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Store House Of \$3,300 Ginseng

Behind carefully guarded doors in the second story of the Peoples National Bank building there's 900 pounds of a strange and valuable herb gathered in the mountains of Henderson county. There's 900 pounds of it. In drying it will shrink in weight to 300 pounds when it will be worth almost its weight in silver.

It's ginseng (pronounced jin-seng)—the property of Captain M. C. Toms, who some time ago sold a similar crop for somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4,000. Eventually the heathen Chinese will consume this product of Henderson county for the aforesaid heathen believes ginseng has rare medicinal attributes possessed by no other herb in the wide, wide world. The American doctor laughs at this but the Chinaman persists in paying a tremendous price for his dope, just the same.

Present quotations on the herb are from five to eleven dollars a pound. So at the top market price the ginseng now in the Peoples National Bank building is worth \$3,300. The roots, which look much like small parsnips, are five years old and would sell readily for twenty-five cents each. It takes seven years for ginseng to reach its full maturity, but the activities of an organized gang of thieves made it imperative to gather the Chinaman's cure-all before the light-fingered gentry descended upon the patch.

Ginseng is a crop easily cultivated. It requires one-third sun and two-thirds shade, and but little care. It grows wild in the mountains of Western North Carolina and Captain Toms started his operations with native roots. The Captain believes that \$40,000 worth of ginseng could be shipped from Henderson county each year, provided the ginseng thieves were rounded up and put in the pen—for to steal the herb is a serious offense.

Captain Toms also believe the Greater Hendersonville Club is everlastingly right in its efforts to help develop the latent natural resources of this country. He, and Charles French Toms, are the owners of the famous Esawah Orchards, which grew \$4,000 worth of perfect apples last year. He is enthusiastic about apple growing and is also enthusiastic about ginseng—except when he happens to think about the ginseng thieves. Then he's—well, he's still enthusiastic, you know, but he expresses his enthusiasm a little bit differently. But he has demonstrated the possibilities of ginseng as a money crop here, as he has with apples, and really sees great possibilities therein for the farmers of Henderson county.

Ginseng has a very beautiful dark green foliage. The name is said by Grosier to signify the "resemblance of a man," and the root does sometimes look something like a man—an ugly old man at that. It is valued by the Chinese as a tonic and a stimulant and to it they ascribe almost miraculous powers.

Take Moving Pictures.

The Vitagraph Moving picture concern, which has had a company of picture makers at Chimney Rock for several days for the purpose of making pictures, left for their northern home last week after enacting several scenes. The company of men and women returned via Hendersonville. This is the third trip made to Chimney Rock for this purpose by the Vitagraph people.

Mr. T. B. Conner, who suffered the loss of his left hand with Carr Lumber company a few weeks ago at Pisgah Forest, made a business trip to that section this week.

Assignment of Shipman to Road Work

The following copy of a letter from Road Supervisor P. F. Patton to Commissioner of Labor M. L. Shipman who offered his services on the roads of Henderson county on November 5 and 6, copy of his letter being given on page 4 of this paper, is self-explanatory:

Mr. M. L. Shipman,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—
I am just in receipt of yours of the 28th offering your services on the public roads for the 5th and 6th, the days which have been set apart by Governor or Craig as Good Roads days.

I will be pleased to have you put in the time on road designated by you in your letter. And will show your letter on to the people on this road in carrying out what the Governor expected to be done by setting aside these two days for Good Roads work.

Yours truly,
P. F. PATTON, Supervisor.

Conference of Missionary Workers

The United Missionary conference will be held in Hendersonville on Thursday and Friday of this week, when a number of able men will participate in the program.

The program provides for a mass meeting for men and women on Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30 and a conference for men and women Friday morning at 10:30 and at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Among the speakers will be: Prof. R. E. Gaines of Richmond college; Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., Richmond, Va., general superintendent of the Sunday school department of the Presbyterian board; Rev. S. R. Gammon, D. D., missionary to Brazil; Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, D. D., Spartanburg, S. C., rector of Episcopal church; L. B. Padgett, Greensboro, secretary of Layman's Missionary movement.

At a recent meeting of a number of Hendersonville people \$100 was pledged toward the expenses of the campaign.

The meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church.

The people of this city have manifested considerable interest in the movement, for which no collections will be taken at the meetings in Hendersonville. The following committees have been appointed:

Executive Committee—F. V. Hunter, Chairman; C. S. Fullbright, Treasurer; John T. Wilkins, T. L. Durham, T. W. Valentine.

Committee on Arrangements—J. R. Willson, Chairman; C. E. Brooks, S. B. McPheters, Prof. W. H. Cale, M. A. Fletcher, Mrs. F. S. Wetmur, Mrs. Michael Schenck, Mrs. J. A. Hatch, Mrs. L. R. Barnwell, Mrs. S. C. Caldwell, Miss Claude Sample, Mrs. C. S. Fullbright, Mrs. W. F. Case, Mrs. J. F. Brooks, Mrs. Bessie Egerton.

Committee on Publicity—John T. Wilkins, Chairman; C. S. Fullbright, T. W. Valentine, T. R. Barrows, J. R. Willson, H. C. Meyer, Gordon Garlington.

Committee on Finance—T. L. Durham, Chairman; W. S. Miller, F. E. Durfee, W. P. Whitmire, D. S. Pace, R. C. Clarke, A. H. Hawkins, T. W. Valentine, J. O. Williams, J. Mack Rhoads.

Committee on Statistics—T. W. Valentine, Chairman; Dr. H. H. Carson, R. J. Alderman, W. F. Case, F. S. Thomas.

Committee on Literary, Education and Extension—C. S. Fullbright, Chairman; D. S. Pace, F. V. Hunter, F. D. Brown, Prof. W. H. Cale, Prof. W. S. Shittle, Dr. J. S. Brown, F. G. Stowell.

On Changing Name Of The G. H Club

"I would like to see," said a well known business man, "the Greater Hendersonville club change its name. I think 'Board of Trade' would be far better. It takes less to explain itself. The club in my opinion, has already done a great work. That Hendersonville simply MUST have a commercial organization without the saying, and the stronger that organization can be made the better for every resident of this city. I suggest that the organization be known as the Board of Trade, first, and then that every business man here take an active and personal interest in its affairs.

"This is an age of keen competition and of wide publicity for municipalities no less than for industrial and business firms. The industrial awakening of Hendersonville is not far off, if present signs hold true. This city is not the only city in Western North Carolina in the resort business. There are one or two others, I believe. Without an effective commercial organization how are the industrial and tourist interests of Hendersonville to be advanced? Don't you know that EVERY city, without exception, that is growing industrially, or that is increasing its resort business,

"I believe Hendersonville some day will have an organization it will be proud of—and the foundations for that organization were laid many years ago when old 'Jim' Waldrop, now passed on, and a few other men used to meet regularly, rain or shine, once a week in the commissioners' room in the court house. That was the beginning of the Greater Hendersonville club—which will become more and more a larger influence in the growth of the finest town in the South as time passes on. "Of course, much depends on the

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Flourishing Condition of Baptists

For some time Hendersonville has taken no small delight in boasting its advantages and its progress along commercial, industrial and other material lines, at the same time saying little about the spiritual or religious advancement of this section. That silence along this line was not due to inactivity or lack of progress, is shown in the report of the conditions of the First Baptist church of Hendersonville for a period of three years.

The services of last Sunday marked the third anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. K. W. Cawthon over this church and while the exercises were not altogether of an anniversary nature, Mr. Cawthon read statistics to show something of the satisfactory progress the church is making.

The report shows that the church, which was organized October 8, 1844, has a membership of 403 and that during the period of three years there was a gain of 209 members, 135 being by letter and 76 by baptism, there being only a loss of 48; making a net gain of 163 during this period.

The financial phase of the church report was gratifying, showing the total of money raised for all objects during the past three years to be \$13,196.99, the gifts for benevolence during this time making an increase from \$269.45 for the first year to \$957.49 for the past year.

The untiring, faithful activity of Pastor Cawthon is further shown by his having made more than 2,000 pastoral visits, performing 23 marriage ceremonies and officiating at fifteen funerals, conducting five special evangelistic meetings and one week of missions and preaching more than 300 sermons.

In 1911 approximately \$10,000 was expended in remodeling and improving the church building and parson-

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Dem'tor's Appointments With Farmers

County Farm Demonstrator E. L. Perkins has prepared a program of a number of appointments in the county for the coming week, when he will talk with a number of farmers at night meetings.

Mr. Perkins reports that the farmers of Henderson county are attending the meetings in gratifying numbers, and are manifesting considerable interest in the work and the more modern methods of farming.

At the meetings next week Mr. Perkins will discuss deep plowing, cover crops, and the most rapid methods of improving the soil. Some acid tests will also be made.

The appointments for the week are as follows:

Monday night, Big Willow school house; Tuesday night, Crab Creek school house, district No. 2; Wednesday night, Horse Shoe public school house; Thursday night, Pleasant Hill school house; Friday night, Yale school house.

Superior Court Next Week

Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday for a session of two weeks, the first week being the regular term and the second a special session.

Forty cases have been arranged for the calendar, principal among them being that against the local telephone company, which arose over the proposed increase in rates. This case went before the State Corporation Commission about a year ago and since that time has been in the courts.

The calendar as arranged by the Henderson County Bar association follows:

MONDAY 10TH.
State, et al vs. Telephone Co.
Underwood vs. Underwood
Hooper vs. Hooper
Burnett vs. Burnett
Russell vs. Russell
Sentell vs. Stepp
Wilson vs. Love
Love vs. Wilson
Wilson vs. Ward
Micheal Bros. vs. Pryor
Hamilton vs. Patterson
Allen vs. Burge
Case, et al, vs. Duncan, et al
Cooper vs. Express Co.

TUESDAY 11TH.
Clayton vs. Roberts, et al
Wood Working Co. vs. Edwards, et al (This case put on over Defts. protest.)
Campbell vs. Oates
Wilson Merc. Co. vs. Lollis,
Wilson Merc. Co. vs. Case,
Dalton vs. Anderson
Crock et al vs. Graves
WEDNESDAY 12TH.
Deaton vs. Lumber Co.
Stapp vs. Lyda
Byers vs. Byers
Kerns vs. Holbert
Ewart vs. Ripley, et al
Byers vs. Byers,
THURSDAY 13TH.
Haynes vs. Hendersonville
Dixon vs. Guill
Cooper vs. McCrary
Bradley vs. Rigby-Morrow Co.
Moore vs. Rhodes, et al
FRIDAY 14TH.
Ray et al, vs. Nelson
Kerns, et al, vs. Rollings, et al
Jordan vs. Byers
Embler vs. Lumber Co.
Staton vs. Lumber Co.
Waldrop vs. Brookshire
Johnston vs. Burke,
MONDAY 17TH.
Tillett, Smith & Shipman, et al, Blue Ridge Interurban Ry Co. vs. Staton & Rector, Merrimon & Schenck H-ville Light & Power Co.

Inviting Timely Suggestions

We are striving to improve the Hustler-Democrat. Your interests are our interests for our success depends to a marked degree on the prosperity of our readers.

We deem it our duty to make every reasonably possible improvement in the paper and cater to the needs and wishes of a majority of our thousands of readers, but we must know what they prefer before their wishes can be complied with.

We contemplate making a number of changes in the paper within the next few weeks. It is our sincere purpose to make it one of the best weekly papers in North Carolina. Before making any changes, however, we hereby invite suggestions from our readers as to how we could improve this paper.

We are not so conceited as to believe that none of our subscribers criticize the paper for one reason or another, for we know that it is impossible to please all, but in order to better please the dissatisfied, we hope that they as well as those who have been pleased with the paper, will frankly make any criticism or suggestion that they think would improve the paper. If you think that a change in any of the

policies or features of the paper would improve it, let us have a few lines from you on this subject. If you think that the paper would be better by carrying more agricultural, educational, religious, social, commercial, industrial, political, poultry, or any other phase of news in general, than has been used in the past, please tell us.

In order to convince our readers that we are in earnest in inviting suggestions and improving the paper, we will gladly give any reader credit for a three months' subscription for any suggestion that he or she may make that we consider practicable. We would heartily appreciate a few lines from any reader in regard to this matter within the next two weeks.

Silence on the part of our readers on this subject will be taken to mean that the paper fully meets with their approval.

Will you take time to write us a suggestion or criticism? It will be appreciated and will help us to better satisfy you and possibly hundreds of other readers.

Respectfully,
GORDON F. GARLINGTON,
Manager.
NOAH M. HOLLOWELL,
Editor.

\$10,000 for Fruitland Inst.

Fruitland institute is a splendid Christian school, located six miles from Hendersonville. It has done and is doing a noble work. It is growing. It needs and ought to have a new \$10,000 administration building. Humanity demands it. Religion demands it. Of the \$10,000, the Home Mission Board has subscribed \$5000. A citizen of Wilmington has subscri-

bed \$500. A citizen of Hendersonville has subscribed \$200. Several churches have subscribed definite sums. The remaining amount ought to be given by Henderson county citizens easily and quickly. Hand or mail your subscription to K. W. Cawthon, chairman, or D. S. Pace, treasurer. Act now. K. W. CAWTHON,
Ch'm. Finance Committee.

Garbage Wagon Needed

(Editorial.)

While Hendersonville has earnestly labored from year to year to popularize itself as a resort for the thousands of visitors who annually come here, and as a suitable place for commercial and industrial enterprises, it is apparent that the city is not perfect and that some things have been left undone that should have been executed.

One of the city's greatest needs seems at first thought only a very frivolous matter but upon mature deliberation the subject grows more important. A visit to certain portions of our city, especially the back alleys and other out-of-the-way places convinces us that for several reasons Hendersonville without delay should be provided with a garbage wagon.

The city recently purchased a much-needed trash farm but in order for it to be of the greatest possible service it is necessary that the refuse of the city be deposited therein instead of being allowed to scatter all over the community and endanger our health and safety from fire for want of a convenient way of moving it. Such a wagon could be furnished by the city to make semi-weekly visits to the bus-

iness districts, and to the residential sections when deemed necessary.

Residents often have a box or barrel of trash that should be moved but they don't feel justified in paying half a dollar to have it taken to the garbage farm. The business men cannot afford to hire a wagon to haul off half a dozen chicken heads, a dead rat or some fish offal every day or so. For business reasons they prefer throwing it in the back alley or some other seldom visited place rather than pay exorbitant prices to have it removed. The city could at a reasonable cost provide facilities for the removal of such rubbish at regular intervals.

Hendersonville will have to make this progressive step at an early date and when the sanitary committee of the Greater Hendersonville club submits some proposed ordinances to the town council this week, the latter would be conferring a great favor on this city by adopting a measure to provide for a garbage wagon for the city. We believe that our officials are too wise to the needs of Hendersonville to let this opportunity of preserving its health and contributing to its neatness and beauty pass without the proper attention.

Presbyterians Meet.

Statesville, Nov. 1.—The local Associate Reformed Presbyterians are busy making preparations for the entertainment of the 250 to 300 delegates expected here next week to attend the meeting of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod of the South, the highest court of the Church.

The sessions of the Synod will be held in the First Associate Reformed church which will be the host of the occasion, but the homes of Statesville will be thrown open to the delegates. In preparation for the Synod the Church has been refurnished and considerable improvements made on the interior.

The Synod is composed of eight Presbyteries with churches in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas, with a membership of about 17,000. About 250 delegates, clerical and lay, from among this number have already sent in

Main Street Fruit.

Mr. W. A. Smith and his good friend Captain Toms are both apple growers. The captain has a 6,000 tree orchard. Mr. Smith has a one-tree orchard, right on Main street between his law office and his residence. The tree has not missed bearing in 20 years. Therein the lawyer has it on the capitalist. The fruit is very delicious, but the Captain says it's too small and that if Bill Smith would spray his orchard he'd get better results. To refute this, Mr. Smith points to the tree's record and says he does not intend to climb a step ladder and spray a fruit orchard right on Main street within plain purview of the populace for Captain Toms or any one else. However, he does keep a bushel basket full of the fruit in the last room of his office building hidden behind a desk—and they are certainly fine apples!

Their names to the entertainment committee and have been assigned to homes.

First Baptist Church Is Growing; Report

At the morning services of the First Baptist church last Sunday Pastor K. W. Cawthon presented some interesting statistics showing the condition of the Carolina Baptist association, which embraces the Baptist churches and Sunday schools of Henderson and a part of Polk county. These statistics were compiled from reports made at the annual meeting at Pleasant Hill church last month, and show what is considered to be a flourishing condition of the Baptist denomination in this section.

The statistics follow:
Number of church members 3,949; valuation of property, \$63,500; seating capacity, 10,900; gain by baptism, 275; gain by letter, 230; loss by exclusion, 26; loss by death, 31; loss by church membership, 163; net gain, 342; contribution for use at home, \$9,155.93; Contribution for uses away from home, \$2,378.61.

Sunday Schools.
Enrollment of Sunday schools, 2,561; average attendance, 1,472; contribution for home expense, \$665.98; for benevolence, \$340.96.

Town of Andrews Renounces Claim to Valuable Property.

A consent judgment has been filed in the United States District court in re the condemnation of certain lands belonging to the heirs-at-law or devisees of W. C. Culberson of Girard, Pa., situated in Clay county, for the purposes of a hydro-electric plant for the use of the town of Andrews, says the Asheville Gazette News. By the terms of this judgment, the town agrees not to continue in the proceedings for the condemnation of the land, and acknowledges that it has required no right, claim, title or interest in the land by reason of the proceedings thus far pushed.

This ends a litigation begun early last May which has aroused no little interest in this section. At that time the mayor and board of aldermen of Andrews decided that the present power plant is insufficient to rthe needs of the town and voted that the lands in question, containing about 110 acres and situated on both sides of the Hiwassee river, were best adapted to these needs for a bigger plant. Negotiations were begun for the purchase of the property and later a jury was appointed to fix a price. This action brought the case into the District court about a month ago, since which time no action taken in the matter has been announced until the filing of the judgment above mentioned.

The point of most interest in the matter was the belief that existed in the minds of a great many people to the effect that the power site was really desired for the generation of power for the Hiwassee River railway, a proposed electric line from Andrews to a point in Georgia, and not primarily for the town of Andrews.

THE CITY CLUB.

Results of its Efforts Will Prove Very Beneficial to This Community.

Editor Western Carolina Democrat: Hendersonville will entertain two conventions next June—the dentists and the druggists of North Carolina. This is a stride towards "Lengthening the Season!" Hotel people, after a careful calculation, assure me these two conventions mean an expenditure here of about \$8,000. Surely 25 per cent of this amount, or \$2,000 must be net profit. The Greater Hendersonville club is solely responsible for securing these two conventions. Thereby, it seems to me, the Greater Hendersonville club has amply justified its organization.

T. R. BARROWS,
Secy. G. H. C.

Dana Fair Opens To-day

With most favorable weather conditions prevailing and a splendid line of exhibits of stock, agriculture, poultry, pantry supplies, household goods, etc., carefully arranged, the Blue Ridge fair opened at Dana Wednesday for a session of three days.

Secretary Freeman states that a most attractive line of exhibits have been secured in the various departments and that the prospects are good for the most successful fair in the history of Henderson county. Exhibitors will be at the fair with fine products from all sections of the county and reports are to the effect that there will be a good attendance on each day of the fair, closing on Friday afternoon.

A number of exhibits will be judged by a men sent over the North Carolina for this purpose by the State Department of Agriculture. An expert poultry judge has been secured for the poultry department.

The canned goods in the commercial department will be one of the interesting features of the fair as it is hoped to build up the canning industry in this section of unlimited possibilities. Considerable attention has been given

to the subject of hardwoods gathered from various sections of Henderson county.

One of the interesting free attractions of the fair will be the expert horse riding exhibitions of Joe Martins who will give some thrilling performances.

Among those in attendance will be a representative delegation from Hendersonville to help swell the crowds there from all sections of the county.

AUTUMN AND WINTER.

Southern Railway Issues Attractive Booklet on the Fall and Winter Season of Western North Carolina. "Autumn and Winter in the Land of the Sky" is the title of a 22-page, attractive booklet just issued by the Southern Railway company.

This fine specimen of typographical art is full of information and pictures pertaining to the most popular resorts in Western North Carolina and will doubtless be very effective in advertising this section as thousands of copies will be distributed by the Southern over various parts of the country, calling attention especially to the Autumn and Winter in this highly favored country.