

## LETTER FROM HARDEE.

### Jensen Pineapple Grower Writes From North Carolina.

### HAVING FROST IN MOUNTAINS.

### Says People in that Section is Much Interested in Coming Political Campaign.

Fl. Pierce (Fl.) News.

Hendersonville, N. C., Oct. 16, 1904. It is three weeks today since I left home, but as the county papers reach me regularly, am at least in touch with the progress that is continuously going on in Breard county, and while I feel that I would like very much to be there in person, it is a source of pleasure to know that there is a place like Hendersonville, N. C., where the Floridian, who has gone through so many balmy months of sunshine, and who has been actively engaged in the labors of harvesting the luscious fruits of our semi-tropical country, can come to, to get that change of air, scenery and estates that are necessary to maintain that equilibrium of health and strength that is so desirable. A change of residence is as necessary for the well as for the sick, and from the amount of coal and the size of the wood piles that I see being piled in the backyards and in the cellars in Hendersonville, it would be well if a great many North Carolinians would send their way to our balmy climate during the winter months and let us give them a taste of our perpetual sunshine.

Just at this time no one could wish for more perfect weather, or a more beautiful country than we are enjoying, although, for the past two nights we have had heavy frosts, which would be regarded in Florida as a severe spell of weather. One does not feel the bite of a frost as keenly here as in Florida, as the atmosphere is dry and bracing, and nature seems to put into our veins the warm blood to meet with joy the crispness that fills the atmosphere, and prepare the system to withstand the severe cold that comes later.

And the good people of North Carolina were excited over matters political than were Floridaers, for while the state is (since the wild and woolly reign of populism) safely in the democratic ranks, Henderson county is republican by about 200 majority, but there is a well founded hope that it will get into the proper line of thought before long, even if it is necessary to bring enough "unfettered democrats" from Florida to rescue it from the error of its way, for while the light holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return. It may be strange to some, when I say that while I am over forty years old, and raised entirely in the south, that I never heard a republican candidate for governor make a public speech, until a few weeks ago, when Mr. Harris, republican candidate for governor of the grand old state of North Carolina addressed the people of Hendersonville, and it did hurt my feelings to see such a fine man in such bad company as "Teddy and Booker Washington," my only consolation was, that if he was elected he would refuse to eat with them; but as the democrats have made such a magnificent showing in all matters affecting the progress of the state during Governor Aycock's four year's administration, there is no danger of Mr. Harris being humiliated by an invitation to dine with the color party.

As is probably known, the negro is eliminated from politics here by constitutional amendment, a step which was necessary to insure white supremacy in affairs affecting the welfare and safety of the ship of state, and while it is threatened to cut off representation in congress on this account, the people of North Carolina who have the interest of the state and its citizens at heart, would willingly lose his rather than return to the days and methods which made the constitutional amendment necessary, and of which there would be no doubt, were the negro again given political privileges for which he is so little qualified.

I did not intend touch on matters political, but the situation here is so different from Florida that it has engaged my attention as an observer, and also from the fact that my mother and father's people were North Carolinians, although I have never lived in the state only for a few months at a time, for the purpose of drawing strength from her pure mountain air and to admire her magnificent scenery, from which I have returned to our own beautiful Florida with the resolve to repeat the trip each year at the close of the summer's labor, for while most of our people leave Florida in summer for the mountains, there is no time when the sojourner from Florida can get the best results of the mountain climate and scenery like the months of September and October, when Jack frost has touched the mountain foliage with his chill and transformed the green leaves to a "Jacob's coat of many colors," and laden the atmosphere with a snap that makes a Floridian feel like a "two-year old."

W. H. HARDEE.

## AN OVATION TO AYCOCK.

### The Governor of North Carolina in Baltimore.

### HALL FILLED TO OVERFLOWING.

### Makes a Good Speech and His Audience Would Hear More of It—Other Speeches.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 4.—At the final grand democratic rally held here in Lyric Hall tonight Governor Charles B. Aycock, of North Carolina, was given a royal welcome and a most cordial reception. Several thousand men and women attended the meeting and everybody seemed to be bubbling over with enthusiasm. Governor Aycock was the principal speaker of the occasion. He appeared first and was followed by Senator Arthur Poe Gorman, who was given quite an ovation. Other speakers were William H. Page, of New York, John Temple Graves, of Georgia, and John P. Poe, of Maryland. Lyric Hall will seat about 5,000 people and it was almost full tonight. Although the speaking did not begin until 8 o'clock, the crowd began to assemble much earlier. Among the first to arrive were a number of well dressed, pretty women, who, with their gentlemen escorts, occupied boxes. From the way they cheered Governor Aycock I should judge that they were from North Carolina. Several hundred women sat through the entire meeting. Uniformed policemen acted as ushers and stood ready to keep down any disturbance. A good band made stirring music while the crowd was gathering. One young musician treated the audience to a cornet solo. As the clock struck 8 the distinguished party of democrats came in, led by Mr. Murray Vandiver, chairman of the democratic executive committee of Maryland, and Mr. J. H. P. Poe, Governor Aycock and Senator Gorman marched in side by side. When the Tar Heel orator showed himself there was an outburst of applause.

Some fellow, who evidently knew Governor Aycock, yelled "Hurrah for Charles Aycock." The cry made me feel like I was down in the old North State. But the sight of the great Maryland leader, Senator Gorman, fired the crowd to wild enthusiasm. Men jumped upon their chairs and shouted "Gorman," and waived handkerchiefs. The whole house seemed to be in a tumultuous uproar. The demonstration lasted five minutes.

Mr. Poe, who presided over the meeting read out the names of the speakers and made a short speech, in which he called the name of Cleveland and caused another wild outburst of applause.

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of welcome will be delivered by H. B. Brunot, Esq., treasurer of the Toxaway company, M. W. Bell, Esq., of Murphy, will respond. Following this Grand Chancellor Robertson, of Wilmington, and Vice-Chancellor Barnard, of Asheville, will deliver addresses. A banquet will be tendered to the visitors at the Ethelwood.

On Friday morning Past Grand Chancellor Lyles will conduct a "school of instruction" and other important addresses will follow.

It is expected that there will be a very large attendance. The local lodge has kindly offered to entertain all visiting knights without cost.

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## H. A. LATHAM DIES FROM STREET CAR INJURIES.

### Was Thrown From Biltmore Car and Received Fracture of Skull that Caused Death this Morning

### ---Well Known Citizen.

H. A. Latham, retail salesman of the Asheville Ice and Coal company, died this morning at 8:30 o'clock at his home in South Biltmore as the result of injuries sustained yesterday afternoon by being thrown from a street car on the Biltmore line of the Asheville Street Railroad Co.

Mr. Latham boarded the 6:30 o'clock car at the square yesterday afternoon bound for his home in Biltmore. He had made several purchases during the day and carried in his arms these packages. Instead of entering the car with the bundles Mr. Latham stood upon the front platform and the left hand side of the car.

At what is known as the Goodlake curve, or where the depot car turns into Southside avenue, there is a spring switch that is always set to allow the Biltmore car to pass, but which must be turned in order to let the depot car follow the track in Southside avenue. This switch had either been tampered with yesterday afternoon or else gravel or pebbles had gotten into the groove and did not permit the perfect working of the tongue and when the Biltmore car started over the switch the car wheels instead of following the Biltmore track turned suddenly into Southside avenue. Mr. Latham, standing on the platform and not expecting the car to turn, was thrown to the brick pavement as the trolley lurched and struck on the back of his head. He was rendered unconscious by the fall and was taken on to the Biltmore terminus of the line and thence taken to his home in a carriage.

At first it was thought that he had simply been stunned and that the injury would not amount to much. Physicians were summoned however, and examination of the wound revealed the fact that Mr. Latham had suffered a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain and it was realized that he could not long survive. Everything was done for the injured man that human skill could devise but after lingering during the night the feeble spark flickered and went out about cock-crow this morning when he peacefully entered the last sleep.

The news of Mr. Latham's sudden and tragic death will come as a severe shock to his host of friends in Asheville and elsewhere in North Carolina. He had been a resident of Asheville for a long number of years and was well known in the commercial life of the city. For a number of years he conducted a newspaper in eastern Carolina and at the time of his death was Asheville correspondent for several reputable journals. For the past three years he had been in the employ of the Asheville Ice and Coal company and of him H. T. Collins, president of the company, said: "Mr. Latham's death is very, very sad. He was a wholesome fellow and one of the most conscientious men I ever met. He was a fine man and too much praise cannot be accorded him."

Mr. Latham was married to Miss Ella Reed, daughter of Marcus L. Reed, several years ago. The widow survives.

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### BOTH ARMES STAND PAT.

### Looking For Some Point To make Successful Strike.

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