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Will practice in the courts of Ashe, Watauga and Mitchell counties, also in the Federal courts of the Dist., and Supreme Court of the State. Collection of claims solicited. April, 10.

Notice.

For sale, 900 acres of land, on Rich Mountain, Watauga County, on which is asbestos, and fine land for sheep ranch. Sales private. L. D. Lowe & J. T. Furgerson, Ex'rs. of Mrs. A. P. Calloway, decd. Banner Elk, Nov. 15 '90..

Money to loan.

Persons wishing to borrow money, who can secure it by mortgage on good real estate, can be accommodated by applying to J. F. Spainhour, Boone N. C. or A. J. Critcher, Horton N. C. 4. 24.

NOTICE!

Whereas certain stock-holders of the Caldwell and Watauga Turnpike Company to wit:

Joel Mast,	10 shares;
Franklin Baird,	5 "
S. P. Dula,	2 "
George Conley,	2 "
Henry Smith,	5 "
William Deal,	2 "
Benj. Council,	5 "
Wm. Fincaannon,	2 "
Reubin Mast,	5 "
John Mast,	10 "
Noah Mast,	10 "
Benj. Green,	6 "
Philip Shull,	2 "
Alex Green,	4 "

have not claimed their stock-notice is hereby given them or their legal representatives to present their claims or the stock will be forfeited. In accordance with an act of the last Legislature I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Patterson N. C. June 1st, 1891, all shares of said stock remaining unclaimed.

HUGH GWYN,

President.

April 7th, 1891.



WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Senator Reagan's resignation to accept the chairmanship of New Texas Railroad Commission, while it had been discussed among his friends as a possibility ever since the Commission was created was nevertheless a genuine surprise to the public, and the naming of Mr. Horace Chilton as his successor was a still greater surprise. Texans now here speak in the highest terms of Mr. Chilton, but they do not disguise their disappointment at his selection. They think, and say, that the national reputation of Mr. Mills is such as should have entitled him to a refusal of the position. Owing to his candidacy for the Speakership his friends express a doubt as to whether he would have accepted the appointment.

General John C. Black, ex-Commissioner of Pensions, is visiting Washington, and he does not deny that in certain contingencies his name may be presented to the Democratic National convention next year by the Illinois delegation. The program as outlined by one of his friends is something like this: Senator Palmer having denied the use of his name under any circumstances, it has been determined by some of the leading democrats of the State, with the concurrence of Senator Palmer, that in case it becomes evident that the head of the ticket will go to the West they will present and urge the claims of General Black for the nomination, and if an eastern man heads the ticket General Black will be pressed for second place. He was a candidate before the convention for Vice-President in 1888.

If you presented a check at a bank and it was paid in dimes and nickels you would naturally suppose that the cash in that bank was running very low. Well, the Treasury, which when it came into the hands of the republicans a little more than two years ago contained a cash surplus of more than a hundred million of dollars, is now depositing in National banks subject to its checks for current expenses the small silver currency that it has accumulated during several years, and it has to pay the banks to take it too. And even with this it is feared that when the quarterly payment of about \$30,000,000 for pensions is made on July 1, that the Government strong box will be entirely empty.

Secretary Foster is beginning to realize the situation, and he has become so alarmed at the falling off in the receipts from custom duties and the consequent lessening of the already almost wiped-out surplus that he has decided to allow the holders of the \$43,000,000 4 1/2 per cent bonds, principally national banks, which will mature Sept. 1, to have them indefinitely extended with the in-

terest reduced to two per cent. But not even this and the suspension of payments into the sinking fund can stave off that deficit, which long-headed democrats in Congress predicted more than a year ago. This is a wealthy country but a billion dollars in two years is rather more than it can stand as a regular thing.

When the bargain is completed whereby Secretary Proctor leaves the cabinet for the Senate there's going to be a mighty lively row in the republican ranks as to his successor in the cabinet. New England will of course, think she is entitled to the place, but the Northwest will demand that the man to be taken from that section, and then the fun will begin. Mr. Harrison's natural inclination will be to put the place where it will make the most Harrison votes in the nominating convention, but he will have to play it very fine to keep from losing as many as he gains.

The Secretary of War has given the contract for improving the entrance to Galveston, Texas, harbor to a Dallas firm. The price for the work is \$3,469,710, which is the largest amount ever paid on a single contract for harbor improvements.

Somebody succeeded in stealing copies of the Attorney-General's brief in the Sayward case, which by the way has been postponed until the October term of the Supreme Court, several days ago, but it wasn't of much use to the thief for no newspaper would buy it at any price, and the opposition lawyers had been furnished with advance copies. An investigation is being made.

No sooner did the Dispatch, which is now the official junketing boat of the administration, return with Secretary Blain than it was boarded by Secretary Tracy and steamed away for a pleasure trip from which it has not yet returned.

Seventy-five Treasury employes to-day began the count of the cash in the vaults made necessary by the change in the U. S. Treasuryship.

The retirement of Gen. Reagan from the Senate will be regretted. He is a very strong man. He was born in Tennessee in 1818, but went to Texas when just twenty-one years of age, and has lived there more than fifty years. He was in Congress before the war, and was Postmaster General of the Confederate States during the whole war, and was also a short time before the war ended, acting Secretary of the Treasury. He represented his district in Congress a dozen years and then in 1887 was elected to the Senate. He was the author of the Inter-State Commerce Commission bill and is a great advocate of those western improvement schemes that look to the advantage of Texas.

FOR DYSPEPSIA, Indigestion, and Stomach Disorders, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. All dealers keep it. 51 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

Wilkesboro, N. C. Apr. 27, '91. Editor Democrat:

Perhaps your readers would be interested in a short account of what is being done, and the future prospect of the section traversed by the N. W. N. C. R. R. from Winston to Wilkesboro, and particularly of the improvements now going on, and in prospect, at Wilkesboro and vicinity.

Although the trains have been running on this road only a few months, the freight being carried is immense, besides considerable travel; and it is rumored that regular passenger trains will soon be put on to run from Wilkesboro to Goldsboro, which with immediate connection will be a very important line. While this of course might not be done for some time yet, this will undoubtedly be made in time part of a line to the central and eastern part of the State.

The Winston Land and Improvement Co., with a capital stock of \$125,000,000 has already invested over \$75,000 in real estate lying immediately around the Wilkesboro depot, and on both sides of the river, and they now have a large force of hands cleaning off this land, grading streets, and improving this property. The Co. is also having a large stone culvert, that will probably cost \$3000, built to carry a large branch under one of the principle streets. A large number of lots have already been sold, and the prospects are good for a great deal of building this summer, as material is being laid down for several dwellings and business houses, and a company organized to manufacture brick with orders to start upon for nearly 1,000,000 brick to be ready for use as soon as possible; also a sash and blind factory on a large scale is spoken of, with one already in operation. Besides these enterprises, there are 6 stores in the new town apparently getting a good trade; a large livery stable nearly completed and a large hotel only been open a few months that is second to none in this section of the State. The new town will be called North Wilkesboro, and the Co. owning the property is composed of some of the leading business men of Winston, Greensboro and some from the northern cities, besides citizens of this place, whose connection with the enterprise is a guarantee of success, as ample capital will not be wanting to fully develop the property owned by them which, all together, embraces about 1000 acres of land. They propose building another iron bridge across the river at the lower end of the town, and also a large graded school building this summer, and promise a building lot and \$1000 cash to all religious denominations that build churches in North Wilkesboro.

The old town is moving ahead too, as is shown by a splendid double-track iron bridge built across the Yadkin River by the citizens, with

some outside aid, and a large three-story brick hotel that is now nearly completed; another brick store to be built at once, and numerous other dwellings and business houses being built and to be built soon. There is also in process of erection, piers for a bridge across the river at Curtis ford which will be appreciated by our people who travel that way to town as it was a very bad ford. In fact, everything is putting on new life under the influence of the increased activity and business facilities afforded by the completion of the railroad.

There are several other stations further down the road that are building up and making considerable improvements, but for fear of making this letter too long, I will not mention them now.

Present indications are that there is going to be a city of no little importance at this place, and that the people of Wilkesboro acted wisely when they offered inducements to the R. & D. R. R. Co. to extend this line into their midst; and that the whole county is taking on new life and energy, because there are bright prospects for enterprise of every kind; and there are strangers every day looking for chances for investment and with outside capital that is coming in and increasing value of all kinds of property, the increase of taxable property in the county for the last twelve months is immense.

I hear of two engineers who arrived at this place this week looking out a rail-road line from Bristol via Mountain City and Boone to Wilkesboro. There is considerable talk now of a road being built at no distant day from here to Johnson City or Bristol, and the impression seems to be general among people well posted upon such matters that it will surely be extended over the mountains.

I want to say to the Alliance men of Watauga that the citizens of Wilkes, and especially the Alliance had a treat last week in the shape of a lecture by Ben Terrell of Tex., who is our National Lecturer. He is a fine and forcible speaker, and it has never been my fortune to hear a finer or more reasonable argument upon the necessity of the organization and combination of the working people of the country for their own protection and advancement; and the most extreme anti-alliance man could not possibly find any objection to the aims and objects of the Farmers' Alliance as presented by Mr. Terrell.

J. C. HORTON.

Notice

Taken up last Dec. by W. L. Bryan, one boar hog, a stray, marked half crop in underside of each ear, color black, about one year old. The owner is hereby notified to come and prove property and pay charges in ten days, or the said hog will be disposed of according to law. D. B. Dougherty J. P.

Notice.

The Warrior and World Wonder Jack, 14 1-2 hands high, will stand at Cook's Gap. Insurance \$7.00. Persons trading mares out of the county, money is due. T. A. CRITCHER.

New Railroad Prospects.

Mr. W. F. Gordon, chief engineer of the R. R. from Big Stone Gap to Bristol, and Mr. McDuffy Hampton, son of Gen. Wade Hampton, assistant engineer on the same line, spent several days in the country and city last week. They had been looking out a route for the extension of their line from Bristol to Wilkesboro. It is the object to connect with N. W. N. C. Road at this point as early as possible. They were well pleased with the prospects of getting a comparatively easy grade over the entire line.

The route looked out comes up the Watauga River by Boone crossing the Blue Ridge at Cook's Gap, then down Stony Fork and Lewis Fork combined, reaches the Yadkin west of Holman's Ford, then down the Yadkin to Wilkesboro.

The gentlemen spoke in high terms of our county and section, and gave us to understand that their company meant business.

They spoke also in favorable terms of the section beyond the mountain drained by the beautiful stream, New River. That section is peculiarly situated, the bed of New River being about 800 feet higher than either the Yadkin or Watauga River. But for the impenetrable Blue Ridge range, which hems it in and drives it northward into Virginia, New River would change its present course and join its co-equal in beauty, the swiftly flowing Yadkin.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

President Harrison has passed through the South and has gone on his way rejoicing, although, unhappily, just now in distress because of the accident to his sister Mrs. Eaton. We are glad that his tour through the South was devoid of a single unpleasant incident. As President of the United States he met with a reception that illustrates the good manners of the Southern people. There was no exuberance of joy, but there was a kindly welcome and such hospitality as the rapid progress of his train permitted. No one mentioned to him that in his message to Congress he had urged fiercely and vigorously and repeatedly the adoption of legislation unfriendly to the South. No one recalled to his mind how he had brought the whole force of his administration to bear on Congress to secure the passage of the abominable and unconstitutional election law. No one suggested to him that the lightning speed of his special train was equalled only by the rapidity with which Mr. Wanamaker's department had decapitated competent mail agents on the southern routes, replacing them with incompetent persons.

No hint was given that any one bore in remembrance the order of Wanamaker that if the people could not get along with his post masters he would shut up their offices and deprive the people of their mail facilities. These subjects were properly laid aside to be discussed anew on some rainy day, and the President of the United States heard nothing at the South that grated unpleasantly on his ear. But when the proper time comes, the people will let Mr. Harrison know that they have long memories.—Washington Post.