulevard of 40 miles around it, street cars all over Hendersonville, automobile lines running clear around the lake, pleasure craft of all kinds on the lake, with fine fishing and bathing, it means that Hendersonville will be the most widely known, the most beautiful city of the world. In five years it will treble its taxable valuation. In that time it will have 20,000 permanent residents. Every hotel now built will be kept full and many others will be built. Millions of dollars will be spent here. Farmers will get three to five times the prices for their products that they now receive.

"These are not visions, but are almost the exact words used by level headed, hard business men at the meeting of the board of county commissioners. They are the words of men who do not dream, but practical successful men of affairs."

This is good to read. All that the North Carolina mountains ever lacked to make them peerless was lakes, and we are delighted at the prospect of a second successful effort to supply the need.

## A Correction.

In last week's paper Sheriff Williams was quoted as stating the tax valuation of this county to be less than one million dollars. This was an error. The valuation is about three million dollars.

## The Millinery Openings

"Spring has come." If you don't believe it, look in the windows of the millinery shops, both full of things dear to a woman's heart and which the average man thinks are dear, too, until he sees his wife or daughter wearing some of it. But, honestly, both shops have really excellent displays of spring millinery and the show reflects credit upon the city. Mrs. Posey's store will have its Spring Opening on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23. Mrs. Hart will be pleased to show her patrons the spring styles on Friday March 22d.

## The Cotton Mill at Green River.

There are fifteen surveyors now at work for the new mill company at Green River. They have laid off a town about the size of Hendersonville. The mill proper will be a thousand feet in length, located on a hill about quarter a mile from the river. Electricity will be the motive power. The building is to be completed and machinery installed by December of this year. They will employ probably 800 hands.

The machinery for making brick for the buildings is now on the ground, and 400 men will be brought there to work on the construction of the different buildings. Considerable progress has already been made and all the work will be pushed rapidly.

## WHY?

The mass meeting, advertised so extensively for last Tuesday, was called off at the last moment. Many people were in town and the indications were for a rousing big meeting.

## Will We Get It?

Hendersonville has talked, and talked, and talked about wanting a cotton mill here. Without any frills this is the proposition now.

Mr. A. B. Calvert, president of the Drayton mills and president of two banks in South Carolina, a man of the highest ability in every respect, stands ready to invest \$200,000 in a cotton mill here if local people subscribe \$100,000.

It must be understood that Mr. Calvert insists on this amount being taken here simply to insure the good will of the town, and not because they need that amount. There is all and more than enough money at their command, but they, for good business reasons, and to insure the lasting good-will of the city, insisted on a third of the stock being subscribed here.

The site for the mill has been selected, on the Barker place. Mr. U. G. Staton has received the definite proposition from Mr. Calvert to invest \$200,000 in the mill and to start work within 60 days. Mr. Calvert suggests that a committee of five come to Spartanburg and investigate the business a little there and talk over the proposition.

The matter will come before the local board of trade for some official action. It is believed the money can easily be subscribed here, if Hendersonville really wants the big mill. The investment would pay large dividends. It would give employment to 800 hands, with a payroll of many thousands of dollars each week.

If this city wants the mill it has the opportunity now. If it lets this opportunity go by, it should forever after keep silent. High Point is making desperate efforts to get the mill there, but Mr. Calvert prefers to come here.

This is the chance to keep Henderson county's population at home. It's up to this town to do something and do it quick.

**\$976.25**

M. C. and C. F. Toms have received a check for \$976.25 for their crop of ginseng raised on a little patch of ground 50 by 70 feet, on Jump off Mountain and which was shipped last fall.

This is probably the largest amount of money ever made in this state from a piece of ground this size, 50x70 feet. We defy any other part of the state to equal it.

This crop was planted three years ago. Next fall there will be another crop for sale, and after that another, and so on. These figures speak for themselves. They certainly need no comment. What these gentlemen have done, others may do. They have no monopoly of this crop. They have simply shown the farmers of Henderson county the door to a gold mine, where any who wish may enter. The initial cost is low, and a revenue may be derived from it within three years. And yet farmers here allow themselves to be deluded into going to the mills to work, when this money crop is right at their doors! Ask Capt. Toms for particulars. He's mighty glad to give them.

## Freight Rates.

The Board of Trade held a called meeting last Friday night, to consider a request from the Southern Railway for a conference to settle the question of freight discrimination. The meeting was largely attended and a committee was appointed to meet Mr. Green in Atlanta during the week commencing with the 24th of this month. This is in accordance with the request of the Southern Railway, as in that city all the various freight tariffs are accessible.

It is hoped and believed that at the meeting the much discussed question of unfair freight rates will be finally settled and Hendersonville will be given what is justly her's—she asks no more. As a result of the board of trade meeting the committee will go to Atlanta armed with all sorts of data, and it is believed will convince the Southern officials that a material reduction on many items should be made.

The agitation for lower rates has been of long duration, and ever since the Southern railway has been convinced that our business men were in earnest, they have shown a disposition to meet them and listen to their requests.

## Miss Edna Scott.

Miss Edna Scott died at the Women's College in Columbia on March 12th, aged 18 years and six months. Oh, relentless death, it does not always wait for the old and feeble, nor is it satisfied in snatching from the mother's trembling arms, her young and tender infant, but must flow an icy breath on our loveliest and dearest flowers, while we look on mute with anguish, knowing how powerless we are to avert it.

I have known Edna from her childhood, so winsome and sweet was she that she woud herself about my heart. She was as pure as a snow drop, this child, who knew no sin. I was present on the occasion of her confirmation. The thought occurred to me, as she so

gracefully bowed her bright young head to receive the Benediction, How fit a subject is she, this fair young girl to be received into the Fold. Her brother, who was in business in Washington, was telegraphed for, but he arrived too late, for he found her lying in a bed of roses, with her slender feet unshod, his lovely little sister "all dressed for The Court of God."

Edna leaves a widowed mother and two brothers to mourn the loss of this sweet young girl, Christian child.

Now we leave you sleeping dearest, Beneath the fragrant flowers, And to-night when we kneel down to pray Oh, may He give us grace to say Thy will be do, not ours

One to whom she was very dear.

We regret that owing to delayed freight

# The Red Store

is compelled to delay it's opening announcement a few days longer. Just watch this space and bear in mind that The Red Store will be Hendersonville's Bargain Headquarters.

## JUST a WORD about Electric Flat Irons

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