

## HENDERSONVILLE WELCOMES GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.

### Odd Fellows Capture Town

#### The 65th Annual Session Grand Lodge of North Carolina, In- dependent Order Odd Fellows 800 Delegates & Visitors Here

#### Larger Attendance than at Elizabeth City Last Year. Banquet at the Gates To-night. Reception to the Visiting Ladies. Visitors Pleased with Town.

Who said Odd Fellows?

My goodness, the whole town's full of 'em—hotels packed—street crowded with the best looking lot of men and ladies that ever came to this town, or any other, for that matter.

They began to arrive Monday night. Tuesday they poured in, and Wednesday you just knew they were here—you couldn't help but know it, and their uniforms, their flashing swords, the spirited horses, made a rare and animated scene.

Then Tuesday afternoon when the Asheville Canton arrived and marched up Main street, flags and banners floating to the gentle breeze, the First Regiment band playing, the brilliant sunshine reflected from scores of glittering swords and bright uniforms, with crowds of interested spectators enjoying the brave show, then you began to think that maybe the Odd Fellows had arrived, after all. They had—from all over the grand old state of North Carolina.

The Southern had a special train from Salisbury and all the regular trains were crowded to the limit. The reception committee were a set of busy men, but they saw to it that the visitors were taken care of.

It is estimated there are about 800 delegates and visitors here, many more than attended the last meeting at Elizabeth City.

Tuesday the actual work of the Convention began.

At 5.30 was the opening session of the Grand Lodge, held at the Opera house.

Grand Master Perrin Busbee presided, routine work was taken up, and committee reports heard and passed upon.

At 8.30 p. m., Hon. Michael Schenck made the address of welcome on behalf of the city, at the opera house.

Hon. J. Williams followed with an address of welcome on behalf of the local lodge.

Mrs. Chas. R. Whitaker then welcomed the visitors for the Rebekah Lodge.

The responses were made by Grand Master Perrin Busbee.

At 10.00 p. m., at the skating rink, the decoration of chivalry was conferred upon T. M. Stevens, of Durham.

This was a most interesting and impressive ceremony and the building was packed to its capacity.

At 11 o'clock a reception, at the rink, in honor of the Grand Lodge was attended by hundreds of local people and visitors.

On Wednesday at 9.30 a. m., the Grand Lodge held a business

### NEWS.

U. G. Staton has returned from the West.

S. T. Hodges, jr., is home for a few days.

Captain Rowland has returned from Greenville, S. C.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, a boy, Friday night.

A. R. Law of the Gazette-News was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Cantrell have returned from Spartanburg.

A. L. Basset, of the Trident Hosiery Mills Flat Rock, was in town Saturday.

W. A. Mason, a valued subscriber to this paper was in town Monday.

D. F. Morris of Saluda is attending court and the Odd Fellows Convention this week.

Grady Justus, who has been in South Carolina for some time, is home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Feaman are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Edwards, the parents of Mrs. Feaman.

C. E. Wilson has returned from New York City, where he has been buying goods for his big store.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas with their two children, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins, the parents of Mrs. Thomas.

Miss Pearl Williams and Miss Carrie Searcy, of Rutherfordton, with Miss Luidith Ledbetter of Edneyville are recent additions to this paper's force.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin left Monday for their home in Augusta after a three weeks visit here as the guests of Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Hesterly.

J. W. Staton of Saluda was visiting among his children in the city Saturday. R. H. Staton and family accompanied him to his home Saturday eve and remained until Sunday eve.

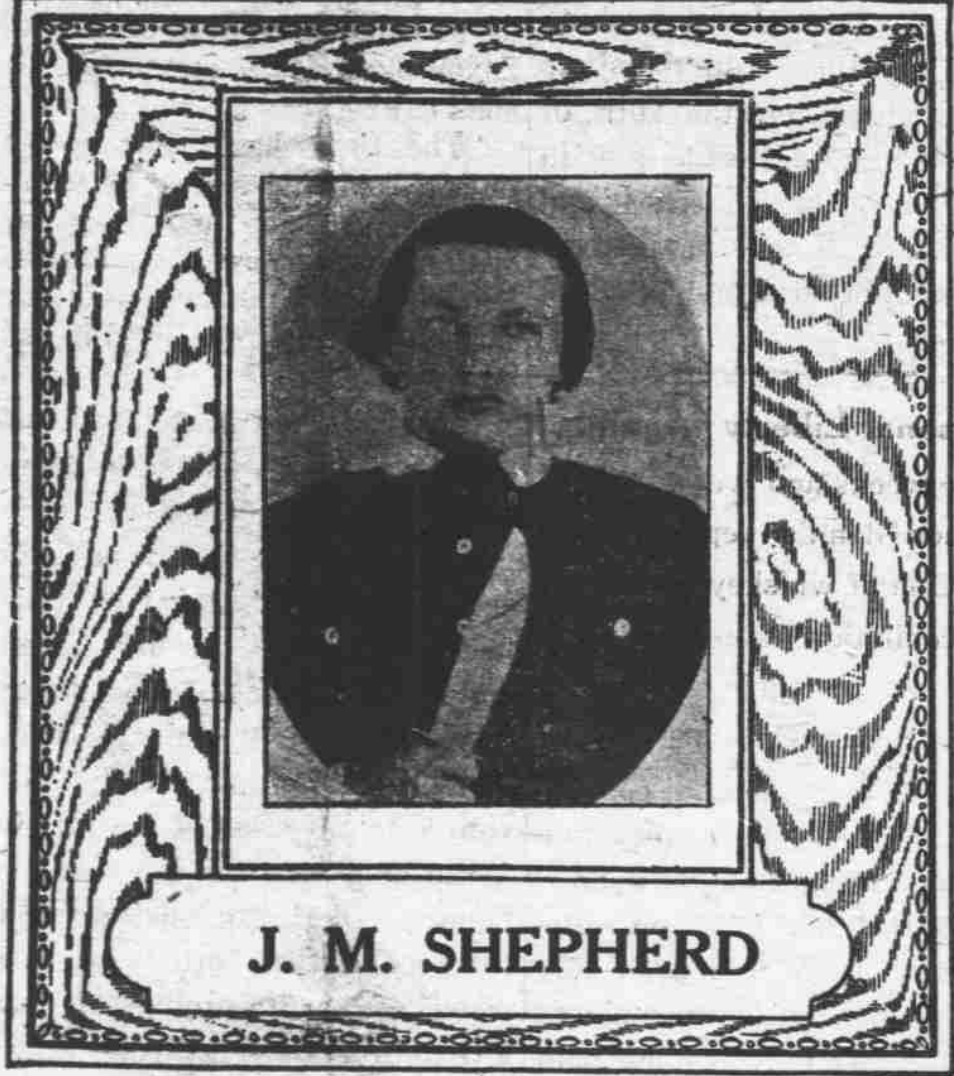
Rev. Jno. W. Moore and Dr. Few spent last week in the North-eastern part of the county helping in the great cause of prohibition. They say the sentiment there is all right. Of course it is. All Henderson county will vote heavily in favor of "no whiskey."

Miss Nora Jones of Pickens S. C. spent Friday night and Saturday at Mountain City Inn while on her route to Penrose N. C., where she expects to spend the summer with her uncle Rev. M. L. Jones.

Mrs. Julia Campbell, Proprietor and owner of the Essaola Hotel, Saluda, and Mrs. Julia Bamburger of Saluda were shopping in the city last Friday, as were Madames A. B. Hatchett and H. B. Lane and Misses Annie Creelman and Sarah Hatchett from the same place on Saturday.

Sheriden Fisher and Miss Rosa Lee Holcomb, of Mills River, were married at the home of the groom's brother on the Flat Rock road, recently. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Cole, the Baptist minister, in the presence of a few friends. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Albi, Mr. Cagle, Mrs. Jones and Miss Omi Fisher. The young couple have the very best wishes of a large circle of friends for their future happiness.

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J. M. SHEPHERD

This picture of "Jess" Shepherd was taken Oct. 21, 1861, just before starting for Raleigh. Mr. Shepherd served through the war with bravery and distinction. The picture was made in the old Globe Hotel whose site is now occupied by The Gates.

Mr. Ben Cline of Asheville was shopping in the city Saturday.

G. W. Pearson, the lumber man at Melrose was in the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Whistler have returned to their Flat Rock home after spending the winter in Camden, S. C.

M. Carsolf Crockett, Mofington, D. C., who is enjoying a few weeks in this city, is stopping at Mountain City Inn.

Robert Newman with the Bal-four quarry Co. Rockcliff, N. C. accompanied by his wife were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mr. Whitmore and son and Miss Mattie Walker spent several hours here in the city Saturday on their return from Greenville S. C. to their home at Brevard.

Miss Ingram of New York, who has been spending the winter at Aiken, S. C. arrived last week to spend the summer in this city.

Mrs. J. S. Holbert leaves on Thursday for Knoxville, where she will visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Holbert will remain in Knoxville for probably one or two months.

Miss Agnes Bradley who has been attending Brevard Institute, returning to her home, Gastonia, N. C., on account of her sisters serious illness, spent the day in the city waiting for train connection.

Rev. A. E. Brown of Asheville spent Friday night in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker. He left Saturday for Landrum, S. C., where he was to preach the Baccalaureate sermon at the Commencement of the Baptist College at that place.

V. C. V. Hamilton, 86 years old died at his home on Crab Creek on Tuesday p. m., May 12th. Mr. Hamilton was one of the best men in the county and a member of the Baptist church for a number of years. He served the county as treasurer. A widow, four sons and four daughters survive him. He was a member G. A. R. Post.

Mr. J. Ralph Smith and Miss Willett will be married at St. John's in the Wilderness on Wednesday, May 27th, which is an item of news of more than passing interest to the "Flat Rock Colony." Half-past eleven is the hour, and Rev. R. M. Wilcox of St. James will perform the ceremony. The bride and groom will immediately leave for Europe, and some time will be spent at the old home of Mr. Smith in Ireland.

### NEWS.

The Odd Fellows are welcome! The bowling alley now has an electric piano.

Fifty cents for this paper to the end of the year. Subscribe now.

The prohibition meeting advertised in this paper for last Sunday was postponed until Wednesday (today).

There will be a daily hack line to Chimney Rock this summer, beginning on June 15th. Fare will be one dollar each way.

The 113 annual commencement of the University of North Carolina will be held at Raleigh on May 30, 31, and June 1 and 2.

There will be a communion service at Beulah church the first Sunday in June. Everybody is cordially and heartily invited to come.

The 56th commencement exercises of Oak Ridge Institute will be held on May 21-22. The invitations, a beautiful piece of color printing have been issued.

That part of the cement walks now finished will give the visiting Odd Fellows an idea of the great improvement in the town when the work is finished.

To Mrs. Hyder we are indebted for a bouquet of magnificent pinks, "Ridge Pinks" Mrs. Hyder calls them and they are very beautiful and fragrant.

From all indications the crowd this summer will be entirely satisfactory. Houses are scarce and the hotels and leading boarding houses are daily receiving inquiries.

Judge J. C. Pritchard has tried 105 murder cases. Of this number nearly 100 were the result of liquor.

Which way are YOU going to vote?

Ah! Contractor Joe McCrary is figuring on painting the cybola of the court house, at the request of the county commissioners. Now if the spittoon hydrant in front of the building were cut down about seventeen feet—

R. M. Pryor, of Fruitland, one of the retiring Board of Supervisors, is a strong advocate of paved roads. Mr. Pryor was a most energetic, progressive and yet economical official of the county.

Engineers on the Greenville Carolina Railroad have moved camps to the Jordan roads and are now moving in the direction of Hendersonville. About 17 miles of line has been located already.

The great prohibition rally at Mt. Moriah church, Sunday was attended by hundreds. The exercises were very interesting. Strong speeches by J. Williams, Mr. Conner and Rev. T. L. Brown of Canton convinced the big crowd of some of the advantages of the great cause. Dinner was served on the grounds.

The following invitation has been received. "The Graduating Class of Wake Forest College requests the honour of your presence at the Commencement Exercises, May twentieth to twenty-second, nineteen hundred and eight, Wake Forest, N. C."

Why buy a cat in a sack? At our exhibit next week we will show you a Majestic in actual operation. Clarke Hdw. Co.

Be sure and call at our store one day next week. Clarke Hdw. Co.

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John Grimes is now with the Wanteska Trust Company.

The Blue Ridge Inn has a new steel range—a big one.

Court is in session this week with Judge Ward in the bench.

H. G. Ewart is stumping the county for liquor. Which way are YOU going to vote?

Hon. Willie Goff, the famous pencil magnet of Asheville is in the city.

Bly Bros. have an advertisement in this issue which will interest all the farmers and many town folk.

Mrs. T. A. Allen has rented her South Main st., cottage to Mrs. Jennie M. Johnson of Florence S. C. Mrs. Johnson will be here June 1st.

The Southern Railway operated a dining car on No. 11 on the 11th and on No. 15 on the 14th from Asheville to Salisbury to serve luncheon to the I. O. O. F.

H. G. Ewart addressed a mammoth crowd of at least 20 people at the court house, Monday, and tried to advance some argument against prohibition. The meeting was an absolute flat failure.

Teacher's Institute of Henderson County will open on June 15 and continue for one week, three days of which will be devoted to examinations. The examinations begin on Thursday of the week. Attendance upon the institute is necessary on the part of those who wish to teach school in this county.

Last Sunday was the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins, and in honor of that interesting event their children and grand children were gathered at their parents' beautiful new home on the Flat Rock road. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas, of Salisbury, with their two children Charles and J. W., jr., were present as were Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick of Savannah who were on their way to Tennessee for the summer.

H. S. Anderson is remodeling his house on the corner of Washington street, and the result is a small hotel, really. There are 35 rooms in the remodelled building, most excellently planned and arranged, with a bath room in each floor, a children's dining room, servant's rooms, splendid big halls &c. Possibly one of the most attractive features is the "roof garden" from where a panorama magnificent and beautiful is unfolded before the eyes.

Pisgah, Bearwallow, Sugar Loaf and other peaks stand out boldly in the great circle of mountains which surround Hendersonville, and although many miles away yet seem close at hand. All the Flat Rock country is within plain sight and the closer in hills, covered with marvelous masses of verdure, with sunshine and shadows over them make one realize how beautiful is the scenery of Western North Carolina.

Mr. Anderson has rented his house to an Atlanta lady, at \$1200 per year, who will take charge as soon as the building is completed. Contractor Joseph McCrary has the work in charge and is going at his usual close and painstaking attention.

Biscuits baked right in three minutes every day next week at our store. Clarke Hdw.

Come and see the great cooking wonder at our store next week See advertisement in this paper. Clarke Hdw. Co.

We are giving free \$7.50 worth of ware at our store all next week. See advertisement in this paper for particulars. Clarke Hdw. Co.

### Judge Ward On The Pavements Says There is Absolutely No Doubt as to Right of Commissioners to Issue Bonds for Pavement.

Judge Ward decided Monday night that the town commissioners had a legal right to issue bonds to pay for the cement sidewalks.

In commenting upon the hearing before his Honor, Mayor Schenck said: "Of course I am pleased over the decision of Judge Ward, but it is only what I anticipated. As you are aware, Senator C. A. Webb of Asheville entered into a contract with this town to buy the paving bonds, and later refused to fulfill his contract, some doubt having been raised by certain of our citizens as to the legality of the bond issue for this purpose.

"The city brought an action against Senator Webb seeking to compel him to live up to his contract, and the case was heard before Judge Ward Monday night. The Judge made an exhaustive examination of the statutes and general law applying to Hendersonville and decided the issue would be valid and that Mr. Webb should take the bonds.

"The citizens of Hendersonville have indicated their desire, at the recent election, to have this improvement made. At no time had I any doubt as to our legal right to have the walks paved or to issue bonds in payment and I am, of course, pleased at Judge Ward's decision."

### HELPED KEEP HIM WELL

Mr. James Holmes of South Carolina spent a few days in town this week. Mr. Holmes looks well, says he is well and that The Hustler has helped to keep him well during the winter.

### PRESS ASSOCIATION HERE.

The South Carolina Press Association will arrive in Hendersonville on June 20 at 1 p. m. and will leave at 5 p. m. for Lake Toxaway.