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FREE!

Somewhere in this column there is a firm's name spelled incorrectly. We will give a three months' subscription to the first person who tells us what that name is. Read them over carefully.

BUSINESS BRINGERS

PIPING Hot Chocolate at Hunter's Pharmacy, five cents.

HANNAH MCCARTY Shoes for ladies, \$3.00, at J. O. Williams.

LOST—On Main street or Academy street, an oval shaped, hand-chased, silver belt buckle, attached to a navy blue cloth belt. Finder please return to Miss Hight, Box 162, Hendersonville, or with Miss Pace, at postoffice, and receive reward.

WANTED—A tenent for farm, 2 miles from court house. Good proposition to right man. Enquire at Hustler office.

SHEPHERD for shoes is a familiar saying. He sells the Hamilton-Brown.

HOLIDAY Goods at Hunter's Pharmacy. Just received.

SHOES that stay with you to the end Hamilton-Brown. M. M. Shepherd sells them.

FOR RENT—6 room Cottage, with bath, electric lights, good garden. Apply to J. R. Wilson

FOR SALE—Thorough bred S. C. Brown Leghorn Cockerels, \$1.00. J. A. Frazier, Route 1.

WANTED—A good combination horse, must be sound and gentle. Enquire at Hustler office.

HELP advertise your city by using only the Board of Trade Envelope. 10c for 25. \$1.95 for 1,000.

THE Only Exclusive Fruit and Candy Store in Town! The place where you may depend on your candies, fruits, nuts, etc., being absolutely fresh, always. We keep no old stock on hand. It sells too fast for that. A good place to buy your Christmas supplies. The Ideal Fruit Store, Miss Nettie LeGrand, Prop.

DON'T forget the big 30-days sale now going on at E. Lewis & Son. Nothing but bargains.

LINGERING WATCHES make good Christmas presents. \$1.00 kind now 75c. G. M. Glazener.

CHRISTMAS Goods of every description at the Book Store of Chas. E. Pless. Books, toys, novelties, fine stationery, cards, games, and scores of other things suitable for Christmas gifts to loved ones. An infinite variety and by selecting your gift NOW you have an unbroken stock to select from. Chas. E. Pless, Book Store, near the postoffice.

NEW HOME Sewing Machines. Cash price, \$22.50. Glazener.

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

GUNS from \$1.75 up. Ammunition of all kinds. Buy a gun for Christmas. There is nothing better. Edwards Hardware Co.

ALLEN, the dentist, offers special prices during December.

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

WE are not advertising a special sale, but are prepared to meet all competition. Glazener.

ENVELOPES—Good quality, with authorized advertisement of Hendersonville on back, only \$1.95 a thousand. Hustler Office.

DON'T forget that the voting contest is now on at The Red Store. Ask for ticket with each 10-cent purchase. The girl receiving most votes by December 24th gets the Big Doll, Mae Adelle. The Red Store is Santa Claus' headquarters.

FOUND—A dog. Owner may have same by describing it and paying charges. Address Hustler Office.

TEN DOLLARS reward will be paid for return of the black silk watch fob with silver foot-ball attached. Lost on Broad street. Enquire at Hustler office.

ATTEND all the sales advertised in THE HUSTLER. Get their prices. Notice the quality, and come to Glazener's and get style, quality, and price ALL COMBINED. G. M. Glazener.

WE have the money, we have the experience, we have the goods. G. M. Glazener.

PPRINTING that brings business. The lowest price always. Hustler office.

HUNTER'S for Christmas Goods. An excellent fine showing this year.

GOOD, comfortable Shoes, mean much. They cost but little, if any more than the other kind. M. M. Shepherd.

LARGEST and best assortment of ladies' suits and coats ever shown in this city. Just received. G. M. Glazener.

HENDERSONVILLE ENVELOPES—Ten cents a package of 25. Now ready for delivery. Authorized by Board of Trade. Hustler Office.

CHICKENS FOR SALE—Hens 40c. Frying size, 25c, 30c, 35c. Enquire at Hustler office.

SHEPHERD and Shoes mean the same. Agents for the celebrated Hamilton-Brown Shoes.

GO TO Dr. T. A. Allen's to see his large collection of Xmas Toys.

Happiness is a home-made Article

Sheriff Kirk!

A thundering knock is heard at the door. No response. It is repeated, louder this time; and the door of Dr. Kirk's residence, at the corner of Shaws Creek and Church street is thrown open, a broad blade of light from the brightly lighted interior being swallowed up in the inky blackness of the 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 lashing and twisting the bare limbs of the giant trees until they seem to scream aloud in their pain. Dimly Bob Oates' lights may be seen swinging and awaying 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 cozy 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 to serve. It's an attachment on a man's goods. It amounts to \$11.39 and the man lives 12 miles out in the country. Here is your fee of sixty cents and this paper must be served tonight or it is useless. Will you please order your horse immediately?"

Outside the wind roared and threatened. The moist rain descended as though the gods had taken up the proposed lake and tumbled it bodily on devoted Hendersonville.

"Twelve miles in the country—TONIGHT—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 bondsman—"

But why continue? Let us look no longer on the painful scene, and let us forget, if we may, that proposed 12-mile drive over Henderson county good roads for a fee of sixty cents.

IS A. T. CUSHING DEAD or ALIVE?



\$100. Will Be Paid for finding him dead or alive. No Clue Yet.

Is It Murder, or Suicide or Heart Disease or WHAT?

DESCRIPTION.

About 37 years old, weighs 165 pounds, face thin and angular, height 5 feet and 9 inches, hair dark auburn, eyes grayish blue, prominent chin.

Alden T. Cushing, of Lancaster, New York, walked out of the Hotel Gates, Nov. 12th, without an overcoat, umbrella, a valise, while there was a slight fall of snow still on the ground, and has disappeared absolutely and completely.

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 he was known to be subject?

Has he committed SUICIDE? Has he wandered off to some other city, and is keeping his whereabouts a secret?

Leaving the Hotel Gates on Nov. 12, without any preparation for a journey, leaving all his clothing, trunk, two valises and \$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 long walks, was subject to heart trouble and it may be that this is the solution of a mystery which has the police of half a hundred cities working on its solution.

A large party of Hendersonville men was organized Wednesday and are now searching every nook and cranny of the woods near town. The party is under the leadership of Wash Brooks and the search will be thorough.

The missing man's revolver was not found with his other effects 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 believed that it may cast some light on the baffling mystery.

The different reports of having been seen in Asheville and Co-

lumbia are very vague and unsatisfactory and there is little foundation for them.

Henry A. Dann, a brother-in-law of the missing man, is now in Hendersonville, having arrived from New York State on Tuesday.

He has taken charge of the work of locating Mr. Cushing, and represents his family.

He has had thousands of circulars printed, containing the missing man's picture, etc., and offering \$100 reward for information leading to his discovery.

In his search he is being actively aided by the local Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, whose members, as well as the citizens generally, have interested themselves in the search.

Alden T. Cushing wore a sack suit of tweed, wore no overcoat, and presented a very refined appearance.

He was a fluent conversationalist, a great reader, constantly reading some book or magazine.

He made many friends at the Hotel Gates during his stay there, and was the first guest to register at its opening.

His home is in Lancaster, New York, a suburb of Buffalo. He was a prominent druggist and real estate dealer there, and was said to be engaged to be married. He was extremely popular in Lancaster.

He was here for his health and expected to remain all winter.

All of his clothing, trunks, etc., are now in his room at the Hotel Gates. While not a wealthy man he was of considerable means, and had no financial troubles of any kind.

His character was of the highest and nothing along that line offers any solution of the mystery.

It is admitted he was in a slightly depressed state of mind over his health, and the fact that his revolver is also missing may mean suicide, although this is considered extremely improbable.

It's very mysterious any way you look at it.

The man steps out of the big hotel and disappears as completely as though swallowed up by the earth.

The police of half-a-hundred cities 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 disappeared, he, or some one closely resembling him was seen, in company with two white tramps, walking towards Hendersonville, from Balfour. It was about 5:00 in the evening, and from the description 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 been furnished the police, who are now following up the clue.

NEWS OF THE TOWN

And didn't it snow on Wednesday. There are several weddings scheduled for the near future.

Miss Annie Smith has returned from a visit to Greenville.

The town commissioners meet tonight (Thursday).

Two men with good lungs and a small organ, preached Monday on Main street.

Mrs. Louise Hurt is slowly recovering from a recent attack of sickness.

Mrs. J. A. Hatch is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Dr. J. A. Frazier, Hendersonville, Route 1, says: "Long live the bright, breezy, newsy Hustler."

W. H. Brawley, at one time clerk at the Blue Ridge Inn is now attending the N. C. Medical College at Charlotte.

The merchants of the town are getting their stores ready for the Holiday trade.

Major S. V. Pickens and wife left on Tuesday for Apopka, Fla., where they will remain about three months.

The Hendersonville Cigar Company, employing several men, are now located over the Bank of Hendersonville.

There are a number of visitors in town. Many are registered at the hotels and principal boarding houses for the winter.

C. A. Hobbs has returned from a brief visit to Connecticut. Mr. Hobbs will remain here about two weeks when he again returns to his old home for the Christmas holidays.

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

The carpenters who have been at work on the orphanage building at Balfour have been transferred to the new Baptist church being erected there. They will return to the orphanage as soon 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 is no exception.

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. Pleading not guilty and said he would gladly pay a heavy fine if anyone could prove that horse could go faster than the law allows.

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.

The ladies of the Hos Association 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 existence of the Association. Every member is urged to be present, as important matters will come before them.

A party of about 35 enthusiastic hunters, 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. Schenck, Holmes and Blanton. Miss Walker won the ladies' prizes, while Mr. Blanton secured the gentleman's.

Dainty refreshments were served.

How do you like snow? Did your water pipe freeze?

Find the missing man and get \$100 reward.

The President's message appears on page two.

Not many days left in which to do your Christmas shopping.

You can't keep the sun away long from little old Hendersonville.

The snow drifted so badly the trolley cars on Main street were blocked all day.

These are the days of sales and bargains. And Christmas only a few days off.

Several interesting communications were left out this week for the want of space.

Mrs. Thrash, of Davidson River, was in town last Saturday visiting her many friends here.

Pay your subscription account. We need the money! After January 1st the paper will cost you more.

Miss St. Clair Hawkins left on Wednesday for Spartanburg, where she has accepted a position with a prominent dry goods house.

The Ladies Aid Society, of the Presbyterian church will have their Annual Bazaar at the Blue Ridge Inn, next door to this office, commencing at five o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon.

Jimmie Lexine Edney and W. A. Copeland, of Laurens, S. C., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Edney, of Bat Cave, on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Mrs. McCaw and Miss Guerry, who have been guests of the "Summer 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 a runaway accident, Monday, were thrown from the buggy but not seriously hurt. The horse dived 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 ADVERTISING news? Three important announcements—the Hendersonville Mercantile sale, C. E. Wilson's sale, and the Erwin property. The ladies will get much profit 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 For Sale
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 snow 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.

10c. to \$50 CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Suitable for every one in watches, Clocks, Rings, Thumbless, Lockets, Neck Chains, Watch Chains, Bracelets, Cuff pins, Cuff buttons, Stick pins, Hat pins, Brooches, Stud buttons, Secret Order pins and buttons, Purses, Bags, Bill-books, Card cases, Scissors, Comb Sets, Jewel case, Gold fountain pens, Watch fobs.

Sterling silver in "sets", and separate pieces. "Rich Cut Glass." Fine Hand painted china, 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.

W. H. HAWKINS & SON
Jewelers and Opticians.