Three months, 25 cents.

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REVEREND EDGAR TUFTS

When the news was flashed over the wires to Boone on Saturday last that the Reverend Edgar Tufts of Banner Elk had passed to his reward a deep gloom seemed to settle over the entire town, and the remark was a deep -the entire town, and often heard on the streets -have sustained a great personal less in the death of this good man." Last Sunday was Mr. Tufts' regular ap-pointment in Boone, and on that day he was laid to rest in the cenaetery near the town he loved so well. Mr. Tufts was really a very great man man the heardest sense of the term. Some our people all the way from Boone to Wilning, the away? any one-heardred and twenty way any one-headred and twenty way any one-headred and twenty any one-headred and twenty any one-headred and twenty worker of very marked ability, and a close student always; a teacher with-out a over in this mountain section; a community builder the loke of which this lover trodden Watanga soil. An other of his strong points was hi love for children, proven by the fac that at his death there were fifty homeless children in the Grandfather Orphanage, being rear-rd, through his efforts, into useful young men and women, and in his own home there is an adopted son, that he carried in his arms to his residence a mere infant, at the death of its mather. Some years ago Mr. Tufts was advised by his physician to setk a lower altitude and he remarked that he had rather live five years in the mountains of Western North Cerolina than to live ten in ny other section he knew, and there fore would take his chances here. He was every man's friend and doubt less died without an snomy. We can only say, reverently, peace, great peace, to our true iriend.

TRUE CHARITY

On Monday evening, a big-beat a traveling salesman on roate t Boone picked up some where on th road, a Mrs. Spicer, with her the little colldren, who were trampin the highway trying to get back a and ingready type to get once have been in Bristol. Tenn, They arrived at the depot labe in the eve ning, and Miss Hagel Carrender stemographer for the Watauga Fure liture and Lumher Co. sceng they were in object poverty, being almost nude, took them to the Critcher here and vouched for the price of lodging Mr. J. D. Leizeaux, paying the bi and through the kindness of othe people she was sent on her way re-joicing Tuesday morning, with ampl money to pay their way home with some to space. Her story is indeed heart-renduz. Her former home, she said was in Mourd Airy, N. C. But she and her husband had separated some time since and she with the fittle tots made their way back to Bristol Later a reconciliation was effected and she again went back to Mt. Airy, only to find ber husband was dead, and the remainder of the story, so far as we know it ended in Boone Monday night. Our chief of police, Mr, W. R. Greene, within a short while got together means suf ficient to buy good shoes, stockings overails, etc. for the children, making them comfortable, and the needs of the unfortunate mother were also looked after, making again some of God's poor happy.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER'S PLATFORM

The farmer is entitled to just as good wages for his labor as others get.

He is entitled to just as good returns on his capital as others re ceive.

.... LAUTORY FOR WATAUGA COUNTY Fellow Farmers and Business m

Some of you seem to consider me sort of a kraut man, and pos-sibly I have hundled more of it than (Effective only until Jan. 1st, 1923) any other man in the County. But, One year \$1.00; Six months 50c as a matter of fact, all the kraut that Il of us ever made in one year could not be two days work for a 311 would not be two days work for a kkraut factory, yet North Carolina dosn't have a kraut factory, nor the south but very few. A half dozen scall towns will use all the kraut that all of us make. Then where does North Carolina's supply of kraut come from? From the Northern and Middle-western states, largely. I am satisfied that Watauga farmers have never made the areas of cabhers in

never made five acres of cabbage in o kraut in one year. In Sandusky there are one-hundred and twenty five kraut factories in the United States, an average of two and one-half factories to the state. Why then should North Carolina have at least one, and at least supply half our own foks with kraut? If all these fac-tories for here are the states factories do as large a volume of hus-ters as the ones J saw, that is an average of five bundred acres of cabbage krauted each year for each state. Granting that North Carolina bis an excess condition which the has an average population, we should tandie annually the kraut from five handred acres.

Now we can build a small kraut factory and cabbage ware for ap proximately \$5,600.00, forty dollars each for one hundred and twenty ive farmers and basiness men. With each for one handled. Eve farmers and business mch. With inis equipment we can handle fifty acres in kraut and fifty acres or more in shipping cabbage. This would have been easily involved to refund the obligations and get themselves in condition to win through. There are still some dark spots. bucket This would be only twenty five cars of kraut and twenty five cars of eabbage, and could go to towns which our present facilities du not mach. The larger factories to not mach. The larger factories in the pay for

will make and can a cer nove in Freight rates are still to high es-duy, and run about four months, pecially for those who must pay for nevery having an origin of the pecially for those who must pay for

 a day, and run about four months, increase having an output of two houses having an output of two houses a large particle of the product since the sume demands the rade domands may for home use the weed for ennuing, for home use of for market, the supplus fruits and vegetatives in the supplus fruits and vegetatives in the root with the supplus fruits and sociations and more of them are bein farmers cooperative marketing as-sociations and more of them are beegetations of the county, as the kraut will all be canned in the winter. Within a few years we ought to develop a trade that will enable us ing organized on a sound business

basis.

to grow into a big business H. Neal Blair,

TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS

An unusual occurence on Sunday pression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and night was a regular thunder storm night was a regular thinder storm, as though it were a summer shower. Pref. Greer, of the Training School and his family have been sick for the past week, but seem to be geton every hand a sincere desire is he-ing evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition ting on all right at the present.

The Appalachian Training School ned on the 3rd after the holidays, with good prospects for a consider-able increase for the second half year A few were bindered from com-ing in at the beginning by influenza, DEBT COMMISSION but a goodly number of new ones are in.

Boone and the county were greatly distressed at the news of the death Rev. Edgar Tufts, of Banner Elk. which occurred on Friday night. He had been having a regular appointwhich occurred on Friday night. He had been having a regular appoint-ment at Boone on the first Sunday in the settlement of the British war in each month. The Commercial Club deht of \$4,000,000,000. He assorted its regular meeting on Saturday that the mission was not here "to at passed a resolution that Secnight passed a resolution that Sec-retary be instructed to send a night

retary be instructed to send a night sage of sympathy to the family of "a fair business settlement that would and county.

County Demonstrator for Watauga, [1]

electricity proposition was discussed at some length and much interest manifested. Not the least interesting

and certainly one of the most vital

discussions was on the proposed rail-

road from the state into this section which it is well known would be equally as valuable to the rest of the state as to this section in getting to them the products of these coun-

ties at a less cost than from other

What has become of the old-time

"The make-up man needs three

J. M. DOWNUM

points

editor who once said

E WATAUGA MEMOCRAT

SECRETARY WALLACE SEES COVE CREEK ITEMS MERS IN 1923

BETTER TIMES

ceive for the crops of this year

uced. There were some substantial

reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted

and more will be this winter. Interest

Aside from the help which has been

The peril in the agricultural de-

Everything considered we

Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

good reason to expect still better

things for agriculture in the year 1923.—H. C. Wallace, Secretary of

By the Associated Press.-Nego-tions between the United States and

Great Britain debt funding commis-

sion opened today with a declaration from Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of

WANTS "SQUARE DEAL"

and other industries.

The epidemic of flu which has been Twelve months ago most of the 6,000,000 farmers of the United raging in this section is gradually dying out, very few cases having been At this writing, Mr. Sol Adams, who has been a very sick man, is im-proved slightly. States were starting on the long hard climb out of the valley of economical

depression. They have not yet attain-ed the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity, Some, indeed, have fallen by the way. Mr. John Horton has just return ed from an extended tour of inspec-Others are still in the valley. Never-theless as we stop a bit and look tion in Gaston county. He reports a The most enjoyable trip and says his pros-to h backward we can see that very con- pects in that direction seem exceeding siderable ground has been gained by ly bright. We are behind you John, the great majority, and we can en-ter the New Year with renewed hope and wish you well. Sunday night there was a fierce

and with that courage that comes bail storm in this section. It seems from the realization that we are real- that several of our popular young ly making progress. A year ago when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922 I said The health men did not enjoy it as well as they

The heating plant for our new school building has arrived and we that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer hope to have it installed during the in the near future, there was promise of better times both for the far-mer and for those whose business is TheCoveCreek High School which

has brought fulfillment of that prom-ise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago. oth for agriculture and for industry, thanks to the untiring efforts of all Crops have been good on the whole who were connected with its construc-Prices of the major crops are mostly tion considerably higher. While there has There will be an addition to our

considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must have the total sum which farmers re-ton. N. C. will have charge of the is department of music.

This will certainly mean better times The labor costs of producing the crops for 1922 were still further red-

At the University there are 239 more students than a year ago and 437 more than two years ago. The most conservative estimates place the total attendance two years hence at 2,500. The chances are that it will

rates are lower and the credit strains have been eased. This has made it be even greater than that. E. C. Brooks state superintendent of public instruction told the executive committee of the Trustees the other day that the number of graduates from North Carolina High Schools next June was expecte dto be 5000. More than half of these ambitious to go on from high school to college, and the higher institutions are hard put to it to find room for them.

Three new dormitories for men are the chief feature of the two year building program which the University Trustees are asking the legisla-ture to provide for. They are needed to take care of the students that are sure to come in within the next two years. If they are not huilt there will either be unhealthy crowding or applicants will have to be turned a-

way. Another item on the program is

given by legislation and by adminisa woman's building. This was pro-posed to the 1921 Legislature but the decision was to postpone it. tration activities, strong economic for ces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture

The decision of the United States Supreme Court sustaining the con-stitutionality of the North Carolina revenue law, better known as the Revaluation Act, brings to a close the biggest tax controversy in the history of the state. Four of the largest railroads in the south were grrayed on one side and the State Tax lem Journal. Commissioner of the other.

contentions. The railroads must pay the full amount of taxes, franchise and all, assessed against them. The large roads affected are the Atlantic Coast Line, Scaboard Air Line, Sou-thern and Norfolk Southern. One small line, the Atlantic and Yadkin River, is also vitally concerned in the matter.

While this case has served to settle some of the fundamental principles of taxation, and intricate questions of law, the people of North Carolina are mainly interested in the fact that the decision of the Supreme Court Mr. Tufts, greatly deploying as doet secure for America the repayment the Glub the passing of this valuable secure for America the repayment usen and good friend to our town States had loaned to Great Britan.

THE NEWSPAPERS SUPREME

partment announces that Vivaudou Iac., has become the exclusive sellng agent for the product of the Mincralava Company for the next twenty one years. The Sun Says: "Irder this contrast the Mincralava Company agrees to spend a minimum of \$1,000,000 a year in advertising. The Vivaudou Company is reported to have earned upward of \$3 a share on its 300,000 shares of stock last year, and company officials express confidence that 1923 will show an increase in earnings from the regular business as compared with 1922. In addition it is estimated the new contract will add in earnings as much as \$3.00 z share on Vivaudou stock which was today selling in new high ground, above 16"

The attractive value of newspaper advertising space was never more forcibly illustrated than in the un-usual success won by Mineralava Beauty Clay which has just entered into a contract agreeing to spend \$1,000 000 a year in advertising through a period of the next twenty-one years. Much of the success won by Mineralava has been due to newspaper advertising, and the greater pertion of the large expenditure connewspapers of this country. The Min-eialava Company has recently made exhaustive tests of advertising in the could be transported in loads now

This will certain and farm folks will be able to cause up a little on the grind-tree manuel that the grind-tree interview of the sector of t

NO COAL STRIKE COMING THIS SPRING.

no coal strike next spring was ex-pressed by Frank Farington, presi-dent of the Illinois Mine Workers, On the march, large quantities of in a telegram Saturday to Lon Fox, | food, seal, fish and birds would have president of the West Frankfort subdistrict of the union.

Mr. Farrington's telegram stated that while the conference of oper-ators and union officials failed in Chicago, he had every reasen to be-best of dogs. lieve that agreements satisfactory to This one fact is a great advantage, the miners would be reached at fur- and it may be that what is now a ther conferences and advised the min-sport in a small section of Alaska ers to remain "calm." There is no cause for alarm as a result of the failure of the Chicago conference the telegram added, and indications are that a favorable agreement may be reached at the forthcoming conference in New York.

COL. WATTS CAN NOW COLLECT tax school districts need the money Upshaw, author of sensational charges that high government offi-If an injustice has been done the rail roads they have their remedy in the General Assembly of North Carolina new in session. If they were satis-fied of the justice of their cause, they would have fared better had they gone to the Legislature in the first place instead of the Federal Courts and finally to the United first place instead of the Federal Courts and finally to the United States Supreme Court.--Winston-Sa-offered to testify against the ven-

BEARS AS SLEDGE DOGS

Novel Experiment Sets Alaska Trad-ers All Agog.

In Alaska they are talking of what may materialize into one of the most interesting experiments ever attempted in the north country. The Alas! A fur trader would train the polar bear

to pull his sledge. It was the representative of a large fur company who first concei-ved the scheme, Stratford F. Cor-bett writes in Popular Mechanics. Mushing along the northernmost rim of the continent in search of furs, was surprised to come upon an he Eskimo boy with a small sledge pull-ed by two polar cubs. Both beras had been in harness for some time were fairly well broken and showed no signs of viciousness or stubbornness. While the Eskimo, is by necessity

too busy with hunting and fishing to attempt training the bear in a serious attempt training the bear in a serious way, the manager of the fur com-pany referred to, sees actual possi-bilities in the idea for his kind of work. Polar bears— naturally swift capable of runing long distances without tiring and strong enough to pull heavy loads-would make the most powerful sledge teams in the Artic Two of the species might eas-ily pull a load that the dogs could unthinkable

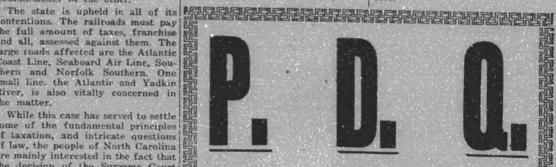
There should be little trouble with a team well trained-and there is a team well trained—and there? is much to be gained, not only in heavier loads but in speed. While the Eskimo dog usually averages anywhere from 20 to 40 miles per day the bear under the same condi-tions is capable of doing 100 miles or more. Your Bears who if anyong more. Even Peary, who if anyone knew how to get the best from his dogs, never expected to make more Assurance that there would be than 50 miles a day consistently. The polar bear can travel twice that

> to be carried for the team---a much larger quantity than the dogs would consume, but even allowing for this extra weight the bear would be far better transport animal than the

BUYS LIQUOR AS WELL

Asserting he was "merely applying run will also derive a revenue on the latter amount based on the rate pre-vailing is the local community. This bits the reilroads affected in the house today a bill mak-This hits the reilroads affected precty hard, but the state and coun-ties and cities and towns and local

dors.



PEOPLE demand quality in building material the same as they do in other things. Buy where you can get the lengths, grades, and the kind of lumber you want.

The New York Sun's financial de

ing conditions for himself and family o most interesting meeting on Satas others enjoy.

As others enjoy. His children are entitled to just as good educational advantages as other children enjoy. Urday right in the lobby of the Critcher Hotel in which a number of things were discussed looking to making Boone one of the best and other children enjoy.

He is entitled to just as much He is entitled to just as much liberty of action in organizing for selling his products and for regulat-ing production to meet market de-mands as other classes exercise. mands as other clusses exercise.

⁶ He is entitled to just as efficient and adaptable service from the count try's banking and finanicai insti-tations as other classes get. ⁷ He is entitled to taxation, tariff and transportation polices which will deal just as fairly with agriculture as with any other business or oc-cunation.

He is entitled to equal recognition with other classes in all government-al bodies, boards, commissions, legislatures, etc.

He is entitled to a civilization, culture, educational system, litera-ture, art, drama, etc., which will re-cognize, reflect, and utilize the cultaral influences of country life and its environments in the same degree in which present-day culture recog-nizes and reflects the influences of urban life.

Democrat Ads Bring Results more lines of type to fill out the last form and here they are "

The Boone Commercial Club had by the warned that the British have years on a disputed total of \$63, ood liv- The Boone Commercial Club had most attractive towns to be found. Mr. Loizeaux, of Plainfield, New Jertions be assumed which it might be trade and falling off of revenues

regard for the present heavy burden of taxation on its people, its commit ments in costly mandates and other circomstances and that they must circomstances and that they must consider carefully the terms of liquid-ation of debts, lest annual obliga-ount interest and penalty will be added. Each county, municipality and impossible to meet in years of bad tax district through which the roads

BOONE DRUG COMPANY The REXALL Store FOR CASH

It has been proven many times by men who are much better business men than we, that a small retail drug business, such as we are running, cannot be successfully operated, except on a cash basis. We must take advantage of every discount allowed as ior cash and to do so we must have the cash for our merchandise when it is sold. A book account represents money lent without security. We appreciate deeply the co-operation and loyal support we are receiving from our customers and friends and it is our earnest desire to serve them in every possible way not inconsistent with sound business principles.

Our terms are cash, not because we desire arbitrarily to make them so; we have no choice in the matter. It is simply and frankly a recognized business principle we are forced to adopt by the very nature of our business.

DEMAND is growing stronger each day for the best, even though the price be much higher, people have found that quality must be considered first.

QUALITY is a part of the price. Take for instance our No. 2 siding. One dealer may have the same grade, yet it is full of loose knots, air dried, and is cheap in quality as well as price Ours is thro ughly kiln dried has a few tight knots, and will make a beautiful ob. Which would you want for your house? Isn't quality a part of the price?

Watauga Fur. & Lumber Co.

Think it over. .