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The blind tiger is a benefactor when
he breaks rock on the public highways.

The highly flavored yellow pumpkin
has come into its own again.

A juicy plum fell Michael Schenck's
way when most of us were asleep.

"A bigger and better fair for Hen-
derson county" should be our motto
for next year.

Uneasy would rest the head of Mr.
Turkey if he only knew the fate await-
ing him on the 27th.

"If the Tenth district wants a real
leader to represent it in the halls of
congress it could find one without look-
ing so very far."—Waynesville Courier.
Trot him out, we want to see what he
looks like.

With all the talk about "better
babies," vital statistics, eugenics, de-
cline in birth rate, etc., we would re-
spectfully amend the campaign slogan
of "better babies" to read: "More
babies and better babies."

We can imagine nothing that would
impede the progress of a man's reli-
gion more than a big hat tilted on a
woman's head, thereby obstructing the
former's view.

Sylvans will have to resort to
"moonshine" since the Southern has
served notice that it will not deliver
any more intoxicants at the Sylva
office.

Commissioner of Agriculture Gra-
ham dispels the fears of prospective
parents by assuring them that there
will be no occasion to weep over the
new baby's being a girl, because that
sentiment has been revolutionized by
the splendid work of girls in canning
and preserving industries.

"Apples raised in Western North
Carolina are 'peaches,' they say."—
Spartanburg Herald. Yes, but many
of the "peaches" brought here from
South Carolina are not apples by any
means.

And yet we have not heard of any
real estate dealers departing for the
newly discovered island in the Atlantic
Ocean.

"Congressman Gudger was among
those who delayed action in congress
by being at home when he was needed
at Washington. Considering the small
part he plays in Washington, however,
he is hardly to be blamed for running
away occasionally."—Waynesville Cour-
ier. Judging from the superior qual-
ity of the Courier we were laboring un-
der the impression that Editor Wil-
son's time was too busily employed to
be reading the absentees recorded in
the Congressional Record.

"Congressman Gudger, having de-
clared that he is in his home district
on 'official business,' will of course
have the nerve to stay at home and
not go rushing back to Washington in
the face of a little criticism."—Way-
nesville Courier. It would be more
discreet to say "political sagacity" in-
stead of "nerve."

"Of course it is barely possible that
Mr. Gudger is at home endeavoring to
discover why he ran behind every
democrat on the ticket in his home
county of Buncombe at the last elec-
tion."—Waynesville Courier. He's
just mending the holes in the fence
when the goats jumped through.

For more than two weeks we have
been racking our brain to figure out
what the Blue Ridge mountains have
to do with the sun's rising in Salisbury
as indicated by the following dispatch
from President Wilson's train as it
passed through that city en route to
Mobile: "The shrill notes of the 'Rebel
Yell' at Salisbury awakened the presi-
dent earlier than he had intended to
rise, and as the autumn sunlight
streaked over the Blue Ridge," etc.

YOU KNOW HIM.
There is a man in our town
And he is full of prunes;
He has a rusty phonograph
And never changes tunes.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

There is a man in our town
And he is not so rare;
He has a husky vocal chord
And always shoots air.

A BOUQUET, THAT'S ALL.
"In the person of Mr. Noah M. Hollo-
well Hendersonville now has a real
newspaper man in charge of its chief
paper and we congratulate the people
of that town."—Waynesville Courier.

POLITICS AND NEWSPAPERS.
The attitude of certain forces in
Haywood county and especially that of
the Waynesville Courier,—the county
democratic organ,—towards Congress-
man Gudger, furnishes food for serious
reflection and carries with it interest
of peculiar significance for those di-
rectly interested in the approaching
congressional campaign. The clip-
pings in this issue from the Courier
and the communication of Mr. Kirk-
patrick, presumably a close kinsman
of Congressman Gudger's former sec-
retary, and coming from the county
whence two of his three secretaries
were selected and whence he has al-
ways received a gratifying support,
aside from assuring a most interest-
ing race for the Tenth District rep-
resentative, point unmistakably to a
better day for the people of the moun-
tain district.

The position taken by these Hay-
wood powers clearly indicate the dawn
of a greater independence upon the
part of both press and public. By
reason of the absence of backbone
rigidity on the part of the newspapers,
thus making the spinal column of the
public more flexible and pliable to
conditions brought about by professional
politicians and ward healers because
the people naturally looked to the
papers for the true light, this country
has been subjected to many things it
should not have tolerated. Party
newspapers, run in many instances by
professional politicians and pie
hunters, have been choked and gagged
to the point that they could not properly
express themselves. Even when there
was an indication of a whimper the
officeholders and seekers after offices
scratched the backs of newspaper men
and assured them that silence would
mean great things for them in the fu-
ture.

The newspaper profession is being
blessed with some new blood. Moss
backs and professional politicians in
many instances have been succeeded by
strong, virile, aggressive young men
without political aspirations. They
see something more honorable and im-
portant to do than polish the faults
of aspiring politicians. The party
whip is losing its sting. The attitude
toward party leaders is changing; that
day when they were too wise to make
mistakes an d too good to be unkind is
a thing of the past. Their gospel does
not have the weight it did when they
scoured the districts and shouted
their virtues from the hilltops. As
the independence of the press in-
creases, political oratory loses its im-
portance and the people look more dili-
gently to the newspapers to keep them
informed as to political affairs in gen-
eral, as a result of which the amount
of newspaper space devoted to politi-
cal articles has constantly increased
for the last few years.

While party papers are important in
their place and have a very important
service to render, they are not so
biased as was once the case and hence
will render more valuable service to
their readers.
Knowing as we do that the able editor
of the Waynesville Courier has no
personal grievance against Representa-
tive Gudger, we are glad to see him
have the courage of his convictions
and call attention to the congress-
man's absence from Washington, even
though the latter claims that his pres-
ence was not needed at the time by
reason of the legislative program.

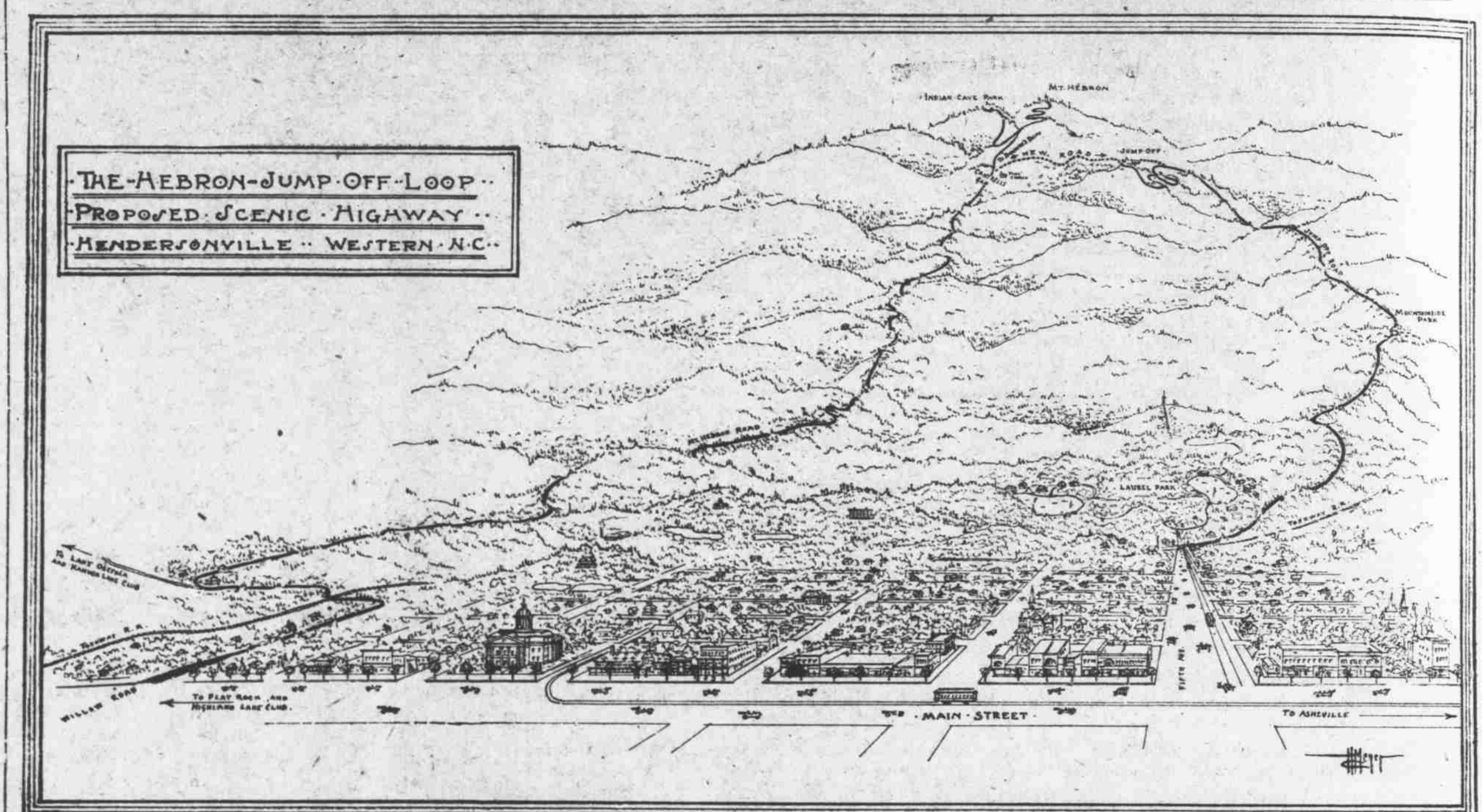
There is considerable agitation of
late about congressmen receiving their
daily stipend of \$17.80 and 40 and 80
cents mileage for their legislative ser-
vices while they are running over their
districts looking after political needs
and practicing their legal professions
hundreds of miles away from the leg-
islative halls.

It will take only a few hot shots like
those discharged by the Courier to
open the eyes of officeholders and keep
them nearer to their posts of duty.
Strength to Editor Wilson's arm; may
he ever hold a firm upperlip and re-
tain his backbone rigidity, for such an
attitude will eventually spell more
political efficiency for the Tenth Con-
gressional district. It will constrain the
officeholders to sit on their jobs and
work harder and devote more time and
attention to their official duties in or-
der to produce more tangible results
or they will be succeeded by those
more suitable for the duties to be dis-
charged.

IT IS SOLICITOR SCHENCK.
That was a pleasing announcement
made by Governor Craig on last Fri-
day morning, naming Michael Schenck
of Hendersonville as the successor of
Solicitor A. Hall Johnston, resigned.
Only a few of his close personal and
political advisers were aware that an
effort was being made in behalf of
Mr. Schenck, and the announcement
that he had found favor with the Gov-
ernor came as a surprise to his num-
erous friends throughout the district.
All agree that Governor Craig has
"done the handsome" by recognizing
Henderson county in reaching a con-
clusion and acted with wisdom in the
exercise of his official prerogative by
naming the capable and deserving
young Democrat Mr. Schenck has
shown himself to be.
While deeply regretting the resig-
nation of Solicitor Johnston this paper
is about reconciled to the change, al-
ready, since his mantle falls upon the
shoulders of one so worthy to bear it.
The new Solicitor needs no intro-

duction to the people of the eight-
teenth Judicial district. He was a
formidable candidate before the con-
vention which nominated Mr. Johnson
a little more than three years ago.
That he will fill the position accepta-
bly, goes without saying. Ability,
energy and an inclination to "do the
right as he sees the right" are charac-
teristics possessed by Mr. Schenck,
which form a basis for the hope that
his duties as State's attorney will be
discharged in a manner most accepta-
ble to his friends and the Governor
himself. He will be a terror, we feel
confident, to evil doers, and like his
worthy predecessor, stand for law and
order, peace and contentment. Al-
ready placed on the ban by the former
Solicitor, blind tigers will receive
no quarters with the consent of Soli-
citor Michael Schenck. His is the type
of character which makes for the up-
lift of the State and all public possi-
bilities should be filled by men like
Mike Schenck and Hall Johnston.
Our heartiest congratulations to the
new Solicitor and a thousand thanks
to Governor Craig.

**See Ewbank for Fire Insurance,
Accident Insurance, Health
Insurance.**
Remember it is too late to insure your property after the fire! Also
that it will do no good to think of accident or health insurance after
you get sick or break a leg or arm!
Let us remind you again that we represent the strongest line of
companies that can be had in THE WORLD and it costs you no
more to get the best protection.
SEE US BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
Ewbank, Ewbank & Co.
Real Estate. Renting Insurance
Your satisfaction is our success.



"HEBRON-JUMP-OFF LOOP" A Great Scenic Highway for Hendersonville

Seventeen Hundred Dollars Now Subscribed— Great Display of Generosity on the Part of Adjacent Farmers

(Contributed.)
Nothing in years has been agitated
that will be of so far-reaching im-
portance to Hendersonville and Hen-
derson County as the proposed "He-
bron-Jump-Off Loop." Hendersonville
has been sorely in need of a great
scenic, mountain highway. Strange-
ly enough this opportunity has lain at
our very feet. With the base of Jump-
Off mountain coming down to the ac-
tual limits of the city, it was only nec-
essary to conceive the essential idea of
such a splendid undertaking and the
project was fairly well assured.
As is so well shown by the above
picture, the course of the proposed
"Loop" is as follows: At the Laurel
Park end of Fifth Avenue West, the
road turns to the right skirting the
Texaway R. R. tracks, where a new
road is made winding to the north of
Laurel Park to a point intersecting
the present Jump-Off road, thence
substantially following this road to a
point near Jump-Off Mountain, with
a new road to Cantrell's, or School
House Gap, thence, again with the
present Hebron road back to the city.
Is it possible to imagine a highway
that would be more beautiful? Where
in the South, indeed, could there be
found such an automobile loop road?
This fine highway, of twelve miles in
length, is to have a uniform width of
20 feet, worked out on easy grades,
the most approved automobile signals
posted at the sharper curves, and all
bridges and culverts to be stone laid
in cement—a superb monumental high-
way.
Contemplate for a moment the
pleasure of such a trip! On leaving
the city of Fifth Avenue West, on a
matchless stretch of asphalt, skirting
the side of Laurel Park, with all its
manifold beauties, one reaches the
steeper slopes of the mountain. Very
soon there are spread out before the
sight-seer the splendid views back
over the city with the Blue Ridge

Mountains in the distance. Only a few
minutes more brings the tourist to
Mountainside Park, with its water-
falls and veritable labyrinths of paths
—a rare place of rustic beauty.
Passing from this enchanted spot,
some two miles carries the pleasure
seeker higher and higher to the very
brink of Jump-Off rock—a sheer precip-
ice with expansive views of the his-
toric French Broad Valley backed by
the Pisgah Range of mountains. On
and on over a new road of some two
miles to Cantrell's Gap, thence to Mt.
Hebron. From this tower of this well-
known mountain is spread a complete
panorama from which can be seen
after tier of the highest mountains
of the Southern Appalachian. A short
detour now brings the autoist on
a perfect road to Indian Cave Park.
Not only is there an interesting cave,
but here again are spread before one's
vision superb views of the Saludas and
other mountain ranges.
To adequately do justice to it all is
impossible,—only in imagination can
one contemplate these wondrous beau-
ties of Nature. Nor is the end yet—
the homeward trip by way of the new
Hebron road, wide enough for three
automobiles abreast is, itself, well
worth a journey to the mountains.
The closing finish of the trip is on
one of the finest asphalt streets to be
found anywhere, viz: Beautiful Main
Street in Hendersonville. Thus has
our imaginary guest made his initial
trip of the "Hebron-Jump-Off Loop."
How many people, does the reader
think, will make this trip in the
summer of 1914? Conservative citizens
estimate that 150 automobiles and car-
riages will make the loop daily, carry-
ing from 500 to 800 people! What will
this be worth to Hendersonville? But
—we haven't yet gotten the road.
Let us now come down to some of
the practical facts confronting us. The
amount now subscribed, mainly by far-
mers, but also by other owners of real

estate adjoining the highway aggre-
gates \$1,700. There will have to be
raised \$4,000 by popular subscription
to get this great benefit. All work is
to be done under the direction of the
county road authorities. It is a busi-
ness proposition for the town—for the
county. Remember this, it is the
country people who have made the
scheme a substantial one up to this
time. Where could a finer spirit be
exhibited?
The following is a list of subscrip-
tions made exclusively by farmers:
J. M. Davis..... \$200.00
Rance Rhodes..... 50.00
E. J. Anderson..... 5.00
E. P. Hawkins..... 5.00
B. B. Blackwell..... 91.00
J. H. Nelson..... 32.50
G. C. Lyda..... 52.00
G. W. Nelson..... 25.00
G. B. Nelson..... 15.00
J. T. Jones..... 91.00
J. W. Revis..... 20.00
Milt S. McCarrson..... 20.00
Dave McCarrson..... 20.00
H. Bowen..... 15.00
J. D. Davis..... 100.00
J. H. Blackwell..... 91.00
T. E. Nelson..... 75.00
Willis M. Guice..... 25.00
G. C. Guice..... 32.05
H. B. Hawkins..... 6.25
W. A. Merrell..... 12.50
J. L. McCarrson..... 6.25
Z. C. Allen..... 6.25
Fleet Gallimore..... 10.50
W. S. Pruett..... 7.50
J. E. Morris..... 2.50
R. W. Nelson..... 53.50
W. R. Nelson..... 32.50
J. P. Price..... 6.25
S. N. Hardin..... 10.90
R. F. Orr..... 25.00
Wit W. Guice..... 3.75
A. H. Drake..... 2.25
J. P. Anders..... 5.61
J. O. Houston..... 5.00
Custis Justus..... 87.50
Henry Leslie..... 21.00

Charley Nelson.....	22.50
Kelsey Justus.....	12.50
G. W. Allen.....	7.50
Herbert Allen.....	7.50
Ben T. Smith.....	7.50
J. N. Carver.....	25.00
Total.....	\$1,336.50

Could anything be more praise-
worthy than the above evidence of
public spirit? It surely stands as a
mark of their progressiveness at heart,
and of their intelligence. A large part
of this subscription is in labor of
teams, which amounts to the same as
money. It was primarily necessary of
course that they be the first to sub-
scribe. Is it not now, however, the
plain duty of the city, and of others in-
terested in Hendersonville, to make up
the balance?
Over and above this \$1,336.50, an ad-
ditional amount has been subscrib-
ed which brings the aggregate up
to \$1,700, thus leaving a remain-
der of \$2,300 yet to be raised to
bring the total up to the \$4,000, the
amount necessary to get one of the
finest, scenic, highways ever made
by man. Do we want it?
This road will give untold pleasure
to those whom we yearly welcome to
our city. We owe them all the inter-
tainment we can give them, and we
want more of them. They will appre-
ciate it, too.
Let us, therefore, do our part and
get this great benefit. It isn't an in-
surmountable difficulty, if each and
every one will help in proportion to
his ability, the benefits derived and in
proportion to the enjoyment which he
will experience from its construction.
Nothing could possibly give so much
pleasure to our annual visitors as the
completion of the "Hebron Jump-Off
Loop" for the summer of 1914.
Hear the Graphophone play "All
Night Long" at Shepherd's Furniture
Store.—Adv.
Machine crushed stone for sale. See
or phone
W. P. BANE
Hendersonville, N. C.