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## MR. SHIPMAN'S FITNESS.

Editor H. T. Hudson Tells Why The Present Assistant Commissioner Should be Promoted.

"In view of the decision of Mr. H. B. Warner, the present Commissioner of Labor and Printing not to seek re-nomination for that office, and inasmuch as the present worthy incumbent and his predecessor in office hail from the great middle section of the State, the Democracy of the piedmont and transmontane section of the State will present the name of that sterling Democrat and tireless party worker, M. L. Shipman of Henderson county."

"It has been the custom, since the supervision of the Public Printing was placed with this Department, to select an editor for the position of Commissioner. If party service and proper qualifications place one in line for promotion in Democratic circles, Mr. Shipman is pre-eminently fitted for the position. As Assistant Commissioner he has spent three years time familiarizing himself with the work of the Department and the duties thereof, and all things being equal there is no just reason why he should not be promoted. The candidacy of Mr. Shipman is peculiarly personal to the writer of this for the reason that after six years service in the Department of State Auditor he feels that he can give "expert testimony" as to Mr. Shipman's fitness for the place by virtue of the fact that during three years of that time it was his pleasure to be not only closely associated with, but it was his official duty to pass upon and investigate fully all of his work as the States representative between itself and the Public Printers, as well as the purchasing agent of the vast quantity of paper bought for the use of the State in the printing of the various records and reports. In the performance of these duties, all and singular, he displayed all the qualifications requisite to the faithful and conscientious discharge of the sometime difficult duties imposed upon him."

"A citizen of the closely contested county of Henderson he is a typical mountain Democrat, and has fearlessly, persistently and continuously fought the battles of Democracy with tongue and pen, asking no quarter at the hands of his political adversaries, and giving none. Mr. Shipman has, perhaps, the strongest claim upon his party of any Democrat of his age in the State. For the past ten years he has been in the thickest of the fight during every campaign, serving as chairman of the county, senatorial and congressional Executive Committees, and no man has performed more loyal or effective service. He has been a member of the State Executive Committee since 1900 and never "misses a roll call." When he took charge of the campaign in his congressional district in 1904, the Democratic majority had dwindled to 183, but the result of that contest showed a majority for the Democratic candidate who had such a narrow escape two years previous, of 888. Last year the majority exceeded 900. As editor of the French Broad Hustler he has indeed "hustled" for Democracy; fearless, outspoken, he has rendered yeoman service, and his mountain friends "love him for the enemies he has made." His friends will present his name confident of his nomination. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the State by reason of his services as Calendar clerk of the senate for four successive terms and his later service as Assistant Commissioner. The writer closes this voluntary tribute to the ability and fitness of Mr. Shipman with the unshaken consciousness that if competency to fill the position of Commissioner, and party service entitles one to recognition, the friends of Mr. Shipman should find little difficulty in placing him at the head of the Department of Labor and Printing."—Cleveland Star.

## W. W. Carter Shot.

W. W. Carter, whose family resides here, was shot and instantly killed in Waynesville Monday night.

The remains were brought here on Tuesday, the funeral occurring Wednesday, Rev. Lawson of the Baptist Church officiating.

The young man was not yet 24 years of age. He was a son of Mrs. Carter, and D. B. and R. E. Carter were his brothers. He is well known in this city. Last summer he managed a photograph gallery on W. A. Smith's lot on Main street. He was an estimable young man in many ways and his tragic death is deeply deplored.

He was taking tickets at the rink in Waynesville, when he refused admission to a drunken man named Clement Satterthwaite. A man named Davis interfered, and in the resulting argument Carter was shot thro the heart and almost instantly killed. Davis is in custody.

## Methodist District Conference.

On last Wednesday night the Asheville District Conference of which the Hendersonville Church is a part, assembled in the town of Weaverville, a suburb of Asheville. The opening sermon was preached Wednesday night by Rev. J. B. Craven of Asheville. On Thursday morning Bishop James Atkins arrived and took the chair receiving reports from the pastors concerning the spiritual state of their respective pastorates. The sum of these reports indicated a hopeful spiritual condition throughout the District composed of 18 pastorates. At 11 o'clock the sermon was preached by Dr. D. M. Litaker of Hendersonville. Reports of committees consumed the afternoon. On Thursday night Rev. Z. Paris of Marion, N.C., preached the sermon. On Friday morning at 11 o'clock Bishop Atkins filled the pulpit. In the afternoon the laymen had full charge Mr. George L. Hoakney, presiding, during which the matter of a better support of the ministry was the sole theme under consideration. Addresses were made by Bishop James Atkins, Mr. Charles H. Ireland of Greensboro, N. C., Mr. J. H. Martin of Shelby, N. C., and Supt. of Education Reynolds of Buncombe County. All these addresses emphasized the urgent need of more business like methods in the collecting of the pastor's salary, by which a better support can be afforded the preachers in these days of advanced cost of living and general prosperity. The laymen's meeting resulted in a resolution adopted by a standing vote of the laymen declaring that the better methods suggested would be put into operation in their respective congregations. As usual at the Conferences, the Hendersonville Church had one of the best reports made, and it is coming more and more into prominence in church circles.

## The Carnival.

A blaze of lights, a moving, restless, chattering crowd, bright, catchy music, noise, megaphones, "barkers," more noise, more music, hoarse cries, gaily decorated tents showing the wonders of the earth, the sky, the deep blue sea, the world of wild animals, and some more noise—that's the Carnival.

And its certainly full of life and action, is the Carnival. There's all sorts of shows there, and all sorts of devices to separate the unwary from his nickles and dimes. But they give you your money's worth. There's the ossified man, and the big snake, and the minstrel show, and lots of other things interesting.

The Carnival is being well patronized, the grounds being crowded every night.

## Nerve.

If you happen to go into the Hotel Gates ball room or have occasion to talk with some friend on the broad verandas of the hotel, you will see a small card in front of you with this legend:

"Seats on verandas and in ball room for guests only. This will be enforced."

And thereby hangs an interesting story of nerve. While, of course, the management of the hotel welcomes heartily those who have occasion to call on any of the hotels' guests, either on business or for a social call, still the verandas and ball rooms are primarily for the guests of the hotel, and not for the guests of private boarding houses.

But it has even come to the proprietors of private boarding houses coming into the hotel, getting acquainted with and then actually trying to their house to board! This, the management is determined to stop, and the rule that the verandas and the ball room and lobbies are for the guests of the hotel only, will be strictly enforced.

## Real Estate in Henderson County.

The Hustler today is a twelve page paper, made so by the extraordinary demands on its advertising space by real estate operators here.

The demand for desirable real estate in and near Hendersonville shows that people, including strangers, consider land here the most desirable form of investment. There are instances of strangers coming this city for the first time and making inquiries for desirable real estate the same day.

Two such have come into the Hustler office within the past week.

Hendersonville has a way of making a first favorable impression that convinces many visitors that it is THE place to live and buy a home. Longer acquaintance with the unsurpassed natural advantages here but strengthens that impression.

Henderson county real estate is the best investment on the market today. It is certain to advance in value, the many enterprises now under way making this assured.

# Entrance Forced at Midnight

## Mr. Sam T. Hodges has Something to Say About Dr. Clarence Strouse

### Sensational Developments Expected at Any Time. Believes Public Sentiment to be with Company

In an interview with a representative of this paper Mr. Sam T. Hodges said: "I am of the opinion that Dr. Strouse secured that contract through misrepresentations. He alleged his attractions cost him \$2700. He has since admitted they cost but \$1400:

"We made up a heavy deficit last year, taking Dr. Strouse's word for the cost of his talent, which we later found to be absolutely incorrect.

"This misrepresentation was the principal reason for the company cancelling its contract with Strouse. We have many other reasons. We do not think him a suitable man to hold a Chautauqua in Hendersonville.

As we understand it, the sole reason for the existence of the Chautauqua is for the MORAL advancement and intelligent and intellectual entertainment of our people.

"I believe this end can be attained more satisfactorily without Dr. Strouse."

"Certainly such methods as were used in obtaining possession of our building must excite public condemnation. To forcibly gain entrance to the building, at night, and put men in charge under a pretended claim of doubtful origin, may be methods approved by Dr. Strouse but which the people of this city will be quick to resent.

"The stockholders of this company have fully ratified every step taken by their directors and officers of the recent stockholders meetings.

"I believe that when everything is made public, as it will be eventually, the sentiment of the entire community will be with the Hendersonville Auditorium Co., and that while Dr. Strouse may attempt to hold a Chautauqua here this year, it will be the last.

"Just now I do not care to say anything more for publication, but you may say that the officers of the company are confident of the righteousness of their position. They are men known to all the community, and when it comes to a final 'show-down' evidence will be offered to prove that we had every legal and moral right to cancel our contract with Dr. Strouse."

"The Directors of the Co., if they were to show the same contempt for the law could go in and take possession of the building by force. We have too much respect for the law and too much respect for ourselves to do this. We shall obtain possession of the building legally or not at all. In any event we shall hold our Chautauqua. In the Opera House if not in the Auditorium.

"We appeal to the people to stand by its law abiding citizens and make the Chautauqua a financial and a moral success.

"I am informed that the resolution of commendation for last years Chautauqua program which were given Dr. Strouse are to be published. It must be borne in mind that at the time this was done the directors thought Dr. Strouse was all he claimed to be as proof of this it may be mentioned that the directors personally made up \$500.00 in cash to make good last years guarantee to Dr. Strouse. This shows that they had no intention of going back on their contract although it cost them over \$700.00 to fulfill it."

Two years ago Hendersonville had no Chautauqua at all. Last year she had one. This year she has two. What the future holds in store only the fortune teller at the Carnival can tell and she wants 50 cents for the information.

Just now the situation is full of interest. There is talk of arrests, and suit for recovery of property, and damage suits.

Station and Rector are Dr. Strouse's attorneys and R. C. Clarke his local manager. On Monday night last it is alleged that Burt Jackson and Jim Dotson gained entrance to the Auditorium building, by some means, and are now in possession, holding it for Dr. Strouse.

Messrs. Jackson and Dotson will probably be arrested for forcible trespass, or something on that order.

The building and contents is fairly well covered up with mortgages, but S. T. Hodges holds the first mortgage, which it is claimed, gives him the legal ownership. The other mortgages are held by Dr. Strouse, he recently having acquired them.

The building was constructed and the land bought by local capital, most everyone in town having an interest in it. Dr. Strouse claims he's going to hold HIS Chautauqua in that building.

The Hendersonville Auditorium Co. claim they are going to hold THEIR Chautauqua in that building.

The result will probably be a suit in the Federal Court in Asheville or Richmond. There will be two Chautauqs held here, at any rate. Advertising for both is now being printed and circulated.

Last year, Dr. Clarence B. Strouse signed a ten year contract with the Hendersonville Auditorium Co. to hold an annual Chautauqua here for that period. The local company agreed to construct a suitable building and guarantee the sale of 500 season tickets at 3.50 each. Dr. Strouse was to pay 6 per cent interest on the cost of building.

The company was obliged to make up a deficit last year, as 500 tickets were not sold.

There were many causes which led to the contract being canceled by the directors of the local company, which action was fully ratified by the stockholders at their recent meeting.

Some of the allegations whispered are sensational, and it is claimed, will be fully aired should the matter come into court as it undoubtedly will.

There have been many earnest attempts made to secure a compromise, but they were unsuccessful. Altho' both sides made certain concessions it was impossible for them to get together.

The local company in confident of winning out in the courts, and only regret that the Chautauqua organized solely for the Moral advancement and intelligent entertainment of the people may suffer somewhat from the present unfortunate condition of affairs. As to the legal aspect, they have no fears whatever. As to public sentiment and moral and financial backing of the citizens of the town, they believe they were entirely right in their action and say

that when the proper time comes they will present evidence which will convince the most skeptical of the correctness of their position.

Dr. R. B. Grinnan is president of the Company. Hon. Michael Schenck is secretary. The directors are all well known men. The officers and directors have solely the interests Chautauqua and of Hendersonville at heart. There is no profit, no self-glorification, no financial profit absolutely, in it for any of them.

Dr. Clarence B. Strouse is associated with Dr. Wilbur L. Davidson of Washington in the Chautauqua work, in which they have been successful in many different parts of the country. It is said Asheville is anxious to secure a Chautauqua under his auspices. He has \$10,000 deposited with the Commercial Bank, presumably as a guarantee of his financial standing.

## The Land Auction.

The Wanteska Trust Company's auction sale of city lots was attended by a large crowd. The bidding was lively. Many transfers at increased prices were made on the spot by purchasers who had an opportunity to make a quick profit.

The J. H. Jordan lots brought \$1331.00. The Smith and Jordan lots, \$9205.00. The Clarke lots, \$175.60. The Smith, Holmes and Valentine lots, \$1612.00. The Lance Holmes lots, \$1123.50. The property is some of the most desirable in the city and the purchasers seemed well pleased with their bargains.

## The Summer Visitors.

These who predicted a heavy summer season are turning out to be good prophets. The people are pouring into town, and the number bids fair to come up to and possibly surpass the record of last year.

There are so many visitors in the county, and have been for many weeks past, that it has been hard to estimate just how many were here. But just now it looks as tho' both City and County would both be filled.

## The Chief's Hat

Chief of Police Reece has a panama hat. It's a good one—cost \$12—no imitation like Squire Dermid wears. Jake Huff is a colored gentleman of cultivated taste. He wants the real thing, everything, and does not care what it costs. So when the Chief happened to leave his Panama on a box outside of Justus Pharmacy, and Jake saw it, he recognized its surpassing beauty and took it. Discarding his battered old 19c straw hat the Chief's hat took its place on his head—until the Chief saw it. Now Jake's where he needs no hat. Squire Dermid bound him over to court and he is a guest for the summer of hospitable Sheriff Freeman.

## Guest of the Sheriff

Sheriff Freeman made an important capture of blind tiger operators last week. The Sheriff visited the residence of the Wright Brothers, on the Haywood Road, and secreting himself on the premises saw the liquor sold and money paid by a customer. The Sheriff returned next day and brought his men to town. They were tried before Squire Tinsley, bound over to court and are now making a much needed rest from their arduous labors in Sheriff Freeman's comfortable hotel.

## County Commissioners

The county commissioners were in session on Monday and Tuesday. Mostly routine business was transacted. The township supervisors of Green River met with the commissioners. Several petitions for changes in roads were considered. The petition for changing the State Road to go nearer the new cotton mill, was held over to next meeting.

## Program.

This is the program for the Farmer's Institute to be held at the Court House on Wednesday, Aug. 14. Morning session at 10 o'clock. Afternoon session at 1.30.

Some Live-stock Problems, by C. M. Conner, North Carolina College of Agriculture.

Maintaining Soil Fertility, by W. N. Hutts, State Horticulturist.

The Fertilization and cultivation of Crops by C. M. Conner.

The Management of the Orchard, by W. N. Hutts.

Opening of question box and general discussion.

## NEWS OF THE TOWN

The Wofford residence with one and a half acres of land has been sold to A. F. P. King, for \$5000.

Miss Mary Farmer, who has been visiting friends and relatives here, has returned to Washington.

It costs only 49 cents now to go to Asheville. Used to be 70 cents. The new rate is effective on Aug. 8.

E. E. Olliver, the advance agent of the big carnival here this week, is a man well up in his business, and a hustler from the word go.

Oscar Bekker, an old time prospector and miner, is exploring the mountains around the city. He has found paying deposits of mica within five miles of town, which he expects to develop and work himself.

Pestmaster Brownlow Jackson says there has been a considerable increase in postoffice receipts for this July over the same month last year. This would seem to indicate that more people are in town than they were last July.

The great Charity Hospital of New Orleans has urgent need for more candidates for its training school, one of the best in the country. Anyone interested should address Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La.

M. F. Hetherington, editor of the Lakeland News, of Lakeland, Fla., says, "I have the interest in your beautiful country often felt by the dweller in the lowlands, and your paper is extremely newsy and readable."

The Hotel Wheeler's annual ball was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of invited guests present. This marks the eighth year of this famous hotel. And each year more and more demands are made upon its hospitality.

The Presbyterian Orphanage at Balfour is located on ten acres of land donated by Mr. Wm. Spence, lying between the depot and the rock quarry. It is expected that work will begin next month on the buildings.

Rev. T. H. Plemons, of Cynthia, Ky., was in town for a few days last week, visiting Rev. and Mrs. Boone and other friends. Rev. Plemons attended Judson College, a long time ago. He notes great changes in Hendersonville and thinks it about the finest town on earth.

Mr. Lum Hyder, well known in Hendersonville, called at the Hustler office and said he wants to get married. With Mr. Hollingsworth, whose ad appears elsewhere. Lum is a man of substantial financial means, having, he claims, \$300. He is anxious to bestow this wealth and himself on some acceptable young lady. Address the Hustler office.

Jesse D. Beale, jr., of New York, is a guest at the Wheeler. Mr. Beale is in town settling up his financial affairs and will remain probably two weeks or longer. With a friend, Mr. Beale started for Hendersonville from New York in a large touring automobile, but after a serious break down decided to give it up and trust to the more conventional railroad. Mr. Beale has many friends here who are glad to see him again in the "best town on earth."

The city Council met last Monday night, and transacted considerable business. A committee of three was appointed to confer with E. M. Oats as to the electric lights. A franchise was granted the new electric railroad company to operate in Hendersonville. John Orr resigned as chairman of the water works committee, J. C. Morrow taking his place. Mr. Orr had a difficult proposition to handle and had succeeded, it is said, in getting a full supply of water into the reservoir again.

If you don't want to be arrested, see T. M. Smith, city tax collector collector at once.

## The Poultry Pen.

Editor Hustler: Allow me space in your valuable paper for this item in regard to the poultry pen, etc., in your last issue.

AUSTIN YOUNGBLOOD,

There have been no fixed plans yet established for a standard pen. In size a 50 by 300 foot pen is sufficient to accommodate 2 cocks and 15 hens. I have noticed some poultry raisers keeping 35 hens and 4 cocks in a pen only 60 by 200 feet, with a ten foot floor space. According to my experience with poultry a flock of 17 birds is large enough to occupy a pen 50 by 300 feet and allow them room for exercise. Where 30 to 35 birds are kept in one large pen they are more or less subject to roup or some other disease. Unless they have a free range, the smaller the flock the better.