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NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED.

Shooting in Highlands nearer Main street than one-fourth of a mile, nor sling shots within the corporation, are allowed.

Any person violating this order will be punished according to the ordinances of the corporation, at the discretion of the Mayor.

By order of the Mayor.

HIGHLANDS AS A HEALTH RESORT AND PLACE FOR BUSINESS.

We have quite a number of subscribers in the different States and Canada, and the paper is sent to many who feel interested in this locality, and who may eventually become residents. And letters reach us containing enquiries about Highlands and this mountain country. To such we would say—do not expect too much if you come here. People who come without means will have to bear privations and work hard to make a living, and those who have means will have to rough it more or less. Although we flatter ourselves in Highlands that we have one of the finest (and perhaps the finest for some constitutions) climates under the sun, and that if there is a healthy country all the year round we have it here, Highlands and the mountains is not Elysium nor exactly a terrestrial Paradise. No one need expect to escape the petty annoyances of life by coming to Highlands. It is apt to be dull weather when it rains here as elsewhere, and the rain wets, and the sun sometimes does not shine in the heavens. We haven't just yet many of the comforts and luxuries of an advanced civilization that are obtainable in large cities or in older settled communities. Visitors with money cannot always get what they want here, and have to send to distant places for articles of luxury or convenience. And the postman is apt to be a laggard, and we have occasionally to wait a long time for our letters and the news, and in rainy weather the latter comes to us soaking wet. Although we can get wood for the cutting and hauling, it does not always arrive when promised. We have generally to eat tough beef, get our bacon from Chicago, flour from Minneapolis; drink poor coffee, and in winter use condensed milk from New York; and have to be content with many other articles of poor quality. And notwithstanding there is no better country for apples and peaches, those who have them to sell will sometimes bring them in one-half rotten, or a nest of eggs which the hen has sat on for a week as fresh eggs. Chickens are cheap, but are at the same time lean and tough. We have no baker in Highlands, and unfortunate housewives have to bake their own bread or go hungry. And if we had one baker it would be necessary to have two in order to get good bread. In short, we are not exempt from some of the troubles which afflict humanity in general. Those who are looking for farms are sometimes astonished to see such hilly land in a mountain country. Occasionally, those who have always lived in an old settled country, are shocked at seeing stumps in the streets. Even the mountains are disappointing to some because they are not bare rock, and are covered with trees which obstruct the view. The newspaper, too, is a snide affair, two-thirds patent innards—in five minutes you can skim its contents. To be sure we have the finest and softest spring water in the world, but unfortunately the springs are at the foot of the hills instead of the top, and people have to toil up the hills with their painful. There are said to be about 150 springs within the town plot of Highlands—not enough to plant one each at every man's back door. And yet with all these troubles, and much more

of the same sort, real or imaginary, Highlands is the place to get well if you are sick, or to enjoy the luxury of cheap health! The writer of this was troubled with eczema to some extent for seven or eight years, which Turkish baths, sea bathing and water cure establishments failed to eradicate. Since his arrival here the eczema has entirely gone without resort to medicines. The cause he ascribes to the pure air and water, which tend to purify the blood and improve the general health. And in the not distant future we shall have a railroad to Highlands, palatial hotels, water cure establishments and convalescent institutions, telegraph and telephone and probably tele-something else. Our streets will be levelled and paved, and electricity will light them. Brick stores will line our business streets, and grand mansions our avenues. We shall have fashionable milliners and dressmakers and merchant tailors, and an opera house. THE HIGHLANDER will be a daily with a staff of editors and reporters; but the present editor will be then translated—or pioneering in some other new locality with an army press and a hand roller.

Mr. A. B. Wilson returned home from his trip with fat cattle on Tuesday.

The railroad from Spartanburg to Asheville will soon be completed.

Squire Hill moved to his new house at Horse Cove yesterday. We are sorry to lose him.

Mr. Maguire has moved into Mayor Hill's residence, and will keep boarding house.

Mr. Cleaveland is in Asheville attending the Federal court in the cases against the men concerned in the troubles at Highlands last winter.

Mr. Redman, from Marengo, Iowa, has bought Mr. Maguire's house and lot on Fourth street, and will bring his family here this winter. He returns to Marengo this morning.

Mr. White returned from Atlanta on Tuesday, having spent a week in that city selecting goods in the various branches of his business.

An alarm of fire at the Highlands House was caused by the kitchen chimney being on fire. No damage was done beyond rousing the boarders out of their beds a little earlier than usual.

Mr. Maguire, with others, was out after bears at Whiteside one day this week. Bear tracks were plentiful, but the dogs were young and untrained, and they failed to get sight of the game.

At the Council meeting on Tuesday last, Mr. Maguire, the flue inspector, presented his report. He reported that in two houses the stove pipe was close to woodwork, one where it was close to shingles, one stone chimney was defective and quite unsafe, and at another house the mantel shelf was too close to the fire.

VISITORS IN HIGHLANDS.

A LIST OF ARRIVALS AT THE HIGHLANDS HOUSE LAST WEEK.

J. W. Rodgers, Monroe Union, N. C.
H. N. Redman, Marengo, Io.
M. L. Gudger, C. A. Lowry, D. S. Horton, Knoxville, Tenn.
A. J. Topping, Franklin.

Meteorological Observations at Highlands for the week ending Nov. 3, '85. Miss Mary Chapin, Observer.

Date	Temperature			Rel'Ve	Rain
	Mean	High't	Low't		
Oct. 28	51	52	50	100	5.38 Rain
29	46.2	59	28	100	.07 Rain
30	36.5	47	31	81.3	Fair
31	41	59	31	97.3	Clear
Nov 1	42	49	36	91.5	.23 Rain
2	33.8	47	28	78	Clear
3	34.5	50	28	78.7	Clear
Week	40.7	50	28	84.5	

CLEAR CREEK CORRESPONDENCE.

Clear Creek, Nov. 5th, 1885.

There is probably no better place for apple and peach farming and viticulture in this region than here, for certainly finer or better flavored fruit we have met with nowhere, and the keeping qualities of the winter apples are unsurpassed by those grown in other localities. It is to the great loss of many hereabouts that they have paid such little attention to the planting of orchards and vineyards, especially where there is so much land adapted to such purposes, and for which there is no other pressing need, and never may be. We do not know to what cause to attribute the prevailing carelessness in this matter, unless it is because so much fruit grows wild, and which may be had for the gathering. The wild strawberry comes in early and plentiful, and is of magnificent size and unsurpassed in flavor; while the raspberries grow plentifully and of the finest quality. These are followed by the palatable service berry, the nutritious dewberry and blackberry. The former grows plentifully in the forest, and the latter on any cleared or even worn-out lands. Next comes the whortle berries, buckberries and gooseberries that thickly stud the mountains from apex to base. Wild grapes in great variety and profusion succeed these, and the festive chestnut is the last of the spontaneous productions indigenous to this locality having a market value. Any industrious person can gather enough wild fruit here in one season to buy a home in the "Land of the Sky." If there is any other locality that has similar or better advantages we are not aware of it.

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