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"Judge Moves to Cure Drug Addicts." Well, we'll second the motion.

Frankness forces us to admit that the weather west of the Balsams was a trifle cool, the first of this week.

If you don't believe the country is prosperous, just ask a cotton farmer, or a wheat farmer, or a corn farmer.

The politician's remedy for each class of farmers' troubles seems to be for the farmer to raise what he is not now raising.

One of the greatest achievements of science has been cutting the number of deaths from tuberculosis in half within twenty years.

"New Relief Plan Will End Threats of Corn Growers"—Going to hire a chiropodist, we infer!

No wonder everybody in North Carolina wanted to be a member of the legislature! They have two "trial and vicious girls as pages."

Overtaxed stoves are sometimes the cause of disastrous fires, but more frequently they are the cause of poor people suffering with the cold, and in that case the railroads and the coal barons get the tax.

The latest scandal in regard to the tariff on leather and shoes is told in the headline which declares that a Waxhaw man bought his daughter a pair of shoes and then proceeded to commit suicide.

It is a question for the general assembly to ponder over, whether the state should invest two million dollars in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and thereby make the poorer mountain counties rich, or whether it will continue to pour the thousands into those counties, year after year, to help maintain their public school systems.

It is a great prosperity that sends railroad stock to high prices and allows the steel people to declare 40 percent dividends; but how does it affect the cotton farmer, the corn and wheat raiser, and the apple orchardist? When cotton is low, grain is low, and the orchardist has to pay more than his apples are worth to get them to market??

Hereafter, in order to escape responsibility, for what we have to say, we will publish no editorials as to opinion of the editor of this paper, but will begin each editorial with "The Journal Spokesman Said Today."

**THAT CLIMATE OF OURS**

Once again we have a demonstration of the superiority of the brand of climate enjoyed by the fortunate who live west of the Balsams. The first of this week the entire state was blanketed with snow, from west to east. In Asheville the depth is reported at 3 inches. In Raleigh 8, and in Chapel Hill 10. The best that Sylva could do, sitting serenely in our protected haven (West of the Balsams, was to muster a scant quarter of an inch.

When the Journal began calling attention to this phenomenon, we were the object of jibes and twists from our neighbors across the mountains. But time after time, year after year, the old climate repeats itself and vindicates us. Seriously, if there is anywhere in North Carolina that is suitable for winter resort, it is West of the Balsams.

With the coming of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, this will develop into a year-around resort country. The summers are delightful. In winter, the visitors can go into the Smokies and the higher Balsams and enjoy the winter sports and winter mountain climbing, in the snow. In a few minutes they can be back in the protected valleys to enjoy their golf, and other sports that the Northerners seek in Southern resorts.

We can be entirely truthful and say that in the confines of Jackson county, nay within a radius of less than 10 miles from Sylva, we can furnish almost any kind of climate that anyone could desire.

**THE MEANEST MAN IN THE WORLD.**

Brother Dan Tompkins, editor of The Jackson County Journal, thinks he has found the meanest man in the world, and is now convinced there must be a hell in which to punish such a man. Here is the way Editor Tompkins describes him:

"It's bad enough to make the landscape along the highways bare and desolate by cutting and slashing the evergreens to make Christmas decorations; but the meanest man in the world has been discovered in Buncombe county. We said man, because we don't believe there is a woman that mean. He stole the evergreens from around the graves in a country churchyard. We don't know who he is, and the officers haven't yet learned his identity; but honestly, we wouldn't have believed that there is

a man in North Carolina that mean. After all, there must be a hell."

Of course that fellow is mean. But what about the guy who stole chickens from Rev. Dr. McLarty's chicken house? The News is of the opinion that a man who would steal chickens from a Methodist preacher is meaner, much meaner, than the grave-robber described by Mr. Tompkins.

How about a referendum on the question?—Brevard News.

**THE ROTATION SYSTEM**

The Journal is of the opinion that the system of alternating the state senator between the counties of this district has served its day. It is easy to see that this practice has worked injury to the district, and that it should be discontinued.

The best policy to follow would be for the district to select a good man for the position and keep him in the senate, returning him year after year. It really makes no difference to us whether he comes from Jackson, Haywood or Transylvania.

We have had splendid men in the senate. In fact, we have a fine senator now; but no man can do his best work during his first term, no matter how strong he is.

The way North Carolina has gained the prestige that it enjoys in the national capitol has been by returning its senators and congressmen year after year, and term after term.

Just think of this invaluable asset it would now be to this district and the state, when the Park question is confronting us, if we had a man in the senate and one in the house, who, through his ability, coupled with the prestige of long service, could lead the fight for the Park.

Gentlemen, let's get together on this matter and do away with the rotation system of senators. It never was based upon sound policy of state craft, but upon county politics. If it ever had any merits, it has served its day.

**FEATURING WESTERN CAROLINA PRODUCTS**

The following news items from the Asheville Citizen shows how much is to be gained by local firms practicing the gospel of trading at home, and of featuring Western North Carolina products in their stores.

"After looking over the Grace Supply Company's window display of Western North Carolina products it seems useless to send out of the state to get supplies for the tables of Asheville.

One of the most interesting articles on display is the sauerkraut that this store has had made especially for its customers. This kraut is made in Hamburg by people who have become famous because of this very product. Several of the leading hotels have been featuring this healthful food lately and many women have found that it supplies the necessary amount of green food on the menu.

Other Western North Carolina products that are being featured are Hamburg raw cabbage, Beaverdam pure honey, Biltmore Wheat-hearts and corn grits, waterground meal, mountain potatoes, home-made preserves and jams and many other articles that are produced right here in our own section, but which are often shipped in from other States. The Grace Supply company hopes in this way to help home industries and at the same time give as good, if not better produce to its customers. How well this policy is taking is best shown by the number of times phone 4282 rings during the day."

Other firms in other towns of Western North Carolina are following the same policy as the Grace Supply Co., toward Western North Carolina products; and the more the home merchants trade with the local producers, and the local producers with the home merchants, the faster will grow the prosperity of Western North Carolina. The merchant naturally does not relish the idea of paying his money to producers when he knows that money will find its way to a mail order house to buy something which he has in stock. Nor does the farmer like to buy from the merchant who orders produce, which the farmer has to sell, from New York or Oregon.

**FIRST SUNDAY MAIL SERVICE**

Franklin Press. The first Sunday mail for Franklin from Dillsboro was delivered here last Sunday, the contract covering the additional service having become effective January 1. The Sunday Dillsboro mail brings the Sunday Asheville papers to Franklin people, as well as letters mail from Asheville and other Western North Carolina points.



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