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## \$10,000 WOOD-WORKING PLANT FOR THIS TOWN

A wood-working factory, employing altogether fifty men, with a pay roll of possibly \$3000 a month, promises to be the first manufacturing plant started in Hendersonville, and which, it is hoped, will be but the first of many to locate here.

The factory will be in operation by February, and delivery of its product, solid bored columns, will begin in March.

Mr. G. H. Lambert, of Asheville, has about closed negotiations for the Stillwell plant, so long idle, which will be converted into a modern wood-working factory with an initial guaranteed capacity of one hundred solid bored porch columns a day.

These columns are both more economical and more durable than the ordinary built-up columns, and the demand seems to be unlimited.

Mr. Lambert is the inventor and patentee of the special machinery required, and is a man of practical experience in the business. The roughing and finishing lathe, a massive piece of machinery weighing 16,000 pounds, has as a record of 350 columns on a trial run, while 260 were turned out at another test in ten hours.

The machinery patented by Mr. Lambert has the reputation of being the very best, superior in many respects to any other built for the same purpose now on the market, and its first practical demonstration will be made in Hendersonville.

As stated the demand for these porch columns is practically unlimited. During the recent business depression a similar plant at Bryson City made shipments up to the normal capacity of the plant.

Of these solid bored columns the "Southern Lumberman" in a recent issue, says they combine the desirable features of both the old style and the solid column without the defects of either, having the stability of the solid column with the lightness of the staved column. It has no joints to open up and the stock is thin enough to be readily seasoned.

Two years ago a company was formed in Memphis to manufacture these columns. Starting with an output of about 100 columns a day, their daily capacity is now over 600, and their enormous plant covers six acres of ground.

Nearly any wood can be used for making these columns and this factory will afford a home market for much of the timber in this county.

It is proposed to form a stock company here with a capital of \$10,000. This has practically been done and the factory, without doubt, will be delivering its product by next March.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Lambert states the freight rates in effect here offers absolutely no obstacle to the successful marketing of these columns. He has carefully investigated the matter and has the rates from Mr. A. K. Orr, division freight agent.

It is Mr. Lambert's intention to live in Hendersonville, where he will erect a residence, and with his family be a most desirable and welcome addition to the citizenship of this town—the fastest growing town in the South.

## State Library SAYS THE PRESS

(From Asheville Gazette-News.)

Endorsements of Hon. William J. Cocke of Asheville for the democratic nomination for congress from the Tenth district are coming from all parts of the district, and his friends are greatly pleased with the enthusiasm with which the mention of his name has been received. The Franklin Press of Macon county, this week has a strong editorial comment on the congressional race and under the caption: "Gudger or Cocke?" says that the democratic voters of the district "should think the question over and get the right man" and that "in our opinion William J. Cocke is that man." The Press editorially says:

Were we looking for the strongest and most popular democratic leaders in Western North Carolina we would immediately find two names standing high. These names are J. M. Gudger, jr., and William J. Cocke. Both men are from Asheville, both are advocates of the highest and purest party principles, and both stand high in the esteem of all who know them. Gudger and Cocke—two stronger democrats it would be hard to find.

But now it is not a question of Gudger and Cocke. It is Gudger or Cocke. Both of these men are making the fight for the democratic nominee for congress from the Tenth district.

Which shall it be, Gudger or Cocke?

Let us consider the merits of the two candidates for a moment. Mr. Gudger was congressman from the Tenth district two terms, and although he didn't "set the world afire" it is certain he did some good work for his district, and left an excellent record.

Mr. Cocke, on the other hand, is still comparatively a young man, and is making his first race. He has served his party well in different capacities, having been mayor of Asheville, state senator, North Carolina delegate to the national democratic convention, etc. He is a man of vigor, fire, enthusiasm and a big ambition, and possessing the ability to realize this ambition he is necessarily a very strong personality. It is this very fact that makes him a better man for congressman than Mr. Gudger. The latter has had the place before and in going back to Washington would resume his old position with the fire and vigor of his first victory practically burnt out. We could expect little in the way of positive legislation from him. Mr. Cocke, going into congress full of the fire and enthusiasm of his victorious realization of the ambition of a life, will make his power felt. A strong man come into his own, exerting his strength in the cause of his constituents—that will be William J. Cocke on the floor of the house.

In the point of ability Mr. Cocke is probably the superior of his opponent. His career has been more spectacular, and has shown more strength and individuality than has that of Mr. Gudger. As a speaker he certainly has the advantage of Mr. Gudger, being one of the strongest and most forceful talkers in Western North Carolina. And this district needs a man in congress who can talk.

The voters of Macon county

## APPALACHIAN RAILROAD STOCKHOLDERS MEET

The actual construction of the Appalachian Interurban Railroad will result, it is believed, from the meeting of the stockholders of the company held at the court house, Monday.

A majority of the stock was represented at the meeting. W. A. Smith presided and W. A. Garland was secretary. The stockholders appointed a committee, composed of P. F. Patton, W. A. Smith, W. A. Garland and J. Williams for the Henderson county stockholders, Clarence Sawyer and Archie Nichols, trustees for the Asheville stockholders, who were instructed to make a contract with the first parties submitting to them a bona fide proposition to build the road, when accompanied by satisfactory evidence of their ability and intention to build it.

The committee met and appointed Mr. W. A. Smith to consult with General Davidson, who represents Col. Jones' interests.

Mr. Smith left for Asheville on Tuesday night. It is believed some arrangement will be made by which the apparently conflicting interests will be harmonized and the new railroad built.

## At Flat Rock School

The work at the Flat Rock Graded School has been going steadily onward since September, under the following staff of teachers: Professor David H. Klein, principal, Miss Clara Pittillo and Miss Lala Brock. There has been a steady gain in the number of pupils enrolled and the past month has proved to be the banner month in the school's history, with an enrollment of 149, an increase of thirty per cent over last year.

Effort has been made to interest the children in the library which has recently been placed in the school. A large, handsome bookcase has been installed, and the demand for books is most encouraging. Certainly, if the love of reading once takes hold of a child, the battle for his education is half won.

Since many of the children have not the advantage of a musical environment, it is planned, little by little, to make them more familiar with the standard melodies. Thus far, "Home, Sweet Home" and "My Old Kentucky Home" have been learned.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees assurance was given that the Board would cooperate with the principal in the effort to acquire, gradually, the paraphernalia of a well equipped school. Some new wall maps will be the first acquisition.

## Medical Society Meeting

The Hendersonville Mercantile Company's advertisement on page five is certainly of interest to the ladies of this town and county.

will have an important part in the nomination of a candidate. They should think the question over and get the right man. In our opinion William J. Cocke is that man. A young man, a man of big brain and strong character, with purity of principle and steadfastness of purpose, a man who has the fire and ambition that is bound to bring him through a winner—that is William J. Cocke of Asheville, the man who is going to congress from the Tenth district next fall.

## THE ODD FELLOWS AND THE JACOBI MEMORIAL

The Jacobi Memorial Building at Goldsboro, erected entirely by the Odd Fellows of North Carolina at a cost of \$25,000, will be turned over to the building committee of that Order on December 15th.

This magnificent structure, erected to the memory of the late Nathaniel Jacobi, a one-time familiar figure in Hendersonville, is devoted to the use of girls exclusively, will take care of about one hundred children, and is the building that the Rebekah State Assembly pledged themselves to furnish the first year of their existence—a work which is now well under way, and which will be completed between now and May 1st, when the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. and the Rebekah Assembly meet in Goldsboro on that date next year.

Mrs. Harriet Reed Whitaker, the first president of the Rebekah Assembly, who was unanimously elected to that office in Charlotte last May, when the assembly was organized, has recently returned to her home in Hendersonville after a tour of the State, during which some 20 different lodges were visited.

To Mrs. Whitaker's untiring and devoted efforts may be attributed the success of the Rebekah Assembly in furnishing this building. Complete furniture has already been secured for eight dormitories, which leaves the dining room, the kitchen, music rooms, reception halls and the auditorium, with a seating capacity of 300, yet to be provided for, and these will be furnished by the time the Grand Lodge meets in Goldsboro next May.

The Rebekah Lodges of many towns of the State have already pledged themselves to furnish dormitories, as follows:

Winston-Salem, one 4-bed dormitory; High Point and Southern Pines, one 4-bed; Elizabeth City, one 4-bed; Mantoo, one 3-bed; Wilmington, one 4-bed; Salisbury, Spencer, Bessemer City and Grant Park, one 4-bed dormitory; Charlotte and other Western Lodges, one dormitory; Wanteska, No. 37 (Hendersonville) one 7-bed dormitory. Other lodges in the district will contribute different amounts of money towards furnishing the building.

Brass plates on the doors of the different rooms will indicate the name of the lodge furnishing the dormitories. In case a single bed is furnished, the plate will be attached to the bed. The Lodges will also keep the beds completely furnished, etc.

Many new lodges are now being instituted in the districts, while in the Western part of the State all branches of Odd Fellowship is flourishing mightily.

Wanteska Lodge of Hendersonville numbers 150 members—the largest and one of the most "working" lodges in North Carolina.

It is of interest to note that the work so beautifully put on by this lodge before the Grand Lodge when that distinguished body met here in 1908, made it possible for the assembly to be instituted in Charlotte last May.

Mrs. Whitaker, to whose executive ability and remarkable success as an organizer credit must be given for the flourishing condition of the Rebekah Assembly of the State, looks for a constantly increasing growth in all branches of Odd Fellowship—

## THE SUDDEN DEATH OF MARSHAL HAROWER FINLAY

Marshall Harower Finlay, so well known here, died at his late residence near town on Monday, November 29. Mr. Finlay had been an invalid for many years.

The funeral services were held by Dr. R. B. Grinnan, interment being in the old Goodwin graveyard at Lima, S. C., on Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

Marshall Harower Finlay was born, February 1, 1860, in Lanark county, near Glasgow, Scotland, and with his father came to America in 1871, shortly after his mother's death. After a short residence in Ohio, the family settled near Hendersonville. In 1881 Marshall removed to Greenville, S. C., where for 23 years he was a leading merchant of that city. On account of declining health he retired from business and for the past three years has been living on the old homestead near town.

His wife, R. A. L. Goodwin Finlay, the daughter of J. L. Goodwin, of Greenville, died four years ago. Surviving him are two sons, Layton Harower and John Marshall Finlay, two half brothers, Alexander and George, and Mrs. Jack Drake, a half sister.

Mr. Finlay was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, a member of Green Hill Lodge No. 75, K. P., and a most highly esteemed citizen. His utter devotion to his two boys was but one indication of a really fine character.

## Eight For Hosiery Company, Four For Insurance Co.

The suit of the Tryon Hosiery Company against some thirteen different insurance companies, which resulted in a mistrial last week, was incorrectly reported in the Hustler.

The article stated that "eight of the jurymen voted for the defendants, four for plaintiffs."

This was incorrect. Eight of the jurymen voted for the Tryon Hosiery Company and four for the insurance companies.

The case has attracted general attention on account of the large amount sued for, about \$22,000, and the interesting points of law involved.

## A Generous Offer

M. M. Shepherd offers a pair of genuine Hole Proof Sox with every pair of shoes bought at his store. This generous offer is good only for a limited time. The quality of the shoes sold by Mr. Shepherd is too well known to require comment.

which is so important a factor in the secret society life of the Old North State, and which has never undertaken a finer work in all its fine existence than when it undertook the building of this memorial to Nathaniel Jacobi—a man who loved children, and who founded the Odd Fellows home in Goldsboro 20 years ago. His eldest son, M. W. Jacobi, is chairman of the board of trustees of the home, and he, assisted by his brother, will furnish the parlor and reception hall in the home in the memorial building.

The home has three large buildings and infirmary and a beautiful home for the aged and indigent members of the order. The home and farm, owned and supported by the I. O. O. F. of the State, is valued at over \$100,000.

## THREE PEOPLE BITTEN BY HORSE, CAT, DOG

J. Edward Brown, manager of the telephone company, was severely bitten on the wrist by a dog, at the depot, last Thursday. The wound was cauterized and no ill effects are feared.

Norman Miller, who is connected with the firm of Miller and Wetmur, was bitten by a horse, Saturday, the animal inflicting an ugly wound on the left hand, which, while not dangerous is causing the young man considerable pain.

A ten-year old child, Bertha Clinging, of Green River section, was bitten on the cheek Monday, by a cat she was caressing. The child is not seriously injured.

## Mrs. U. G. Staton Ill.

Mrs. U. G. Staton is recovering from a series of operations performed Saturday, by Dr. Merriwether, assisted by Dr. J. L. Egerton, at Dr. Merriwether's private hospital in Asheville.

Mrs. Staton has been a patient sufferer for many years, and it will be gratifying to her many friends to learn that she is said to be recovering, altho' still in a very serious condition.

## \$25.00 Reward.

The undersigned will pay \$25 reward for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who, on the night of Nov. 25th, obstructed and partially destroyed the long bridge over Mud Creek, by removing banisters and tearing up the flooring.

J. P. ISRAEL.

## COMPANY IS FORMED

Just as we go to press we are informed that the necessary papers have been signed and that a stock company has been formed of the following well known business men who will start the factory reference to which is made elsewhere:

P. F. Patton, R. C. Clarke, J. H. Jordan, K. G. Morris, J. C. Morrow, W. A. Smith and G. H. Lambert. With the exception of Mr. Lambert, who is from Asheville, these are all local men.

Local Carpenters Union No. 1492, will hold their regular weekly meeting, Saturday night, in the Odd Fellows Hall. All members are urged to be present.

## From Dr. R. A. Child

"Enclosed please find check for \$1.00. Long live The Hustler, the newsiest weekly in America."

R. A. CHILD.

## Four-Pound Stalk Celery!

Judge H. G. Ewart, who has resumed the practice of law but who delights in the title of farmer, presented The Hustler office with a magnificent four-pound stalk of celery, grown on his place, which rivals in flavor the best product of Michigan.

Here would seem to be another "leak." Celery is in demand here with practically none grown in the county. It commands a good price, is easily raised and readily sold.