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VARIED OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED IN THIS SECTION.

Haywood County and Murphy Branch of Southern Railroad is Section Rich in Variety of Opportunities.

Southern Field, the publication of the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway Company, in its last issue devotes considerable space to the varied opportunities offered in Haywood County, and along the Murphy branch.

The fame of the mountain region of Western North Carolina is practically world-wide already and it is becoming greater all the time. Without a doubt that section is the most attractive portion of all east of the Rocky Mountains and has advantages which are not duplicated elsewhere.

Much has been written about this Western North Carolina mountain country. Not so much perhaps has been told of that particular section lying west and southwest from Asheville.

Starting from Asheville and running almost directly west and bisecting this beautiful territory is the Murphy branch of the Southern Railway. It winds its way through parts of Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Swain and Cherokee counties, traversing a section rich in timber lands, mineral deposits, bottom and cove lands where all crops will thrive and a wide variety awaits the husbandman.

The section was originally peopled with pure Anglo Saxons, mostly of Scotch-Irish extraction, who came South, or pushed their way West from the Coastal and Piedmont plains. They succeeded the Cherokee Indians, who formerly occupied the entire region. Many Indians are still in this country. Travelers on the passenger trains on the Murphy branch see them at stations, while at the town of Cherokee, in Cherokee county, is a reservation and an Indian school which is kept up by the government.

Land of Opportunities. The Murphy branch of the Southern Railway runs from Asheville to Murphy, in Cherokee county. The road traverses the valleys of the Pigeon, Tuckasegee, Valley and Little Tennessee rivers, and winds its way over the watersheds and rolling country and coves. There is probably no more picturesque section in the United States. The country traversed by the road is neither North nor South, and the climate here is delightful all the year round.

As a land of opportunities, this section has become famous. Timber covers most of the land, mica, kaolin, limestone, marble and talc are to be found all over the region in commercial quantities. The running streams can furnish power enough to operate all the industries now in existence, and almost all contemplated. A volunteer grass springs up when the timber is cut, and it affords excellent grazing for live-stock of all kinds, while the country is watered well enough to supply all the grazing herds. In the valleys, and coves all kinds of crops will grow profitably, and every hill and slope could be planted in orchards. The orchards already in existence are proving of great value as a commercial proposition.

Land can be bought as cheaply as in most sections of the country, and much cheaper than in the Middle West and the Northwest. The railroad well serves this land of the sky, and the big cities and their advantages are but a day's journey from this region. Everything to be found here would seem to appeal to the persons who are starting out in life or desire a change in their living conditions.

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ONLY TWO ENTRANTS IN CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY

Representative Gudger and Solicitor Reynolds Have Field All to Themselves for Primary Called for August 15.

Representative J. M. Gudger, Jr., and Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds are the only two candidates for the democratic nomination for congress from the Tenth district who have qualified under the conditions of the rule adopted at the convention here when the nomination was referred back to a popular primary. Those two were in reality the only candidates before, the other three gentlemen being merely in the "also ran" class.

A meeting of the district executive committee has been called to meet in Asheville on Saturday of this week to arrange all of the minor details and rules under which the popular primary will be held in August. In addition to the members of the committee all democrats of the district who may have any suggestions to make with regard to the details of holding the primary are invited to attend. Mr. Frank W. Miller is the member of the committee from Haywood county and will be present. A number of other Haywood democrats will also likely attend the meeting.

MR. CARRAWAY EXPLAINS STATE CONVENTION VOTE.

To the Editor:—

In last week's issue of the Courier you published an article concerning the Democratic State Convention under the heading "Haywood's Vote cast against State Primary." This heading is inaccurate, and as I was the only delegate present to cast the vote, it is calculated to do me an injustice which I feel certain was not intended. As a matter of fact, the vote of Haywood county was cast in favor of a State-wide Primary on two separate and distinct propositions which came before the State Convention. One was the report of the Platform Committee which included a plank declaring for a State-wide Primary for all National, State and Judicial officers, and to apply to all political parties. This was adopted, and Haywood County voted for it. On the other hand, a substitute was offered by Hon. Jacob A. Long of Alamance County, to absolutely eliminate the subject of a Primary from the platform. On this proposition Haywood County voted in the negative. Two members of the Platform Committee submitted a minority report which extended the Primary declaration to County officers. On this proposition Haywood County voted in the negative also. Had I desired to vote against a State-wide Primary I would have certainly supported Mr. Long's substitute.

So far as a Primary for County officers is concerned, I believe that this is a matter which each county should be allowed to settle for itself. Haywood County has already settled it, by getting a Primary Law passed by the General Assembly, which I heartily approve. No other county objected to us having it, nor did any other county undertake to force it on us. Turn about is fair play, and I am in favor of allowing other counties to handle this matter for themselves. If they want a County Primary, let them get it from the General Assembly. If they don't want it, then I for one am not in favor of forcing it on them.

Respectfully, JAMES E. CARRAWAY.

AFTER A JUDGE.

Mr. James W. Ferguson and Capt. W. J. Hannah of the local bar spent Wednesday in Asheville in conference with Governor Locke Craig with reference to a judge to preside over the July term of Haywood court. Judge Justice, who is due to be here for that term, is a member of the special state freight rate commission and this will be in session in July, thus making it impossible to be in Waynesville. Governor Craig assured the Waynesville attorneys that another judge would be assigned for Haywood court, and he will be named within the next few days.

HAYWOOD MAKING PROGRESS.

Correspondent Objects to some statements of Bill Knocker and Shows Where County Has Gone Forward.

Dear Editor:—

I do not wish to make a reply to any of the interesting letters which have been published in your paper, but I cannot resist from saying a few words on the subject of which Bill Knocker and Gypsy have been discussing. I agree with them that there are many amendments which our county could make that would add greatly to its educational advantages. There are many things of which Haywood is lacking, but let us stop and think and give her credit for what she has done and is doing. I have no doubt that Knocker was in haste when reading my last article. I can not think he did it intentionally, but he was so enthused with the praise of Gypsy that he did not get all the statements correctly. He said the article stated that Haywood was at the front in giving her boys and girls an education. I am most sure if he would read it again he would find most of us will make mistakes sometimes. The correct statement was Haywood is coming to the front and making great efforts to give our boys and girls opportunities which many have not yet attained, and I wish to repeat it again. I admit there are several counties far ahead of Haywood in erecting school buildings and aiding education; that is they have a larger number of schools, but they are more able to support their larger institutions. They are no more willing and eager to aid education than Haywood.

We have some very poor school houses, but there are none as bad as those we doubtless have all heard our fathers and mothers speak of. I have heard my father tell of his school days when he attended school in a log building all the cracks between the logs were open and a dirt floor, a huge fire place at one end of the house. The benches were made of a small tree split open and legs put in the end, no backs, no desks. What if we had to put up with the school systems of those days?

Haywood has been climbing the ladder of prosperity and development ever since the civil war. She loudly sounds her bugle which triumphantly resounds the echo of Excelsior from the mountain sides of her dominion. Yes some of the school buildings are in bad condition, I admit, but whose fault is it? Gypsy says we cannot blame the county, teacher, or the community, no one alone. It seems to me that the fathers and mothers should be interested enough in the welfare of their children to see that these things were altered. They should report the conditions of which their school buildings are in to the county superintendent. Why not as Gypsy suggested let the men give a day or two out of a year to the school grounds and to the little necessary repairs of the house, such as mending the leak holes, stopping the cracks and replacing the broken window panes?

I think the communities depend too much on the county when it is to their interest that these things were done. Just about a half century ago our county was in a very desperate condition. In the fall of 1865 the pomp and glory of war had ceased and the veterans who had borne the burdens and heat of the campaigns during the four years of strife had returned to their homes. They found their farms had gone down, some of their slaves had died. Their families were almost on starvation. War was over and the battles of peace, no less stern and relenting, had to be fought. Our Haywood county boys from the battle fields now exchanged the gun, bayonet and the blast of the cannon for the hoe. They were now roving their native hills once more and began again the pursuits of peace. Dear reader, just think how Haywood has been developing in this short time. Then, there was no development in agriculture, no manufacturing, nothing of the hundred enterprises now going on so successfully in the county. The red hand of war had blighted every enterprise. With the same heroism that they had displayed on the blood stained battle fields our Haywood boys began the rebuilding and reani-

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MAKING IT EASIER FOR MOTORING TO MOUNTAINS

Good Roads Across Mountain Ranges Will Mean an Increase in Number of Summer Tourists to the Mountains.

Two stretches of good roads now being constructed will mean an easier journey for motorists into the mountains, and consequently a larger number that may naturally be expected to come to Waynesville. These two are the Asheville-Spartanburg road by way of Tryon over the Saluda mountain through Hendersonville into Asheville. The other is by way of Bat Cave and Hickory Nut Gap and is known as the Asheville-Charlotte highway.

Still a third road in process is the Central Highway by Old Fort across Swannanoa Gap by Round Knob.

All three of these roads, the first two of which are now rapidly nearing completion, will make it much easier for motorists to reach the mountains, and the wonderful scenery along the right of way will without doubt naturally increase this particular kind of tourist travel in the summer. And this means more people for Waynesville.

From Asheville to Waynesville the road is for the most part in excellent condition for the greater part of the year, so that the completion of good roads into Asheville makes that city a gate-way for Waynesville.

The Courier recently told something of what is being done on the Saluda mountain work, one of the best pieces of road construction in the state. The following, prepared by Secretary N. Buckner of the Asheville Board of Trade, tells of the work on the Asheville-Charlotte highway by Hickory Nut Gap:

The Asheville-Charlotte Highway enjoys the unique distinction of being the first public road in North Carolina on which state convicts were put to work. A force of fifty convicts from the penitentiary at Raleigh was established in camp at Bat Cave, about twenty miles from Asheville, during the fall of 1913, to build the connecting link of this important scenic highway across Hickory Nut Gap mountain, much credit being given Hon. Locke Craig, known over the state as the Good Roads Governor, and to Mr. H. B. Varner of Lexington, N. C., one of the state's foremost advocates of the good roads cause not only in North Carolina, but in the entire South, for securing legislation to make possible the working of state convicts on the public roads.

The work of surveying the road from the Rutherford county line across the corner of Henderson county to the Buncombe county in Hickory Nut Gap, 2800 feet altitude, is under the direct supervision of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, of Raleigh, and rapid progress is being made in road construction although all the work of grading, hauling material, building culverts and constructing bridges is being done by hand entirely. A roadway of 22 feet from shoulder to shoulder is being constructed with a 19 inch crown, under drains, with an extreme gradient 5 1-2 per cent. In many places where sand can be obtained the road is sand-graded on top, while in many other places it is blasted away from the solid granite cliffs along the mountain sides.

On the Asheville or Buncombe county side of Hickory Nut Gap mountain is a large force of county convicts working toward the gap, where the state and county forces expect to meet in July, opening the highway for the passage of automobiles into Asheville from the New York-Atlantic Highway at Charlotte. The road on the Asheville side of Hickory Nut Gap is macadamized for a distance of ten miles. The road bed was cut out and macadamized a width of fourteen feet with an eight inch crown. A six inch layer of large stone was first put down and rolled; then a second six inch layer of smaller stone then a second six inch layer of smaller was put down, sprinkled and rolled; with an inch and a half of top dressing of stone chippings sprinkled and rolled. The macadam extends across Mine Hole Gap, eight miles from Asheville, where macadam was discontinued and the force put to grading road to the county line in Hickory Nut Gap in order to open the road for automobile traffic into Asheville by July 1st. The grade across Mine Hole Gap does not exceed 5 1-2 per cent, except for a

MASONS HELD ENJOYABLE CELEBRATION WEDNESDAY.

Three Lodges of County Joined With Waynesville Lodge in Appropriately Celebrating St. John's Day at Sulphur Springs

The Masons of Haywood county celebrated St. John's Day with a picnic at the Haywood White Sulphur Springs grounds on Wednesday, about two hundred members of the order with their families being present. Aside from Waynesville the largest delegations came from Sonoma lodge at Bethel and the lodge at Clyde.

The principal event of the day, aside from the bountiful dinner, was the address of Mr. Thos. J. Harkins of Asheville. Mr. Harkins was introduced by Gen. R. D. Gilmer of the Waynesville lodge, and his talk was both entertaining and instructive, holding the close attention of his audience throughout. Judge Garland S. Ferguson, who is home on a short vacation, also spoke. Judge Ferguson is one among the oldest Masons of the Waynesville lodge, and his remarks were to the point.

About one o'clock the dinner was spread upon the lawn, and there was everything good to eat imaginable, and the crowd did full justice to the tempting viands.

In the afternoon at the fair grounds a ball game was played between the boys of Waynesville and Crabtree, the game being arranged for the benefit particularly of the Masons. The result was 16 to 6 in favor of Waynesville. The feature of the game was the three base hit of Platt for Waynesville in the ninth inning, and the pitching of Green. The latter struck out sixteen men and yielded only nine hits, while the Waynesville boys secured fourteen hits off Huskey who twirled for the Crabtree boys. Up to the beginning of the eighth inning the game was an exciting one, the score being six and six at that time, but in the succeeding three innings the home boys secured ten additional runs.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Position, Team. Includes Crabtree, H. Smathers, H. Long, R. Huskey, C. McCracken, H. Seay, H. Ferguson, C. McClure, Kinsland, Caldwell, Waynesville, Campbell, Williams, Green, Davis, Jarrett, Platt, Bush, Turbyfill, Mehaffey.

HAZELWOOD LOCALS.

Married Sunday at Balsam, Miss Ethel Allen of Camp Branch and Mr. Lloyd Pruett of this place. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Allen of Camp Branch. The groom is the youngest son of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Pruett of this place. They left on the evening train for Greenville, S. C., where they will spend their honeymoon.

Married Thursday, June 18, at the home of Mr. G. C. Ball on Church street, Miss Jessie Shelton and Mr. Bryan Ball, Rev. Wm. Pruett officiated.

Mr. J. R. McMakin is the guest of relatives in Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Justice of Kalamazoo, Wash., were visiting relatives here last week.

Miss Elizabeth Cole returned Saturday from an extended visit to friends in Dayton, Ohio.

Misses Olsie and Bessie Bishop of Cullowhee were visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. H. Snyder last week.

Mr. R. R. Fitcher of Asheville has accepted the position as stenographer for the Unagusta Mfg. Co.

Mrs. Van Toy was the guest of Mrs. F. E. Kuykendall Sunday.

Mr. Yancy Mebane of Asheville was in town the first of the week.

Mr. W. A. Powe spent the week end with his son in Valdese, N. C.

distance of 3,400 feet which reaches six per cent.

This highway passes through the Broad River Gorge and Chimney Rock section, famous for its rugged grandeur and scenic splendor, which has heretofore been inaccessible, but with the opening of this new highway there will no doubt pour a steady stream of motorists through this rugged canyon into Asheville, famous as the good roads center of southeast and the city of cordial and charming hospitality.

GOVERNOR CRAIG WILL HOLD PARDON HEARING THIS WEEK

Case of Waldo McCracken and Robinson Rogers Will Be Laid before Governor at Asheville in Effort to Secure Pardon

Governor Craig at Asheville this week will hear the matter of the petition for a pardon for Waldo McCracken and Robinson Rogers and his decision will likely be rendered within the course of the following few days. Upon him rests the answer to the question as to whether those two men shall serve eighteen months each upon the roads of Haywood county, or shall go free.

The case is familiar to all the people of the county. In attempting to arrest Lee Wells at the closing exercises of his school at Clyde Wells was killed. McCracken was badly wounded and was confined to the hospital for several months. Juries in Haywood Superior court twice returned verdicts of guilty, and the last time the Supreme court affirmed the decision of the local court carrying with it the sentence of eighteen months each.

An extensively signed petition has been prepared for presentation to Governor Craig asking that he grant the pardons, and quite a number of letters have been written him urging this action. On the other hand a counter petition asking that the law be allowed to take its course will also be presented. When the matter comes before the governor for the hearing attorney both for and against the granting of he pardon will argue the question.

THE JUNALUSKA CUP.

Have you seen that beautiful silver cup in Jere Davis' window? This is the cup that Jno. R. Pepper of Memphis, Tenn. has given to be contested for each year by the singing classes of this section. This is indeed a very valuable prize and it is hoped that many choirs will enter this contest August 8.

The conditions are as follows: There must be at least five choirs contesting each session.

The cup must be won three different years (not successive) before finally becoming the property of the winning choir.

The decision to rest with judge chosen by the Southern Assembly's representative, in conference with the officers of the singing societies.

It is hoped by those in charge that all the musicians of this whole county and surrounding counties will interest themselves in this and other features at the Lake Junaluska grounds, that are prepared with the idea of giving them splendid entertainment and also education.

There will be some fine numbers on the Chautauqua Course there this summer and it is up to the people of this community to give our support. You can buy a season ticket covering from July 16 to Aug. 26 for only \$5.00. If you want to pay single admissions they will cost you 35 and 50 cents each. See Mr. Stentz at the Assembly office and get your ticket early for the entire season and thus save from \$5.00 to \$7.00.

You should do all you can to encourage the talent that this town and county has and you can do so by attending these contests and getting your boys and girls to come and join these choirs.

Mr. Stentz will have a chorus choir at the Lake during the Conferences and he has had years of experience in training and directing choirs at some of the greatest Assemblies in this country, such as Winona.

SECOND BIBLE CLASS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

In order to accommodate those who cannot come to the Wednesday night Bible study class, Pastor Stillions of the Baptist church has started a second class, meeting Friday evenings in the Baptist church. Arrangements will be made in the near future for other classes to meet the requests that have come from various parts of town. The lecture, "Standing and State" given last Wednesday evening to the usual large audience will be repeated Friday evening at eight thirty.

Mr. Lee Page of Aberdeen was a Waynesville visitor several days this week.