

# THE HIGHLANDER.

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The Highlands school closed last week.

A whip-poor-will was heard here on Tuesday evening.

The revenue officers arrested three men in town on Tuesday night.

Nice, fresh radishes from Horse Cove in town this week.

Mr. Davis and wife have moved into Dr. Wheeler's house on Cottage Ridge.

Mr. Buck and family of Florida, arrived at Highlands on Friday, April 9th.

The train is again running from Charleston to Webster station.

The weather for the last week has been warm and spring-like. Gardening is the order of the day.

Mr. A. Hawkins and his son Hubert, of Horse Cove, leave for Bridgeport, Conn., on Monday next.

Col. Evans and family left Highlands this week; they have taken a house near Franklin.

Messrs. Eugene and Stephen Pool arrived here from Excelsior, Minn., this week.

The Philadelphia normal school has substituted cooking for mythology in the studies.

It is reported that the roads in the low country are in bad condition, owing to the recent heavy rains.

Three drummers for Richmond houses were in town this week; one of them is a son of Col. Ingram, of Franklin.

Several wild turkeys have been killed lately in the vicinity of Highlands. They seem to be quite plentiful this season.

The Waynesville News says: The train now runs as far as the Balsam, where hawks meet passengers going westward.

We learn that at the mine of Mr. C. D. Bowers, on Iola, a solid block of very fine mica weighing 98 lbs. was dug out a few days since.—Franklin Press.

During the past five weeks \$32,000 in gold bullion has been shipped from the Charlotte mint, at the duldest season of the year.—Asheville Citizen.

The moonshiners are not shooting revenue officers so rapidly as they did a few weeks ago in Georgia. They seem to begin to realize that a good many of their number will become awful examples.

The Murphy Bulletin states that the rails will be laid on the Murphy & North Georgia Road to within 22 miles of Murphy by July 1st. By January next the road will doubtless be completed to Murphy.

Mr. Partridge is now making flour from the whole wheat (after the manner of the "Franklin Mills"), which makes very excellent, nutritious bread; we prefer it to bread made from the above mentioned brand, and there is the satisfaction of knowing it to be unadulterated. This is called "Granulated Flour."

In Boone, Watauga county, there have been thirty-nine snow falls during the winter. It will be remembered that Boone is in the very heart of the Alleghanies, and has the greatest elevation of any county east of the Mississippi.—Asheville Citizen.

Mr. Rideout has sold his house and lot on Fifth Street to Mr. Buck for \$700. When asked what house he proposed to occupy during the summer, Mr. Rideout replied, "Ask the neighbors; they know more about it than I do." We leave the observance of this suggestion to our readers.

FROM HORSE COVE.—We have been shown a very rich specimen of gold ore, found upon the farm of Dr. O'Farrell in Horse Cove. As far as we know this is the first gold bearing rock found in the Cove, although many thousand dollars worth of placer gold were taken from there before the war. If there is a lead comparing in richness with the one spoken of, there is a fortune in it for somebody. The Dr. thinks gardening more certain than mining, and declines to prospect.

An illicit still near Gainesville, Ga., which for six years had escaped detection, has been discovered and raided. The proprietor had dammed a small creek, ostensibly to make a fish pond, and under the dam he placed his distillery, with tunnels for ingress and egress. The smoke was conveyed to his house and passed out through the kitchen chimney.

The slide this side of the Round Knob Hotel, on the W. N. C. R. R., was the largest that ever occurred on the road; it took four days to clear the track. Connection with Webster is entirely cut off for the present.—North Carolina Herald.

Some papers give an account of a wonderful spring in Ashe county, N. C., which is reported to possess remarkable curative properties in skin diseases, and in many other maladies. It was found in 1875, but its locality was for some years kept a secret by the discoverer who, it is said, healed many with the water which he secretly brought to his house.

That delicious small salad, watercress, will thrive on moist soil in garden, but flourishes best when its roots and stems are submerged in water. The seeds should be sown, if possible, in wet lands along the streams and ditches; no subsequent cultivation is needed. So favorably situated they will increase very rapidly by self-sown seed and extension of the roots.—New-York Semi-Weekly Tribune.

A special from Atlanta to a New York paper states that Col. Fry, a lawyer in Atlanta, has filed a writ of lunacy against Judge McKay, United States judge for that district, because he postponed the hearing of a number of damage cases against the E. T. V. & G. R. R. Judge McKay was about a year ago, placed in an asylum near Philadelphia by his relatives, but escaped, and after his capture voluntarily agreed to remain awhile under treatment. Since his return he has been continuously on the bench, and is now taking a vacation.

The best varieties of lettuce for summer use are the Yellow Butter and the White Summer Cabbage. In a deep, well enriched soil they stand the heat well and remain for a long time in a condition fit for use. These varieties form large heads, and on this account are objectionable to some persons. Where a variety with smaller heads is desired, I do not know of any better than All the Year Round. This may be described as a very compact-growing variety, with small, close, dark-green, crisp and tender heads which remain in a condition fit for use for a long time.—Rural New Yorker.

No summer-blooming plant will yield a larger percentage of flowers with so little attention as the petunia. On the steep sides of a high, dry mound, or on a level bed of rich, moist soil, the result is the same—flowers continuously until hard freezing weather destroys the plants. They do not seem to mind an ordinary frost that will kill the neighboring vegetation, but with the appearance of the sun, a fresh lot of bright blooms opens as cheerfully as ever. The petunia is especially adapted for rockeries and in vases, positions very trying on the majority of flowering plants. For general use the single flowers are much the most reliable and produce more bloom, but for pot-culture under glass, the double ones are the most showy. A very rich soil is not desirable, as in such the plants will produce more foliage than bloom.—N. Y. Semi-Weekly Tribune.

HEDDEN MOUNTAIN, JACKSON COUNTY, N. C.

EDITORS HERALD:—At the Boston Company's Works, near here, one crystal weighing over 200 lbs., was mined and said to be of very fine quality. The mica from two of these mines was mostly clear and good, while that of a third was partly discolored, but of large sizes, which will make it very saleable. It is a pity that these works were closed last week and all work suspended, after finding many thousand pounds of mica. All the hands were paid off and accounts settled. It is hoped they may resume operations again and give employment to the people of this section. There is some rumor of two other parties coming to this section for the purpose of mining mica and corundum, and one party to open up some of the gold placers at or near Georgetown. Col. Sylvester is said to be the leader of the last named Company.—N. C. Herald. W. A. H. S.

THE ROANOKE CITY MEETING.

On the 20th of this month an organization will be formed looking to an extension of the Roanoke Southern Railway Company with a view to Southern connections. If such line is built passing through Asheville, it will add another and a very important spoke to the interests that radiate from this city as a centre, and at the same time will send a current of prosperity through communities that now are torpid not from choice but from necessity. If the Asheville route is chosen

there are the rich counties of Mitchell and Yancey, of choice tributary to Asheville, drawn into the new current and animated with a new life; and on the other side the beautiful county of Transylvania in which are stored so many dormant sources of wealth, will have her seclusion invaded and her treasures made accessible. Until the meeting at Roanoke City we do not know what will be expected of communities along the route selected. On this point the Charlotte Observer says: the delegation feels authorized to say that this movement is backed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and capitalists in the city of Philadelphia, who will give ample aid in completing the great work.

A remarkable bedstead, made to order by a Milwaukee furniture firm, is twenty-four feet wide and has nine compartments each intended to hold one of the purchaser's children.

The Bland silver bill was defeated in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Henderson of North Carolina, has introduced a bill in Congress to reduce letter postage to one and one-half cents, and postal cards to half a cent.

Between the first day of April and the fifteenth day of October it is against the law to kill or shoot, trap or net any partridges, quails, doves, robins, larks, mocking birds, or wild turkeys. To do so makes the person guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a fine of \$10 for each offense. It is also unlawful to destroy the eggs of partridges or quails at any time.—North State.

Large quantities of maple sugar are being brought to Lenoir says the Topic, from the forests of Mitchell, Watauga and Ashe, retailing at from 10 to 12½ cents per pound.

## HIGHLANDS MARKETS.

Wheat	.....	\$1 30
Buckwheat	.....	50
Corn	.....	50
Rye	.....	60
Flour, per 100 lbs.	.....	\$ 50 " 4 50
Butter	.....	15 " 20
Eggs	.....	8 " 10
Potatoes	.....	35 " 50
Onions	.....	75 " "
Apples	.....	50 " 60
Beans, per bushel	.....	1 00 " 1 25
Chickens	.....	10 " 15
Fodder, per 100	.....	1 50 " "
Hay, per 100 lbs.	.....	1 00 " 1 25
Sorghum syrup	.....	40 " 50
Dried apples, per lb.	.....	3 " 8
Dried peaches	.....	4 " 15
Dried blackberries	.....	5 " 10
Pork	.....	6 " 8
Beef	.....	7 " 8
Wood, per load	.....	75 " "
Cabbage, per lb.	.....	1 " "
Mutton, per lb.	.....	10 " "

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