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Town and County

We hope our readers will excuse the size of our paper this week as we were thrown behind on our work the latter part of last week by the water and irregularity of the mails.

Boone is thoroughly cleaned out for once.

So far there has been two cases before his Honor, Mayor Coffey.

Send us the news as to the damage done by the recent freshet in your section.

Mr. Stevens is at work on a yard preparatory to making brick for the new jail.

Now road overseers, is the time to show the public of what sort of stuff you are made.

In the history of the oldest citizens of Watauga, such a freshet, as we had last week has not been known.

We understand that Mr. John Stansbery had two fine colts killed for him by lightning a few days since.

Some of our J. A. C. camp friends, when last heard from, were hunting their farms—the freshet had carried them off.

Commissioners, Magistrates and Board of Education met in Boone Monday, see proceedings in another column.

Various estimates have been placed on the damage done this county by the freshet ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Our Marshal is busy looking after and enforcing the stock law. Keep them off the streets unless you want to pay the fine.

Brushy Fork seems to have suffered almost equal to Boone from the freshet. Distressing accounts come to us from that section. Their public roads are also ruined.

Everybody, from the highest to the lowest, pulled off their coats and went to work on the streets with a will that has put things in a more sightly shape than the freshet left them in.

We are very sorry, indeed, to hear of the affliction of Capt. W. W. Lenoir. He received a stroke of paralysis last Tuesday in his left side. We have not been able to learn the particulars, except that he has sufficiently recovered to be moved to Caldwell, to his brothers. We sincerely hope that he may recover and be spared yet many years.

After all Mr. Edmisten does not get the Post office at Blowing Rock. Dr. Carter, a yankee, who came down to Blowing Rock a few years ago for his health, is the man who gets there. Certainly this administration does not intend to give a Southern man—be he democrat or republican—any thing if it can possibly avoid it.

It was understood a few weeks ago that our friend J. L. Winkler was, as good as appointed, Post Mas-

ter at Boone. He had such assurances of the place that he came to Boone to rent an office. His appointment failed to come however, and now the understanding is that Mr. Winkler has been dropped and a petition sent up for Mrs. L. L. Greene. How much treatment like this will it take to sour a republican?

BOONE WASHED AWAY.

Boone, the quiet little village "nestled so snugly among the hills," and famed for being the highest county seat east of the Rocky Mountains, was visited on the 29th of May by one of the most terrific storms ever known to the oldest inhabitants of the place. It had been raining perseveringly all day, but at 4 o'clock the storm burst in all its fury; and it truly seemed that the "flood-gates of Heaven" were opened for twenty minutes. Its approach was heralded by the most terrific peals of thunder, and the zigzag lightning, with its thousand fry tongues, seemed "To paint hell on the sky." We often hear the exaggerated expression, the rain poured but on this occasion it seemed the fitting term. The little streams which meander through the town and add so much to the picturesque beauty of the place, were swollen to large rivers carrying devastation and ruin in their paths. Fences, bridges, logs, rocks and mud were carried before the fury of the storm and lodged in the center of the town. Howard's Knob, the "Acropolis" of Boone, brushed its rugged sides and sent the debris of centuries in to the streets. Many of the neatly kept gardens were almost entirely ruined, the soil being washed off until they will be of little service to the owners. The mountain farms are greatly damaged and it will take much toil to get them in their quondam plight. Our good citizens went to work next morning with a vim, each one trying to secure his share of the rails. It took several men and two teams the greater part of the day to remove the rails alone, from the sidewalk in front of the DEMOCRAT office. We hope the rubbish will soon be removed from the streets and that Boone will soon be restored to its usual quiet and neatness.

Elk Park, N. C.
May 30, 1889.

Editor Democrat.
I have noticed in reading your paper that no one has lately written anything from this place, so I thought I would give you a few items. Mr. L. M. Banner is at Knoxville buying goods. Mr. W. W. Carroll and family, of Asheville, N. C., have moved to this place. Mr. Carroll will shortly put a sash and blind factory here. Dr. G. C. Lane went to Johnson City on a flying trip Tuesday. Mr. J. W. Cardwell is building a post office back of the drug store on main street. Mr. W. C. Walsh is erect-

ing a livery stable near his old one.
Hoping that my items will not be thrown into the waste basket, I remain, yours &c.,
C. A. S.

Programme.

For Watauga Co., Union meeting to be held at Shull's Mill, beginning on Friday before the 5th Sunday in June, '89, including Saturday and Sunday. Introductory sermon by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood at 11 o'clock.

1st. Organization by electing Chairman and a Secretary.

2nd. Should our Association minutes show but one order of ministers.—Eld. E. F. Jones.

3rd. Should the Sabbath be kept as holy now as under the Mosaic law?—Elder I. W. Thomas.

4th. What should be done with church members who never contribute anything to the cause of Christ?—C. S. Farthing.

5th. Should members of the Baptist church attend parties and plays?—Elder A. C. Farthing.

6th. Should we make use of shows, dinners, parties, &c. to raise means for the Lord's cause?—Elder J. H. Farthing.

7th. Is the subject of Missions of sufficient importance that all christians should contribute to its support?—J. E. Spaulhour.

We have assigned subjects to those we believe will be sure to attend, with all cordially invited, and hope many will take part in the discussion of these subjects.
J. J. T. Reese,
J. G. Huggins, Com.
A. Botony.

Cleveland was denounced during the last campaign by every Republican speaker and newspaper in this State for having appointed a colored man to the office of Recorder of the District of Columbia. They endeavored in this way to excite the prejudices of white voters against Mr. Cleveland. And yet in one week (last week) President Harrison appointed two colored men to high offices at Washington. One of them, James Townsend, of Indiana, was appointed to the office of Recorder of the General Land Office, and this will be the chief officer over about twenty-five white lady clerks. The other is John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, who was appointed to the responsible position of Auditor in the Treasury Department, where are also a great many white lady clerks. We wonder if the Republican speakers and papers will now denounce Harrison as they did Cleveland?—*Chatham Record.*

One of the most extraordinary suits on record was instituted in the Superior court of Wake county last week by W. T. Hodge, a citizen of that county. It seems that about twenty years ago a statute was enacted requiring all the railroads operating in the State to make annual reports of their business

to the Governor of the State and a failure to make such reports made the rail roads liable to a penalty of \$500, which should go to any citizen who should sue for it. The statute has never been observed by the railroads and Hodge has instituted suit against forty of them to get the penalty. If successful he will gain an aggregate amount of \$20,000. Among the roads sued are the Western North Carolina, the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio and the Statesville & Western.—*Landmark.*

High Praise of Our Fellow-Citizen Judge.

Correspondence Henderson Gold Leaf.

I heard the charge of His Honor Judge R. P. Armfield to the Grand Jury of Vance Co., Superior Court today. I must say that it was a grand presentation of the law—the finest I have ever heard from the bench of North Carolina or anywhere else. His charge was not only lucid—so lucid that the most illiterate could understand it—I mean the principal signs of righteousness) but it was powerful.

At times his periods were so beautifully rounded and so eloquently expressed, especially when speaking about the sanctity of home and the purity of woman and the necessity of the prosecution, as to impress the jury and the people as I am sure they have never been impressed here before.

He is spoken of by the lawyers and the people "as the big brained, big hearted judge." He has their full confidence and respect.

If I was on trial for my life Judge Armfield is the kind of a judge I would want to preside over the bench and the jury box. The words of public excitement, clamor and fury might dash up against and almost over them but still unswayed he would hold aloft the majestic banner of the law, even as Richard supported the standard of St. George in triumph amid the raging legions of the Saracen host.

All honor to such a noble public servant. May God spare him many years to serve our people and our dear old State.

Auditor,
Henderson, N. C.,
May, the 29th '89.

Land for Sale.

I hereby offer for sale my land, containing 60 acres in all, 25 acres in cultivation, a very fine orchard, consisting of fruit of various kinds. Also very good buildings, stables &c., adjoining the lands of A. B. Johnson and H. Aldridge, well watered and very convenient. I also offer for sale my personal property to wit: 4 head of mules, 2 good milk cows, 15 head of sheep, 12 head of hogs, 7 bee stands any person wishing to purchase would do well to come and see before buying elsewhere.
W. R. Banner,
Shulls Mills, N. C.

June 4th

NOTICE!!
By virtue of 3 executions in my hands for collection one execution issued from the Superior Court clerks office of Watauga county for the sum of twenty-one dollars and seventy-five cents, against grand Wilcoxson Marion Wilcoxson and E. N. Miller surety two executions issued from the superior court clerk's office of Wilkes county against Fred Pender and E. N. Miller for the sum of four hundred and thirty three dollars and twelve cents with cost of sale I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court-house door in the town of Boone on the first Monday in July eighteen and eighty-nine it being the first day of said month E. N. Miller's interest in certain tracts of land viz: one tract in Boone town-ship on the boundaries of said town-ship adjoining the lands of W. C. Walsh and others known as the W. N. Miller land also another tract in Boone town-ship adjoining the lands of W. C. Walsh and others known as the W. N. Miller land also another tract in Boone town-ship adjoining the lands of W. C. Walsh and others known as the W. N. Miller land. This sale to be made at 11 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday in July 1889.

NOTICE!!

By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court Clerk's Office of Watauga county in favor of J. M. Banner and against J. R. Huggins for the sum of \$248, together with interest and costs I will expose to public sale at the court-house door in Boone on the first day of July '89, it being the first Monday in said month, for which J. R. Huggins' interest in a certain tract or parcels of land situated in Watauga Co., Boone township, adjoining the lands of J. Adams W. C. Pressnell, and others, holding the excess to his behoof, containing 100 acres, more or less, listed on my map of the 23rd of May 1889, to satisfy said execution and costs. This May 23rd '89.
J. L. Hayes Sheriff.

NOTICE!!

By virtue of an execution in my hands for collection issued from the Superior Court Clerk's Office of Watauga County in favor of Bryan and Lewis and against D. C. Harmon and W. C. Walsh for the sum of \$150, together with interest and cost, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Court house door in the town of Boone on the first day of July 1889, it being the first day of said month, Dixon C. Harmon and W. C. Walsh's interest in a certain tract or parcels of land situated in Watauga county in Stony Fork Township adjoining the lands of A. J. Mowbray E. P. Watson and others, on Gap creek, listed on by me on the 23rd day of May 1889, to satisfy said execution and costs. This May 23rd '89.
J. L. Hayes Sheriff.

NOTICE!!

I will attend at John Elrod's on Friday the 14th, at Boone on Monday the 17th, and at J. P. Council's on Tuesday the 18th, for the purpose of issuing the taxable property for Boone Township. This the 4th day of June 1889.
W. L. Bryan,
Tax-Collector.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale made to the undersigned by a Deed of Trust executed to the undersigned by J. P. Fry and wife, M. K. Fry, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga County, N. C., in Book B, page 543, of mortgages, dated the 10th day of April 1889, for the benefit of J. L. Hayes, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Boone, N. C., on the 1st Monday it being the 1st day of July, '89 the land described in said Trust-Deed containing 123 acres, more or less, lying on the Southeast side of the Flat Top Mountain and both sides of the public road leading from Boone to Blowing Rock, 6 miles from the former and 8 miles from the latter place, being the home place of the said Fry's, to satisfy the conditions of said Trust-Deed. J. L. Hayes, Trustee.
May 27 1889.

By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court Clerk's office of Watauga Co. in favor of C. D. Taylor and against P. E. Wright and Wm. Lawrence for the sum of \$30.35 together with interest and cost I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder, for cash at the Court House door in the town of Boone, on the first Monday in July 1889 it being the 1st day in said month P. E. Wright's interest in a certain tract of land it being land purchased by C. P. Wright from Wm. Lawrence in a charge for the lands of Jacob Townsend and Alfred Townsend and others. Said accounts being for the purchase money of said lands listed on by me on the 23rd day of May 1889 to satisfy said execution and costs.
This the 23rd day of May '89.
J. L. Hayes Sheriff.

NOTICE!!

By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court Clerk's office of Watauga Co. in favor of Deibert et al and against Noah Laureford for cost for the sum of \$20.40 together with cost of sale I will expose to public sale at the Court House door in the town of Boone on the 1st day of July it being the first Monday in said month, Noah Laureford's interest in certain tract of land situated in Watauga county in Shawneehow township adjoining the lands of J. P. Smith and others, listed on by me the 23rd day of May 1889.
J. L. Hayes Sheriff.

WE ARE AHEAD OF THE CROWD!!

New styles, new goods!
Just received from the Northern Markets the greatest assortment ever shown in this county. Ladies' Dress Goods, Hosiery, Cassimeres, Bonnets, Hats, Shoes, Suits, Trunks, etc. in every style and at reasonable prices. The quantity of

GROCERIES AND CONFECTIONARIES

to be found in this part of the State.

Handwritten notes and signatures are present in this section.