

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

KELSEY.

The mountain visitors are leaving us again. I think they have had a splendid summer of it. Many days we could hear the outo almost continuously.

Mr. Gordon Setzer, of Lenoir, made a flying trip to Kelsey last week.

There is a case of chicken pox in almost every family in our free school here.

Mr. Wiley McCroskey is expected home from St. Louis, where he has been since last Christmas.

We are indeed sorry to learn of the death of our beloved Sheriff Ragan. Watanga has lost one of her best citizens and our deepest sympathy is with the dear wife and children. It is a consoling thought to know that he lived and moved among his friends and fellowmen in such a way that he has left behind him Watanga people to mourn his loss.

Success to the News and its readers. KATE.
Sept. 19th, 1912.

WATANGA

(Watanga Democrat.)

On Thursday last the board of Commissioners, in call session, appointed Mr. E. R. Eggers, Sheriff of Watanga county to fill out the unexpired term of the lamented Sheriff Ragan. He filled his official bond before leaving town and Mr. L. A. Greene tells us that he will give bond for, and be given the tax books for the year 1912 on the first Monday in October.

Miss Florence Boyd, who for some time has been in charge of the Foot Hills Sanatorium at Lenoir, is at the Blair House for a few weeks rest and recuperation.

Miss Anna Mopetz left last Monday morning for Lenoir, where she will spend a few days with friends, before entering upon her duties as music teacher in Oak Hill Academy, of which Prof. Wiley Hartzog is principal.

WATANGA

Mr. Editor, Please allow me a little space in your paper for a few thoughts, which may be of interest to some of your readers.

Most lovers of natural scenery know about Western North Carolina, and truly, nature has been very lavish in her gifts of beauty to the western party of our state. No one traveling from Linville to Murphy will fail to be impressed by the wild and beautiful scenery that every where greets the eye. But I want to speak of a section of the country that has never been opened up to the public, because there has been no roads that could be traveled with any degree of comfort.

There is a section of country lying between Green Park and Aho which abounds in as varied and beautiful scenery as any part of Western Carolina. The symmetry of the chain of hills is wonderful and the view from the summit of them is grand. Here the painter can find subjects for his sketches and the poet find inspiration.

We are now trying to build a road through this section. We want the lovers of nature to become acquainted with our beau-

A Pressing Need.
(Charlotte (Chronicle).)

In a recent report Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, the director of the United States Bureau of Mines and by the way a North Carolinian, the attention of the nation is called to a vital need. Dr. Holmes says half the entire coal production of last year was wasted. The output of coal last year was, in round numbers 500,000,000 tons and, according to Dr. Holmes fully one-half was either left under ground unfit for use or wasted. More than this he states that the users of coal do not derive more than 10 per cent of the energy of the fuel. It is estimated that the annual money loss is over \$10,000,000. The Richmond Times Dispatch says: "There is a large waste in other minerals also, such as zinc, nitrogen potash, sulphur and natural gas. These losses, Dr. Holmes avers, will go into hundreds of millions every year. For instance, it is estimated that more natural gas is wasted than is now manufactured; millions of tons of sulphur acid are lost through smelters' chimneys; the loss of nitrogen is incalculable, while millions of dollars literally go up in smoke through losses of sulphur, arsenic and bismuth from the factory chimney and the flue of the home."

The people of the United States are the most negligent and wasteful people in the world when it comes to natural resources of the nation are great, but they are not inexhaustible. Even now the period has been reached when the end of the timber supply may be foreseen, and our waste of minerals cannot be carried on indefinitely. There must be more economical ways of handling these products and of using them. It is not creditable to a nation fruitful in economical devices that half of its annual coal output should be lost by incompetent methods of mining and wanton waste in consumption.

The Commonest

When Col. Bryan wrote "The First Battle" after the campaign of 1896 he gave much praise to one Marion Butler of North Carolina as one of the great leaders of the cause. Two years later he urged the Democrats of this state to fuse with Butler. The advice was followed. Now Col. Bryan advises the democrats of the state to defeat Senator Simmons. The advice will not be followed this time. The Butler dose was sufficient. The people in North Carolina know - and they will not forget. Greensboro News.

Early and provident fear is the mother of safety. -Burke.

tiful scenery. The road is being built by public labor and contributions, and in a short time it will be opened so that wagons can travel it.

For some time I have been working a force of hands on the road largely at my own expense. When the road is completed we will have a line of road along the crest of the Blue Ridge, reaching from the C. C. & O. railroad to Cook's Gap, over which automobiles or any vehicle can travel.

Quite a number of our good citizens here, Boone, Blowing Rock and Lenoir have contributed to help make the road, and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and all for their liberal contributions.

G. L. STORIE.

STATE SANITARIUM.

Editor R. A. Deal, of Wilkes County, an Inmate, Writes About this Institution.

I have recently been frequently asked: "Where is the State Sanitarium and how does one get to it?" I will try to answer these questions, for every North Carolinian should know not only the answers to these questions, but should also learn of the good work being done here for tuberculosis sufferers, and the need of making further provisions for more extensive work.

The sanitarium is located in the southwestern corner of the new county of Hoke, formed from the western part of Cumberland county in 1911. It is located on the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad, about nine miles southeast of Aberdeen, Moore county, nine miles west of Raeford, county seat of Hoke county, and some 35 miles southwest of Fayetteville.

The Aberdeen & Rockfish Railway connects with the main line of the Seaboard Air Line at Aberdeen and with the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line at Hope Mills, a town some six miles southwest of Fayetteville. This railway is now being extended and will soon connect with the different roads of Fayetteville. There are four passenger trains passing the Sanitarium depot every day, except Sunday, two from Aberdeen and two from Hope Mills. So it is seen that the sanitarium is easily and conveniently accessible by rail.

It is often asked why this place was selected for the location of the State Sanitarium. No one who ever visits here will thereafter ask the question. One view of the place answers every such question. The sanitarium buildings are located on a sandy ridge of about 700 feet elevation. It is a great deal higher than the surrounding country in every direction. The ridge whereon the buildings are erected has all the evidences of having been thrown up in the past by active volcanic eruption. Quantities of rhyolite, lava, formations and other volcanic productions are found all around the premises. It is said to be the highest elevation in this entire southeastern section.

The surrounding section of country is rather sparsely settled at present and the extensive pine forests in every direction are dotted only here and there with cultivated clearings which appear as white spots upon a vast background of dark green.

There is always an invigorating breeze in motion on "The Hill" bracing and exhilarating. There is in every breath the saline softness of the sea and the refreshing spices of the pines and other mingled forest perfumes. It's glorious, it's soothing, it's health giving. Drinking in this glorious breeze and gazing out over the vast expanse of green forests till in the distance the undulating line of blue rises and lovingly touches the sky, one without effort fancy he is gazing upon the eternal "roll of the dark and deep blue ocean" and listening enchanted to the "ceaseless song of the sad sea waves."

"Ah! here I would forever stay.

Gaze and dream my soul away."

Dr. Kilgo, then president of Trinity College, now Bishop of the Southern Methodist church,

WAYSIDE NEWS NOTES.

Saw a Train for the First Time A Fox Chase Send Fruit to Poor.

(By Old Hurrgraph.)

I am down in the heart of the tobacco city of Durham, thumping the typewriter keys until they sound like a hungry chicken picking up corn. I cannot forget your beautiful town and the loving kindness of many of your dear people. The memory of it all will be an inspiration to me in busy hours. May you ever continue to grow and prosper, and Lenoir become still more beautiful.

The morning I went from Lenoir to Edgemont I witnessed a pleasing incident at the former station. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Washburn, of Charlotte, and their children, came down from their cottage at Blowing Rock. Mr. Washburn on his way to Charlotte to attend to some business matters. They brought down with them from Blowing Rock little Alma Bentfield, ten years old, daughter of John Bentfield. She had never before seen a locomotive or train of cars. The sight of the passenger train, as it pulled up to the station, was a scene of profound admiration to Alma. There wasn't the bat of an eye, or the twitch of a muscle, so intent was her gaze, but there was a deep drawn sigh when the train stopped. She said she would like to ride in one of the cars. Perhaps she will, "some sweet day."

There was an exciting fox chase at Newton Wednesday evening, but the chasers failed to get the "bush." The party was made up of Alex. Young, Dudley Shook, John Setzer, Sam Harman, George Moose, Lawrence Travis, and Robt. Setzer, and a pack of ten or twelve hounds. The tallah was sounded about 8 o'clock, and a fine gray fox, imported from Florida, was turned loose in the road. No sooner had he touched terra firma than there was a gray streak along that road for four or four and a half miles to the camp grounds, southeast of Newton, and there he disappeared, and "saved his bacon." The hunters hunted until 5 o'clock Thursday morning, and then gave up the chase as fruitless. By this time, no doubt, Mr. Fox is back on his native heath, the Florida everglades. The failure to take his Foxship accredited to the fact that it was so dry there was no scent to give the dogs a trail.

In a country where there is more or less so much fruit going to waste every year, and hundreds of people in the large cities are dying for the want of fruit, I would like to make a

visited this place soon after its selection for the location of the sanitarium. After looking over the place and gazing for a long while at the beautiful and bewitching expanse of scenery in every direction, he remarked to Dr. Brooks, then superintendent who had selected the location:

"Doctor, this place is no accident. God created it for the very purpose for which you have chosen it, and His hand has guided you in its selection. It is grand; it is glorious."

This beautiful place belongs to the State of North Carolina and the doors of its sanitarium buildings are open to the tuberculosis sufferers. Come and share its benefits.

R. A. DEAL.

Plan General Strike.

New York, Sept. 19. A general strike of waiters and cooks that will paralyze every first class restaurant and hotel in this city at the opening of the winter season is the latest plan of the International Hotel Workers' Union. A statement by one of the local union officials follows:

"Election night has been practically decided upon as the psychological moment that will help to bring home to the employers more forcefully than ever the justice of the men's demands. No more strikes in the dull season like the last one, is the slogan. Strike when business is at its flood and strike all over the city. Unless the individual proprietors reach an understanding with the organization of the hotel workers within the next few weeks, the men will walk out on election night and prevent the restaurants from feeding the hungry throngs. With the horse show week and the opening of the opera season following closely the men will have an unusual advantage over the proprietors."

To Operate Trains.

The Yadkin River Railroad Company is doubling its efforts to complete within the next few days the grading and trestle work at the North Wilkesboro end of the line, so that a considerable stretch of track may be laid by the opening day of the fair. During fair week it hopes to be able to operate its engine and handsome passenger coaches, which it hopes will be here by that time over about a mile of its road. Besides these cars the Company has ordered another large engine, the size of the one already here; also ten flat cars and six additional box cars are on the way here. The active work of grading is still being pushed all along the line so that when the time comes to connect up the broken links it will be found that several miles of grading will have been completed and ready for the ties and rails. For ties the Company is still paying 46 cents for No. 1s, and 31 cents for No. 2s, Wilkes Patriot.

Feed some women on battery and they will get positively fat.

suggestion through the News which I hope will be acted upon. You will do a kind charitable act. Mr. News, if you will push on the idea. Let those who have fruit of any kind, they cannot readily dispose of, and is likely to rot, pack it up, and intercede with the Express companies and Railroad companies to transport it free of charges to the unfortunate poor of the cities, where physicians say many die daily for the want of fruit to give them nourishment. This would be a splendid thing for the fruit people to do and receive that blessing that comes from the giving of even a cup of cold water to the unfortunate. Any one wishing to do this might communicate with the Sunshine Society, 965th Ave., New York City, who will see that the fruit reaches those who need it. Or they might confer with Mrs. C. B. Harrison, of Lenoir, who will give them information on the subject. Think of what blessings you enjoy in the beautiful and grand Blowing Rock country, and compare it with the suffering in a city like New York. Surely you could spare the fruit you will throw away or suffer to rot.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs, in Condensed Form.

Rev. W. L. Grissom, a retired Methodist minister, former editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, died in Greensboro last Friday.

The trial of Sidney Allen and Wesley Edwards, arrested a week ago in Des Moines, is supposed to start at Hillsville, Va., today, but it is generally thought that the defendants will ask that the case be removed to Wytchville for trial.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20. Republican State Chairman Henry G. Wasson, has announced that he has received word from the Republican national committee in New York that Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, would tour Pennsylvania in behalf of the Taft and Sherman ticket.

Asheville, Sept. 20. Hon. Locke Craig has just received Hon. Thomas Settle's challenge for joint debate on political issues and he gave a statement which in effect, is that the matter is with the executive committee; that he would be glad to meet Settle if it could be satisfactorily arranged.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 21. When J. W. Camp, a bicycle policeman and S. A. Belding, patrolman, roommates, became angered this morning over a trival matter, both reached for their loaded revolvers lying on a bureau in their room. Camp was the quicker and ended the quarrel with a bullet, killing his friend instantly. They had roomed together for four years.

Asheville, Sept. 20. Passenger train No. 19, Murphy division, was wrecked last night at Andrews, just as it was entering the yard at 10 o'clock, injuring 14 people, trainmen and passengers, some of them seriously, but none was killed. Two coaches left the track and rolled over an embankment. Miss Lina Winfrey, of Andrews, was pinned under a car and was seriously hurt. Flagman W. R. Rabb was also badly hurt about the head and back. It is not known what caused the derailment. The train was in charge of Conductor Henry Tomlin, who was injured, and Bul' Poidexter, engineer. The passengers, who were able, continued their journey, and otherwise traffic was not interrupted.

The Ashe County Railroad.

(Wilkes Patriot.)

Dr. J. W. Colvard passed through the last of the week en route to Morganton to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the State Hospital. Or being asked concerning the progress of the proposed railroad through Ashe county, he expressed the utmost confidence in his belief the activity now being exercised will result in building the road, and that its certainty is only a matter of short time. Mr. P. W. Early, the chief engineer, has been at work in the country recently and with him has been Mr. H. C. Tucker, the purchasing agent. Mr. Tucker has been buying timber and timber lands for the Company's use in road and bridge construction, as well as a number of depot sites.

It's the little things that count. A frail little woman's sighs will generally prevail against a big man's size.