

Arrival Schedule W. N. C. R. R. ... The writer was offered a chance last Thursday which he gladly accepted, to visit the Blue Ridge Pinnacle. The start was made from here on the 127 train Thursday, Sept. 27th. In a short time we reached Round Knob, where we left the railroad for a rougher one. We got a pack horse at Round Knob, and about 4 p. m. we started. The road for about three miles is up Mill Creek, then the climbing commences, and it is one steady climb for about two miles. About 6 p. m. we reached the surveyors' camp at Hemphill's Spring, about half a mile from the top of the Pinnacle. We spent the night with these gentlemen, who showed us all the courtesies of camp life—plenty to eat and a blanket—and after sleeping on the ground with a canopy of clear sky for a covering, with the thermometer at about 32, we got up about 5 a. m. and started for the top of the Pinnacle. It was dark and cold, and the path, a small winding one, was hard to see; and besides these difficulties, we had heard of "bear signs" and "rattlers." But about 5:45 a. m. we finally reached the very top, and despite the cold, the hard climb and the darkness, the view, even before sunrise, was worth all the trouble. The Pinnacle stands up alone, with no peak closer than Mt. Mitchell to obstruct the view, which is indeed a magnificent one. Just before sunrise the picture was a grand one in blue. All the harsh outlines were softened, and as far as the eye could reach, the panorama was interesting and pleasing. As the time for sunrise approached, the blue picture commenced turning silver, and when the great round red disk did get above the horizon line, the silver turned to gold and one felt that the view was too grandly beautiful for description, and well worth any amount of trouble to reach. The view here is an extended one in every direction. The mountains around Caesars Head and Tryon reach their heads to the South East. The French Broad valley and Georgia are easily visible to the South West. To the West Clingman's Dome and the Smokies. In the immediate North West four miles distant is Mt. Mitchell, the highest mountain East of the Rockies, and to the North and North East is Toe river valley, Linville mountain, Table Rock, High Peak etc, with a great flat plain of level and valley country. Vance's country residence is plainly visible from the top of the Pinnacle. The Round Knob Hotel is also in sight, and the railroad on both sides of the Swannanoah tunnel. The vegetable life on the Pinnacle is confined to balsam, sage and moss. The area on top is about 30 by 40 feet, and covered with large broken stone. The only bird seen was a raven. We came down off the mountain about 8 o'clock, had breakfast, bid our friends the surveyors, good bye and started back to Round Knob, which place we reached in time to catch a train and get home at 5 o'clock. The Blue Ridge Pinnacle is in plain view from several points in Morganton. The trip though a tiresome one, is well worth the trouble. To one who has never seen the sun rise 5600 feet above the sea, the trip will be a revelation.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. C. P. Snuggs left Monday for Haw River. Mr. Ben Kibler left Tuesday for Danville, Va. Mr. D. McKinnie left yesterday for Rutherfordton. Mr. Walter Brem came in from Charlotte Tuesday. Mr. Thornwell Anderson has returned to Middleboro, Ky. Miss Kate Sudderth, of Asheville, is visiting at Mayor Bristol's. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. S. McIntosh left yesterday for Statesville. Mr. Isaac Lazarus went up to Asheville last Friday, returning Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sumner, of Knoxville, are visiting at Dr. Laxton's. That well-known travelling man Eugene A. Albee was in the city Monday. The Silver Cornet Band serenaded Mayor and Mrs. Bristol last Friday night. Prof. W. E. Hidden and Mr. Ed Turner were down from the mines Tuesday. Mr. J. H. Ferree, of Randleman, spent last Sunday with his brother and sisters here. Supt. and Mrs. E. McK. Goodwin left yesterday for Raleigh. They will return Saturday. Miss Carrie Haynes left yesterday for Greensboro, where she goes to attend the Normal. Miss Alice Collett left yesterday for Greensboro, where she will enter the Normal school. Mr. Frank Walton came in Tuesday and went out to Brookwood to visit his father's family. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Astley, who have been here several weeks, left last week for New York City. Mr. John Howk, late superintendent of the Caldwell and Northern R. R., was in the city last Saturday. Messrs. George and James Sudderth, of Asheville, who have been visiting here, returned home Tuesday. Secretary Ogilvie, of the Piedmont Mineral Co., L. D. of London and Brindleton, was in town last Saturday. Editor and Mrs. W. C. Ervin and children went up to Blowing Rock last week. They will probably get back here Saturday. Chairman of Executive Board at the D. & S. School, M. L. Reed, of Blount, was at the school Tuesday and Wednesday. Messrs. William and Joseph McDowell, of Orlando, Fla., are visiting their sister Mrs. J. T. Walton at the Mountain Hotel. Misses Perkins, of John's River, and Missie Huffman, of Morganton, left yesterday for Greensboro, to attend the Normal. Rev. G. H. Church, who has been assisting Rev. R. L. Patton in the meetings at the Baptist church here, left Monday for Statesville. Miss Nettie Ferree, of Randleman, is in the city for a couple of weeks. She is popular here and has lots of friends, who are always glad to see her. Rev. and Mrs. Churchill Satterlee, Miss Humbert and maid left last Friday for New York City. We hope to see the Satterlees in Morganton again soon. Mr. L. B. Bristol, our town boy, with the late firm of Wallace Bros., has obtained a position with the wholesale shoe house of Berry, Gillam & Co., Lynchburg, Va. Misses Josephine Laxton, of Morganton, and Lucy Laxton, of John's River, left Tuesday for Greensboro, where they will enter the Normal and Industrial School. Miss Ida Baker leaves to-day for Raleigh, and from there she will go to her home at Tarboro. She is a bright, sweet little woman and our young people will miss her. Mr. J. R. Ervin went up to Old Fort yesterday. From there he will go to a camp of surveyors up in the mountains running some boundaries, in which the Carolina Investment Co. is interested. Miss Emily Kenan, who has been spending several weeks here with her friend Miss Annie Phifer Ervin, left last Friday for her home at Fayetteville. Miss Kenan is justly entitled to her reputation as a beauty, and is one of the most popular young ladies in our State. Full Fledged Lawyers. From the News and Observer's account of the examination of young applicants before the Supreme Court for license to practice law we take the following list of names. They all passed a successful examination: A. C. Avery, Jr., R. H. M. Brown, Edgar Allen Poe, Moses N. Harshaw, Thomas Newland and Henry G. Robertson. These young men all studied law under our townsman, Hon. A. C. Avery, here this past summer, and they are all bright, promising young men, each one of whom we hope will be eminently successful in his chosen profession. Frank McDowell Married. Lenoir Topic. Married by Rev. C. A. Munroe at the "manse" in Lenoir, on the 26th inst, Mr. Frank McDowell, of Burke county, and Miss Ella Jones, daughter of Mr. C. P. Jones. Mr. R. L. McConnaughey and Miss Lizzie Perkins, of Burke, were the attendants. After an hour or two of pleasant social intercourse and hearty congratulations of friends and neighbors, the happy couple "went on their way rejoicing" to their future home in Burke. The Topic extends its congratulations. If your child is puny, fretful, troubled with glandular swellings, inflamed eyes, or sores on the head, face, or body, a course of Ayer's Sarsaparilla is needed to expel the scrofulous humors from the blood. The sooner you begin to give this medicine the better. Mrs. Anna Gage, wife of Ex-Deputy U. S. Marshal, Columbus, Kan., says: "I was delivered of TWINS in less than 30 minutes and with scarcely any pain after using only two bottles of 'MOTHERS' FRIEND.' DID NOT SUFFER AFTERWARD." Sent by Express or mail, on receipt of 25 cents per bottle. Book of 6 bottles mailed free. BEANFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

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THE MOTION TO BUY THE MUCH NEEDED ROCK CRUSHER WAS DEFEATED. By the Above Vote—The Town Needed this Badly, but Our Aldermen Would Not Let Us Have It—They Said the Town Wasn't Able to Buy. Last Tuesday night, being the first Tuesday in October, the Board of Aldermen met in regular monthly session at the Mayor's office. Mayor Bristol, Clerk Ross, and Aldermen Pressnell, Huffman, Davis, Garrison and Gillam were present. Alderman Dickson was absent, also was City Attorney Ervin. The following bills were read, discussed and approved: Theo. Clark, police, \$ 1 00 L. A. Ward, janitor, 22 05 M. E. L. & P. Co., light, 204 06 T. I. Gillam, hardware, 35 06 J. A. Wall, services, 25 00 A. L. Page, services, 25 00 A. E. Wilson, gravel, 9 50 J. W. Garrison, lumber, 10 85 L. A. Bristol, fees, 24 50 J. A. Wall, fees, 31 00 Walter Brem rent, 3 00 R. K. Pressnell, services, 25 00 Alderman Gillam then announced the resignation of city tax collector J. H. Reid. The next thing in order was the election of another tax collector. Alderman Gillam proposed the name of Mr. J. W. Hapoldt, and upon being seconded, Mr. Hapoldt was unanimously elected. Philo Harrison put in a plea for street improvement. This was acceded to by the board. Delia Scott (col.) was allowed \$20.00 damages for a street having been made through her place. Alderman J. W. Gillam then made a report of his investigation into the rock crusher. He said, in substance, that the town could get a crusher, capacity 80 tons per day, and a ten horse power engine for not over \$800 and get twelve months time on it. Alderman Gillam made a motion to close the trade for the crusher at once. His motion was seconded by Alderman J. W. Garrison. This project was raised and discussed till at length Mayor Bristol said he would be compelled to put the question. This he finally did. Aldermen Gillam and Garrison voting aye and Pressnell, Huffman and Davis voting no. As it takes four to appropriate money, the motion failed, and the rock crusher is only a dream. This is a pity, as we needed the rock crusher and the town is plenty able to buy it. We are sorry to know that we have men on our board who are so neglectful of their duty and so slow to make improvements. No tax-payer in our town would have grumbled at the cost of the rock crushing outfit, and we sincerely regret the penurious action of the majority of the Aldermen. One of the surest ways to build up a big town is to build good streets, and our Aldermen have just let slip a golden opportunity. A negro orphan brass band gave a show at the Court House last night. They also gave a street parade yesterday. WANTED.—A Good Milch Cow—part Jersey preferred. Apply to T. G. Cobb.

Boys' and Children's CLOTHING! THE LATEST FALL NOVELTIES AND STYLES. OUR LINE OF CLOTHING, OVERCOATS, Rubber Goods, Hats, Caps and UNDERWEAR For Boys and Children is now complete. It is the PRETTIEST and CHEAPEST line ever carried in town. Come and look through it. COLLETT & GILLAM. Have You Bought? DON'T! Until you have seen and compared the values and taken advantage of this opportunity. Within the next week we will receive a full line of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting of the latest styles in Dress Goods, a nice line of Notions, and in fact everything to be found in a first-class dry goods stock before purchasing elsewhere and are satisfied you will never regret it. Walton & Pressnell. To Housekeepers: We want every housekeeper in Burke county to try our Flavoring Extracts OF VANILLA AND LEMON. made by ourselves from selected vanilla beans and grated lemon peel respectively. They represent the true flavors as they exist in the fruit, and are less expensive than the bottled artificial extracts which are mere trash. We put them up in regular sizes at 25 cts. per bottle. Also have them in bulk at \$1.00 per pint for lemon, \$1.25 per pint for vanilla. We have received this week a large assortment of Tooth, Nail and Hair Brushes. We especially call your attention to our 10 and 25 cts. Tooth Brushes which are pronounced by all to be the best brushes ever sold here for the money. We will make it to your interest to come here for anything in the drug line. W. A. LESLIE & CO., Druggists, Successors to T. L. Hemphill. FRESH MEATS AND GROCERIES. We are Headquarters for Anything in Our Line. SPECIALTIES. Beef, Vegetables, Fruits, Canned Goods, Home Cured Hams, Flour and Grain. Bread is the Staff of Life THEREFORE HAVE IT GOOD. BALLARD'S OBELISK FLOUR. Goods Delivered Free. FORNEY & CO.

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