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## MONROE M. SHEPHERD GETS DEM. NOMINATION FOR MAYOR

**IN HARMONIOUS CONVENTION OF LARGEST CROWD OF DEMOCRATS IN HISTORY OF CITY, A TICKET IS NAMED.**

In one of the most interesting Democratic conventions ever held in the city of Hendersonville a good strong democratic ticket was named last Tuesday night for mayor and three members of the town board of commissioners.

M. M. Shepherd candidate for the nomination for mayor on the third ballot received 85 votes while his opponent E. W. Ewbank succeeded in getting only 59. Upon the motion made by Mr. Ewbank the vote was made unanimous in favor of M. M. Shepherd.

The nominations for three aldermen only took one ballot. Five gentlemen were nominated, three of them receiving the necessary number of votes. Those nominated were W. A. Keith, J. A. Fletcher and A. Ficker. J. D. Dermid made a strong run but failed by a few votes. J. B. Arledge got quite a number of votes.

The convention was presided over by Captain J. W. Wofford, who has been chairman of democratic conventions in the city for many years. J. Mack Rhodes was elected secretary.

The first nominating speech was made by J. E. Shipman when he placed the name of E. W. Ewbank before the convention. This nomination was seconded by B. Shipp. McD. Ray nominated M. M. Shepherd in a few well chosen remarks. Mr. Bryson placed the name of McD. Ray in nomination. The balloting began and lasted for three rounds. Mr. Ray withdrew his name after the second ballot. Most of his strength going to Mr. Shepherd who won on the next vote.

The ticket named is a winner and will at once commend itself to every Democrat, as well as other citizens who desire to see the city go forward.

News was received of a tremendous fire in Columbia Tuesday in which was destroyed the hotel owned by S. F. Wheeler, manager of the Wheeler Hotel in this city. The total damages range about \$200,000. A large hardware store was destroyed also.

## GREENVILLE ROAD BAD SAYS AUTO TOURIST

Mr. C. Brewster Chapman, Multimillionaire celluloid manufacturer of New York, and Messrs. H. A. Gudger and Woodstock, of Asheville through the city Monday enroute to Greenville in Mr. Chapman's handsome Chalmers car. These gentlemen arrived in Greenville that night and registered at the Ottaray Hotel. In an interview with a reporter of the Greenville News it was stated that the road on both sides of the mountain near the state line was in a deplorable condition. The weather just now had much to do with the conditions, but from indications used by forceful words in the interview there must be some grounds for complaint about the road. It is about this time of the year that the first impression of the road is made and with people coming all the time there might be the impression given out that the road is all the time in a deplorable condition and hinder large number of tourists from traveling into the mountains in their machines this Spring.

**Narrow Escape of Carolina Special.** But for the presence of mind of the faithful conductor of the Carolina Special last Wednesday, April 9th, there would have been a very disastrous wreck on the Saluda grade of that train when en route South.

While passing over one of the high embankments of the roadbed the trucks of the combination baggage and mail car left the rail and was being dragged along when Captain E. B. Chase felt the jar and realizing that something must be done at once jerked the emergency cord and the train came to a sudden stop before any of the other cars were derailed.

Engineer Black was running at the rate of about twenty miles an hour and knew nothing of the accident until he had stopped his train. About three hours delay was made in getting the damaged car sidetracked and the train continued, leaving the car on one of the safety switches.

## DANA WILL HAVE FAIR WHICH WILL OUT RIVAL PREVIOUS ONE

**CITIZENS HAVE ISSUED PROSPECTUS AND EXPECT CITY TO AID.**

### FAIR WILL HELP COUNTY

**Ladies Have Taken Interest and Will Help Make Occasion Success—No Date Mentioned.**

During the fall of 1911, November 8th and 9th, the farmers and citizens of the Blue Ridge section of this county combined themselves together for the purpose of holding a township fair. Persistent efforts on the part of the leading citizens in this settlement with the assistance of several leading business men of Hendersonville this fair was a decided success.

While the date has not been set there will be another fair at Dana this year. This promised to out class the last fair in every respect. The citizens have realized great benefits from the last and are now working to one end—to make the fair bigger than ever before.

**Issue Prospectus.** In a prospectus issue a few days ago by the Blue Ridge Township Fair Association, under the able guidance of one of the liveliest citizens in the county, the secretary of the association, Mr. E. B. Freeman, assisted by one who should be given most of the credit of the success of the last fair held at Dana, Jonathan Case, this association is now beginning to work on the fair to be held this fall.

Dana is ideally located for about half the people of the county to attend the fair. Located in one of the richest farming sections in the midst of some of the farms owned by the leading citizens of the county there is no reason why the fair should not be a great deal more successful than before.

**City Will Help.** The merchants of the city are ready to aid in any manner to help this fair. They realize that their future business is dependent upon a large share of the trade of this section of the county. The good accomplished on account of the fair held two years ago has not died out in the Ridge section and today they often speak of the various prize winners shown during the two days of exhibition.

The ladies of the Blue Ridge township and adjoining territory are busy, just as busy as the men folks in making this year's fair a "whopping" success. The ladies society exhibits at the last fair in Dana were in one of the leading departments of the fair and their rivalry in flowers, jellies and cakes marked intense interest during the events.

Since the fair of 1911 Dana has come into particular prominence to the outside world on account of the mammoth canning plant located in the heart of the little town. The Ottaray Canning Company (Limited) has a \$20,000 establishment running full time and turning out as many canned goods as any plant of its size in the world. It is said that this plant is one of the best arranged canneries in the country. Today there are being built two large granite warehouses to hold the supplies made from this plant every season. Hundreds of young girls find good wholesome employment here during the season.

**Mr. Case Talks.** In a conversation with Mr. Jonathan Case, of Dana, he said, "We are going to have one of the finest fairs this fall ever held in Henderson county. The people of Hendersonville have taken an interest in us during the past and we expect them to help us with this fair. We want to give our assistance to the fair which is proposed for the city of Hendersonville, should they have one and you will find the people from the Ridge there with the goods." In fact the date of the fair at Dana will be largely governed by the date set for the Hendersonville fair, although it is stated that the Blue Ridge people desire to hold their fair when the crops are gathered up after Nov. 1st. A premium list and catalogue will be issued some time soon announcing the premiums. It is thought that nearly \$500 will be given in prizes this year.

**Mr. Roberts Seeks Job.** With the recent resignation of W. P. Troy of this county from the department of agriculture of the Southern Railway company it is understood that H. M. Roberts of this county is an applicant for the position and is endorsed by a number of the leading citizens of the county as a man suitable to fill the position formerly held by Mr. Troy. Mr. Roberts has been farming in this section for over 25 years and is thoroughly versed with the scientific farming in this part of the state.

Mrs. H. R. Dillard of Spartanburg is spending some time with friends in the city.

## BEAUTIFUL LAUREL PARK HAS MANY NEW ATTRACTIONS

**Wife of Local Man Tries to End It All. Fires Pistol into Breast—Recovery is Still Uncertain.**

The city was startled last Thursday by the news of the attempted suicide of Mrs. Crow Staggs of this city. Using a 32 calibre revolver in a fit of anguish, placing the muzzle of the weapon close to her heart, a bullet was sent through her body almost penetrating the vital organ. Since the occurrence she has lingered at death's door.

Soon after the shooting last Thursday, Policemen Thompson and Dr. J. Frank Cranford were summoned to the scene. Medical attention was quickly rendered and today her condition is said to be favorable for recovery.

Conflicting stories have been told of the cause of such a drastic method of attempting to end her life. It is said she had only recently threatened the life of her husband. There has been no quarrel previous to the rash act between the couple. The woman is 42 years of age and has lived in this town many years.

**MISS MAMIE STEEDMAN DEAD.**

**Popular Young Lady Passes Away in Camden, S. C., After Short Illness—Shock to Friends.**

The sad news of the sudden death in Camden, S. C., of one of Hendersonville's best known and loved young ladies, Miss Mamie Steedman, was quite a shock to a host of friends and relatives in the city.

Several weeks ago Miss Steedman left the city to Camden, S. C., where she went to regain her health. She was not considered dangerously sick but simply needed a rest. Several days ago Mrs. Steedman, mother of the deceased young lady received a message of the illness and left on the train that day. She arrived in Camden just before the young lady passed away. Miss Bessie Steedman, sister of the deceased, left the city Friday, and it is said she did not arrive at the bedside in time to see her sister alive. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family.

Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock P. M. in Camden last Saturday. The deceased leaves a father and mother, brother and sister.

**Canning Plant For Fletcher.** Fletcher will have a canning factory within the next few months under the management of E. W. Sanford formerly of Canyon City, Col. The location of this factory will be near the summer home of Mr. P. A. LeLong, of Fletcher, and will be owned by a stock company of leading citizens of the Hoopers creek settlement.

The canning business in this county is fast growing to be one of the leading industries. In a conversation with Captain M. C. Toms of this city he stated that he was glad to hear of the new canning plant. His interests in the Ottaray Canning company of Dana, N. C., have been quite profitable and he says that the more plants in the county, the better it will be. The farmers of the county are raising products for the canning business more extensively every year. They are realizing that the profits are worth while and that with more canning over the county the resources will be increased largely.

**Jury List for Next Terms of Court.** Civil term of Superior court will convene here the week beginning Monday, May 12. The following gentlemen have been drawn on the jury list for the two weeks:

**First Week.** J. A. Marshall, T. V. Carland, T. A. Rhodes, L. C. Hamilton, Mark Cockran, M. S. Johnson, J. J. Ballard, C. C. Ledford, J. C. Sales, Burgin Staton, J. T. Pace, H. W. Hill, H. C. Jones, W. J. Maxwell, J. A. Hooper, B. F. Pace, S. M. Gilliam, E. A. Erwin, R. E. Salts, C. M. Dalton, W. D. Case, J. F. Drake, J. C. Beck, R. H. Anders.

**Second Week.** J. J. Freeman, H. N. Lamb, C. C. Jordan, L. W. Clark, J. W. Grimes, C. Oates, H. E. Tranham, T. M. Merrell, B. C. Nix, A. S. Jackson, G. C. Lane, J. C. Bowen, J. F. Garren, W. W. Bedingfield, J. M. Barnett, J. Wiley, T. C. Blackwell, J. W. Reddin.

**Wreck on Toxaway Line.** The passenger train from Toxaway was derailed at the eight-mile post near Horse Shoe Wednesday morning and traffic had to be suspended for several hours. Four cars were derailed but all passengers escaped without serious injury to anyone. The "wrecking train" which was started to the scene met with a mis-hap between Hendersonville and Horse Shoe and further delayed the "progress of matters."

Seed Sweet Potatoes and Irish Potatoes at Hunters' Pharmacy. Electric Lines Corner. 4-17-25c

**COMPLETION OF ELECTRIC LINE MARKS WONDERFUL GROWTH OF NATURAL PARK.**

### BEEN BUSY ALL WINTER

**Popular Play Ground and Private Residential Section to be Visited by All Who Come Here.**

With the final placing of the trolley wires the Laurel Park Street Car line has been completed for the season. Three trolley cars will be in operation on this line this summer. Each car will carry two trailers when the crowds justify. This will be ample accommodations to carry as large a crowd as ever witnessed an event in the park in its history.

Having a switch at the power house near the E. W. Sanford railroad track the cars can pass making schedule during the busy season. There will probably be placed a "turn out" at the ball park or at the casino where several cars can stand and allow the crowd to get on and not interfere with traffic of the other cars running regular schedule.

The track of the Laurel Park Street car line has been extended beyond the home of President W. A. Smith and now makes a complete circle around a beautiful fountain in the flats at the head of Lake Rhododendron. Plans have been drawn for an artistic waiting room to be located at the end of the line at the corner of Fifth avenue and Main street where the passengers will wait to go out to the park. There will probably be another waiting room built out at the park.

Mr. W. H. Baage, of the Atlanta Electric Machine company has been here for the past few weeks putting the finishing touches to the new power plant and pronounces it in excellent condition to handle the traffic of the summer rush. The power plant of the street car company will also furnish lights for the park during the summer nights, but will not light the residences. The Hendersonville Light and Power company will continue to furnish lights for the residences in Laurel park.

The Swiss railway will be run by the power furnished by the power house at the park. Much improvements have been made on this line. A beautiful cascade has been placed on the side of the line and everything has been added to make the scenery more beautiful to the visitors.

Laurel Park will be more popular this season than ever before. New improvements have been going on all the winter and even the local people who live here all the year will find many new attractions to meet their eyes when going through Laurel Park.

### SPECIAL TRAIN LOAD TOURISTS TO ARRIVE HERE MAY 7TH.

Several Pullman cars loaded with tourists will arrive in this city about May 7th and May 21st, from the city of St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. Charles E. Moore, of Florida, who was in Hendersonville all last season, will personally conduct the first train of tourists to this city. The next train to leave from St. Petersburg, May 20th will be accompanied by Dr. John E. Ennis well known here as a "live wire" from St. Petersburg.

The coming of these trains through without a change from far southern Florida marks a distinct new era in the transportation to this section and will eventually mean an earlier opening of the summer tourist business here.

Messrs. Moore and Dr. Ennis have been talking and distributing Hendersonville literature during the past winter and it is thought that there will be quite a number of tourists to come here May 7th.

### Upward News.

Mr. Charlie Westall and Miss Bessie Allison, both of East Flat Rock, were quietly married at Upward Sunday afternoon by Squire Justus. Their many friends wish them much success.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Labor. Miss Sallie Smith visited Miss Bertha Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Millie Hill is still quite sick. The farmers of this section are getting behind with their work on account of recent rains.

Miss Mamie Jones returned from Hillgirt last week, where she spent the latter part of the winter.

Mrs. L. C. Gilbert is having her a new house erected. L. J.

## A GOLD WATCH FREE TO ANY CONTESTANT REGARDLESS OF HER PRESENT STANDING

Miss Hart Wins the Patterson Prize. Twenty Thousand Free Votes with every Club of \$5.00.

Standing of Contestants.—Contest Closes May 20th, 1913.

Another period of the contest has passed and many of our contestants have made great headway. However we want to see if we can not put still a little more life and ginger in the race. The scale of votes has decreased to one thousand votes for a one year subscription, but we are going to give one more free vote offer, with every club of five dollars paid in by noon of April 30th, we will give you 20,000 free votes, and better still. To every contestant that pays in \$75.00 between noon April 14th, and noon April 30th we will give absolutely free a HANDSOME gold watch, regardless of your standing in the contest. This is a very liberal offer, in fact an offer we have never made in the past, here or elsewhere. This offer in no way conflicts with the regular contest, every contestant on the list can have a watch free of all cost and while working for the watch you are placing yourself nearer to the capitol prize, the of your choice.

Lets see how many are going to call upon us for a watch. Miss Annie Hart was the winner of the H. Patterson prize, a box of six pairs of silk hose. We congratulate Miss Hart, she works like an old timer nothing discourages her and the result is that she is constantly gaining ground.

On Tuesday May 20th at noon will close the battle royal. After that hour it will avail you nothing to wish you had done this, that or the other, the fight will be over and all who will have remained faithful will be rewarded according to the work they have done.

We want to help you, and to prove to you that our heart is in the right spot, we are making one more inducement. MONDAY, April 21st, will be known as double vote day. In other

words on that day the schedule will be exactly double, and you will still get the extra votes for every club of five dollars. Lets sleep a little less and work a little more and see what we can do if we try in dead earnest. This is the place in the race that some one can outstrip their competitor.

List of Contestants	
District No. 1.	
April 16th.	
Hendersonville Township.	
Mrs. Ethel E. Dixon	218,500
Miss Jennie Bowen	328,000
Miss Jennie Garren	221,566
Miss Katelene Hefner	3,150
Miss Dollie Timmons	5,000
Miss Margarette Orr	5,000
Miss Louise Hodges	12,000
District No. 2.	
Fletcher, N. C.	
Miss May Justus	253,825
Miss Jennie Rhymer	5,600
Saluda, N. C.	
Miss Annie Hart	259,025
Tryon, N. C.	
Mrs. Frank Wood	7,700
Marion, N. C.	
Miss L. Blanton	11,000
Old Fort, N. C.	
Mrs. P. H. Mashburn	6,700
Brevard, N. C.	
Miss Della Step	11,000
Horse Shoe, N. C.	
Miss Mitchell Corpening	117,400
Waynesville, N. C.	
Miss Dollie Lee	22,000
Rutherfordton, N. C.	
Miss Sallie Beam	8,000
Andrews, N. C.	
Miss Gladis Watson	7,0000
Murphy, N. C.	