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Mrs. Frank Hill is visiting Highlands. Florida is now sending strawberries to New York.

Judge R. H. Cannon, of Webster, died last Monday.

Mr. Luck, of Webster, has left Highlands, after a short stay.

Our old neighbor, Captain Dobson, has been in town for a few days.

"Chaeops," of Laurel Creek, reports an epidemic of measles in that section.

Mr. Beman, of Cortland, Ohio, who came here two or three weeks ago, finds his health already much improved.

Mr. Lockry, late of New York, has taken charge of the Mountain View Hotel at Webster.—*Asheville Citizen*.

A paper entitled the *Weekly Herald* is about to be published in Webster.—*Asheville Citizen*.

Henry Watterson, editor of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, is so ill as to leave little hope of his recovery.

In 1885, Alabama invested \$7,841,000 in industrial enterprises.—*Baltimore Manufacturers Record*.

Easter this year falls upon the 25th of April, the latest date on which it can possibly occur.

The anti-Chinese troubles in the West were the subject of a cabinet discussion on the 10th.

With the exception of one cold night and day, the weather ever since the cold week in January has been mild and pleasant, and on many days quite warm.

Col. Evans' oldest son narrowly escaped a serious accident a few days since; his gun was accidentally discharged, slightly wounding his arm.

Two men who were in their time candidates for the Presidency have recently died—Gen. Hancock and Ex-Governor Horatio Seymour of New York.

Found—between Highlands and Cullasaja, a Lady's Basque, black, with velvet cuffs and jet trimming. Inquire at HIGHLANDER office.

Mr. G. A. Jacobs is in town again. He brought with him some young cedar trees for the park, which were at once set out by H. P. Kelsey.

A disastrous overflow is threatened by the melting of snow, in the upper waters of the Mississippi and Missouri, and the formation of ice gorges below.—*Asheville Citizen*.

The largest coal-producing combination in the world, one that will practically monopolize the whole coal production of the South, is being perfected at Birmingham, Alabama.—*Rural New Yorker*.

The *Asheville Citizen* speaks of a journey from Asheville to Hendersonville, a distance of twenty-two miles, occupying eight hours. Highlands has enjoyed no monopoly of mud.

Tramps are overrunning Florida to such an extent that the County Commissioners have decided to anchor lighters in the St. John's River, and corral the tramps there for ninety days each.—*Rural New Yorker*.

A watch that winds itself by the motion of the wearer is the latest wonder of Europe. A very moderate amount of exercise on the part of the wearer is enough to keep it going. It is made in Switzerland, and the case is square instead of round.—*Baltimore Manufacturers Record*.

It is said that two men on their way hither from Minnesota, were told in Seneca that they would find snow in Highlands six or eight feet deep, whereupon they returned northward. Our Seneca friends should come up here and see how much snow they can find. No snow, but mud, has troubled us for the past month.

In this issue, we publish a communication in which are set forth the unique atmospheric and climatic conditions of the elevated plateau upon which our township is located. The paper was written specially for this journal by Col. C. W. Jenks, of Boston, who has long been intimately familiar with this section of the country. It was intended publicly to answer many requests made of him, for information as to the peculiar atmospheric conditions here; and, if possible, to give any explanation he could of the same. Our readers will find in this communication of Col. Jenks an intelligent explanation of the natural causes of the phenomena peculiar to this locality, which are so eternally operating for the benefit of the visitors and residents at Highlands. Its publication is timely; and its influence cannot but be far-reaching and powerful, in turning public attention to our beautiful mountain town, as an attractive resort for health and pleasure seekers from all parts of the Union.

Mr. Hinton A. Helper, in the *Asheville Citizen*, describes a visit made to the Scottish colony at Newport, Tenn. This colony was founded by the Scottish Carolina Timber and Land Company (limited), which is backed by a capital of half a million dollars. The company owns and controls 120,000 acres in North Carolina and 60,000 acres in Tennessee, besides timber on a strip of land three miles wide on each side of the Pigeon river for twelve miles below the North Carolina State line, and they purpose to ship over twelve million feet of lumber per annum. Newport has grown in a year from a population of 600 to one of 1,500.

Mr. Gur, of Lake Worth, Fla., arrived on Monday evening. He reports a great boom in that part of Florida, owing to the fact that vegetation was uninjured there during the cold wave, when the more northern part of the State suffered so severely. At Lake Worth the mercury fell to 32 degrees, and thin ice formed.

The highest human condition is possible where climate, soil and minerals exist in the greatest perfection, and we find them all in Western North Carolina. Western North Carolina possesses more general advantages and inducements for the investment of capital than any other section in the State. She has minerals, water power, rich soil, railroad advantages, and above and beyond all, a healthy climate unequalled anywhere on the continent of North America.—HINTON A. HELPER.

The heavy rains which fell last week in the Middle and Eastern States have caused enormous losses through the floods and freshets immediately following. In Massachusetts and Connecticut, five inches of rain fell in forty hours, and this added to the four inches of snow already on the ground, rapidly swelled the streams, breaking up the ice, and in some instances piling it up in gorges twenty feet high. Boston was almost cut off from the outer world for a time, most of the railroads being submerged, so that trains could only reach the outlying suburbs. In the Roxbury district the sewers burst, and the water rose to the second story of many of the houses. A similar state of things prevailed in many other cities in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and also to some extent in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In some cases the gas works were flooded, and the electric lighting apparatus put out of order, so that cities were left in darkness. The wash-outs on railroads are numerous and frequently of a serious character.

In an editorial on food and the frequently careless method of its preparation, the *Asheville Citizen* gives the following extract from an article by Dr. Satchwell, a North Carolina physician.

"The writer only utters the truth of science, and the experience of himself and other medical observers of North Carolina, in declaring his solemn conviction that much of the dyspepsia, as well as no little of consumption, and Bright's disease, and other disorders of our State, originate in and are aggravated by, the constant unwholesome medication of the daily bread of our people in the fashionable use of baking powders." The *Citizen* goes on to exhort us, as an efficient substitute, to return to the time-honored practice of our ancestors, of using yeast.

The *Charlotte Observer* says: Captain R. P. Waring, superintendent of the assay office at the mint in this city, reports that there has lately been great activity in mining circles, and a good deal of business is daily passing through his hands. The largest single shipment which he has yet made was on Monday last, when he dispatched \$6,300 in gold to the Philadelphia mint. For the past three months, the shipments of gold from the mints in this city have averaged \$16,000 a month.—*Asheville Citizen*.

Knoxville and Nashville, cities of Tennessee, both situated in a limestone formation, have been suffering from their position over cavernous gaps in the earth. In each of these cities, parts of streets have recently sunk, alarming the people with the dread of general subsidence. On Prince street in Knoxville, the sink has exposed a stream of clear running trout, from which good sized mountain trout have been taken.—*Asheville Citizen*.

From the *Manufacturers Record*.
Whittier, N. C., January 21, 1886.

I noticed an extract in the *Manufacturers Record* from some other paper, which intimated that the town of Whittier was progressing slowly. This is wrong. No other town in North Carolina or any of the Southeastern States has ever accomplished so much in so short a time. The first lot sold was on the 12th of September, 1885. The sales of lots in the town site proper now amount to over \$20,000. The sales in the large tract belonging to Whittier amount to \$25,000 more near the town. As some errors have crept into print in regard to Whittier's purchases, I will state that the aggregate of uncultivated land is over 80,000 acres; there are 17 farms more or less under cultivation, some of them sold, others under rent, besides the town site of 1,607 acres, costing \$13,000.

Considerable work has been done in grading roads under a contract for 40 miles, and there is a large body of men now at work. Five stores, a grist mill, a brick yard, two steam saw mills on the town site, are in operation. Sash, doors, blinds, laths and shingles are made. The Swain County Terra Cotta Co. has been formed. No lots are sold in Whittier without an agreement to improve them. Prohibition prevails on the whole property. This, the largest temperance colony in the world, and the largest single enterprise by one man in the United States, is attracting attention all over the country. CIVITAS.

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 " 25
Eggs	.....	15
Potatoes	.....	40 " 50
Onions	.....	60 " 60
Apples	.....	60 " 60
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
Fork	6 " 8
Beef	6 " 7
Wood, per load	75
Cabbage, per lb.	1

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