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Writing paper and envelopes for sale at the News office.

Mrs. F. B. Williams, who has been very sick, is improving.

Mrs. John P. Arledge is visiting relatives in Forest City this week.

Lawyer Schenck of Hendersonville was a business visitor here Monday.

Expert watch and clock repairer—F. F. Allred, jeweler, Rutherfordton.

Land deeds for sale at The News office—also blanks for justices of the peace.

Mr. Major Hutcherson of East Flat Rock attended the ice cream festival Saturday night.

Screven's grist mill is kept hustling on the two days it runs—Wednesday and Saturday.

A delightful and refreshing shower prevails as we close our forms—cheer up, Melvin Hill!

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hughes went to Tryon yesterday in Mrs. Hughes' new buggy, a gift of her husband's.

Mrs. John Edwards of Saluda and the Misses Rose and Polly Fisher of Lynn were visitors in town Monday.

Mr. W. B. Arledge, who is occupied for the summer as a builder at Flat Rock, spent the week end at home.

The popular young mail carrier of Mill Spring, Route 2, Mr. L. J. Taylor, made the News a pleasant call Tuesday.

Read Booth's advertisements in this paper and when your watch is out of order bring it along. Good work is cheapest.

Mr. Boice L. Turner, of Campbell, S. C., came to Columbus Tuesday in his automobile on a business visit to the register's office.

Mr. John L. Jackson visited his father, Leander Jackson, who has been quite ill, at Mill Spring Sunday, and found him much improved.

Mr. C. B. Arnold, one of the progressive farmers of Lynn, was in town Tuesday. We are sorry to learn of his intended departure from our county.

Lynn's genial postmaster and successful merchant, Mr. W. A. Cannon, came to Columbus Tuesday on matters of business and dined at Mrs. R. F. McFarland's.

Messrs. Garrison Carruth of Spartanburg, James Carruth of Landrum and Wash Fisher of Lynn were business visitors at the clerk of court's office Monday.

Lynn's base ball field will be the scene of an ice-cream festival Saturday night for the benefit of the base ball team. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Fanny Fleming, a crazy negress of Tryon, was brought to jail on Tuesday in the custody of Sheriff Hill and Policeman Durham. The lunatic has been in the insane asylum several times.

Julia Booker, colored, suspected of finding a lost pocket-book, containing about \$45 and some valuable documents, and spending the money and burning the rest of the contents and the wallet, is again lodged in jail.

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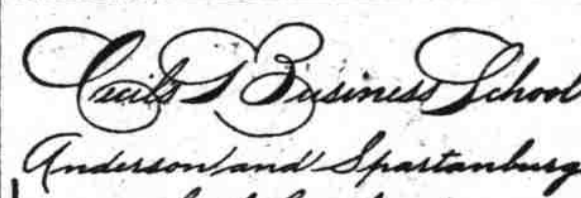
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DEATH OF MR. JONATHAN WILLIAMS.

(French Broad Hustler)

Mr. Jonathan Williams, well-beloved and most highly esteemed citizen of Hendersonville and Western North Carolina, died at his home here on Tuesday, after a long illness borne with a Christian fortitude.

The funeral services, on Thursday morning at eleven o'clock, were conducted by Rev. K. W. Cawthon and Kedron Lodge No. 87, Free and Accepted Masons, of which Mr. Williams was an honored member. As a mark of respect to the memory of this honored man, the stores were closed from eleven to twelve o'clock, and the superior court now in session, adjourned until two o'clock. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, and the long procession of sorrowing friends who attended the services at the Baptist church and who followed the remains to God's Acre, testified silently to the esteem and love borne Jonathan Williams by those who knew him best.

The floral tributes heaped on the casket were many and beautiful.

The First Baptist church was crowded to the doors with a congregation that listened understandingly to the tribute paid by Rev. K. W. Cawthon to the worth of the man before him. The Masonic ceremonials were most impressive and the music affecting.

Mr. Williams was 65 years old when the summons came. He had been in failing health for about a

year past. Some months ago he underwent a minor operation from which he never rallied. He had been twice married, and is survived by Mrs. Williams and four children, Ernest, Gertrude (Mrs. Brownlow Jackson), Benjamin and James, two young boys. Mr. Williams' first wife was Miss Clayton of Fletcher, his widow is the daughter of Mr. Thomas J. Shipman.

Mr. Williams had been repeatedly honored with the suffrage of his fellow citizens, and had done his full share towards helping to make Hendersonville the city it is. He has been a member of the legislature, sheriff, mayor, county treasurer, school trustee, etc. In all these offices he represented the people well and faithfully. For many years he was the trusted agent of the Southern Railway here—and it is safe to say that no man was better known, more universally esteemed, nor will be more sadly missed than Mr. Jonathan Williams—public spirited citizen of North Carolina who has now passed on to receive his reward.

Popular Polk County Couple Wed.

The home of Rev. Amos Justice of Hendersonville was the scene of a very quiet and pretty wedding Tuesday evening when he performed the solemn rites and joined in bonds of matrimony the well known and popular young couple of Polk county, Miss Maggie Gaines of Tryon and Mr. J. L. Hart of Saluda. Mrs. G. A. Gash and Miss Joanna Hilton of Tryon and Miss Pink Gash and Mr. A. L. McCall of Hendersonville witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. W. E. Breese Talks Transcontinental.

(Asheville Citizen)

Mr. W. E. Breese, Jr., of Brevard, assistant counsel for the Transcontinental South Atlantic railroad, arrived here yesterday from Raleigh, where he attended the meeting of the officials of the road. Mr. Breese is very enthusiastic concerning the prospects of the proposed railroad, which will run from the Tennessee coal fields to Waynesville, Asheville, Rutherfordton and thence to the sea. Mr. Breese said:

"The people of North Carolina as a whole, especially those of the western part of the state, have not been advertent to the great value of the building of this road. It has been clearly shown that the reduction of freights by the establishment of a basic point in North Carolina, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the interstate commerce commission, would result in the immediate saving to shippers and consumers in this state of over ten millions of dollars per annum in freight alone and that the only hope of establishing such a rate basing point, and of thereby reducing the excessive cost to the people of the state, and destroying the freight rate discriminations against the people of North Carolina, will be by the building of the Transcontinental railroad which will extend from Knoxville and other western points to the sea at Southport, when it is finally completed.

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