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Editorial.

The difference twixt a nigger an' a white man who'll gamble with him on Sunday is that the nigger is the nicest man of the two because he is lookin' above his color while the white man is lookin' below, an' this is a poor compliment to the nigger.—JOAN.

Miss Elsie Hayes of Highlands is visiting friends here.

We have a communication signed "Observer" which we are compelled to pass over to next week for want of space as it came in late. There is a great demand for advertising space this week.

Testimony is on order to corroborate the Waynesville Courier's account of Dick Brunning's pet rattlesnake, published last week, otherwise it is the biggest snake preparation of the season.

R. B. Glenn a Candidate.

We have received a letter from Hon. R. B. Glenn, of Winston-Salem, in which he announces himself as a candidate before the next Democratic State Convention for the office of Governor. He incloses a circular letter "To the People of the State," with request for its publication. We cannot find space for it this week, but will publish it later.

Through the courtesy of the author, Rev. R. N. Price, the Press has been favored with a copy of Volume I, of "Holston Methodism from Its Origin to the Present Time." This interesting work has just been issued by the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, and sells for \$1.25 per copy. It is the first volume of what will comprise three or more volumes when completed. Volume 1st contains nineteen chapters—477 pages—and has twenty engravings, most of them full-page. The book is written in a style easy and natural, just as a letter would be written to a friend. There is a picture of a home on Nantahala River ten miles above the mouth. The description of the mountains and rivers and scenery are grand and interesting. We shall have more to say of the work after reading it through.

The stove range men have been canvassing Cherokee and Clay counties and we learn have taken about \$8000 from Cherokee and \$3000 from Clay for their high priced ranges. They will be in Macon soon no doubt, and as they are good talkers they will talk many of our citizens into buying their wares. The ranges cost about \$75 we learn. Many citizens of Clay and Cherokee became dissatisfied with their trades after the departures and are trying to get out of the matter, but they are firmly bound by the papers they signed up. We would warn the citizens of Macon against buying their wares when our merchants can furnish stores for half the price that will answer the same purpose. Their ranges are good—first class—but the prices are high in order to meet the heavy expense of canvassing and making good profits for agents and manufacturers. If a man is fully able to buy a costly range like theirs and pay for it, let him do so. Most of our people cannot afford it. If they do trade and sign up the obligations required let them make their calculations to pay up without kicking about it. The agents have a right to canvass and get all they can for their wares, but the financial condition of most of our people is such that they can not afford such costly luxuries.

Planting Lilies.

No flowers are more beautiful than lilies, and a portion of the garden should be planted to them this fall. The sooner they are started the better. Set most of them eight inches deep and at least a foot apart. Surround each specimen with sand or powdered charcoal, to prevent decay. Have the soil deeply spaded and mellow. If it is not quite porous, remove it to a certain depth, and provide drainage. Lilies will not be satisfactory if forced to stand in frozen water all winter.—October Women's Home Companion.

BIDS FOR STAR ROUTES.

Proposals to be Received Till December 1, for Carrying the Mails.

Advertisements were sent out last week calling for bids for mail service on the star routes of several of the Southern States, including North Carolina. There has been some legislation that requires a change in the letting of these routes to bidders. Those vacancies who made a wholesale business of bidding off hundreds of routes at very low figures for purposes of speculation have been cut off from such practices. No bid will be considered unless the bidder shall agree in his bid that in the event of the service being awarded to him he will give his personal supervision to the performance of the same, and will reside on or contiguous to the route, that is, within the territory regularly served by a post-office on the route.

Proposals will be received at the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C., until 4 p. m., December 1, 1908, for carrying the mails of the United States on the routes and by the schedules of departures and arrivals, as shown by the advertisement to be found at all post-offices in North Carolina.

Below we publish a list of the routes as arranged by the department for Macon county, giving the distances to be traveled, the number of trips per week, and the amount of bonds required of bidders for service on each route. It will be seen from the advertisement that there are some slight changes to be made in some of the routes.

In an interview with Hon. E. J. Feller, Assistant Superintendent of Railway Mail Service when he was here last week, we were assured that the United States is willing to pay a reasonable price for good service on all these routes. The routes for Macon county are as follows:

- Route 18954, Highlands by Shortcut, Norton and Bessie to Frastots, 12.50 miles and back, six times a week. Bond required \$800.
Route 18955, Crawford by Noubab to Roan's Mill, 6.37 miles and back six times a week. Bond \$400.
Route 18956, Highlands by Gneiss to Cullasaga, 18 miles and back six times a week. Bond 1,200.
Route 18957, Franklin by Cullasaga and Higdonville to Ellijay, 11.81 miles and back six times a week. Bond \$800.
Route 18958, Highlands to Pine Mountain, Ga., 11 miles and back six times a week. Bond \$900.
Route 18959, Franklin by Crawford to Aquone, 21 miles and back six times a week. Bond \$1,200.
Route 18960, Andrews to Aquone, 12 miles, and back, six times a week. Bond \$900.
Route 18961, Etna by West's Mill and Leatherman to Franklin, 14.75 miles and back, six times a week. Bond \$1,000.
Route 18962, Etna by Needmore, Swain and Laveta to Bryson City, 18.26 miles and back, six times a week. Bond \$1,900.
Route 18963, Franklin by Leeds, Wike's Store, Otto and Orlando, N. C., Dillard and Rabun Gap to Clayton, Ga., 25.50 miles and back, six times a week. Bond \$1,600.
Route 18964, Franklin by Dean, Eulalie and Deets to Dillsboro, 22 miles and back, twelve times a week. Bond \$2,800.
Route 18965, Otto to Knoll, 3 miles and back, twice a week. Bond \$200.
Route 18966, Highlands to Sealy, 9 miles and back, six times a week. Bond \$600.
Route 18967, Ellijay by Jerd and Oscar to Speedwell, 9.34 miles and back, three times a week. Bond \$600.
Route 18968, Tellico by Stiles, Parrie, Bithbedale and Iola to Franklin, 16 miles and back, three times a week. Bond \$500.
Route 18969, Buringdown to Parrie, 3.75 miles and back, three times a week. Bond \$200.
Route 18970, Victoria N. C., to Pine Mountain, Ga., 10 miles and back, six times a week. Bond \$700.
Route 18971, Sorrell to Gneiss, 4 miles and back, twice a week. Bond \$200.
Route 18977, Jarrett's by Duvall, Flata, Kyle and Lookout to Aquone, 17 miles and back, six times a week. Bond \$1,300.
Route 18978, Slagle to Roan's Mill, 6.50 miles and back, twice a week. Bond \$300.
One thing to be borne in mind by bidders is that in addition to carrying the mails to the various post-offices, the carrier on each route will also be required to deliver mail into boxes, and hang small bags or satchels containing mail on grapes or posts that may be erected along the route, and to collect mail from boxes, and to collect the bags or satchels from

the grapes or posts along the route, under certain prescribed rules or conditions. Such boxes, trays or posts are to be applied by the person desiring to be served, and they must be so arranged that the carrier can deliver or gather mail a matter without having to dismount from his horse or vehicle. The carrier must perform these duties without charge to the persons served with the mails along the route. The mail carriers must be reliable and trustworthy persons, of good character and of sufficient intelligence to properly handle and deposit the mail along the routes.

CASTORIA. The Best for the Little Child.

Shook out Shook.

The internal revenue tree was shaken last week and J. Wiley Shook was shaken off the Deputy Collector's limb and struck the ground with a melancholy thud. J. Wiley and Deputy Collector A. E. Aiken, both turned in reports of a transaction in Henderson county, and the reports differed somewhat, and Aiken was believed and Shook was not, or at least that was the excuse for getting rid of J. Wiley's heavy weight. So the tree was shaken and out dropped Shook. The shackles are now taken off of Wiley's facile pen, and we expect to bear a roaring in the radical camp.

A Macon County Man Loses Some Cash.

Somebody has taken a considerable sum of money from William L. McCoy, proprietor of the Oaks hotel, and disappeared.

Who this somebody is and how much he is charged with having taken is unknown. It amounts to several hundred dollars and the man was in his employ. This is what Mr. McCoy said last night. He said, however, he was unwilling at that time to give the name of the man or any particulars concerning his loss. He said that if he would know something definite and did not wish anything said until that time about the matter.

LATER.—The man whom Proprietor W. L. McCoy, of the Oaks Hotel, charges with having robbed him of \$200 was arrested yesterday in Knoxville and Chief Frank Jordan will go there after him today.

COWEE.

Aunt Drucilla Mason died on the 7th inst. She was 80 years old and a devoted member of Liberty Baptist Church.

Mr. T. C. Bryson shipped a car load of beef cattle to the South this week.

Miss Hattie Bryson has gone to Nelson, Ga., to work in a Millinery store.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, John Potts, Sept. 27, 1908, Mr. W. J. Wixie of Swain Co., and Miss Pearl Potts, Rev. J. S. Woodward officiating. Moxa.

FIRE IN GREENVILLE, S. C.

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 26.—The Daily Herald and Brewer Printing company were burned out this morning. The loss is fifty thousand dollars.

Capt. Lyle Jones Scores the First Victory.

Carolina's first foot ball of the season was played at Chapel Hill last Saturday against the Guilford College team, and the Carolina won by a score of 15 to 0. Capt. Lyle Jones could not play himself on account of an injury to his head, received in a practice game.

Curtis Jett Must Hang.

Cynthiana, Ky., Sept. 22.—After a trial lasting eight days the jury in the case of Curtis Jett, charged with the murder of Tom Marshall Thos. Cokerill at Jackson, Ky., July 21, 1902, at 5:10 this afternoon rendered a verdict of guilty and fixed the punishment at death.

The Whites Allowed Ball.

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 26.—Judge George H. Brown, Jr., after hearing testimony in the case of Tom and Chalmers White for the killing of Russell Sherrill, granted them bail in the sum of \$25,000 each. Bond was given and the prisoners were released.

What is Life.

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills gently re-adjusts the system, yet thorough. Only 25c at Smith's Drug Store.

The October number of the Confederate Veteran will contain an illustrated article on our Macon County reunion, and all veterans who want a copy are properly to be sending me and bring their subscriptions. The cost is 10 cents.

An Old Favorite

THE HOMES OF ENGLAND

By Felicie B. Hamann

The merry Homes of England! Around their hearth by night, What gladness looks of household lore Meet in the ruddy light. There woman's voice flows forth in song, Or children's tale is told; Or lips move tunefully along Some glorious page of old.

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The blessed Homes of England! How softly on their lawns Is laid the holy quietness That breathes from Sabbath hours! Solemn, yet sweet, the church-bell's chime Flows through their woods at morn; All other sounds, in that still time, Of breeze and leaf are torn.

The cottage Homes of England! By thousands on her plains, They are smiling o'er the silvery brooks, And round the hamlet-fences, Through glowing orchards forth they peep, Each from its nook of leaves; And fearless there the lowly sheep, As the bird beneath their eaves.

The free, fair Homes of England! Long, long in but and hall, May hearts of native proof be reared To guard each hallowed wall And green forever be the groves, And bright the flowery sod, Where first the child's glad spirit loves Its country and its God.

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Long Branch.

Editor Franklin Press, If space in your paper will permit I will give a few items from the Long Branch Community, as the part of Highlands township is not represented.

Prof. Jas. Brock has just closed a Music School, at the Brush Creek Church, which lasted ten days. The class made rapid improvement, under his good instruction. He is a fine teacher. He and his class sang at the Long Branch school house Friday night. The music was fine and enjoyed by all present.

Last Saturday a party consisting of eight gentlemen and six ladies visited the upper Cullasaga Falls to view the grandeur of nature's imposing scenery.

We crossed the river under the cataraict; gathered lovely mosses and ferns; drank from the spring flowing from a crevice in the rock; and talked of such grand scenery, which fills one with wonder and admiration, and see in nature Nature's God revealed to us, and we exclaim "God is everywhere!"

We then returned and ascended the ridge and Prof. Brock and the choir sang "Fountain of Life" and "Childhood Days." It recalled to us the days of childhood and we almost wish for those happy times again. Our leader compared the stream which makes these lovely falls to the "Fountain of Life"—a good comparison—for life is in its rippling waters. The scene was grand to those who had never seen it before.

We hope Prof. Brock and son enjoyed the trip more than those who have visited them so often. But while we live among those scenes, we do not tire of them. It was pleasant for all the party to take the Press and am always anxious to read its contents.

"Barbara"

NEWS BRIEFS.

A watermelon weighing 120 pounds was raised near Gainestville, Ga.

The State Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia estimates the cotton crop of the state this year at 1,070,000 bales against 1,490,000 last year.

John Mangum Junior of the state museum at Raleigh last Thursday night attempted suicide by taking laudanum, but the prompt services of a doctor saved his life.

Atlanta has been selected as the place of holding the next session of the Southern Educational Association, and the time is December 30, 31 and Jan. 1, next.

Fearful Odds Against Them.

Bedridden, alone and destitute. Such is brief the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Havens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with kidney disease and neither doctors nor medicine gave him relief. As length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies, "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for Liver and Kidney troubles and all forms of Stomach and Bowel Complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Frank T. Smith Druggist.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of George R. Patton, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of August, 1908, or this notice will be filed in bar of the same. Those indebted to the estate will please make prompt settlement. This August 24th, 1908.

S. A. PATTON, Administratrix.

Your Wants Supplied Promptly.

If you want postcards, If you want envelopes, If you want bill heads, If you want note heads, If you want statements, If you want show cards, If you want letter heads, If you want receipt books, If you want programmes, If you want invitations, If you want calling cards, If you want shipping tags, If you want job printing of any descriptive form, in the very best style and at rock bottom prices call at

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TAXES, TAXES. To the tax payers of Macon Co. Please read the following law carefully and remember that I am compelled to obey the same; and every tax payer in the county will be compelled to conform to this law. Laws—1901, chapter 7. "Sec. 76. All taxes shall be due on the first Monday in September in each year, &c." "Sec. 77. The Sheriff or his Deputy, or Tax Collector, shall attend at the Court House or his office in the county town during the months of September and November for the purpose of receiving taxes. He shall also in like manner attend at least one day during the month of October at some one or more places in each township, of which fifteen days notice shall be given by advertisement at three or more public places and in a newspaper, &c." CHAPTER 558, Sec. 1. Whenever the taxes shall be due and unpaid, the Sheriff shall immediately proceed to collect them as follows: If the party charged have personal property of a value equal to the tax charged against him the Sheriff shall

WANTED—SEVERAL PERSONS OF CHARACTER and good reputation in each State (one in this county required), to represent and collect for the Southern Educational Association. Salary \$25.00 weekly with expenses additional, all payable in cash direct and by money order from local office. Salary and expenses furnished upon satisfactory references. Those interested will send resumes, references, and testimonials to the Secretary, 202 Broadway St., Chicago.

LOW RATES TO CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHWEST. THE FRISCO. Will sell daily between September 15th and November 30th 1908, low rate collectible tickets to points in WASHINGTON, OREGON, CALIFORNIA, MONTANA, IDAHO, WYOMING, COLORADO, NEVADA, UTAH, ARIZONA and NEW MEXICO. Short line, quick time, no bus transfers, free reclining chairs. For rates, schedules, maps and full information write to W. T. SAUNDERS, Gen. Agt. Pass. Dept. F. E. CLARK, Traveling Pass. Agt. Atlanta, Ga.

TALLULAH FALLS RAILWAY COMPANY. TIME TABLE NO. 29. Effective Monday Sept. 21, 1908, 8 a. m. Eastern Time. Table with columns for Stations, AM, LV, AR, PM and No. Daily.

—TO THE—Glorious Mountains of Western North Carolina.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY. invites the attention of all Travelers and Pleasure seekers.

THE TOURIST SEASON. opened June 1, 1908, and on that date Low-Rate Summer Excursion Tickets went on sale from principal points in the South and Southeast, to the noted resorts located on and reached by Southern Railway. Tickets on sale up to and including September 30, 1908; limited to October 31, 1908, for return.

"The Land of the Sky" AND "Sapphire Country." Asheville, N. C., and Hot Springs, N. C. offer every attraction to the Summer Traveler or Invalid. The East Tennessee and Virginia Resorts also offer many inducements for Health and Pleasure. Ask any Southern Railway Agent for Summer Homes Folder, descriptive of the many Delightful Resorts reached by Southern Railway. J. H. Wood, District Passenger Agt. Asheville, N. C.

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ADMINISTRATRIX SALE. There will be a public sale of personal property of the estate of George R. Patton, deceased, at the home place on Saturday, October 10, 1908. Stock of all kinds will be offered for sale. Terms will be known on day of sale. M. S. A. PATTON, Administratrix. Sept. 9, 1908.