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"Perhaps there is more inquiry about the Alleghany Mountain region, extending from West Virginia into Georgia, than about any other section."—*Philadelphia Press*.

In consideration of what is here stated, it may not be out of place to say a few words now and then for the benefit of readers at a distance, on the inducements and attractions which Highlands, with the immediately surrounding country, offers to visitors or settlers.

The strongest motive forcing men away from the rush of city life, or from rich but consumption or malaria-haunted low lands, is the desire for health.

The fountain of everlasting youth is, alas, not to be found, even among the countless clear and cold springs of this favored region, but it is safe to assert that in a search for health there are many more chances of the quest proving successful if it lead Blue Ridge-wards, than if the pilgrim turn his steps in almost any other direction.

The whole section of country alluded to above is noted for its healthiness, but the superior elevation of Highlands gives it some special advantages over other towns or villages in the mountains, in the greater purity of the air unmixed with river fogs, in the far cooler summers, and in the more numerous springs of water, colder by eight or ten degrees than those at inferior altitudes.

These advantages mark its eminent fitness as a place of resort or residence for many who are partial invalids, or who simply need rest with the tonic of a pure air. Those who have come here with weak lungs or throats, have invariably found their condition improve. Instances are not wanting where persons who suffered constantly from a cough while living 1,600 or 1,700 feet lower down in the mountains, have been quite cured by a few months stay in Highlands.

The climate of Highlands is not perfect, if by perfection is meant the absence of weather. There is a not inconsiderable rainfall, and clouds sometimes shut out the lower world. In winter, there is more or less snow and cold wind, though never of long duration. But at all seasons the climate is healthy.

From the Asheville Citizen.

The Anson county brown sand stone is now being shipped in large quantities to Baltimore, New York, Brooklyn, Chicago and other points for fronts of the finest buildings. It is proving to be a very large, as well as valuable industry. In a short while the stones and variegated marbles in Western North Carolina will be shipped by thousands of car loads, for useful purposes. The Murphy division of the W. N. C. railroad has its road bed built for miles upon this superior marble.

A man named Spencer settled in North Gainsville, Ga., last week, together with his wife and twenty-four children. Nine of their offspring traveled in a wagon from their former home in Kentucky, and arrived at their destination looking well.

The following notice is posted conspicuously in a Colorado hotel: "Warning.—This is a United States house, and that is the only language spoken here. Any guest using the word tour for tower, root for route, sweet for suite, commercial tourist for drummer, will immediately be waited upon by a committee from Butte County's 601 and given two hours in which to leave the country.

One curious result of the January cold snap was the fact, just now reported, that the salt water froze on the reefs in the gulf of Mexico and great numbers of fish were killed. These floated of course and covered the surface of the water for miles on both sides the Florida and Louisiana coasts.

The home rule question—Who is to get up and make the fire?—*Puck*.

Surveyor C. Slagle is in town doing some work for Mr. Ravenel.

The President and Cabinet stand fast against silver.

General W. S. Hancock died on the 9th inst. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. C. D. Bowers, of Franklin, has been visiting Highlands for a few days.

Died, in New York, of pneumonia, on the 27th Jan., 1886, W. A. T. Earnest, of Macon county, N. C., aged 67.

An artesian well sunk in New Orleans has reached good water at a depth of 1,043 feet.

The Senate has passed the bill admitting half the territory of Dakota as a State.

A very severe earthquake shock was felt at Morganton, Old Fort and other points, and as far down as Hickory, on Friday night about two o'clock.

The first gold discovered in America was found in North Carolina, and it was found near what is now Montgomery county, or in Ca'arrus, which adjoins.

The unusually cold weather in Texas is said to have killed 13,000 head of cattle within a radius of seventy-five miles of Fort Ellicott.

The mud is pretty deep in Highlands, but does not place an embargo on business, judging by the number of loaded wagons one sees driving about the place.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will be held at Highlands on Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st inst.

Missouri is a considerate State. People who have scruples against war need not serve in the militia there, but they must pay \$6 a month for the privilege of being non-combatants.

Capt. S. T. Kelsey, the moving spirit of the beautiful new town of Highlands, in Macon county, reached the city yesterday on a short business trip. He gives most pleasant reports from his section—*Asheville Citizen*.

We have received a letter descriptive of his journey west from "Ivan," National City, Cal., but it is too long for our columns. Our space is limited, and what we seek and would gladly have from correspondents is chiefly short news items, except where the news matter is one of universal interest.

Judging by the industrious way in which Mr. Sheldon works on the Barr house early and late, shingling by moonlight and during rain storms, he means to have it ready for the coming of the family in early summer. He worked all through the cold week last month. He came from Minnesota—that accounts for it.

Dakota has been having a series of the most soul-piercing blizzards, but the people don't mind them. In fact, they rather enjoy them, and have made a number of "blizzard toboggan slides," for fun and recreation.—*New York Tribune*.

Asheville, Feb. 8.—The Warm Springs syndicate to-day completed the purchase of one hundred and forty acres of land near the depot for \$50,000. Major W. W. Rollins and Capt. G. M. Roberts are the grantors. Among the improvements contemplated is a mammoth hotel.

H. P. Kelsey's nursery catalogue is now in print. It offers a most interesting collection of native plants of Western North Carolina, and promises a larger and more varied stock in the near future. Under the experienced supervision of Mr. S. T. Kelsey, this enterprise can hardly fail to meet with the complete and speedy success which we heartily wish it.

Mr. Gladstone's cabinet is officially announced as follows:—

Prime minister—Mr. Gladstone.

Lord High Chancellor—Sir Farrer Herschell, Q. C.

Lord President of the Council—Lord Spencer.

Home Secretary—Mr. Childers.

Colonial Secretary—Lord Granville.

Secretary of Foreign Affairs—Lord Roseberry.

Secretary for India—Lord Kimberley.

Secretary of War—Mr. Campbell Bannerman.

Chancellor of the Exchequer—Sir Wm. Harcourt.

First Lord of the Admiralty—Lord Ripon.

President of the Local Government Board—Mr. Chamberlain.

Secretary of State for Scotland—Mr. Trevelyan.

President of the Board of Trade—Mr. Mundella.

Chief Secretary for Ireland—Mr. John Morley.

High Steward of Her Majesty's Household—Earl Sidney.

Secretary to the Treasury—Mr. Arnold Morley.

Attorney General—Chas. Russell, Q. C.

At Washington, last Friday was the coldest of the season, thermometer 2 degrees below zero at 7 a. m. At Staunton, Va., the same morning, the mercury stood at 25 below zero, the coldest weather ever known there. At Richmond, the temperature fell to 8 below. Reports from places along the railroads in Virginia give temperatures from 16 to 25 below. Trains on all roads were greatly delayed by Wednesday's (3rd inst.) snow storm. At Baltimore, Friday was also the coldest day of the winter, thermometer 2 below. Exceptionally cold weather prevailed in the Mexican table lands. There was a light snow squall in the city of Mexico.

From the Waynesville News.

Mr. Carter, of the Baptist Church, has been to Whittier and secured a lot for building a church.

We continue to get letters from Canada asking about our "Land of the Sky."

The Waynesville tobacco market had the largest patronage during the past week it has yet enjoyed.

HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

Wheat	.....	\$1 25 to \$
Buckwheat	.....	50
Corn, new	.....	50
Oats	.....	50
Rye	.....	65
Flour, per 100 lbs.	.....	3 50 " 4 00
Western flour	.....	4 50
Butter	.....	15 " 35
Eggs	.....	15
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 " 6
Beef	6 " 7
Wood, per load	75

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