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Garfield W. T.
June 26, 1889.

For the Democrat:

Again allow me space in your paper to write something that may be interesting to its many readers.

When I wrote my other letter I was at Tacoma City, and after remaining there for about six weeks, I descended to that place, and came to Garfield a distance of 443 miles. The reason why I left, what could a poor boy do there? So I set to work on the farm, which suits me much better any way, because I was raised a farmer boy. The Lord bless and prosper the farmer, because they are the most honest and independent people of this world. When I first commenced work on the soil of the Palouse Country, (which is very fertile,) I thought it was the loneliest country I ever saw, couldn't see any thing but wheat and the blue sky. And O how odd it did seem to me not to see a single silvery stream flowing through the land, and no beautiful shade trees under which to rest this physical man. Here in this country they have to dig wells without end, and many of them godry. They dig wells for their stock and for their houses—I helped dig one and while in the ground, I felt like the boy that went a sparking and the pitiless girl slighted him, he said in a pitiful tone, "I

wish I was to home."

Up to this date it has been so dry and hot that thousands of acres of wheat are burned so that all hopes for a crop is lost. While writing Newt Banner tells me of his trip to Idaho 150 miles. He says the people there remind him of the Jews looking as eagerly for rain as they did for the coming of Christ. The dust reminds me of the fog that rises from the beautiful stream of Cove Creek, and we make a great mist out of our eyes to grind it. I also took a trip to Idaho, there being three in the crowd, to wit: Finly Mast who has been in this country for some time and as doing well; Will Mast who lately married one of the fair daughters of Tennessee, and myself. We stayed there about three days, returning with 2 loads of wood, a distance of about thirty miles. It is a poor country that can not afford wood and blackberries. The farmers are greatly discouraged about their wheat crop, which, they say, has never failed in this country and if it is wholly a failure, "good by Jumbo," for many are in debt and expect their crops to pay it. And mercy! I would be better for the laboring man had he never been born, for he can not get employment. Dear reader, it is not only here that it is discouraging, but everywhere. The great fire of Seattle, the great disaster of Pennsylvania, and the young flood of Watauga are enough to cause trouble. But let the people be submissive and say as did Gen. Jackson, "God knows, and directs always for the best." "Great faith! how I do wish I was at home."

A. M. Mast.

NORTH CAROLINA GOLD FIND.

The story of the discovery of gold in North Carolina is somewhat curious.

Near the close of the last century the child of a poor settler, while roaming along the banks of a small stream, discovered a bright yellow stone, which, with the help of his playmates, he picked up and brought home to his father. The old man who had evidently no knowledge of the appearance of gold in it's native state, saw nothing particularly remarkable in the stone, but not to disappoint the child bade him place it near the cabin door, which it would serve to keep open or shut at pleasure. As the stone was quite heavy, weighing nearly 15 pounds, it was found of considerable use for that purpose.

Several years elapsed before any one thought of the stone's being possibly a mineral of any value, although the owner often showed it, to his neighbors, bidding them mark its unusual weight. Finally, he was induced to take it to a goldsmith in the neighboring town of Fayetteville, who upon testing it, at once pronounced it to be gold. So simple, however, and so ig-

norant of the value of the precious metal was the old farmer, that he even then allowed the dishonest goldsmith to buy the nugget of him for the paltry sum of \$1. Its true value was ascertained to be not less than \$4,000, and the locality to which it was found soon became a rich field for gold hunters.—*Asheville Journal.*

Linville, N. Carolina,
July, 5th, 1889.

I was at your place yesterday, as you know. In coming out of town a most gratifying sight met my eyes. First, I met "Bob" Bryan driving five of his father's cows, as full as they could hold of luscious grass, while their bags were full and even extended. Then, right behind them, came nine of Coffey Bro's cows in like condition. These cows reminded me of days of *Auld lang syne*, when I helped milk twenty-five cows belonging to one dairy. News comes from Carter Co. Tenn., to Alf's on Townsend of the death of his son, Columbus, who died last Sunday, after a month's sickness. He leaves a wife and a number of children there, and a large number of relatives in this immediate vicinity.

The sound of the hammer and saw are heard here this week, as work on the hotel and Loven's store-house has begun. Three loads of mattresses, springs, for headstands and blankets for the hotel have arrived, and James McCampbell, of Bakersville, is making the furniture, which will be ready as soon as the building is in condition for its reception.

Mr. Charles Robinson, of Yancey Co., has come here as overseer on the road that the company is constructing. The Messrs Gibbs, of Yancey, are here. So, you see, we are drawing men from all over the country.

Sickness is beginning to make its appearance among us. Jackson Gragg, he of Oklahoma fame, was visited by Dr. Phipps, of Watauga, yesterday, and the Doctor was wanted at Mr. Allison Townsends, where several are ailing.

Mr. A. C. Ricksecker, a member of the company, and uncle to Secretary Charles H. Ricksecker, is here, looking over his interests for the first time.

I saw, at Foscoe, that Dr. Phipps is building him an office, and the frame is up for a two story house for Bart Johnson. W. H. Caloway's new store house, which is 36 x 22 feet, two stories high, is drawing to a conclusion, and will be ready for occupancy before long.

By the way, allow me to suggest that that crossing at the school house, is a most miserable one. Men can get along possibly; but what about a woman with great box, little box, band box and bundle and three bits of children? I am always looking out for the women, and respectfully refer the construction of permanent foot-logs—let there be two placed side by side—to W. H. Caloway, Harrison Aldridge, A. B. Burt and Abe Johnson, and others.
J. S. W.

Commissioners' Court— July Term.

Monday, July 1st, the Commissioners met, according to previous adjournment. The following members were present: J. E. Finley, Chairman, J. H. Mast and W. W. Pressnell, and proceeded to business. Minutes of June term read, corrected and approved.

Upon application, Milton Watson, of Meat Camp township, was released from paying poll-tax for the year 1889, and until further orders, reason, disability.

G. W. Hayes' application for release of poll tax for the year 1889, not granted.

Upon application filed with the Board for aid to Levy Triplett, of Elk township, it was ordered that he be allowed \$1.50 per month for four months from date.

Ordered that the net of H. L. Huggins, County jailor, be approved and a claim be issued for the same. See act on file. Amount \$1.63.

Upon application filed with the Board Levy Triplett was released from paying poll-tax for the year 1889, reason, disability.

The application of Shadrach Greer, of Elk township, for release of poll-tax for 1889, not granted.

J. C. Carroll, was released from working the new road from Pine Run to Fairview church, provided he makes up lost time.

Upon the petition and application of Thornton Ingle, of Blowing Rock, it was ordered that the Sheriff issue license to said Thornton Ingle to sell beer at Blowing Rock, for 12 months, commencing July 1st, '89.

Board adjourned 'til 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

July the 2nd. The Board, according to adjournment, all the members present, proceeded to business.

The following tax listers were paid the amounts opposite their names, for listing taxes for the year 1889, in their respective townships: C. J. Cottrell, Blue Ridge, \$7.50; H. H. Farthing, Beaver Dams, \$7.50; J. M. Shull, Watauga, \$6.00; S. J. Hendrix, Elk, \$7.00; John Ward, Laurel Creek, \$7.50; Alex Haganan, Cove Creek, \$9.00; S. H. Banner, Shawnechaw, \$6.00; W. L. Brayn, Boone, \$9.00; James H. Taylor, Meat Camp, \$7.50; W. E. Greene, Stony Fork, \$6.00; A. F. Davis, Bald Mountain, \$6.00.

J. M. Stokes allowed \$1.50 for registering votes in Laurel Creek Township for the November election 1888.

Ordered that the petition filed with the board for amendment on the road from Shul's Mills to the Mitchell Co. line to be advertised, to be heard at the August term.

Mac Church allowed to list his taxes in Boone township, provided he pays Clerk's fees for registering same.

W. L. Bryan's account not allowed, for furnishing shoes to a prisoner and jail with a bucket.

W. H. Ragan released from poll tax for the year 1889,

reason, disability.

Upon application of Gaston Horton Sr. (Col.). The mother-in-law of Daniel Little was allowed \$1. per month from date.

John Sevier.

Recently the remains of Gov. John Sevier were removed from North Alabama and reinterred at Knoxville. This grand hero died in 1815, and little was found in his grave save mouldering ashes, which being carefully gathered and deposited in an elegant coffin were transferred to Knoxville and there buried in the presence of 20,000 people. Ceremonies befitting the occasion were held and Gov. Taylor made an appropriate and eloquent speech recounting the advancements of the deceased. No figure is more prominent in early Tennessee history and no statesman or warrior ever achieved greater success under such adverse circumstances. The hero of thirty nine battles he never lost one. His courage and skill won the battle of King's Mountain; his ingenuity and ceaseless activity foiled the Indians and destroyed their powder; his daring intrepidity conceived and successfully accomplished the destruction of all their ammunition stored at Chocomauga and furnished by the British and prevented an attack upon Washington.

We believe John Sevier accomplished more, all things considered with the means and forces at his command than any other soldier in American history, and it was fitting the legislature should have his remains transferred to the state he loved so well. Now let a suitable monument point out to the world the last resting place of a hero, who deserves to rank with Caesar or Bonaparte as a soldier, or Washington as a patriot.—*Bolivar Bulletin.*

NOTABLE EVENTS.

First jury 970.
Pins made 1450.
Needles used 1544.
First east-iron 1544.
Matches made 1829.
Surnames used 1162.
First newspaper 1494.
Coal used as fuel 1534.
Lead pencils used 1549.
Window glass used 694.
First gold coin B. C. 206.
Tobacco introduced 1573.
First steam rail road 1830.
First Postage stamps 1840.
Kerosene introduced 1826.
First illuminating gas 1782.
Electric light invented 1874.
Iron found in America 1815.
First insurance, marine, 536.
First wheel carriages 1559.
First American express 1821.
Musical notes introduced 1388.
Latin ceased to be spoken 580.
Bible translated into Saxon 637.
Gunpowder used by Chinese 80.
Bible translated into Gothic 872.
Photographs first produced 1802.
Old Testament finished B. C. 430.
Emancipation proclamation 1863.
Paper made by Chinese B. C. 220.
Bible translated into English 1534.

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NOTICE!

Is hereby given to Thomas Brewer that a certain tract of land, lying in beaver dam township, Watauga county, was sold for taxes for the year 1887 by J. L. Hayes Shff, on the third day of Sep. 1888 to the chairman of the board of county commissioners. The certificate of purchase having been signed to H. C. Johnson and unless redemption is made by the third day of Sept. 1889, the undersigned will take a deed for said lands. This July 1 1889
H. C. Johnson.