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Mr. M. C. O'Byrne has gone to Chicago to lecture on philosophy.

Temperance meeting Tuesday evening—all are invited.

Several people lost some of their chickens during the late cold storm.

In another column will be found a notice of the death of Mr. Wm. Partridge.

The Grant fund, as the year closes, stands at \$113,215.

We hear that Mr. Bellins found nine partridges (quail) so frozen to the ground that they could not escape.

Died, at Orland, Indiana, Jan. 3, Rev. F. H. Partridge, brother of William Partridge, of this place.

Reports from our exchanges indicate freezing weather from Maine to Florida and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Owing to the heavy snow towards the foot of the mountains, the Walhalla mail failed to reach us for several days.

We are sorry to learn that during a recent fire at Burnsville, the office of the *Black Mountain Pioneer* was burned.

A careful count of the securities in the Vanderbilt safe in the vaults of the Lincoln National Bank shows an aggregate of \$305,000,000.

The mail carrier went down to Russell's on Tuesday fruitlessly. The mail had not come up from Walhalla, owing, we understand, to the fact that the snow is deeper down there.

Mr. John Manly has sold his fine block on Fifth street to a party in Florida. We have not learned the name of the lucky purchaser.

On the 6th a severe snow storm prevailed throughout England, and railroad traffic was greatly impeded. The snow greatly interfered with travel in London.

The ponds about Walhalla are frozen over with ice five to seven inches thick. A good many chickens were frozen to death there. An ox and a blooded colt were also frozen.

The oat crop of the past season in the United States is estimated at 600,000,000 bushels, which is the largest ever grown in a single season, and shows an average of twenty-seven bushels per acre. The lowest yield of any State is seven bushels per acre, in South Carolina.

In the south-west, the weather is reported to be the coldest known in forty years. In the vicinity of Galveston the small lakes are frozen from three to five inches—something quite unprecedented.

An English writer says that France is approaching a crisis in commercial and financial affairs. The French Treasury is threatened with insolvency, and the prospects of agriculture and industry are anything but cheering.

Mr. A. S. Estey has recently bought Judge Hunt's beautiful residence on Oak Ridge, and will again become a resident of Highlands. We understand the Judge expects to build on his new lot on Chestnut street.

A MISFIT STEED.—A horse was sent up from the farm to be shod. Having a number of ready-made shoes on hand, the job, in the absence of the boss, was given to an apprentice. After an interval, the following note came to the superintendent: "This horse don't fit any of our shoes."—*Carlisle Indian School Morning Star*.

Quails, meadow-larks and some other birds, impelled by hunger, come very familiarly about the house and barn in the cold weather. A little grain thrown out for them is a small return for the good they will do us next spring in devouring destructive insects. We should preserve and encourage the birds as much as possible.

Highlands High School—Male and Female—1st term opens Jan. 18th; 2nd term April 27th. Tuition, &c.: 1st grade, \$1 per month; 2nd \$1.50; 3rd \$2; 4th \$2.50. Charges made from date of entry and due at the end of each month. For circular, or further information, call on or address the Principal, Mrs. S. C. Davis, Highlands, N. C.

Just now there is great demand for wood in the village. Two or three weeks ago, parties were trying to sell wood, but only one or two wanted to buy. Now, it is next to impossible to get any hauled on account of the snow. In peace, prepare for war, is as good a maxim as applied to laying up a store of wood in early winter as to national matters.

The cold wave of the past few days has been the severest yet experienced this season, and in many sections severer than ever before. In Nebraska and other north-western sections the thermometer registered 25 to 40 degrees below zero. In Asheville, Sunday night, it reached 14 below, the coldest ever experienced there.

CULLASAJA, Jan. 12.—It snowed all day on Friday, 8th inst.—depth, six inches. Saturday morning, mercury dropped to 4 degrees above zero, and hung around zero all day. Sunday morning, 3 below; Monday morning, 12 below; Tuesday morning, 6 below zero. Mrs. Emily Crisp, wife of Joab Crisp, died last Sunday evening, leaving a family of ten small children.

Highlands, in common with the surrounding country, has been visited with weather of exceptional severity, and with snow storms of unusual depth. The snow of Friday, 8th inst., fell at the not uncomfortable temperature of 28 degrees, but at night the wind began to blow from the north-west, and the mercury fell rapidly, continuing to do so through Saturday. On Sunday morning, the thermometer stood at 12 below zero, but on Monday it went lower, reaching a point hitherto unapproached during the history of Highlands—19 degrees below zero. After that the weather moderated, and the days have since been fine, although the temperature has not yet risen to the usual winter average.

SINGULAR DECEPTION BY BUTTERFLIES.—It is well known that birds do not especially care for hairy butterflies. So in Central America, Belt found a curious beetle that was a tid-bit for the birds, clothed in a coat of long brown hairs closely resembling thick hairy caterpillars. In the same localities, spiders have been found that looked exactly like ants and were thus enabled to creep upon their prey, the real ants. Wallace observed a butterfly that, though an acceptable morsel to the birds, deceived them by mimicking the flight of a poisonous butterfly. If a bird chased it, it at once assumed the curious and laborious flight of its poisonous model, and the bird, noticing its evident mistake, would always give up the pursuit.—*San Francisco Call*.

A serious accident happened to a Vermont coaching party on New Year's evening. The night was intensely dark, and the coach drove into a ditch, and upset, breaking a kerosene oil lantern which one of the ladies held on her lap, and scattering burning kerosene over the occupants. The accident caused great confusion, the flames spreading to the trimmings of the coach, and the clothes of the women and children, whose screams and efforts to escape made the scene a terrible one. Those on the outside of the coach were thrown off into the mud, but soon recovered themselves and aided in rescuing the imprisoned ones. One lady was so badly burned that her recovery is doubtful. The others were more or less injured, but none seriously.—*New York Tribune*.

Mr. J. B. Smith arrived in Highlands yesterday from Sheldon, Ill., with a fine team of Illinois draft horses, 2 fine cows, 2 thorough-bred Cotswold sheep, Berkshire and Poland-China pigs, a dozen Plymouth Rock chickens, also a full equipment of farming tools of the latest styles. He took his stock out to his new farm recently purchased of J. C. Caden, which he intends to improve and make a first-class stock farm.

We call special attention to the advertisement of the Highlands High School, to be found in another column. Mrs. Davis, the Principal, has made teaching a life-time work, and is eminently qualified by temperament, education and experience to teach the young. She has first grade certificates from three States, counting thirteen years, and many high testimonials of merit as a teacher, and with our nice school house, good society and genial climate, we trust she will build up one of the best schools in the county.

We chronicle with pleasure the coming into the country of Col. C. W. Jenks, of Boston, who to the older citizens of this section is no stranger. Years before there was any other building on our mountain plateau than the old Law House, Col. Jenks was in the frequent habit of riding over this part of the Blue Ridge, especially from Horse Cove to Franklin. It was nine or ten miles this side of the latter place that he discovered corundum in position; and for the first time in the history of that mineral's use—a period of over three thousand years—commenced its legitimate mining. He now returns here as the representative of two powerful northern syndicates, who are engaged in the purchase, for development, of timber lands and mineral tracts, especially those of iron, marble, slate, mica, corundum, &c. Over two hundred thousand acres have already been purchased by these parties, and machinery for their mining and manufacture is now in process of construction. Col. Jenks long ago sang the praises of the Highlands as a health resort and place of residence. He has personally sent more than forty persons to our township, some of whom are now residents here. He has, since his arrival, secured accommodation at the Highland House for ex-chief of police Capt. Adows of Boston, who, having lost his health, and resigned his post, will now seek among us the great boon of health. Also quarters at the same place for Hon. Samuel McCall and family of Boston, an eminent counsellor of that city, and corporation attorney for the Cape Cod Ship Canal Co., &c. These parties will likely be accompanied by some friends, and so our village will have for some months a pleasant addition to its population, some of whom may become permanent residents.

We need not say that Col. Jenks has lost none of his twenty years enthusiasm for our country; and more than ever believes in its superior advantages for health and various opportunities for profitable investment.

NOTICE.

By virtue of an Execution issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon county, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Franklin, on the First Monday in February next, One Hundred and Forty (140) Acres of Land to satisfy above Execution in favor of D. Bieman, Son & Co., for the sum of \$184.40, for which there is a lien on said land, registered in Book "S" page 252 of Macon County, N. C., conveyed to T. C. Morris by William Neal.

L. H. ALLMAN, Sheriff.

Dec. 23, 1885.

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NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of Sarah Hayes, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned within twelve months from this date, and on failure of so doing, this notice will be pleaded as a bar to the same. And all persons indebted to said estate are requested to come and settle at once, and save costs.

This Dec. 24, 1885.

J. C. DONALDSON,
Administrator of Sarah Hayes, deceased.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of Mark May, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned within twelve months from the date hereof, and upon failure of so doing, this notice will be pleaded as a bar to the same. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle at once and save costs.

This Dec. 24, 1885.

M. P. MAY,
Executor of Mark May, deceased.

BURKE & CUNNINGHAM,
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Macon County, North Carolina.

J. M. ZACHARY,
Surgeon Dentist.

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For circulars describing Highlands and vicinity, descriptive price lists, &c., call on or address

S. T. KELSEY,
HIGHLANDS,
Macon County, N. C.