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ACCOMMODATING GAOLS.—Some time ago the prisoners in Buncombe county gaol were handed pistols by their friends through the gaol windows, with the aid of which they made their escape. The prisoners in Franklin gaol were accommodated with a plank with which to force open a door, but only one made good his escape. The latest escape is out of Greenville gaol, but it was by death. Early in the night somebody folded a piece of paper, made a trough of it, and passing it through the bars of the window, which looked on the street, sent along some whiskey into a tin cup held by a prisoner. The whiskey was unusually bad, and the prisoner was found dead in the morning.

HIGHLANDS AS A HEALTH RESORT.

Communication From Mr. Morton, of Quincy, Mass.

I came here entirely by accident, after a winter spent in the South. My health has steadily improved since my arrival, and I find here a beautiful, cool spot, while my friends in other parts of the country are suffering with intense heat. I have been afflicted with lung troubles for eight years. During that time I have visited a great many resorts; but for purity of air and water. I think the Highlands has no equal. The scenery is beautiful and pleasing, and the horse-back rides cannot be surpassed.

ARTHUR C. MORTON,
Highlands, N. C.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA VS. KANSAS.

The following letter from Mr. Heacock to a friend in Highlands will be found interesting. Mr. Heacock owns a farm near Highlands on which his family are living. He left here last Spring to search for an El Dorado in the West:

Ames, Cloud County, Kansas,
Aug. 16, 1885.

* * I am almost worn out with the continual hot weather of the past three months, though it has grown somewhat cooler during the last few days. One great blessing you have in your mountain home is the cool, refreshing and pure air and moisture. It has been quite dry here this summer, though the corn crop is very good. Wheat is of poor quality, and is pronounced to be fit for feed only. The fruit crop is very light. Wheat commands 25 cts. per bushel, oats 15 cts., which averaged about 50 bushels per acre. Trade is dull. Though the necessities to sustain life are abundant, people here have many hardships to contend with. Taxes must be paid. Machinery to carry on farming on a large scale must be replaced, and a vast amount of labor must be done to cultivate and handle and bring to market the large crops, for which so small a price is realized.

Property here is high. So, after all, I would say to all who live in the grand old mountains of Carolina, if you can make a living, and have a prospect of still further improving your surroundings, struggle on, for you are exempt from many of the discomforts of seemingly more favored localities. I believe that the South is on the eve, or beginning, of a grand and prosperous era.

You will be fascinated when you read, in our leading journals, of the hum of business going on, but you should remember that this great strife for gain and fame has many competitors who rush madly on, striving to grasp the almighty dollar, regardless of health or personal

comfort, finding perhaps in the end that they have been disappointed, or have little energy or health left to enjoy what may have been accumulated. The time has come when the great North-west no longer offers a home for the mere taking. All desirable public lands have been acquired, and one needs money to purchase a home. I believe that within the next ten years every available spot in the Blue Ridge mountains will be occupied by a shrewd and persevering class of people from the North and West, who will come among you and help to build up industries, and make for themselves homes in a land that is favored with a mild climate, and having many attractions not found elsewhere,
J. HEACOCK.

Walhalla was somewhat stirred up last Thursday, the 20th inst., by the double attempt of Mr. Marion G. Westendorff, of Charleston, one of the excursionists to up-country, to commit suicide. His first attempt was to try to cut his throat with a razor, but he was foiled in that, and he afterwards resolved to jump from the third story of Bieman's hotel, when this tragedy was averted by a friend, who grasped one foot after his leap through the window. Disappointment in love with one of Walhalla's fair ones was the cause. Since his double attempt to commit suicide his beloved one has repented, and what promised to break the young man's heart as well as his head, has been amicably settled, and everything runs smoothly, and the once again happy couple promise in the near future to be as "Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one."
—Seneca Free Press.

A BUSY MAN.—The Weekly, of Franklinton, has the following:

"Capt. J. S. Joyner holds the offices of county commissioner, justice of the peace, chairman board supervisors of public roads for the township, chairman of school committee for white schools, ditto for colored schools, trustee of the State Normal school, treasurer of the same, director of the Louisville railroad. —Does a large business in machinery, agricultural implements, wagons, buggies, fertilizers, and keeps a large storage warehouse, with no help but a colored porter, runs a saw mill and shingle factory, a cotton gin, runs a steam traction threshing machine in season, runs a large farm business, and yet is never in a hurry. He is not a candidate for any more offices at present, but expects to start several more private enterprises soon."

MUMMY WHEAT.—Most people have heard the story of the astonishing vitality of wheat which had been wrapped up with an Egyptian mummy for ever so many thousand years, and a few persons may perhaps have been foolish enough to part with their money in the purchase of some grains that were advertised some time ago as "mummy wheat." The following reply to a question that was put to Sir J. D. Hooker a few days ago may interest some of them. He writes: "The story of Egyptian mummy wheat having germinated has never been confirmed, and is not credited by any one who is warranted by knowledge and experience in such matters to give an opinion. Innumerable attempts to stimulate mummy wheat into vitality have each and all failed.—J. D. HOOKER, Royal Gardens, Kew."

CLEAR CREEK CORRESPONDENCE.

CLEAR CREEK, August 27, 1885.

Those who paid the proper attention to the matter, have harvested fine crops of hay. The following farms along the Satula road, where the hay is saved, speak for themselves: Dr. W. H. Anderson's shows a fine yield of hay, he thinks at least two tons per acre; Prof. Zollner's, a good yield from a small place; W. S. Neely's, a fine yield, and J. B. Bryson's is excellent.

Just below Dr. Anderson's in the north-west corner of the Reid old field, that valuable grazing plant, Japan clover, has made its appearance, and is growing on a small place of feldspathic soil that would produce nothing else. Its altitude is about the same as that of Highlands. From this place to the Long Bottom Ford on the Chattooga River, in Ga., this plant continues to grow and increase in plentifulness. It is a valuable acquisition to the grazing plants of this region.

People in this section have been threshing rye, which they claim is making a good yield. With forests laden with mast, the best corn crop that has been here for years, and with an excellent black-board in Clear Creek school house for the children to practice on, and Miss Darthula Rice to direct them in their efforts to learn, and with old man Fowler, surrounded by his interesting family, and completely shut in by such a wilderness of rank growing corn such as he never saw before, surely the demizens of this

region have cause to feel pleasant. Too healthy down here for a doctor to notice, except as *no doctor's land*.
CHEOPS.

HIGHLANDS LAND AGENCY

WE HAVE ON HAND A LARGE AMOUNT OF

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Beautiful Building Sites, &c.

We give below a partial list:

Thirty choice business lots on Main st., 33 x 150 ft., \$100 to \$200 each.

Twenty business lots on Fourth street, 33 x 150 ft., \$50 to \$75 per lot.

A number of fine residence lots 133 x 200 feet, on good streets, within 1-2 mile of the business center of town, at \$50 to \$100 per lot.

A large number of fine business and residence lots, 1-8 to 3 acres each, at \$50 to \$200 per lot.

No. 35. A tract of 200 acres 5 miles south of Highlands. Good farm land; will make a good stock or dairy farm. A fine situation for fruit growing, and cheap at \$2 per acre.

No. 182. An improved farm three miles north of Highlands, containing 100 acres of choice land, nearly all tillable. 40 acres in cultivation, well fenced. House 27 x 27 feet, kitchen 16 x 16 feet, 50 apple trees, 20 acres well set in grass. Price \$1,100.

No. 185. 600 acres 5 miles north-west of Highlands, on the Franklin road. Good soil, well watered, and a large amount of first-class timber of poplar, chestnut, &c. Will make a good stock or dairy farm. Very cheap at \$1.50 per acre.

No. 190. Laureldean farm in Horse Cove. Over 500 acres. 100 acres cleared and well fenced; good bearing apple orchard, cherries, grapes, &c. Large frame house in complete order; annex of 18 rooms for summer boarders. A neat rustic cottage of 6 rooms, good frame tenant house, good barn, &c. A half-dozen beautiful never-failing springs, and fine trout brooks. This is a beautiful place, and situated in one of the most delightful and charming valleys in the Blue Ridge, only 4 miles from Highlands. Price \$6,000; \$2,000 down, and balance on time at 6 per cent interest.

No. 178. 500 acres, unimproved, 5 or 6 miles south-east of Highlands. Fair soil; well watered; will make excellent sheep or dairy farms. \$1 per acre.

No. 200. Farm of 200 acres, all in the thermal belt, 3 miles south-east of the village. A fine situation for raising peaches, grapes, apples, plums, &c. Good soil, excellent timber, 25 acres cleared. Good frame house with six rooms, nearly new, lower rooms finished; fine spring, that can be run into the house, 400 peach trees in bearing, 150 apple trees, 200 grape vines in bearing. Splendid location for a summer residence, or fruit and dairy farm. Price \$650.

No. 172. Good frame house, 14 x 28 ft.; kitchen 12 x 14 feet. 2 acre lot, fenced. Nice location on Fourth street, 1-4 mile from post office. Price \$400.

No. 179. 100 acres, 2 1-2 miles north-west of town. A nice tract, unimproved; good timber. Price \$300.

No. 183. A good 100 acre farm 2 miles north of Highlands. 30 acres cleared and well fenced; good frame house; fine springs. Excellent dairy farm. Price \$800.

No. 194. 542 acres unimproved, 7 miles from the W. N. C. railroad, 9 miles from Franklin. Rich soil, excellent water and timber. Very cheap at \$1,500.

No. 195. House and lot on Main street. A neat cottage, 4 rooms, fire place, &c. Lot 66 by over 200 feet, fenced, and a very desirable location. Price \$650.

No. 196. House and lot on Oak Ridge; lot fronts on Main street. Neat cottage of three rooms. Price \$350.

No. 201. 80 acres 1-3 mile south of Highlands on the Satula road; all under good fence; 25 acres in cultivation; 15 acres in grass. Over 300 young apple trees, and a quantity of other fruits. Small house 20 x 25 feet; outbuildings, &c., all in good order. Chalybeate spring and fine mountain views. A very desirable place. Price, for a short time only, \$1,600.

No. 204. 100 acres unimproved, 2 1-2 miles west of Highlands. Good soil, well timbered, and lies well. Price \$300.

No. 206. House and lot 1-2 mile east of post office; 1 1-4 acres; well fenced, good

well. House, 4 good rooms, 3 closets; all finished and painted. A very desirable location. Price \$500.

No. 208. A good farm of 95 acres, 2 miles west of town, 30 acres cleared and well fenced; good soil; house, barn and outbuildings; fine springs; a beautiful trout brook. Will make an excellent dairy farm. Very cheap at \$800.

No. 217. Good two-story frame house with 4 good rooms, and 4 acre lot, in east part of town, on Main street road. Price \$750. Very cheap.

If you don't find what you want in the list, write and let us know what you want, and we can probably furnish it, as we have a large list of properties, of which the above is only a small part, and we can supply our customers with any kind of property, at lowest prices.

Parties having cheap properties for sale in Macon or adjoining counties, should correspond with us, as we are advertising quite extensively, and have superior facilities for handling real estate.

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