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## 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, deed. 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

The Governor having ordered a special term of court for Watauga county beginning on the 22nd day of June next and continuing two weeks for the purpose of trying both Criminal and Civil cases. All persons having business before said court either as witnesses or suitors will take notice and govern themselves accordingly. J. E. FINLEY Chm. Brd. Coms. Boone N. C. May 6th, 1891.

## MILLINERY.

I would like to say to my friends in Watauga and surrounding counties, that I have now on hand and am receiving every week, a nice line of

SPRING AND SUMMER MILLINERY AND NOTIONS

When you come to Lenoir, I would be pleased for you to call and see me. I solicit your custom. Orders filled promptly by mail. Most Resp.,

MRS. M. N. HORTON,  
Lenoir, N. C., May 21.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Mr. Harrison is really becoming alarmed on account of the attitude Mr. Blaine has assumed towards him. It isn't the absurd fiction concerning Mr. Blaine's failing mental powers that is worrying Mr. Harrison for he has had ocular demonstration within the last four days that there is not the slightest disarrangement of his premier's ability to use plain and terse English, but it is the idea that Mr. Blaine does not propose to give him the benefit of his advice in shaping things for his nomination, and that under the plea of ill health, Mr. Blaine may go to Maine and leave him for an indefinite period to wrestle alone with the important international questions that are now so numerous in the State department that they almost bump their heads together.

If the republican District Attorney is not made to neglect his duty by the powers above him young Mr. Raum, the son of the borrowing Commissioner of Pensions, may find himself the inmate of a prison cell as the result of his energy in selling appointments and promotions in the Pension office. The Civil Service Commission, which was duped by this young office-broker, is determined, that is to say, "Teddy" Roosevelt, who is in reality the commissioner, is determined that Raum and his confederates shall be prosecuted, and if he can possibly accomplish it, punished. The evidence, which Roosevelt says makes a plain case, was laid before Mr. Harrison; he referred it to the Attorney General, after holding a long consultation with him, and doubtless mapping out precisely how much in earnest the prosecution is to be on the part of the Government.

Meanwhile old man Raum holds the fort in the crookedest bureau of the Government although public opinion may in the end compel Mr. Harrison to ask for his resignation—he'll never get it unless he does ask for it. The old fake that Mr. Harrison had come to the conclusion that it would be only right and decent to give the democrats three out of the nine U. S. Circuit Court judges has again been revived possibly by the visit to the White House of a delegation of Virginians led by Senator Barbour, in the interest of a democratic candidate for one of the appointments. When he appoints even one democrat then I shall believe that he intends recognizing the party. Outside signs—the presence of some of the known republican candidates—point to the early appointment of the new judges, but it is impossible to get a definite official statement, consequently rumors are numerous. One will tell you that in order to take no chances Mr. Harrison has decided to defer making the appointments until

after Congress meets, another that he has them already to announce.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that Mr. J. W. Foster, who recently returned from Spain whither he went as Mr. Blaine's special and confidential agent, is to take charge of diplomatic affairs until Mr. Blaine returns to duty. There are numerous reasons which make it probable that this rumor will turn out to be a fact.

It is noticeable fact that every republican of any prominence who comes to town these days gets himself interviewed for the purpose of setting a dish of "raffy" before the gentleman who occupies the White House—they all want something. There have been a half dozen of these interviews within a week that the only difference in was the change of the name of the talker. These people all talk as though they expected Texas to cast her electoral vote for Harrison because her citizens courteously received the President of the United States.

"Mark my word", said a distinguished republican, "if the democrats of the next House will put a smart investigating committee to work on this Behring Sea business and one of the biggest scandals of the age will be uncovered. The facts are in existence and can be got at if they will go about it in the right way, and, like the trial of the notorious whiskey ring, it will lead pretty close to the Executive Mansion." In vain I tried to persuade the gentleman to say more on the subject.

It is announced with a great flourish of trumpets as though it were a financial triumph, that Secretary Foster now sees his way clear to paying the \$26,000,000 of pension money that falls due in the first week in June.

Mr. 'Steve' Elkins was at the White House a day or two ago. He says he has no personal interest in the Behring Sea sealing contract, but his friend Mills, father-in-law of Whitelaw Reid, requested him to look out for his interests while he was abroad. Of course no one would think for a moment of doubting any statement that Mr. Elkins might make.

## MISSIONARIES ROUTED IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, May 26.—The statement that the Christian missions in Mankin have been attacked and pillaged by the natives is correct. The inmates managed to escape. All the European women and children have left Mankin. The Methodist girls' school has been set on fire and looted. The anti-missionary mob, after doing a considerable amount of damage, dispersed. The British twin screw-stem torpedo cruiser Porpoise, six guns, 1,700 tons, 3,500 horse-power, Commander Richard W. White, has been ordered to Mankin to investigate the riots and to protect the British interests. Chinese troops have also been dispatched to the scene of the trouble.—*News and Observer.*

## Proceedings of the Union Meeting.

The Union Meeting of Three-Fork's Association, according to previous arrangement, met with the 3rd Camp Church, Friday, May the 29th 1891.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Davis from Col. 3rd and 3rd. After which adjourned for one hour.

—Reassembled at 1 o'clock p. m. and organized for business by electing C. S. Farthing Moderator and L. C. Wilson Clerk.

On motion struck out the word *the*, in the 5th question and changed the word *feel*, to manifest. On motion appointed Rev. John Crisp to speak on the subject assigned E. F. Jones.

On motion appointed Rev. David Green, L. A. Green and Manley Green, Com. on religious exercises. On motion appointed, T. P. Adams, J. H. Farthing and L. C. Wilson Com. on time, place and program for next Union Meeting. On motion, took up the program and discussed as follows.

First question was opened by C. S. Farthing, remarks by J. F. Davis and others.

Second question was then taken up and discussed by J. F. Davis, Asa Brown and others.

Com. on religious exercises reported Elder D. C. Harman to preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half after 8 o'clock and spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

Met pursuant to adjournment, Saturday morning at the appointed time and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by L. W. Farthing.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, corrected and approved.

Motion to hear an essay from J. J. T. Reece on the second question, Motion prevailed.

On Motion deferred the decision of the third question until 1 o'clock.

Fourth question was then considered and ably discussed by Revs. John Crisp, D. C. Harman and others.

On motion adjourned until 1 o'clock for dinner and to hear a sermon from Rev. D. C. Harman, which was delivered from 2nd Cor. 5th and 1st, with much feeling.

Reassembled at 1 o'clock, Home called to order by the Moderator; prayer by Rev. I. W. Thomas.

Motion to take up a collection to-morrow for the Baptist Orphanage. Motion prevailed.

Third question was then referred to and was very ably discussed by Revs. J. J. L. Sherwood and J. H. Farthing.

Fifth question was then taken up and discussed by Rev. David Green and others.

Sixth question being considered was discussed by W. S. Farthing and J. F. Spainhour.

Seventh question was not reached for want of time.

On motion requested each church in the Association to send at least one delegate to represent her in the next Union Meeting.

Com. on time, place and program for next Union Meeting reported, Bethel as the place and 5th Sunday in Aug., as the time. Com. on religious exercises reported, Rev. John Crisp to preach to-night at early candlelighting and J. J. L. Sherwood to-morrow at 11 a. m.

On motion ordered Clerk to have the proceedings of the Union Meeting published in the WATAUGA DEMOCRAT.

On Sunday morning the people met in S. S. mass meeting and after prayer led by D. C. Harman, listened to addresses delivered by C. S. Farthing and J. F. Stephens upon the S. S. work. At the appointed hour Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood delivered a splendid sermon to a very large and attentive congregation, from 2nd Cor. 5th 6th and 9th.

After which a collection was taken for the benefit of the Orphanage at Thomasville and received \$6.43.

We are satisfied that those who have attended Union Meetings have never been treated kinder, nor ever has there been more hospitality manifested by any people than by the people of Meat Camp. For which we extend many thanks.

L. C. WILSON, CLERK.

## A WASHINGTON STATUE FOR FRANCE.

There is a great deal said now in the papers about statues and monuments. They are becoming common in the North. Its civic and military heroes are often honored. Its philanthropists and clergymen of great note deserve to be thus remembered. We see it is stated that a statue of Gen. Washington is to be presented to France by American women as a recognition of the most important aid and sympathy given to the struggling colonies in the crisis of their cause. France sent long ago a statue of Lafayette which stands in Union Square, New York City, and a few years ago it also gave the stupendous creation of French genius—"Liberty enlightening the World." It would be a graceful act to send a statue of the illustrious Washington to France as a token of gratitude upon the part of the United States. We hope it will be done. The wife of Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, is President of the association, headquarters in Washington.—*Messenger.*

## Encouraging Outlook for the Farmers.

The report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, now in press, shows an increase since April of last year of more than 100 per cent in the price of corn and oats; 30 per cent, and more in wheat in primitive markets; 32 per cent, in Chicago for choice beaves, and 24 for Texas, and advanced values of all cereals and meats. A hopeful and cheerful feeling is noticed, says the report, in official correspondence from all parts of the country. The elimination of the surplus of corn and oats through the underproduction of last year insures good prices for those crops, and the shortage of the wheat of the world for two years, with the low foreign prospect for the growing crop, promises the largest foreign demand for ten years at remunerative prices. Fortunately present appearances indicate ability to meet such demands with ease.—*Dispatch.*

## HUMILITY.

Piety, like beauty, is undone as soon as it is conscious of itself. The best men and women in our churches are those that don't know it. They mourn over their imperfections, rather than claim to have reached some higher plane of goodness. In passing through the great fields of Indian corn in some Western States, one observes that the ears which are small and green and not filled out, stand perfectly erect upon the stalk, while the ears that are ripe and brown and weighted down with golden grain, bend over so that the husk forms an umbrella, completely protecting the fruit. The best people are like that. Laden with the fruits of Christian experience, they bend low with humility and a sense of imperfections. As bees fly home to their hives, their thighs laden with pollen, which they shake off, and never looking behind, fly away again for another load, leaving it for others to pack the pollen away in the cells, so the true Christian forgets those things which are behind and reaches forth unto those things which are before. It is a good motto, to do all the good you can to all the people you can, and make as little fuss about it as you can.—*Ex.*

## The Right Kind of a Boy.

When I find a boy that raises popcorn, or chickens, or honey, or strawberries, or onions, I just like to take that boy by the hand and claim relationship; and when our great nation of people gets to where it can offer the boys encouragement in the way of good prices, we are on the road to better things. I include especially to the boys who go out in the fields and work for themselves under God's clear sky, instead of hanging around the factories begging for a chance to be "bossed" by somebody.—A. L. Root.