

# THE HIGHLANDER.

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John Sherman has been re-elected Senator from Ohio.

A disastrous tornado, lasting fully twenty minutes, passed over the middle counties of England last week.

In Kansas, twenty-four bodies of people who were frozen to death during the recent cold weather, have been found.

Near Staunton, Va., thousands of game birds, partridges, pheasants, &c., perished with the cold.

On the 16th, Miss Katharine Bayard, eldest daughter of the Secretary of State, died suddenly of heart disease.

The North Carolina man who sent an application for a post-office to "His Majesty, Grover Cleveland, President-elect," is still looking for an answer.

The foundation of a new hotel, of extensive size, is being laid at Whittier, the material being granite from the quarry near by.

On Saturday evening, Mayor Bascom improvised a sleigh, and putting four horses before it, he and some friends enjoyed that novelty in Highlands, a sleigh ride.

It is now claimed that the damage to the orange trees of Florida is not as great as feared. The crop on the trees is frozen, but the belief is that the old trees will come out all right.

We are sorry indeed to announce the death of Mrs. E. J. Dimack, which took place early on the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 21st. Mrs. Dimack had been seriously ill for some ten days, but the end was scarcely thought to be so near. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 10.

Mr. Conklin, of Syracuse, New York, who has been at the Highlands House for some weeks, left for the North on Wednesday morning. He was satisfied that his stay here had been of much benefit to his health.

There have been some recent and valuable findings in gold-bearing districts in Cherokee county, North Carolina, on the waters of the Hiwassee river, and also in Georgia, just over the North Carolina line. Assays of these ores average as high as \$75 per ton.

On Friday evening last, the ladies of the Literary Society gave a supper at the Highlands House for the purpose of defraying a debt incurred by the Society. In spite of wet weather, a large number of guests met to enjoy the excellent fare provided for them, and a satisfactory sum of money was taken in.

A birdseye view of the country east of the Rocky Mountains on January 9th would have revealed a stretch of snow from the Gulf to the Lakes, and from Colorado to the Atlantic coast. Such an experience was not altogether pleasant, but its effect on the spirits and health of our vast population was probably rather wholesome than otherwise.—*New York Tribune.*

The New York Industrial Education Association, wishing to ascertain how far and in what direction the children living in New York and neighboring cities have been instructed in the manual arts and industries, has invited schools, institutions, teachers, parents and children interested in such work to join with it in an "Exhibition of Children's Handiwork" to be held in that city in March. The Association solicits examples of useful work, models, designs, and materials of every kind made by boys and girls under fourteen years of age, and proposes to exhibit these in a suitable hall. The work is to be divided into seven classes—wood work, metal work, needle work, practical cookery, modeling in clay, designs and leather work. Any child living within thirty miles of the City Hall, can exhibit two articles in the same or different classes.

Some facts brought to notice during the late severe weather may be worth recording. One is that although the thermometer indicated a much lower temperature in the mountain region than in the low country around us, several cases of persons freezing to death are reported from the latter, while we hear of but one such casualty occurring higher up—in Transylvania county. Of live stock, too, there seems to have been greater loss where it might have been least looked for. The inference of course is that in climates where cold is rare, the shelter provided for the poor and for animals is wholly insufficient during extraordinarily depressed temperatures. But there must be some further reason, since in the housing of stock, when they are housed at all, comfort could scarcely be less considered than it commonly is in this part of the country. This further reason may doubtless be found in the fact that in our more bracing climate and lower average temperature, the constitutions of men and animals become better fitted for the endurance of extremes. Owing probably to the superior altitude of Highlands, the thermometer on the three mornings of greatest cold accompanied with high wind, fell from three to six degrees lower than in Asheville for instance, or in the Cullasaja valley; but afterwards the stratum of cold air sank to a lower level, so that while we had here three nights on which the mercury fell below zero, in the places we have just named there were six consecutive nights on which it did so. On Wednesday morning, January 13th, the thermometer here stood at 4 above zero, and on the 14th at 14 above; while at Cullasaja it is reported as indicating on those days 9 and 4 below, respectively.

Florida's misfortune may prove California's opportunity. Oranges there suffered no injury from the recent cold, although in some places the mercury fell a few degrees below freezing point. The Citrus fair lately held in Sacramento was a great success, proving that fine oranges can be grown in the northern counties.

#### From the Knoxville Chronicle.

An agreement has been made between the Louisville and Nashville and the Richmond and Danville railway companies by which a line will be built from London, Kentucky, to Toccoa, Georgia, through Cumberland Gap, Knoxville, Maryville and Rabun Gap. This is our information, and we have every reason to believe it.

The agreement was made nearly two months ago, and surveyors are now at work between London and Cumberland Gap, and are pushing this way as rapidly as possible.

London is a small town on the Knoxville branch of the Louisville and Nashville, about forty miles beyond Jellico. It is about forty-five miles from London to Cumberland Gap, sixty-five miles from there to Knoxville, and about 250 miles to Toccoa.

The Louisville and Nashville company will build as far as Knoxville, and the Richmond and Danville people will build to Toccoa. The road from here to Toccoa will penetrate a comparatively unknown section, no less valuable for its agricultural, mineral and timber wealth than that portion of country lying between here and London. The 16 miles already in operation between here and Maryville will be utilized as a part of the great trunk line. After leaving Maryville a few miles, it follows the level and fertile valley of the Little Tennessee river almost to the source of that stream, crossing the Ducktown branch of the Western North Carolina road at the mouth of Nantahala river. It will of course pass through the far-famed Rabun Gap, and down the great eastern water shed to the valley of the Savannah at Toccoa, there connecting

with Augusta and Knoxville, already in operation to Augusta.

We believe that the dreams of the past half century are about to be realized.

The proposed line will be the shortest route from the great north-west to the sea coast. Penetrating, as it will, in connection with the lines already in operation, the exhaustless grain fields of the north-west, and passing through the immense coal fields and timber resources of the Cumberland ranges, through the iron, copper, mica, granite, marble and timber resources of Western North Carolina, to the splendid harbors at Charleston and Port Royal, it can be nothing less than a paying investment from the start.

The following is a verbatim extract from a letter of inquiry written by an "Ohio man" to Dr. Anderson:

"I want to no if thar is any gain in them mountings and whot kind, all so I want to no if thar is eny nice widders thar between 35 and 40. I am a widdewer miself. I have menes enuff to toat dubbel, and as soon as I locate thar I want to hitch onto a good pardner. If the widders want eny referrens as to my standin in this neck o woods they kin jist rite to euy offer in this county. I am now dun and I hope that you will take no offense at what I hev sed or dun, fur it is from my onest hart."

In the Tuckaseige River, near Whittier, there is a deep and frightful whirlpool which seemed of no use for any purpose until the new saw mill made use of it as a place for anchoring logs.

Fresh discoveries of gold are constantly being made in Japan.

#### LAUREL CREEK CORRESPONDENCE.

Laurel Creek, Moccasin District, Ga., Jan. 21, 1886.

The coldest wave that has struck this section for years has just passed, and the transition from a snow-covered world, with the thermometer registering as low as 12 degrees below zero, into a pleasant temperature with land everywhere in sight, is certainly a pleasing change after being snowed in for twelve days.

Sliding or skating on the snow-covered hillsides may never be popular in this district again, but if it is, hillsides with corn stalks on them will be cautiously and steadily avoided since young William Hunter's experience. He tried skating on a snow-covered hillside where corn stalks were standing, and he did not have on leather breeches, yet his physician thinks that he may recover from the terrible laceration.

During the cold spell Cupid has been busy, as witness the following array of parties hitched in double harness to trot through life: Logan B. Ramey and Miss Sarah R. Garland; Wm. A. Griggs and Miss Emily Snyder, and Samuel Tally and Miss Adeline Bynum. And to-day the Rev. Mr. Loudermilk united Mr. Franklin Crane and Miss Caroline Reed, also Mr. Philemon Crane and Miss Zebbie Reed.

#### HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

Wheat	.....	\$1 25 to \$
Buckwheat	.....	50
Corn, new	.....	50
Oats	.....	50
Rye	.....	60
Flour, per 100 lbs.	.....	3 50 " 4 50
Butter	.....	15 " 25
Eggs	.....	15
Potatoes	.....	40 " 50
Onions	.....	60 " 60
Apples	.....	40 " 60
Cranberries, per quart	.....	12½
Beans, per bushel	.....	1 00 " 1 50
Chickens	.....	10 " 15
Fodder, per 100	.....	1 50 " 1 50
Hay, per 100 lbs.	.....	1 00 " 1 50
Sorghum syrup	.....	40 " 50
Dried apples, per lb.	.....	3 " 8
Dried peaches	.....	4 " 15
Dried blackberries	.....	5 " 10
Pork	.....	6 " 6
Mutton, per lb.	.....	6 " 6
Beef	.....	5 " 6½
Wood, per load	.....	75

Rubber Boots and Shoes, Water-proof Oil Suits, Ladies' Water-proof Circulars, Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Canned Goods, and a good assortment of Fruits, at W. B. CLEVELAND'S.

#### 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.

#### 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 \$134 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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