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CITY WATER

Hendersonville's water is ideally pure.

This is shown by the report which the city has this week received from the State Laboratory Hygiene at Raleigh. The report, which was made on May 5 from a sample received in Raleigh on May 1, is as follows:

Color, 0. Turbidity, 0. Odor, cold 0. Odor, hot, 0. Chlorine, 2. Nitrogen, as Nitrates, 0.06. Nitrogen, as Nitrites, 0. Free Ammonia, .038. Albuminoid Ammonia, .050. Total Bacteria per c. c. at 20 deg. C., 110. Total Bacteria per c. c. at 38 deg. C., 2. Acid-producing Bacteria, 0. Colon Bacilli in 1 c. c., 9. Colon Bacilli in 10 c. c., 0.

The total absence of colon bacilli and all acid-producing bacteria is in itself a guarantee of the purity of the water. And this guarantee is strengthened by the total absence of nitrites, the very small amount of nitrates, and the very small amount of chlorine.

Hendersonville's water is all right.

THE CONTEST

Miss Jennie Garren having been successful in securing the largest amount of business during the period that has just closed becomes the winner of the Glazener Special prize, a \$3.00 silk parasol.

This special prize was offered by G. M. Glazener on April 24, to the contestant who would pay in the largest amount on subscription to the contest manager from that date to May 7, noon.

In becoming the winner of this handsome prize Miss Garren has much to congratulate herself over, for she has materially improved her standing in the contest that is so rapidly coming to a close, and with continued efforts of the same type as the efforts she has put forth during the last two weeks she promises to make it very interesting for some of her competitors.

On Tuesday, May 20, the Western Carolina Democrat and Hustler's great contest will come to a close. The contestants and their friends are lined up for a whirlwind finish. Some of the contestants far down the line may come up towards the top in a manner that will surprise some folks. Everything points to a lively finish, and contestants who have been taking life easy during the last few days had better wake up and get into readiness for the home stretch. Not a single prize is "nailed down," and no contestant can be sure of winning any certain prize.

The contestants are shrewd. They keep their real standing to themselves, and some may have a strong reserve that will go in just at the close of the contest, and the result prove a great surprise to the competitors and the interested public. Every time you stop your vote stops and your chance to become the winner of the prize you wish grows less. The only way that you can feel safe is to keep constantly on the job, and if you will do this you not only place yourself near the prize of your choice, but should you find yourself defeated in the end, you will have the consolation of knowing that you did every thing within your power, that you fought a good fight. Stay actively in the field; gather your friends about you and see how far their friendship goes; see if it will last unto the end of the fight and see that you make the landing safely.

HEAVY DAMAGE FROM THE FIRE

An unwise attempt to burn out a colony of spiders in the woods caused a destructive fire Saturday morning the other side of Marshalltown.

Among the losers were W. C. Moore, Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. A. E. Mulberger. The total damage to the corded wood and standing timber was fully two or three thousand dollars.

The fire started on W. C. Moore's land near the junction of the Edneyville and Blue Ridge roads. Mr. Moore has been making preparations on a large scale for the summer stove wood business. He already had a large amount of wood cut and corded, and a force of hands was at work cutting in the woods. One of the hands found a colony of spiders, and, in spite of the remonstrances of the others, insisted on burning it out. In a little while the flames got beyond control and spread over more than six acres of Mr. Moore's land and from there to the neighboring lands of Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Mulberger and others.

On five acres of Mr. Moore's land the wood had been cut and corded; and much of this was destroyed. In other places, where there was standing timber, much damage was done. Some buildings of Mrs. Mulberger's narrowly escaped destruction.

S. MAXWELL AND COMPANY

During these days of food adulteration and evasion of the so-called National pure food laws, it is of highest importance that consumers study the conditions under which their food supplies are handled.

It is a distinct pleasure to call attention to the Pure Food Grocery of S. Maxwell & Co., on Main street, near the Electric Line Corner.

This well known firm not only buys pure food products but while they remain in their very beautiful and modern arranged store, every precaution is taken to keep them sanitarily pure.

For instance, sugar, rice, etc. etc., are kept in dust proof receptacles. Nearly all other articles are kept under glass. The old fashioned sugar, cracker and coffee barrel are all conspicuous by their absence.

There is no more attractive or modern store in any city—no matter what its size. The great display windows are a constant temptation to step in and buy of the appetizing pure foods there displayed, and once inside the courteous attention of Messrs. S. Maxwell or H. C. Moore, or of anyone of their many clerks insures a completely satisfactory "trade."

This firm has made good here. It does an enormous business and has just started to grow.

Of course, there's a reason!

THE LADIES AID SOCIETY

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church was held with Mrs. K. W. Cawthon at the Baptist parsonage Monday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended and was highly enjoyed by the large number of members present. The principal event of the meeting was the preparation of a box for a child which the society is supporting at the Thomasville Baptist orphanage. A large box containing many pieces of wearing apparel was packed as well as a box containing other things calculated to delight the parentless little one. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in a social way and refreshments of ices and cake were served.

COMMISSIONERS MEAN BUSINESS

All persons owning property in Henderson county subject to taxation, are hereby notified that unless said property is listed during the month of May a double tax on the same will be charged against the owner or owners thereof, and such double tax will not thereafter be released, but will be collected in all cases where charged. It is also a violation of the criminal law for a poll tax payer to fail to list his poll.

The tax payers are further notified that under the new law they will have to meet the list-takers at the places appointed for listing. The list-takers for Hendersonville township are now listing in the Grand Jury room at the court house.

By order of the board of county commissioners.

John T. Staton,
Chairman.

H. W. Allen,
County Auditor.



W. H. CALKINS
Superintendent of City Schools

DUCKS

The rapidly growing popularity of the Indian Runner duck in Henderson county makes the breed a matter of general interest.

J. S. Holbert, who lives on the Clear Creek Road, just outside of town, has demonstrated what may be done here with these duck wonders.

Mr. Holbert has six English Standard Indian Runner ducks, of the white egg strain. These ducks laid 186 eggs during March and 172 during April, or 358 in two months—which establishes a new record in egg production. It is needless to say Mr. Holbert is receiving more orders for settings than he can possibly fill.

The Indian Runner is small in size, intensely active, and their persistent laying has given them the name of the Leghorn of the duck family. The shape differs greatly from that of other breeds of ducks, and they lack the characteristic duck "waddle."

In a recent egg contest in Australia four Indian Runner ducks averaged 266 eggs each for the year.

NO OVERDRAFTS

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Bank and Trust Company, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that whereas the overdraft feature has clearly been proven to be an injustice to the stockholders, and to the other depositors, and to the drawer himself, the officers of this bank are hereby ordered that on and after the 10th day of May, 1913, they allow no overdrafts on the books of this institution."

This has long been a custom that has worked against the best interest of the banks, as well as their customers, and in passing this resolution the directors feel that they have taken a step that will prove beneficial to both the bank and its depositors.

TOWN IS STILL DEMOCRATIC

FOR MAYOR:

M. M. Shepherd, 261.
D. S. Pace, 178.

FOR COMMISSIONERS:

W. A. Keith, 239.
J. A. Fletcher, 226.
A. Ficker, 225.
W. Griffiths, 188.
A. J. Gibbs, 175.
J. M. Stepp, 162.

D. S. Pace made the following statement with regard to the election:

For myself and those who ran on the ticket with me in the recent municipal election, I wish to heartily thank those men who voted and worked for us. We certainly appreciate their efforts in our behalf.

We are not, under the circumstances much disappointed at the result. Before we were nominated a list of the registered voters of the city was canvassed. The result of this canvass showed that the Democrats had too large a majority for us to overcome, if anything like all the Democrats of the town approved the manner in which the affairs of the city had been handled for the past year by a board the majority of whose members were democrats. But notwithstanding our decision that the majority was too large for us to overcome under the circumstances, our leading party men thought it best for us to run a ticket, and accordingly a meeting of our people was called, and myself, and Messrs. Griffiths Stepp and Gibbs were selected at that meeting to make the fight. And we are glad to know that those who stood by us so loyally, are pleased with the fight we put up. We pitched our contest upon a high plane, and we believe our opponents will admit that we fought a clean fight.

I hope to see the day come when our public officials can be elected by the votes of conscientious citizens who may be permitted to go to the polls and vote as free men, for the candidates of their choice. If this day should ever come in this country we will, no doubt, generally get the best men elected to office. I hope the people of North Carolina, will at no late date wake up to a full sense of their duty in this respect, and bring such pressure to bear that the Legislature will not dare refuse to pass a law under the workings of which every voter can go up to the ballot box, with a full realization of what he is going there for, and cast his vote absolutely unfettered. Would not a situation like that be a great improvement over our present methods?

However, let me say in conclusion that I fully believe there is a considerable number of Democrats in our city who do not approve of the manner in which the affairs of our town are being administered by Democrats, and who would have voted for our men last Tuesday, but for the fact that they thought if they did so they would probably be hazarding their chances for a place at President Wilson's big pie counter. If there is anything in the world that will induce the average Democrat to do something he does not desire to do it is the probability, or bare possibility, that he may be given a slice of Federal pie, a thing which is so rarely dished out to him.

Myself and the gentlemen who ran with me on our ticket the other day were unfortunate in being selected at this particular time to make the race, when about every other Democrat in town is holding his plate to Pie Slicer Wilson for a piece of pie.

However, the fight is over, and now, boys, let's get together and make a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether for a greater and better Hendersonville.

D. S. Pace.

FIGHTING FOR WATER POWER

Setting forth purposes of development and the irreparable damage that would be wrought by condemnation of water sites on Green River and Big Hungry, the complaint filed in the office of the clerk of Superior court by R. M. Oates and the Hendersonville Light and Power company against the Blue Ridge Railway company contains many statements of interest to those concerned in the condemnation and restraint proceedings which it is hoped to have demitted and restraint proceedings thrashed out at the next week's term of Superior court.

The coming term of court promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in Henderson county by reason of this important case and that of Hendersonville against the telephone company with reference to the increase of telephone rates in this city.

The complaint of the local power company sets out that in 1909 Geo. E. Laddshaw, A. L. White and others of Spartanburg, S. C., organized the Appalachian Power company and about the same time W. S. Montgomery, John A. Law, H. L. Bomar and Joseph Lee of Spartanburg organized the Green River Power company, both of which corporations consolidated into the Manufacturer's Power company during the latter part of the past year; that this corporation knowing that it could not condemn water power sites changed into the Blue Ridge Interurban Railway company, setting out in its charter the company's purpose to build four miles of railway to the power sites from Saluda. The complaint alleges that the expense of building such a road would be very great and that the benefits would be small in that the line would run well back into the mountains and stop; that in the belief of the plaintiff the line would serve only as a "dummy cat's paw" affair with the view to exercising the right of eminent domain, which could not be exercised by the Manufacturer's Power company. It is alleged that if the latter company were to erect a dam 164 feet high the waters would submerge the plant of the local power company and the dwelling of the foreman under twenty-three feet of water.

The complaint sets out that the plaintiff has interests in three power sites and that only one has been developed; that the plaintiff by reason of heavy expense in restoring its plant washed away a few years ago and the panic of 1907 was unable to consummate proposed developments, but that it is now ready to proceed with the developments; that by condemnation the plaintiff would suffer irreparable loss and would be seriously handicapped in fulfilling its contracts to furnish light and power for the city of Hendersonville.

It is not certain that this case will be heard at the next term of

J. F. Ramsey of Tuxedo was in town Wednesday.

Judge Shuford of Asheville was in town on professional business on Wednesday.

Martin Rickman of this city is at Beuna Vista substituting for Fleming Godfrey, one of the operators of the Southern Railway, while the latter is away on a vacation.

Mrs. G. E. Dixon has returned from Concord, where she attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina conference. Mrs. Dixon was a delegate from the Hendersonville society and reports a most interesting meeting, and one of inspiration to the large number of delegates present. The invitation to meet in Hendersonville next April was accepted by the conference with pleasure after this city's entertaining qualities were made known.

THE CITY'S GOOD TRADE

Evidences given to show that the city made a good deal in the purchase of dumping ground.

That the city did not make a mistake in the purchase of the five-acre garbage farm on the Edneyville road for \$500 is shown by the fact that the city authorities could sell it for more than it cost even though the transfer was only made about two weeks ago.

Another situation has arisen to show that it was not a bad investment. The authorities have been offered \$15 per year for the rent of the grounds as pasturage and a little trucking. At the meeting of the aldermen Thursday night it was decided not to lease the garbage batch for less than \$25 per year as the grounds were considered fully worth this much for grazing cattle and light trucking purposes, which would be equal to five per cent on the investment.

ACCOMMODATE OUR VISITORS

For the purpose of encouraging the Florida and South Carolina organizations in Hendersonville, the city authorities have donated the board of trade rooms in the City Hall to the work of these organizations, which were formed here last summer by the hundreds of tourists from these States.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen Thursday night it was decided to donate the use of the rooms to the organizations as the Florida club authorities had requested quarters. The aldermen took the view that the club work would be of incalculable benefit to Hendersonville and community.

When the condemnation and restraining order cases were consolidated at a hearing before Judge C. C. Lyon, Clerk Pace was instructed to place the case on the calendar. Unless the bar unanimously consents to the advancement of this case or unless the judge calls the case peremptorily it will not be tried. Both sides are anxious to have the matter fought out in the courts as early as possible.

A number of the citizens of Hendersonville are agitating the telephone controversy, which will probably be thrashed out at this term of the court. A number of citizens are protesting against the increase in telephone rates and it is understood that several subscribers have signed a petition in circulation to the effect that they will discontinue service; however only two or three subscribers are understood to have discontinued service on account of increase in telephone rentals. This matter, it will be remembered, was heard by the corporation commission last fall with the result that an increase in rates was authorized. The town through its attorney appealed from the ruling of the commission with the result that the case will be heard by a jury.

Judge C. C. Lyon will preside over this term of the court.

Following is the list of jurors:

FIRST WEEK.
J. A. Marshall, T. V. Carland, E. A. Rhodes, L. C. Hamilton, Mark Cokeran, M. E. Johnson, J. J. Ballard, C. C. Ledford, J. C. Sales, Burgin Staton, J. T. Maxwell, J. A. Staton, J. T. Pace, H. W. Hill, 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. Trammah, T. M. McNeill, B. C. Nix, A. S. Jackson, G. C. Lince, J. C. Bowen, J. F. Garren, W. W. Beddingfield, J. M. Barnett, J. Wiley, T. C. Blackwell, J. W. Reddin.