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CLEAN UP DAY IN BOONE

Next Wednesday April the 4th is designated by Mayor Hahn as clean-up day in Boone.

His call can be found on page one of this paper. Let us all return to this town and give our town one thorough cleaning, looking to its beautifying. A little later on this has been clean-up day in North Carolina as a whole and as such have one of the best towns in the small town class here. Let us not be less than others have done and are doing.

Read Mayor Hahn's proclamation and act accordingly.

AS TO MEDICINE MEN

We were laboring under an impression that in Boone there was some sort of ordinance to protect us against the birds that sell the "snake oil" but we guess we must be mistaken for on Monday of this week, a doctor of this kind stationed himself in front of the court house, and after doing some stunts in the slight of hand line, offered for sale some "cure-all," all-powerful, never failing healing oil, and strange to say the crowd was too much for his small efforts, only one or two of the small boys, and he that up and down the street were, and began to cry "snake oil."

Perhaps Dr. John Brown, Antiquarian Hoagland, or whatever it was, is the very best of all that is good in the way of "snake oil" remedies, but we have heard that this remedy has been used by many of the "snake oil" men, and it is a common way from the market, and it is a common way from the market.

Probably there is no ordinance to stop these doctors, street factors, or return from our midst, but there should be, for it has for ages been the custom to provide laws for the protection of those who refuse to protect themselves.

THE TRAINING SCHOOLS.

It was but a few years ago that the managements of the teachers' training schools in different localities in the State were concerned about getting a sufficient number of teachers to fill the vacant room. They would go after the teachers like merchants after trade. But conditions have wonderfully changed in the recent past. The trouble at training school headquarters is to find room to accommodate the flocking crowds of teachers. It has come to pass that the teachers begin early in the year to make "reservations" at the school they desire to attend. The newcomers are left to roam over the State in the effort to "get in" where the teachers are already so "full." The "snake oil" men, and the "snake oil" men, are being submerged with applications at the Appalachian Training School. This institution is located at Boone, and during its earlier days had some what of a struggle for recognition, but this teacher going there spread the link about the school and its attractions, and for a year or so past, its capacity has been taxed. The school is situated in a bowl of the mountains, commanding some of the finest scenery in the State, and there is something in its environment that seems to charm and hold the teachers. Professor Dougherty could fill an institution twice as large as the present one, and by reason of the steady pressure for more room, he is going to have doubled-capacity plant in the course of a few years. The Appalachian has developed into a State pride.

—Charlotte Observer.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the stock holders of Brushy Fork Co-operative Cheese Factory at Brushy Fork school house April the, 7, 1923 at 2:00 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of Electing officers and to consider the moving of the Factory from where it is, to Vilas, near Jack Smith's. Any and all stock holders are urged to be present and have a voice in the meeting.

This March the 24, 1923
James H. Bingham, President
A. D. Adams, Sec., Tres.

\$2.50 FREE

To the boy or girl in Boone, over 10 years of age who gets together on Wednesday April 4, 1923 the largest pile of rubbish from his or her parents' premises, I will give a prize of \$2.50 in cash

E. N. HAHN, Mayor.

WHAT MERCHANTS THINK ABOUT THE COTTON AND TOBACCO ASSOCIATION

Business Men in Many Cities and Towns Pledge Their Cooperation.

Page the man who said it couldn't be done. Show him these endorsements that have been published in large advertisements in newspapers and paid for by merchants and business men who have seen the benefits of co-operative marketing.

Practically every business man in New Bern signed the following endorsement, which was published in a page advertisement in The New Bern Sun-Journal:

"We, the undersigned bankers, merchants, and business men of the city of New Bern and Craven County, wish to express our confidence in the Co-operative Marketing Association, both Cotton and Tobacco."

"After the past year's experience, we are thoroughly convinced of the soundness of the new plan of marketing, and believe the method only by which the farmers can be assured of a fair and profitable price for their products each year."

"Our dealings with the members of these associations were entirely satisfactory for 1922, and we are willing to show our further confidence by extending aid to all members able for the year 1923."

"We are taking this position now in order that members may work with assurance that they can do business with us and still deliver their cotton and tobacco to their respective associations."

And here's another endorsement that was published in the Washington News and signed by practically all the business men of Washington:

"We, the undersigned bankers and merchants, doing business in Washington and Beaufort County, desire to offer our facilities to all members of the Cotton and Tobacco Growers Co-operative Associations, and we will give to the members of the Association the same terms we offer to others."

"We believe in the steady selling of products as conducted by the Association will bring stability to the markets, and that the farmers and all who are dependent upon them will benefit by this new system of selling."

"We agree to respect the terms of the contract made by members of the Association, and will gladly furnish the delivery of our cotton and tobacco and export to the associations and in every way do what we can to cooperate with them in their efforts to improve their condition."

Similar advertisements have been published by bankers and merchants in many other towns, among them being Smithfield, Lenoir, Fayetteville, Spring Hope, Kinston, Faison, Warsaw, Warrenton, Norlina, Lenoir, Ayden, Trenton, Maysville, and Pollockville.

I. W. GROSS.

The subject of this sketch was born in Yadkin Co. 1856.

Joined the Laurel Springs Baptist Church Dec. 4, 1892. Was dismissed March 16, 1917. Joined Oak Grove Baptist church April 7th 1917. Where he was a faithful worker in church and Sunday school until his death Dec. 12, 1922.

Bro. Gross will be greatly missed in the home, the church and the community. He was a man loved by all who knew him. He was always found in the homes of the sick and distressed, lending a helping hand. No one in need was ever turned from his door empty handed. While we mourn his loss, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doth all things well.

Realizing that our loss is his eternal gain, we extend to the bereaved family the deepest sympathy of our hearts.

Mrs. J. W. Greene.
P. C. WYKE
J. C. Hudgar.



The Bank a Good Place to Go To

A place a man or woman is always proud to be seen at. A Bank Account always savors of success. Open one with us. It will help your credit and enable you to get along in life.

With a Bank Account and a Check Book you have all the cash you need right with you, and the correct change too.

All banking matters are held in the greatest confidence here.

Bank of Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, N. C.

TRY DIVORCE SOME MORE.

Although stabilization of divorce nationally failed at the late congress, the ever-watchful women voters are going to present it for the next session, so the news comes out of the north.

Little hope of early enactment of uniform divorce law has been held out and the discussion of the Capper bill revealed many most unsatisfactory conditions. It has been more than 14 years since this uniform bill was presented to the several legislatures and only three of them have yet accepted it. Three states are therefore under a uniform law and 45 are under the multifarious.

When the Supreme court of the United States in 1906 destroyed by a decision the possibility of the laxest and loosest state's power to disrupt the marital rights of other states, the court did something to make divorce less flagrant; but nothing was done to stabilize the law. The national Capper bill has five grounds upon which divorce may be obtained. Infidelity, abandonment, by which is meant failure to provide for one year or more, physical and mental cruelty, incurable insanity and the commission of a felony are those grounds. The bill makes specific provision for the guardianship of children.

The same and greater difficulties seem to follow national divorce legislation as have been found in child labor laws, but the Capper bill has served to bring to the fore the worst sort of evil throughout the country. For one thing, 12.5 per cent of all the marriages in the country end in divorce. And in the first 20 years of this century, there have been 1,800,000 divorces. Which is to say, the immediate families interested in these conditions number 5,000,000.

In South Carolina there is no divorce granted for any cause whatsoever. That state, therefore, is preacher-heaven. Nevada on the other hand, seems to exist for the purpose of swelling its temporary population through its divorce disgraces. Not only that, but there is never any certainty what is the status of a man once he is married in this country. He may be divorced in North Carolina, unmarried in New Jersey and twice married in Connecticut. In addition to the pecuniary cost to the states, present, he may have two mothers-in-law.

These divorce debates have shown that the vast majority of divorces are not unthoughtful, but rather the women's minds, butting in, brain-cut against a tree—not blind—just don't give a damn. There are 12 states in which there is no prohibition against the marriage of feeble-minded persons and in some of these states where there is, the oath of the moral that he or she is sane, settles it. There is no age limit for marriage in 17 states and 12 years is the limit in many.

All of which explains the difficulty of enacting an intelligent national law. Could anything be more unspeakably stupid than the state statutes on the subject? Greensboro Daily News.

POISON WHISKEY TAKING TOLL

(Greenville (S. C.) News)

The risk one runs in drinking bootleg whiskey is by far too great to take. Not a week passes but that the papers print accounts of death and blindness caused by poison sold as whiskey. One day this week three soldiers and one civilian employee at Fort Benning, Ga., bought some stuff that they thought was whiskey. They drank it and the next day one soldier and the civilian were dead, another soldier was blind and the other one seriously injured internally. It would have been better had the soldiers fallen and been blinded on the battlefields of France in the service of their country than to have fallen by the treachery of some unscrupulous countryman who deliberately assassinated them for the sake of a few shillings.

In every section of the country people are dying almost daily from the effects of poison whiskey. How long will the drinkers continue to wager that the stuff is not poison, and risk their lives as the state? And how long will the country stand for citizens being assassinated in broad daylight by bands of ruffians which roam every section taking money from their victims with one hand while stabbing them to death with the other?

The situation is getting so serious that several states have already been forced to take some notice of it. In the mid-west a determined drive is being made against poisonous whiskey. In Kansas a bill is pending to make it murder to sell or to give away intoxicants that cause death. Oklahoma has such a law. In Iowa the senate has passed a bill making it manslaughter to sell such whiskey. In Ohio a bill has been passed and signed making the furnishing of poison whiskey second degree murder and Michigan is considering a bill to make a manslaughter. In these, the latter is bound to be passed before the legislature of other states.

Whatever may be one's attitude toward prohibition, none can defend the practice of selling whiskey which causes death, and there is no penalty too severe to inflict upon a person convicted of such a practice.

A TRUNK LINE AND AN EMPIRE

From Hon. J. C. Bowie of Ashe, the "Lion of the Mountains," Winston-Salem learned yesterday that the largest city in North Carolina is about to become one of the main centers of a mammoth new trade route from the Middle West to South America. Winston-Salem also learned that there is a money empire of undeveloped resources at her very doors, an empire that is presently in the hands of the Swiss and the New England of the West.

Mr. Bowie had to speak three hours to convince the Legislature that there was something in his dream of railroads and empire in Northwest North Carolina. But it didn't take more than thirty minutes for him to get a unanimous verdict in his favor from the men of Winston-Salem.

He considered the trunkline railroad assured. The State has ten million dollars available for its construction, he says. Under the Bowie Act the State can build the main trunkline without the aid of private capital. Its completion would give Cincinnati its nearest route to the sea through the mountains of our own northwest section, through Winston-Salem and the heart of North Carolina. And that would be the line, thinks the "Lion of the Mountains," over which the freight would pass between the Middle West and South America.

And thus does this new enterprise, when interpreted by its progenitor, become suddenly transformed before our eyes from a local and State and interstate commercial achievement into a national and international project of gigantic proportions.

No wonder Mr. Bowie put his bill through the Legislature. The wonder is that Virginia and South Carolina and Ohio and Tennessee and other States did not send delegations to Raleigh to fight by the side of the "Lion of the Mountains." With the vision he has of his dreams possibilities and with his ability to paint the picture for others to see, the "Lion of the Mountains" might not have put his bill through Congress, but he would have given the opposition a run for its money.

As for the empire—it is Northwest North Carolina. Its area is 1,584 square miles. Its population is 76,000. The value of its taxable property is sixty-six million dollars. This territory, geographically, commercially and socially belongs to Winston-Salem. The "Lion of the Mountains" is as sure of that fact as he is that the new trunkline is going to be built by the state of North Carolina.

There is no other section in all America that has the natural advantages possessed by Northwest North Carolina. In no other part of America is such vegetation fund at such an altitude as in Wilkes and Ashe and Alleghany and Watauga. In no other section of the country are men making a living at such an altitude. Its climate is unsurpassed, its water power is virtually unlimited and its natural resources have as yet scarcely been touched by civilization.

That is why Winston-Salem is ready to agree with Mr. Bowie that the building of these new railroads and highways is going to make Northwest North Carolina "the Switzerland of America and the New England of the South."

"WHITE LILLY and Blue Ribbon Flour

stand at the head when you are looking for the BEST.

THESE ARE OUR LEADERS
S. C. Eggers & Co.

Grass Seed, Seed Oats, Feeds and Grain

We have just opened up in the store building where the Watauga County Bank is now located possibly one of the largest and best lines of Flour Feeds, and Seed Grain in this section of the country.

FARMERS—IT WILL BE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO BUY YOUR GRASS SEED AND SEED OATS NOW.

WE HAVE LARGE STOCKS OF THE BEST QUALITY OF BOTH AND THEY ARE SOLD UNDER A POSITIVE GUARANTEE

We sell both wholesale and Retail
SEE US BEFORE BUYING

S. C. Eggers & Company

Build on that Vacant Lot

Bear in mind that a vacant lot produces no income—in fact it is an expense. We say, select and erect a house and derive an income. Let us show you.

For instance if you own a vacant lot you pay taxes and get nothing in return.

Why not improve your community by erecting a desirable home for yourself or for some family who appreciates the comforts of an up-to-date dwelling. Besides you will receive a splendid income.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BUSY

Watauga Fur. & Lumber Co.

LOOK At Your Wagon Tires

they are so worn they don't protect your wheels. Do you know you can get that work done at

COFFEY'S SHOP

He says
He can do it
I guess he can
He knows how
You will find
Him just back of
Boone Produce Co.

SWEET POTATOES FOR SALE AT 80 cents PER BUSHEL. SEE B. F. HERMAN, HUDSON, N. C. 15-3t