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Town's Greatest Improvement to be Completed

The Town Wins Sidewalk Suit!

After a Long and Bitter Contest the Right of the City Authorities to Lay The Cement Walks is Fully Sustained by the Supreme Court of the State.

DECISION GIVES GENERAL SATISFACTION TO PEOPLE.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has decided in favor of the town authorities in the now famous cement sidewalk suit.

The bond election was legal, the bonds themselves are legal and have been sold. The town authorities win on every point.

The work of completing the sidewalks, now about two-thirds down, will be started as soon as the weather permits and will be completed before June 1st.

On Dec. 5, 1907, the town commissioners appointed a committee composed of Messrs. J. F. Brooks, J. O. Williams and J. S. Bryson, with Mr. Brooks as chairman, to investigate the matter of putting down cement walks on Main street and Anderson avenue. The committee reported favorably. The necessary ordinances were passed and the work started. The authority of the commissioners then being questioned a special election was held on July 11, 1908, when the people approved the action of the commissioners.

Henry Jordan, to whom the contract had been awarded, offered to buy the bonds. His offer was accepted. He then refused to accept the bonds, believing there was some question as to their legality. The Supreme Court having decided the bonds are legal, Mr. Jordan has taken them and the greatest improvement ever made in this town will proceed to a satisfactory completion.

Wm. Byers A Suicide!

The following is from the New York Tribune:

Hendersonville, N. C., Dec. 25—Lying on the ground, with four empty laudanum bottles close by, the dead body of William Byers, sixty years old, who disappeared from his home in Balfour, N. C., ten days ago, was found half a mile from Balfour today. Byers had been dead about a week.

So far as is known, there was no cause for the suicide, although he had brooded much over the death of his son, who committed suicide some years ago. Mr. Byers was a brother-in-law of ex-Congressman Gudger, of Asheville.

Coroner Kirk held an inquest, Wednesday last, in Shepherd's Undertaking rooms. The jury decided it was suicide. The funeral occurred on Wednesday, interment being in Oakdale Cemetery, the services were conducted by Rev. G. S. Jones.

SPARKS FROM A LIVE WIRE!

Just arrived, a car load of Doors and Sash, as good as ever came to Western North Carolina. RIGBY-MORROW CO.

ABOUT OUR People

Dr. T. A. Allen, Jr., has returned to Hendersonville.

R. A. Allison is home from Weaverville for the holidays.

Mrs. Dodamead of High Point, is the guest of her mother, C. J. Hawkus.

A. W. Calhoun has returned from a brief visit to Abbeville, S. C.

Hundley Gover, who is attending school in Virginia, is home for the holidays.

Miss May Boyd is home from Converse College for the Christmas holidays.

P. D. Heffner and family left on Tuesday for Greenville, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Heffner's mother, Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Johanboeke of Louisville, Ky., with her little daughter Lee, are the guests for the next few weeks of Mrs. F. E. Durfee.

Dr. T. A. Allen, Sr. with Mrs. Allen, left on Monday for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

N. Buckner, "the ad. man," of Asheville, with his brother Dr. Buckner, spent Christmas day with their parents here.

George Connell, of Spencer, a valued employee of the Southern, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Connell of Flat Rock.

Mrs. Milton Peace, of Flat Rock, is recovering from a serious operation performed by Dr. Merrivether, assisted by Dr. Egerton, on Monday.

Miss Nannie Miller, aged 15 years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller, died Wednesday morning, after a brief illness. The funeral services will be held on Thursday, interment being in Oakdale cemetery.

George Gash of Tryon was in town Monday, on business. Mr. Gash, one of the most progressive citizens of that beautiful town, says he looks for an unusually good season there this winter.

Mrs. G. H. Ripley has returned from Washington, D. C., where she has been the guest of Mrs. Singleton Farmer. Mrs. J. A. Hatch, who has been North for several months joined Mrs. Ripley at Washington and both ladies came home together.

John Cox, an old resident of Hendersonville was in town Sunday, enroute to Penrose. Mr. Cox has lived in California for several years. For many years he was with the Wilson Mercantile Co., here, and his many friends will be glad to know he may again make Henderson county his home.

Rev. R. N. Willcox attended the tenth anniversary of the consecration of Junius Moore Horner, Bishop of Asheville, on Sunday and Monday, and which closed with a banquet at the Battery Park on Monday night. Rev. Willcox was chairman of the Horner Decennial Committee having the arrangements in charge.

Miss Norma Bryson, the girl with a smile, who is so acceptably filling an excellent position in Charlotte, with Miss Anna McCarter, the expert stenographer of the Hotel Sely, Charlotte, spent a brief Christmas holiday here as the guest of Mrs. S. Y. Bryson. Miss Bryson formerly most acceptably filled the position of bookkeeper and stenographer in this office.

ABOUT OUR Town!

Write it 1909.

The first snow of the winter, a mere flurry which soon disappeared, fell on Dec. 22.

The infant child of Tillman Brock was badly bitten in the cheeks by a bull dog last Sunday.

The county commissioners meet next Monday, when their new rules, recently announced in this paper, will go into effect.

Only \$18,000 of the county taxes collected out of a total of about \$60,000. Folks must get busy and settle right away.

Tom Conner is Sheriff Blackwell's deputy. The Sheriff is living in the jail himself and has about ten guests there now.

Strange—very, very, strange, that Mr. Taft should go to Augusta, Ga., for the winter, when Hendersonville—!

Rickman Osteen, being unable to pay a fine of eight dollars for being drunk, was sent to the chain gang, Tuesday, by the town authorities.

The Hendersonville Wholesale Grocery Co., have a very pretty calendar which they are distributing to their many friends and customers.

To all, each and everyone, but especially to those of our subscribers who are paid up to date, we wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Beware of handing out money to an able-bodied man who is constantly soliciting alms. Give him work—which is the best charity of all—it helps him to help himself.

State Senator-elect McD. Ray leaves for Raleigh next Monday. Mr. Ray's office will be open for the transaction of business during his absence, with W. C. Jordan in charge.

The county board of education met at the court house, Tuesday, Messrs. Dermid, Oats, Posey and Ray being present. They made a settlement with the county treasurer, made requisition on State fund, and made apportionments of school funds. J. D. Dermid will probably be the next county superintendent.

A colored man asked for a money order at the postoffice, just before Christmas. "For how much," asked Mrs. Morris, the extremely capable lady in charge of that department. "For one gallon," responded the dakey. We got it.

At a meeting of the directors of The French Broad Hustler Co., Inc., the immediate collection of all accounts due was ordered, both on subscription and job work. The directors adjourned to meet again at an early date in called session.

Next Saturday, Jan. 2, is Founder's Day at Fruitland Institute, when the tenth anniversary of the founding of that fine institution will be fittingly celebrated. The exercises promise to be of exceptional interest, and all old students of the Institution and the public generally, are urged to attend.

Ah! Ha! Chairman Bane of the county commissioners says the court house may no longer be used as an apartment house, and everyone renting sleeping rooms in the big basement must vacate by Jan. 1st. The chairman is a business man—all business, in fact—and it is said the rents have not been paid so very promptly.

Outside Capital Being Attracted Here

Men of Millions To Invest Here!

Outside Capital Being Drawn to This Town. Two Millionaires Who Will Invest Heavily in Hendersonville Real Estate, Confident its the Only Town.

BELIEVE ITS MARVELLOUS MARCH WILL BE MAINTAINED

Men of millions are about to become heavily interested financially in Hendersonville.

Impressed with the possibilities of this beautiful town, after several visits here and most careful investigation and consideration of the whole situation, they are convinced that Hendersonville's marvelous growth of the past few years is but a faint and feeble hint of what she will develop into and that very soon.

So confident are they that they will invest heavily in Hendersonville real estate and are positive the near future will sustain their judgment.

For the present these two capitalists prefer not to have their names mentioned. Two of their local associates are Messrs. U. G. Staton and H. S. Anderson, and Columbia Park is one of the first propositions they will take hold of.

At the same time they propose to buy heavily of Chickasha, Okla., property, where they propose also to enter the banking business. Messrs. Anderson and Staton will leave for Oklahoma about Jan. 1st, to investigate that end of the proposition. When the whole deal is consummated Mr. Staton will remain in

the West while Mr. Anderson will handle the Hendersonville end of the deal.

Altogether it is said to be a million dollar proposition.

Aside from the money the two outside capitalists will immediately invest in Hendersonville, no small advantage will accrue to this town from Mr. Staton's handling the other end of the proposition, as it is expected to interest Western capital also in this place.

The results of the formation of this company will be the immediate development of Columbia Park and the investments of large sums in other directions here. For the present, they have no intention of entering the local banking field.

It is said, on excellent authority, that were any substantial encouragement received, these capitalists might be induced to invest in a cotton mill here, but they would first have to receive assurances that such an enterprise would be welcomed in Hendersonville.

On the return of Messrs. Staton and Anderson from the West, a fuller statement of the purposes of the company may be expected, when also the names of the two capitalists, two of the best known cotton mill men of the South, will be made public.

Offers \$1000 Reward Everett's Barn Burned

S. T. Everett's barn on his estate in Transylvania county, was totally destroyed, Sunday, with all its contents, consisting of six head of cattle, feed, im-

plements, etc. Mr. Everett, a well known capitalist of Cleveland, has telegraphed his agent to offer \$1,000 reward and to hire detectives to discover the origin of the fire.

The Calhoun-Wilkins Co. Incorporate for \$15,000.00

Calhoun-Wilkins Company, wholesale grocers, have incorporated with a capital stock of \$15,000.

The officers are: A. W. Calhoun, president; Chas. P. Hayes, vice-president; Jno. T. Wilkins, secretary and treasurer.

The growth of the company's business, opened on April 1, 1908, has rendered such a move necessary.

The Calhoun-Wilkins Company handle fancy groceries and manufacturers specialties. Their increased capital will enable them to carry an enlarged and more complete stock, and in addition

to their present lines, the company will add stock of a still higher grade than they now sell.

The business of this company has grown beyond their expectations, and is still growing. They consider Hendersonville an excellent distributing point, and, in common with others conversant with conditions here, say that the wholesale business of this territory is done from Hendersonville.

Both Mr. A. W. Calhoun and Mr. Jno. T. Wilkins are men of long experience in the wholesale grocery business, and with their increased facilities will help develop still more the territory surrounding Hendersonville.