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## MORE ABOUT HIGHLANDS.

Second only to the climatic advantages of a resort from a sanitary point of view are those which concern comfort. And it would be difficult indeed to find a summer climate more comfortable than that of Highlands. Of excessive heat there is absolutely none, the mercury never rising above 85 degrees, reaching that point rarely, and in some seasons not at all. There are no mosquitoes or blackflies. The air is so pure and exhilarating as to incite to out-of-door exercise, and the nights are always cool enough for refreshing and luxurious sleep.

A third point in which Highlands is easily first—still looking at it as a summer resort—is found in its close neighborhood to so many mountain tops commanding extensive views, and so many beautiful waterfalls, any one of which would probably be a first-class lion in the Catskills, for instance, where its waters would perhaps be held in check daily, until the hour when a sufficient number of sight-seers should be assembled to allow them to be seen falling with profit to the proprietor, at a charge of 25 cents for each gazer. A circle drawn round Highlands with a radius of four miles and a half, would include Highlands Falls on the Cullasaja River, Oumekelooke, or Overflow Falls, on a creek of the same name, and Cullasaja Falls, with numerous smaller cascades. Of mountain summits within a like distance, there are Mounts Satoola, Bear Pen, Fodderstack, Brushy Face, Whiteside and others.

Mount Satoola, rising a thousand feet or more above the town, which lies on its northern slope, is easily climbed on foot or horseback in half an hour. From the position of this mountain, standing as it does at the south-eastern outpost of the Blue Ridge, the long ridge which forms its summit dominates a vast extent of country. North-eastern Georgia and Western South Carolina lie at its feet, while the western view extends in clear weather to the Smoky Range on the borders of Tennessee, and in the north to the Balsam Mountains, and even beyond them. To visit Whiteside half a day is needed. It is a long spur of the Blue Ridge jutting out into a cove or valley, from which it rises sheer, a magnificently precipitous cliff, the summit reaching a somewhat greater height, forming a longer and narrower ridge, and giving a view perhaps even finer than Satoola. Seen from the cove at its feet, or from the higher parts of Highlands, Whiteside is the most impressive of mountains. The mighty wall of cliff, and the grand outline of its crest, give it a strong and most distinct character.

**A WONDERFUL MICA MINE.**—Some of our western exchanges have been saying much regarding the mine known as the Mica Wonder in the Coeur d'Alene, that the vein is seven feet thick, and that \$40,000 has been refused for the mine, &c. All of which goes to prove that distance not only lends enchantment to the view but induces capitalists to prefer it to deposits within twenty-four hours of their homes. We refer to the deposits in Western North Carolina, one of which is over one hundred feet in width and has produced thousands of pounds of mica dug out in a crude way. To-day it is idle with perhaps the exception of a gouger or two obtaining what he can by the use of a pick. Litigation prevents larger operations at present. But a few thousand dollars would, we are informed, give some one perfect title, and certainly an excellent pay-mine.—*North Carolina Herald.*

Measles of a severe type are epidemic in and about Westminster, S. C., and have appeared in Walhalla.

The present winter is the severest known in Georgia for many years.

The first snow of the season fell on Saturday night in Augusta, Ga.

A heavy snow storm in Atlanta on the 28th ult.

The voice of the hylas (peepers) is heard in the Cullasaja valley, a herald of Spring.

Col. John Ingram, of Franklin, was in town on Wednesday with a load of wheat for Mr. Partridge.

Letters to the Asheville Citizen complain of bad butter and sick chickens being sent to market there.

The new Webster paper, the Weekly Herald, has made its appearance. It promises well, and we wish it all success.

Telegraph facilities are now complete to Jarrett's on the W. N. C. R. R., 28 miles from Murphy.—*Murphy Bulletin.*

We are informed by a citizen of Whittier that rough food for cows cannot be had in that town for love or money.—*Weekly Herald (Webster).*

A man in New York has hatched out thirty-five young alligators in an incubator, and displays them in his windows in Broad street.

About Houlton, Maine, on March 1st, a heavy snow had been falling continuously for four days. Trains had been withdrawn, the roads being impassable.

The work of grading the Atlantic and Western narrow guage railroad will commence on March 1st.—*Charleston News and Courier.*

A new post office has been established at Knoll, Macon County, Marcus S. Kelly, postmaster. Also one at Peace, same county, with John C. McConnell, postmaster.—*Asheville Citizen.*

The first number of a new monthly journal called the Forum has just been published in New York. It contains a series of essays by well known writers. The price of subscription is \$5 a year.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the Blue Ridge Railroad scrip was fraudulently issued, and that the State is in no way bound to pay it.—*Keowee Courier.*

In reply to enquiries, the North Carolina Annual for 1886 can no doubt be obtained by applying to Hinton A. Helper, manager The South, Swannanoa Hotel, Asheville, N. C.

Last Sunday was a cold day, following a night of wind and snow. The snow soon melted, and we have had pleasant days since then, though during some nights the ground has frozen hard.

Work progresses on the new hotel at the White Sulphur Springs, Waynesville. The ground in front of the new hotel where the old one stood has been ploughed up. A lot of fine growing trees have been planted.

Twelve governors are said to have given their approval thus far to the movement looking to the permanent addition of another to our national holidays—the anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus.—*Charleston News and Courier.*

The owner of refrigerator works at Fort Worth, Texas, has gone to England to perfect arrangements for the delivery of dressed beef, to be sent in large quantities from Fort Worth to England. A contract for \$5,000,000 has been made, which will take five years to fill.—*New York Tribune.*

The farmers throughout the country are taking advantage of the fine condition of the land, produced by the beautiful weather, and are sowing oats, breaking up land for corn, &c. In the gardens, many have planted potatoes, onions, and other hardy vegetables.—*Weekly Herald.*

The war upon the Atlanta Constitution, began several weeks ago by the Knights of Labor, is still going on. The Knights "spot" all merchants and business men who patronize that paper, and refuse to deal with them. The boycott business is a new thing in this part of the country, and it will doubtless be a long time before the public can be educated to the point that will make it an effective weapon.—*The Plowboy (East Point, Ga.)*

There are said to be nearly 100 Mormon elders at work now in the Southern States. Converts to the number of 75 from North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, left Chattanooga for Utah on the 26th ult. The farmers in some of the counties in Alabama have notified the Mormons to leave, and threaten to use force.

It is reported that the large oak tree in front of the hotel is threatened with removal. Every dweller in Highlands will surely regret to see such a beautiful tree cut down, especially if, as would seem to be the case, there is no necessity for sentencing it to death. In the opinion of good judges, the street is sufficiently wide to allow all needful grading to be done without touching the site of the tree.

**A COMET YEAR.**—The year 1886 promises to be memorable in the annals of cometary astronomy, for we are promised a grand display in the latter part of April and the first of May, by at least two of these celestial wonders, one of which was discovered at the Vanderbilt University Observatory. At the time stated, the two comets will shine near each other (it is to be hoped) with long tails, in the north-western sky shortly after sunset.—*Asheville Citizen.*

It is only a short time since the Eastern and Middle States, or those parts of them not far from the coast, were devastated by floods and gales of wind, and now another gale even more furious than the last has swept over them, doing enormous damage. The wind blew for thirty-six hours, from early on Friday morning until Saturday night. Telegraph wires and poles were down in all directions, roofs blown off, chimnies, and in some cases buildings blown down. Men were blown off cars and wagons, and in some instances killed. The wind in New York city blew at the rate of 82½ miles an hour, with the thermometer from 6 to 15 degrees above zero. In Vermont, the mercury went down to 22 below, and in that State and Maine, and also in Canada, heavy snow storms occurred, in some places the snow being two feet deep on a level, with drifts fifteen feet in depth.

The Bulletin says that eight or ten new buildings are going up in Murphy, the direct effect of approaching railway connections.

Mr. C. T. Colyer, a landscape gardener, from London, is now in Asheville.

## HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

Wheat	.....	\$1 25 to \$
Buckwheat	.....	50
Corn, new	.....	50
Oats	.....	50
Rye	.....	65
Flour, per 100 lbs.	.....	8 50 " 4 00
Western flour	.....	4 50
Butter	.....	15 " 35
Eggs	.....	10
Potatoes	.....	40 " 50
Onions	.....	60 " 60
Apples	.....	50 " 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
Pork	.....	6 " 8
Beef	.....	6 " 7
Wood, per load	.....	75
Cabbage, per lb.	.....	1

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