

# THE HIGHLANDER,

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Mr. Partridge offers \$1.25 a bushel for good wheat delivered at his mill.

Mr. Bascom has been appointed Mayor in place of Squire Hill, resigned.

J. M. Zachary, the dentist, was comfortably ensconced at the Highlands House last night.

The attention of school teachers is directed to the advertisement of Mr. J. W. Walker.

Mr. E. L. Bennett, from Excelsior, Minn., is stopping at the Highlands House, and intends to stay here this winter.

Prof. A. Gibbs, from Wisconsin, is in Highlands, at Mrs. Clark's. He has spent two months in the mountains, and prefers Highlands to any other locality.

Young Mr. Smith, of Franklin, who studied the mysteries of a printing office in Highlands a few years ago, was up visiting his old young friends a few days last week.

Mr. C. O. Smith, of Sheldon, Illinois, father of J. Jay Smith, has bought Mr. J. C. Caden's farm, three miles from Highlands, and will move here with his family next month.

PROHIBITION IN CANADA.—Canada has a local option law similar to that in Georgia. In most of the counties where it has been tried it has proved a failure. A friend writes: "Our temperance law, which has been in force since the first of May, is working wonders. I have seen more drunkenness since then than during the five years previous. There is more liquor consumed, and the increase of prisoners committed to gaol is in fair proportion—three times as many."

SAD AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—Our readers will remember the marriage recorded in THE HIGHLANDER of Tony Richardson and Emma Gray on the 10th of last month. Tony was a good looking and respectable colored young man, and his wife a fine colored girl about 14 years old. The couple were returning from Walhalla last Wednesday in a hack of Mr. Biemann's, driven by a colored man named Tom. The night before it rained heavily, and the Chatooga River was swollen with the rush of waters. Instead of coming by the bridge at Russell's they attempted to cross Long Bottom Ford—a rash undertaking in the then state of the river. The water covered the mules' backs, and the hack was overturned. The driver saved himself by swimming. Tony took his young wife on his back and made for the shore. With the assistance of the driver and some others Mrs. Richardson was saved, but poor Tony fell back exhausted and was drowned. Up to yesterday noon the body had not been found, though a large number of men were engaged in the search for it. Tony had lived for several years in the service of S. P. Ravenel, Esq., and the family feel his loss keenly.

## LAUREL CREEK CORRESPONDENCE.

Laurel Creek, Moccasin District, Ga., Dec. 9, 1885.

The bridge across the Gunlock was hoisted in position to-day, and the one across the Chatooga at Long Bottom Ford will be up in a day or two. The Gunlock is that branch of the Chatooga that heads at the Rabun Bald Mountain, the other branch heads at Whitesides Mountain in North Carolina. Together they make a river of no middling proportions.

About two miles from here, Mr. James Billingsly has found the home of the Swift (*Chaetura pilasgia*) in a large hollow poplar. About sunset, myriads of them darken the air on their way to the entrance, and at daylight they come forth again. He watched them go in for nearly an hour recently.

[The above did not reach us till last night, having come by Walhalla.

## Public School Teachers

Who desire a first grade Certificate, entitling them to \$40 per month, can obtain it easily and by a very few hours study, in THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTRUCTOR. I have arranged with the author, so that I can have them sent to any address for \$2.50.

J. W. WALKER,  
Pine Mountain,  
Rabun Co., Ga.

## OUR ROADS.

Have our readers ever thought of the causes of the difference between two countries of equal natural advantages—the one rich and the other poor—the one where the land is valued in the hundreds of dollars, and the other in ones and tens. The prime factors to make this difference are roads and markets, and good roads have the same effect as being near a market. If a man is within a mile of a good market, and has a mud road to travel on, he is not so well off as another ten miles away on a good hard road. The facilities for transportation between the Western States and Europe are every year increasing and being cheapened, and practically bring the two countries nearer to each other. Good roads are more needed in the South than in the North, where the snow in Winter gives the people the best of roads at that season.

While railroads and canals have proved superior to common roads in transporting produce to market, the latter cannot be dispensed with. One of the first considerations in the development of a new country is the construction of roads and bridges. Road making is an art. To make a good road needs science and practical skill. Steep gradients must be avoided, drainage must be attended to, excavating and banking are generally needed, and a surface covering of stone to resist the pressure of the heaviest loads. Roadmaking should become a trade in this country, and a skilled workman be paid double or treble that of a common laborer.

The Romans were the great constructors of roads in ancient times. They are said to have learnt the art from the Carthaginians. In Britain, it is said there are roads made by the Romans so substantially constructed that they have borne the traffic of two thousand years without material injury.

While on the English roads the farmer can take loads to market weighing 6,000 to 7,000 lbs., here produce has to be brought in a good deal on horseback, one or two bushels at a time; while 1,200 lbs. is a good load for a two-horse team from Walhalla to Highlands. Good roads can be made as well and as cheaply in this mountain country as in any other timbered country. There is nothing equal to broken granite to lay the surface of a road with, and we surely have plenty of that material. The time lost by teamsters hauling one-third of a load six days in the week, would enable them in one year to make a first-class road for all time to come, if kept in repair by very little labor every year.

But what is being done in this regard? The gullies in the roads are filled up only to be washed out by the first heavy rains that come. The expedients to avoid this washing are of the simplest kind, and generally answer only a temporary purpose. Capitalists will not venture in, the land will not be cleared, farms will not be made, and visitors will not come in crowds, until our highways and streets are more in character with the age we live in.

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REAL ESTATE OFFICE,  
FRANKLIN,  
Macon County, North Carolina.

## HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

Wheat	.....	\$1 15 to \$
Buckwheat	.....	50
Corn, new	.....	50
Oats	.....	50
Rye	.....	60
Flour, per 100 lbs.	.....	50 " 3 75
Butter	.....	15 " 25
Eggs	.....	12 1/2
Potatoes	.....	40 " 50
Onions	.....	60
Apples	.....	40 " 50
Chickens	.....	10 " 15
Sweet potatoes	.....	50 " 60
Fodder, per 100	.....	1 00 " 1 50
Hay, per 100 lbs.	.....	1 00
Sorghum syrup	.....	40 " 50
Dried apples, per lb.	.....	3 " 4
Fat cattle, live weight	.....	2
Fat sheep, average	.....	1 60
Dried peaches	.....	5 " 10
Dried blackberries	.....	5
Pork	.....	5 " 6

## NOTICE.

By virtue of a Deed in trust executed to the Aultman & Taylor Company by S. C. Bryson and wife M. C. Bryson, on the following lands, to wit: situate in Hamburg township, Jackson county, and State of North Carolina, on the waters of the Tucaseega River, beginning on a white oak and runs north 70 degrees west 90 poles to a small locust, and various other courses for complements, containing 134 acres, and known as the Mag Teague place. Also tract No. 2, adjoins No. 1, begins on a white oak in Loudon's Gap, and runs various courses for complements, containing 50 acres, Tract No. 3 contains 59 acres, adjoins No. 1 and 2, and begins on a white oak, being the home lands of the said S. C. Bryson and wife.

I will sell the said lands for cash, at the Court House door, in Franklin, Macon county, N. C., on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1886, to satisfy a deed in trust executed to The Aultman and Taylor Co.

K. ELIAS,  
Att'y of The Aultman & Taylor Co.

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For Hats, Georgia Checks,  
Jeans,

## CLOTHING

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quite extensively, and have superior facilities  
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For circulars describing Highlands  
and vicinity, descriptive price lists, &c.,  
call on or address

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who go to Florida in winter seeking  
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