

ATTRACTIVE EXCURSION.

Closing Scenes in Holston Presbytery - In the Mountains.

To the Editors of the Chronicle:

On the 30th day of August, the Presbytery of Holston, having the day previous closed its session at Reem's Creek, Buncomb county, N. C., will start in a body on horseback to ascend Mount Mitchell, the highest peak of the Black Mountains. They will spend one day and two nights on the top, in a "mountain sociable," interspersed with religious and literary exercises. It will be a time of rare enjoyment, such as seldom occurs in one's life. Those who have seen all the mountains of earth, affirm there are scenes of beauty here which surpass them all. No adjournment on account of the weather, for to see the clouds below you, or to have the lightning zig-zagging around your feet will only add to the sublimity of the scene. All lovers of the grand and sublime in nature, are cordially invited to make the ascent with us. Ladies can ride to the pinnacle, where nature has provided a rock shelter. We will do all we can to make strangers feel at home with us. But each person, or party, will provide their own refreshments, and thus all cause of complaint will be removed.

Persons can start from Asheville the 30th, and encamp with the party at the foot of the mountain, ready to make the ascent the next day. Or taking the Buncomb train from Morristown, August 28th, to Alexander's Tavern, eight miles from Reem's Creek, can spend the Sabbath with the Presbytery and start with them. Let no excursionist neglect warm clothing, and an outside, impervious water-proof garment. For we can not expect to make the ascent without fogs, clouds, mists and storms.

Should the weather at sunrise and sunset prove favorable, we shall verify the words of the poet:

"Like a strong reaper, comes the sun, With scythes of gold, While for his harvest, one by one, The clouds have rolled All night, and filled the mountain top, To sky, with shining, fleecy crops.

I think that life begins again, Is newly found, Like a sweet lullaby refrain, Blends sight and sound - As if the young world, new and fair, God rocked in cradle in the air."

Also these words: "Ah! had I but mine own elect, Akin to me in blood and heart - Here we would gladly pitch our tent, And from the mountains ne'er depart.

Together we would work and rest, Together serve and praise the Lord, Our matin, and our vesper hymn, Should echo with the birds abroad.

And then in peace, amid the mountains, Far from the world's discordant noise, We'd wait the welcome resurrection, To mount where bloom eternal joys."

H. C. ATWATER, Moderator.

(COMMUNICATED.)

The Senatorship.

As the duty of appointing a Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Andrew Johnson, devolves upon the Governor of Tennessee - it is natural that the people, especially in the present state of National affairs, should be interested as to whom he may appoint.

Insomuch as Mr. Johnson was an East Tennessean, it is but reasonable, under the present appointment of State officials, that his successor should be from the same section.

A number of distinguished gentlemen are named in connection with the position of Senator, but no one is more prominent or better qualified than our fellow citizen, the Hon. John H. Crozier.

His sterling integrity, as a man - his ability as a lawyer - his reputation as a clear, forcible and eloquent debater, combined with his experience as a legislator both in our State and National councils, justify entire confidence in the high place he holds in the esteem of the people of East Tennessee and are guarantees that as a Senator in Congress he would reflect honor upon his State, and would be an ornament to the body of which he was a member.

We confidently trust that Gov. Porter, in the discharge of the embarrassing duty imposed upon him, will not fail to give the claims of Col. Crozier the consideration to which they are justly entitled.

EAST TENNESSEE.

The Senatorial Question.

To the Editors of the Chronicle:

The appointment of a successor to ex-President Johnson is a matter of deep interest to every citizen of the State. The names of many good men from all parts of the State have been presented to the Governor through the press; but the successor to President Johnson ought to be chosen from East Tennessee - and I would suggest the name of Col. John Baxter, of Knox county, as the man best qualified for the place. His ability, integrity and courage peculiarly fit him for the high and responsible office of representing Tennessee in the Senate of the United States.

We want a man who has the intellect to properly represent our Commonwealth, the integrity to do right, and the courage to do what his intellect and integrity point out as for our best interests. Such a man is Col. Baxter, and we earnestly commend him to the Governor for the position.

CITIZEN.

Governor Hendricks.

Well informed Indiana politicians assert that it is not Governor Hendricks' purpose to take any part in the campaign in Ohio this fall, although they intimate that he has given the Ohio Democrats to understand that he will come up to their assistance by the latter part of next month. This, without having absolutely committed himself, either to their soft money doctrines or to speak for them. They convey the impression that Hendricks is waiting to see which way the cat will jump, and don't propose to commit himself prematurely. - Washington Special to Cincinnati Commercial.

FROM LEA'S SPRINGS.

The Waters - Life at the Springs - Beautiful Scenery, &c.

LEA'S SPRINGS, Aug. 10, 1875.

To the Editors of the Chronicle:

There are about sixty guests at this delightful summer resort. The accommodations are good, the waters pure and largely impregnated with medicinal virtues, as many, who yearly receive benefit therefrom, can attest. There is almost constantly a breeze playing up and down the valley, in which the hotel is situated, which, together with the proximity of the mountains, accounts for the fact, that at no time this season, has the mercury risen higher than 80°. What a relief, to get away from the noisy, bustling streets, forget the cares of business, and for a time, abandon one's self to the contemplation of scenes like these. Frequent excursions are made to Mt. Leas, Eagle's Mistake, and Signal Point. The last named is a cone-shaped mountain which rises some 1500 feet above the surrounding country and commands a very fine view, limited only by the mountains, which border East Tennessee on the north and south. The Federal army had a signal station here, during the war, hence its name. The guests beguile their time with the games and pastimes incident to watering places. Terpsichore has her disc, and dancing is indulged in almost every night. Little Miss B., especially, in this department, never fails to elicit that applause, which her graceful efforts to please deserve. Meantime, "On dit," (unquestionable authority, too) that Cupid has not been idle. The little fellow has been indulging his propensity for sagittaral sports, and with some success. Master Charles received a slight wound below the left arm, in the region of the heart, but it is thought he will speedily recover. Master F. did not get off so well. His wound is of the same nature, but is regarded as a much more serious affair. It is not, however, considered a hopeless case, and the knowing ones say that time and circumstances may effect a radical cure.

Yours truly, SAX.

Church Burning.

From a reliable gentleman, who came down the river on the Lucy Coker yesterday, we learned that two churches were burned near Half Moon Island, last Friday night, about nine o'clock. Both churches belonged to the Methodist denomination, one being owned by white and the other by colored people.

Two young men, who had been drunk in that neighborhood during the day, were arrested on suspicion of having set fire to these buildings. One of them, named Houston Keeling, was bound over to answer the charge, and in default of bond was committed to jail at Kingston, to await the action of the grand jury in the matter. The other one was discharged from custody, as the proof did not establish guilt. The burning of these churches is a heavy loss to the community there, and it is to be hoped the parties who did it will be made to suffer the extreme penalty of the law in such cases. - Chattanooga Commercial.

A Big Tree For the Centennial.

California papers mention the fact that a Mr. ... is preparing a large piece of land in the Tulare County big trees to exhibit at the Centennial next year. The piece of timber selected is sixteen feet long and twenty-one feet in diameter at one end and nineteen at the other. The heart of this will be taken out, leaving only about one foot of the body of the tree attached to the shell or bark. It is necessary to divide it into this number of parts in order to allow it to pass through the numerous tunnels between California and Philadelphia. The eight parts will weigh between 30,000 and 40,000 pounds, and will require two cars for transportation. One solid lot of the tree weighs seventy-two pounds, being ten pounds heavier than so much water. This timber was taken out of the "General Lee," a tree 275 feet high. It contained over 200,000 feet of lumber, besides, probably, about 400,000 cords of wood. The "General Grant," a much larger brother tree than the "General Lee," and the largest in the world, growing in the same grove, is left standing.

The Friends of Henry Clay.

A Boston paper publishes the following: "When Henry Clay, stepping into a Lexington bank one day, found that his debts, which had long troubled him, had all been mysteriously paid, he exclaimed, with emotion: 'Good heavens! did ever a man have such friends and such enemies as Henry Clay.'" In quoting this, the Washington Chronicle remarks: "We believe the incident referred to, as regards Mr. Clay, is strictly true. It is well-known that in Philadelphia, the really great manufacturing city of this country, Mr. Clay had hosts of admirers and staunch friends. These, if we mistake not, learning of the pecuniary difficulties of their favorite statesman, raised the money in small sums, by subscription, and quietly forwarded the amount necessary for liquidating the debt to the Lexington bank."

"Mr. Clay, when presenting himself at the Lexington bank counter, desiring to hit an installment of the paper against him, was utterly confounded and completely overwhelmed with emotion, when the truth dawned upon him that friends - true, kind, loving and considerate friends - had relieved him of a fearfully dragging financial weight."

A Hill of Sulphur.

One of the most remarkable deposits of native sulphur, as yet discovered, is a great hill, composed of the almost pure article, found some two years ago at a distance of thirty miles south of the Union Pacific Railway and nine hundred miles west of Omaha. This marvelous deposit is found to consist almost wholly of sulphur, containing only 15 per cent. of impurities. The best deposits heretofore available are those found in Sicily. The principal supplies for the manufacture of sulphuric acid come from there; the deposits contain 95 per cent. of impurities and of per cent. of sulphur. Our Western sulphur hill, therefore, is much the most valuable, and promises to become, ere long, of great importance to the country.

EX-PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

Resolutions of Respect to his Memory

JAMESTOWN, TENN., Aug. 3, 1875.

To the Editors of the Chronicle:

Intelligence of the death of Ex-President Andrew Johnson having been received by the afternoon mail, quite a number of the citizens of Fentress county assembled at the Court House for the purpose of paying a last tribute of respect to his memory. Upon motion of Mr. J. D. Lewis, Mr. S. V. Bowden was called to the chair, and J. R. Goodpasture appointed secretary. The Chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, and called the House to order. Upon motion, Mr. T. Smith, J. W. Gaudin, L. C. Wright, A. Dishman and J. D. Lewis were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the meeting in view of the great misfortune which had befallen them. The Committee retired for deliberation and upon returning made the following report, to-wit:

WHEREAS, We have this day learned with profound regret of the death of the Honorable Andrew Johnson, Ex-President of the United States, and a present Senator in the Congress of the United States, and whereas, we recognize in his death the loss of a hero - a patriot and statesman, one who by his patriotism was not endeared to the people of Tennessee alone, but to the whole American nation, and the lovers of liberty in every civilized land; therefore,

Resolved 1st. That in his death we mourn the loss of a patriot who never swerved from principle for the sake of personal gain or private emolument, but battled for the right as he saw the right.

Resolved 2d. That his life is an example of the great blessings of our system of Government. Of humble extraction, he rose step by step to the grand position of President of the United States, and we commend his whole life's history to every American citizen, with the assurance that as long as the nation emulates his example, our CONSTITUTION is safe.

Resolved 3d. That as words can add no new lustre to his memory, we can only mingle our tears with patriots of all parties, while we cherish his memory as one of America's most devoted sons.

Resolved 4th. That these resolutions be sent to the Knoxville and Greenville papers with a request to publish the same.

J. W. GAUDIN, L. T. SMITH, L. C. WRIGHT, J. D. LEWIS, A. DISHMAN, Committee.

Upon motion the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted. A number of appropriate and impressive addresses were delivered by persons present, of both political parties, after which upon motion the meeting was adjourned sine die.

S. V. BOWDEN, Chairman. J. R. GOODPASTURE, Sec'y.

The Good Byes at the Ship's Side.

Don Platt writing back from Europe describes some parting scenes which he witnessed on the wharf at New York: We looked calmly upon the tearful leave-taking going on all about us. How fruitfully wives threw themselves into the arms of fond husbands and wet their shirt bosoms with the salt water of our life's sea.

Said one, between sobs, "It was so cruel of you not to let me take Ned. I know ow-ow he'll be neglected and suffer-suffer."

Ned, pet name for a child we thought, how hard to have the mother separated from the darling of her heart. But the husband, his eyes wet with tears, assured her that Ned would not be neglected. He would see to Ned himself. "And out his meat and make his bed?" sobbed she.

"Yes, Darling." "And bathe him in luan and warm water, and comb and cu-cu-curi his hair?"

"Yes, there was no mistaking it. Naddy was a dog, little dog, a wretched poodle or black and tan, that was drawing from the depth these burning tears."

We turned away disgusted to hear another grief-stricken creature say: "Do take care of yourself, dear, and write every steamer. If miss a steamer I shall be wretched. And, dear, couldn't you telegraph me what that jury does in the Beecher trial? Very mean in them. I was certain they'd do something before we sailed."

There was a pale-faced, large-eyed woman, handsomely gotten up in a traveling dress, who seemed to crouch out of sight as she went over a little boy a little four-year old, who also cried and embraced and kissed the grief-stricken woman he called "mamma." And when notice was given for leave-taking friends and relatives to depart, and a nurse claimed the boy, mother and child clung together in an agony of grief until a gentleman seized the youngster bodily, and lifting him into his arms, said harshly:

"Come, come; have done with this stuff. You'd like to take the child, too, but you won't!" and he strode away with the boy cowering in fear and the wife covering in grief and perhaps something else. And so every steamer, in pulling ashore its gangway and cutting loose, drags a curtain over the first, second or third act of a tragedy, or terminates in one act, a farce.

New Book.

Professors James M. Safford, J. B. Killebrew, and F. H. Bradley, each representing the Geological Department of the State, have in course of preparation a school book setting forth in the simplest way the geological, mineral, surface and climatic features of Tennessee, entitled Elementary Geology of Tennessee for use of Schools. The authors bring to their task the result of practical observation and study of the State for many years. The facts have been derived from original investigations, and for this reason it is hoped there will be a freshness about the information which otherwise it would not have. The work will be published at Nashville, and will be ready between the first and fifteenth of next November, in time for the fall and winter classes of the schools. - Memphis Appeal.

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