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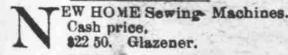
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THE Only Exclusive Fruit and your candies, fruits, nuts, etc., being absolutely fresh, always. We keep no old stock on hand. It sells too fast for tist. A good place to bay your Christ-us supplies. The Ideal Fruit Store, Miss Nettie LeGrand, Prop.

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HRISTMAS Goods at Hunter's. Come and make your selections NOW.

UNS from \$1.75 up. Ammuni-Tition of all kinds. Buy a gun for Christmas. There is nothog better. Edwards Hardware Co.

LLEN, the dentist, offers special prices during December.

ON'T fail to see our FINE LINE of CHRISTMAS CARDS, 1, 2 and 3 for 5 cents. Our line of Daristmas Goods is by far the largest and most complete, ever known in Hendersonville. W. H. Hawkins & Son.

E are not advertising a special sale, but are prepared to meet all competition. Glazner,

VELOPES-Good quality, with authorized advertisement of \$1.95 a thousand. Hustler Office.

ON'T forget that the voting conpurchase. The girl receiving most votes by December 24th gets the Big Doll, Mae Adelle. The Red Store is Santa

AF HA FIN AND STORE IS SHE

a broad blade of light from the brightly lighted Interior being swallowed up in the inky biackness of th2 awful night. "Is Sheriff Kirk here?"

The rain is coming down in slanting sheets. It's very wet rain, too. The wind is roaring its protest at such unseemly weather, and in its anger is lash-

ing and twisting the bare limbs of the Candy Store in Town! The giant trees until they seein to scream place where you-may depend on aloud in their pain. Dimly Bob Oates' lights may be seen swinging and swaying and casting a ghost-like glare on

beautiful Main street.

It was a night for a man to stay at home. Such a night as would even keep people from a benefit concert at the warm and cosy opera house, or from

a lake meeting or a board of trade meeting when it is desired to raise a fund to advertise progressive Hendersonville. Not even a homeless dog would be on the streets on such a night. Not a star in sight, fast drifting and angry looking clouds scudding across the sky, and the rain, in ever increasing torrents and as damp as ever, pouring down without stop, without even hesitation, until it would seem that the whole county must go wet until next election.

Sheriff Kirk was seated before a bright glowing blaze in his library. The student lamp cast a soft glow over his familiar surroundings. In his hand was his favorite newspaper, and he had just finished a most entertaining article on the future of Hendersonville and the Board of Trade, when the above mentioned knock was heard.

Opening the door and involuntarily shrinking back from the gust of wind and rain, the genial Sheriff saw a wet and bedraggled stranger standing there. "I have a paper, here, Sheriff, for you the solution of a mystery which to serve. It's an attachment on a man's has the police of half a hundred

goods. It amounts to \$11.39 and the cities working on its solution. Hendersonville on back, only man lives 12 miles out in the country.

Ask for ticket with each 10-cent useless. Will you please order your every nook and cranny of the is considered extremely improbable. horse immediately?"

The state was a man of the state the state and the state

DESCRIPTION. About 37 years old, weighs 165

them pounds, face thin and angular, height 5 feet and 9 inches, hair dark auburn, eyes grayish blue, ville, having arrived from New York State on Tuesday. prominent chin.

locating Mr. Cushing, and represents Alden T. Cushing, of Lancashis family. He has had thousands of circulars ter. New York, walked out of the Hotel Gates, New 22th without an overcoat, umbrella, a valise, while there was a slight fall of snow still on the ground, and has disappeared absolutely and completely. well as the citizens generally, have in-

Where is he now?

To the one who will solve this

mystery a reward of \$100 will be paid. Has he been MURDERED? Has he dropped dead from an

attack of heart failure, to which book or magazine. he was known to be subject? Has he committed SUICIDE? Gates during his stay there, and was the Has he wandered off to some first guest to register at its opening. other city, and is keeping his a suburb of Buffalo. He was a promi whereabouts a secret?

Leaving the Hotel Gates on Nov. 12, without any preparation for a journey, leaving all his clothing, trunk, two valieses and in Lancaster. \$95 in money in the hotel, is it possible that he has never left Hendersonville, but that his dead body is now in the woods

near town? He was in the habit of taking considerable means, and had no finanlong walks, was subject to heart cial troubles of any kind. trouble and it may be that this is . His character was of the highest and nothing along that line offers any solution of the mystery.

A large party of Henderson-Here is your fee of sixty cents and this ville men was organized Wedand the fact that his revolver is also paper must be served tonight or it is nesday and are now searching missing may mean suicide, although this woods near town. The party is Outside the wind roared and threat- under the leadership of Wash at it. Brooks and the search will be The man steps out of the big hotel ber is urged to be present, as important

the winter. C. A. Hobbs has returned from a brief lumbia are very vague and ubsatisfac-

He has taken charge of the work of

terested themselves in the search.

a very refined appearance.

pected to remain all winter.

Alden T. Cushing wore a sack suit of

He was a fluent conversationalist, s

He made many friends at the Hotel

His home is in Lancaster, New York

great reader, constantly reading some

tweed, wore no evercost, and presented

visit to Connecticut. Mr. Hobbs will tory and there is little foundation for remain here about two weeks when he again returns to his old home for the Henry A. Dann, a brother-in-law of Christmas holidays. the missing man, is now in Henderson-

> Rev. J. L. Brookshire and W. A. Morris are holding revival services at Fisher's School house. The revival unusually fruitful in its spiritual blessings, the interest amongst the older people being remarkable.

The carpenters who have been at work ed, containing the missing man's on the orphanage building at Balfour are, etc., and offering \$100 reward have been transferred to the new Bapfor information leading to his discovery. tist church being erected there. They In his search he is being actively aided by the local Masons, Odd Fellows and will return to the orphanage as soon as Knights of Pythias, whose members, as the plasterers get through.

> On Friday, Dec. 20, at Flat Rock, the play, "Over the Garden Wall," will be given at the graded school building. Other features of the entertainment will be the pantomime. "The Lotus Eaters," and music. All are invited. Admission, 10 and 20 cts. This is for the benefit of the school.

> The Hendersonville Mercantile Co. have a sale on in which the prices have been cut to the bone. The sales of this company have become famous for the exceptional values offered, and this one

June Hood was fined \$8 in the Mayor's court, Monday, for driving one of Tom Jackson's horses too fast and for being drunk. Pleaded not guilty and said he would gladly pay a heavy fine if anyone could prove that horse could go faster than the law allows, While not a wealthy man he was of

Judge Pace has received a letter from Solicitor Spainhour in which that gentleman deeply regrets the death of the late Sheriff J R. Freeman, and in which he pays a high tribute to the sterling qualities of the dead Sheriff. It is admitted he was in a slightly de-

The ladies of the Hos Asociation pressed state of mind over his health, will hold their second annual social at the home of Mrs. J. R. Egerton, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. twelve. This social marks the second year of the ex-It's very mysterious any way you look istance of the Association. Every mem-

ried at the home of the bride's pas Mr. and Mrs. Mark Edney, of Bat Cave, on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Mrs. McCaw and Miss Guerry, who have been guests of the "Bummer Home" for the past month, left last Sunday. Mrs. McCaw going with her husband to Tryon. while Miss Guerry her sister left for Davidson River to spend a week.

Dr. Dixon and R. B. RoBards were in runaway accident, Monday, were thrown from the buggy but not seriously hurt. The horse circled around J. P. Rickman's former residence, where he left the buggy and most of the harness, and passed these two gentlemen still on the ground. Mr. RoBards, covered with dust, raised himself on one elbow and looking after the flying and fast disappearing animal said: "Go it, blame you! When you get tired I hope you'll stop, and if you break your neck I'll never say a word!"

We may be short on local news, but what do you think of our ADVERTIS-ING news? Three important announce ments-the Hendersonville Mercantile sale, C. E. Wilson's sale, and the Erwin property. The ladies will get much profits from reading these advertisements, and will forgive us for our shortcomings in other respects.

K. of P. Meeting

The K. of P.'s will hold an extremely important meeting next Monday night in the hall in the Bailey block. All visiting members are invited, and every local member should make it a point to be there. Let nothing keep you away -COME.

The Erwin Square

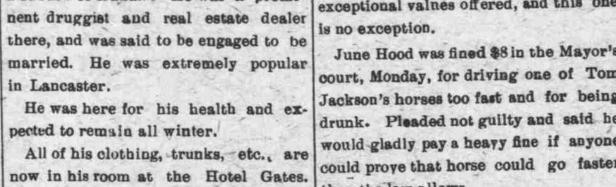
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That beautiful piece) of property known as the Erwin Square, on Main street, where the magnificent pines have their home, is now on the market, and is advertised on page three of this paper. W. A. Smith, the owner of this fine property believes the best interests of Hendersonville will be served by selling this land on such terms and at such prices as will induce immediate improvement there as will be seen by the map in the advertisement, two lots have already been sold, and without doubt all the remaining will soon be snapped up, and would have been a long time ago had the property been on the market.

The Beautiful Snow

Wednesday and Thursday were cold days, but maybe you noticed it. And the wind! It certainly did blow, and also the show came down some.

The storm kept the streets clear of people. The fall of snow was very heavy, and mountains and valleys alike looked beautiful in their spotless drapery.



	Function of the sales advertised in THE HUSTLER. Get their prices. Notice the quality. THEN come to Glazener's and get style, quality, and price ALL COMBINED. G. M. Glazener. PRINTING that brings business. The lowest price always. Hustler office.	voted Hendersonville. "Twelve miles in the country-TO- NIGHT-sixty cents! Why-why-man alive. I always get five dollars at least for such a trip, and TONIGHT-such a night as this, why-" "Well, I can't help that," replied his visitor. "This paper has got to be served tonight, and you're Sheriff since Mr. Freeman died, and you've got to serve it. If you don't, your bondsmen-" But why continue? "Let us look no longer on the painful scene, and let us forget, if we may, that proposed 12-mile	thorougn. The missing man's revolver was not found with his other ef- fects at the hotel, but there is absolutely no reason known for his committing suicide. A package, carefully sealed and tied, was found in his trunk. It was directed to the missing man's brother and bore urgent directions that in case of his death, it was to be opened only by his brother. What is in that package? No one knows as yet, but it is be-	have been unable to locate him. WHERE IS HE? Is he lying in some laurel thicket covered with snow and fallen leaves? He was in the habit of taking long walks and that is probably the solution. About the time Mr. Cushing disap- peared, he, or some one closely resemb- ling him was seen, in company with two white tramps, walking towards Hender- sonville, from Balfour. It was about 5:00 in the evening, and from the de- scription it may have been the missing man. This information, furnished by one of the Hustler men, which paper has been endeavoring to find Mr. Cushing, has	A party of about 35 enthusiastic hun- ters, mostly local men, arose at 4:30 a. m., Wednesday, and started out to hunt the festive fox. They had a pack of hounds and returned about eleven o'clock after having had a good morning's sport. The fox was turned loose on the Barker place and was caught after about 12 minutes running. Bridge Whist was played Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Pless. Those present were the Misses Few, Crouse, Walker, and Messrs.	CHRISTMAS GIFTS Suitable for every one in watches, Clocks, Rings, Thimbles, Lockets, Neck Chains. Watch Chains, Bracelets, Ouff pins, Cuff buttons Stick pins, Hat pins, Broaches, Stud buttons, Secret Order pins and buttons, Purses, Bage, Bill- books, Card cases, Scissons, Comb Sets. Jewel case, Gold fountain pens, Watch fobs. Sterling silver in "sets", and seperate pieces, "Rich Cut Glass." Fine Hand painted chins, and a beautiful line of Fine Leather and Wooden goods. Prices the lowest, for first class goods. We have a little Christmas present for you, come and get it.	
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