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Hon. W. A. Smith and His Great Development Plans for Laurel Park!

Mr. T. R. Barrows, Associate Editor Hustler.
Dear Sir:

I wish to express my appreciation not only for the spirit that prompted it, but also for the clever manner in which you wrote up and published the proposed developments at Laurel Park in your last issue. As this was done gratuitously and without the expectation of reward from me, I appreciate it very much and hope to be able to show my appreciation in a more substantial way than by words.

Your article makes it necessary for me to explain certain things. I have been asked by many if I really expect to carry out the plans mentioned by you. My answer is that I not only expect to do it, but that I am now either working at all features, or making arrangements to do so. I realize that often, under the best management, people start things that do not reach full consummation. As I have not obligated myself, or promised others to do anything, no one can complain if I should fail.

I am also asked by many people what a motor car is. I could not have answered this question if I had not gone to Clarksville, Ga., and examined two, one of which has been in operation for about a year and a half, and the other for a little less than a year. These were small cars. The only difference in motor cars and electric cars is one is propelled by an electric motor, the other by an engine run with either kerosene, gasoline, or alcohol. The engine, like an electric motor, is under the floor of the car, and is not observed by the passengers. They are operated like an automobile, except they do not have to be guided, and run either way, back or forth, without turning around on the track.

The motorman has nothing to do except to start and stop the engine, put on and off brakes. One man for ordinary service performs all the work of motorman, brakeman and conductor. The cars examined by me are made by Fairbanks, Morse & Co., of Chicago; and they make them all sizes, speeded to the rates of from thirty to forty miles per hour. I am negotiating for the purchase of one, and one trailer but am informed that their popularity is so great and the factory so behind with orders that it will be from two to four months before I could receive one if ordered now. These cars are operated in a way that an ordinary passenger could not observe the difference between a motor car and an electric car, except that there is no trolley required.

I am now actively engaged in cutting a canal from Rhododendron Lake to Rainbow Lake, and if the weather is good I hope to have the canal finished by the time the lake fills up, within the next two weeks. I am figuring on getting cross ties and iron for the extension of the railroad and hope to start on cleaning out the right of way and grading within the next week or ten days.

I have written this in response

to inquiries, one of which is as to how much hot air there was in your write up. Not very much more than is necessary to make things go. Without some hot air there would be but little interest manifested as to who discovered the North Pole, as the temperature of that interesting spot would very soon come to us. I would not like to be known as a hot air artist, but I do believe that the general good feeling for Hendersonville, and its general good reputation would not exist if our newspapers had not used a reasonable amount of hot air. Some people cannot appreciate the fact that before anything can be done the promoters must first think, and generally before they can act, they must talk, and I do not think it a crime for a live, wideawake newspaper man to publish what business men are thinking about and talking about, if he believes it to be so and I do not think it necessary for him to investigate probabilities as in a Court of Justice before giving it to his readers. I know it is often hurtful for a communication to appear to promise the fulfillment of important action and nothing come of it. This mistake is more often attributable to the fault of the party giving the information than to the party receiving and publishing it, and parties giving information should be careful, because such things tend to weaken public confidence in them. At the same time if our town boosters should always wait for demonstration and fulfillment before publishing the prospects, we would have tame papers and lame progress. So that I hope our newspapers will continue to make our climate agreeable by mixing hot air with her cool breezes. I would like to have it duly modified, but if I had to choose, I would rather live in the torrid zone than in the frigid zone.

In expressing my appreciation for the production of the article to which I have referred, as a citizen, I want to say that I am often greatly gratified at the pleasant and complimentary remarks made by strangers out of town about the "Hendersonville Hustler." Hendersonville seems to be well known, and the Hustler well and favorably known wherever I go. Some speak of this hustling town, and others of the town's Hustler.

An Approaching Marriage
Special to the State.
Waterloo, Nov 7.—Thursday evening, December 9, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Waterloo Baptist church, the marriage of Miss Marie Henderson to Mr. G. W. Justice of Hendersonville, N. C., will be solemnized. This will be a social event in which many friends are interested and one in which the most genuine interest is felt. Miss Henderson, the lovely bride-to-be, is the youngest daughter of the late Dr. L. M. Henderson and is one of the most accomplished young ladies in this section. Mr. Justice belongs to an excellent family in the Old North State and numbers his friends by the score.

NO WATER OR CLIMATE EQUAL TO THIS, SAYS MRS. FRED. A. HILL

"Please send our paper to Daytona, Fla. We expect to be here for the Winter, but we are glad to see that Hendersonville is still growing. We may go up there again in the Spring.

"We have found no water or climate equal to that of Hendersonville."

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Frederick A. Hill

(From Charleston Evening Post.)

The French Broad Hustler prints in its last issue a story of improving the water supply at Hendersonville, of which there has been some complaint for some time. The town authorities are bestirring themselves to improve the character of the water having it analyzed and the French Broad Hustler declares that it is without pollution.

Among other things, the Hendersonville paper says: Not content, however, with present conditions, good as they are, the city authorities have employed Civil Engineer S. J. Justice to carefully survey and investigate conditions on the water shed and to make his report at an early date. It is probable the water, gushing from the living rock, clear as crystal, cold and beautiful as ice, will be piped direct to the city reservoir. This improvement will call for the expenditure of thousands of dollars, but the authorities and the people believe it will be money well spent, for it will make impossible, in the future, the circulation of such stories as were sent from this town last summer.

The State Chemist of North Carolina has pronounced Hendersonville's water supply to be absolutely free of any pollution.

Here's his analysis:

State Laboratory of Hygiene

(NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH)

ANALYSIS OF WATER

No. B 202

Sent by Supt. Water Works,

Location, Hendersonville

Source, Tap

Marked, October

Received, 10-18-09

Reported, 10-23-09

Sediment, Very slight

Color—Platinum—Cobalt standard 25

Turbidity—Silica standard, Very slight

Oder, hot Vegetable

Oder, cold, 0

Alkalinity (in terms of Calcium carbonate) Alkaline

Chlorine, 3

Nitrogen as Nitrites, .04

Nitrogen as Nitrites, 0

Free Amonia, .012

Albuminoid Amonia, .036

Colon bacilli in 1 c. c., 0

Colon bacilli in 10 c. c., 0

Total number of bacteria per c. c., 15

No pollution.

C. A. SHORE,

State Chemist.

Thousands of dollars will be spent, RIGHT NOW, to guarantee a continuance of this condition.

Hendersonville has one of the finest water supplies of any town on earth.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK DOUBLES CAPITAL STOCK

The First National Bank is now a \$100,000 bank.

When it became known that the bank intended doubling its capital, the \$50,000 additional stock was soon subscribed and has been fully paid in. On Tuesday the officials received permission, from the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, to operate under their increased capitalization.

The First National Bank which has been so important a factor in the wonderful development of this town and county during the past few years, is now in a stronger position than ever to aid in the continuance of that development, and with its capital of \$100,000, backed by the reputation of the bank, the integrity and long experience of its officers, their thorough knowledge of existing conditions here, it will in the future, as in the past, be a veritable financial tower of strength to Hendersonville and Henderson county.

PLEASED WITH TOWN.

Mr. Geo. Benton Neely, representing the Estey Organ Co., of Vermont, who is installing the great organ in the new Catholic church at Asheville, with J. O. Barker, spent Sunday in town Mr. C. E. Wilson, who is happy only when showing and explaining the many advantages of this city to strangers, took them around and acted as town host. Both of these widely-traveled gentlemen expressed themselves as being delighted with Hendersonville and believe it would be an admirable site for a wood-working factory.

Mr. Benton, after drinking long and deep of the waters of Crystal Spring, in Laurel Park, remarked that Mr. Smith ought not to take one cent less than forty millions of dollars for that wonderful and aptly-named Spring!

A New Boy

BORN, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lyda, Tuesday morning, Nov. 9, a boy. Mrs. Lyda and the child are doing well, while Mr. Lyda is receiving congratulations of his many friends.

RECENT MARRIAGE LICENSES

W. P. Gilliam, 28, city, Annie Oates, 17, Bat Cave

H. L. Maybin, 23, May Staton, 20, Zirconia

H. I. Middleton, 28, Miss B. B. Miles, 41, city

Hamilton Tabor, 22, Flat Rock, Dora Kuykendall, 17, Zirconia.

Real Estate Deals

Ewbank & Ewbank report the sale of the following property:

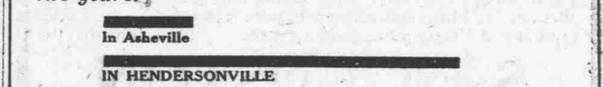
A. C. Morris house to Otto Zabele; Caldwell property to H. C. McQueen, of Wilmington, and others; Ivey property to N. H. Carter and others; C. K. Hale property to Mrs. L. W. Brower.

CAPTURES CRIMINAL

Police officer Powers returned from Piedmont, S. C., Monday, with Furman Howard, who is charged with cruelty to animals. Howard was recently found guilty, sentenced to pay cost and released under \$100 bond, John Arledge going his security. Furman skipped and Powers went after him Sunday. He is now in jail here.

Hendersonville Buys Most Steel Products

Diagram showing respective amounts of steel products sold in Hendersonville and Asheville during past two years:



CITIZENS BANK STATE DEPOSITORY

The Citizens Bank has been selected as a depository of the State's funds. This is a deserved recognition of the stability and standing of this well known bank which will be pleasing to its many friends.

PERSONAL NEWS OF THIS BUSY TOWN

Mr. George Stephens is at Kanuga Lake.

Mr. A. A. Gates has gone to Georgia on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris have returned from Virginia

Dr. Morey is the happy possessor of a fine automobile.

Marshall Finlay has gone to South Carolina for a few days.

G. M. Glazener left Monday night for Atlanta to attend the auto races there.

Rev. R. P. Smith, State evangelist Asheville Presbytery, is at the Balfour Orphanage.

Mr. C. S. Clarke has returned from Pennsylvania, after an absence from town of several months.

Mr. M. L. Shipman was in town Sunday, enroute to Atlanta where he will witness the automobile races.

W. H. Phillips has returned from a two-weeks fishing trip to Florida, where he enjoyed excellent sport.

Mrs. Lucy Gibbs, "Old Aunt Lucy," is dangerously ill at her home near town with the chances against her recovery.

Wilshire Griffith, that popular and competent pharmacist of the Justus' Pharmacy, has gone to attend the auto races in Atlanta this week.

Mrs. Julia Biggar is the guest of Mrs. J. S. Holbert. Mrs. Biggar will erect a modern residence on her fine property on the Clear Creek Road, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hart and family left on Wednesday for Florida, where they will spend the Winter, as has been Mr. Hart's custom since his marriage—in 1880.

Judge Hamilton G. Ewart has returned from Chicago where he appeared in an important law suit. The Judge will resume active practice here, with offices in the First National Bank.

Rev. Jno. W. Moore leaves for Conference, at Hickory, next Tuesday. Mr. Moore has been in Hendersonville for two years and any comment on his work here during that time would be entirely superfluous.

Prof. E. E. Hawkins of the Yancey Collegiate Institute will deliver the address at the closing of the Fruitland public school on the evening of November 19. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

"During the past two years I have sold Hendersonville merchants four times the amount of steel products that I have sold Asheville merchants."

So said a salesman for the American Steel Company, "the billion dollar trust," in the smoking compartment of a Southern Pullman, one day last week.

"And let me tell you this," he continued, after lighting a fresh cigar and settling himself more comfortably in the big easy chair. "Hendersonville, twenty years from now, yes, less than twenty years, will be the biggest town in this part of the State. It has the natural and logical location for such a town and anyone who has watched its growth during the past three years will acknowledge that it is now on the threshold of becoming a big city."

Mrs. S. S. Rozier, of Columbia, S. C., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Justice.

The Hotel Gates, under the personal management of Mr. Gates will remain open for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Williams and Mrs. Lou Reece left last Saturday for Atlanta to visit relatives and to take in the automobile race.

Hilliard Maxwell has sold his place on Shaws Creek street to D. E. Clement of Inman, S. C. The sale was made through J. A. Brock.

Mrs. A. M. Gover has leased the "Ingleside" for the Winter and will occupy it on the 10th. The "Ingleside" is a steam heated and well arranged family hotel.

Mrs. W. H. Candler is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smathers. After a two weeks' visit here Mrs. Candler will go to Memphis, her future home.

A peach tree in full bloom, loaded down with its dainty pink blossoms, is an unusual sight which may be seen in Albert McClain's garden on Crab Creek street.

Mr. Frank Smith, Fletcher, gathered 42 bushels corn, measured in a sealed tub, from 28 rows 100 yards long. Two of the rows produced 364 fine big ears. This is raising corn—some.

To Hon. A. Cannon was awarded first prize for best ear of corn at recent State Fair, and also for the best ear on the stalk. To Mr. J. F. Hayes, of West Asheville, was awarded the first prize for best ten ears of corn, the seed for which, by the way, came from Mr. Cannon's farm—the famous Farmers Favorite. The State was divided into three districts and these awards were for the western part.

The Willson Lumber Co., are now occupying the large structure next their extensive lumber yards as additional storage room, the growth of this company's business making this added space necessary. The building, formerly occupied by the Star Dray Co., is owned by the Willson Br os.