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BOOSTERS' BANQUET.

Prominent Citizens Gather to Discuss Future Betterment of Western North Carolina.

It was a grand occasion last Monday night in the ball room of the famous Battery Park Hotel in Asheville when the delegation of representative body of business men of Western North Carolina gathered together at a banquet to discuss the welfare and future of this particular part of the state.

Eloquence predominated and many of the State's best speakers were in readiness for the occasion. Geo. S. Powell a prominent citizen of Asheville was toastmaster and he presided well. President Finley was the first called upon for a speech after one of the most elaborate banquets of the season had been served the several hundred guests.

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President Finley of the Southern railway was then called upon and he said in part:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:
"We have gathered here this evening to consider methods for the greater development of Western North Carolina.

"The enterprising people of this region have already made splendid progress in this direction. Our task, therefore, is not to inaugurate a new movement but to formulate plans for carrying on most effectively one that is already going forward with increasing momentum and to give it our united support by some organized effort representing the people of this section.

"Others will doubtless address you this evening who have more intimate knowledge of local conditions and who will be better able to suggest definite and practical plans for perfecting an organization for united work and for carrying on a campaign for diversified development. I shall devote myself largely to some general suggestions.

Boosts Fair.

"I believe that the public-spirited men of this region, who have organized the Western North Carolina fair which is to be opened in this city tomorrow, have adopted one of the most effective methods of promoting the advancement of this region. Such a fair serves a two-fold purpose. It educates your own people and it makes known to visitors from other parts of the United States the manifold resources and opportunities of this region. Many of your visitors from other localities, perhaps, have thought of Western North Carolina, in the past, only as the splendid resort and residence locality which it is. Your fair will teach them that while this is one of the most delightful regions on earth for human habitation, it is, at the same time, one of the best agricultural regions in the United States and can offer unsurpassed advantages for a wide diversity of manufacturing industries.

Development Work.

"It is my opinion that development work in Western North Carolina will be most successful if carried out along the two lines of the education of your own people as to the best methods of utilizing their opportunities, and the enlightenment of others as to the variety and abundance of these opportunities.

"You have ample room and ample opportunities for a much larger population and for large investments of capital than can be made by your own people, and we are chiefly interested this evening in how best to organize and carry on the work of attracting desirable immigrants and additional capital. The solution, in a single word is 'publicity.' We must let the world know what we have to offer.

"I have referred to your fair as a means of accomplishing this object, but its effectiveness is necessarily limited to the number of people from other regions, who can be attracted to it. Your principal reliance for publicity at this time must be upon printer's ink. This can be used in many ways. The beautiful scenery of Western North Carolina affords ample material for the preparation of attractive pamphlets and folders, but I would suggest that, in publications of this kind that may be issued, the illustrations should not be confined exclusively to views of mountain, stream, and forest, but should include reproductions of photographs showing some of your splendid fields of corn and other crops, and some of your best live stock, and others illustrating industrial opportunities. Newspapers and magazine advertisements can be used effectively if the advertisements are attractively written and are judiciously placed in the publications read by the largest numbers of those classes whom it is desired to reach.

Advertise Opportunities.

"I believe that the desirability of advertising the agricultural opportunities of Western North Carolina in farm papers may well be given careful consideration.

"I feel sure that the public-spirited editors of North Carolina, particularly those in the Western part of the state, need no urging to continue the good work they have done in the past by the publication of news articles and editorials proclaiming the advantages of this region. If, in any case, the circulation of a newspaper may be largely local, some copies of every issue go into other localities, and, especially during the tourist season, large numbers are read by people who, already impressed by the natural beauty and delightful climate of Western North Carolina are in a frame of mind peculiarly receptive to such suggestions.

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THE H. G. HIGHWAY.

Superintendent Justice Ready to Meet Committee at Top of State Line.

County Supervisor of Roads, George W. Justice has about arranged the final preliminaries in the Greenville-Hendersonville highway. He is now awaiting the arrival of a state engineer who will accompany him to the state line and make the final grade line for the highway crossing the mountains into this county from Greenville.

What the Greenville Piedmont has to say about the road will be read with interest by the people of this section. Mr. Justice will be seen has been working with the authorities in that county for some time. They are willing to co-operate in every manner and when the appointed time arrives will share liberally in the subscription list of permanent improvements in the road which will mean so much for Henderson county.

That an engineer furnished by the state of North Carolina will meet Mr. W. D. Neves, engineer for the Greenville-Hendersonville Highway Association, at the state line the first of next week for the purpose of selecting the route of the Greenville-Hendersonville Highway over the mountains, is the gist of a letter which has been received by the president of the Highway Association.

Supervisor George Justice of Henderson county writes that State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt of North Carolina will furnish the engineer to represent their interests. It was stated yesterday by officers of the Highway Association that arrangements had been made to send Mr. W. D. Neves to the state line to represent Greenville's interests.

At a conference to be held by the two engineers the route of the road over the mountain will be agreed upon, and until then nothing can be done. Mr. Neves has already selected three possible routes of easy grade over the mountain. The best one of these three routes is known as the Graveyard Gap, which is eighty six feet lower than the present road through the mountains. It is probable that the North Carolina engineer will agree on this route, as it has been found to be the lowest possible grade across the ridge.

Immediately after the selection of the route over the mountains the officer of the Highway Association will appoint a committee of ten prominent citizens who will hold a conference with the Greenville Legislative delegation and ask them, to pledge the necessary funds for the completion of the road. It is thought that all the members of the delegation will heartily approve of the road over the mountains and will pledge their support.

In this letter to the Greenville representative of the Highway Association, Superintendent Justice also stated that he was now at work on the North Carolina end of the road. He said that he carried his chain gang to the state line on the last Thursday in September and since that time has worked two miles of the road toward Hendersonville. This road is now in good condition and it will be kept so by the Henderson county officials.

The announcement that the route over the mountains will be selected immediately will be received with pleasure by all interested in the road, for it means that work for the completion of the road will start soon.

Interest in the road will doubtless be stimulated by the endorsement which the Board of Trade gave the road at its annual meeting last night ago.

In his report to the Board, chairman W. J. Thackston of the Committee on roads said in part:

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NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Work Rapidly Being Pushed to Completion—Plumbing to Begin Soon—Grounds Beautified.

The most important structure now being built in Hendersonville is the new graded school building which is being constructed by J. H. Jordan contractor, on 4th avenue on the old academy lot.

The new building will be a modern school structure in every manner. The foundation has been laid of stone and the wall are rapidly rising until a person can soon see a general outline as to how the building will look when completed.

The contractor has had ideal weather for the past few weeks and work has progressed even better than was calculated at first. Many bricklayers have been busy placing brick on the foundation and on several sides the walls have reached a height of over twenty feet. The first layer of flooring will be placed in a few days on the first floor and then the framing can begin.

J. W. McIntyre the well known plumber has the control for all the plumbing including a modern steam heating apparatus to go into all the rooms of the building. Mr. McIntyre has already started some of the preliminary work and will push his part of the construction as fast as the building goes up.

A portion of the equipment of the \$25,000 school building for this city has been ordered and the rest will be ordered in time to be delivered and installed when the building permits.

No delay will be allowed in letting the building be furnished and occupied when the contractor turns over his job complete. The furnishings will be all modern in many respects more so than other schools in this part of the state.

The children will be provided with comfortable seats and desks. The rooms of the new school, fourteen in all, have been so designed by the architect, H. C. Meyer, that there is all the ventilation possible in keeping health among the children and teachers.

The stair cases have been so arranged as to allow the children exhibit in plenty of time in case of fire or necessary vacation.

There will be ample play grounds in the rear and on the sides of the new building. The front lawn will be beautified by the orders of the board of trustees and with concrete steps leading to the front entrance of the building one of the handsomest structures in the city. It is thought that school will be complete and ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

Some extensive improvements are being made out at Dr. Motpe's Sanitarium. A three story colonial piazza has been constructed with private sleeping-out booths for about twenty patients. These booths have been furnished with bed extension electric lights and bells making the apartments one of the most modern of its kind in this section of the country.

Dr. Morse is gaining quite a reputation with his sanitarium and with the class of patients treated at this sanitarium the city is receiving financial benefits every day.

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Should Not Be Dropped.

The Henderson county Superior court has been in session for a whole week and, according to reliable reports, nothing has yet been done in the way of bringing the slayers of Myrtle Hawkins to justice. The Citizen is informed that the matter has not been brought to the attention of the grand jury, nor is it likely to be at this term. One of the best known lawyers in the state who has read the evidence is said to have declared that there was enough of it to justify the return of an indictment against some party or parties.

The fact that the public has apparently lost interest in one of the most atrocious crimes in the history of the state is not sufficient ground for the dropping of it by officials whose duty it is to run crime and criminals to earth. The whole country was stirred by a tragedy which will remain as a blot on Henderson county's fair name until it is removed. If it is necessary, the state should aid the county authorities by employing special counsel or workers. Whatever is done, no stone should be left unturned to bring about the punishment of the guilty parties.

It is an established fact that Miss Myrtle Hawkins did not commit suicide; it has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that she died at the hands of criminal operators. In the Citizen's opinion some of the evidence adduced at the various inquests would have borne closer sifting, for there were several contradictory statements. The Citizen is not clamoring for the punishment of the innocent but it does believe that further efforts should be made to punish the guilty. Too many cases in the history of our state have been allowed to go by default because of a lack of energy and interest, and the case of Myrtle Hawkins should not be added thereto.—Asheville Citizen.

Although the grand jury is still in session here, there is no talk of the Myrtle Hawkins murder mystery coming up before it at this term. It is thought that there are no new developments found in the case which would justify a more detailed investigation than was given at the last coroner's inquest. The local people are very much interested in bringing to justice the murderer or murderers and many are of the opinion that something will turn up before a great while which will lend light to the ghastly deed. Solicitor A. Hall Johnson assisting in court here now is anxious that something will turn up to place the case before the grand jury at this term of Superior court.

SECOND WEEK OF COURT.

Judge Long Allows No Lagging the Crowded Docket of Criminal Cases.

The second week of the criminal term of superior court here found the much congested criminal docket many cases less and there is no delay in decreasing the many minor cases set for trial in this county. Judge Long believes in dealing punishment where it belongs and a guilty party receives his just punishment in this term of court with no hesitancy on the part of the judge.

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A great number of liquor selling cases have been cleared from the docket.

A marriage of importance in this county will be performed this evening at Fruitland. Miss Lenora Whitaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitaker, of Fruitland, will become the bride of Dr. C. C. Pearce of Christiansburg, Va. Quite a number of friends and relatives will journey out and participate in the affair this evening.

Miss Whitaker's sister and Miss Sadie Smathers of this city are members of the bridal party.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA FAIR.

Opened in Grand Style—Judge Gudger Spoke—Entries Large—Crowds Have Arrived From all Parts of the State.

The Gates of the first annual Western North Carolina fair held in Asheville were opened last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock before one of the largest crowds ever gathered in that city.

Advertised and heralded for the past months this fair promises to be the largest of its kind ever held in Asheville or the section of the state and the success of this fair largely depends the future of the Western North Carolina fairs.

People from the entire Western North Carolina are arriving daily in Asheville and witnessing the hundreds of exhibits and daily occurrences planned to make the grand event a success.

The management has left nothing undone in making the fair one of interest and pleasure. There are exhibits from every part of the country around Asheville. Representatives from every county in the western part of the state can be found attending to their respective exhibits.

The parade Wednesday afternoon was one of splendor and gait. Many were the floats and grand array of advertisements showing the true spirit of the local merchants in the organizing of the Western North Carolina Fair Association. Chief Justice Gudger made the opening address for the Fair Association. The merchants closed their store for the occasion and thousands heard the words of eloquence from the distinguished speaker.

The entries for the fair were closed last Saturday and hundreds of farmers of Western North Carolina are numbered among those who have various exhibits in the fair.

Entries of Stock.

The interest taken in the hog department, which has been under the supervision of Hon. William J. Cooke, has been keen and judging from the entries made it is believed that the best collection of swine ever seen in this part of the state will be exhibited.

George S. Arthur, who is director of the field and garden department, will have a great display from Western North Carolina, including nearly every product that can be grown in the soil of this section. Handsome cash premiums are offered in this as well as in nearly all other lines, and the whole department is naturally appealing to the farmers, who have some splendid exhibits.

There are about forty horses entered under the direction of James G. Stikeleather. There are some of the finest blood to be found in the mountains on the fair grounds.

M. F. Hoffman, director of the cattle department, has worked up a large number of entries of breeds of various kinds and the collection of cattle is interesting to the people as there are members of the bovine family of all ages, sizes and shapes, there being one exhibit that will have five legs, it is said. There are several sheep entered, but the competition in this line will not be as keen as in other departments.

S. P. Mears, director of the poultry department, has on exhibition about 350 birds. There is among the collection two wild turkeys lately caught. In all there are about ten turkeys and forty or fifty ducks and chickens of all kinds entered by several poultry fanciers. The classes of poultry are varied and the exhibits are interesting, especially for this season of the year.

Fruit Department.

The fruit department under the direction of Charles W. Mason, is extremely interesting in view of the fact that some of the finest apples grown in the country can be grown in Western North Carolina. Shipments of fruit were received several days ago and placed in cold storage.

J. M. English has charge of native woods and the timber products of the mountains will be displayed to great advantage.

There have been several entries in the mineral department under the direction of F. R. Hewitt. A number of native gems and minerals will be displayed as well as a number of old relics.

The school children throughout the western part of the state have made a number of exhibits consisting of maps and drawings.

Great competition has marked the woman's department of which Mrs. S. E. Dilworth has charge. There is a large and fancy display of finery that includes almost anything to which the ladies can turn their hand and demonstrate their talents. The first building has been turned over to this department. In view of the fact that the mineral department is also in this house, it is locked at night and locked after and the embroidered work is a most interesting display, as great interest has been taken in this department by a large number of ladies.

There is also a beautiful display of fine arts and handwork as a number of the industries manufacturing these articles have large displays.

Rutherford P. Hayes, who has charge of the farm implements has a most interesting display.

The sheltering space for the fair is the best of any fair ever held in the State. It is said, in view of the fact that the Asheville Electric company turned over its buildings for the occasion. The bowling alley building is used for the pantry department and long lines of tables have been constructed for this purpose. The skating rink has been covered with long rows

MARRIED WITHOUT DIVORCE.

Young Man Lured by Charms of Married Woman Get Himself in Trouble. Left for Paris Unknown.

Finding that his bride of only a few days was not a divorced woman and that she had deceived him into marrying her, young E. C. Howard, a prescription clerk in a local drug store here was placed in a very peculiar predicament when the first husband, W. V. Henry, of Jacksonville, arrived in Hendersonville in search of his wandering wife.

A bit of romance is attached to the affair in spite of the evil wrought and the young man is not so much to blame as it looks. Several months ago about the first of the summer season here, Mrs. Annie L. Henry as she called herself, came to this city for a visit. Young Howard, who is said to be from a well to do family in the Eastern part of this state, met Mrs. Henry and a close friendship resulted. Later in the summer Mrs. Henry, admitting she was married at that time, stated to young Howard that she would return to Jacksonville and seek a divorce from her husband, W. V. Henry of that city.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Henry returned to this city and informed her youthful lover that all was well, that she had succeeded in getting a divorce and that their future happiness would be shadowed no longer. Young Howard proceeded to get out license papers and summoned a local magistrate who before several prominent local witnesses performed the ceremony.

All went well until last Sunday morning W. V. Henry, the first husband arrived in the city and registered at the same local hotel in which his wife and her new husband were boarding. Mr. Henry at first would not believe that his wife had married another, but when shown the papers he was convinced. Realizing that his wife had changed her love for another Henry decided that with the exchange of all the valuables each had given the other, he would not push the matter but leave his wife in the hands of one who was at first deceived but now willing so take the consequences in the blunder he had made.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard left the city last Monday for Paris unknown and Mr. Henry returned to Jacksonville.

Mr. W. Partten who has been spending a few weeks in the city, left this week for his home at Sumterville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford leave in a few days for New York, where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

Harry Waldrop has been spending ten days with his family on Broad St.

Mr. J. R. Willson has added to his already complete line of building materials, the famous "Alpha Portland Cement." This is the brand of cement used in the great Galveston Sea wall. Also, this brand of cement was used in the construction of the great Pennsylvania R. R. Terminal in New York.

The U. D. C. will meet at Mrs. Liba Barnwell this afternoon.

A suit for the recovery of \$6,000.00 damages was filed in the United States Court at Jacksonville, Fla., last week against the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company.

of tables which will be used for the horticultural, agricultural, floral and hardwood departments. The car sheds have been converted into good stalls for horses and cattle and a great many pens have been made for hogs. The stock will all be sheltered as well as the other exhibits of the fair. The attractions will be located mostly on the ball grounds. One shed has been erected thereon for stock.

Amusement Features.

One of the most spectacular features of the fair will be the daring slide made by Daredevil "Happy Jack" Taylor, who, while enveloped in fire, will slide each night on a slender wire across the French Broad river into the fair grounds, a distance of about 1,000 feet.

There will be a gorgeous display of fireworks each night, a band concert, balloon ascension and the thrilling and exciting game of lacrosse played by the Indians from the Cherokee reservation.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Topperwein will give an interesting exhibition with their Winchester rifles. In the most remarkable exhibition of rifle shooting ever given, Mr. Topperwein host for ten days at 72,500 two and one-quarter inch wooden blocks thrown into the air by an assistant, missing only nine of the entire lot and only four out of the first 50,000. At the Pacific coast handicap, held at Seattle in 1910, Mrs. Topperwein won high average over a large field of the best shots of the Pacific coast and Canada. They have made good scores in some of the great shooting contests in this country.

The educated horse and the moose arrived Monday and will give some interesting demonstrations.

Reduced Fare. Reduced railroad rates have been made from all parts of western North Carolina and tickets will be sold from the 6th to the 13th inclusive, good returning till October 16.

From the interest that has been shown in the fair, the management is persuaded to believe that there will be more people in Asheville during the fair than ever gathered there at one time before.