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### LOCAL DIRECTORY.

#### CHURCHES.

**PRESBYTERIAN.**—Rev. A. W. White, pastor. Preaching every second and fourth Sunday, at 11 a. m. and at night. Prayer-meeting every Wednesday night. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 a. m. A. C. McIntosh superintendent.

**METHODIST.**—Rev. T. J. Dailey, pastor. Preaching every third Sunday at 3 p. m.

**BAPTIST.**—Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, pastor. Preaching every first Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. E. A. Wamble, Superintendent.

#### SOCIETY MEETINGS.

A. F. & A. M.—Lee Lodge No. 253 meets the first Saturday of each month, at 1 o'clock p. m.

#### COUNTY OFFICERS.

Sheriff, R. M. Sharp, Clerk of Court, J. T. McIntosh; R. of D., J. M. Oxford; Treasurer, C. J. Carson; County Commissioner, J. B. Pool, W. R. Sloan, V. W. Teague; A. C. McIntosh, A. T. Marsh, W. W. Teague, Board of Education; J. J. Hendren School Superintendent, Z. P. Deal, Coroner.

#### CORPORATION OFFICERS.

A. A. Hill, Mayor; W. B. Matheson, E. L. Hedrick, J. M. Matheson, Commissioners; E. L. Hedrick, Town Clerk.

#### THE MAILS.

Statesville and Wilkesboro, daily. Matter for either of these mails should be in the office by 6 p. m.

Lenoir—Leaves Tuesdays Fridays at 1 p. m. and arrives Wednesdays and Saturdays at 3 p. m.

Newton—Arrives Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same days at 1 p. m.

Boomer—Arrives Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same days at 1 p. m.

Bentley—Arrives Tuesdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same days 1 p. m.

Hamptonville—Arrives Tuesdays and Fridays at 6 p. m. and leaves Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6 a. m.

Rock Cut—Leaves Fridays at 8 a. m. and arrives Saturdays at 4 p. m.

Brandy Mountain—Arrives Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same days at 1 p. m.

#### DIEDMONT AIR LINE.

RICHMOND & DANVILLE R. R. SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION.

Condensed Schedule in effect Jan. 15

[Trains run by 7th Meridian Time.]

NO. 17	No. 51	No. 53
Freight	Daily	Daily
BOUND	ex Sun.	
via S. C. R. R.		
Ly Charlotte	6.00pm	
Augusta	6.00	9.33am
Graniteville	6.56	10.15
Trenton	7.28	10.48
Johnston	7.51	11.05
Columbia	4.50am	1.40pm
Win'sboro	8.52	3.19
Chester	12.30am	4.29
Rock Hill	1.08pm	5.12
Ar Charlotte	4.25	6.15
Greensboro	6.44	8.05
Greensboro	8.28	9.40
Richmond	3.45pm	6.15am
Washington	8.23	8.10
Baltimore	11.25	10.03
Philadelphia	3.09am	12.35pm
New York	6.20	3.20

#### SOUTH BOUND.

No. 52 Daily, No. 50 Daily, No. 18 Freight Daily ex Sun.

Ly New York	4.30pm	12.15m
Philadelphia	6.57	7.20am
Baltimore	9.42	9.45
Washington	11.00	11.24
Richmond	2.50am	3.10pm
Greensboro	9.48	10.44
Salisbury	11.23	12.37m
Charlotte	1.00pm	2.3 am
Rock Hill	2.02	3.23
Chester	2.45	4.03
Win'sboro	3.47	5.09
Columbia	5.43	6.55
Johnston	7.51	9.01
Trenton	8.08	9.18
Graniteville	8.38	9.46
Augusta	9.15	10.30
Charlotte	10.55	10.35

#### STATESVILLE & WESTERN R. R.

No. 18, mixed, Daily, SOUTHWARD

STATIONS.

No. 17, mixed, Daily, NORTHWARD

STATIONS.

6.20 a.m. Ives, 6.43 " " Hiddenite, 7.02 " " Sloan, 7.30 " " Iredell, 8.09 " ar. Statesville, 8.35 " ar. Statesville, 10.30 " ar. Charlotte.

Trains on the Western North Carolina road pass Statesville for the east at 6.20 p. m.; for the west at 12.20 p. m.

Pullman Palace cars between Charlotte and Danville on Nos. 5, 50 and 51.

Pullman Palace Buffet cars between Statesville and Washington on Nos. 52 and 53.

Nos. 50 and 51 make close connection at Columbia with C. & G. Div. to and from points west, via Spartanburg, Asheville and Paint Rock.

JAS. L. TAYLOR, G. P. A.

D. CARDWELL, D. P. A., Columbia, S. C.

SOL HAAS, Traffic Manager.

#### FRASER B. JONES,

Attorney-at-Law.

Practices in the courts of Alexander, Catawba, Caldwell, Iredell and Wilkes.

Prompt attention given to the collection of claims and all other business entrusted to him.

### ARE ALL THINGS OLD?

Contributed by Miss A. R. M. Marion, N. C.

Strange things happen in this changeable world. Fifty years ago, the wisest men of nation had predicted that before the close of the nineteenth century, a vast complicated piece of machinery propelled by the power of almost an invisible agent drawing long trains of coaches, filled with multitudes of human beings from many climes and nations, would be running between the ancient cities of Joppa and Jerusalem, with greater rapidity than any mode of travel known since Creation's dawn. Their predictions would have been regarded as the wild ravings of distracted minds; but now it is recorded on history's pages as one of the stubborn facts of the day.

Never since the days of the wild crusaders found their sanguinary hosts on the plains of Asia, and conquered but lost the city of Jerusalem, down to the day that the thundering squadrons of Napoleon Bonaparte rushed from the base of Mount Tabor, to storm the impregnable fortress of Acre, did wilder and more startling sounds assail the ears of Ishmael's unconquered sons, than the snorting "screaming, puffing and blowing of the "Iron Horse," echoing and reechoing o'er the Mediterranean shores and Judean hills! It is often said "There is nothing new under the sun," that which has been is now; and that which is to be, has already been." So proclaimed Solomon, some three thousand years ago. We read with astonishment about the ancient arts of the Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians and other nations in and around the land of Palestine; arts that for ages have been buried in the ruins of remorseless time, but our modern arts of constructing Steam Ships, railroads, telegraphs, telephones, threshing machines balloons and many other wonderful things were never known in any age of the world's history from days of Tubal Cain till about the close of the first quarter of the nineteenth century—embracing a period of five thousand eight hundred and twenty five years. If any steam ships ever floated on the waters the Mediterranean; if any telegraph wires were ever constructed to carry messages with almost lightning rapidity from Jerusalem to the cities of the bordering nations; if any of her inhabitants ever conversed as it were, face to face with nations beyond the river Jordan; if any threshing machines were used to thresh out the grain of their fruitful fields; if any of their men of science ever sailed in balloons higher up in the air, than soaring eagles take their flight all historical record of such wonders for thousands of years, has been overwhelmed by the Lethian waves of eternal oblivion.

A railroad running from Joppa to Jerusalem! What a wild waking its sounds must have caused among the fowls, wild beasts and wilder Arab wanderers there! Think of thundering, roaring and screaming trains running with far greater swiftness than dromedaries of the dearest, over regions trodden and retrodden by the feet of the Son of God, and over rocks and charnel tombs rent opened by the earthquake on the day his crucifixion, and possibly over that Golgotha where the beams of the three crosses were sunk deep in the ground, by the command of the wicked Jews who bought on themselves and their posterity, the curse of that awful imprecation—"His blood be on us and on our children!"

These thoughts are calculated to make an impression on serious and reflecting minds, entirely different from the ordinary events

of the day, and lead them to inquire what will be the final result of the tremendous strides the arts and sciences are making in different hands, and what will be the future consequences of railroads and other inventions in a land where the glorious light of Christianity shone for a few hundred years, then left it in darkness and Mahometan gloom.

Readers of the Bible and its prophecies, are generally deeply interested in the future destiny of the scattered nation. While a full end has been made of the nations in and around Palestine so that if one single descendent of the Philistines, Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites, Babylonians, and others named in the denunciations of the prophets, could be found in the whole world it would make void all the truths of the Bible and christianity, and again cover all enlightened lands, with a pall of darkness as thick as that which envelops three-fourths of the earth at the present day. There are millions of Jews among barbarians, half-civilized, civilized, and enlightened nations mingling with them yet keeping separate from them.

Poor, persecuted, down-trodden and despised yet controlling the money power of the world, and from the signs of the times are confidently looking forward and anticipating a glorious restoration to their long promised homes—there to die and mingle their mortal remains with the bones of the great progenitors of their race! Does the progress of the arts and sciences in that land to which they hope to return, bear upon the whispering breeze, any cheering promises of brighter days?

Do the days prophesied by Isaiah when "men shall run to and fro, and knowledge be increased," foreshadow to them any hopes of deliverance from the curse of expatriation for almost two thousand years?

What mean the wonderful inventions of modern times which were never known from the day the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy! Why this connecting of nations long unknown to each other into one great brotherhood, and opening wide the gates of communication and commerce? The reasonable answer is—to fulfill some great prophecy in the unknown future. We all know something of the present and the past, but we cannot lift the veil and see into things concealed in "the dark beyond." Yet every diligent student of sacred and profane history, who observes the times and notes the fulfillment of prophecy, must come to the conclusion that many changes for the better or worse, await us, not only in the physical, but moral world.

God is the Supreme Ruler of the universe, and accomplishes all his purposes by human agency. We are commanded not to despair the day of small things.

If the simple act of Caesar crossing the Rubicon, made him the master of Rome, and changed its government from a nominal republic to a despotic monarchy, and by a long concatenation of events, led on to the overthrow of the Jewish commonwealth and the crucifixion of our Saviour; if a little tax on a few pounds of tea caused our ancestors to sever forever their connection with the mother country, and in the course of time to become the greatest people among the nations of the earth; if a few words of commendation from Barras, near the close of the French Revolution, made Napoleon Bonaparte commander of the artillery at the siege of Fontenoy, and led him on from conquest to conquest, till he ever-

threw and changed the forms of many Governments, in continental Europe, and inscribed his name on the highest niche in the temple of fame, may not the sounds of railroad trains running between Joppa and Jerusalem be the prophetic voice, calling upon Israel's long banished race to arise and shine for their light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon them?"

Pardon me for indulging the hope that the time is not far distant when the voice "Peace on earth, good will to men!" may again be heard resounding over Judean plains; and a star as glorious as that which led the wise men to the cradle of the "Babe of Bethlehem," guide the banished wanderers home, remove the veil of unbelief from their hearts, bring them in with the fullness of the Gentiles, usher in a millennial day, and deliver from bondage a sin-stricken world.

### A Bed of Wealth in Alexander.

Cor. Charlotte Chronicle.

TAYLORSVILLE, Feb. 3.—In my last communication I promised your readers the account of a wonderful discovery made in Alexander county which will, without much doubt, bring great wealth to that excellent county. A large deposit of a peculiar stone has been discovered at the base of "Bear Mountain," which is only a half mile from town—in fact the town is now building all along the upper base, and at an early day a magnificent summer hotel will be erected on the summit.

At the western base of this mountain Mr. R. Z. Linney, a prominent lawyer of Taylorsville, has erected small suitable residences, fish ponds, convenient barns, stables, graneries, etc. He has in addition a stock farm, where fine horses, cattle, swine and dogs are raised.

About a half a mile from the handsome new depot a quarry is being worked on a small scale for taking out the peculiar valuable stone about which I will write. This rock has been used for fifteen or twenty years by citizens of the county for chimneys, pillars, still bases, and other purposes; but not until recently was it known that there was a large amount of it, nor was it known how the rock was formed. Recently, Mr. Linney was walking over his farm after a severe wind storm, and found that a large pine tree had blown down; its roots brought up pieces of this stone from several feet below the surface, which he examined and found soft, similar to firm clay or putty. He took an old axe and chipped it, and found that it would split and polish very easily. Mr. Linney returned several days after its exposure to the sun and air, made an examination, and found to his astonishment that the soft substance had become as hard as flint and similar to the surface rocks which were laying around. The rock is variegated, generally brown and red. It is beautiful in appearance after being dressed, being much like the brown stone quarries so extensive in Anson county, and used in the Y. M. C. A. building in Charlotte. Last night your reporter interviewed Mr. Linney, besides several prominent gentlemen of Alexander and Wilkes regarding the stone, and every one coincided with each other in their statement.

Mr. Linney has put several hands to work in getting out the stone, and is preparing to build a residence 30x60—two stories—which he says will cost him less than wood or brick. Men of no experience can get out the rock and prepare it.

### CONSUMPTION SURELY CURED.

To the Editor: Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption, if they will send me their express and postoffice address. T. A. SLOCUM, 181 Pearl st., F. Y.

### George Peppers, a tramp, died at Sarcoxie, Mo., last week from exposure.

He made a fortune of half a million in the days of the oil excitement in Pennsylvania, and afterwards lost it in Wall street, becoming a tramp in 1877 and sticking to it until death claimed him.

### TAYLORSVILLE

is the county site of Alexander, which is rich in minerals. It is 6 miles from Hiddenite and 20

miles from Statesville, and is the terminus of the Statesville and Western railroad. The population at present is only about 300, but is rapidly increasing. New stores and residences are being built; also, a hotel with 15 rooms, owned by Mr. Hedrick. Mr. Peden, a South Carolinian, owns the livery stables. Mr. Stevenson keeps a good public house for transient, summer and school boarders. The town has an old and dilapidated appearance, but is rapidly improving, and probably in the next year all oldrickety buildings will be torn down and new ones occupy their places. The citizens are beginning to apply brush and paint. Society is excellent. Prof. Burke, an old and well known educator, is in charge of a flourishing academy. There are a few very handsome residences. The most stylish is owned by lawyer Jones, but is now occupied by those clever Mecklenburg people, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Torrence. Taylorsville is on a boom.

### Diseases of the Imagination.

City physicians are just now having a crush of patients who have, or think they have, throat troubles and are afraid of cancer. The trouble of Germany's crown prince has started up a regular cancer scare, and the physicians are profiting thereby. Some years ago, just after the death of Charley Backus, Ricardo and Flood, all from kidney trouble, there was a similar scare among theatrical people about kidney diseases. They went to the doctors in flocks, many of them possessed of the idea that they, too, had kidney troubles. A singular fact in the experience of one physician was that of the scores of actors who visited him none of those who were sure they were afflicted had any trouble. Three actors there were, however, who submitted to the customary examination in a spirit of fun. Every one of them had the trouble they hadn't expected to find, and two of them have since died of Bright's disease. The physician in question doesn't know what has become of the third.

### What Am I to Do?

The symptoms of biliousness are, unhappily, too well known. They differ in different individuals to some extent. A bilious man is seldom a breakfast eater. Too frequently, alas, he has an excellent appetite for liquids, but none for solids, of a morning. His tongue will hardly bear inspection at any time; if it is not white and furred, it is rough, at all events. The digestive system is wholly out of order and diarrhoea or constipation may be a symptom, or the two may alternate. There are often hemorrhoids or even loss of blood. There may be giddiness, and often headache and acidity or flatulence, and tenderness in the pit of the stomach.

To correct all this if not to effect a cure, try *Green's August Flower*; it costs but a trifle, and thousands attest its efficacy.

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### Taylor's Premium Cologne—the best on the market—at the millinery store.

It is now said that Minister Jarvis will return from Brazil in June.

### North Carolina News Notes.

Fifty-five of the ninety six sheriffs in the State have made full tax settlements with the State Treasurer.

The Cabill mill at Walnut Cove, Stokes county, was burned last week, the loss being \$6,000; insurance, \$4,000.

Steps are being taken to secure funds for the immediate rebuilding of the Steel-Creek Presbyterian church, in Mecklenburg county, which was burned.

The North Carolina car company of Raleigh has begun operations on its contract to furnish freight cars to the Monroe-Atlanta railway, a part of the Seaboard system.

The news from Asheville is that the meningitis has about ended there. There are very few new cases. Some cases are reported in the country districts all through the mountain section.

One of the five negroes who made their way out of Louisburg jail has been captured and has revealed the whole plan of escape. Aid was given by outside friends. Some of these have since fled.

The Stockholders of the Atlantic Hotel, at Morehead City, awarded the contract for the addition to the hotel. The building will be made double its present size, and all the work will be completed by May 15th.

Plans are now being perfected for the establishment of an experiment or model farm in each county in the State. The Commissioner of Agriculture will soon issue a circular in regard to this new and important departure.

Two wealthy Frenchmen have visited the western part of the State to inspect the deposits of kaolin or porcelain clay in that section. They say that they are greatly pleased with both quantity and quality of the kaolin, and that a factory will be established.

Governor Scales pardoned John Shaw (colored), who seven years ago was convicted of larceny in Buncombe county and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. The pardon was issued upon the certificate by the prison physician that further confinement would be fatal.

A good deal of interest is shown in the marble quarries in the Red Maable Gap section, on the Western North Carolina railroad. It is believed that as greater depths are reached flesh-colored marble of perfect purity will be found. The tinted marbles from quarries in that section are very beautiful.

Attorney-General Davidson, while at Washington, made an attempt to secure the exchange of the \$160,000 in North Carolina construction bonds held by the Interior Department on account of the Indian fund for new State bonds. Mr. Davidson says that the matter of exchange will require special legislation by Congress. The State has a great desire to make the exchange, and thus call in the last of the old bonds.

Mr. W. J. Young, the principal of the white and colored institutions for the deaf and dumb and the blind at Raleigh, went to Washington last week. He will join with other heads of similar institutions in efforts to secure the passage of a bill which will appropriate or set apart such a sum as will yield \$100,000 interest annually, the latter sums to be divided among the institutions of this character in the country, of which more than thirty are now conducted by the States.

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