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ONE THOUSAND MORE VISITORS HERE NEXT SUMMER, THEY SAY

W. A. Smith, J. Williams and C. E. Wilson
Gone to Florida as a Special Advertising Committee for the Town. Results May be Expected From Their Mission.

WILL ADDRESS BOARDS OF TRADE THRU THE STATE

Messrs. W. A. Smith, J. Williams and C. E. Wilson, a special advertising committee of this town, left on Monday for Florida and Cuba, where they will spend several weeks explaining some few of the many advantages of this town as a summer resort.

They carry the fullest credentials, much advertising matter, and may be said to represent, in every sense, the Town of Hendersonville.

Messrs. Smith and Williams will address several Boards of Trade while in Florida and, of

course, C. E. Wilson will be doing active missionary work wherever he sees an opportunity.

The results of the advertising campaign, the entire expense of which will be borne by these three gentlemen, must necessarily be of the greatest benefit to Hendersonville.

Already hundreds of Floridians are well acquainted with the incomparable advantages of this beautiful mountain resort, and it is confidently believed that this mission of Mr. Smith, Mr. Williams and Mr. Wilson will result in bringing at least a thousand more visitors here this summer.

THE SUMMER VISITOR AND THE SOUTHERN RY.

Mr. F. E. Curtis has contested and won a case against the Southern Railway involving an important principle in connection with Hendersonville's summer business. It was presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington and it was done clearly and forcibly.

Here is the case:
Your railroad ticket expires on a certain date; the railroad company is unable to return you to your destination, safely, directly, with the usual accommodations, without additional expense to you; is the company obliged to extend the time limit of your ticket?

Or, are you obliged, in order to utilize your ticket within its time limit, to accept what accommodations the railroad offers, suffer danger, discomfort, and incur additional expense for sleeping car or hotel accommodations?

The Interstate Commerce Commission says, briefly, but emphatically, that you don't—that the railroad must extend the time limit of your ticket until such time as it is able to carry you safely, directly and with approximately the usual accommodations.

Hundreds of excursionists came here last summer on tickets which expired on Sept. 1st. On that date owing to the heavy rains, every kind of service on all the railroads in both the Carolinas was demoralized. Bridges and trestles were undermined or washed away—in some sections ten inches of rain fell during the week—and travel was admittedly dangerous.

A guest of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis came here from Charleston on an excursion, the time limit of her ticket expiring on Sept. 1st. Being an elderly lady, in delicate health, she wished to wait until travel over the Southern's tracks was perfectly safe. Application at the local ticket office for an extension of her ticket was refused. Mr. Curtis then took the matter up with the Southern officials at Washington, who claimed the Interstate Commerce Commission prohibited them extending the ticket except for

positive illness. Mr. Curtis had considerable correspondence with the railroad officials at Washington, and at last sent them a final letter, of which the following is a copy:

Hendersonville, N. C.
Sept. 11, 1908.

W. H. Tayloe,
G. P. A., Southern Ry.
Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 9th is at hand and I have telegraphed you as follows: Mrs. Curtis desires to return to Charleston and she demands transportation over your road. Will you kindly send ticket or formal refusal.

Before pursuing the matter in another way Mrs.

wishes to give you the fullest chance to make the ticket good. Every sort of transportation over the Southern Railway was notoriously demoralized Sept. 1st and for a considerable time before and after that date. With all appreciation of your position as a railroad official I believe that you are wrong. We think that you will find that a railroad company cannot force upon a passenger the alternative of attempting a journey under such circumstances, or the forfeiture of the ticket.

Yours very truly,
F. E. CURTIS.

Not in the least discouraged, Mr. Curtis then wrote the Commission who sustained his contention completely, and the railroad company was ordered to refund the price of the ticket, which order it promptly complied with.

The Interstate Commerce Commission of course, insisted on exact data from Mr. Curtis, whose "brief," briefly was this:

The distance from Asheville to Charleston is 293 miles, and is covered in about 12 hours, by a through train. On Sept. 1st, when his "client's" ticket expired, the railroad service of North and South Carolina was notoriously demoralized. He gave many specific instances of washouts, landslides, of bridges being washed away and tracks under water, and stated that his friend naturally shrank from starting on her journey on Sept. 1st because of these catastrophes and the road's demoralization.

"On September 1st, the conditions south of Spartanburg and all the way to Charleston were

PRISONERS MAKE A SAFE GETAWAY

Five prisoners, all of a real dark complexion, guests of Sheriff Blackwell, left the sheriff's hotel last Friday night without paying their board bill and forgetting to leave their future address. But one, a preacher, has returned so far, and he was met at Saluda and urgently requested to come back. He complied with the request.

The sheriff had gone upstairs to give his guests their usual sumptuous evening repast. He entered the room, his son, a boy of about 15, following with a big tray laden with the delicacies of the season. The prisoners jumped on the Sheriff and held him, one of them kicking the tray from the boy's hand. Sheriff Blackwell is a powerful man, and only after a terrific struggle did they succeed in overpowering him and taking his keys and pistol. During the fight the Sheriff bit a large piece of flesh from the hand of the nigger who was trying to stifle his cries for help. The five rushed down the stairs, the Sheriff after them. He procured his shot gun and prevented the other prisoners from escaping, but the five, less the preacher, are still at large.

Seminole Securities.

To the Editor:—If 'umsteen thousand dollars worth of Seminole Securities stock was sold here last summer, how many gold bricks could a competent and hardworking man dispose of in Hendersonville? SUBSCRIBER.

Did you ever see a YPPWPF?
J. R. Willson.

Take a trip through a live Lumber Shed.
J. R. Willson.

Inspect my stock of Mouldings.
J. R. Willson.

Use a 7 inch Crown on your new house. It finishes.
J. R. Willson.

nearly at their worst. Trains instead of running direct to Columbia and Charleston were diverted at Spartanburg, run north east to Charlotte, thence south to Columbia, doubling the distance and requiring an over night journey with extra expense for sleeping car in order to reach Columbia, which is a little over half way to Charleston. At Columbia, passengers were either transferred to the Atlantic Coast Line or switched off south west via Blackwell, making another roundabout and tedious journey. Between Laurens and Columbia both races rode in the same coach.

Statements from local business men and newspaper clippings were enclosed to the Commission. As the railroad contended that its transportation facilities were such as to constitute a "through line" on Sept. 1st, and as such justifying them in forcing holders of excursion tickets to take passage on that day or forfeit their tickets, the Commission was urged to examine the railroad's reports and records of disaster, destruction of track and demoralized train service from Aug. 25 to Sept. 10. Mr. Curtis contended the excursion ticket was bought with the understanding that the return trip would be made under the same safe conditions that were experienced in coming here, and that the company being unable to fulfill its obligations as a carrier on Sept. 1st, that the purchaser had a right to remain here until it was so able. He cited the Commission to the fact that the Atlantic Coast Line issued the same form of limited ticket, but extended their tickets for two weeks from Sept. first.

And here's another point: How much money did the Southern and the Pullman Company collect from those excursionists who did leave on Sept. 1st for sleeping car accommodations; an expense, which, under ordinary conditions of travel the excursionists would not have been obliged to incur?

And also this:
Is not this additional expense recoverable by law?

ABOUT OUR People

J. S. Bryson has gone to Raleigh.

D. R. Chewning has returned from a two-weeks visit to Summerton, S. C.

W. C. Pryor, of Asheville, who has so many friends here, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. F. S. Thomas returned Saturday from a month's visit to her mother, Mrs. Dodson, at Titusville, Fla.

Mrs. Noble Johnson has gone to Texas, where she will remain for some time as the guest of her parents there.

Congressman-elect John Grant has bought his old home back, on West Academy near the college, from E. A. Edwards. Price was \$3,700.

Prof. Shitle, of Flat Rock school was in town Saturday and had good news of the progress and interest of the many scholars of that fine school.

Two brides and grooms are registered at the Hotel Gates: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hagood, of Charleston and Mr. and Mrs. Austin, of Greenville, Tenn.

Miss Frances and Miss Sarah Harley, of Pennsylvania, and Miss Carrie Mathews of New York are guests of The Gates for the winter.

Miss Lena Lewis has returned from Asheville, where she has been spending the week end. Many social functions were given in her honor. She has as her guest Miss Dora London.

W. C. Bangs has resigned as superintendent of the Electric Light Company, being succeeded by Roscoe Woltz. Mr. Bangs left on Saturday for Atlanta, his future home, where he will be engaged in the electrical engineering business.

Miss Dora London has returned to Asheville after spending the past week with Miss Lena Lewis, who will leave shortly for Savannah, Charleston and other points south. Miss London has been extensively entertained during her stay.

W. W. Martin, of Spartanburg has bought the old Reese mill place, on Featherston creek, Route 5. He is now putting the mill there in first class condition and the folks of that section are to be congratulated upon so desirable an addition to their neighborhood. Mr. Martin is an experienced mill man and will be pleased to grind for all who call.

Philip Justus, 91 years old, died at his late home near town on Saturday. The funeral services were held on Sunday, interment being in Mud Creek Cemetery. Nine children survive him. He was born in Rutherford county, but was raised and has always lived here. Mr. Justus was a gallant Confederate soldier, and with several of his sons served through the war.

REMEMBER!

Next Saturday,
Jan. 16th, ends
the Free Scissors
Premium Offer!
After that date
no more Free
Scissors Will Be
Given

FIRST ACT PASSED.

District Attorney of New York has well said, the poor has but little showing in law with the rich. But all are equal when they are buying from RIGBY-MORROW & CO. See our stock before buying Fresh first-class Doors, Sash, Lime, Cement, Patented Plaster (Ivory) Flooring, Ceiling, Moulding, Roofing, Shingles, Deadening Felt and Mantels. Special attention to mail orders.

RIGBY-MORROW CO.

ABOUT OUR Town!

Join the Booster's Club.

Keep on the sunny side of the street.

"Uncle" Ben Hood has been appointed Magistrate to fill out the late Squire Tinley's term.

The teachers of the city graded school presented Prof. Ivins with a very beautiful Morris chair for Christmas.

W. B. Allison, Horse Shoe, has a little old hog, ten months old which weighs 367 pounds. NEXT!

The Hustler office has a copy of the plans of the new postoffice building, clearly shown on a large piece of blank paper.

MARRIED—Robert E. Baldwin and Miss Annie Drake, at Fletcher, on Jan. 10th, C. M. Fletcher, Esq., officiating.

C. J. Martens is the new salesman here for the White Sewing Machine, with salesroom in the Bailey block next to Stepp's.

W. A. Corn, who was 58 years old Monday, has dug exactly 138 graves in Henderson county and will probably live to dig many more.

U. G. Staton has sold the property now occupied by Brannon's Bakery to Messrs. E. W. and John Ewbank. The price paid was \$4000.

They are using dynamite on the Clarke excavation with satisfactory results. "One or two blasts will loosen enough dirt to keep the wagons busy all day."

Someone left the water faucet turned on over Hill and Staton's store, one night last week, and the flood of moisture damaged goods in the store to the extent of several large silver coins.

J. F. Ghormley, of Illinois, has rented one of Capt. Toms' stores on Main street, opposite this office, where he will open a cigar store and a box bowling alley in connection.

You read of blizzards in Chicago, bitter storms in the West, and zero weather in Asheville—while in Hendersonville there's sunshine, bright, warm and health-giving.

And the cat—the Burckmyer Bros. cat—came back again! Even Mrs. M. C. Toms couldn't keep it—gave it a good home, of course, lots of milk and all that, and nothing to do—but it came back just the same.

Flem Brooks is a good guesser. Joe Israel has two big horses which he weighed the other day on the scales back of the Rose Pharmacy. "There's no use weighing those horses," remarked Mr. Brooks from the window, "they'll tip the scales at 1100 pounds." Nevertheless the animals were weighed and registered 1100 pounds exactly!

W. H. Ray has sold his Main street residence to T. R. DeShields, of Lanford Station, S. C. Mr. DeShields will either rebuild or remodel the present building, and will spend a large part of each year in Hendersonville. The price paid was \$3500, the lot is 68x150, and the location is extremely desirable. Mr. Ray will build a modern 8 or 10 room house near Caldwell Robertson's.

The week of union meetings closed with a most impressive sermon at the Baptist church Sunday night, by Rev. R. B. Grinnan, on the subject, "Christ the Giver of Life." The meetings were well attended each night, notwithstanding the inclement weather part of the week, and doubtless many lasting impressions for good were made by the strong sermons delivered by our ministers.

The farmers are invited to call and see me.
J. R. Willson.

THE ELECTRIC BELT LINE RAILROAD LOOKS GOOD TO HENDERSONVILLE

Business Men of Hendersonville Believe
The Road Will Be Profitable and Be of Greatest Possible Benefit to Town.
The Road Will Be Built, Without a Doubt, and Then watch Us Grow!

WOULD TRAVERSE A SECTION OF UNRIVALLED BEAUTY

The Bonds Sold; The Money Received.

Fifteen thousand, sixteen thousand, seventeen thousand, eighteen thousand dollars. Here, count 'em, Mr. Brooks, and see if they're all here," and His honor the Mayor shoved a stack of papers over to J. F. Brooks, who forthwith affixed his signature to them, when they became as good as \$18,000 in gold.

The bonds for the cement sidewalks were signed by the Mayor and Secretary last week, were then sent away and the money for them is now on deposit in the Bank. Mr. Henry Jordan will receive his long delayed payments due, something like \$8,000 and the greatest improvement ever made in this town will now be pushed to completion.

Spirit of Progress.

N. Buckner, "the ad-man," of Asheville writes:

"Your last issue certainly breathes the spirit of progress and many hundred extra copies of it should be sent out by the citizens and Board of Trade. With best wishes, I am, etc." Mr. Buckner addressed his envelope to "The Hustler, the bright, newsy, sparkling newspaper of Hendersonville."

Citizens Bank In Prosperous Condition.

The stockholders of the Citizens Bank met on Tuesday and heard the reports of the bank's officers.

The Citizens Bank has been open for business about six months, and at the meeting on Tuesday a net profit was shown of \$1,618.93, in addition to paying heavy expenses incident to the bank's starting in business.

The report of the bank's condition is extremely satisfactory to that institution's stockholders and many friends. The following well known gentlemen were elected directors.

Dr. A. B. Drafts, J. P. Rickman, F. A. Bly, Dr. C. Few, T. P. Mallorie, A. H. Hawkins, F. E. Durfee, E. W. Ewbank, C. E. Brooks.

A Race Track For Hendersonville.

A race track for Hendersonville no doubt would be a profitable investment and a place for our summer sports to spend a great deal of their money and time, but have you ever thought the most profitable way on earth to spend your money would be to invest it in a pair of Kiser King shoes, which you will find comfortable and durable? We have them for the most fastidious ladies under the name of College Queen, the best shoes on earth. Young people and sports will indeed find this a profitable way to spend their money. Your money's worth in every pair. You will find a fit for old and young, large and small feet at Govan Hyder's, Main st. He also has a few bags 100 lbs salt to offer at 55c. Call on him at once.

The news of the proposed electric belt line railroad, published in the Hustler, exclusively, last week, has created more interest in town than anything which has happened here for many moons past.

The consensus of opinion of Hendersonville's most progressive business men is that such a road would be of the greatest possible benefit to the town and the promoters should be given every encouragement possible.

A modern, well equipped electric railroad, touching beautiful Laurel Park, Kanuga Lake, Osceola Lake, Columbia Park, down Main street to the depot, rendering these beautiful parts of the city almost as accessible as the Court House now is, would mean an added population of many thousands to the town and an added interest and attractiveness which may hardly be expressed in terms of dollars and cents.

Altho' absolutely no confirmation can be obtained from the promoters of the big project, it is definitely known that the plans are now being made.

It is known that such a road would be financially profitable for at least a part of the year, and would give Hendersonville and attraction which would be unique.

A complete line of Lumber at
J. R. Willson's.
5-8 in. Ceiling for Porches.
J. R. Willson.

First National Bank Stockholders Meet.

The stockholders of the First National Bank met on Tuesday, and found that institution in an extremely flourishing condition.

A semi-annual dividend of five per cent was declared and \$7,500 passed to the surplus account, making the surplus now \$10,000.

The committee appointed to pass on loans and discounts reported the bank in an extremely prosperous condition and said the paper held by it was the best line of commercial paper to be found.

The deposits of the bank are now \$235,000, with cash on hand \$48,000, a surplus of \$10,000, and a capital of \$50,000.

The First National will occupy their new building about May 1.

THE WEATHER.

"It hain't no use to grumble and complane,—
It's jest as cheap and easy to rejoice:
When God sorts out the weather
and sends rain,
W'y, rain's my choice."

A Booster's Club.

Hendersonville should have a live, aggressive, fighting organization of its business men. With organization all things are possible, and with a suitable organization to help bring the people here, to look after them when they are here, to encourage the efforts of the men who are doing their full share towards making Hendersonville a large city, this town may with confidence adopt the slogan and war cry—"Hendersonville, 10,000 by 1910!"