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## NOTICE.

Having been appointed Flue Inspector by the Mayor of Highlands, I will enter upon the duties of the office at once. It is hoped that all will look to their stove-pipes and chimneys and see that they are good and safe, and save themselves and the inspector trouble.

J. A. MCGUIRE.

## RAILROAD MEETING.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Highlands Railroad Co. was held in the Highlands House on the 27th inst., when S. T. Kelsey was re-elected President, and S. W. Hill, C. A. Boynton, B. Wright, M. I. Skinner, Jas. Rideout and T. F. Parker were elected directors for the ensuing year.

The President stated that in consequence of the Rabun Gap railroad not having been gone on with, nothing could be done in the direction of the line of survey to connect Highlands with that route. He had been corresponding with parties interested in building railroads from the East to the West—Charleston, South Carolina, and Knoxville, Tenn., being the objective points, but there had been nothing decided upon to fix the routes across the Blue Ridge for such schemes. From a careful survey of the mountains which he had recently made, he was satisfied that Highlands was on the line of a practicable—in fact, most practicable—route through this country to connect Atlanta and Asheville, or Charleston and Knoxville; and that one or both of these roads, he was satisfied, would be built in the near future.

Col. Alley stated that he had heard from good authority that measures were now being taken to construct the Rabun Gap railroad.

The meeting then adjourned.

We learn that some old residents of Highlands will be back shortly. They will be welcome.

The flume at Trowbridge's mill was damaged to some extent by the heavy rush of water the other day.

Mr. H. N. Redman, from Marengo, Ia., is looking around Highlands for a location.

The Big Four minstrels, from Franklin, gave a concert here last Saturday evening, which was well attended.

Mrs. Welch and daughter, who have been staying in Highlands for two or three months, returned to their home in Charleston on Tuesday.

Mr. Rideout says that Mr. T. I. Corbin returned a corn sack borrowed of him. He is now looking for the man who returned a borrowed umbrella, as he wishes to start a dime museum.

A shaft of flesh colored marble, elegantly polished, from the Nantahala in Swain County, N. C., was exhibited at the Asheville fair. That county is full of such marble.

The Franklin mail carrier was unable to proceed to Franklin yesterday, Big Creek being a raging torrent on account of the heavy rain; making the ford impassable.

We learn that the Federal Court will sit at Asheville on Tuesday next. Some whiskey cases from this neighborhood will be on then, and there will be a gathering of the clans.

Hatton Turnor, Esq., left Highlands yesterday afternoon on horseback for Jacksonville, Florida. His family will go by their own conveyance from Asheville to their destination.

It commenced to rain early on Wednesday morning, and it kept on steadily till late on Wednesday night. There fell during that time no less than 5.38 inches of rain—the heaviest of the season. Yesterday was slightly wet, and rather stormy in the evening.

**SAD AFFAIR.**—Yesterday morning, a child of Mr. Krimminger's, living in Highlands, got access to a bottle of Fellows' Syrup of Hypophosphate, and drank its contents, supposed to be about two large tea spoonfuls. His little sister discovered him with the empty bottle, and ran to the mother (who was very ill in bed) and told her that Willie had drank her medicine. Mrs. Krimminger vainly endeavored to make the child vomit it up, and did not apprehend much danger, but after some time the child went into convulsions, and Dr. Frost was sent for, who, however, did not arrive in time to save the child, and he died in about two hours after taking the fatal medicine—poison to him. Mr. Krimminger lately moved from Missouri on account of his wife's illness, and is now in that state arranging his affairs. The poor sick mother and family have the sympathy of the entire community.

On Tuesday evening last, Michael Stern, evangelical preacher, from Knoxville, held a meeting in the school house in Highlands. There was not a large attendance. Mr. Stern is a German, and was formerly a Roman Catholic. Hatton Turnor, who is on his way from Asheville to Florida, also addressed the audience in an earnest discourse. It was intended to have another meeting on the following evening, which the rain prevented.

J. D. Truan, a Swiss, who has been settled near Knoxville for many years, where are a number of his countrymen, visited Highlands on Tuesday, in company with Mr. Stern. They rode all the way on horseback, and started for home on Tuesday morning.

## CLEAR CREEK CORRESPONDENCE.

Clear Creek, Oct. 29, 1885.

As milk sickness has already received some notice, and as Dr. Candler has advanced the theory that its aetiology is due to arsenical poison, we have heard statements that seem to confirm his theory, particularly as to the poison being exhaled from the earth. It is said that a gentleman, in order to test the matter concerning its being confined on vegetable matter by the dew, placed a bundle of fodder out one night in the poison-generating locality, and took the fodder in the next morning while the dew was on it, and gave it to a yearling. The yearling ate it, and was dead the ensuing morning. In the same locality, I am told that rocks may be turned over early in the day, and that around the bottom edge of the rock the poison may be found, having the appearance of a sulphate. Yet all this seems to be dissipated by the sunshine, as well as its deleterious effects, and it may be that cupreous deposits underlie these places. And to say the least, the matter is worth examining into for the benefit of science; and besides that, should copper be the cause, some one might unearth a bonanza, as the metal has a known commercial value. Milk-sickness is known in a small place or two on Brush Creek, and a couple of other small coves in Macon County; yet those places are as well known by the people in their localities as the nose on one's face. I am told that it is a great deal more prevalent in Jackson County than anywhere else in Western North Carolina.

Now that people are looking over this section for the purpose of buying land for their future homes, there are land owners here; who are land poor, who are determined to take the recent good and sensible advice of THE HIGHLANDER, and assist in building up the country by selling a portion of their lands at moderate and reasonable prices—in fact, just what they can afford to take for it without incurring loss; and there are some very desirable places down here on Clear Creek.

There are others who are about to find out that they can get THE HIGHLANDER by sending in their promise to pay, or a statement of their inability to pay for it. To say the least of it, such offers by a newspaper are generous, indulgent and charitable; so that no one in Macon Coun-

ty, if a newspaper is desired, has any excuse for being without one.

Recently, Mr. A. M. Wilson caught nine large opossums in a couple of hours, between his place and Fodderstack mountain. And a few years ago he ran a buck off the same mountain when it was covered with snow, and the deer leaped down sixty feet and made its escape. And last Monday morning, at the foot of the same mountain, he killed four raccoons out of one tree. And the same morning, Bud, the Nimrod of Clear Creek, was nearly made himself again, by bagging another woodchuck; and it is now believed that he could tackle either a gyascutus or a small razor-back.

Millstone quarries are plentiful here, and A. M. Wilson will soon erect a mill on his place. He has a pair of excellent new stones manufactured near the place. Some of the people are putting in rye, while others are gathering corn.

The Sabbath school is flourishing under the superintendence of T. B. White, and the district school is making fine progress under the surveillance of its fair governess, Miss Sula Rice. CHEOPS.

## CARTOOGCHAYE CORRESPONDENCE.

Nonah, Oct. 26, 1885.

Jack Frost has caught several of us napping, and has pulled our corn and cane fodder for us this fall.

All crops in this township are remarkably good. The corn crop has, as far as possible, made amends for the short wheat crop of last summer. Some complain of their corn not earing, but as a general rule the corn and Irish and sweet potato crops are good. There has been more sorgum cane made this year than was ever before made here, and the crops are good, though the mill men say the yield of syrup is not so good as usual.

Baby shows must surely be in order on Cartoogchaye. We recently had three arrivals in one day, and a considerable number of others at short intervals. While on the baby subject I should mention the fact that within less than two years, and within less than three miles of where I now sit, there have been born four pairs of twins. Can any township beat this record?

Tax-paying time generally brings the complaint of hard times, and the complaint is unusually loud and distressing just now from the fact that cattle (almost the only money crop of this country) are very low, and slow sale even at low prices.

The mast is unusually large in this section this fall, and the number of hogs in the mountains is unusually small, therefore poor hogs in the mountains are not to be seen.

As I would like the readers of THE HIGHLANDER to have more real and true information concerning "milk-sick," I would be glad (as I know a great many others of your readers would) to see an article on that subject from Dr. Brabson or Dr. Rush, of Smith's Bridge township, who I know are as familiar with the subject as any one, professional or non-professional, in the country. M.

From the *Keowee Courier*.  
THE SOUTH SIDE RAILWAY.

Walhalla, S. C., Oct. 17, 1885.

MESSENGERS. Inquiries are made as to the above named railway, as to its route and purposes. Please say that the promoters of said railway, have in view the building of a short line railway from the mountains to the seaboard via centrally through the counties of Oconee, Anderson, Abbeville, Edgefield and Aiken, and thence by the most practicable route to the "City by the Sea," either via the South Carolina Railway or otherwise, claiming to save in distance at least sixty miles to get from Walhalla to Charleston, and proportionately so as to Anderson, Abbeville and Edgefield Court Houses; sixty miles less than via Belton and Columbia to Charleston—two hours by passenger and four hours by freight trains—as to the two routes, viz. via Belton and Columbia and via Anderson, Abbeville and Edgefield to Aiken and thence to Charleston. Indeed by the new route, provided the South Side Railway should be extended to Franklin, in Western North Carolina, it would place Charleston by rail as near there as it is now to Walhalla—twelve hours from Franklin, N. C., via Clayton, Ga., to Charleston. WM. PERRY.

## DIED,

Near Highlands, on the 24th inst., Jno. N. Gibson.

In Highlands, on the 29th inst., Willie, son of W. B. Krimminger, aged two years.

Meteorological Observations at Highlands for the week ending Oct. 27, '85. Miss Mary Chapin, Observer.

Date	Temperature	Rel'v'e	Rain-		
	Mean	High't	Low't	W'ly	
				fall	
Oct. 21	34.8	45	29	88.7	Fair
22	30.2	53	22	62.8	Clear
23	39.2	55	28	78.8	Clear
24	38.5	54	29	70.8	Clear
25	38.2	54	29	72.5	Clear
26	46	57	29	78.8	Fair
27	48.2	57	40	89.7	Cloudy
Week	39.3	57	22	77.4	

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