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This City to be the Mecca of Moving Picture Actors in Staging "Rise and Fall of the Confederacy"

Through Efforts of J. M. Ransier and the Author of Scenario, Edward Lansing Cowles, American Feature Film Corporation, of Chicago and Atlanta will produce the Greatest Film Since "The Birth of a Nation" Near This City.

Through the efforts of J. M. Ransier, of Ransier Place, Hendersonville will become the mecca of several hundred moving picture artists and thespians this spring and summer in the construction of one of the largest productions ever attempted since "The Birth of a Nation," which, also was from the pen of a noted Carolinian, Thomas Dixon of Shelby.

It is officially announced by J. M. Ransier, that the American Feature Film Corporation has made all arrangements for the occupancy of the Ransier Place, Hendersonville as studio and producing headquarters this summer, and the cottages at Ransier Place will soon be ready for occupancy of the various principals and artists who are in the big moving picture scenario, "The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy," which is the name of the production to be staged very largely in and around the Hendersonville section, although its various scenes take it into five different states.

"The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy" is from the pen of Edward Lansing Cowles, until recently associate editor of the Charlotte Observer and represents three and a half years work, study and research on the part of its author, who is the highest priced scenario writer in the United States, his recent masterpiece having been contracted for by the American Feature Film Corporation for the record-breaking sum of ten thousand dollars.

Mr. Cowles will personally superintend the construction of the big production here this summer and is a personal friend of Mr. Ransier with whom he will make his home during the completion of the production.

It is interesting to note in this connection, that through the thousand or more scenes of "The Rise and Fall of the Confederacy" over 5,000 people will be seen upon the screen, and the work of "supernumeraries" or extras, to fill in with the various scenes will, it is assumed, furnish pleasant work for hundreds of Hendersonville people this summer.

Hence, if you should happen to see, off in the distance, great moving bodies of men in conflict, hear the roar of guns and see the smoke of battle, don't think that Hendersonville has been invaded by the husky Teutons. It is only play, but a play of the human imagination that gives rise to one of the most spectacular productions ever attempted in the moving picture world.

If you should see, by the shades of all that's mortal, the living likeness of Gen. Stonewall Jackson astride his charger conferring with Gen. Robert E. Lee, commander-in-chief of the army of the Confederacy, the hurried visits of mounted couriers, bugle calls, the roll of drums and the rattle of musketry, don't think that you are back again in the days of '61, but just watch and see the portrayal of one of the most remarkable scene-plots ever contrived for the enjoyment of the theatre-going public.

Hendersonville is fortunate upon this all important acquisition, not only for the thousands of dollars that it will bring here, but for the prestige it will give the city as a summer resort of paramount interest and the added attraction for tourists of witnessing such novel scenes with some of the foremost actors and artists in the United States actively engaged in a production that is already being heralded about the United States as quite equal in heart-interest and impelling pathos as "The Birth of a Nation."

NEW STORE TO BE ON MAIN ST.

Hawkins Property Improved With
Modern Department Store and
Apartment Building.

H. PATTERSON TO OCCUPY SAME.

A long lease contract has been signed by H. Patterson with Paymaster E. C. Gudger, of the U. S. navy, through his agent Ex-Congressman J. M. Gudger of Asheville, for a modern department store building to be erected at an early date on the Hawkins property on Main street.

This contract has been pending for several weeks and was alluded to in the Hustler week before last as being a possibility of a modern building on Main street which would be a credit to a city of 100,000 population.

The building according to the plans call for a structure of brick two stories facing Main street with a shell brick front and three stories in the rear. A concrete basement will be installed and the building will be steam heated throughout. The first floor on Main street will be 52 by 100 with one of the most modern fronts obtainable for a department store.

H. Patterson, one of Hendersonville's leading merchants has been in conference with architect E. G. Stillwell over the plans for the building and Mr. Gudger has agreed to build a store suitable to the needs of a modern and up to date department store.

The building, it is said, will be one of the finest of its kind in this section in the way of light, fixtures and conveniences.

Mr. Patterson announced last winter that the owners of his present stand would make improvements but they have been abandoned as far as Mr. Patterson is concerned. He expects to occupy his new home the early part of the summer.

The actual work will begin this week or next in moving the old Hawkins home to the rear of the lot. This house is one of the landmarks of the city and will be remodeled into a handsome boarding house. Mrs. L. M. DeMare will manage the boarding house when completed.

The second story of the new department store will be devoted to office rooms in front and modern flats in the rear. Balcony windows will be used on the side next Fourth avenue and sleeping porches on the rear of the third story.

There will be three show windows and two main entrances besides a stair way on the front of the building.

FLAT ROCK NEWS.

Flat Rock, Feb. 26.—Washington's birthday was celebrated by the Flat Rock graded school with a public exercise beginning at 8 p. m. A number of patriotic hymns were sung and a recitation by Miss Gertrude Hollingsworth was given. The principal feature of the program was a very able and inspiring address given by Supt. C. E. Blackstock of Hendersonville, the subject of which was "America the Melting Pot of the World." He was presented to the audience by principal V. C. Bradley in a few well chosen words. Supt. Blackstock's remarks caught the attention of the audience from the time he began speaking until the very last word had been spoken. It was considered to be one of the very best addresses ever given here.

The following have been neither absent nor tardy:
2nd grade—Mabel Edney and Robert Bell.
3rd grade—Gerald Edney.
4th grade—Martin Garren and Gertrude Hollingsworth.
5th grade—Arnold Edney.
6th grade—Carl Drake.
7th grade—Claude Kilpatrick.
8th grade—Dolly Brookshire and Nellie Pearce.

AMERICAN SAILORS IN GERMANY ARE SET FREE.

An Aggravating Feature of the International Situation Cleared up Monday Through Madrid.

Washington, Feb. 26.—One of the aggravating features of the international situation was cleared up today when the state department received a report from American Ambassador Joseph A. Willard, at Madrid that the Yarrowdale prisoners had been released. Ambassador Willard said the American sailors had been freed by Germany on February 16 but gave no further details.

Yeggmen cracked the safe of the Farmers' Union warehouse in Newton Friday night and secured about \$5 in cash.

HONOR ROLL.

Report of the Hendersonville Graded School for the Month Ending February 23, 1917.

FIRST GRADE B.
Miss Mamie Briggs, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—74.
Number of visitors—2.
Honor Roll—Samuel Barnett, Anita Cawthon, Asksah Chapin, Stokes Fuller, Marion Freeman, Charles Israel, Evangeline Justice, Henry King, Catherine Reese.

FIRST GRADE A.
Miss Lois Edwards, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—97.1.
Honor Roll—William Bacon, Floyd Gallamore, Reginald Hill, Billy Sertel, Stephen Stepp, Josephine Brooks, Carter Freeze, Fannie Justice, Neil Jones, Vera Orr, Katherine Penland, Emily Wetherford, Johnnie Mas Stanley.

SECOND GRADE B.
Miss Anna Crowder, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—97.
Honor Roll—William Freeze, Fels Hill, Frank Israel, Paul Jones, Ralph Jones, Leonard Lewis, Wayne Thompson, Murray Brooks, Maud Hyder, Ora Hill, Thelma Miller, Rora Reid, Jeanette Balke.

SECOND GRADE A.
Mrs. Ethel Patterson, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—91.64.
Number of visitors—2.
Honor Roll—Joe Byers, Juliet Carson, Egerton Ehringhaus, Syble Gurely, Emily Sargent, St. Clair Guice.

THIRD GRADE B.
Miss Mattie Stansel, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—94.
Number of visitors—12.
Honor Roll—Kay Orr.

THIRD GRADE A.
Mrs. J. F. Freeze, Teacher (Miss Pauline Williams, substitute).
Per cent of attendance—90.
Number of visitors—2.
Honor Roll—Ruth Haynes, Ethel Scofield, Irene Brooks, Lonnie Freeman, Rosalie Case, Una Shipman, Lillian Justice, Grayson Shipman, Elizabeth Murray, Elbert Murray, Elizabeth Freeman, Earle Huggins.

FOURTH GRADE.
Miss Gladys Dodson, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—95.23.
Number of visitors—7.
Honor Roll—Frances Bacon, Clair Burdette, George Chapin, Louise Faulkner, Edith Hopkins, Charles Hunter, Louise Matthews, Carleton Scofield, Katharine Valentine, Sarah Valentine, Leon Wetmire, Marie Wilkins, Boyce Whitmire.

FIFTH GRADE.
Per cent of attendance—96.3.
Number of visitors—3.
Honor Roll—Myrtle Barnett, Edna Byers, Mildred Calvert, Helen Drafts, Nelle Morris, Allene Wilkins, Carlton Clouse, Thomas Freeman, Glenn Patterson, Frank Reid.

SIXTH GRADE.
Miss Gladys Dodson, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—92.4.
Honor Roll—Myrtle Brooks, Christine Justice, Richard Levin.

SEVENTH GRADE.
Miss Rosa Edwards, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—97.
Honor Roll—Ben Brown, Edward Patterson, Cameron Shipp, Edgar Moore, Ruth Black, Nettie Gray, Denholm Reid, Beulah Trice, Mary Orr.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.
EIGHTH GRADE.
Miss Bessie Jordan, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—95.9.
Number of visitors—1.
Honor Roll.

Name	Average Mark
Robert Brooks	96.25
Myrtle Chapel	95.25
Helen Grant	94.25
Helen Lance	95.25
Donna V. Laughter	97.25
Ruth Wetmire	92.50

NINTH GRADE.
Miss Connie Morrow, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—99.1.
Honor Roll.

Name	Average Mark
Annette Brooks	95
Bertha Jamison	96
Eleanor Plank	97
Alletta Plank	99
Garland Sherman	100

TENTH GRADE.
Miss Bessie Steedman, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—95.40.
Number of visitors—9.
Honor Roll.

Name	Average Mark
Vada B. Orr	95.80
Minnie Patterson	94.16
Helen Whitfield	98.6
Zollar Reese	94.2

ELEVENTH GRADE.
Miss Bessie Steedman, Teacher.
Per cent of attendance—97.7.
Honor Roll.

Name	Average Mark
Frank Bly	96.6
Gail Briggs	96.2
Nell Garrett	95
Horace Gray	92.6
Willie Lou Jordan	96

R. M. Oates returned Tuesday from Raleigh, where he was on business.

B. & L. PAYS THIRD SERIES

Nearly \$50,000 Paid Out in Eight Years to Local Stockholders.

TO OPEN NEW SERIES IN APRIL.

With the third series maturing last week amounting to over \$14,000 The Laborer's Building and Loan association has paid out in cash and cancelled mortgages nearly \$50,000 to Hendersonville home builders, within exactly eight years of its existence.

The building and loan association is now looked upon as a permanent institution for Hendersonville and is being patronized by all classes of people of the city and county. The officers are local men and with the exception of the office of secretary and treasurer there has been no change since the organization in March 1909. When P. T. Patton, resigned last year H. A. Stepp, teller of the First Bank & Trust company was elected in his place. Mr. Stepp has had active charge of the association during the past year.

Over seventy five houses have been built through the help of the building and loan association and the number is increasing rapidly.

A new series will be opened the last of April this year and it is predicted that more stock will be taken during and previous series. The fact that three series have already matured with each series will aid as a great factor to promote the number of applicants this spring.

The board of stockholders meeting will be held in the directors room of the First Bank & Trust company, March 13, 1917.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP.

Langford Anderson, of Savannah, Ga., Wins \$100 Scholarship for Correct Answer for School.

Several months ago Rev. George Wright announced throughout the South that he would give a free tuition to the Camp school he was going to begin this summer to the boy who gave the correct answer as to what the word Chimrock stood for. Young Langford Anderson, 1002 Drayton street, Savannah, Ga., was the first boy to answer the query correct. There were quite a number of answers received by Mr. Wright.

SENSATIONS DEVELOP AT ELECTION HEARING.

C. A. Dickey Freely States That He "Presided" at the Congressional Ballot Box—Elas Causes Stir.

Asheville, Feb. 26.—The Britt hearing here today developed a number of sensations, chief among which was the statement of C. A. Dickey, a wealthy Republican of Black Mountain, and candidate for county commissioner last fall, who freely stated that he "presided" at the congressional ballot box, giving as his reason that Joseph Kinsey, a Democratic judge of election had been indicted in Craven county for alleged election frauds and they were afraid to trust him. O. L. Shelton of Black Mountain, another Republican, testified that he caught a Democratic poll holder trying to slip two Democratic tickets in a box.

These statements followed the testimony of Don S. Elias, Congressman-elect Weaver's manager, and chairman of the Buncombe board of elections. He said that he had suggested to a number of precinct officers that they make out "amended and supplemental" returns where they had found unmarked ballots. This is the first time that any Democrat has admitted suggesting or advising any of the much talked about "supplemental" returns and the Republicans made much over it today. William McDowell, Democratic registrar for the first Asheville precinct, admitted that he lived and voted in the fourth precinct while he served as registrar for the first. Congressman-elect Weaver announced today that he had appointed W. L. Hardin, of Waynesville, as his private secretary. Mr. Hardin will assume his new duties March 4. The position pays \$1,500 a year.

TWO MILLION POUNDS OF POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Investigators of the police department, in taking a census of food supplies here today, found in storage at one refrigerating company's plant two million pounds of poultry and 900,000 pounds of butter, besides carloads of meat, fish and apples.

TO PUT COUNTRY IN STATE OF "ARMED NEUTRALITY" ASKED

CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BOND ISSUES WITHOUT POPULAR VOTE

Suspended Judgments to be Invoked Only in Open Court—Other Recent Decisions.

(By Burgess & Joyner.)

The Supreme Court handed down, Wednesday afternoon, a decision which is of great interest to the towns and cities of the State. In the case of Swindell vs. the Town of Bellhaven, Beaufort County, the decision of the lower court was affirmed and the Supreme court held that a city or town may issue bonds for the construction of water works, electric lights and sewerage systems, without having submitted the question to popular vote. This decision has an important effect upon a legislative act of 1911 that provided specifically that municipalities might issue bonds for public utilities, but that the bond issue must be submitted to a vote of the people. The decision rests upon a general legislative act of 1915 that authorizes cities and towns to issue bonds for necessary purposes, without a popular vote. The decision, therefore, means that water works, electric lights and sewerage are municipal necessities and, therefore, the act of 1915 as to these improvements modifies the act of 1911. The court states through Judge Brown, "But it is contended that the words 'necessary expenses' in the act of 1915 refer only to the current annual expense of conducting the municipal government and do not embrace such expenditures as to those made for electric lights, water works and sewerage these being here luxuries. They might have been so regarded many years ago in their incipency; but the luxuries of one generation have become the necessities of another. What would have sufficed for our ancestors would not begin to meet the needs of the twentieth century. These things naturally follow in the wake of an advancing civilization—necessary expenses, do not mean expenses for purposes absolutely necessary to the existence of a municipality."

In the case of the State vs. Ed Burnette, appealed from Pasquotank, the Supreme court has handed down another decision of much interest to municipalities, as well as to the trial justice of every degree in the State. Burnette was convicted of having liquor in his possession for sale and was sentenced to a term on the roads. Sentence was suspended on condition that he appear every three months to show good behavior. At the end of the first three months, he met the trial justice on the street and was told that "it was all right, and he could go." Thinking that this excused him from any further appearance, he failed to appear at the end of the second three months, and soon thereafter was arrested, taken to the office of the trial justice and ordered to fail to serve out the original sentence, which was now put in force. He brought a writ of habeas corpus and the denial thereof was brought to the Supreme court for review. That court holds that the trial justice had no power to declare that the conditions of the suspension had not been fulfilled and to put into operation the sentence, without first having called a regular session of his court and having given the defendant an opportunity to be heard in his defense. Justice Brown, writing the opinion, says: "The court must act as a court and not merely the individual which is appointed by law to preside over it. The defendant was entitled to a public hearing in the court and this he has not had."

One of the most interesting points of this case is that the court affirms the power of a justice to suspend a sentence. The Supreme court of the United States has recently decided (Ex parte U. S., Petitioner, U. S. Supreme Court, October Term 1916, No. 11 Original) that a federal judge has no power to suspend a sentence. The state courts have differed on this point; but it is the North Carolina rule that our judges do have inherent power to suspend a sentence, it remaining for the present case to qualify the power of putting the sentence into operation again.

State vs. Coon McGlammy, appeal from Wilkes county, presents the unusual situation of a court refusing to agree with counsel in the concession of a case to the opponent. The defendant, a negro, the only one in his section, was indicted for fornication and adultery with a white woman and was convicted upon circumstantial evidence. He appealed and counsel for the state, in their brief on the appeal, expressly admit that, in their opinion, the evidence is not sufficient to support the conviction and, therefore, do not ask the Supreme court to sustain it. But the court refuses to agree with this opinion of counsel and holds that, in its opinion, the evidence is sufficient to sustain a conviction. Thus the action of the court went beyond what was desired by counsel for either side of the case.

Mann vs. Mann, appeal from Hyde County, decides a question of interest to all, one about which there has been some doubt, namely, that a widow who applies for and receives immediately her "year's allowance" of \$300.00 from

President Wilson Goes in Person Before Congress and Asks Authority to Take Fateful Next Step in Submarine Defence.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Full and complete authority to take the fateful "next step" in the German crisis was demanded of Congress today by President Wilson. A grimly silent joint session listened intently at the President demanded the power to place the United States on a basis of "armed neutrality" to meet the German campaign of submarine ruthlessness. Declaring that he did not propose or contemplate war, the President asked the omnisciently attentive representatives of the people of the United States to do these things:

"That you authorize me to supply our merchant ships with defensive arms, should that become necessary, and with the means of using them, and to employ any other instrumentalities or methods that may be necessary and adequate to protect our ships and our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the seas."

"That you will grant me a sufficient credit to enable me to provide adequate means of protection where they are lacking (including adequate insurance against the present war risks."

JUDGE H. G. EWART WRITES LETTER IN CHICAGO NEWSPAPER.

Was One of Many Submitted on Timely Subject and Printed—Judge in Bog Case.

Judge Hamilton G. Ewart, who has been in the city of Chicago for the past few months has been heard from. He is now interested as one of the counsel for the plaintiff in a big suit in the U. S. Circuit court involving a half million of dollars against the Chicago Guarantee Trust company, a fifteen million concern. The Lincoln Park commission and other defendants.

This suit will attract wide notice all over the United States.

The letter which was written by Judge Ewart is as printed below:

Favors War Referendum.

Editor the Chicago Examiner: What a splendid editorial is that which appeared Wednesday in the Examiner! What a terrific arraignment on Congress in permitting Lansing to usurp the powers delegated that body by the Constitution of the United States! Would that it could be read by every man and woman in this country.

The question of woman suffrage, or prohibition, have been referred by Congress to the people. Why not submit to their final arbitrament the question of war with the central powers, a question which overshadows these great questions?

The great masses of our people, the plain, sensible-thinking people in this country, men and women, are unalterably opposed to a war on a hitherto friendly power because a handful of reckless adventurers calling themselves Americans, or equally selfish and unscrupulous shippers of war munitions choose to enter a war zone established by the central powers as a retaliatory measure against the starvation blockade instituted by Great Britain.

The writer of this article has no German blood in his veins, is a southerner by birth an education, and lost every one of his name in the war between the states. He was the first man in the state to offer his services to the Governor to raise a company to enlist in the National Guard if the President should call for volunteers when war was threatened with Mexico over the Columbus incident, but, in common with thousands of his fellow citizens in the South, most earnestly protests against any declaration of war on the part of this government against the central powers.

If war must come let us have a referendum. There are no more patriotic people in the world today than the American farmer and the American laborer. Let the bone and sinew of this country settle this momentous question at the ballot box; and make no mistake—if they are permitted to settle it it will be settled right.

Chicago, Feb. 15. H. G. E.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT CONTEST SUBJECT.

Subject for essay contest in county commencement will be "Some of the Most Potent Factors in Rural School Development."

Maximum number of words to be used in essay 1500. Any boy or girl of school age who has been in attendance upon the public schools of the county during the present school year may contest, provided he or she has not taken a medal for same. Further information may be had by applying at the county superintendent's office.

Prof. George W. White, treasurer of Guilford College, died suddenly at Greensboro Wednesday afternoon, following an attack of acute indigestion.

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