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## WORKING FOR COTTON MILLS

Committee Now Busy Securing Stock for What Henderson County Needs Very Bad—Looks Favorable.

### NEARLY HALF AMOUNT SECURED.

The work of securing a cotton mill has begun in earnest by the committee in charge and subscriptions are now being solicited.

There is over one half of the necessary stock now in sight either signed or promised. The committee is working together in making a thorough canvass of the city and county.

The preliminary work towards starting the mill will fall upon the shoulders of the local stockholders.

It is still a secret as to who the cotton mill syndicate is which desires to build here provided the people do their part.

The petition which is being liberally subscribed to reads as follows:

Hendersonville, N. C., Feb. 7, 1917.

Resolved, That an organization be formed to do Hendersonville's part towards securing a cotton mill, and with this end in view a corporation be formed to be known as — Cotton Mills.

That the capital stock to be subscribed by Hendersonville shall be not less than \$50,000.00 in shares of \$100 each.

It is a condition of this subscription that no payment on same shall be demanded until, and unless, the sum of at least \$50,000.00 be subscribed, and further that the mill to be built shall be not less than a \$500,000.00 mill.

That it is desirable end opportune that 100 acres of land be secured and with this end in view, when as much as \$50,000.00 has been subscribed a charter shall be secured, an organization perfected and a call of not less than 5 per cent of each subscription shall be made to secure said land, and at this time it is found that the right party be ready to put up the remainder of the \$500,000.00 then this call may be as much as 20 per cent, or whatever part thereof may be necessary to pay in full for said land.

The remainder of each subscription shall be subject to call in installments of not more than 20 per cent as work on the mill progresses,—the final installment to be paid when the mill is completed.

Based upon the above, we the undersigned, hereby subscribe the amount set opposite our names to the capital stock.

### TO PRESENT PLAY.

Boys of Blue Ridge Will Give "Mr. Smallworth's Mistake" at Opera House, February 20.

Tuesday night, February 20, the boys of the Blue Ridge School will present "Mr. Smallworth's Mistake" at the Opera House. This amateur performance will be one of the funniest things ever given in Hendersonville—screams after roars of laughter.

This is the first play to be offered by the Blue Ridge boys, though they hope to present another later in the year. For their first appearance they have a two act farce-comedy that is certain to be interesting to every one.

The scene is laid in the home of Mr. Schuyler. Such characters are introduced as the young female who sings by her toes from the clothes line, and sings; another who delights to perform her ablutions on the front door step; the ferocious Jack, who once bit a man's finger off; and the young clerical who is quite bewildered by it all.

### Cast of Characters.

- Mr. Schuyler, devoted to quiet life and Polly.....Prof. Nicholls.
- Mr. Morris, devoted to Nettie.....Will Egerton.
- Mr. Rawdon, devoted to physical culture and Jack.....Prof. Alexander.
- The Rev. Mr. Smallworth, thirteen months out of seminary.....Hamilton Hill.
- Mrs. Bickerdick, vice president of the Society for the Promulgation of the Doctrine of the Transmigration of the Soul.....Rowland Hill.
- Nettie Schuyler, returns Mr. Morris' interest.....Harry Whitner.
- Mr. I. Ketchum, tenderfoot detective of the Ketchum Detective Agency.....Henry Wilson.
- Jane, a maid.....Wiley Butler.
- Ching-ah-ling, the Mongolian cook.....William Swink.

## SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN GERMANY HAS BECOME ACUTE.

Many of the Food Have Disappeared Altogether—Deception of Roasted Acorns, Corn and Chicory.

Food conditions in Germany have changed greatly for the worse in the last five months says the Stockholm correspondent of the Associated Press who had been away from Germany since the first week in August, has just returned from a stay of three weeks in Berlin. He found that many staples of food had altogether disappeared from the markets, others had grown so dear that they are beyond the reach of any but the well-to-do, the daily allowance of potatoes had been reduced to 10 ounces, and that either a shortage of flour or a disordered distribution of it among the bankers had resulted in long queues of buyers standing for hours in front of the bakeries.

Maximum prices of the foodstuffs controlled by the government are still very low for potatoes and bread, and comparatively low for meats. Potatoes cost only 72 cents the standard bushel of 60 pounds and bread a little less than 3-1/2 cents a pound. But potato allowance is insufficient for persons who have little bread and potatoes to eat, and has to be eked out with turnips.

It had been hoped to allow one egg a person each two weeks in Greater Berlin, but the last one-egg allowance was made some five weeks ago and another is not promised until February. Since the end of August there has been no cheese on the market.

Another serious reduction of available foodstuffs has been the expropriation for control by the government of all canned vegetables. Four or five weeks ago the dealers were permitted to sell a fractional part of their stock but only two cans on each bread card. Dealers are to be compelled to open each can before selling it so as to force the buyers to consume it at once and not hoard it.

The weekly allowance of meat of all kinds in the Greater Berlin municipalities runs from 5 1-4 to 8 3-4 ounces. The cheapest varieties cost about 60 cents a pound; the dearest 72 cents.

The weekly allowance of butter and margarine together is a little less than three ounces a person. Oil is so expensive that it is out of the reach of the great majority. The Associated Press correspondent paid \$3.12 for about two-thirds of a point of hazelnut oil to be used for frying. Goose fat costs \$4.80 a can of 17 3/5 ounces and is the only fat, except vegetable oils, that can be bought without a card. This insufficiency of fats in the daily ration shows itself in an almost continuous feeling of hunger. The most bitter complaints came from soldiers at home.

When the writer last visited the front, in July, the man's rations were ample in every respect, and there is no reason to believe the same is not true today.

There is a deadly monotony about meals in the average household. Breakfast generally consists of rolls, marmalade (often made of pumpkins) and a decoction of roasted acorns, rye, chickory and what not that goes by the name of coffee. There is no real coffee left. Some tea at high prices is still to be had, but the poorer people drink a brew of linden blossoms, raspberry leaves or leaves of other shrubs or trees. "For the second breakfast" there is dry bread.

Dinner generally consists of boiled potatoes with salt, some kind of boiled vegetables, and, on perhaps two days of the week, a tiny piece of meat. Fish takes the place of meat on other days, unless one can buy a goose at \$1.56 a pound, a duck at \$1.44 a pound, a turkey at \$1.32 a pound, or a hen at \$1.08 to \$1.20 a pound.

Supper is the problem in the average household. Generally there are no potatoes left over from noon, and if there are there is no fat in which to fry them. The usual German supper before the war consisted of cold meats, sausage, cheese, bread and butter and beer. There is no meat, no cheese, and no sausage, no butter on four or five days of the week, no more bottled beer and many saloon keepers refuse to sell beer to be consumed off the premises. The beer, moreover is all but undrinkable.

There remain, however, bread and fish, fresh smoked, dried or canned. And here the problem of cost is added to that of monotony. The writer sold in Berlin \$1.20 a pound for ordinary lake trout and 84 cents a pound for small fresh water bass. Dried salted fish costs 36 cents a pound and smoked eel \$1.92 to \$2.40. Smoked goose

## FREE TRIPS TO WASHINGTON

Hustler's Offer May be Accepted by Many the Last Week Before March the 4th—Enter Now.

### SOUTHERN RY CO-OPERATING

The Southern Railway company is co-operating with the French Broad Hustler in the big offer of FREE trips to Washington, D. C., to witness the inauguration of President Wilson. The event will be one of the greatest in the annals of American history and every person in the county who can possibly devote the time should take advantage of the offer by the Hustler.

The railway company has furnished big posters telling of the low rates and offering the very best of service in transporting its passengers to the capital city.

Those of Henderson county who witnessed the event four years ago are contemplating returning this year. There will be at least thirty people to go to Washington from this city and county including those who take advantage of the offer made by the Hustler.

It has been intimated that there are several in the city and county who will spend a week in trying to get the required number of subscribers to secure the free trip. It is a fact that this can be accomplished within less time than a week if the person go after the subscriptions in the right way. Call in the Hustler office and find out the right way. It is easy and you positively cannot lose a cent in the trying. Every body wins. This is not a contest and every person in the race receives the same commission on the dollar.

### MEASLES A PLENTY.

There are quite a number of cases of measles in the city and the city authorities are taking the proper steps to prevent the disease spreading. In nearly every city in the state there has been almost an epidemic of it. In Asheville it is said that there are many cases now.

## SHOOTING IN COUNTY SUNDAY

Watson Empties Load of Shot Into Brother-in-Law's Side—Robertson Now in Hospital—Will Recover.

### WATSON IS IN JAIL.

Hilliard Watson is in jail charged with shooting his brother-in-law, Henry Robertson, near Naples last Sunday afternoon. He is being held without bail pending the condition of Robertson who is in an Asheville hospital suffering from a shot gun wound in the side.

Sheriff Allard Case was on the scene, within thirty minutes after being notified of the shooting. He succeeded without any trouble in locating Watson. Robertson made a statement to the sheriff in which he said that he was in the act of going after his cows when Watson jumped out from behind a tree and fired a full load of number 7 shot into his side. He admitted that they had quarreled before. Watson is reported to have said that he shot in self defense as he knew that Robertson had sharpened his knife the day before, that he thought he saw him taking it out of his pocket when he fired 75 feet away.

Both men were sober at the time and Robertson is said to be a well to do farmer in his section. The whole affair has created a sensation in the Naples and Fletcher settlement.

bread costs \$3 to \$3.50 a pound, and boiled chrimps are 72 cents. Pepper costs \$6.00 a pound, and small raisins \$1.08. Saccharine dissolved in water has taken the place of sugar for sweetening coffee and tea in private homes as well as restaurants. Milk is ordinarily available in limited quantities only for invalids, the very aged and children.

## C. A. CARLSON IS PARDONED

Governor Bickett Grants Conditional Pardon Provided Defendant Pays Mrs. Fuller \$20,000.

### DEFENDANT NOT A CRIMINAL.

Governor Bickett Monday granted conditional pardon to Charles A. Carlson, of New Jersey, convicted here in January 1916 of obtaining money under false pretense and sentenced to five years in State prison. The pardon is conditioned upon the defendant's paying to Mrs. David P. Fuller, widow of Dr. David J. Fuller against whom the alleged pretense was perpetuated \$20,000 by way of reimbursement.

Explaining the commutation in The Raleigh News & Observer, Governor Bickett said:

"Charles A. Carlson was convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses from Dr. David J. Fuller. The alleged false pretense occurred in connection with some business deals between Dr. Fuller and the defendant in the construction of a street railway in the town of Hendersonville. Technically, the evidence was sufficient to warrant the verdict of the jury, but a careful consideration of the case convinces me that the defendant is not a criminal, and that it would not be to the interest of society or the defendant himself for him to serve a term in prison. Dr. Fuller is now dead leaving a widow and two children without means of support. The defendant is without means, but is a man of large constructive talents and has entered into an agreement with Mrs. Fuller to reimburse her to the amount of \$20,000 on account of the losses sustained by her husband, and has practically sentenced himself to hard labor for a term of three years in the employ of a large manufacturing company, which has agreed to pay to Mrs. Fuller \$3,000 in cash, and the said Carlson further executes to the agent of Mrs. Fuller three notes in the sum of \$4,000 each, payable in one, two and three years after date, and secured by an assignment by said Carlson of an interest equal to one-third of the net profits

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## PASTOR URGES BETTER SCHOOLS

Rev. T. E. Simpson of Presbyterian Church Spoke on City's Need of Better Schools and Facilities.

### SECOND PASTOR TO TALK.

The people of Hendersonville were again reminded of the needs of their public school when, last Sunday night, Rev. T. E. Simpson announced from the pulpit of the Methodist church that he had been informed by the school officials that either more money must be provided for the maintenance and extension of the public school facilities or else retrenchment of present facilities must soon follow. He said a step backwards in education was in its detrimental effects, next to a step backwards in the church and that we may as well speak of lessening church activities as to speak of the possibility of abandoning our high school. Mr. Simpson said he did not believe in the popular idea that men oppose anything which involves an increase in taxation. "The proper training of their children is more precious to them than money," he said.

Mr. Simpson spoke for about five minutes at the union service held at the Methodist church Sunday. This is the second time within the past month that a minister has fervently urged from the pulpit that the taxpayers provide more adequately for the training of the children of the town. The ministers realize that the enlightened and trained mind is more susceptible to the Christian influence; also, their business is to battle for the making of useful men and women.

We should all rally to the support of any movement which has for its aim a "Greater Hendersonville."

The mill may be unable to grind with the water that has passed, but the hand organ grinds the same old air over and over.

## ESMERALDA INN BURNS WITH A \$20,000 LOSS.

Made Famous by the Movie Actors—Fire of Unknown Origin Destroys Widely Known Inn.

After having been devastated last July by the most memorable flood in the history of Western North Carolina, Bat Cave, Tuesday afternoon suffered a severe loss in the destruction of Esmeralda inn, owned by Thomas Turner, with a damage, it is said, of \$20,000 says the Asheville Citizen. The fire was of an unknown origin and the insurance small. Details of the fire are meagre and what little is known of it was brought to Asheville yesterday by a Mr. Reed of the Bat Cave country.

Esmeralda inn, made famous by the excellent country dinners served there for years, was the home of many movie actors who have filmed thrilling mountain dramas in that wild and picturesque country "In the Heart of the Blue Ridge." Esmeralda inn was a fine old country home, originally, remodeled and adapted to the needs of the tremendous tourist business which each year invades the Hickory Nut gap country. The building was well furnished and it is possible that the total loss will exceed the estimated \$20,000.

The destruction of the inn will not however, destroy the hotel accommodations in the famous gorge. Mountain View inn and Freeman's camp, both able to adequately care for many people, are still there and will cater to many a visitor attracted to a country by a flood which has left its marks to endure for all time to come. The lack of details of the fire would not exist had the telephone line so long and insistently advocated by the board of trade, been built to Bat Cave. It was thought at the board of trade rooms last night, that the fire yesterday might give to this talked-of line its decisive impetus.

Esmeralda inn is in the heart of that beautiful country made known to thousands through Francis Hodgson Burnett's story, "Esmeralda." The mountains and valleys of that section have been made known to millions more through the scores of pictures filmed there. It was at Esmeralda inn that the movie actors have made their headquarters for many years, and some of the most popular screen dramas have been enacted near this inn now but a heap of ashes. It is said, indeed, that the people of the mountains derived a considerable portion of their income from taking part in these plays, and there has been many a desperate encounter seen on the slopes of the mountains between the moonshiners and the revenue men.

It was through this gorge cut in the almost straight up and down mountains running on it, that the Rocky Broad river last July roared and carved a new bed for its waters, carrying away the Bat Cave post office, the iron bridge close by, and utterly destroying the fine road connecting the fine road connecting Chimney Rock with Asheville. The bridge has been replaced and communication with the Bat Cave country now is through Henderson county. The road is still in too rough a condition to permit of motor travel. The tremendous damage caused by the storm of July 1916 was felt over a large area in this part of the State, but nowhere was its fury more manifested than in "The Heart of the Blue Ridge," now visited by probably the most serious fire in its history.

### BROWNLOW JACKSON SICK.

Henderson County's Legislator Forced to Come Home for Few Days on Account of Illness.

Brownlow Jackson arrived in the city Tuesday morning from Raleigh accompanied by Mrs. Jackson. He is suffering from a case of grippe, but hopes to return to his duties within the next few days.

In talking to a Hustler reporter Mr. Jackson states that his bill allowing all those who pay one half of their county taxes before May 1, until next fall to pay the balance has passed the house and that he is positive that Senator Justice is favorable towards it.

### WOODMEN TO ENTERTAIN.

The Woodmen Circle will give a public entertainment at Odd Fellow's hall, February 23, at 7:45, in honor of the Woodmen of the World. All Woodmen are invited to bring their families. A cordial invitation to the public.

Some clergymen deal in rhetoric some in logic, and some in common sense. The first is popular with women, the second with most men, and the third with but precious few of either sex.

## PROSPECTS ARE FINE FOR SPRING

Many New Buildings Contemplated for Early Spring and Business Promises to be Good.

### WAR WILL EFFECT SOME.

"Hendersonville will witness one of the greatest building periods in its history within the next few months," said a well known citizen yesterday. This gentleman is in a position to know what he is talking about. Already signs are pointing towards one of the greatest seasons for Hendersonville and the new buildings now under construction and those contemplated in the near future will place the city in the front with progress.

The new developments in Columbia park will be such that this well known residential section will be looked upon as a very desirable location for new home builders. The company which has just purchased the property is headed by Mr. Sumner, of Asheville, Mr. Sumner formerly lived here and has kept in touch with the city's growth since leaving. He believes that Hendersonville real estate is a good investment.

Quite a number of new residences have just been completed.

The new negro graded school will be a credit to the city.

A new school is contemplated for the city and will probably be voted upon in the coming election.

The Hustler is informed that a building is now contemplated for Main street business section that will be a credit to a city of 100,000 population.

The Justus Pharmacy is making improvements and remodeling at a cost of nearly \$10,000.

The Southern Railway company has greatly improved the passenger station.

There is a strong probability of the city securing a furniture factory.

In fact there is a committee of gentlemen now in communication with George Stephens, of Charlotte, and he will be here this week to make a definite disposition of locating the Kanuga furniture factory in Hendersonville.

The committee at work is very hopeful of securing the necessary local stock in warranting outside capital to expend \$500,000 in a cotton mill and village, near the city.

If the mill decides to accept an electric power offer made by the Hendersonville Light and Power company then a big development will be made by this company with its holdings near the present power plant site on Big Hungry.

It has been persistently rumored that the Green River Mfg company contemplates doubling its capacity within a short while.

The grand jury of recent courts have repeatedly demanded a new county jail for the county, claiming that the present one is inadequate for the growing county.

A \$5,000 school building is now being erected at Tuxedo.

Messrs. Wm. Lott and H. M. King have sub-divided a tract of land near Hendersonville on the Asheville road and Mr. Lott is now in Florida selling lots for this community. Streets, sidewalks, etc., are contemplated for the property.

The city of Hendersonville and Board of Trade have closed contracts with eight leading daily newspapers in Florida for a series of large advertisements to appear six times in each publication during the next few weeks urging tourists to stop over in Hendersonville on their way home. The advertising campaign is being handled through the Edwin Gill Advertising Agency, of Asheville. Mr. Gill is giving his personal attention to the campaign. In addition to the newspaper space used special designed moving picture slides are being shown in every picture house in these eight cities of Florida for a month. All inquiries will be addressed to the secretary of the Board of Trade who will follow it up with a series of convincing letters and literature about the city.

An extra through Pullman sleeper has been announced from Jacksonville to Hendersonville to take care of the rush of early tourists leaving Florida soon.

In spite of the increase of 5 cents

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