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CATTLE-RAISING IN MOUNTAINS.

Some Things That Are Coming to Pass in and Around Blowing Rock.

(J. A. Robinson in Richmond Times Dispatch.)

The beautiful Blowing Rock section of North Carolina—embracing the mountain counties of Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe—is not only destined to become the greatest resort in the State for the lovers of natural scenery, but its lovely mountains are wrapped around with the greatest possibilities for being the greatest cattle-raising section of the Old North State. Its only drawback now is the lack of railway facilities. But they are coming. A railroad is now being built from Abingdon, Va., which will come across the state line, through the North Carolina counties of Ashe and Watauga and to Boone, the county seat of the latter county.

This Blowing Rock section is naturally a grass country, where the grass is given a half a chance. Some of the farmers up there have become awake to this idea, and have already begun to profit by the great opportunities afforded them. The mountain sides are as fertile as a garden; and the bottoms yield an abundant growth that is astonishing. Some of the finest cattle raised in the State is yearly raised in these mountains. The beefsteak there is unequalled.

It is no trouble to grow the finest cattle around Blowing Rock and Boone. The present mode of the mountain farmer is to clear out the undergrowth on a mountain side, or cave, deaden the trees by ringing the bark, in order that the land may catch the twigs, the decaying limbs, and finally the tree itself, as it crumbles to the ground, add the humus to the soil. The grass just naturally comes on the soil, when you get the bushes and shade out of the way. You seldom see any washed land in that section, even upon the steepest, barren mountain sides. They turn their cattle into these pastures—which, of course, have a stream of water in them—and and save salting, there is no feeding to do. They run out all the time, and shelter in the woods and bushes. An occasional inspection to see that none are sick is the only attention they require. They soon become fat, sleek and healthy appearance, as if they had been groomed. The advantage of cattle-raising in this mountain country—with so much ease, and such a minimum expense—is set forth in the fact that the summers are cool—the temperature ranging from 54 to 68—and they do not get lazy and loll about, but have such a comfortable coolness that they are on the move all the time, and take plenty of exercise, which keeps them in fine trim. I have seen the cattle come out of the forests, at the call of their keeper, and can say I have never seen finer anywhere, and they had been in one of these mountain pastures for many months, without feed of any kind, save what they got in the pasture, and the attention as cited above.

The Blowing Rock section has hardly begun to be developed for stock raising, and the time is not far distant when it will be a perfect bonanza for the stockman when they get a firm hold on its advantages, and begin to clear up and raise stock on a

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Mr. H. B. Steele of the Yadkin Valley, was in town on business Saturday.

Mr. Neil Blair of Watauga County, was in Lenoir on business Saturday.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Rev. C. T. Squires early Friday afternoon.

Misses Helen Shall and Jennie Dysart spent Thanksgiving Day with friends in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Carroll went to North Wilkesboro Friday, making the trip by auto.

Place your advertising in The News where it will be seen and read by the people of Caldwell County.

Be sure and go to the polls today and cast your ballot in the election in the Lenoir Graded school district.

Mr. Asbury Prestwood of Hendersonville, was a visitor here Saturday. He lived in this section some fifteen years ago.

Messrs. C. E. Conley of Hudson, and H. H. D. Hoover were among the prominent farmers who attended the corn club meeting Saturday.

Mr. H. C. Martin returned Friday evening from Blowing Rock where he spent a week supervising some building he is having done there.

We understand that Mr. F. C. Hanks bought a lot near the residence of Mr. Russell Powell on Prospect street and will erect a residence on it at an early date.

Misses Nora Steele of Patterson school, and Miss Chester of the Valmead school, were the lady teachers who attended the boys' corn club meeting here Saturday.

Supt. Y. D. Moore returned from Raleigh Saturday noon, where he spent the week in attending the meeting of the teachers assembly and county superintendents.

The road election will be held at Granite Falls today for the purpose of deciding whether or not bonds shall be issued for the construction of good roads in Lovelady Township.

When you have a friend or relative you, or some of your people leave home just send us word of it. The News is always glad to get any matter of live news that will be of interest to our readers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. McCall motored to Lincolnton on Thanksgiving day where they were the guests at the home of Mr. Gheen. Mr. McCall says the roads after crossing the Catawba river are in fine condition and are a delight to the motorist.

A little attention to the cleaning of the accumulations of leaves and papers on the streets would add much to the appearance of the town. This is particularly true of West Main street which is in a worse condition than a back alley should be in at any time.

large scale.

It is a wonderful country. Wonderful for stock and fruits.

Not only that, it is wonderful for beautiful natural scenery, pure water, cool temperature in the summer time, and great possibilities for raising fine cattle. The man ahead of the railroad will make his fortune there by giving attention to grass.

BOYS' CORN CLUB MEETING.

Enthusiastic and Helpful Meeting Held in the Graded School Saturday.

The Boys Corn Club of Caldwell County met in the Graded school auditorium in Lenoir, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, and a representative gathering of the boys was present, with a number of farmers and about six teachers of the county. A picture of the club members present with the teachers was made in front of the school building.

Mr. Talmage Smith one of the club boys was called upon by Mr. Goforth to give a history of the club in Caldwell county, which he did in a most clear and concise manner. Also giving the members some good pointers on the results and the good to be derived from the work. His talk was a most interesting one and he was loudly applauded.

Mr. T. E. Brown, manager of the Boys Corn Clubs in North Carolina, was the next speaker. He first stated that Mr. Smith's talk was one of the best he had ever heard a corn club boy make. He went into the history of the work from start to finish. Giving facts and figures for all his statements, which proved most instructive and interesting. He stated that North Carolina was one of the foremost states in agriculture in the United States. He said the successful farmer was the one who made all the stuff his stock and family used that could be made on the farm. And that farming was the most profitable business in the world for the money invested. He asked the co-operation of the teachers of the county in getting more boys interested in this work for another year.

After the meeting Mr. Goforth treated the boys to a nice dinner after which they were given an automobile ride over the town.

The following is a list of the prize winners with the amounts of yield, cost, etc., as read by Mr. Goforth:

- 1st. Hamilton Steele, 85 bu. at 32c, a sub soil plow.
- 2nd. Clyde May 84 bu. and 26 lbs. at 30c, \$2.50.
- 3rd. Garland Hoover, 763-4 bu. at 391-2c, \$2.00.
- 4th. Albert Parlier, 68 and 3-7 bu. at 28c, \$1.50.
- 5th. Brooks Lutz, 62 bu. and 31 lbs. at 34 & 3-5c, \$1.00.
- 6th. Donald Conley, 53 bu. and 2 lbs. at 52c, 50c.
- 7th. Henry Steele, made fifty two and five-twenty-eights bu. at cost of 60c.
- 8th. Richard Bush, made 51-3-4 bu.
9. Roy Kirby made 451-4 bu.
- 10th. Fred Roberts 431-4 bu.
- 11th. Ross Fox, 42 bu. and 58 lbs.
- 12th. Thomas Duncan 40bu.
- 13th. Stanley Bush 40 bu.
- 14th. Ralph McRary 341-2 bu.
- 15th. Rex Williams 34 bu.

A railroad mass meeting of the citizens of Wilkesboro was held at the court house last night and a resolution adopted favoring the issuance of a \$25,000 bond issue for a railroad connecting with the Watauga & Yadkin River railroad. Messrs. F. B. Henderson, C. F. Morrison, Dr. J. W. White, C. H. Cowles, P. E. Brown and L. Bumgarner were appointed as a committee to confer with the Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad Company at Lenoir on December 1st.—North Wilkesboro Hustler.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

The long Extra session of Congress was merged into the regular session at noon yesterday.

N. Glenn Williams of Williams Yadkin county died last week of brights disease after an illness of several weeks.

One hundred and fifty turkeys were served to the inmates of the State Hospital at Morganton on Thanksgiving day.

The Norfolk-Southern Railway inaugurated the first schedule of trains between Raleigh and Charlotte yesterday morning.

Two little boys playing with a 22 calibre rifle in Asheville last Saturday when the five year old boy shot and killed his two year old brother.

Jack Robertson a colored laborer was killed while trying to board a moving train at Efland last Saturday night. He fell and was badly crushed by the train.

Near Yadkinville last Tuesday two men had a difficulty, when one named Myers attempted to shoot the other named Nicholson. Nicholson grabbed the gun and shot Myers killing him instantly.

A young man named Donathan was crushed to death while hauling logs near Siloam, Surry county, last week. He was assisting in loading the log when it slipped off the wagon wheel and crushed him to death.

Judge Carter is shaking up the liquor dealers and blind tigers of Asheville in great shape. He has caused some of the most prominent hotel and drug men of the town to be arrested and last week, Pete Sevier, who was under arrest confessed to having run a bar in the Battery Park Hotel for years.

The fact that the Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad Co., has advertised for sale its remaining bunch of mules, makes the mountain people fear that the extension of the road farther than Darby is now seriously doubtful. However, we never can tell the workings of a railroad company, and probably this sale only bodes good. Let us hope so at least.—Watauga Democrat.

The whole country and the South especially lost two valuable men last week in the deaths of W. W. Finley, President of the Southern Railway and T. M. Emerson President of the Atlantic Coast Line. Both the men were great developers of the country traversed by their respective railway systems and both died at their homes the same day, Mr. Finley in Washington and Mr. Emerson in Wilmington.

Last Friday all traffic and work on the great system of the Southern Railway was stopped for five minutes during the funeral services of the late president W. W. Finley. One of the most beautiful and touching incidents in connection with the occasion was the singing of "Nearer My God To Thee" by a score or more of colored porters who are employed in the railway service in Washington. Without any suggestion from any one they all gathered near the depot and there sang the immortal hymn through while the body of the late president was being conveyed to the grave.

LENOIR PEOPLE ABROAD.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Isaacs visited relatives in Caldwell County last week, returning home Sunday.—Watauga News.

Mrs. Joseph Hardin and little daughter, have recently returned from Lenoir, where they have been visiting relatives.—Watauga News.

Miss Mattie Cowles of Happy Valley, returned to her home Tuesday, after a visit of several days to relatives and friends in the two cities.—Wilkesboro Patriot.

Miss Minnie Culver of Lenoir, spent last Thursday night with Mrs. G. P. Hagaman on her way back to her work in the Foot Hills Sanatorium.—Watauga News.

Prof. B. B. Dougherty, J. M. Downum and Roy M. Brown and all of the A. T. S. faculty, left for Lenoir Saturday afternoon. Prof. Downum will spend the week with his family in Lenoir, while the other gentlemen will attend the educational meetings in Raleigh this week.—Watauga Democrat.

Mrs. M. A. Benson and little daughter of Dover, Idaho, with her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. F. Benson of Boone, are visiting Mr. G. C. Blair of Lenoir, and also Mrs. Floyd Moore of Bostic. They will return to Watauga soon among friends and relatives. We are glad to have Mrs. Benson with us again and hope she will decide that Watauga is good enough for her.—Watauga News.

Child Killed by Train.

Saturday afternoon as north-bound passenger train No. 10 on the Carolina and North-Western railway came into Saw Mills, a flag station, about 10 miles south of Lenoir, a little child about 18 months old, of Mr. and Mrs. B. U. Annas, was sitting on the track between the rails at a crossing south of the whistle post, and was run over and instantly killed.

Just below the crossing is a sharp curve in the road, and as the train came around the curve the engineer saw the child, but was too close to stop his train. Immediately he applied the emergency brakes and did everything in his power to stop before hitting the little one, but could not save its life. When the train was brought to a standstill the little body was taken from beneath the rear trucks of the rear coach. Its head was badly mutilated and the skull crushed.

The scene was so sad and heart-rendering the engineer and conductor in charge of the train and passengers wept as they viewed the body of the innocent child. The child had a habit of following an older brother about the place, and the little one had strayed away from home and sat down on the track. The scene of the accident is said to have been about 400 yards from the home.

B. B. Carter a Charlotte man was found in a dying condition in a room in that city last Saturday. He had been struck on the head several times with an adze and died before he could tell who assaulted him.

Sometimes the flower of the family is nothing more of less than a blooming idiot.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

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

Mr. W. L. Corpening of Asheville was here yesterday on business.

Mr. W. M. Morris of Hudson, was in town on business yesterday and was a pleasant caller at The News office.

Mr. Boone Deal of Cove Creek Watauga county has been visiting his brother, Mr. W. W. Deal near town for several days.

The Cambridge Players an attractive and high class number of the Lyceum course will appear at the Graded School this evening at the usual hour.

Miss Mary Munroe and little Virginia Clarke, came up from Hickory last Saturday with Mr. Simeon Smith in his automobile, for a few days visit to relatives and friends here.

Messrs. W. J. and Guy M. Grandin and Mr. J. B. Henderson were here yesterday in attendance upon the meetings of the Watauga and Yadkin River Railway Company and the Grandin Lumber Company.

The local Masonic Lodge held an enjoyable banquet in the lodge room here on the evening of Thanksgiving day. The nice luncheon served was much enjoyed and a number of toasts responded to by various members.

Mr. Steele Greer has been employed as manager of the fire horses in place of Mr. George Starnes who resigned to accept a similar position in Hickory. Mr. Greer is a son of Mr. M. L. Greer, and is well qualified for the job.

The friends in Lenoir and vicinity, of Mr. Fred Marley, will be interested to learn that he has recently bought a drug store in Old Fort and will go to that place to live as soon as the firm he is working for in Marion can secure a man to take his place.

The people of Lenoir Graded School should get out and vote for the bond issue today, as it means a saving of money to them. If the bonds are not voted the chances are the school will stop for a year or so until the taxes pay off the indebtedness the bonds are intended to arrange.

In addition to the boys named elsewhere in this paper, as members of Boys Corn Club who made fine records, Floyd West made a yield of 60 bushels on one acre, but failed to render a written report and Marcus Greer made a yield of 55 bushels and his written report had not been returned from Raleigh at the time of the meeting.

We note that the large Mail Order houses throughout the country are sending out much advertising matter soliciting the trade of country people and those living in the smaller towns. They stress the fact that the Parcel Post will enable them to deliver goods at the doors of their patrons and they will no doubt get much business in this way. Their efforts should be an incentive to the local dealers to meet the competition as far as possible. The local dealer is in position to take care of his local patrons in most cases better than the mail order concerns, if he would only let his patrons know it by liberal and systematic advertising.