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PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR BIG SEASON HERE

"There are far more people in Henderson county today than there were this time last year," is the statement by a gentleman here who is in a position to know. That the amount of advertising done by the city of Hendersonville during the past winter months is reaping a direct benefit is an assured fact.

The railroad officials give encouraging news of the rapidly filling up of the community with people coming by rail. Hundreds are making the trip in automobiles. The report was circulated some time ago that the pass over the mountains near the Greenville county line was dangerous and many people were afraid to make the trip in their machines. This report has been corrected and now machines can be seen coming over the mountains daily with the greatest ease.

Hendersonville will have the largest season in the history of the city this year and the visitors will remain longer than ever before.

CHAUTAQUA CLOSES SEASON

With the entertainment last Tuesday night the second Chautauqua closed after one of the most successful seasons in its history.

Through the untiring efforts of Mr. Sam T. Hodges and his able corps of assistants this enterprise has been a success. "Sam is the original Chautauqua man, and certainly knows his business," remarked one of the town's leading business men yesterday. Mr. Hodges knows how to put publicity behind a good thing, and Hendersonville has gained some valuable publicity this summer.

The coming of Hon. W. J. Bryan has placed Hendersonville on the map in every city of any size in the entire world. His utterances about the reasons why he spoke on the chautauqua platform has created a lively controversy in most every newspaper in the country.

While no great profits were derived from the Chautauqua this season it is clearly shown that this is a paying institution from the very start.

Mrs. Craig Visits Hendersonville.
Mrs. Governor Craig, who is summing in Asheville, paid her first visit to Hendersonville on Sunday afternoon and heard Secretary Bryan's masterful discourse upon "The Making of a Man." Mrs. Craig was accompanied by her son, George, and Miss Sallie Badger Hoke, a sister of Justice Hoke of the North Carolina Supreme court. During their stay here Mrs. Craig and her party visited Laurel Park and other points of interest in this vicinity. They were guests at the St. John Hotel.

Masonic Installation.
The annual installation of officers of Kedron Lodge No. 387 A. F. & A. M. will take place at the Lodge Hall, Friday evening July, 18th at 8:30. The officers to be installed for the ensuing year are: Jno. W. Grimes, Master; W. C. Rector, Senior Warden; E. N. Wilcox, Junior Warden; Frank Evans, Secretary; K. G. Morris, Treasurer. All members are earnestly requested to be present, visiting brethren cordially invited to be present.
JNO. W. GRIMES, Master.
R. C. CLARKE, Secretary.

First Baptist Church Sunday.
9:45 A. M., Bible school.
11 A. M., Subject: "The Making of a Man."
8:30 P. M., Subject: "The Mirror and the Fountain."
Visitors and home people welcomed.
K. W. CAWTHON, Pastor.

Upward News.
Rev. Latham preached an interesting sermon at Upward Sunday.
Mr. Jessie Basset of Asheville, visited friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday.
Miss Leah and Essie Ward have been visiting Bertha and Dessie Hill of this place.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Anders, Wednesday, a daughter.
Mr. Floyd Ballard is back from Mississippi with his sisters.

The ladies of the Hendersonville Hospital Association will put on the Alhambra Lyceum course this fall and winter. There will be six of their best attractions and judging from the splendid program given by the same company in the chautauqua just closed Hendersonville should congratulate itself on being so fortunate as to have them. The lectures and remaining program will be entirely new.

AUSPICIOUS WAS THE OCCASION OF COL. BRYAN'S VISIT AND NOTABLE CHAUTAUQUA LECTURES

BLEASE HITS AT BRYAN'S TOUR

Thousands Greet Great Commoner Upon His Arrival Last Sunday--Entrance Into City A Veritable Triumph--Lectures on "Signs of the Times" And "The Making of a Man" Attract Great Crowds to Auditorium--Pays Splendid Tribute to Land of the Sky, Our City and Its People--Causes National Sensation by Appearing on Lecture Platform and Explains Reasons--Was Luncheon Guest of M. L. Shipman.

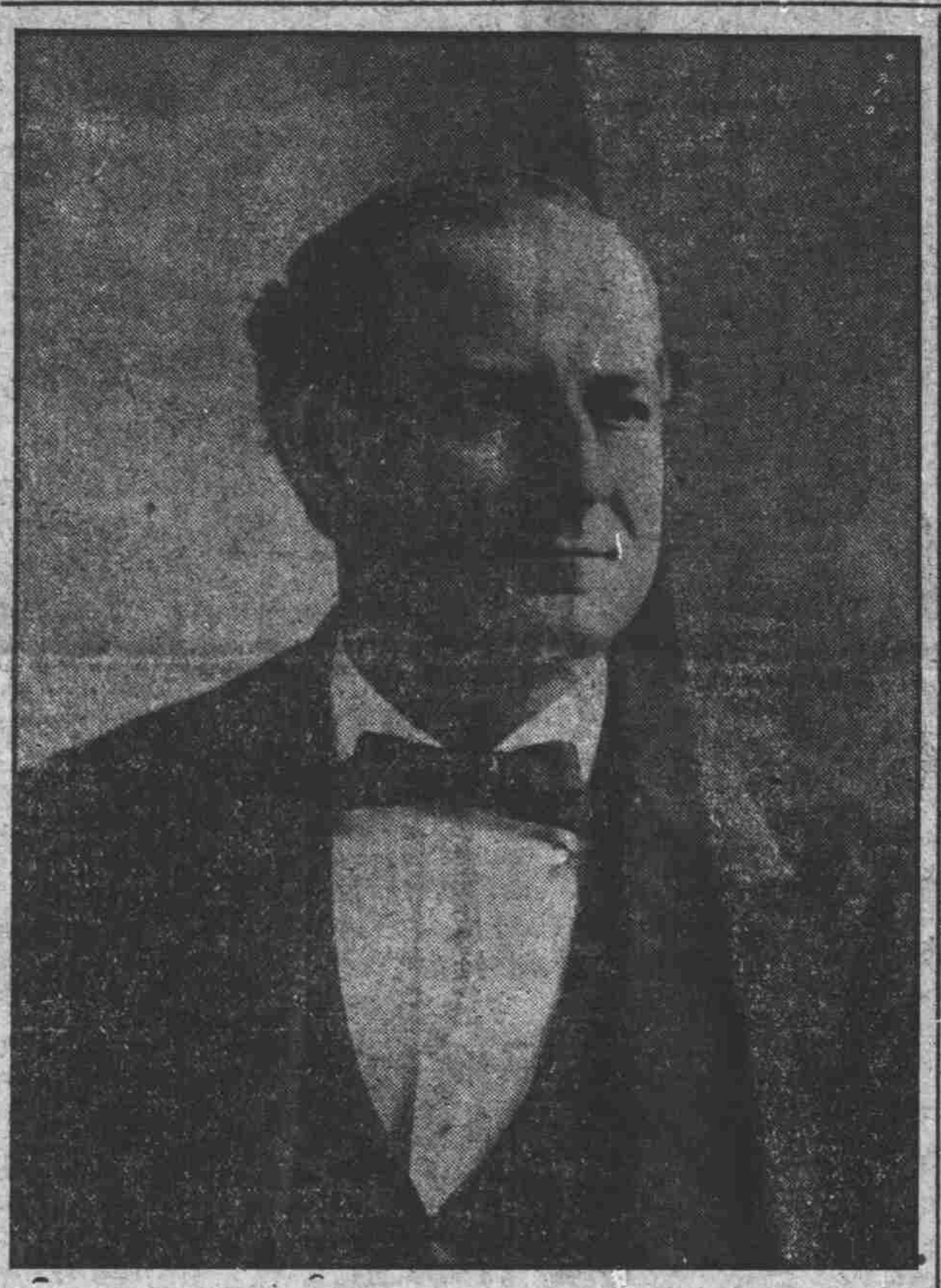
Few events in the history of Hendersonville stand out so preeminently as does the visit of Hon. William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, on Sunday last. The elements conspired with the officials of the Hendersonville Chautauqua who were responsible for the coming of the great man, and the result was perfect weather which allowed the thousands who desired to greet the secretary an unalloyed opportunity. In consequence the city was filled with visitors from the neighboring towns and adjacent country and the welcome given the distinguished visitor could scarcely have been more hearty. More than three hundred automobiles representing many sections in the Land of the Sky as well as distant cities were in attendance at the celebration and a long procession of autos accompanied the secretary on his entrance into the city of Hendersonville.

Col. Bryan was accompanied from Asheville Sunday morning by a number of friends and admirers, many of whom joined the line of autos en route. The streets along which the impromptu procession passed were lined with people from home and abroad, all of whom waived a greeting as the great Commoner appeared.

The Colonel was scheduled to deliver two lectures at the auditorium during the day, at 11:00 and 3:30 in the afternoon. Upon arriving at Hendersonville Col. Bryan and his Asheville host, Mr. Fred L. Seeley, builder of the Grove Park Inn, became guests of Mr. M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor for the state of North Carolina and editor and president of the Western Carolina Democrat and French Broad Hustler. After the morning lecture Col. Bryan, Mr. Seeley, N. M. Hollowell of the Associated Press and Gordon Garlington of the local press were entertained by Mr. Shipman at the St. John Hotel. After the luncheon Sam T. Hodges did the honors and showed the Colonel some of the sights of Hendersonville and vicinity on an auto ride which consumed the time remaining until the beginning of the second lecture. Other guests of Mr. Hodges on the sight-seeing ride were C. E. Brooks and Walter Smith.

The Signs of the Times.
The big auditorium which seats more than a thousand persons was comfortably filled to greet the great lecturer upon his initial appearance in Hendersonville. The stage was tastefully decorated with flags and ferns and seats of honor were occupied by a number of the representative men of the community. Rev. A. L. Stanford of the First Methodist church made the invocation which was followed by a vocal solo by Madame Grace Hall, Rheldaffer, the celebrated soprano. Sam T. Hodges, Superintendent of the Chautauqua Association introduced M. L. Shipman as the first speaker. Mr. Hodges who with Mr. Shipman went to Washington and induced Col. Bryan to say that it find it necessary to lecture in order to supplement the salary which I receive from the government. As I have lectured for eighteen years this method of adding to my income is the most natural one to which to turn and I regard it as extremely legitimate. I know of no better audience than the chautauqua audience. I did not think it improper to go from the chautauqua platform into a presidential race, and if I had been elected president, I would have thought it no stepping down to return to the chautauqua platform. These meetings enable me to keep in touch with the people. I know of no better opportunity than they offer to present a

message worth while to those to whom it is worth presenting."
Then began the great lecture which for an hour held the vast audience enthralled. Col. Bryan did not resort to rhetorical flights but in a masterful way told his hearers that the world was getting better and that progress was noticeable in all of the countries throughout the world both educationally and morally. He told of his travels and the optic evidence of the truth of his assertions which had been given him wherever he went. From a state of almost absolute ignorance many nations were fast becoming enlightened and schools and churches were springing up in the most unexpected places. He recounted how reforms which made conditions better and reformers who were doing the reforming were increasing in number wherever he had visited which included nearly all of the civilized and some of the uncivilized world. The lecturer told how in Japan 90 per cent of the Japanese can read and write and that in the highest school sand universities a lecturer speaking English did not need an interpreter, for the English was one of the important studies and that the vast majority could understand what was said in that language.
Col. Bryan divided his lecture into three divisions: Educational progress, moral progress and the science of government. He elaborated on school conditions and showed that there was never a time in the history of the world when the desire for knowledge was so great as at the present time and that the opportunities for gaining it were keeping pace with the desire. He pleaded for temperance and recounted how organizations for the betterment and uplifting of the members were spreading and pointed out that there were men societies in all the churches which were doing a wonderful work for the moral progress of the people in every clime and how apparent the far reaching effect had already become. He paid a glowing tribute to the work being done throughout the world by the Y. M. C.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, SECRETARY OF STATE.

time of his fruitful life and blameless character multiplies as the years pass on.

"But it would be presumptuous on my part to intrude upon your time with an extended introduction of one already so widely known and so highly esteemed by ever observant citizen of this broad land. One of the proudest moments of my life has been reached in this opportunity of presenting to the good people of Hendersonville and Western North Carolina the upright citizen, the finished scholar and the greatest living American Statesman, Hon. William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, who will now address you."

His remarks were warmly applauded and the appearance of Col. Bryan was the occasion of a great outburst of enthusiasm which shook the auditorium and which continued until the great Commoner had begun his lecture. He prefaced his remarks with the suggestion that it might appear strange to the audience and to the people at large that occupying the high office which he does, he should appear upon the lecture platform. In this connection he made the statement which follows which he signed for the press in general:

"As this is my first chautauqua lecture since becoming a member of the cabinet, it may not be out of place to say that I find it necessary to lecture in order to supplement the salary which I receive from the government. As I have lectured for eighteen years this method of adding to my income is the most natural one to which to turn and I regard it as extremely legitimate. I know of no better audience than the chautauqua audience. I did not think it improper to go from the chautauqua platform into a presidential race, and if I had been elected president, I would have thought it no stepping down to return to the chautauqua platform. These meetings enable me to keep in touch with the people. I know of no better opportunity than they offer to present a

A. which now had millions of members and was increasing with a startling rapidity. In this connection he took occasion to give some figures and a comparison which was clear to all.

He compared the amount spent annually by the Y. M. C. A. for the moral benefit of the people and especially of the young men, to that spent in a great national campaign. The amount spent by the Y. M. C. A. organization is now double that spent during the last national campaign by the three parties which had candidates up for election and that the work of the Y. M. C. A. went on every year while national campaigns came but once in four years and in consequence the former spent eight times as much as the latter or eight to one and that while the campaign expenditures could not be expected to increase, the Y. M. C. A. was greatly increasing its work and that soon it would be at the proportion of "sixteen to one." The reference to "sixteen to one," the Bryan slogan of seventeen years ago brought forth both applause and laughter from the audience.

Then came the third division, that of Science of Government. Col. Bryan remarked on the astonishing progress which has been made during the past ten years toward popular government. He showed how the Chinese who had been looked upon for ages as a benighted people, had made a plunge toward progress and had secured a republic instead of a monarchy. How Russia had secured its Duma, how Turkey had secured a constitution and how Persia had secured a legislature. The speaker showed how the policy of conservation had become popular and that the United States was exerting itself to conserve its great natural resources. How here in the United States after repeated attempts a constitutional amendment had been enacted and ratified and he himself as secretary of state had signed and sealed the document making it a law that henceforth the senators of the United States should be elected by the popular vote of the people instead of by legislatures. He spoke of the conservation of the womanhood and manhood of the country as being fostered and paid a glowing tribute to the American nation as the torch bearer of civilization, freedom, morality and progress and emphasized the great responsibility resting upon the citizens of the nation. Col. Bryan ended the lecture with saying that everywhere the "signs of the times" pointed to progress, enlightenment and the general uplifting of the peoples of the world.

The Making of a Man.
The afternoon lecture which bore the above title was fully as well attended as that in the morning and many out of town people who had arrived by train from points on the railroad augmented the crowd.

Col. Bryan was introduced by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, of Atlanta, who paid the distinguished lecturer some elaborate compliments. The subject chosen by Col. Bryan was one which he said was particularly applicable on such an occasion and was well fitted for the Chautauqua platform. He then gave a brief history of the Chautauqua, its origin and progress and said that he recognized in it one of the greatest mediums of getting close to the people and especially the intellectual masses, as an educator he thought it one of the best and said that a community was often judged by the desire of its people for literary knowledge as radiated by chautauqua assemblies.

Before delving into his subject the lecturer dwelt for a while on the theme "Universal Peace" which is the title of another of his lectures. In this connection he took occasion to mention the fact that all of the great nations of the earth had accepted in principle the proposition of universal peace as proposed to them by him on behalf of the United States and that he confidently believed that it would soon be accepted in detail as well as in principle by twenty five or thirty nations and that the United States would be bound by peace treaties with these nations so that it would be practically impossible for war to occur between the United States and them.

In the making of a man Colonel Bryan elaborated at some length on the training of the body, the mind and the heart of the boy and illustrated his arguments with illustrations both pertinent and convincing. He told of the mysteries of life, love and patriotism and launched forth a powerful talk on the Bible and its divine origin and pleaded for its acceptance by all as the word of God and the living truth. His perorations were all heartily applauded by the vast audience which gave the speaker almost breathless attention.

While here Col. Bryan expressed great pleasure at meeting the hundreds of Hendersonville people who

Governor Blease, in an interview Tuesday, attacked William Jennings Bryan who lectured here Sunday, for going into Chautauqua work while secretary of State.

The governor said he did not believe the drawing of a double salary was right and that Bryan should resign from the cabinet if he found, as the secretary of state indicated in an interview published here, that he could not live on the salary of the office.

The governor further stated that Mr. Bryan's going about the country lecturing reminded him of a "cheap circus horse rider operating under the cloak of a whip."

Governor Blease stated that Senator Tillman had ruined himself with the people of South Carolina in just the same manner, when he went about lecturing instead of remaining in Washington and attending to the business of the senate.

It was learned by the correspondent that Governor Blease has had three offers to go into Chautauqua lecture work, but has declined them for the reasons cited in his condemnation of Mr. Bryan.

Just as the governor alighted from his train Sunday he met Mr. Bryan and the two shook hands. The governor is on his way to Glen Springs, S. C. for a brief rest.

While in Hendersonville he was the guest of Senator McLaurin at his summer home on Main street.

GUN CLUB, A POPULAR PLACE

To add to the attraction this season in Hendersonville, a Gun Club has been formed among the sportsmen of the city and visitors. The following officers have been elected for the season: President, K. G. Morris, secretary, J. O. Williams; treasurer, Harold C. Davis.

The membership of the club is growing fast composing some of the leading business men of the city. An expensive trap for clay pigeons has been installed and a shoot is being held every Thursday at 4 o'clock. Many handsome prizes are being offered by the business houses of the city for the best shots.

The shooting grounds are conveniently situated on the electric car line on Fifth avenue near Laurel Park. All visiting shooter are urged to participate. Guns and ammunition can be had on the grounds.

The scores will be published in this paper every week. Last week the following won prizes: J. P. Ripley won a straw hat given by Glaesner. K. G. Morris won second, a prize given by Rose Pharmacy. Mr. Ripley also won a box of candy given by Hunter's Pharmacy.

At the St. John.
The St. John Hotel was crowded to its capacity over last Sunday, largely due to the visit of Hon. W. J. Bryan in Hendersonville, and also due to the meeting of the South Carolina Bankers Association meeting at Lake Toxaway. The register at the St. John Hotel showed 86 arrivals on Friday, 89 arrivals on Saturday and 128 arrivals on Sunday. Among the well known people at the St. John on Sunday were: Hon. W. J. Bryan, Secretary of State; Mrs. Locke Craig, of Asheville; F. L. Seeley, of the Grove Park Inn; Hon. M. L. Shipman, of Raleigh; Samuel H. Hardwick, traffic manager Southern Railway; F. L. Jenkins, Southern R. R.; Col. Sanford H. Cohen, G. W. N. C. A.; Ex-Congressman W. T. Crawford, of Waynesville, N. C.

Prominent Mill Man Here.
Mr. C. C. Twitty, of Hartsville, S. C., arrived in the city this week with his wife and daughter, who will spend several months here. Mr. Twitty is president of two of the largest cotton mills in South Carolina, one in Darlington and the other in Hartsville. In speaking of Hendersonville, Mr. Twitty says that the city is fast growing to one of much size. He has been coming here several years. They are guests at the Kentucky Home.

Mrs. Geo. Scobing and daughter, Miss Marrell, of Titusville, Fla., are guests at the Wilson Cottage for the summer.

shook hands with him at the receptions which followed the lectures. He was delighted with the scenery, the climate, the spirit of progress everywhere in evidence and with the people themselves as well as the entertainment and enthusiastic reception accorded him. He left on the Carolina Special for Washington at 6:30 p. m. and was accompanied part of the way by M. L. Shipman.