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WITH THE CORRESPONDENTS.

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

LITTLE RIVER.

We have been having a lot of rain and it is mighty hard to save feed.

The roads are muddy and not good and it seems a good time to work the roads. About the only time Caldwell County ever works its roads is when its raining and the hands can't get out in it to work. Sorry to say that this is the case.

W. L. Roberts and part of his family went to Granite Falls on business this week.

Mr. John Payne who has been sick with typhoid fever is better.

Mr. H. M. Crouch has been in Virginia the past week and has bargained for a farm and intends to move to it soon. He thinks he will be pleased with the location.

Rev. J. M. Shoves will move in as soon as Mr. Crouch leaves.

Mr. J. M. Downs has taken his school at Hibriten Academy this week.

The teachers came in from Watauga County Thursday to take charge of the Oak Hill Academy school on Monday. It will be the same faculty that taught last term, except Miss Winkler. We hope they will have a good school.

Mr. A. T. Sims is talking of moving to Virginia if he can find a buyer for his stock of goods here.

Mr. J. F. Flowers and son G. A. Flowers, have purchased a nice automobile.

There was an interesting Farmers Institute held at Oak Hill Sept. 17, and a good crowd for the mud and rainy day. Something like 75 people attended from all parts of the county. Mr. G. M. Goforth was present with the visitors.

Miss Lucie T. Webb and Mrs. Henry Slagel gave the ladies present some interesting talks on subjects of great value to them. Miss Bessie Deal won the prize for the best loaf of bread. Prof. W. A. Shaw gave a good talk on the farm and how to build it up by having some kind of growing crop. He said that rye was the cheapest make shift that the farmer can get to make a cover crop.

There was a nice dinner served on the grounds, and after which the meeting was addressed by Mr. Shawe with a short spicy talk. The ladies were then called in and a joint session was held. Prof. T. B. Parker gave an instructive talk on raising supplies of all kinds and on the raising of fruit trees from the time the seeds were planted until bearing time and how to kill all kinds of insects and how to stop fungus growths and the trimming of apple and peach trees.

Miss Webb made an instructive talk on the fireless cooker and how to make one at home. The machine is to cook without either fuel or fire and this is what the men would like to see. It is as handy as a dishwasher in the kitchen.

WATAUGA. (Watauga News.)

Mr. W. W. Presnell of Vilas, who is an old soldier and up in years, showed The News man Saturday, an old coffee mill

THE GREEN PARK HOTEL SOLD.

Resort at Blowing Rock Bought by Co.—Many Improvements to be Made.

The News is reliably informed that the deal for the sale of the Green Park Hotel property at Blowing Rock, has been consummated. The transfer includes the hotel and between 300 and 400 acres of land and was purchased by a company to be known as the Blowing Rock Development Co., a charter for which has already been applied for.

The authorized capital is \$120,000 and the company begins business with about \$40,000 paid in capital. The main promoters of this large deal and organization are the Henkel brothers, of which Mr. L. P. Henkel of Lenoir, was one of the leaders in the consummation of the transaction and the organization of the stock company.

The company expects to furnish and remodel the hotel and make it modern throughout by next summer's tourist season. A first class hotel man will be put in charge and the public can be assured of a modern hotel service and accommodations.

As a summer resort Blowing Rock is growing in popularity each season and there are many people visits there that fail to get the hotel accommodations they are accustomed to. With the Lenoir-Blowing Rock Turnpike put in good condition there will be an immense travel to that place from that time on. For the condition of the road has kept a large number of visitors away.

Later the company expects to sub-divide the tract of land bought with the hotel property and sell it off in town lots for building purposes.

made of solid iron and has only three fastenings viz: two screws and one rivet. This mill was made in 1600 and brought here from Germany by his wife's great great grandfather, Wm. Gragg. Mr. Presnell also had a barlow knife that was about 12 inches long when opened and was made in 1760.

Mrs. Wm. Hodges of Adams, while on her way to visit her sick sister, happened to a serious accident. In driving a short turn in the road her buggy shaft dropped down and the horse let the buggy run against a stake throwing her and her little baby out and the buggy ran over them, breaking the little child's leg and the good lady suffered some slight bruises.

Mr. J. R. Shore of Vilas R. F. D. was in town last week and while paying the News office a little call related the following strange fact; that on his place was a peculiar cave which on a frosty morning sent up a smoke like a volcano. You can drop down and crawl about 12 feet and then walk 40 feet and you will find a small hole about 2 feet in diameter and here you can drop a rock and it sounds just like you had struck a hole with no bottom. You hear nothing but the echoes of the rock hitting the walls, till out of hearing. They say this is a good indication of a copper mine.

The girl who doesn't care for diamonds must be stone-blind.

CALDWELL COUNTY HISTORY

Historical and Biographical Sketches of Some of The Most Prominent Families and First Settlers.

(By REV. I. W. THOMAS.)

INTRODUCTION.

Mr. H. C. Martin, editor of The Lenoir News, asked me some months ago to prepare some matter along the line of the above heading for publication from time to time in his paper, hoping such articles would be of interest to the readers, and that it would to an extent, be the means of preserving the history of the oldest and first settlers of the county. In attempting to comply with Mr. Martin's request, I wish to say that I am wholly dependent upon others for facts and information. It is my earnest wish to do this work as well and as accurately as I can. I am asking prominent people all about our county to furnish me a brief historical sketch of their families. This I am sure, they will gladly do, and do it as accurately as they can. From the matter furnished me I will prepare articles for publication. So if there should be errors I will not be wholly responsible. These sketches will appear in only one issue of The News each week, and now and then may miss a week, and if we shall be spared, may run through a year or more. It might be well for the readers of The News to preserve their papers for future reference.

I. W. THOMAS.

THE POWELL FAMILY.

BY REV. I. W. THOMAS

The great, great grandfather of the Powells of Caldwell County, was John Powell. He came from South Wales, England, about the year 1700. He had seven brothers, John, Elias, Philip, Benjamin, Ambrose, George and Elijah. It is said all of the seven brothers were over six feet high.

Elias Powell the great, grandfather of the Caldwell Powells, was born in Culpepper, Va., on Sept. 26, 1754. He was a British soldier and was a body guard to Gen. Furgerson and was by his side at the battle of Kings Mountain when Furgerson was killed. When Furgerson fell he dropped a silver trumpet which Elias Powell picked up, and the trumpet was for many years kept in the Pow-

ell family.

With Elias Powell came two brothers to North Carolina, landing at Wilmington. These brothers, William and Robert went west. One to Tennessee and the other to Kentucky. Elias came to Orange County, N. C., and married Barbara Albright.

George Powell, the grandfather of the Caldwell Powells, was a son of Elias. He was born Feb. 26, 1789. He had three brothers, Philip, Benjamin and Elijah, and two sisters, Betsy and Catherine.

Philip married a Miss Herman and settled on the Pink Puette place near Lower Creek church. He was a Baptist minister and was pastor of Lower Creek church for many years. He went west and died.

Benjamin married a Miss Harris of Petersburg, Va., and settled near Lower Creek church, and died there. Elijah died young. Betsy married Isaac Harshaw and Catherine married Stephen Tilley.

George Powell was married first to Mary Smith of Burke county, and located where John T. Spencer now lives one mile east of Lenoir. He built the second brick house in Caldwell County. He was a large land owner. He was a good mechanic, both in wood and iron, as well as a good farmer. He was an owner of slaves and was very kind to them. He was a Democrat in politics and in religion a Baptist.

By his first marriage there were two sons, Smith and Elias. Elias married Malinda Corpening, daughter of Jacob Corpening of Burke County. Smith married a Miss Wilson of Lincoln County. Both served in the army to remove the Cherokee Indians. They were under Capt. Elias Miller.

The second marriage was to Lucinda Rowe of Burke County. Her father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, first in British army and later joined American army. Children by second marriage were Nelson A., Avery M., John B., Joseph T., and Jones E., two sons died in infancy. The daughters were Mary, Eveline, Louisa and Sophia.

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Samples of Seed Wheat.

Mr. G. M. Goforth, County Demonstration Agent, has received the following from Mr. F. T. Meacham, assistant director of Iredell Farm, Statesville: "Please send me shipping directions for the samples of 20 varieties of seed wheat. I have this all ready for shipping, in about 3 pounds each, enough for one-twentieth of an acre plot. Hope the year has been a prosperous one for you and your farmers. We are blessed with good crops in this locality."

Mr. Goforth has sent shipping directions for this seed and it is expected to arrive shortly when it will be distributed among the farmers of Caldwell County to be given trials in the size plots mentioned above.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

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

Prof. Hartzog of the Oak Hill school, was a visitor to Lenoir Saturday.

J. J. Austin of route 2, was an agreeable caller at The News office last Friday.

Prof. Honeycutt of the South Fork Institute at Maiden, was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. A. S. Sudderth of route 4 was a pleasant caller at The News office last Friday morning.

Mr. John Krause the popular tailoring man, was at the Courtney Clothing Co., here Saturday.

Mr. W. A. McCall a prominent farmer from Finley was transacting business here Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Courtney leaves today for Spartanburg, S. C., where she will attend Converse College for the term.

Mrs. F. M. Coggins returned to her home in Hickory Thursday, after a two weeks visit to her sister Mrs. T. A. Warner.

Mr. V. A. Benson one of the directors of the Weather Bureau at Raleigh, was among the prominent visitors to Lenoir Saturday.

Mrs. R. W. Haywood returned last week to her home in New Bern after spending some time here the guest of Mrs. Kate Winkler.

Merchants are beginning to get in their fall and winter goods and those who are advertising them will receive the largest share of the patronage of the people.

Saturday was a good business day in Lenoir in spite of the muddy condition of the roads and the unsettled weather. Many people came in from all parts of the county bringing in produce and doing their trading here.

The lines of goods and the size of the stocks carried by the merchants of Lenoir would reflect credit upon a town much larger than our's and shows that our merchants are progressive in that respect. We wish to say that it is useless for our people, either in town or in the country, to send their good money away from home for things that can be secured right at their own doors and at as reasonable prices, all things considered. Our merchants pay for the privilege of doing business here, as well as a large percent of the taxes for the running of the town and county and state, and when their home people need help and call on them they always respond. The mail order houses where you send your money are in the habit of doing this too are they not? Not on your life. Just write and ask them to send you a donation for a neighbor who has been unfortunate or to help build a church, and see how much they are interested in the people and the County of Caldwell. Ask them to give you fifteen cents credit for about fifteen days and see where you will drop at. It may look at the time as if it paid to trade with the mail order house, but in the long run you will find that your home merchant is one real friend you can depend on to stand by you in adversity and prosperity. You stick to him and he will stick to you.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

Last Wednesday at the C. & N. W. shops at Hickory, Mr. M. L. Christopher suffered the misfortune of having a leg smashed so badly that it had to be amputated. He was a machinist in the shops and in some way while about his work, was caught under a rolling truck.

Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State and famous as a lecturer since his tenure in office, for which he has received much free advertising, has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address at the celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of King's Mountain, which is to be held October 7th.

Last week Revenue Officers Reid and Kanipe and Possemen H. W. and P. P. Jones, of Hickory, captured and destroyed a blockade still 12 miles southeast of Hickory. The outfit consisted of a 50 gallon still, cap and worm and 600 gallons of beer. The proprietors of the outfit were not in evidence at the time.

In Gastonia the Ice & Coal Co. and the drug stores have come together and announced to the people of that place that hereafter there will be "nuthin' doin'" in either line of goods except on a cash basis. As it is a poor rule that won't work both ways, we are anxious to see what the result of this agreement will be.

Mr. C. M. Sigmon, conductor of the P. & N. freight, was crushed to death by his own train at Gastonia last Thursday. Mr. Sigmon was alone at the time of the accident and had signaled with his lantern to back up fast. This was done, when it was noted that the conductor's light went out, and upon investigation he was found crushed to death. No one knows just how the accident occurred.

Doing what he had often done before and had seen others do, Mr. Ellison H. Bivins, local manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Co., caught hold of the chain of a sputtering arc light in front of his home in Monroe last Wednesday night, intending to shake the lamp and cause the carbon to burn more freely. He was instantly killed, it being estimated that fully 2,300 volts of electricity passed through his body. It is supposed the chain became heavily charged through a short circuit, caused by a storm.

Announcement And Invitation.

The dedication of the Dr. E. A. Yoder Memorial Science Building and other College buildings will take place at Lenoir College, Hickory, Thursday, Oct. 2, 1913 the second day of the meeting of the E. L. Tennessee Synod. On this day the sessions of Synod will be held in St. Andrews Church at the College. A picnic dinner will be served on the Campus.

The speakers will be Dr. Simon Peter Long, of Mansfield, Ohio, Dr. W. P. Cline, Rev. E. J. Sox, Prof. K. G. Busch and Pres. R. L. Fritz.

All friends and patrons of the College are most cordially invited.

The most satisfactory way to live cheaply is in theory.