

For Good Roads

We wish to call special attention to the importance of the good roads meeting to be held here Wednesday, March 30.

The campaign for good roads has now reached the point of definite practicable propositions. Four hard-surfaced thoroughfares are projected;—Charlotte to Knoxville via Asheville; Knoxville to Atlanta; Atlanta to Charlotte and Greenville to Asheville via Hendersonville. It is proposed to construct two additional links, one from the Broad river to Hendersonville, and one from Hendersonburg to Tryon. Our folks will be asked to co-operate in extending this last-mentioned road from Tryon to Hendersonville.

This would place Hendersonville in a very desirable strategic position, in intimate relation to the whole system of improved roads. The project ought by all means to be carried out.

A Victory for Grant

The Congressman from the Tenth Wins Out against an Unprincipled Opposition

The Times received a telegram Monday announcing that the name of W. E. Logan, as marshal of the western judicial district, had been sent to the senate. The names of B. J. Luther, as postmaster at Biltmore, and W. W. Rollins as postmaster at Asheville, were sent in last week.

Around Messrs. Logan and Luther a storm had been raging for some months. Personally, nothing could be said against them; they are highly esteemed by all who know them; but certain politicians, obsessed by an insane and ravenous desire to injure the influence of Congressman Grant, made a desperate fight to prevent the nominations. These efforts have completely failed. Mr. Grant is abundantly vindicated, and his enemies are utterly discredited.

Interview with Grant

Special to The Times

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Congressman John G. Grant was interviewed to-day in regard to the Biltmore postoffice matter and other things of interest to the Tenth district.

"B. J. Luther's name as postmaster at Biltmore, W. W. Rollins' name as postmaster at Asheville and W. E. Logan's name as marshal of the western judicial district of North Carolina have all been sent to the senate," said Mr. Grant. "I am confident they will all be confirmed."

"A few of my political opponents," continued Mr. Grant, "have tried to give me trouble about these matters and especially about the Biltmore postoffice matter, in order to make political capital. With a few exceptions the democratic newspapers of the state have taken the matter up, and I have been accused of things which, with a very little inquiry, my denouncers might have found to be absolutely untrue. I have not been trying my case in the newspapers. I preferred to say nothing until I had been vindicated. The fact that the President has appointed Mr. Luther after a thorough investigation had at the instance of my political opponents (to which, however, I in no way objected), and that he has also appointed Maj. Rollins and Mr. Logan who were endorsed by me, is the best vindication that could be asked for."

"In regard to the removal of Mrs. Reed," Mr. Grant said, "neither she nor her friends have any ground for complaint. I did not want to hurt her, and I did all I could to keep from hurting her. She was surely ill-advised, for she knew full well that I could make good the charges that I preferred against her. It has been stated that, even though the charges were true, I was guilty of improper conduct in not giving her notice of the charges before I preferred them; but this is simply untrue, because I did notify her fully that I would prefer the charges if she made it necessary for me to do so. I told her that I would let her stay in for three months after her time expired if she would then get out, and she agreed to do so; but after then she came to Washington, trying to go over my head in direct violation of her promise. Failing in her efforts she came to my office in Washington and asked me to let her stay three months longer, making six months in all, and promised that she would then get out, which I agreed to let her do provided she would get out without a row; but I told her frankly that I was not going to endorse anyone, man or woman, who had acted as she had, and that I would prefer the charges if she forced me to do it."

that the charges were trumped up suddenly as a last resort, in order to save my political reputation with my friends at home. This also is utterly false. As a matter of fact I discussed the matter with a number of leading republicans in Asheville, Hendersonville, Greensboro, Winston and other parts of the state, and in Washington, months before the charges were preferred, telling them the facts and telling them that I would surely prefer the charges if Mrs. Reed forced me to do so. I had contemplated doing so for a long time, though I hoped up to the last that she would have the good sense not to force it. Had she been a man instead of a woman I would have preferred the charges at once.

"During the early part of the fight that had been made against me on account of Mrs. Reed much was said about her ability as postmaster and the entire satisfaction she was giving to the patrons of the office, as though I was trying to ride rough-shod over the heads of the patrons. If those who have made and repeated those charges with such enthusiasm had used a little of their activity in ascertaining the facts, they would have found the truth to be the opposite of what they have stated. They would have found, as I am informed, that far from being a capable postmaster, she was utterly incompetent, unable to keep proper records or make an intelligent report; in fact, able to do very little more than to sign her name to reports after they had been made out for her. I have an affidavit to that effect in my possession. They would have found that some of the patrons of the Biltmore postoffice carried their valuable mail two miles away to Asheville, because of the loose and unsatisfactory management of the Biltmore postoffice. The records of the Asheville postoffice will verify this. They would have found that the wonderful petition of Mrs. Reed's was as ridiculous on investigation as it was formidable in the newspapers; that the alleged signers thereof consisted largely of negroes and babies; that many of the parties whose names appear as signers were not patrons of the Biltmore office at all, but residents of Asheville and other parts of Buncombe county; that seven of the alleged signers, as I am informed, turned out to be a negro cook and her six children, one of them an unweaned infant; and I am also informed that a considerable portion of the petition in question was an old petition gotten up five years ago and appended to the petition proper referred to above.

"I have said all along that Mrs. Reed's name should not be put in."

Change of Venue

News has been received from the state department of agriculture that the meeting, in the interest of corn raising, which was announced for Saturday, March 12, at Fletcher, will be held on that date at the Case farm at Dana.

We again call attention to the importance of this meeting. Every man and boy who is interested in the agricultural success of this county is urged to attend.

Remember the time and place: March 12, at the Case farm at Dana.

February Records

The Hendersonville weather report for February, 1910, shows an absence of extremes in temperature or precipitation. The maximum was 69 on the 23rd; minimum, 8 on the 14th; mean maximum 50.1; mean minimum 25.1; mean 37.6; precipitation, 4.44 inches; clear days 16, partly cloudy 2, cloudy 10.

The maximum for the month, 68, was exceeded in four of the preceding eleven years. The minimum, 8, was the same as in 1901 and higher than in 1899, 1900, 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1908. The mean temperature for the month was higher than the February mean in seven of the preceding eleven years and was a fraction of a degree higher than the February normal. The precipitation was less than the February precipitation in seven of the preceding eleven years and was 1.62 inches below the February normal. The month here was entirely free from the great severity which characterized the weather in many parts of the country.

Following is a summary of February weather for the whole period during which official records have been kept in Hendersonville:

Year	Max	Min	Mean	Precip
1899	70	-9	34.8	9.43
1900	66	-1	34.6	10.10
1901	69	8	36.0	1.76
1902	62	9	32.6	8.75
1903	71	6	42.8	10.00
1904	73	3	37.2	3.80
1905	58	-3	32.2	5.86
1906	65	11	39.3	1.21
1907	62	15	40.0	1.69
1908	65	1	35.5	8.19
1909	67	9	44.0	5.84
Normal	66	5	37.2	6.06
1910	68	8	37.6	4.44

Francis Is Steadily Improving

The many friends of W. L. Francis of Bryson City will be glad to hear that he has made long strides towards recovery from the severe injuries which he received in the dynamite explosion at the Swain county court house. Mr. Francis has been at the Biltmore hospital but is now able to be about and looks remarkably well considering the very severe nature of his injuries. We hope that before long he will have entirely recovered.

CAL ITEMS

Next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be union services at the Methodist church. On this account there will be no night services in the Baptist or Presbyterian churches. Rev. J. G. Hughes will speak on the subject, "Did Christ actually rise from the dead." Everybody is most cordially invited to attend this service.

Ten years ago Hilliard Maxwell lost a pocket book containing \$8.30 and a key ring with his name on it. All efforts to locate the missing property proved unavailing, and the matter had almost faded from the tablets of Mr. Maxwell's memory. But when the Toms rock building was torn down recently, the pocket book was found in the garret. The key ring was there all right, but the money had departed.

M. M. Shepherd is still selling better Shoes.

Miss Jennie Davis of the Misses returned Saturday from the markets, where she has been attending the openings and knowledge in general for the head-gear which she will exhibit soon. The opening of the opening will be at her daughter's home in Hendersonville. The funeral was held Saturday. Aunt Rachel had all her life and was well known by all who knew her. She was 99 years of age at the time of her death. For the past twelve years she had been blind. By her example the younger members of her family do well to follow.

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Wide shirt-waist goods	10c
White Chambray	10c
Pure Linen dress goods	10c
Deer white Lawn	10c
Colored Prints	5 and 6c
Wide Embroidery	5 and 10c
Wide mercerised waist goods	15c
Wide Damask Napkins	10c
Wide Table Damask	25c and 50c
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