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Everyone who goes to Whiteside admires the beauty of the road thither, especially where it runs through the laurel and is shaded by the fine old birches that are scattered along it. It would be well worth while, in the interest of our town, that these birches should be preserved. Less picturesque objects have been Meccas to artists and other lovers of nature. As population increases, our roads are gradually losing their grateful shade, and often in a needlessly sweeping way. It is a matter of a few moments to destroy a tree of a century's growth, but another century will be required to replace it as it was. This question of the birch trees is worthy of consideration by all interested in whatever may make Highlands interesting. Their value as lumber is a mere fraction of that which they will soon possess as points of attraction to visitors, and it would be nothing removed from Vandalism if any oversight or carelessness should permit the destruction of the greatest glory of this road, which is pronounced by everyone the most beautiful leading out of Highlands.

From the Asheville Citizen.

OUR NOMENCLATURE.

In view of the fact that in some of our Western counties the aboriginal population still exists, that from the others it has only recently disappeared, and that their language was so rich and beautiful and expressive of natural objects, it is much to be regretted that the names of our tongue has so generally displaced the others. Most of our substituted names are commonplace to meanness; others are translations of the Indian names. For instance, the name Sugar Fork, applied to the bold and beautiful branch of the Tennessee river falling into that stream a few miles above Franklin, in Macon county, is Cullasagee—a much more beautiful name, preserved only in the title of a post office, and in the falls on the stream.

Buncombe county exhibits an especial poverty in aboriginal names. Swannanoa is the only one we recall. The meaning of that is variously rendered "gap" or opening, applied originally to the opening through the mountains, thence to the valley and the river flowing through it; or "the flapping of the raven's wings," from the large flocks of that bird said once to frequent the valley. It certainly does not mean, except in verse, "beautiful," though well deserving such a title. French Broad is no translation, but the simple transfer of a surveyor's name to the "broad" stream upon which the first white explorer fixed his eyes. Tahkeostee, the "roaring river," is perpetuated in a farm on its banks, and in no other way. Flat Creek, two of them, Cane Creek, Hominy, Sandy Mush, Turkey, Newfound, Reems, Bents, Averys, and others, betray the source from whence their names were derived.

Haywood county fares little better, and in neither mountain nor stream is the Indian name preserved except in that of Catalochee mountain or creek.

Jackson does better. "Cowee," or more correctly we are informed, "Howee"—deer, is applied to the massive range of mountains, the dividing line between Jackson and Macon counties, and the principal river, the Tuckasegee; and several of its branches retain the names given by the original inhabitants, such as Cullowhee, Soco, Warrahut, and perhaps a few others.

Macon county is somewhat more conservative, and retains the name of Nantahala—or Nanteyaley, as Prof. D. C. Smith spells it—in the stupendous mountain range, and the swift and clear river of that name. Her principal river is the Tennessee, which is fed by the Tennesse, the Coweta, the Cartoogajay, the Wah-

yah, the Iola (or Iola), the Cowee, the Watauga, and a few others. In Clay we only recall the Tusquitee as name of creek and mountain, with the exception of the Hiwassee river, which name is common to both Clay and Cherokee. In this latter county, the only Indian name retained, besides Hiwassee, is that of Nottelly, or Notla, for a very beautiful river. All else is Americanized. Peachtree, Brasstown, Turtletown, Hangingdog, names of creeks and valley river, show how completely old names have been effaced, though the Indians occupied the country within the memory of the existing generation.

In Graham and Swain, comparatively new counties, and both now containing the largest proportion of Indians left in the State, the change is still more striking, if possible. Cheoah, name of river and mountain, and Santeetla and Stecoah in the first, and Oconoluftee river and Alarkee creek, are all we remember of Indian names except such as we have mentioned common to other counties.

It would have been a graceful thing, an appropriate thing, and an easy thing, to have honored the memory of some chieftain or warrior in the naming of the shire towns of these counties. The names of Robbinsville and Charlston are somewhat too suggestive of personal vanity and legislative log rolling to be altogether acceptable to the people of these counties, who accepted these names under the penalty of otherwise losing their counties.

Something can yet be done in the way of restoration; and we suggest to Prof. C. D. Smith, James W. Terrel, Mr. Albert Siler of Cartoogajay, and other Indian philologists, the pleasant work of rescuing many fine, sonorous and significant names from oblivion, and with them, subverting those that are poor in themselves, or else are poor translations.

Twenty years ago, Horace Greely said, "Go West, young man." Were he alive to-day he would say "Go South." He had a mind large enough to change as circumstances changed.

By private letter we learn that Mr. Barr's orange trees were not injured by the freeze. Only this season's crop of fruit was destroyed.

Cool weather this week—thermometer touched 16 above zero.

G. A. Jacobs here again this week on business connected with the Dimick estate.

Another revolution is threatened on the isthmus of Panama.

Plenty of beef in town this week. Four years ago such a thing was unknown here in February. The world moves.

The Conservative government in England has been forced to resign, and Mr. Gladstone is forming a new ministry.

Mr. Redman, from Iowa, had a ducking in Trowbridge's pond on Monday. He believes himself now thoroughly initiated as a North Carolinian and Highlander.

We print this week an interesting article from the Asheville Citizen on the bald and mean nomenclature which here in the mountains has superseded the euphonious and significant Cherokee names. Mr. Beman, from Cortland, Ohio, arrived this week to spend a few months for the benefit of his health.

Weather still cold here—uncomfortably near zero. In Chicago, Feb. 2nd, the mercury fell to 10 and 12 below; at St. Paul 36 below; and at Minnedosa, on the Canadian Pacific, 48 below. The temperature through Iowa was reported 15 to 17 below.

Three men of a party clearing snow from a railroad track near Frisco, Col., on Sunday, were buried by an avalanche. —*Charleston News and Courier.*

Fort Smith, Ark.—On Jan. 8, two families consisting of nine persons were caught in the blizzard on the prairie near Fort Bois, and were frozen to death, together with two teams of four horses. They were traveling towards Muscogee. —*Ibid.*

The recent cold snap in Florida has disgusted many people with that section. It is confidently believed that the next place to boom as a resort for northern people, both winter and summer, is the mountain section of North Carolina. —*Asheville Citizen.*

Waynesville is discussing a proposition to vote a debt of ten thousand dollars to improve the streets and sidewalks. —*Ibid.*

Married, at Franklin, N. C., on Jan. 26, 1886, Lee H. Allman, sheriff of Macon county, and Mrs. Myra Siler, wife of the late Jesse R. Siler, jr., Rev. C. D. Smith officiating. —*Ibid.*

Capt. W. B. Ferguson has received a letter from Hon. Thomas D. Johnston stating that permission to establish a signal station has been granted to Waynesville. In order to get this service of the Signal Department, it is necessary that we purchase the flags, which cost \$15, and secure some one to run up the flag each day. The dispatches are sent free of cost, and we think it quite likely that some one of the court house officers will consent to manipulate each days flag without remuneration. —*Waynesville News.*

The death of the oldest daughter of Secretary Bayard has been followed, a fortnight later, by that of his wife. Mrs. Bayard died of congestion of the brain, brought on by the shock she had suffered.

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Corn, new	50
Oats	50
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Eggs	15 " 50
Potatoes	40 " 50
Onions	60 " 60
Apples	50 " 60
Cranberries, per quart	12 1/2
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 " 8
Mutton, per lb.	6 " 7
Beef	6 " 7
Wood, per load	75

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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.

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