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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR

MAY HAVE 4,000 PEOPLE.

Complete Canvass Being Made by Citizens of City.

Unless the town of Hendersonville can show that 3,400 people get their mail in the city postoffice the town cannot have free delivery. A postoffice inspector is intown looking over the situation. The receipts are over \$3-00 more than is necessary to get the delivery, but the population is also taken in consideration and unless there is a change Hendersonville will be kept from having free delivery until she grows some.

Several of the public spirited citizens have volunteered their assistance in taking a census as to the exact number of patrons of the local postoffice and a canvass began Wednesday morning under the leadership of J. D. Waldrop. Blanks have been printed in the Hustler office for the work and a rapid, but close canvass will be made.

If there is a single person who has not been reached by one of the citizens have volunteered their assistance of the Retail Merchants Association or the Commercial club.

Not a man woman or child, both white and colored must be left off. The canvass is not to contradict the governments census but will embrace some of the census of 1910.

Watch the list go to 4,000 people.

SOCIAL CLUB.

Organized by Young Men of Hendersonville.

The young men social club is the name of Hendersonville's newest organization. A meeting of many of the young men of the town took place several nights ago and resulted in the organizing a club with handsomely fitted quarters over Glaziers store. It is the purpose of the club to aid in the entertainment of the young people who spent their time in Hendersonville during the summer months. Many beautiful dances have been planned for the coming year.

In the quarters there will be reading and writing rooms and eventually fixtures suited to a social club.

The officers elected at the last meeting are J. D. Waldrop, president; Willshire Griffith, vice president; Keith Justus, secretary, J. E. Brown, treasurer.

To Incorporate The Hendersonville Hospital Association.

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—A bill has been introduced in the house incorporating the Hendersonville Hospital Association, with the usual rights and privileges enjoyed by such corporations.

The association is incorporated by the following well known Hendersonville people.

Mrs. E. C. Wilson, J. H. Jordan, J. F. Brooks, C. S. Fullbright, F. S. Thomas, R. M. Ivans, E. W. Carter, J. R. Hill, S. Y. Bryson, E. C. Ingram, Miss Ella McClain, Miss Susan B. Farmer and Miss Annie L. Smith, has long been the dream of public spirited people of Hendersonville, and it is understood the big project is now ready for realization.

IMMORTAL, THEY SAY.

Long-Haired "Israelites" Who Arrived in the City are Also Vegetarians.

Two strangers were noticed on the streets of Hendersonville several days ago, having the appearance very much of preachers. They only stayed here a few hours, not telling many, their mission. The following narrative from a Spartanburg paper fits the description and will be read with interest to many who wondered who the men were:

"They arrived in Spartanburg yesterday two men with long hair and frock coats. They said that they were Marion Ellis and Francis Wort of Benton Harbor, Mich. and were Israelites of the House of David. They were endeavoring to hold a meeting here, at which to disclose the peculiar features of their creed. They said they were immortal and that the time had arrived when all could have everlasting life on earth if they refrained from sin.

Asked, why they were long haired, they said: "It is the Nazarine law, Leviticus 19:27 says, Thou shalt not round the corners of thy head, nor mar the corners of thy beard."

Literature which they distributed showed that the Israelites are vegetarians, quoting scripture in giving their reasons for abstaining from meat. There are about 700 Israelites at Benton in common. Among themselves they do not use Christian names. The heads of the sect are called Benjamin and Mary.

Jury List.

The following is the list of jurymen drawn for the next term of Superior Court which commences here the first Monday in March:

A. J. Henderson, Leander Allison, R. W. Fletcher, W. C. Lyda, S. M. Hudson, F. C. Justice, W. S. Wall, J. T. Benningfield, M. Y. Prtello, J. G. Cornwell, T. B. Allen, W. J. Souther, J. D. Davis, J. C. Lanning, H. M. Lance, J. R. Sales, G. S. Wall, Vance Rhodes, T. L. Holden, H. W. Allen, S. J. Whitaker, A. R. Corn, J. P. Whitaker, J. D. Johnson, J. B. Cairnes, J. H. Kitchen, J. R. Livert, H. E. Sifton, Jesse Huntley, J. E. Justus, M. S. Justus, T. C. Garrett, R. E. Ward, W. K. Carea, Alfred M. Capp, V. C. McCrary.

FAIR COMMITTEE MEET.

Plans Discussed and Arrangements Made—Good Prospects.

The Henderson county fair committee selected from the Retail Merchants Association and the Commercial club held a very interesting meeting last Monday night in city hall. Some important topics were brought up in reference to the fair to be held here next fall and the reports shown by the committee are very encouraging. There is to be another important meeting of this committee and many of the prominent citizens of the town next Monday night at 8 o'clock in the city hall.

The committee, with K. G. Morris chairman wants the co-operation of every interested citizen in this work of preliminaries and it is urged that many turn out at the meeting next Monday night.

A fair will be held on the streets of Hendersonville early next fall beyond a doubt and to make it a successful one every person should show some encouragement to the men who are working hard to perfect plans.

Road Law Amendment.

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 8.—Ewart's amendment to the road law was favorably reported in house. This gives the county commissioners the power to accept not more than \$3 nor less than \$2 in place of the present six days labor. If cash it not paid, then the six days labor clause remains operative.

He also introduced another dog tax bill to protect sheep.

Representative Wood of Transylvania would have a compulsory school attendance law. An unfavorable report on Ewart's bill authorizing the county board of education to change the local and special school tax boundaries. A bill was introduced for \$500,000 bond issue. The western Training school bill gets a favorable committee report.

T. R. B.

Doctors Entertained.

Dr and Mrs. W. R. Kirk delightfully entertained the medical society of Henderson and Polk counties last Tuesday evening in their handsome residence in the city. During the evening Dr. Kirk read a paper on the "re-lapsing nature of tuberculosis." This interesting talk was discussed by several of the physicians present, including Doctors, Williams, Drafts, Morse and Russell.

A light luncheon was served in the beautiful dining room. Those present were, Doctors, Brown, Cranford, Dixon, Drafts, Hood, Hooper, Morse, Williams, Russell and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ivans.

Another Attraction Added.

The Charlotte Observer thinks that by raising peanuts here it will cause the southern tourist to linger longer among the beautiful mountains. This is what it says:

"A correspondent of The Hendersonville Hustler suggests the feasibility of raising peanuts in that already favored section. If the luscious goobers are added to its products, Henderson county would probably be overrun by the larger and more discriminating portion of the population of South Carolina the year round instead of during a few months only, as at present.

Let 'em come we are going to raise everything here.

GREENSBORO ADOPTS CHARTER.

Overwhelming Vote Decides on Commission Form of Government.

Greensboro, Feb. 8.—By a vote of 692 to 353 Greensboro today adopted the proposed new charter giving to Greensboro a commission form of government. The new charter will go into effect the first week in May.

BRITT NOMINATION IN

Sixty Days in Getting From White House to Senate.

Washington, Feb. 8.—James J. Britt of Asheville was today nominated by President Taft to be Third Assistant Postmaster General. Britt was appointed to this position about December 1, and there is an interesting story as to why his nomination was more than sixty days in going from the White House to the Senate.

MILLS MUST DIE FRIDAY.

Governor Declines to Commute Sentence of Transylvania Negro.

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Governor Kitchin declines to commute the sentence of Phillips Mills, the Transylvania county negro to pay the death penalty in the electric chair in the penitentiary Friday morning of this week for the murder of his wife. Mills crushed his wife's skull by hitting her over the head with his gun after running after her for some distance.

Show Friday Night.

The Kate Fuller Entertainment company will be shown here next Tuesday night at the court house as the third number of the local Lyceum course.

The past two numbers have been well patronized by the people of Hendersonville. They have been good shows. The entertainment for Tuesday promises to even surpass those of the past and many of Hendersonville pleasure-goers will journey to the court house and enjoy the play given for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian club. There are three people in the group. Tickets on sale at Hunters Pharmacy.

EWART'S GAME LAW.

Passed in House—Sportsmen May Continue.

Ewart's game law for Henderson has been ratified. Sportsmen, however, will question the wisdom of that provision in the bill which confines the killing to January and February, not for the limited time but for the months selected.

Although the Stubbs constitutional convention bill is dead, Ewart has one calling for a joint committee of the house and senate to report a measure submitting "needed amendments to the Constitution."

His anti-trust bill is scheduled for one of the four night sessions to be held this week.

The gentleman from Henderson is fighting every inch of the way that measure of Livingston's of Polk giving to Polk all of the town of Saluda. Livingston's bill, to the surprise of all concerned, almost, was reported favorably to the committee, and when it came up for its second reading in the house, Saturday the debate was exciting. Ewart, as a last resource, finally secured the adjournment of the house until Monday, without a vote being taken. If the bill passes the house Senator Fisher will not defeat it in the upper house. While Polk may finally succeed in taking a part of Henderson county, it will be only after a bitter fight. Ewart's attempt to have the bill referred to another committee, after the unfavorable report of the committee on counties cities and towns, was voted down by the house very decidedly.

Other measures of general interest are providing free diphtheria anti-fax, a primary law for both parties, and repealing that section of the statutes making railroad employees criminally liable when they break the law governing the number of hours they may work at a stretch.

The creation of the proposed new counties is still a matter of greatest interest in both branches of the general assembly. Piedmont, Hoke, Avery and now Ransome are their names, and if any one pulls through it will be Avery, although Piedmont has been reported favorably by the committee. The amount of energy being spent by those advocating and opposing these measures is really surprising and developments at times no little bitterness. Avery and Piedmont's fate will be decided this week.

The Baggett bill providing that mileage be pulled on train, is still in the committee's hands. The measure is stringly opposed by the railroads who had many learned lawyers talk to the committee telling them why the bill should not become a law.

The lobbies of the legislature have been filled during the past few days with full-blooded Crookes and members of a peculiar tribe living in Roberson county called "Crookans." The Crookans want to be known as Crookes and would have the legislature change their name accordingly. The Crookes oppose the measure and hint at negro blood in the Crookans, which they, on their part most strenuously deny. There were some remarkably fine looking men amongst the Crookes—all of them dignified and of fine physique. The committee has not yet reported on the bill.

The Devin divorce bill, an important measure, has passed the house. It provides that one act of unfaithfulness in the part of a husband shall be sufficient cause for granting the wife absolute divorce.

Carr of Durham would amend the banking laws of the state, of which important measure more and more men will be heard. Fethel of Rowan would require the railroads to protect all grade crossings, and Turlington of Iredell, has introduced the State Retail Merchants' Association bill knocking out the homestead exemption.

The first appropriation of the session reported the appropriation committee was an emergency thousand dollar for the training school at Boone.

The calendar was cleared of bills, Saturday. The number of local measures introduced is decreasing daily, the one sure sign that the big statewide measures are about ready to be discussed. There is no word yet about a bond issue although most of the members believe that bonds are on the program. But it is clearly the sentiment of the house as indicated two or three times during the week past, that no bonds except for permanent improvements must be issued.

The session is now a little more than half gone, and the members are buckling down to their work.

Night sessions are frequent, and it is at the night sessions that important measures are discussed. Discussion is unlimited now—but it won't be long. The members are staying on their job exceptionally well, it is said. Not many leaves of absence are granted, and the long hearings given by the important committees to those interested in proposed new laws, the morning session and the night session keeps them all busy.

The legislature will adjourn on March 6, it is said—which is still a long way off.

Saluda May Vote

It is possible the question of Saluda remaining divided, or becoming entirely a part of Polk or Henderson, may be submitted to a vote of the town's citizens.

T. R. B.

HENDERSON'S DOG TAX.

Representative Gets What He Asks For in a Joke.

Staff Correspondence.

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—"Dogs, bachelors and justices of the peace"—in Henderson county—are now subject to a special tax of one dollar per annum. The general assembly of North Carolina, believing what they want, has passed Judge Ewart's remarkable bill, first amending it to apply only to Henderson county.

A proposed amendment to the measure, appointing the honorable gentleman from Henderson a justice of the peace, was voted down, it being drawn to the attention of the house that a man may not, under the law, hold two offices. Speaker Dowd, with a twinkle in his left eye, suggested that the honorable gentleman from Henderson might resign from the legislature, but the aforementioned member from Henderson failed to welcome the kindly-meant suggestion with any great and over-whelming degree of enthusiasm. Maybe he felt enthusiastic but a close scrutiny of his handsome countenance failed to reveal any trace of it there.

In the interesting discussion of the bill which preceded its passage, Representative Ewart made the statement that there was but little difference between dogs and bachelors. Getting off the track a little bit he began to tell of the number of justices of the peace in Henderson, but Turlington of Iredell gently and firmly drew him back. The roar of "ayes" which finally shattered the windows in the historic building. So Judge Ewart's "dogs, bachelors and justices of the peace" bill is a law—without a doubt one of the freest pieces of legislation ever enacted. But the Judge ought to be satisfied—for the general assembly has given him only what he asked. As to the "dogs, bachelors and justices of the peace," why, that's an entirely different story.

The Judge's game law for Henderson has passed its third reading in the house and will become a law. Its provisions, including the appointment by the county commissioners, has been told of in these columns. His bills to increase the sheriff's and register of deeds salaries, his second amendment to the road law, and the Hendersonville school measures have all passed the committee and bid fair to get on the statute books.

Senator Fisher of Polk has introduced two measures of interest to the Green River section. One provides for the appointing of a magistrate with police powers, and the other changes certain special school tax district lines there. Mr. J. O. Bell of the Green River Manufacturing Company is interested in both measures.

Representative Ewart's bill entitled "An Act to Make Effective the Prohibition Laws of the State" would most certainly make the law effective if its utterly impossible provisions could be carried into effect.

The measure prohibits the sale of Peruna, Coco-Cola or "other dope mixtures," or any compound containing two per cent alcohol, cocaine or caffeine. It knocks out the clubs, stops newspapers from publishing liquor and would make Station Agent Bailey publish in a newspaper the names of those receiving consignments of wet goods.

That would make mighty interesting reading for Hustler readers, it is true, but say, girls, wouldn't you honestly hate to be in Captain Bailey's shoes after he had published the aforesaid list? My, my, the results for the Captain would be too dreadful—for the Captain—to contemplate.

Then the Judge's in his little bill, would have the doctors keep duplicates of their prescriptions, and before allowing them to write a prescription the suffering one must actually make a sworn statement that he, or she, is ill, and needs the goods.

Well, not satisfied with all this, Judge Ewart wants the druggists to make a sworn statement, and turn it over to the collector of the amount of liquor sold by them and the names of their customers. Any mayor of a town may be removed for failure to enforce the provisions of the law; all that is necessary to start the prosecution by the attorney-general of the state being the sworn statement of twenty-five men that they believe, etc., etc.

Oh, it's great—this bill—guaranteed to cure all the ills of the law—if it were only possible to enforce its provisions.

There isn't going to be any constitutional convention held—the question isn't even going to be submitted to the people. The measure was overwhelmingly defeated at the recent night session, after some rather heated talks.

The fight being made for Piedmont County, with High Point as its county seat, brought about a million people to the capitol when the question was before the committee. Possibly a million is a slight exaggeration, but the hall of representatives looked like it. The hearing lasted all day, most, from 2:30 to after eleven at night. Ex-governor Aycock made the closing argument for the new county, and it was a fine speech of course. But there is an impression floating around that Greensboro will still remain the one county seat of Guilford and that High Point's ambition will not be satisfied.

There's a fight on for the establishment of two other new counties, also—Hoke and Avery. Hoke may get through, but that's about all.

The Western Training school is still

THE BACHELORS KICK.

Senate is Urged Not to Pass Ewart's Bill

The news of the bill being introduced before the Legislature by Judge H. G. Ewart in reference towards taxing bachelors in Henderson county, for being such, did not rest well with the young men. A movement was quickly started, resulting in a petition signed by many of the prominent business men of the town who happen at this particular time to be leading a singular life and fearing that they may continue such for an indefinite period have sent petitions to Senator Gardner urging that the word "bachelor" might be stricken out of the proposed law.

The affair has created a wide spread interest and the men whose names are below thought it high time to act to prevent such unbecoming measures.

To The General Assembly of North Carolina.

We, the undersigned bachelors of Hendersonville and Henderson County, having heard that the bill introduced by Representative Ewart of this county, to tax dogs, bachelors and justices of the peace, is about to be enacted into law, respectfully petition your honorable body to amend said bill by striking out the word "bachelors" where the same appears therein. We ask for this amendment for the reason that the bachelors here are not altogether responsible for the seemingly alarming increase in their number. The married men of this vicinity have utterly failed to prove by anything approaching competent evidence or by actual demonstration, that a married man hereabouts can earn a living for himself and family. Upon the other hand it is clearly proved that the married men in this neck of the woods are absolutely unable to earn a living for themselves and families, and their wives are compelled to keep boarders, do sewing and take in washing in order to support themselves and families, and keep their husbands clothed, and sufficiently fed, to keep them from falling victims to the hook worm disease with which many of them are evidently afflicted. Trusting that, for the reasons stated, you will grant this, our petition and make the amendment asked for.

Yours respectfully,
B. P. Buckmeyer, W. C. Rector, E. F. Staton, Claude M. Pace, Winahere Griffith, F. A. Esteban, C. M. Glaszner, A. C. Glaszner, W. P. Fotts, J. A. J. A. Bruckmeyer, J. W. McIntyre, W. C. Duffy, J. D. Waldrop, E. M. Jones, H. D. Morris, Gordon F. Garlington, J. E. Brown, D. J. Schell, P. F. Patton, M. M. Shepherd, J. L. Pace, W. G. Gullick, J. L. Collins, J. W. McClain, G. A. Woodfin G. H. Walker.

Four Patents Granted to North Carolinians This Week.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week, to citizens of North Carolina, of the following patents:

J. M. Allen, Hendersonville, cultivator.
J. L. Masters, Durham, shelving axle.
J. L. Masters, Durham, shelving ladder.
E. R. Walters, Reidsville, folding ladder.

In the committee room. Nothing has appeared to the million dollar administration building bill, which, however, seems to be gaining somewhat in popularity. The insurance investigation is held up, but there will undoubtedly become legislation as to the judicial affairs of the State. The idea seems to be in some minds that the judges might do a little more work, expedite lawing, and save money to the people. Had a constitutional convention been held, this would have been one of the most important matters to receive its attention, and it is whispered the changes would have been almost startling.

Near-beer has got to go. The Kent bill was a special order of business last Wednesday night. The galleries were packed and jammed with women. There has been an avalanche of petitions asking for the prohibition of the slot and the near-beer joints have seen their best days in North Carolina. The Kent bill is an effective and sweeping measure, built to do the work it has cut out for it. There have been big crowds in the galleries and lobbies at many times during this session, but the discussion of this measure brought the biggest of them all.

No bill taxing dogs and protecting the sheep industry has yet gotten through. Sheriffs may if the bill now before the house becomes a law, go into adjoining counties for the purpose of breaking up unlawful distilleries. The looked-for local option bill has been introduced and will be killed when the proper time comes. The proposed law prohibiting the use of automatic rifles or shot guns has been reported unfavorably.

Messrs. A. F. P. King, K. G. Morris, J. Williams, U. G. Staton, S. J. Justice, T. W. Valentine, J. F. Brooks, C. E. Brooks, are named as trustees who are to have charge of the school interests of Hendersonville. A tax levy of twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars' worth of property and seventy-five cents on the poll is authorized as is permission to vote on \$15,000 school bonds for purpose of erecting a new building.

Sheriff A. L. Hill and Contractor W. J. Gaines, with Tom Patton and Will Brees, all of Transylvania were here during the week.

SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS.

For Hendersonville Signs of Civic Growth.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—"When a town starts spending money for schools and hospitals," said one of the best known members of the legislature yesterday, "you want to keep your eye on that town, for it is a comer, sure."

"I see that Hendersonville has two bills before the house—one for a bond issue for the graded school, the other to incorporate the Hendersonville Hospital Association. Both, I repeat, the the best possible signs of civic growth."

"I know Hendersonville and its people. I know how they do things up there and am naturally highly pleased to learn of the solid character of the town's growth, as, for instance, is indicated by these two bills."

"Hendersonville population increase of about fifty per cent—shown by the last census, is quite remarkable, and I predict the next census will show a gain of two hundred per cent. Really, though, I thought the town had at least four thousand. If the actual number falls a thousand short of that figure the people you have more than make up in public spirit and energy the mere numerical shortage. The character of the business blocks, the banks and the general impression made upon a stranger would certainly justify him in believing he was within a modern, fast-growing town of at least four thousand inhabitants."

House of Representatives to Be Made Smaller.

When the sixty first congress adjourns at noon, March 4 workmen will take charge of the hall of the house of representatives and by the time the members assemble by the opening of the sixty-second congress, on the first Monday in December, a complete transformation of the big hall will have been effected. For years members of the house have protested against the effort required of them to make themselves heard in their big place of assembly, says the February number of Popular Mechanics Magazine.

In addition to bad acoustic properties, the house has always been poorly ventilated. All these difficulties are to be overcome in the new arrangement, it is promised, which provides for a considerable reduction in size and the doing away with the desks for individual members, substituting a form of bench instead. A wide rail or shelf in front of each bench will give the members a place to rest books and papers while speaking. Though the new house will be only a little larger than the senate chamber, which accommodates 92 members, it will have seats for more than four hundred members.

Near-Beer Goes; What Comes Next.

The debate in the house which sealed the fate of near-beer joints—"Gateways to Hell" a placard in the Greensboro depot characterizes them—was one of the most exciting and interesting, it is said, of many sessions past.

The lobbies and the gallery were crowded with women, and such men as President Vann of Meredith College were seated where the legislators could see them to the best advantage. At times there were half a dozen members of the house on the floor at once, and the poor pages were worn to a frazzle trotting from the members' desks to the speaker's chair with proposed amendments to the Kent bill—finally adopted.

The debates on these amendments reminded you of an August day in some other town than Hendersonville. Some of the honorable gentlemen unloosed themselves with a charming frankness and didn't seem to care much if the other fellow got mad or not. No, sir! They had something to say and they intended to say it—which they did. Ewart of Hendersonville was prominent in the discussion. Speaker Dowd came down on the floor and helped. It was a clashing of rapiers sure and the parliamentary points made in quick succession were absolutely too fine to be followed except by those who understood the game pretty thoroughly. The bitterest fight was over changing one word "and to" to "or." The change was finally made, however, and there are some folks here who say the substitution alters the sense and effect of the entire bill.

BILL NYE DAY.

Program in All Schools of Henderson County to be Used February 22nd.

Bill Nye day, February 22, it to be long remembered in the schools of Henderson county as well as all over the state. Elaborate exercises have been prepared and the teachers are urged upon by county superintendent W. S. Shilles of the importance of the occasion both as the birth day of George Washington and the fact that on this date there will be a special contribution taken up over the state for the Bill Nye Memorial Building which will be a handsome structure as the central or main building of the Stonewall Jackson Training school. A call has been made by the state Superintendent of Education J. Y. Joyner that every pupil and every teacher make some contribution, no matter how small for this act of honor to the memory of North Carolina's great humorist, who spent the last part of his life in the mountains of Western North Carolina and Henderson county.