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COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

YADKIN VALLEY.

Mr. Lawrence Barlow has been suffering with acute neuralgia in the face but is recovering now.

Two farmers state they have gathered their second crop of alfalfa and hope to have another big harvest next month.

The Patterson School began its fall term Tuesday under its new corps of teachers and full classes. More pupils will enter later.

Volunteer workmen have been repairing the mountain road enjoying a picnic as an inducement to help the cause of "Good Roads." Much good is accomplished.

Mr. R. T. Lenoir has been summoned to Lincolnton as a witness in a railway suite.

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WATAUGA.

(Watauga Democrat.)

Mrs. Link of Lenoir, with her three attractive little daughters, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Norris.

Mr. H. C. Landon, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad, and Mr. R. H. Maynard, photographer of North Wilkesboro, arrived in town Monday. They have been taking views of the railroad and of scenic points along the lines, and will take pictures in and around Boone that will be of interest. They will remain in this vicinity for several days.

Mr. R. H. Parker, who is now in very feeble health, was caught out in the heavy rain fall Tuesday, and was seized with a dizziness, falling to the ground, where he remained until sometime after the storm had passed. The water rushed around him in great volumes, but fortunately for the splendid old citizen it did not reach his face. He finally succeeded in reaching home, and, although tearfully chilled, he was soon warmed up, and is now feeling no evil effects from the trying experience.

MORGANTON.

(Morganton Messenger.)

The order of Woodmen of the World is growing rapidly in this section. A camp has just been organized at Connelly Springs with nineteen members. Application has been sent off for the organization of a camp at Drexel with twenty-eight members.

One of the worst storms of the season passed over this section Friday afternoon. There was an abundance of electricity, followed by a heavy rain and wind. During the storm lightning struck the corner of Mr. J. C. McDowell's residence, but the damage was very slight. Just north of the Catawba river the wind played havoc with the corn crop and it was considerably damaged.

The many friends of Mr. T. G. Cobb will be pained to learn that his condition was not so favorable as first thought when he returned from the hospital at Statesville a few days ago. In fact he was not well as he thought and after his arrival home he continued to take a turn for the worse and it was necessary for him to return to the hospital Monday. It is to be hoped, however, that the treatment this time will result in a permanent cure.

HARPER FURNITURE CO.

A Sketch of One of Lenoir's Oldest Manufacturing Establishments.

In Lenoir in the year 1889 there was organized the Lenoir Furniture Co., a stock company, with Mr. J. M. Bernhardt as the moving factor in this new enterprise. The company started the manufacturing of furniture on the site of the present plant of the Harper Furniture Co. The above concern conducted the business for about a year but with no great financial success and changing management a number of times.

About this time the business was bought by Harper & Son and ran under this style until March 1900, when the business was reorganized and the style of the concern changed to the Harper Furniture Co., under which name and management it is still doing business.

April 1911 the factory suffered a severe loss by fire and in fact was practically destroyed. After these losses were adjusted the management bought and installed new and modern machinery in every respect and the buildings were repaired or rebuilt and the plant put on a modern basis from office to engine room.

The Harper Furniture Co., when it was first established as the Lenoir Furniture Co., was at that time one of the first furniture factories in the State of North Carolina and it still continues to hold its rank among the first. Under the able management of Mr. Geo. F. Harper the business is prospering and at present is employing something like fifty hands all of whom receive good wages. The output of this factory annually amounts to from \$100,000 to \$125,000 and which is shipped to furniture dealers from Maine to Florida and from east to west. The output consists of all kinds of medium and cheap bedroom furniture and all this is made from start to finish here in Lenoir.

The management is now building a new varnish room which adds much to the convenience of the plant, the old room having become too small to take care of the fast growing business.

The manager, Mr. G. F. Harper took the News reporter over this now extensive plant and what we saw was sufficient to show that this is one of our most important and interesting establishments and it is destined to become even more so as time advances. Lenoir is fortunate in having such a manufacturing plant in its limits and equally more so in having such enterprising and progressive men who compose this concern, as its citizens.

Bandits Take \$16,000 From Deputy.

Columbia, S. C. Sept. 5. Three men, each armed with two revolvers, late today held up a deputy sheriff and two employees of the J. G. White Construction Co., of Parr Shoals, 20 miles from here and took from them \$16,000 in currency which had been intended to meet the payroll of the company, which is building a huge power dam there. Tonight 700 employees of the company, together with the sheriffs and deputies of four counties with bloodhounds, are hunting for the robbers. J. C. Joyner, the deputy sheriff, resisted the bandits and was shot, the bullet taking effect in the thigh. His wound is not serious.

EXCURSION TO EDMONT.

Delightful Outing in Our Own Beautiful country. A Region of Great Possibilities.

It was the pleasure of The News man to get onto the big excursion run last Saturday from Hickory to Edgemont, by Rev. M. N. Cooke, pastor of the West Hickory Baptist church. The train consisted of seven coaches, including two parlor cars and they were all comfortably filled. Mr. Cooke took a census of the crowd on board just before getting to Mortimer and he had 480 passengers. At the latter place fully a score got aboard which made him a round 500 or more.

The crowd was all jolly and well behaved and Mr. Cooke handled them like a veteran conductor. Capt. T. E. Nichols was on the engine and he fully realized the precious load he was pulling and held his engine with an unusually steady hand.

The scenery along the route is very fine and was much admired by all on board. The beautiful Mulberry and Johns River Valleys were especially admired by those interested in fine farming lands, while the rustic beauty and grandeur of the Wilson Creek Gorge brought forth many and loud exclamations of admiration. This is truly a favored section for rich scenery and we venture that there are hundreds of dwellers in Lenoir who have never had the pleasure of a trip over the Carolina & North Western to Edgemont the terminus of the line.

The rugged grandeur and majesty of the Wilson Creek Gorge, where the tumbling waters and jagged cliffs present an ever changing panorama of beauty, is worth traveling miles to see. There are evidences of thrift and improvement all along the line, especially at Mortimer where the big lumbering operations of The Ritter Lumber Company gives employment for hundreds of hands. The lumber is piled high on all sides and the logging trains and buzz of the big band mills make it a scene of unusual activity. The only thing marring the landscape and attractive beauty of the mountains and gorge about this part of the route, are the denuded mountain sides which have been devastated by fire causing the death of much young timber and giving one a pang of sadness at the apparent waste thus entailed. We understand however the lumber company contends that it is necessary to burn the laps and off fallings from the logging operations in order to protect their finished lumber from forest fires. At Edgemont there are evidences of progress and improvements. Several new cottages have recently been built and Mr. Barber the proprietor of the Edgemont Inn is still adding much to the convenience and attractiveness of this popular place. He has doubled the capacity of the hotel this summer by building several new dormitories and cottages and has installed a modern and efficient electric lighting system adding this feature the other modern conveniences of the hotel. On the return trip we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. C. E. Crosby, the efficient superintendent of the railroad. Mr. Crosby is a native of Kentucky and while yet a young man, has had much railroad experience and is a "live wire" in his business. He

LUTZ IMPROVEMENT CO.

Plans for Developing Fine Property in Western Part of Town.

Mr. Otis P. Lutz, Cashier of the First National Bank and one of Lenoir's most progressive and successful business men, has recently organized the Lutz Improvement Company, for the purpose of developing the beautiful suburban property in the western part of town known as the J. M. Powell place.

Mr. Lutz has acquired this valuable property consisting of about 16 acres and is now planning to lay it out in lots and make it an attractive residential part of Lenoir. He has already had three or four cottages erected and is planning to build twenty just as fast as the work can be done. The cottages will be four and six room houses and have electric lights, water and modern conveniences. It is planned to put in good streets and cement walks and make the settlement in every way desirable and pleasant. Mr. Lutz then proposes, so we understand, to sell these cottages to reliable parties on the installment plan accepting in payment monthly payments. This is a most commendable step and while the promoters will, no doubt, make good money out of the venture, at the same time it will afford many persons to acquire a home for almost what they would otherwise pay out for rents. This is the way to build up a town and the action of the Lutz Improvement Company is most commendable.

FARMERS OF THIS SECTION.

Beware of purchasing unguaranteed seed oats or "feed oats" that are good enough for seed. Sometimes such seed will germinate but frequently find a lot in which not one seed in a pound will come up and, not infrequently, every seed is dead.

Get a written guarantee that the oats are all right for seed and are sold for seeding purposes, otherwise pay only the price of feed oats and give them to your mule.

has an eye out all the time for the welfare of his line and its patrons and has great things in mind for the future development of his road and the territory served by it, if the business of the line increases with sufficient rapidity to justify the expenditure and the public mind is not so biased by political agitators, that the railroads can not get justice in the courts and financial centers.

He is now installing an 80 ton Rock Crushing plant at Gorge where he will in a few weeks not only be ready to put stone ballast on the railroad, but be in position to supply towns, corporations and individuals with crushed stone of the very best quality. He hopes also to have a large Granite Quarry started before a great while near the same place, where the supply of the stone in the rough is unlimited. He is in a position to offer especial inducements to parties wishing to engage in this kind of business. He chafes under the great waste of power that is now running away along the cascades and falls of Wilson Creek and Johns River and hopes the day is not far distant when the waters will be harnessed and electric power be supplied to a large surrounding territory. Great possibilities are abundant in this favored region for manufactories that need only the developing hand of capital.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Miss L. R. Archer of Hendersonville, is visiting Mrs. W. B. Watson.

Squirrel hunting is the leading sport now among some of our local minstrels.

Business locals in The News are business getters. Every one reads them.

Mr. Hill Grubb of Kings Creek, was a business visitor to our town Saturday.

Mrs. Carter Council of the Valley, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Lenoir.

Miss Gertrude Hall of Lenoir, visited relatives here this week. Hickory Democrat, 4th.

Mrs. A. M. Powell and daughter, Miss Consie, were visiting relatives in town last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Lillie Healan, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Moose, returned home Thursday morning. Hickory Democrat, 4th.

The Rural Mail Carriers state that the roads over the county are in the worst condition they have seen them at any time during the summer months, and are only equaled by winters weather.

The News wants to again impress on the public the importance of phoning in news items to this office. Every piece of news, no matter how insignificant it may seem to you, has its importance to some one else who reads the paper.

The Sunday School picnic which passed through here Saturday morning from Hickory was well patronized. There were seven coaches on the train and all seemed to be pretty well filled. The excursion ran to Edgemont for the days outing.

Last Thursday afternoon the two children of Mr. Gray Barnett who lives a few miles from this place, strayed from their home and were unable to be found until late Friday afternoon, when they were discovered to be at the home of Mr. Ivey Marr. Considerable anxiety was felt about them during their absence. The older child is a girl about 9 years and the younger a boy.

Mr. Steele tells us the new Steele Cottrell Building is all rented and will be occupied as soon as completed. Squires & Whisnant, will occupy the two front rooms on the second floor for law offices and the rear part of the second floor will be used by the Pythians as a lodge room. The building is one of Lenoir's latest and most conspicuous improvements and fills the last vacancy around the public square.

The Catawba County News writing of the opening of Catawba College at Newton has the following to say of one of our well known citizens: "President Andrew was master of ceremonies. He presented the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. McNairy of Lenoir. The speaker referred to the past and the work the college had done. The character of the men who had gone out from the school. He extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the trustees to the old and the new students. His remarks were appropriate and were well received by the audience."

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

The Agricultural & Mechanical College at Raleigh opened last week with a large enrollment and it is thought the number will reach 800 by the time school gets well started.

A barge loaded with lumber was caught in last week's storm off the North Carolina coast and as nothing has been heard from the crew of four men, it is thought they were drowned.

The Legislature will convene in extra session Sept. 24th, ostensibly to adjust freight rate discriminations. But look out and watch the news from Raleigh during the sitting of the body and you will see much about the next political campaign, who is to be governor, senator etc.

Hot Springs, Arkansas was visited by a very disastrous fire last week destroying property to value of four to six million dollars. The governor of the state has issued an appeal for help to care for the destitute and homeless. The fire started in a negro cabin and burned over 200 acres of buildings.

The Wilkesboro Patriot is urging the commissioners of Wilkes to stop the practice of leasing the convicts to other counties and employ them on the roads of Wilkes. There was never any sounder advice for any county. Buncombe has profited no little because some of the counties preferred not to work their convicts.—Asheville Citizen Gazette.

Asheville, Sept. 3.—Col. Samuel Tate, one of the promoters of the Transcontinental Railway, hanged himself today about 1 o'clock at his apartments at the Manor hotel. Members of the family returning to their rooms found his body hanging in the bath room, with a note telling them of what he intended doing. Colonel Tate had suffered with rheumatism for many years. Surviving are the widow and two daughters, Miss Louise Tate, of Asheville, and Mrs. Bowden of New York.

SHERIFF ICARD RESIGNS.

Yesterday Sheriff J. P. Icard tendered his resignation to that office to take effect at once and Mr. Jerome A. Triplett was appointed by the county commissioners to fill the vacancy. Mr. Icard will we understand give his time to his private interests which are quite large in the southern part of the county. We do not know that he will move his family from town but suppose he will not, at least at the present time. Mr. Triplett who succeeds him has been a candidate for the office in times past and from the flattering vote he received is quite popular over the county. He is a man capable of making a good officer and will no doubt fill the place acceptably.

Sheriff Icard tendered his resignation in favor of Mr. Triplett and the latter's appointment to this high and responsible position was no surprise to his many friends.

A correspondent says that Huerta's face grows on you while he converses. We don't want him to talk when we are anywhere around. We don't want his face to grow on us.