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THE ATLANTA, ASHEVILLE AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD.

Mr. Kelsey came home from Asheville a few days ago, after having, in company with Col. Coleman, examined the route for the proposed "Atlanta, Asheville & Baltimore Railroad," from Asheville north to the Virginia State line. Mr. Kelsey reports a very feasible route as far as they went, which was some distance beyond the spot where the proposed line would enter the valley of New River, turning back then, because all accounts agree that there are no difficulties whatever from there to Salem or Roanoke on the Norfolk & Western R. R., as the line will follow this valley for nearly or quite the whole distance. North of Asheville the line, about ten miles from the Cranberry mines, will intersect a road already surveyed from Cranberry to Lenoir. Mr. Kelsey found the people along the line well awake to its importance, and ready to do all in their power to ensure its construction.

Notice has been published in the Asheville papers that application will be made to the present Legislature for a Charter for the "Atlanta, Asheville & Baltimore R. R." As soon as possible after getting the charter a careful survey will be made of the whole route; we believe there will be no difficulty in obtaining the charter, since such a road running longitudinally through Western North Carolina from Virginia to Georgia, and conflicting or competing with no corporate interests already granted, will be of incalculable value to the State. All that the region to be traversed by this road needs in order to flourish like New England, is to be made accessible. There are splendid water powers everywhere; climatic conditions far more favorable than those of New England or even Pennsylvania, and it is a natural sanatorium every inch of the way; the soil is fertile and favorable to the growth of all food crops, a profusion of timber suited to all imaginable uses covers the land for the whole way from Virginia to Georgia, and the entire section is rich in minerals. A railroad would soon increase the permanent population tenfold, and would be largely supported by the business which itself would create, not to speak of the profit it would derive from the crowds of health and pleasure seeking tourists attracted by the pure air and beautiful scenery.

In an item last week concerning Mr. Smith's continued illness we inadvertently did injustice to Boynton Bros., and some other mill owners in these parts. The two mills nearest the centre of the town had lately come under one ownership, and thinking of that fact and forgetting other things the blunder was made of saying there was now but one mill to depend on for a supply of dried lumber, sashes, frames, doors, etc. It is true there is now but one mill to depend on for ready made sashes, but for the other articles in the list the Boyntons are prepared to supply any demand, as will be seen by our advertising columns. Ally Bros., of Whiteside Cove also are prepared to furnish the people of Highlands with a good assortment of lumber for building purposes, dressed and matched boards, shingles, lath, etc., and we also call attention to their advertisement in this issue.

We have however, simply this to say in self defense. If the mill owners had been as careful heretofore as in this issue to advertise their wares, we should probably not have made the mistake.

We have had some cold days this month, but by comparison with northern and western weather they were not very severe. Only once has the mercury here fallen below zero, on the 3rd inst., when it indicated 4 degs. below. In Athens, Minnesota, on the 7th inst., thermometers stood at 60 degs. below, and in Maine on the 4th they showed a temperature of 30 to 40 degs., varying with the locality.

Petitions for the new county are being circulated in every direction. We hope every man will sign.

The Schoolteacher, a new periodical of which a notice may be found on another page, is most timely in its appearance, and most admirable in its matter. If a few striking cases are excepted, schools in North Carolina are greatly in need of the introduction of improved methods of teaching—in other words, of better trained teachers; of teachers who know how to make their pupils observe and think, instead of loading their memories with useless lumber of dry words. Those teachers who have never had opportunities of training in the newer systems, will find this journal invaluable in its advice and suggestions.

We notice a few typographical errors, as in Dr. Shepherd's fine article on Milton, where the printer places the date of the poet's birth at eighty instead of eight years before the death of Shakespeare, and substitutes the name of Suncy for Surrey.

Parties desirous of buying a style of boot or shoe not usually to be found in country stores, would save money by leaving their orders with Rideout & Co., and they will be notified on the arrival of a full line of all styles of boots and shoes, now en route from one of the heaviest shoe dealers in the South, on or about the 20th inst., when you can select any special quality at lowest prices.

A German ship, the Elizabeth, bound to Baltimore, was wrecked on Saturday on the Virginia coast a few miles south of Cape Henry. Her crew of twenty-two men were lost, as were also five life-saving men, who tried to reach the wreck.

Mr. Brown, representing Payne, Burger & Hood, wholesale clothiers, Knoxville, Tenn., will call on Rideout & Co. about Jan. 15, with a full line of samples. Parties desiring ready made suits would save money by leaving their orders with Rideout & Co., and so get a much better bargain than by sending off for the same goods in the usual way.

Now is the time to bring fodder to town and not wait, as some did last spring till there was no sale for it. And if you have corn to sell bring it along, for it will not be as high the 1st of May as it is now.

We are sorry to see by the Asheville Citizen that Col. Cameron, one of the editors of that able paper, slipped and fell in the street in Raleigh a few days since, breaking his arm.

We are glad to report Mr. Smith's health as so far improved that he is again at work, and hope for his own sake as well as others that he will now be able to keep his mills running constantly.

A fire-geyser has been discovered in Dakota, where the flames shot up a hundred feet into the air. It is said to be caused by burning coal beds.—Anson Times.

Mr. Henry filled a small ice house this week with ice from the mill pond, six inches thick, in all 23 tons. Ice-cream will be possible here next summer.

T. B. White has some very fine Light Brahma fowls for sale. People would do well to improve their native stock by a cross with these fowls.

The weather this week has been changeable. Yesterday it rained; to-day very fine, thermometer 33 degs. at day-light.

The subject before the Literary Society this evening will be the Spanish Conquests in America.

Numerous avalanches have fallen lately in Switzerland, destroying homes and killing many cattle.

Dr. Frost returned home last evening after a long visit to the North.

In Jacksonville, Fla., on the 3rd inst., the mercury fell to 22 degrees.

We had a brief cold snap on Monday night.

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Wheat	\$1 20	
Oats	50	
Corn	70	
Rye	65	
Flour, per 100 lbs.	3 50	4 50
Butter	15	25
Eggs	10	
Potatoes, Irish	50	
Beans, per bushel	1 00	1 25
Chickens	10	15
Fodder, per 100	1 50	
Hay, per 100 lbs.	1 00	
Mutton	5	8
Beef	6	8
Venison	10	
Apples	50	75

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