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Administrator's Notice.

All persons holding claims against the estate of Mrs. Annie C. Dimick, deceased, must present them for payment within twelve months of this date, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

I also request all parties indebted to said estate to settle with me at once, and save expense.

CHAS. L. FROST, M.D.,
Administrator of the Estate of Annie C. Dimick.
Highlands, Macon Co., N.C., Mar. 9, 1886

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THE SARASOTA COLONY.

It is very difficult to get at the true condition of some of the colonies lately founded in some of the Southern States. The various interests involved cause various hues to be given to any statement that is made respecting them. Of one in Florida we are perhaps enabled to say we know something definite.

The Scottish Association of Florida, at its anniversary meeting lately held in Edinburgh, received a report from its committee which had been sent to Florida to investigate the state of matters at Sarasota. This report leaves the candid mind to infer that the colonists, who were generally educated people with some means, would have been better off if they had stayed at home. Their case is instruction for those intending to change homes. The Sarasota colonists have been disappointed, as much through themselves as the Association or its promises. Their hopes and imagination had made them form "too high a conception of what could be attained with the lands specified," and they accepted the representations of the prime mover in the matter before he ever saw the country. Then they expected dwelling houses to be ready for them, but their eagerness brought them to the new settlement in numbers too great for the resources of the Association—and, we may suppose, of the region to which they came—to be provided for in this respect. The colonists were dissatisfied and discontented, and some of them have abandoned the colony. In a speech, after the report was read, one of the committee, apparently still enthusiastic, said that the officers of the association in Edinburgh had been notified not to let more than twelve families come over at a time; but they had kept this notice from the colonists. He explained that some who had left Sarasota had only moved to other parts of Florida. Others had bought lands at Manatee, but still having an interest in the colony. They proposed to organize in Scotland a company to build a railroad between Manatee and Sarasota. But the true gist of the business seems to be in the statement of the speaker: "Probably the worst feature in the whole transaction, and which influences the minds of most of the colonists, is the price they have been called upon to pay for the land. An advance from 25 cents per acre to \$12.50 in little over two years, in lands upon which no improvements have been made, is undoubtedly an extortionate advance."

The Senate has passed the Blair bill by a large majority.

WEATHER HERE AND ELSEWHERE

The winter now nearing its end will be long and widely remembered as in many ways a remarkable one. By but one of its extraordinary features will it be recalled to the memory of the inhabitants of this section of the country—the wave of unprecedented cold which swept over us as over the whole South early in January. With the passing of this wave, all exceptionally trying weather was at an end for this region. Of course there have occurred "cold snaps," which visit us more or less frequently every winter, but from their short duration they cause no serious inconvenience, and we have held the even tenor of our way, enjoying much pleasant and genial weather, and wholly untouched by the heavy rains and consequent floods, and the furious gales, which have wrought such havoc in the North-eastern States; and latest of all, the tremendous snows which have buried New England and Canada.

If we sit down and compare, week for week, our weather record with that of any part of the Northern or Western States, we shall find much reason for satisfaction with the result of the comparison, and shall not be able to escape the conviction that we are the fortunate inhabitants of a highly favored region.

Strikes are the order of the day almost everywhere throughout the country.

Our valley farmers are about done sowing oats, and are now making garden.

The croak of the frog, and the voice of the hylas, have been heard in Highlands.

At Cullasaja, on Thursday morning, the thermometer stood at 14 above.

Petroleum wells have been opened in Santa Fe county, New Mexico, with a full flow of oil, burning with a bright flame.

We are glad to hear that the new Franklin paper will make its appearance this week.

We shall be very glad to receive short news items from other townships in the mountains.

The bridge across the Tuckasegee river near Webster is rapidly approaching completion.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, the Brooklyn preacher, with his family, will spend part of the summer in Asheville.

Married at Franklin, March 10, at 3 p. m., C. G. Smith, Esq., to Mrs. Roxy Ad-dington.

The pretty little bluets, or forget-me-nots (*Houstonia serpyllifolia*) have been in bloom for over a week here and there in sheltered spots.

Manchester, Va., has produced the largest diamond ever found in this country, weighing twenty-three and three quarter carats, uncut.—*News & Courier*.

The Asheville Citizen, of March 10, has a very pleasant and complimentary article upon Highlands, which we shall publish next week.

A telegram lately received in London states that Mount Etna is in a state of eruption. Slight shocks of earthquake had been felt at the foot of the mountain.

Mr. Hopkins, of Atlanta, has a Jersey cow which has given 8,724 pounds of milk in six months, and in the year 1885 made 900 pounds of butter.—*Asheville Citizen*.

A Tennessee Court has closed a term in which 5 murderers escaped conviction, by sending a hungry woman to prison for two years for stealing a quart of butter-milk.

The skin and skeleton of Jumbo have been mounted for Barnum's Show. The skeleton weighs 800 lbs., and the skin, which is from half an inch to an inch and a half in thickness, 1,588 lbs.

Teaching the doctrines of Mormonism, or persuading any person or persons to espouse them, has been in Mississippi made a crime punishable by a fine of \$500 and imprisonment, by a bill passed this week.—*Charleston News & Courier*.

The Charleston News and Courier reports that the truck farmers in the vicinity of that city expect to be ten days to a fortnight ahead of Florida growers with their fruits and vegetables in the northern markets.

On Tuesday night two inches of snow fell, which has since almost entirely disappeared. Wednesday night was very cold for the season, but perfectly still; thermometer 12 above on Thursday morning.

Agents who have been canvassing North and South Carolina for colored emigrants to the extreme West, say that the exodus has only fairly begun. At least 8,000 are said to be making arrangements to leave during the present season.—*Charleston News and Courier*.

Dr. Genth, of Philadelphia, possibly the first mineralogical chemist in America, mentions nine diamonds as having been found in North Carolina. In every instance the diamond was found associated with gold and zircons, sometimes in gravel beds resulting from gneissoid rocks, but it has never been observed in the itacolumite, or flexible sandstone of this State, or any debris resulting from its disintegration, as in Brazil.—*Danbury Reporter*.

The conflict of opinion between Prof. Guyot and the United States coast survey regarding the location of Clingman's Dome in the Smoky mountain range, may be easily reconciled by a knowledge that that lofty peak, 6,660 feet high, is in both States, the boundary line between Tennessee and North Carolina running along the crest of the range; consequently the mountain might be claimed by both States.—*Asheville Citizen*.

ITEMS FROM CULLASAJA.—The road from here up Nickajack Creek, through Hickory Gap, and down Hickory Knoll Creek to the Tennessee River, is now open for wagons. This road has been talked of for fifteen or twenty years, and the county appropriated \$625 in land bonds, which was insufficient to complete it, but on last Saturday a company of resolute volunteers, with tools and rations, met, and appointed Mr. John Bates foreman. He distributed the men, with axes, picks and shovels, and at sunset the road was declared passable.

There is a mountain twelve miles from Waynesville, known as the mountain of shining rock, which is remarkable in its way. It consists of pure white rock, which shines like snow in the distance. The rock is of the hardest quality, and has puzzled several mineralogists who have endeavored to ascertain its true nature. What is most remarkable about the shining rock is that the cliff is pierced with a number of holes made by repeated strokes of lightning. Specimens of the rock can be seen at the News office.—*Waynesville News*.

Several members of the Tuckasegee Lumber and Manufacturing Co. passed down the road on Monday en route for Cincinnati, where they go to purchase machinery, &c., for their extensive works in Swain County. This company has just been formed for the purpose of converting the hard woods of our mountains into elegant and durable furniture. The capital stock is \$40,000 already, and will be raised to a much larger amount. The works will be located at the mouth of the Nantahala River, about twelve miles from Charleston. The company has already purchased about 10,000 logs of fine timber.—*Waynesville News*.

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	.....	10
Potatoes	.....	40 " 50
Onions	.....	60 " "
Apples	.....	50 " 60
Beans, per bushel	.....	1 00 " 1 50
Chickens	.....	10 " 15
Fodder, per 100	.....	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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