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NOTICE.

HIGHLANDS LIBRARY.

On the 3rd day of November, 7:45 P. M., the regular meeting of the Highlands Library Association will be held at the school house. All who are interested in the Library are requested to attend.
S. T. KELSEY, Pres.
F. S. SHELDON, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants of Highlands.

Look to your Chimneys, Flues and Stove Pipes, and see that they are safe. The Mayor will send a man around to make an examination, and any found defective, if not immediately repaired, will be condemned and repaired at the owner's expense.

By order of Town Council,
C. A. BOYNTON, Sec'y.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS.

The Georgia legislature has passed resolutions instructing congressmen from the State to vote for the entire abolition of the Internal Revenue laws. The Democrats in Congress—and for that matter, the Republicans, too—will do a wise thing if they unitedly make an effort to do away with these oppressive taxes. The revenue can bear the reduction. The internal revenue laws are demoralizing, inasmuch as they lead to smuggling and the extensive practice of fraud and perjury—are inquisitorial in their methods, and compel the use of a vast army of officials who would be more advantageously employed in producing something useful to society. Temperance men are beginning to find out that the use of intoxicating liquors cannot be eradicated by heavily taxing the article to consumers, although it has taken them a long time to learn that lesson. We are told that “in England in the year 1747, a duty of twenty shillings a gallon was laid on spirits, with the view of suppressing the vice of drunkenness, which, on the other hand, it greatly increased, for the law became a dead letter, and the smuggler fully supplied the market, although within the two years in which the law was in force, no fewer than 12,000 persons were convicted of offences against the act.” The reduction of customs duties will not be obtained, either, until these excise duties are abolished, as it is not likely the imported article will be allowed to come in free of duty while the home-produced one is heavily taxed.

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Mr. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the Bell telephone, purposes to open in Washington, D. C., schools for the education of the deaf and dumb, for the training of teachers for this purpose, and for the improvement and development of any system that will advance the happiness and usefulness of this class of our fellow human beings. Mr. Bell has made that subject a study for many years, and the system used by himself and in Europe is successful in teaching the dumb to speak. Mr. Bell purposes to begin the education of a dumb child at five years of age or earlier. Children are dumb because they are deaf. Since they cannot hear, they do not know sound, and consequently cannot imitate and learn speech. But they can be taught the representatives and values of sound, and so learn to read and to articulate. Mr. Bell insists that the first thing to be taught to one of these children is language. This is his way of putting this idea, as shown in a recent lecture. A cruel wrong is done to the deaf child in not teaching it language. How does he think? If we try to eliminate from our consciousness the train of words in which our thoughts take form, it is hard to realize what re-

mains. Yet what remains is the thought of a deaf child. If left to grow up in this way, the condition of his mind is lamentable. In order to understand it, we must consider what our minds would be if we eliminated every thing we ever heard or read of. That is the condition of the deaf child without instruction. Mr. Bell proposes to have three schools, or three departments of one school. The school for little children is to be taught by Mrs. Bingham, lately of this place, and whose removal is much regretted, and Mrs. Davis, of North Carolina. A normal class is to be instructed by these ladies and Mr. Bell himself, and a parent's class is to be formed, which is to be a council to decide upon methods. Mr. Bell's philanthropic plans and labors are important, not only to the afflicted, but to the whole community; for if he can increase the number of good and intelligent citizens, he benefits society.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The town council met on Wednesday evening last, Mayor Hill in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Rideout, it was resolved that the board proceed to establish a grade for Main and Fourth streets.

On motion of Mr. Smith, C. A. Boynton was authorized to construct two ladders for the use of the town in case of fire.

On motion of Mr. Rideout, the mayor was instructed to appoint a suitable person to make an inspection of all chimneys, flues and stove pipes in town, and to report their condition immediately.

C. A. BOYNTON, Sec'y.

Mr. Bascom returned home last night.

The bell for the Methodist Church has arrived.

Major John R. Thompson, of Horse Cove, raised this year a squash of the Hubbard variety, which weighed 89½ lbs.

Mrs. Hunter and child, and Mrs. Vantbenyizing, who have been spending the summer at Horse Cove, left Thursday morning for their home in New Orleans.

The Asheville Citizen came out as a morning daily last Tuesday. The Citizen is bound to take the lead.

Dr. Frost returned yesterday from a visit to Franklin, and takes up his old quarters at the Highlands House.

Mr. Rollins has bought a park lot in Highlands, and will build himself a house.

Two onions are to be exhibited at Asheville fair weighing 2¼ lbs each, and a beet weighing 27 lbs, and 3 ft. 1 in. long.

Mr. Walden, from Metamar, Ill., has bought 11 acres of land north of town, and intends to improve and build thereon, and we understand will commence business in Highlands.

Mrs. Fogartie and her mother started for Walhalla on Wednesday morning last, with the intention of visiting friends in Charlotte and other places for a few months.

T. W. Bacot, Esq., and family, returned to their home at Charleston, S. C., this morning, after a month's stay at the Highlands House.

The Asheville Citizen of the 8th inst. and Oct. 17th reached Highlands by the Walhalla mail on Wednesday evening. The same night Tuesday's (Oct. 20) number arrived by the Franklin mail. Good for the new postmasters!

THE HIGHLANDER building, on the corner of Fourth and Main streets, has been renovated and an addition put to it, and when it gets properly painted will not be a disgrace to the center of the town. The Boyntons and Messrs. J. J. Smith & Sheldon have done the work in a careful and complete manner. They are capable and faithful workmen.

The gorgeous coloring of the master painters may seem to some people extravagant, as being beyond Nature. They would not say so if they had the privilege of viewing the deep and rich coloring which garbs the woods at the present time in this mountain region.

Mr. White, our obliging postmaster, has fixed up in the office, at his own expense, a very neat set of boxes and lock drawers. They are from the establishment of John McLean, Milford, New Hampshire, and are patented. Our post-office fixings are now, by those who know, said to be superior to any other office in this State west of Asheville.

CLEAR CREEK CORRESPONDENCE.

Clear Creek, Oct. 23, 1885.

In this delectable locality, the small boy is having a lively time in the forest nutting, as it requires his utmost strategy to keep ahead of the razor backs and ground squirrels, and despite his most dexterous movements and wily efforts they will share with him. With beautiful crops, a land covered with chestnuts and acorns, fat swine and king roaming at will, this surely excels any utopian cornucopia.

Last Saturday, Messrs. Baxter Wilson and John Norton passed on their way to the railroad at Walhalla, with a drove of fine mountain beef cattle. This is a sign that spondulix will soon begin to make the acquaintance of new friends hereabouts, and contribute to their better feelings.

Jno. Wilson, a famous young coon hunter, from one tree, captured two coons, and the third and best one escaped, so he takes no joy in his success, but mopes about, with his head bowed with sorrow after the escaped best one.

To his honor, success and prowess, be it said, that the mighty Nimrod, “gyascutus Bud,” has successfully slain another ground hog, and as a natural consequence he seems infused with more self confidence. This is pleasing to his many friends, who think that for prudential reasons, he still gives the small hogs the go-by.

This week, W. S. Neely finished making a lot of fine syrup from sorgum. From less than half an acre, besides getting a vast quantity of fodder, he made 85 gallons of syrup, and at least a ton of the pressed stalks for cattle feed, which is said to be excellent for that purpose. He had a couple of rows of sorgum of a kind that is well adapted to this climate, as it matures at least a month earlier than that usually planted in this region. It is the amber cane, which makes an excellent syrup that soon begins to crystallize, thus showing its richness in sugar.

Alec McCall kills more squirrels and woodchucks than any one else here, while T. T. McCall has the finest lot of potato pumpkins on this pellucid stream. CHEOPS.

VISITORS IN HIGHLANDS.

A LIST OF ARRIVALS AT THE HIGHLANDS HOUSE LAST WEEK.

L. Allen, Dunallen.
T. D. Walden, Metamar, Ills.
Roger Davis, Baltimore, Md.
H. L. Roberts, Philadelphia, Pa.
A. D. Farmer, R. A. Jacobs, James Cansler, and R. J. Phillips, Franklin.

Meteorological Observations at Highlands for the week ending Oct. 20, '85. Miss Mary Chapin, Observer.

Date	Temperature	Rel'v	Rain-fall	
	Mean	High't	Low't	Hu'y
Oct. 14	41.2	52	37	80.7 .05
15	41.5	58	34	82.3
16	54.5	66	44	78.3
17	45	65	34	79.2
18	46.5	62	30	77.7
19	55	56	54	97.7 .02
20	50.5	54	48	100 1.
Week	47.7	66	30	85.1

HIGHLANDS RAILROAD NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Highlands Railroad Company will be held in the parlors of Highlands Hotel on TUESDAY, Oct. 27, 1885, at 3 o'clock p.m.

H. M. BASCOM, Sec'y.

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