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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'trs. 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, 5 "  
Henry Smith, 2 "  
William Deal, 2 "  
Benj. Council, 5 "  
Wm. Finannon, 2 "  
Roubin 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.

**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.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

From our Regular Correspondent

Secretary Foster's recent alleged free and frank discussion of the condition of the Treasury of the United States is the forerunner of some republican juggling with the figures purporting to represent the condition of the Treasury that will probably take place as soon as Mr. Harrison returns to Washington, that is, in the next statement of the public debt, which will be made public June 1. Mr. Foster proposes to change the form of that statement, for the evident purpose of showing a fictitious amount of cash available. It will not be the first time by many that the condition of the Treasury department has been falsified by official figures. Old timers will recall the Congressional investigation which brought out the fact that during one year, 1870, I think, nine of the Treasury ledgers showed 2,527 erasures and that several entire leaves were cut out of two ledgers, all caused by the efforts to make the books accord with the falsified statements prepared to mystify the public. I should not wonder if the House of the Fifty-second Congress did not do a little investigation of Mr. Foster's figures.

The Treasury department offers to send all the small silver that the banks in any section of the country will take, free of carriage which, if the banks take any considerable quantity, will be a mighty fat thing for the United States express company, of which ex-Senator ("me too") Tom Platt, of New York, is the controlling spirit. Perhaps Mr. Foster did not think of benefiting the New York republican boss when he hatched up this scheme, and then again perhaps he did. This mixing of business and politics is a striking trait of the republican party.

This same thing, mixing business and politics, has brought about a disagreement between Secretaries Blaine and Foster. Mr. Blaine doesn't want the catching of seals stopped for a year, because a number of his personal friends, including "Steve" Elkins, have invested their money in the North American Fur company, which is the present owner of the sealing privileges in Behring Sea, and Mr. Foster, who believes the seals are about to be exterminated, would like to have it stopped. In the meantime the British Minister is insisting that Mr. Blaine do something definite. Taken altogether this matter is in a very interesting stage and it will surprise no one here if it develops some highly sensational features before long.

The payments on account of the Direct tax act to date amount to \$9,184,734.80.

The presence of three candidates for Speaker—Messrs. McMillin of Tennessee; Bynum of Indiana, and Springer of Illinois—made a good

deal of talk around the hotels during the last two days. Mr. McMillin has been travelling in the Eastern States for several weeks and I am told by a friend of his that he secured pledges of support from quite a number of Representatives in that section. I hear that Kerr, of Pennsylvania, has a dead clinch on the Clerkship of the House, having received pledges enough to make his nomination by the caucus certain. I am inclined to think though that many of these pledges are contingent upon the election of the Speaker.

Representative Edmunds, of Virginia, who is a democrat Farmer's Alliance man, was in town long enough Saturday to commit himself to Crisp for Speaker.

The oddest freak in the way of a rumor that has turned up here for some time was the one that was hatched out, apparently from nowhere, Saturday afternoon, to the effect that Mr. Harrison had something somewhere, at some time intimated to somebody that he did not think that the bench ought to be constructed on a pronounced political basis, and that he proposed appointing three or four democrats when the nine new United States Circuit Court judges were named. That's very rich! When Mr. Harrison nominates a democrat to a judgeship the millenium will certainly have arrived, and as far as the strongest glass can see there are no signs of it yet.

It is expected that the National Association of democratic Clubs, which its Secretary tells me, is booming, will shortly establish permanent headquarters in this city, and it is hoped that the National committee will do likewise.

When Secretary Proctor goes into the Senate I shall not be surprised to see two new cabinet officers, as it is known that Secretary Noble would gladly lay down his portfolio if he could get one of the new judgeships, and that Mr. Harrison would like to have a better politician at the head of the Interior department.

**Falls Heir to a Million.**

A dispatch from Concord, N. C., says: "Township No. 3, in this county, was surprised a few days ago when an old lady named Mrs. Westmoreland, who lives in a small tenement house, was notified that she had been left an estate of \$52,000,000. Mrs. Westmoreland is a Virginian by birth, and she had exceedingly wealthy ancestors. She was lost sight of, and until lately nothing was known of her. The search was again taken up, and after diligent investigation the aged lady was found. In her possession will be a whole city in Virginia. She has been living in poverty and obscurity all her life, and becoming so suddenly heir to millions has somewhat dazed her.

**ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BOONE, N. C.**

I. It is unlawful to use any boisterous or profane language, or to engage in any kind of an affray or fight, in the corporate limits of the town, and any person convicted of such shall be subject to a fine of \$5.

II. It is unlawful for any person to put upon the streets crossings or side-walks of said town any obstruction to public passage, or to put upon the streets any filth or to otherwise injure or impair the streets or side-walks, and any person so offending shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of \$2.

III. It is unlawful to discharge any fire arms or fireworks in the corporate limits of the town, except as it is necessary in butchering, and any person so offending shall, upon conviction, be fined \$1 for each offense, and costs.

IV. That all men living in the corporate limits of the town, between the age of 18 and 45 years, shall be required to work on the streets of the town, upon notice by the street overseer, ten days out of each year, and any person failing or refusing to work as required by this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be fined \$1 and costs for each day he shall fail to work.

V. That all peddlers or salesmen shall, before selling or offering to sell, any goods, wares or merchandise, obtain from the mayor license to exercise their trade in said incorporation, and for said license they shall be required to pay the sum of \$5, for each day or part of a day that they may engage in their business. Persons violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined \$10 and costs.

VI. It shall be unlawful to hitch, ride or drive on the side-walks, or hitch to the shade trees or plank fences. Any person so offending shall be fined \$1, for each offense.

VII. It shall be unlawful to deface or mutilate any signs or legal notices or street-lamps in said town. Any one convicted of the same shall be fined \$1 and costs.

VIII. All privies, and hog pens shall be kept clean, and all garbage filth or offal shall be burned or buried. Any person failing to comply with the foregoing sections of this ordinance, shall upon conviction, be fined \$2.

IX. Any person failing to pay the fines or costs shall be imprisoned or put to work on the streets of said town, until he works out the value of said fines or costs.

X. Any person found drunk within the incorporate limits of the town of Boone, shall be fined \$3 and costs.

XI. All shows or sleight-of-hand performances or other entertainments for reward as taxed by the State laws, shall pay a tax of \$5 for each and every performance.

XII. That no stock or geese shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the town of Boone; and all stock and geese running at large within said incorporation or after the

15th day of May, '91, shall be impounded by the marshal and shall be released only on the payment of 25 cts. each for horses and cattle, and 10 cts. each for sheep, hogs, goats and geese, and cost for feeding the same. If stock be impounded by the marshal and not redeemed within three days, the same shall be advertised for ten days and sold at public outcry, to pay fines and costs.

XIII. It shall be unlawful to sell, or give away spirituous or malt liquors or any intoxicating drinks, within the corporate limits of the town of Boone. And any person so offending, upon conviction, shall be fined \$5 and cost for each offense.

XIV. It shall be unlawful to rock or in any way injure or deface, any building, occupied or unoccupied, or fence, within the corporation, and any person so offending shall, upon conviction, be fined \$1 and costs, for each offense.

XV. The mayor shall have the right to remit fines in part, under certain circumstances.

The above ordinances are in force from and after their ratification. Ratified this the 15th day of May, 1891.  
D. B. DOUGHERTY, Mayor.  
L. W. THOMAS,  
J. F. SPAINHOUR,  
R. C. RIVERS } COMS.

The *Western Citizen* says:—"Our town election was held Monday, and resulted in the promotion of Messrs. J. M. Carson, J. E. Foster, and W. H. Gentry to the position of aldermen; S. F. Sandefur, for marshal, while the vote for mayor was a tie between J. Z. Neal and C. E. Grabeal."

It further says: "Mathis the man who was sentenced to be hung at the last term of Wilkesboro jail awaiting the decision of the Supreme court in his case, acted in a most commendable manner last week, while the jail was in danger of being consumed by fire. He was released under the excitement, and instead of fleeing, he worked heroically for the suppression of the fire and when all danger was over, he returned to his cage. We doubt if such a man should suffer the penalty of death."

"Well, good night, Miss A—" said a young man the other evening to a Dwight ville girl whom he was visiting. "I think it's better for me to go. I feel certain that if I stay two minutes longer I shall be indiscreet enough to kiss you." "Well, good night, Mr. F—" replied the young girl. "Oh, by the way," she added, "I want to show you my satchet bag before you go. It will only take a couple of minutes." It is only necessary to state that the young man in question is possessor of a bright intellect, and he quickly embraced the situation, and we can further assert that the girl was in it.—*Binghamton Republican.*

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**HER BABY'S GRAVE.**

The keeper of a cemetery in one of the eastern states was at work in the cemetery not long ago, when a poorly dressed and feeble looking gray-haired woman entered the gate and said that she wanted to make arrangements for setting up a small tombstone.

"Where is the grave," asked the sexton.

"I can't tell you just where it is," answered the woman, "but I can go to it."

She led the way to a remote corner where there were but a few graves, and there, close to a pine tree, and almost hidden under its low-growing branches was a little, sunken, neglected grave.

"This is it sir, this is it," said the woman dropping on her knees upon the grave, with streaming eyes.

"It's the grave of my little boy sir; the only child I ever had. I buried him here nineteen years ago. He was only four months and three days old, but he was a dear little fellow sir, and it almost killed me to give him up."

Wiping her eyes on the corner of her shawl, she added:

"I have never been here since the day we buried him, but I knew I could come right to the spot. I've seen it in my mind every day for nineteen years. We lived close to the grave-yard, and in the evening of the day we buried him I slipped over here and set out this pine at the head of his grave, for I'd no money to buy a stone."

"We moved out west soon afterwards, and we've been kept poor all the time, but I've saved, little by little, all these years, and now I want to have his grave fixed up and a little stone put to it—the dear little fellow!"

She laid her wet cheeks down on the rank and tangled grass, and tenderly stroked the sunken clay, and the sexton quietly withdrew, leaving her alone with her dead.—*Youth's Companion.*

**KEEP A BRAVE HEART.**

Said somebody to a woman in our hearing the other day: "My friend, I am afraid you are getting bitter. I detect it now and then in what you say and write. Not much, only enough to show some bee-hasting the sound fibre of your nature and left the rankle of its bite." If you have any spare prayers to offer, my dear, whoever you are who reads this paragraph get right down on your knees and implore heaven to keep you from all cynicisms and bitterness. Try hard to preserve your faith in the ultimate victory of good over evil, and in the fair shining of an untroubled sun behind these flying clouds.

When you and I let go our hold on hope we join hands with despair, and despair is a guide that leads the soul downward. No matter how hard life may be, how the storm may beat, or however unceasing the grind may be, hold fast to your faith in the captain who never lost a battle yet, nor ever signaled the trumpets to call retreat. Everything is coming out right in the end. Nothing can withstand the advance of an earnest soul.

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**LADIES**  
Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take  
**BROWN'S HOOP PILLS.**  
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Biliousness and Liver Complaints.