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NORTH CAROLINA.

The Week's News in the "Old North State."

..There were three hundred conversions at the Fife meetings in Raleigh.

..The potato bug has put in its appearance on time, and as the potato crop is a little late, this garden pest is depredating upon tomatoes and other tender plants. —*Greensboro Record.*

..On Saturday the doors of Pitt county jail were thrown wide open for the first time in years. There is not a prisoner, nor even an unfortunate insane person confined within its cells, the last being disposed of that day.—*Greenville Reflector.*

..The number of passengers hauled by the Asheville street railway yesterday was 6,145. At five cents a fare this amounts to $307.25. The street railway is now said to haul 70,000 or more passengers a month, or $3,500.—Asheville *Citizen.*

..In Wayne county Chas. Jordan, aged 16 years, brained his brother Dawson, aged 22, with a hatchet during a quarrel. Dawson died within an hour. After praying with his distracted mother and making his peace with his dying brother, Charles fled.

..That was an amusing episode n Raleigh last week. Auditor Sanderlin, Secretary Coke and Colonel Elias Carr were walking down Fayetteville street. A street urchin sang out: "Hooray fo' de nex' governor." Three hats were simultaneously lifted, and three voices chorused, "Thank you, my boy."—Wilson *Advance.*

..Mr. Sidney Deal, of Little River, has a colt-raising record that leads all others in this county except, perhaps, that of Squire Hoover. Four years ago he bought two brood mares that have in that time brought him eight colts and done his farm work. Four of the colts were sold at 6 months of age for $240, and he has four left.—*Lenoir Topic.*

..Parties returning from Charlotte, Wednesday evening, report a little sensation. Discovering an unpleasant taste about the water, Mr. R. E. Young had workmen to begin "cleaning out" his well. It was not long before the body of a well-developed colored child was found. It is thought that the body was there two weeks or more, and it was in a nude state.—Concord *Standard.*

..S. Frankenthal, a Jewish citizen of this city, yesterday made application for admission into the county poor house. Mr. Frankenthal was at one time a succesful merchant here, and was well to do in every way. He was unfortunate and lost what he had, and now being an old man, he has no means of support. His wife left him sometime ago, and went to Tennessee to live with their daughter.—Charlotte *Chronicle.*

..A Raleigh telegram to the Richmond *Dispatch* says: News has been received here of a strange occurrence in Wilson county. Three white boys and two negroes were in a field. The lightning stunned four and killed the fifth, a negro named Elias. A negro woman ran to see the dead boy, leaving her little child in the house alone. When she returned the child had died from suffocation, having been chocked by a piece of bread.

..The Raleigh correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch* says: Arrangements are now being made for the consolidation of the *News and Observer* and the *Intelligencer* of this city. The paper thus formed is to have quite a large capital, the money having already been raised. It is at present the understanding that in May these papers are to unite their strength. The *News and Observer* has for years been an earnest Democratic organ. The *Intelligencer* has accomplished more during the eight months of its existence than any other weekly newspaper in the State in so brief a space.

..A responsible gentleman was telling a remarkable story over about the court house yesterday. He states that while riding through this country a few days ago he met up with a man who was at one time a Republican member of the Legislature. In a conversation which followed the first gentleman referred to the death of the Governor. "What," said the ex legislator, "is the Governor dead?" "Yes," said the first, "he died nearly two weeks ago." "Well," was the reply, "I suppose he got killed in the Intalin war." This story is vouched for.—*News and Observer.*

..A bold and very "sleek" theft was perpetrated at a station up the A. T. & O. railroad yesterday morning. Jno. Nicholson is express and depot agent there. An unknown negro came up and asked for a second class ticket. Mr. Nicholson sold him one—the number of which was 611—as he did so he laid his express package containing $20 in gold, two ten dollar bills and one five dollar bill, down near the ticket window. The negro watched his chance, and as the agent's attention was drawn inside the office, slipped his hand through the window, captured the express package and skipped. The agent soon discovered his loss, and raised the alarm. It was thought the negro had left on the train, and a telegram was sent to arrest him. But he did not get on the train and up to last night had not been captured.—*Charlotte Chronicle, 25th.*

THE GREAT "NORTH GATE" OF "CATAWBA LAND."

Correspondence of THE MORGANTON HERALD.

(*Continued from last week*)

The great Pylons or Pillars that guard this "Great North Gate of the Catawba Land"—are these two picturesque summits; *Eastwards* (let us say)—"Cannock"—and *Westwards* "Attacoos:" the latter somewhat similar in its contour to the great *terminal* summit of the Linville Range, but less elevated; and its crests less bold and *rocky*. Indeed, "Channock" is *scar'd* all over with dark crags, like an old Chieftain battle-dinted with the ragged wounds of many rugged Wars.—

But how Arcadian in their soft simplicity, are the two vales of this "Tarkoee" Land;—as you look Northwards (or is it Westwards?)—towards the massive wall of the "Blue Ridge;" the "North Cove" to right, long but narrow levels, winding close under the pine-plumed spurs of "Channock;" whilst to left—a wider amphitheatre of low-lands is "Turkey Cove,"—nestling between "Attalecoos" and the gentler slopes of the (*Sah-koh-negahs*) "Blue Ridge" *proper*, whose declivities—above, a long and near crest line, often checquered with wide fields or open pasture-lands. Less boldly picturesque usually than the lateral chains of outlyers,—the "Blue Ridge" is essentially "Arcadian,"—sinuous slopes unbroken by rugged crags, and broad rounded summits and uplands that are always ready to shoulder a score of Highland farms, dappled with the pink and white of Orchards in the Spring Days; with "hog cabins"—of a most *bucolic* build nestling snugly in the hollows of the brown corn-lands.

But to enjoy to the utmost the scenery of the "Great North Gate," you must approach it *from* the "Highland" plateau, travelling say—from Bakersville or Cranberry, *towards* the Lowlands, en route for Marion or Morganton.

Last Summer the "Rambler" rode over from "Toe River"—to the "Gillaspie Gap," one of those Mountain "Notches" (as they would be called in New Hampshire,—and the word is admirably *descriptive*) through which the much discussed, but now *somewhat distant*—"Three C's R. R. it was thought would run: though it ever completed—it is, (I should think) just as likely to enter the Highlands by "McKinny's" Gap—some 2 miles East of "Gillaspie's," or even *via* the "Hunnicutt" (or "Wiseman's) Gap—a mile or so still further Eastwards. The "Gaps" *westwards* are less available.

It is only 5 or 6 miles by road from the southerly end of the "Big Bow"—or "Bend," of Toe River, where it ripples placidly under the forested spurs of the "Great Estatoe Mountain" (or *Bright's Yellow*)—to "Gillispies Gap"—on the very *outer most edge* of the "Highlands;" and here there is a sudden and well defined descent of some 1200 to 1300 feet. The Lowlands extending for hundreds of miles Southwards, gradually sloping *downwards;* at Marion—(some 16 miles distant by *road*)—only about 1400 feet above "Sea and Sun," whilst, of course, the *average* becomes lower as the Atlantic Sea-board is approached.

The *summit level* of the "Gillaspie Gap"—is given at 2795 feet;—and the descent to the Toe River, 5 or 6 miles distant, so gradual, that it is not appreciable to the eye. This is one of the marked peculiarities of the *so-called* "Blue Ridge," in many parts of its devious windings from Virginia to Alabama, or at least to North East Georgia. Over in Alabama it still survives, tho' in a *depressed condition*, and perhaps that is why it is there called the "*Blue* Mountains." In other words, the "Blue Ridge"—at many points is a very "*one sided affair*," on the S. E. side there bold declivities of 1000 to 5000 feet or more; whilst on the N. W. the ascent so gradual that on reaching the "rugged edge" of the "Highlands"—one is *startled* by the suddenness with which the wide panorama of the "Lowlands" *—in a moment*—opens on the sight. This is one of the elements that embraces largely the effect that the view produces on the beholder who approaches any of the Blue Ridge "crests" or "notches" *—from the side of the Highlands.* At *one moment* you are riding down a leafy lane, an old farm road—nearly level and altogether commonplace; the *next*—there stretches far under—dim and hazy, a World of wonders; *ripplings* of hills, *rollers* of long ridges, and billow surging beyond billow, the blue "breakers" of a Stormy Sea: and far beyond these—fading into dim distances—a horizon soft and sunny, and level as the "weather gleam" of the Atlantic. Indeed, one might readily imagine—that those pale peaks beyond Marion pinnacled islands,—and that the long level luminous line, far down in the South or South West was the glimmer and gleam of the Ocean itself. This contrast of sea-like expanse and of soaring summits, adds largely to the variety and beauty of the scene. Nearer, in the middle distance, rise the two great pillars of the "North Gate,"—"Channock," craggscard to left, and "Attalecoos"—of softer contours and less rugged slopes, to the right; and far under—1200 to 1300 feet—is the wide amphitheatre of "Turkey Cove," and glimses, too, even of the narrower levels of the "North Cove." This view from "Gillaspie's Gap," or the wide fields of the neighboring slopes,—is essentially bold as well as varied; one might almost call it—*Dramatic*, so *sharp* are some of the contrasts, and so *well-arranged* —the mountain masses. To the right the distant "Black Mountains" *tower* high above the nearer intervening crests of the "Blue Ridge" itself; and to left there is just a glimpse—over and beyond a *dip* in the long line of the Linville Mountains, of "Table Rock's" dark precipice.

Unluckily the day of my visit to this "Notch"—the *Weather Wickes* were as *usual* weaving their gray veils of cloud and shower over the "See-no-yah's" (Black Mountains.) Indeed, during a ride of nearly three weeks,—and in a territory not remote from these mountains, I do not think I ever saw them by any chance—*three hours* clear of their cloud-claps. The "Blacks" and the "Roan" are the two great "Rain Makers" of this region; and lucky is he whom they meet with *sunny smiles* instead of *shortlist clouds* and *weeping showers*.

The soils of the "Blue Ridge" *proper* are generally light and sandy, and the *short-leaf* pine and *chinquapin* thickets that are rare on the richer slopes of the "Great Smoky" and "Unakas," grow plentiful near "Gillaspie's Gaps—this region being no exception to the rule. Yet the whole neighborhood was *daft* about the *ubiquitous* Rail Road; which has since *deceased*," with two "Receivers" to attend to the obsequies. As usual, "options" had been given on most of the land, anywhere near the *proposed or supposed* line of the *expected* R. R., at *fancy figures*. I regretted to see this;—as of course, nine chances to ten, the parties holding the "Options" will never buy, and *bona-fide* settlers, who might want to purchase land for *Homes*, not simply for *speculation*,—find it impossible to do so at *fair* figures. Forest land that it would have cost $1200 an acre to *clear*, was supposed to be cheap at $10 to $12 per acre; though I had been offered fine *blue limestone* lands (cleared) in east Tennessee (a very much richer soil)—and on an *existing*—not *imaginary* R. R., at about *nine pair*. The region along the crest of the Blue Ridge here, bordering "Catawba Land," possesses a delightful *summer* climate, and *near edge* of the plateau—the views are always panoramic and often picturesque; but they cannot compare in fertility of soil with the *limestone lands* of Tennessee; and less well adapted for *grazing* lands than the high valleys of Watauga and Ashe counties. Five years after the R. R. comes (as it may do, one of these days)—those who are now asking $1200 an acre for poor sandy lands will be glad to sell them at half that figure. But even now, without such adventitious benefits as a R. R. might bring, the neighborhood of the "Gillaspie Gap" would afford a score of fine sites for Summer Hotels or Residences. The *lap* of the Gap, too, would be a convenient *Halfway House* between Marion (from which it is distant—16 miles) and Bakersville (17 miles); and if the the Blue Ridge soil is not exceptionally *rich* the *quartzitic* gneiss of the region makes excellent—"road-beds." At 2800 to 3000 feet "above Sea" too, the climate, taken all in all, a very "Happy Medium"—between a *Sweat* and a *Shiver;* if you will pardon the expression from a *rugged* Rambler.

Between this "Gap" and the "Toe"—one can see—looking *Northwards*, the not very distant "Estatoe Mountains" (Bright Yellow;) presenting from *this side*—a less imposing appearance than usual. It is this summit that gave the name to what is still known as the "Yellow Mountain Road," crossing the "Linville Mountain" from J. B. Hunters on Linville to Robt. McCalls in the "North Cove." This road was began in 1777; and extended *from* Jonesboro' Tenn., (the then *capital* of "Washington District"—which was the *little egg* from which the *big* State was afterwards *hatched*,) across the *Southerly* spurs of this *special* "Yaller Mountain," and *to* Morganton, Burke county, North Carolina. The present road follows the mountain slopes near the *base*, much below the line of the *ancient* "Highway" referred to.—

About the time this "Yellow Mountain road" in 1777, was laid out, the first *shingled* house was erected near present site of Jonesboro, Tenn; so this time-honored thoroughfare existed before the State of Tennessee did. Doubtless when it was first open'd, there was quite a "Boom" in real estate; and, as *paltry* in those days was *pay*—"corner lots" on the "Valley" may have cost a *dozen deer-skins*; or a *pile* of "panther pelts."

Some half dozen miles eastwards from "Gillaspie Gap" (*Chee-ee-ee-dat*, in Tuscarora "Hills upon Hills" I would suggest) the Blue Ridge rises up into a long massive ridge, terminating at its southerly end with almost *bluff-like* abruptness. This is known as the "Humpback" (1360 ft.) or "Scoonoota", as I should call it, after a Cherokee Chief of ancient times. At its South end, a lower *off-shoot* is the "Hunnicutt mountain." Here the main Blue Ridge makes a great "Elbow," suddenly trending northwards towards the *lower uplifts* of the same Range, near and just beyond "Linville City."

At north end of the "Humpback"—trending *westwards* there rises a much lower but long well defined round-backed ridge, the "Doe Hill," its lower slopes abutting on Toe River. On this—westerly end of the "Doe Hill"—there are some wide "clearings"—at the summit, from which can be obtained one of the most complete views of the "Black mountains"—provided the "Weather-witches" are not—*scowling*—I was lucky enough to see the whole range (extending from W. to S. W.) for *ten minutes*—unshadowed by even a scarf of cloud.

The famous "Mt. Mitchell" the highest East of the "Rockies," is seen near *centre* of the range.

About S. W. rises the *"Blue top"* of the "Pinnacle of Blue Ridge"—so called, at whose *base* is "Round Knob" on the "Western N. C. R. R." just *this side* of "Swannanoah Gap." The "Roan" is seen little W. of N. W; and the "Grand Father" little E. of N. E. Nearly due North is the "Hump" near *Cranberry*.

The "Pinnacle" of the big "Beech mountain"—just north of "Banner Elk" is little E. of North. Little N. of W. is the great "Estatoe mountain," quite near, a massive pyramid rising above the more sharply crested "Squaw tops," that buttress its eastern slopes. Between S. and S. E. is the even *nearer* "Humpback." Of the "Ecoochila mountains"—the "Hawksbill" can be seen, but only the merest *glimpse* of "Table Rock." I *ascended* this crest from Jno. G. Phillip's on Toe River (15 miles from Cranberry)—in *less than an hour*; riding to the base, and thence footing it by a trail through the woods.

Even more readily ascended is the "Chalk mountain," a not very elevated "Knob"—about 1½ to 2 miles from the little towns at "Spruce Pine" near "Toe Ford" on Bakersville Road. The *road*, by a steep *trail* through *this* woods, is hardly much over a *quarter* from the Bornsville Road. The view to the E. and S. E.—in the *direction* of "Turkey Cove" however is obstructed by forest growth. A few hours work with the axe could soon remedy this; but mine host English—not likely to attend to such matters as being the most convenient shopping place between Bakersville and Burnsville in the "Highlands," and Marion in the "Lowlands," this little hostelrie has generally a good deal less "room" than "company;" the immediate surroundings are altogether common place and uninteresting. A larger hotel, near the edge of the *Highland plateau*, would not only prove more convenient for the public *some*, of "Drummers," but would command an ever increasing patronage from Summer Tourists, provided the Commissary carefully avoided the *inferior* "Dough Biscuit" and *eternal* "Bacon," and relegated that most *lethal* weapon the "Frying Pan" (or "Great Grower" says) "*Venucum Domestick*." From "Chalk Mountain" the "Grand Father" is visible; also "Cloudland Hotel" on the Roan; Burnsville distinctly seen, nestling at the base of Celo's blue pyramid; and far beyond the "Unakas"—that divide "time honored" North Carolina from the *mature* State of Tennessee. For picturesque beauty and *dramatic* effect, however, the view from "Gillespie's Gap" overlooking the sunny vales of "Tarkoee" is the "*Gem* of the Exhibition;" and at the same time—even more readily accessible.

Excepting for the *Grand Canyon* of the "Linville"—the Rambler made a short raid through "Turkey" into "North" Cove, where there seems to be quite a *Clan of* McCalls." The writer took shelter from a sudden thunder-storm with a "Robert"—*off that ilk*; and found a friendly welcome and comfortable quarters. Here too, one feels less "rattled" about "Rattlesnakes," as Ross Brown has a Distillery in the neighborhood, (as this is duly *licensed* the allusion is not indiscreet) and it is well known this *beverage* takes all *bitterness* out of the *bite* besides to "make safety doubly *sure*" a nervous man might even "anticipate," as "prevention" is sometimes better than "cure."

In this long "North Cove"—or "Vale of Tarkoee"—there are several *out-crops* of "limestone" a rare occurrence in these *Metamorphic* Formations of the very ancient Blue Ridge. Indeed, I fancy these belong strictly speaking rather to the *Fotadien Sandstone* of the "Linville Mountains," which, also form I feel quite sure, the grand precipices of the "Linville Gorge." The "Doe River Gorge" on the *opposite side* of the Highlands (in Tennessee) are also "Potadien." Between these, the "Unakas" and "Smokies" all show N. W. *Dips*, whilst the "Blue Ridge" shows as persistently S. E. Dips; thus proving (logically and geologically)—that the Highland Plateau of North Carolina, due to the erosion and abrasion of what was once a mountain range of enormous altitude. At "Banner Elk," however, (in Watauga county) there N. W. and S. E. *Dips* approach within a few miles of each other.

The upper or north end of the "North Cove"—called locally the "Cedar Cove," is but a *glen*, lying just under the slopes of the "Humpback"—at its eastern base. Here I was told *white Marble* could be found;—I discovered, however, only a "*White* Quartzite" of very fine grain, but of little, if any value. At the very head of this open-like "Cedar Cove" a plain, but narrow trail winds up a spur of the "Linville Mountains" in sharp *zig-zags*: this is the famous "Winding Stairs;" not sufficiently wild and rugged however to be romantic, and offering not specially fine views: indeed it seems tame in comparison with the *grotesque grandeur* of the *Lower* Linville. Hardly a mile from the *top* of the "Winding Stairs" you reach the *Upper* Falls of Linville.

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THE TRUE FOUNTAIN OF HAPPINESS.

Mr. C. F. McKesson Talks to a Raleigh Audience at Metropolitan Hall.

State Chronicle.

Yesterday afternoon at four o'clock in Metropolitan Hall after inspiring music by the choir, Chas. F. McKesson, Esq., of Morganton, spoke to an interested audience. Mr. McKesson is a prominent figure in the State. He was the Republican candidate for State Auditor in 1888, and one of the most prominent and brilliant Republicans in the State. Last summer he was converted in a revival held in Morganton by Evangelist Fife, and ever since has been an earnest and devoted Christian, seeking in every way to do good and lead others to Christ. Brilliant and gifted, enthusiastic and earnest.

Rev. G. W. Sanderlin, State Auditor, led in prayer. (Mr. Sanderlin defeated Mr. McKesson for State Auditor in 1888.)

It is perhaps just to you and to myself to say that I have been an exceedingly wild and dissipated man. If the good Father gave me any endowments and I had cultivated them, they had decayed, dwarfed and they were made weak. Who can measure the grace of the all merciful God. I thank Him that notwithstanding all my errors, He has endowed my soul. I am proud to say this to the full extent and follow the direction on the list."

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...The following advertisement appears in a German newspaper: "Wanted by a lady of quality, for adequate remuneration, a boy well behaved and respectable dressed children to amuse a cat in delicate health two or three hours a day."

...A New York society man, wishing to give a stag dinner, sent out 24 invitations and told each man how many others were asked. Not an invitation was accepted, as each person receiving one thought that he was asked merely to avoid having 23 at table.

...A Philadelphia fish dealer finding himself with a large stock of stale shad on hand, by a few skillful touches of red paint on the fishes' gills imparted a fresh appearance to his goods. Persons who purchased the fish became ill, and the artistic dealer languishes in jail.

...In the Manchester, England, *Guardian* the other day appeared two suggestive advertisements side by side. One was for a "woman" who was a good cook, to whom £25 a year was offered, and the other was for "a lady by birth and education," to act as nurse to a child at an annual salary of £20.

...The enumerators who took the recent English census had, of course, some amusing experiences. One householder handed in a blank filled with the names of "Albert Jenkins, aged 407 years, Mary Ann Jenkins, aged 400, and Thomas Jenkins, son." Inquiry showed that Albert Jenkins was 47 years old, and the others as old as.

...A bolt of electricity struck a residence in Setialia, Mo., and ran down the flue into the sitting room, where there was a stove around which three or four ladies were seated. The stove was driven into the basement hole, so great was the force of the bolt, but a young lady who had her foot upon the fender was not harmed in the least, while another seated several feet distant was severely shocked.

...It is popularly supposed that the lion is the most courageous and powerful of the carnivora, or at least of the felidæ; but on the few recorded occasions of a battle royal between the lion and the Bengal tiger, the lion has come off second best. One such combat occurred recently at the Calcutta Zoo, between an African lioness and a tigress. They were exhibited in adjoining compartments of the same cage, and the door having been carelessly opened between the two compartments, the tigress rushed in and disposed of her rival in a fight which lasted about ten minutes.

NEWS NOTES.

Items of Information of All Sorts from all Parts.

...Of 27,000 persons ill of cholera in Japan last year, 20,500 died.

...Three children born to different families in Minnesota this spring are well deaned.

...A New York Hebrew has sued a newspaper for calling him a Christian. He wants $5,000.

...Ten cows belonging to a man in Cooper county, Mo., have given birth this spring to 20 lambs.

...The telegraphic revenue in England for 1890 was nearly $10,000,000, an increase of $300,000 over 1889.

...Justice is said to be blind, and Topeka has elected a judge who has been stone blind for 30 years.

...A technical school for millers is to be established in Paris. It will be the first of its kind in the world.

...A Kansas City lawyer was so much overcome when a jury pronounced his client not guilty of murder that he fainted.

...There is a pig at Junction City, Kan., which weighs 1,230 pounds. It is believed to be the largest hog in the world on four feet.

...A farmer living near Erie is just eating the last of a second crop of red June apples which he gathered from his orchard in September.

...A pupil in a cooking school who was asked how beef tea was made, replied, "Buy a tin of beef extract and follow the directions on the lid."

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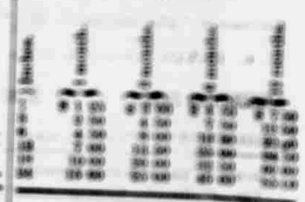

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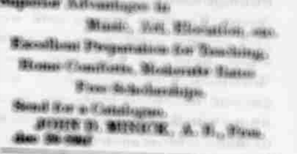

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