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Hon. W. A. Smith Sees Danger Danger!

To the Editor:

I would like to give a note of warning and some gratuitous advice to the people who are interested in the development of Hendersonville. Can any thoughtful person say other than that Hendersonville has been growing beyond their expectations? Can any thoughtful person expect this growth to continue if they put forth no effort? Can any thoughtful person account for the growth which we have had? Will that same person disagree with me, when I say, that our progress has been largely due to the efforts of a limited number of our people, because they believe in progress and in internal improvement by the town and its people, and have accompanied these efforts with their money to produce the result; and further to the fact that many of our people, a very large majority of them, have been public spirited, liberal enough and wise enough to forsee the result and work for it. Just who have acted and how they have acted, and what has followed most all of our people know. The writer is not interested in what has been done, or who shall have credit for it; work always has its reward with just people, and the unjust are not to be considered. In a growing town, the slogan should be—"See the right thing, do the right thing, and obstacles will remove themselves." So that I wish to join hands with everybody under an agreement that, we will all stand together, pull together to advertise and build up Hendersonville already the Mecca of the Southern Tourists. What has become of those who ridiculed and made fun of the men who ridiculed and made fun of the men who, in time past, said that Hendersonville deserved to be, and could be, the greatest resort city on the continent. Are not the former critics beginning to be less critical? Are not some of them already, saying, "We killed a bear." Is there any decided improvement made by the town, or in the town more than one year old, that all of our citizens do not point out these improvements, and say that "this, that or other, has been done in spite of opposition?" That there has been opposition, is a matter of regret, but the comfort is that our people, or most of them, are honest, and when things turn to the good contrary to their expectations, they are manly enough to say so, and when they are convinced that their opposition was wrong, they turn with their convictions and fall in and work with a vim. I for one am free to say, that I have not always done right myself. I have opposed and been opposed. Among my opponents are some of the strongest and most influential and best people of the town. I am therefore willing to forgive and hope to be forgiven, and desire to be heard when I say that for the good of Hendersonville I would be glad if everybody would join with me, bury the tomahawk, smoke the pipe of peace, put all shoulders to the wheel and with one com-

The Bryan Club at Fletcher

P. V. Cunningham, secretary and treasurer of the Fletcher Bryan Club, has sent this paper a check for \$19.75 for the National Democratic campaign. The money has been turned over to S. Y. Bryson, the committee's local representative. Mayor Schenck will address the club at its next meeting. The loyal Democrats who have shown their faith by their works in this matter are:

Table with names and amounts: J. C. Sales 1.00, E. P. Justice 1.00, C. P. McMin 1.00, Z. C. Byers 1.00, G. C. Buquo 1.00, G. E. Fletcher 1.00, J. W. Morris 1.00, E. L. Ellinburg .50, J. L. McDowell 1.00, J. B. Lance 1.00, Frank Smith 1.00, M. L. Baldwin .50, E. V. Cunningham 1.00, W. E. Cunningham, Jr. 1.00, J. K. Sales 1.00, J. Ona Sales 1.00, E. J. Sales .50, W. E. Poteat 1.00, George Souther .50, Geo. Taylor .50, Bud Lanning 1.00, C. R. Cunningham 1.00, Henry Hamet .25

mon effort, make Hendersonville in a few year's time the greatest resort city in the south and then the greatest in the nation. If the people will believe with me that this can be done and will join with me in the effort, it will be done. Our natural attractions give us advantages which cannot be taken from us, and make opportunities which, if neglected, we are hurt; if cultivated, we are enriched. An investigation will show, that Hendersonville has added to her natural attractions more artificial advantages than any other town of its size and ability. We are all proud of what we have done. This pride should have a good and not a bad influence, if it has the effect of making us contented and stops us from putting forth a greater effort, and what is now said and thought of Hendersonville will be thought and said of some other place. If we realize that we are at a crisis, and that by inaction we will lose that which we have gained, while by energy and public spirit we will forge ahead even to greater things, and then put forth concerted action, our realizations will be greater than our enthusiasts have dreamed. Lethargy is the danger that threatens Hendersonville.

The time to prepare for the future is the present. Let us not be satisfied with what has been done and sit quietly down and wait, but rather let us bestir ourselves—and do it now. The sooner the means are devised to bring the attention of the country at large to the many attractions and delights that we have to offer, the greater will be the number of tourists reached and the more our town will be talked, and talk of Hendersonville can be but for good; in fact "To name her is but to praise her."

The energy put forth by our people last Fall, winter and Spring in advertising Hendersonville, has produced one great thing, that is, the best all-around

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Simmons Coming

United States Senator F. M. Simmons will speak at the court house in this city on Monday, October 26th.

\$66,000 More.

The First National has \$66,000 more deposits than any other bank in this county ever before had entrusted to its care. The total deposits are over \$246,000; this with its capital of \$50,000, and its surplus of nearly \$10,000, and the fact that it is under the supervision of the National Government, makes the First National Bank one of the strongest financial institutions in the South.

SOLICITOR SPAINHOUR AT THE BRYAN CLUB TOMORROW NIGHT.

Solicitor Spainhour will make one of his forceful and extremely interesting talks at the Bryan Club meeting tomorrow night. The ladies especially are urgently requested to come. The meeting will be held over J. O. Williams store, and the doors will not be locked this time.

BRIEF NEWS.

F. E. Willson of Pittsburg, is the guest of his brother, J. R. Willson. DIED—Mrs. Robert T. Thurston, 77 years, on Friday. Burial at Greenville. Henry Brock, aged 29, died at his home here last Friday. Interment was in Oakdale Cemetery on Sunday, Rev. Rich officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton have rented W. P. Bartlett's cottage and with their two charming daughters will occupy it this winter. Mr. Bolton is vice president of the First National Bank of Chicago.

DIED—Hazel Mullgrove, 21 years of age, on Monday. Burial at Bennettsville, S. C.

MARRIED—At the home of Mrs. Sample, Oct. 11, at 6 o'clock, Miss Robbins of Maxton, S. C., and Mr. Arthur Wilder of Sumter, S. C. Dr. Grinnan performing the ceremony.

Among Dr. Egerton's patients in Dr. Merrivether's private hospital in Asheville are Mrs. Eliza Fisher, Mrs. Fred Case and John Pace, all of whom are recovering nicely from recent operations.

The Hendersonville Horse Show Association has sustained the protest of Mrs. Wm. S. Hastie of Flat Rock, of the ladies' saddle class to the gray gelding Petronius, and has awarded the ribbon and cup to her chestnut mare Fan, a Henderson county mare.

B. F. Shawley, of Pennsylvania has purchased that fine place of John Reiber on the Haywood Road, one of the most attractive homes in the county, Mr. Shawley with his wife and daughter will arrive here about the first of November and will make Henderson county their permanent home.

More Potatoes.

Just as you come into the Hustler office to pay your subscription, to your right, you will find a rare exhibition of Henderson county fruit, to which T. J. Shipman has just added some more fine specimens. Mr. Shipman planted three pecks of the "Beauty of Beauties," and reaped 35 bushels—and they are fine, sure. Then he has some "Queen of the South" sweet potatoes, fine, big, smooth skin, a joy and a pleasure to look upon. Come in and have a look, but don't touch.

J. L. Pittillo Dead.

J. L. Pittillo, an old Confederate soldier, died at his home on Clear Creek, six miles from town, on Monday. The burial, which took place near his old home, where he had lived always, occurred Tuesday and was largely attended.

Mr. Pittillo was about 77 years old, was a member of the 60th N. C. Regiment and had an arm shot off at Missionary Ridge. Throughout the war he was noted for his gallantry and bravery, and had the confidence and love of officers and men. He leaves a wife and five children and the community is the poorer through the death of this gallant wearer of the gray.

How Strange!

Sixty full pints of whiskey were stolen from the Flat Rock depot last week. They left twenty pints, whether they were unable to carry them all, or simply did not want to act hoggish, the thieves fail to state. But who is it that orders eighty pints of liquor at one time in Hendersonville or Flat Rock?

Kanuga Lake.

In last Sunday's Charlotte Observer W. W. Ball, assistant editor of the Charleston News and Courier, who has been spending some time in this city, has a most comprehensive and well written article about "Kanuga Lake." Mr. George Stevens gigantic development proposition of the old Hancel property near this city. Work is now actually progressing on the lake, a large force of men, with teams and machinery, being actively at work.

Briefly, the plan is to form a co-operative summer colony in the mountains. A membership for ten years will cost \$150, payable in monthly installments of \$15 each. The money derived from the first two hundred memberships, \$30,000 will be used in the development of the property. The lake and buildings will be completed by next season.

A member's privileges are: the privilege of residence; he may board at the club house at actual cost. The club house will really be a high-class summer hotel, or he may live in one of the modern cottages to be built and take his meals at the club house. These cottages will have bath, telephone, electric lights, etc. Then there will be the use of tennis courts, baseball grounds, golf links, the drives and bridle paths of the estate.

To each member of the first colony of 200 will be given a lot, 200x50 feet. An attractive six-room house will be built on this lot for the member for \$1,000, the actual cost, there being no

desire to make any profit on any building for the members.

No cottage costing less than \$400 or more than \$2,500 may be built. There will be the central stable, where horses may be boarded at cost, the electric lighting from water power of the dam and a telephone system. The water for the club houses and cottages will come from far up in the mountains.

There will be a resident physician, Dr. C. S. Mangum, of the University of North Carolina. There will be a kindergarten, and a "boy's leader."

Only those personally known to Mr. Stevens or recommended by some member of the colony are eligible to membership.

The lake itself is 125 feet higher than Hendersonville and comprises 1,000 acres, and is about four miles from this city, as the crow flies. A new gravel road will be built to the lake from this city.

Mr. John Nolen, a noted landscape engineer is in charge of that feature of the work. Mr. R. S. Smith of Asheville will approve all plans for club house or cottages, that the beauty of this lake village may not be disturbed by "jarring contradictions in design."

Among those already members are the following: Dr. Francis Preston Venable, president of the University of North Carolina, and these gentlemen from Charlotte, the home of Mr. Stevens. W. H. Wood, treasurer American Trust Company. W. H. Twitty, cashier [Charlotte National Bank. John M. Scott, president Southern Loan and Savings Bank. George E. Wilson, president Merchants & Farmers National Bank.

T. W. Wank, president Union National Bank.

D. A. Tomkins, textile manufacturer and engineer. R. M. Miller, Jr., cotton manufacturer. Dr. Charles A. Bland, dentist. W. S. Lee, second vice-president and chief engineer Southern power Company. S. B. Tanner, cotton manufacturer.

J. W. Wadesworth, vice-president and general manager, J. W. Wadesworth's Sons Company. Dr. W. O. Nisbet, physician. Arthur J. Draper, cotton manufacturer. Chase Brenizer, lawyer. F. C. Abbot, real estate. J. S. Cottran, machinery representative. Robert Lassiter, cotton manufacturer.

Norman H. Johnson, lawyer and publisher. Walter Brem, life insurance. C. D. Bennett, lawyer. Edwin Howard, machinery agent. J. L. Spencer, cotton manufacturer.

J. P. Caldwell, editor and publisher. Dr. Thomas H. Wright, physician. Jordan S. Thomas, insurance adjuster. M. G. Hunter, insurance adjuster. E. J. Smith, insurance adjuster. Charles S. Stone, president Stone-Barringer Company. J. R. Van Ness, manufacturer. Harvey Lambeth, insurance manager American Trust Company.

J. S. Myers, planter. W. H. Thompson, contractor. M. B. Spier, division superintendent Bell Telephone Company. E. M. Shannonhouse, lawyer. E. A. Smith, cotton manufacturer. J. W. Conway, manufacturer. J. L. Chambers, manufacturer. W. R. Burwell, wholesale druggist. Dr. R. L. Gibbon, physician. W. L. Jenkins, banker. C. O. Kuester, merchant. H. M. Victor, banker.

CORRECT UTTERANCE OF MR. CRAWFORD

Did Not Say Country People were Ignorant. They Have Always Been His Best Friends And He Resents The Insinuation That He Has Reflected Upon Their Intelligence in Any Way

(The Asheville Citizen, Sept. 30, 1908)

In answer to the charge that Congressman W. T. Crawford, in a recent speech at Waynesville, had referred to the rural residents as "ignorant country people," come three letters from highly respected citizens of Haywood county who heard the speech in question. All emphatically declare that the language attributed to Mr. Crawford was not used. The letters follow:

Editor G. C. Briggs.

Waynesville, N. C., Sept. 29, 1908. Hon. W. T. Crawford, Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Sir—Replying to your inquiry of yesterday, would say that I have noticed the charge made to the effect that you said in your Waynesville speech on the 4th inst. "That Grant was out speaking to ignorant people in the country" and would further say that I was present taking notes for the Courier and paid strict attention to all you said. As we stated recently in an editorial replying to this charge, we state here, namely; that you said that John Grant was going around in the country districts and talking to those he thinks are ignorant, but who, as he will find out, are not ignorant, but are the best judges of a fakir in the world. The charge does you great injustice. Respectfully, G. C. Briggs.

Clerk of Court Hyatt.

Waynesville, N. C., Sept. 29, 1908. I was present and gave close attention to the speech of Congressman Crawford in Waynesville, on Sept. 4th. I have seen the charge in the newspapers that he said "Grant was in the

country speaking to ignorant people." I wish to say in the spirit of fairness and truth that the charge is not true, and I do not believe that fair minded men can believe it after hearing a statement of the facts.

Mr. Crawford said, in substance, that his opponent had departed from a time honored custom that had prevailed in the district of meeting in joint debate before all the people. Mr. Crawford referred to the great debate between Vance and Settle and to all the other debates between Congressional candidates down to this year. He said that Grant could not face the issues of a Republican panic, but that he was skulking around by himself bushwhacking, and trying to deceive and fool the people, thinking that the country people are ignorant, but he will find out that they are not ignorant and the best judges of fakirs in the world.

Mr. Crawford has been misrepresented, whether intentionally or not I am unable to say. R. A. L. Hyatt.

Ex-Sheriff Noland.

Waynesville, N. C., Sept. 29, '08. I was present and heard Congressman Crawford and Hon. W. T. Bickett speak at Waynesville on Sept. 4th. I paid close attention to what Mr. Crawford said in regard to Grant's failure to meet him in joint debate. He said in substance that Grant had refused to meet him on the stump and was out in the country districts bushwhacking, and trying to deceive the people about the constitutional amendment, thinking the country people are ignorant. But he will find that he is mistaken, for they are the best judges of a fakir in the world. The charge that Mr. Crawford said that the country people are ignorant is not true. D. R. Noland.

Mr. Crawford's Statement.

Editor of The Citizen:

Republican politicians who were unwilling for Mr. Grant to meet me in joint debate are charging that I said in my speech at Waynesville that "Grant was out speaking to ignorant country people and was trying to fool them." It seems to me that the charge is too ridiculous to require notice. Nine tenths of the voters in this district are men who live in the country precincts and a large per cent of them vote for me. Three fourths of the voters who heard me at Waynesville live in the country. And the suggestion that I would deliberately offend a class of citizens who are my personal and political friends is absurd.

I made no such statement at Waynesville or elsewhere, and I feel sure that no one will assume the personal responsibility of saying that I did, and I am confident that no one who knows me will believe that I made such statement.

I inclose statements of R. A. L. Hyatt, Clerk of Court of Haywood County, Ex-Sheriff D. R. Noland, and G. C. Briggs, Editor of Waynesville Courier.

It seems that our friends, the enemy, are hard pressed for campaign material. But let the people judge as to the value of it. Respectfully, W. T. CRAWFORD. Waynesville, N. C., Sept. 29, '08.