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WITH THE CORRESPONDENTS.

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

BLOWING ROCK. (By Old Hurraygraph.)

Blowing Rock, N. C., Sept. 25.—For one solid week Jennie and all the rest of femininity, and masculinity as well, waited for "the clouds to roll by." During this time Blowing Rock was enveloped in a dense cloud; so dense that you could not cut it with a case knife. But the sun finally broke through, and beamed on us again, bringing a joy that was relished to a degree equal to that of a lover who has not seen his sweet heart in six months. J. Lee Hayes, familiarly known to his intimate friends on the mountains as "Windy Lee," is a contractor and builder who has built many beautiful cottages up here, and has contracts for many more, just keeps right on at work, when the clouds are so thick he could not see his hands before him. The hands before him were shingling the Archie Perry cottage, which is being repaired for occupancy next season. They shingled on with a hearty good will, in the density of the cloud, and used up the quantity of shingles ordered, and still their work appeared not to be finished. Mr. Hayes supplied them with equally as many more shingles and the work went on with vigor. When the mist broke and moved off, Mr. Hayes noticed he had a shed-shaped roof extending a considerable distance over and beyond one side of the cottage—covering a space large enough to shelter several hundred people. Mr. Hayes wondered, and expatiated on the "how cum" of such a piece of work. Mr. Hayes had simply shingled a cloud, and the cloud had moved off and left the roofing "high and dry," a way the Blowing Rock clouds have of doing.

The construction force, setting the poles for the new telephone line from Lenoir to Blowing Rock, reached here Thursday, and set up the last pole on that afternoon. The wire is being rapidly strung, and the wire pullers and stringers are expected to finish that work this week. Two telephone stations will be opened here right away, and the familiar "hello" of the larger cities will be heard in the Watauga Inn and the telegraph office, and then Blowing Rock will have her say over the long distance.

I saw a little mountain boy driving cows home. One cow was belled. I asked him what the bell was on her neck for. He said: "To ring the calves up at milking time." A new one on me.

Frank W. Mars, and Frank has a perfect right to holloa, for a heavily loaded wagon ran over his right foot and mashed his toes severely. The accident happened Wednesday, but Mr. Hollars is able to go about by using a crutch.

Little Emily Dewy Mitchell, of New Bern, at the Watauga Inn, sat for some time on the lap of a young man who was smoking a cigarette, and then went to her mother, who remarked: "Emily, you smell like a cigarette." Emily's mother is an insistent crocheter, and Emily quickly replied: "Mother you smell just like a crocheter."

needle." Quite clever, think you, for a five year older?

C. B. Denson and T. M. Hutt, of the U. S. and State Agricultural Departments, were up here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on their annual tour of inspection and observation for the benefit of their departments. They visited the Cone estate and inspected the orchards. They did not give out the result of their observations.

Mr. Scott Perkey of Battle Creek, Mich., who with his wife has been camping on the mountains for several months, is so well pleased with Blowing Rock and the beauty of the scenery of this highly favored section of the state, that last Saturday he bought a lot from Mr. Abernethy of Hickory, for \$1,200, having 200 feet front by 400 feet deep, in the village of Blowing Rock, and in the near future will erect a neat cottage, preparatory to spending his summers up here. Mr. Perkey is a son of the Shreded Wheat man, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and he knows a good thing, and a good place to keep cool, when he sees it. Blowing Rock has a bright future before it, and is attracting new friends, and new citizens every year. Good roads, and pleasant and agreeable accommodations, with courteous treatment to all new comers, traveling this way, will make many more.

HUDSON NOTES.

Jack Frost arrived but no serious damage was done.

Mr. Z. V. Johnson has bought property from Mr. Kistler. We understand that Mr. Kistler has bought property in Morganton and will move there in the near future.

Rev. J. A. Yount filled his regular appointment at the Lutheran church Sunday.

Billie Griffin is off on a pleasure trip, driving two nice steers to Hickory.

Mr. Steele Greer of Grandin City, visited friends and relatives here over Sunday.

Mr. Thomas W. Thornburg, of Morganton spent several days in Hudson last week.

Mrs. W. J. Palmer of North Wilkesboro is visiting her parents and other relatives.

Mr. Doc Lingle says that possums and sweet "taters" are getting ripe and a few more frosts will put them in tip top shape.

Mrs. C. H. Thornburg was away last week buying her fall and winter millinery.

The patrons of the Hudson graded school are requested to be on the school grounds Saturday, 27th, for the purpose of cleaning off the grounds and shaping up around the building. Also the ladies will give a Box Supper the proceeds of which will go to the school in a way that will benefit it most. Let every body come out and help.

Mr. Lee Dagenhart is in town looking out for a house. He expects to move soon.

Mr. J. L. Sigmon went to Granite Falls on business.

Mr. Ed. Rutledge and family are visiting in Lincolnton this week.

Mrs. S. Bumgarner died suddenly at the home of Mr. L. Starnes at the age of 84 years, and was buried here the 19th.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

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

Frost appeared here Tuesday morning in plenty.

Hauling wood and coal is now the order of the day.

Mr. R. B. Blackwelder of Hickory, was in Lenoir Tuesday morning on business.

Mr. W. D. Cloninger of Hudson, was an agreeable caller at this office one day this week.

The hardware stores enjoyed a rush in the stove and heater business the first of the week.

Messrs. Howard and Don Yates of Mortimer, were prominent business visitors here Saturday.

Mr. G. M. Goforth left Tuesday morning for North Wilkesboro, to attend the Wilkes County Fair.

Mr. R. T. Lenoir one of the prominent citizens of the Valley was transacting business in Lenoir Tuesday.

Mr. J. G. Ballew, of Baltimore, came to Lenoir Sunday and left for Boone, where he went to see friends.

Mr. Heim Hoke reports having seen quite a little ice Tuesday morning in the gutters on the roof of Dr. Kent's home.

Messrs. E. M. Hukill and Geo. L. Hadlock were among the prominent Lenoir visitors to the Wilkes County Fair this week.

The News has received many new subscriptions on account of the special offer for the paper from now until January 1st for only 25c.

The autos which have had a rest during the past week on account of the rain and mud began to make their appearance on the streets again Monday.

The Lenoir Book Store will move next week into their handsome new store room on West Main street. They had expected to move this week.

The streets during the recent rains were in a terrible condition. Is it possible that we will have to pass through another winter with the streets like they were last winter.

Mrs. W. L. Minish of Lenoir and her sister, Miss Lizzie Kincaid who recently returned from Washington, D. C., were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. P. A. Hoyle, at Newton Sunday.

Yesterday and today are interesting ones for the ladies of Lenoir and vicinity as the millinery openings, in which all ladies are very much interested, take place on these two days.

Dr. J. L. Murphy of Hickory, will preach in the Reformed Church in Lenoir, every night next week except Saturday night. The hour will be 7:30. All are cordially invited to hear him.

The News wants all its friends and readers to call, send or phone their news items into this office. We will appreciate it and others will also who are interested. Many good items of news are never made public because the person knowing them feels that they are not of sufficient importance to be printed for the public. Let us be the judges of this matter, at least, and when you have any one visiting you or some one goes away from your home just let us know all about it.

WILSON LUMBER & MILLING CO.

Another One of Caldwell's Oldest and Substantial Business Enterprises.

Tuesday of this week The News man had the pleasure of visiting the offices and plant of the Wilson Lumber & Milling Co., located north of the depot in Lenoir. This is possibly the oldest manufacturing industry in Lenoir, being established about 22 years ago, and has continued to enjoy a healthy growth since its establishment.

The main offices of this concern are located in Scranton, Pa., the offices for the handling of the business here and at other points is located in Lenoir and is under the management of Mr. E. E. Dale, who is also interested financially in the company.

The present business was established in 1891, or about 22 years ago under the firm name of the Wilson Lumber Co. Their plant and business, which at that time consisted of a general lumber business only, was located on the present site. It was first under the management of Mr. Geo. E. Stone, who continued to conduct the business for about 5 years. After Mr. Stone's management the business was looked after by Mr. J. B. Atkinson who is at present operating a lumber business in Lenoir and at Gastonia.

With the establishment of the Wilson Lumber Co., a railroad line was built by the firm into the Mulberry section from their plant in Lenoir for the purpose of hauling their lumber from the portable mills which they used for cutting their timber. This road and its equipment caused considerable interest among the people here at that time as it was considered an immense financial undertaking at that time to operate even a small line of this kind. When the engine first came and was operated over the road many people turned out to witness the spectacle.

With the change in the management and ownership of the Wilson Lumber Co., the name was changed to the Wilson Lumber & Milling Co., under which name it is still prospering and at the same old stand.

The concern has a plant in North Wilkesboro that is considered by the manager to be better equipped than the one at Lenoir. The North Wilkesboro plant is in charge of Supt. W. R. Martin, and is managed by Mr. Dale from this office. They also have a lumber yard located at Olivett which was established this year for handling lumber.

The products manufactured by the Wilson Lumber & Milling Co., consist mainly of box shooks, cases for yarns used by cotton mills, cases used for the shipment of tobacco, etc. The company also does a large general lumber business, both here and at their other plant. About 50 hands are employed in the handling of and manufacture of their products, outside of the lumber inspectors. This concern does a large volume of business annually, amounting to between \$200,000 and \$250,000. They are possibly the largest timbered land owners with one exception, in Caldwell, owing in one body 10,000 acres of fine timbered lands.

In many ways this concern has done much for the development of this section, paying out considerable money in the handling and management of

their large business, and present indications point to their continued growth and development.

Mr. E. E. Dale the present manager, has been here in charge of the business in this part of the State for nearly six years and he is a thorough business man in every respect and fully capable of looking after and handling their affairs here.

At present the company is rebuilding the west side of their manufacturing building in Lenoir in anticipation of the usual heavy fall and winter business.

The Wilson Lumber & Milling Co., is among the oldest concerns of its kind in Western North Carolina and we are pleased that it has had for years and will continue to do so, the main business and offices in Lenoir, which is noted for its many strong and substantial manufacturing plants.

Will Hold a Church Sale.

The ladies of the Reformed Church of Lenoir, will have a sale of appetizing things to eat, including home-made bread, cakes, candies, etc., also aprons and fancy articles, on Friday, October 17th. Their splendid ability to prepare good things to eat is too well known to need further comment. The place for holding this sale will be announced later.

Building and Loan Association.

The Citizens' Building & Loan Association of this place has recently been making rapid strides in business, which is an indication of the business prosperity of this community. Last Saturday the secretary issued \$5,000 worth of paid-up stock, which is unusual for one day, in fact it was a record breaking day. This is quite a popular way for using idle money as it is as safe as human intellect can devise and pays nearly six per cent interest annually over taxes and other expenses. At a recent meeting of the directors of the Association it was decided to inaugurate a new system of book-keeping January 1st to facilitate the more convenient handling of the growing business of the institution.

Mrs. Teague Entertains Club.

At her home in Lenoir Wednesday afternoon, between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock, Mrs. H. M. Teague entertained the Maids and Matrons Club of Lenoir in a most pleasant and delightful manner.

The social session of the meeting was a most pleasant occasion and was enjoyed by all present, after which the hostess served a delicious salad course of refreshments followed by an ice cream and coffee.

A number of new members names were presented at the meeting and altogether the affair was a most pleasant one for all who attended.

Messrs. Sigmon and Price the enterprising proprietors of the Star Theatre have generously offered a part of the proceeds of one night's performance to the Cemetery Committee. This offer is greatly appreciated and we trust that a large crowd will attend and help along a good cause. This performance will probably be given next Monday night, but circulars will be sent out later giving definite information. adv.

A man who is dead easy may lead a hard life.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

The Democratic caucus of the State House of Representatives Tuesday night selected by acclamation Walter Murphy of Rowan county for Speaker, to succeed George W. Connor who resigned to accept appointment as Superior Court Judge. More than 100 members were present for the caucus.

Governor Craig has given \$10,000 of the Government money for good roads to Davie County and may add \$10,000 which he has to give. Davie recently voted a bond issue of \$175,000 to build good roads. The Governor has also given Davidson county \$20,000 for good roads out of this money.

Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, convicted of striking Wiley Straughan on the head with a whiskey bottle and fined \$10 and costs, has been pardoned by Gov. Craig. Davis strenuously denied his guilt and was supported by his friends who asserted his conviction was a frameup.

Eugene Sodem, the French aviator filling an engagement at the Wilkes County Fair this week, Tuesday drove his biplane, through two fences, and over and through a number of buggies and against the stalls of the fair grounds, damaging his machine about \$400. He escaped with a few bruises and his machine out of business.

The office used by Zebulon B. Vance in Asheville, where the illustrious War Governor and U. S. Senator wrote some of his most famous speeches, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Sunday, but was extinguished before a great deal of damage was done. A movement is on foot for the removal of the building to the park, the owner having expressed a willingness to give the office building to the city, if it will move it and preserve it.

According to a news item from Linville Falls, the folks of that section are "seein' things." "The mysterious light that is seen just above the horizon almost every night from Rattlesnake Knob, near Cold Spring, on the Morganton road, about 7 miles from here, is baffling all investigators. All theories as to its nature or origin have either been exploded or fell through from lack of evidence to support them. With punctual regularity the light rises in a southeasterly direction from the point of observation, just over the slope of Brown Mountain, first about 7:30 p. m., again about 20 minutes later and again at 10 o'clock. It looks much like a toy fire balloon, a distinct ball, with no atmosphere about it. It rises in the far distance or about six miles from Rattlesnake Knob, and after going up a short distance, wavers and goes out in less than a minute.

Death of Joe Ernest Moody.

Joe Ernest Moody died at the Foot Hills Sanatorium Monday morning after a long illness first of fever and afterwards chronic appendicitis. Deceased was about thirty years of age and came from North Catawba in this county.

The burial was made at Antioch church near North Catawba on Tuesday.