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INTRODUCTORY.

In presenting the first number of THE HIGHLANDER to our patrons and readers, a few words by way of introduction may be considered proper and in accordance with the usual formalities on such occasions. The name, THE HIGHLANDER, has been chosen on account of its appropriateness, and being preferred to some others that were spoken of. Our town and township are both called Highlands, and Macon and adjoining counties form pre-eminently the High-land country.

As stated in our prospectus, the paper will be devoted to the interests of Highlands, Macon county, and Western North Carolina. As a local paper, we shall endeavor to make it satisfactory to our readers, giving such items of news as may be of general or particular interest, and avoiding all rude and offensive personalities. County affairs and all matters relating to the advancement and general welfare of the people will receive attention, and the proceedings of public bodies will be reported.

Politics will be treated from an independent standpoint, and without partisan prejudices.

As an editor is individually responsible for all that goes into his paper, he is essentially autocratic and absolute in all that relates to its conduct. Nothing, therefore, will be inserted in THE HIGHLANDER without undergoing the crucial test of advisability. An editor, however, is specially liable to error or mistakes either in omission, commission, or expression. Any dereliction of that sort which may occur in our paper we ask pardon for in advance.

The advantages of Highlands and neighborhood as a natural sanatorium, and as a pleasant place of residence, will from time to time be set forth.

As the price of the paper is put at very little above the cost of production, a large paying subscription list is desirable and necessary, and our friends and all interested are respectfully asked to do their best to obtain subscribers.

THE HIGHLANDER starts out with fair prospects, and we believe with the best wishes of the community; and it will be our aim to preserve a cordial relation with all our readers and patrons.

TO OUR BRETHREN OF THE PRESS.

It is with fraternal feelings we crowd in with our little sheet among our confreres of the Press of the South. What little we have seen of Southern papers has mostly impressed us favorably. We imagine there has been a great improvement of late years. Many of them are conducted with great ability. There is an absence of acrimonious discussion—so far as we have seen—that is very satisfactory. Bad language is the exception, and courtesy and civility the rule. In this respect, we think the Southern papers excel those in the North. Not that we are opposed to plain speaking and strong language where it is needed—and it is sometimes, or more or less frequently needed. This is altogether different to dirt throwing, and everlasting dirt throwing, which some papers indulge in. A paper that is continually filled with offensive personalities is detrimental to a place, and is not respected by the community in which it circulates. Though it may be tolerated for a time, public opinion and the innate sense of propriety of newspaper readers will ultimately tire of it, and such papers will neither be read nor opened by respectable people.

While humor is admissible in a newspaper, and frequently contains the essence of wisdom, mere frivolity is despised, and when indulged in with the object of belittling estimable characters held in esteem or veneration by the community or by the world at large, or to make light

of serious subjects, it is offensive and displeasing.

We believe the Press of the South is mainly in the hands of young men—men enthusiastic and zealous in their profession, who are imbued and impressed with the advancing spirit of the age in which they are elected to fill an important part—who have a higher aim in life than dollars and cents—who appreciate the responsibility of their position as reflectors and promoters of a sound public opinion, of logical thought, and improving and sensible habits of society.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held in the school house on Tuesday evening of last week to concert measures for making more generally known to the outside world, the agreeable, temperate and healthy climate of this mountain country, and the manifold advantages of Highlands as a place to regain lost health. Mr. C. A. Boynton was appointed chairman, and Mr. Trowbridge secretary. After a little discussion, resolutions were passed unanimously, to the effect that a committee be appointed to draw up and arrange the statements of individuals living in Highlands, and others who have resided here, whose cases show most strikingly the cures effected and the beneficial results to their health from a longer or shorter period of residence here, and have the same printed in pamphlet form. W. C. Trowbridge, Dr. Anderson and R. Goldie were appointed a committee for that purpose. As soon as the committee is ready to report, another meeting is to be held to receive and consider it and devise further proceedings relating thereto.

HORSE COVE CORRESPONDENCE.

Thinking a few lines from our sunny vale would be of interest to some of your readers, I will try to give them.

We have been having some fine growing weather for the last week. Crops are looking well; although quite a heavy storm swept over here on the 2nd inst., doing considerable damage to young fruit.

Bishop Thompson and wife arrived at the Cove one day last week to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Hunter and child, of New Orleans, La., are now in the Cove, stopping with Mr. F. G. Hill.

Mayor Hill, of Highlands, has commenced the construction of his new house in this place.

The prospects for chestnuts, chinquapins, &c., are very good at present. H. C.

Prof. Linden has kindly consented to give a free lecture at the school house in Highlands on Friday evening next. Subject: Geological History of the Alleghany Mountains.

An accident happened to Mr. Frank Sheldon last week which might have proved serious. He was working on the scaffolding at Mr. Bascom's building when it gave way, and he fell to the next platform, getting considerable of a shaking up. It was well he did not go the whole thirty feet.

Mr. McClure, the county Surveyor, has been running the outside lines of Highlands town plot, and fixing the boundaries thereof.

Items of news from our friends in the country will always be welcome. What we want is facts about everything that will interest our readers, and which will be suitable for publication in a newspaper.

It is with regret we have to chronicle, in this the first issue of THE HIGHLANDER, a death in Highlands. Rev. Mr. Fogartie and wife have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their beloved and interesting child.

Generally throughout the United States the crop outlook is promising, with the exception of winter wheat.

HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

August 6, 1885.
Wheat \$1.25. Corn 95c. Rye 70c.
Flour \$3.75. Oats 50c. to 60c. Butter 15c to 20c. Eggs 12 1/2c. Potatoes 40c to 50c. Onions 60c to 75c. Honey 12 1/2c to 15c. Apples 40c to 60c. Chickens 8 to 15c. Wool, bright and clean, 30c.

VISITORS IN HIGHLANDS.

AT HIGHLANDS HOUSE.

Mrs. E. W. Welch, Miss Carrie Welch, Charleston, S. C.; Prof. Charles Linden, Buffalo, N. Y.; A. C. Barr, Daytona, Fla.; Prof. F. W. Clement and wife, Charleston, S. C.; W. J. Sechrest, Waynesville, N. C.; I. G. Ross, Franklin, N. C.; S. Herbert Giesy, U. S. G. S.

AT MRS. DAVIS'S BOARDING HOUSE.

Miss N. P. Ellison, City Point, Fla.; Miss Fannie Crouch, St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. Todd and Mr. Wright, Due West, S. C.; Mr. McFarland, Lake Worth, Fla.

AT SQUIRE HILL'S.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, child and nurse, Charleston, S. C.

Col. Evans and wife of Franklin are visiting at Highlands.

Dr. Mitchell, of Wallhalla, was in Highlands this week.

Mr. S. Clark is to teach the Ellijay school. Miss Belle Clark is engaged to teach at Webster Jackson county.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton, of Boston, have gone to housekeeping in Highlands.

Mr. Rollins and family, from Pennsylvania, have settled in Highlands.

A. D. Farmer, Esq., School Superintendent, stopped at the Highlands House last Saturday night.

DIED.

At Highlands, on the 31st of July, Anna Elizabeth, only child of Rev. J. E. Fogartie, aged 15 1/2 months.

Business Notices.

HERE WE ARE, RIGHT END UP WITH care, and desire to assure our customers that "Enterprise" has not left Highlands—that's a myth. Don't you believe it. We are doing a little business than ever, and are head quarters for shoes, boots, jeans, and anything else you want to see in a village store. 10,000 lb. Wool wanted. Bring us your trout.—RIDEOUT & Co.

A fine lot of Hamburg Edgings and Laces at RIDEOUT'S.

We want more wool and beeswax—RIDEOUT & Co.

If you wish to buy a good organ or piano of any kind, call at RIDEOUT'S store, where you can buy them as cheap as you can anywhere. Sheet music for sale.

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NOTE, LETTER AND FOOLSCAP PAPER, and Envelopes, at 5 cents and upwards, at THE HIGHLANDER Office.

Highlands Insurance AGENCY

Is connected with only First-class Companies.
T. BAXTER WHITE,
Agent.

HIGHLANDS MILLS,

WILLIAM PARTRIDGE, Prop.

CASH PAID FOR GRAIN.

Wheat, Buckwheat and Rye Flour kept for Sale.

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HIGHLANDS, MACON CO., N. C.

Health Resort for Winter and Summer.

Altitude nearly 4,000 feet.—The Land of the Sky.

The health-giving power of our pure air, spring water, and grand scenery, has no equal, Winter or Summer. Invalids who go to Florida in winter seeking health, will do well to stop here and get it; also better fare at less than half the cost.

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We have kind and attentive waiters, and take pleasure in caring for our guests. The sick receive special attention.

Terms low.
JOSEPH FRITTS, Proprietor.

A NOVEL OWL TRAP.—Our neighbors at Horse Cove have inaugurated a novel mode of trapping owls. An old hen with plenty of sand is placed in a coop propped up at one side by a stick. The marauding nocturnal carnivorous bird comes along at midnight, and enters the coop. Biddy rushes out, knocks down the stick, and the owl is imprisoned inside till the trapper comes along in the morning. Fact that an owl was caught this way a few nights ago.

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The Best of Food Products.

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T. BAXTER WHITE,
HIGHLANDS, N. C.

Highlands Directory.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.—Preaching on the first Sunday of every month. Rev. J. H. Brendle, pastor.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Wednesday evening after the first Sunday in each month. Rev. J. H. Gillespie.
BAPTIST.—Second Sunday of every month. Rev. S. H. Harrington.
PRESBYTERIAN.—Third and fourth Sunday of every month. Rev. J. E. Fogartie.

SOCIETIES.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—Meets first and third Friday evenings in each month. President, F. S. Sheldon. Vice-president, William Partridge. Secretary, Charles L. Boynton. Treasurer, Olive M. White.
TEMPERANCE UNION.—Meets on the first Tuesday of every month on or before the full moon. President, F. L. Sheldon. Vice President, T. Baxter White. Secretary, Charles L. Boynton. Treasurer, T. Baxter White.
FLORAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.—Directress, Mrs. E. Selleck; Scribe, Mrs. Cleveland; Treasurer, Mrs. M. I. Skinner.
HUDSON LIBRARY.—Miss Ellison, Librarian. Open to the public every Saturday afternoon.

TOWN OFFICERS:

Mayor—S. W. Hill, Esq. Commissioners—C. A. Boynton, James Rideout and W. B. Cleveland.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Clerk of the Superior Court and Probate Judge—Samuel L. Rogers.
Register of Deeds—Wm. L. Dean.
Sheriff—Lee H. Altman.
Surveyor—A. L. McClure.
Coroner—R. A. Wood.
Superintendent of Schools—A. D. Farmer.
County Court's—Charles M. Slagle, James Bryson and Wm. Angel.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Legislature—James L. Robinson.
State Senator, 42nd district—Capt. J. W. Cooper, Murphy, Cherokee co., N. C.
Congress—9th Congressional district—Hon. F. D. Johnston, Asheville, N. C.