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STRICTLY Personal

Dr. Levi Jones, of Zirconia, was in town on Monday.

Wm. McDowell the insurance man is in town this week.

Miss M. D. Peden has returned from her visit to Charlotte.

Ben T. Boone, of Landrum, S. C., was in town Monday.

T. C. McNeely has been in town for a few days, returning to New York on Thursday.

Miss Rhodes of Philadelphia is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Coles, at the Hotel Gates.

J. F. Brooks has returned from Biltmore hospital and resumed his work at Hunter's pharmacy.

Dr. Penny, of Kentucky, has rented one of the houses occupied by Mrs. Gover.

James Holmes, of South Carolina was a guest of Henry Twyford the early part of the week.

J. Mack Rhodes, cashier of the First National Bank, has returned from his brief vacation.

Miss Octavia Moody, Saluda's Central, and her sister were shopping in town Monday.

Mrs. Blanche Tuff, of Rock Hill, S. C., has leased and moved into Mrs. Maloney's.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McNeely, with Mr. and Mrs. Tinsman, went to Asheville Friday, to hear Schuman-Hink.

Jonathan Case, of Dans, was in town this week. Mr. Case may engage in the mercantile business here.

C. Oates of Bear Wallow, who has been spending some time in the South, is expected home about March first.

Dr. Guy E. Dixon was caught on the Flat Rock road after the bridge was down. His horse was obliged to swim the river.

Mr. A. W. Calhoun, who has sold his interest in the Hendersonville Grocery Co., will continue to reside in Hendersonville.

The K. of P. Anniversary Service at St. James Episcopal church next Sunday, at 3:30, will be interesting. The public is invited.

A Japanese Tea will be given at St. James Rectory on Wednesday afternoon, (26th) from four to six, for the benefit of Japan missions.

Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy, of Long Island, have rented the Rowland home, near the college, and are now moving into it. They will build on the "Price hill," purchased from John Orr, in the Fall.

G. G. Hyder was kicked in the face by a horse on Sunday, and was picked up unconscious. While badly hurt, Mr. Hyder's many friends will be glad to know he will recover.

Mrs. Paul of New York who recently purchased property near Bowman's Bluff stopped at the Mountain City Inn several days this week.

Rev. A. I. Justice, of Fairview, N. C., was in town, Monday. Mr. Justice may remove to this county this spring, and make it his future home.

The many friends of L. T. Dermid will be pained to hear that he is seriously ill. His entire left side is paralyzed, and altho' able to speak, his condition is serious.

Chas. Kemper Morgan, bookkeeper for the Skyland Hosiery Mills, Flat Rock, was in town last week. Mr. Morgan says the mill is running in good shape and the outlook for business is very bright.

B. D. Cain, St. Matthews, S. C., who has been visiting Mrs. Solomon's for the past week, has returned to his home after subscribing for this paper, of course.

V. E. Grant, one of this town's energetic young men, is now traveling salesman for the Richmond Scale Co., with headquarters in Hendersonville. Mr. Grant left on Wednesday for a ten day's trip, and is meeting with marked success.

Rev. Willis, presiding elder of the Waynesville district, preached at the Methodist church on Sunday. Rev. Willis was formerly pastor here, ten years ago, and has not been here since that time. He regards the growth of the town as wonderful. Rev. Willis was a guest of Dr. Waldrop.

County commissioners and finance committee tried to meet last Saturday, but the bridges were swept away so they couldn't get to town. Met on Wednesday, Treasurer Rhodes had overpaid \$1815 on A. & S. bonds, and the meeting is to reimburse him.

About six inches of the beautiful came down Tuesday night, but under the warm sun soon disappeared.

C. T. Hallman, the well known architect has just completed and forwarded the plans for a \$4,000 Methodist Manse at Wadesboro, N. C.

J. L. Orr, J. H. Jordan, H. S. Anderson, Claude Brown and others, have this day deposited to the credit of the Town of Hendersonville \$500.00, to aid in putting down a main water line from water main on Academy street up to and through Columbia Park, in Southwest Hendersonville, to the corner of Willow and State street crossing near J. H. Jordan's residence.

Postponed.

The Japanese Missionary Tea to have been given at the Rectory of St. James Church today (19th) has been postponed until next Wednesday, the 26th, from four to six o'clock.

News of the K. P. Lodge

The Lodge held its regular session on Monday night. A good sized crowd was present.

C. E. Wilkie, Geo. Justus and T. R. Barrows were initiated as new members.

E. A. Jordan and W. H. Banks had the second degree conferred upon them.

On Wednesday night (the 12th) will occur the anniversary meeting. Refreshments will be served. Members and visiting brothers are urged to be present.

On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, all members are instructed to meet at their hall, in the Bailey Block. From there they will go in a body to St. James Episcopal church, where, at 3:30, Rev. R. N. Wilcox will deliver the anniversary sermon. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Escaped from Chain-gang.

Two negroes and one white man escaped from the chain-gang on Friday night up to Tuesday night they had not been recaptured.

Business Changes.

A. W. Calhoun, president of the Hendersonville Wholesale Grocery Co., has sold his interest in that company.

S. J. Thomas becomes president, J. Mack Rhodes, vice-president and T. McCulloch, manager, and W. A. Keith secretary and treasurer of the company, and in the hands of these capable gentlemen the affairs of the Hendersonville Wholesale Grocery Co., will continue in the highly prosperous and satisfactory condition in which Mr. Calhoun leaves them.

Shoes for this weather at Shepherds at cut prices.

Heavy shoes at cut prices at Shepherds.

Against Meters.

As far as I am personally concerned I am not opposed to water meters, but it is my opinion that we can do nothing that will injure the town more as a summer resort, than to install the meter system. For the past five years there has been an ever growing murmur of dissatisfaction among the visitors, over the expense of a summer spent here, and now if the news goes out that even the water must be dealt out in sparing quantities the majority of guests will seek a place where at least they may enjoy water and air FREE.

Then again, if the town grows, as we hope, we MUST have an increase in the water supply in the near future, then why go to the expense of meters only to cast them aside two or three years hence? Is it really for the prosperity of the town at heart we should increase the water supply at once.

Mrs W. A. GARLAND.

Glazener cuts the price and sells the clothing.

Down goes the prices on Shoes and Hats at Glazener's.

How To Get Good Roads

Bridges	\$ 2,915.50
Roads	8,329.99
Total	\$11,245.49

From June to June, each year, this amount of money is available in this county, for roads and bridges.

With a stone crusher and the convict labor, many miles of paved roads COULD be built each year.

And without increasing taxation.

And every farmer in the county would get direct benefit of his tax for this purpose.

Better one mile of paved road than one hundred miles of mudholes!

A charge will be made for all communications and articles endorsing candidates.

Banks Closed.

Both banks will be closed next Saturday—Washington's Birthday.

Notice to the Taxpayers of Hendersonville, N. C.

You will take notice that on the 5th day of March, 1908, I shall levy upon all the personal property of delinquent tax payers and sell the same to settle their taxes.

THIS MEANS YOU, if you have not paid your taxes. If you have paid your taxes you are not concerned in this notice.

Respectfully,
T. M. SMITH,
Town Tax Collector.

Paved Roads

The present road law provides a fund of about \$8,000 per year for roads and bridges.

What benefits are being derived from this large sum of money?

Is there a single iron bridge built, or are there prospects of any?

Some of the bridges close to town are dangerous, it is said.

As to the roads—the least said about them the better. But they have been so bad that they have made hundreds of good roads converts.

It is said a macadamized road, four inches deep (depth of Buncombe county roads) and twelve feet wide, can be built for \$1,000 a mile, with convict labor and a stone crusher.

A stone crusher costs \$4,000 and can be bought for \$500 down.

Only four miles each year be built, within a few years there would be miles of pavement on each of the six roads leading out of town.

This would be of vast advantage both to merchants and to farmers, and would be the very best investment possible of the tax-payers money.

He would get direct benefit from his taxes.

Now he gets so little it's hard to see it at all.

The average Henderson county man does not kick on high taxes when he feels the benefit derived from these taxes.

Better one mile of macadam than 100 miles of mudholes!

Half Price sale on Ladies' Coats and Coat Suits at Glazener's.

Embroidery and Ribbon sale Monday Feb. 24th at Glazener's.

New Advertisers

Bly Bros., selling what farmers will soon need at panic prices. Last page.

J. H. Cairnes, at R. P. Freeman's old store. Of interest to those who want fresh, dependable merchandise. Third page.

The Flood.

With bridges swept away, the roads almost swept away, trees uprooted, houses damaged, this county has just passed thro' one of the most disastrous floods in recent years.

The Flat Rock road bridge at the foot of Main street is gone.

Many other bridges in different parts of the county are gone, and the suffering and inconvenience is general.

The roads are in a simply deplorable condition and are almost impassable most of them being hub deep in mud. As usual, the Flat Rock road is one of the worst, with Clear Creek and Edneyville roads, as close seconds.

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hendersonville that from and after the first day of June, 1908, it shall be unlawful and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person, persons, firm or corporation to use water from the town water supply except said water be furnished through a water-meter approved by the Board of Commissioners and at the rates prescribed by said Board, and that any person, persons, firm or corporation violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay a fine of \$50.00.

THE MAYOR TALKS ABOUT The METERS

Does Not Want to Increase the Burden of Taxation—A Hardship on None—Fair and Just to All—The Board Acts Only After Careful Consideration and Thought

Referring to the town commissioners deciding to install water meters in all residences here, Mayor Michael Schenck says:

"While I admit that meters are not the ideal solution of our water problem, I believe their use to be the best way to increase the water shortage.

"The Board has acted only after the fullest and most careful investigation of the whole matter, and being extremely anxious to put no new burden of taxation upon the people under present financial conditions, I believe they have acted wisely in this matter.

"Last year, notwithstanding the fact that water was out of two and three nights a week, the supply got down to two feet—a mere puddle, and the board believes that as much water was wasted as was used. If this state of affairs recurs and it becomes generally known our insurance rates will be greatly increased.

"The use of meters will certainly prevent this waste and thus increase the supply. Meters were installed in Columbia, S. C., in 1896, and it did not become necessary to increase the water supply until 1904, notwithstanding this was the period of Columbia's greatest growth. Recently the leading papers of Charlotte and Statesville have written able editorials recommending meters. Meters are used in Marion and many other towns in North Carolina advantageously and satisfactorily to all concerned.

"The average family will save money by the use of meters. The boarding houses will certainly save money. Four-fifths of the consumers will come under the minimum rate of 50 cents a month, and even 1,000 extra gallons will cost but 18 cents. It will really increase the water supply. It is the fairest, most equitable and most just way of paying for water. The city does not seek to increase its revenue but its water supply in the way least burdensome to the taxpayers, and the Board is unanimous in their opinion as to the best method.

"When the present city administration took hold, they found the town deeply in debt. To cite two instances as illustrations, the present board has paid to ex-Treas. J. S. Rhodes \$800 for the school fund which had been collected and diverted to other channels by previous administrations. They also paid S. J. Justice \$300 for a city map authorized by a previous administration, and so on.

"To increase the water supply in any adequate manner would mean a bond issue. I believe it would be impossible to carry such an issue if voted on by the people, and as a public servant I will not aid in issuing such bonds or in placing additional tax burdens upon the people when there appears to be an almost universal sentiment against such action.

"The cost of a pump and its up-keep is prohibitive. To get water from Finlay Creek would mean an expenditure of between \$5,000 and \$5,000. Personally I believe the city's water will eventually come from Bridal Veil Falls, when we would have a supply for over 100,000 people.

"It is a condition, not a theory that confronts us" and as such has been carefully considered. Turning additional water into the reservoir has been considered. The expedient of pumping has been considered. The matter of bonds has been considered. The cost has been prohibitive, the additional taxation too burdensome and the meters have been adopted as the only equitable solution under our present circumstances; of a serious problem that had to be solved without delay."

ROLAND'S REVENGE!

What Happened to Hobbs

How the Captain Metered Out an Awful Retribution

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A hoarse murmur of voices. A sound of splintering wood, the rattle of shattered glass, and a crowd of men, faces flushed, bottles, clubs and clinched fists in the air, force their way into the office of the Asheville and Electric Railroad Co., in the Bailey block.

"There he is—let me at him—no, no, me first—throw him out the window—kill him—"

Standing erect in the far corner of the room, the rays of the setting sun illumining his beautiful pale face, with defiance shining in widely-distended eyes, stands Charles A. Hobbs.

In the mob facing him are Dr. Kirk, Capt. Rowland, J. R. Hatch, L. W. Walker and others.

They are oh, so angry!

Almost as if they'd just paid for their water meters.

The Captain, foaming at the mouth, gnashing his teeth as if they were his own, electric sparks glittering in his eyes, tries to climb over the barricade of desks and chairs which Hobbs has hastily thrown in front of him.

"Hold, men! I am not guilty! I swear it by Bob Oates' meters! The guilty wretch shall yet be found if it take half my wealth and the whole city police department to ferret out this foul mystery. Men, listen! I am too young to die now! Give me one more chance and I swear I'll live a better life and associate with Capt. Rowland no more! I swear to leave Hendersonville forever and ever as soon as John Grant is elected to Congress. But one more chance, men, just one! As you hope for a good crop of boarders this summer, grant me this boon! Have mercy, have mercy! I didn't mean to do it and I won't do it again! I—I—"

The fast staking sun throws a golden beam into the room. Capt. Rowland, noticing its color, reaches hastily for it and puts it in the safe. The Western sky is a blaze of purple and of scarlet and the blue haze over the mountains is changing to purple as night draws near. The wind is whispering a sad requiem thro' the tall and solemn pines opposite the building, and Dr. Erbank, crossing the street, stops and listens to the pleading voice in the room above.

Sobored by the earnestness of the young man's appeal, the crowd of desperate men hesitate, look one at another and talk earnestly in subdued tones.

At last Dr. Kirk pronounces the verdict of the coroner's jury.

The silence is intense and the tick tick of Mr. Hatch's dollar Ingersoll watch is heard by all.

"Charles A. Hobbs, you are found guilty of writing certain scandalous and wicked valentines to those gentlemen standing before you. We find you guilty and sentence you to immediately install a water meter in your residence."

Hearing the awful words of doom, the figure in the corner, no longer defiant, seems to shrink, grows less in stature. It stretches out its hands in mute supplication. A hoarse rattle—inarticulate sounds issue from its throat—beads of perspiration cover its brow—and it falls with a dull and sickening thud upon the uncarpeted, unwashed floor, where it lays crumpled and motionless.

Frightened at their work, the mob files slowly from the room, their vengeance satisfied.

The sun has set in the Western sky. It often does set in the Western sky. The moon is flooding the world with its pale light, and pouring its silvery beams thro' the windows of the Asheville and Hendersonville Electric Company's window, marks an inert something on the floor. Silence as of the tomb. Darkness save where the shuddering moonbeams reveal a widening pool on the floor. That dreadful pool! Can it be—oh, horrible, horrible—it cries aloud for vengeance, for it is city water being wasted, and the quivering quiet of the room is broken only by the click-click of the \$9.18 water meter.

Lives of business men remind us. They can make their business climb. Advertise and leave behind us. Those who do not every time.

BILL SHORTEELLOW.

THIS BUSY TOWN!

In this issue appears the full text of the liquor law.

Ernest Drake, an old-time employee of this office is again at work here.

Lieut. M. L. Reed is one more appreciated reader of this paper.

Better one mile of paved road than all the present apologies for so-called country roads.

The weather recently has made more paving converts in this town than all the talk and argument possible.

H. Patterson is figuring on getting a new location here for his business. He may possibly buy out the Mercantile Co., stock, fixtures and lease.

The Rose Pharmacy has the only Ferris Wheel in town. It is a gaily decorated affair holding hundreds of sovereign postals.

K. of P. Anniversary Service at St. James Episcopal church next Sunday afternoon, at 3:30. The public is cordially invited.

A stack of about 5,000 filled prescriptions, drugs of many kinds, etc., make an excellent window display in Hunter's Pharmacy window.

There will be a dance at the Hotel Gates next Friday night. It's the St. Valentine dance which was postponed on account of the delightful weather.

The heavy rain last Friday night, brought Mud Creek and Devil's Fork away above their banks. People on the Edneyville and Clear Creek roads were unable to get to town on Saturday, both roads being covered by a rushing, foaming river.

L. W. Walker has sold his interest in the Crescent Carboating Co. to L. L. Shealy. Mr. Walker has built up an excellent business during his two years' residence here, and in the able hands of Mr. Shealy that business will continue to grow. Their brands of soft drinks are well known and well advertised and are deservedly popular.

The water-meter question in Asheville is developing into an interesting fight. The Citizen is black in the face from screaming its denunciations. The Gazette-News seems to be on the fence. The Asheville board of trade adopted resolutions of confidence in the city dads, and urges them "to protect the Asheville water supply from needless waste."

Mr. Geo. W. Morgan a special representative of the Cortright Metal Roofing Co., of Philadelphia called at the Hustler office this week reports that notwithstanding the recent financial panic, the sale of the Cortright Metal shingle goes merrily on and that the factory is filled with orders. Messrs. Bly Bros. who are the Company's local agents here have placed their carload orders for the present year thus securing prompt delivery to their trade on these popular goods.

The City Skating Rink has changed hands. Wm. Hewitt having sold to Messrs. Penny & Bean, of Kentucky. The rink opened Tuesday night for the first time under its new management, and the prospect for a liberal patronage are extremely flattering. Messrs. Penny & Bean will give the Rink their personal attention, and will try to make it the pleasantest place in town in which to spend an hour or so in a healthful amusement. The rink will be open on Tuesday and Friday nights from 7:30 to 10:30. Afternoons, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30. A matinee for children under 14, Saturday afternoon from 10 to 12, for ladies only. A lady instructor will be present on mornings and on Saturday afternoon.

The bear hunters say they are going to try again for brain's scalp.

The firm of Stepp & Orr, undertakers, John Orr now being one of the firm, has an excellent stock, and owns one of the finest harness in the State.

For Craig and Shipman

Rev. C. J. Woodson, of Shelby, N. C., was the guest of Prof. Boone on Tuesday last. Rev. Woodson had not been here for 15 years and marveled greatly at the growth and changed appearance of Hendersonville. He said he considered it a remarkably beautiful town and that Main street was certainly a magnificent thoroughfare.

Rev. Woodson says his part of the State is all for Craig for Governor and for M. L. Shipman for Commissioner, and he believes both will be nominated for their fitness. He will be in Raleigh next week when he expects to see Mr. Shipman.

Shop Talk

Dr. R. J. Teague, of Durham, is a new subscriber.

From far-off Alaska Mrs. Van B. Rector sends a dollar for renewal of her subscription.

Sam C. Hefner, of Chickasha, Okla., in renewing his subscription, says: "I am sure that I like the Hustler and appreciate its weekly visits."

The government has really taken the matter of newspaper publishers crediting their subscribers into its own hands, and says in effect: "No, siree! Unless your subscriber think enough of you paper to pay right up to the minute you can't send him a paper. That is unless you want to put a one cent stamp on each paper." Now, of course, that is impossible, to pay 62 cents a year postage on a one dollar paper: The government has extended the time to April 1st. After that, its pay up or no paper!

Speaking of subscriptions I've largely a matter of neglect on the part of a paper's readers. The amount is small, it does not receive the attention a large debt would get. But, say, it makes difference to the publisher, all right, a right!

Out prices on heavy winter shoes at Shepherds.

Winter shoes at cut prices at Shepherds.

Shepherd is cutting prices on all sea-sonable winter shoes.

\$42.95

On last Saturday, J. C. Morrow, of Rigby-Morrow, received thro' the mail a check for \$42.95.

Nothing so wonderful about that, you say?

Well, we dunno. Mr. Morrow is a peculiar man in one respect. He never has believed much in advertising.

Always thought HIS goods ought to sell themselves.

Well, the quality is such that it often do sell themselves. But when want to move stuff quickly, and prepared to let your profit go, you simply MUST use the newspapers to talk about it.

That's Mr. Morrow's position now. His one little advertisement in a cent issue of this paper brought in a check for \$42.95 from Brevard, in addition, of course, to a most satisfactory business generally.

So now he believes in telling when he has something extra choice offer.

He's going to move from his present location to the rock building formerly occupied by the Electric Company, the corner of Main and Anderson streets.

Naturally, he wants to move as fast as his stock as possible.

So that's why he is not considering just now.

He simply wants to get the floor, the ceiling, sash, doors, lime, cement and builders material generally, now fills up his present store, out of way, and he thinks his prices will be the trick.

In fact the stuff has begun to move away rapidly, and to those who are in the market for any kind of building supplies, Mr. Morrow merely say that an early visit to his store will be extremely profitable.

Doors from 90 cents up. Floor \$1.25 up.

Just received, at "The Ideal," lot of

California Naval Oranges.

Fresh Salted Peanuts

The only exclusive Fruit and Candy Store in the City.

The Ideal

Miss Nettie Le Grand, Prop.

CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE! Hunter's Pharmacy has the celebrated Cabbage Plants that "gold proof," raised by W. N. S. Sons at Morgans, S. C. Leave with them.