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## NOTICE.

**Hotel Property for Sale.**  
On account of failing health  
of myself and wife, I offer for sale  
my hotel property in the town of  
Boone, North Carolina, and will  
sell low for cash and make terms  
to suit the buyer, and will take  
real or personal property in ex-  
change. Apply soon.  
W. L. BRYAN.

## 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  
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Banner Elk, Nov. 15 '90..

## Money to loan.

Persons wishing to bor-  
row 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.  
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## NOTICE.

Parties putting papers in  
my hand for execution will  
please *advance the fees* with  
the papers and they will re-  
ceive prompt attention, other-  
wise they will be returned  
*not executed* for the want of  
fees. D. F. BAIRD SHEFF.

## 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 cus-  
tom. Orders filled promptly by  
mail. Most Resp.,  
MRS. M. N. HORTON.  
Lenoir, N. C., May 21.

## A BIG POKER BET.

Old Game in Which the Money in the  
Treasury Was Put Up.

Washington Star.  
A group of gentlemen were dis-  
cussing the national game of pok-  
er at the City Hall the other  
day, giving instances of the big  
hands they had seen or heard of.  
Among them was a one-armed  
veteran of the late unpleasant-  
ness. "Well, gentlemen," remark-  
ed the latter, "the biggest hand  
ever played in this country; or in  
any other, as far as that, was one I  
saw played right here in Wash-  
ington shortly after the close of  
the war. The game was played  
in the vault of the Treasury.

"At that time I was in com-  
mand of a number of veterans,  
not one of them a complete man  
as regards the usual complement  
of arms and legs allotted by na-  
ture, who had been, together  
with myself, selected by the War  
Department at the request of the  
Secretary of the Treasury to  
guard the Treasury vaults.

"The game continued right  
through the night until about 3  
o'clock in the morning, when a-  
bout the only man peculiarly ab-  
le to keep on was a one-legged  
fellow from somewhere out West.  
There were two others, however,  
who, although broke, were very  
anxious to continue playing. One  
was a one-legged chap from down  
East, and the other was a man  
from New York, whose left arm  
was missing at the elbow.

Both of these men were, how-  
ever, opposed to borrowing, so the  
Yankee suggested that each man  
should supply himself with a cer-  
tain amount of Uncle Sam's mil-  
lions, which lay about the vault  
securely sealed in packages con-  
taining from several thousands  
to millions of dollars, and play  
"but one hand."

"The novelty of the idea caught  
them at once and in a moment  
or two each of the three men had  
supplied himself with fifteen mil-  
lion dollars. It was agreed that  
one hundred thousand dollars  
should be the ante and five-hun-  
dred thousand the limit. The New  
Yorker got the deal, and the  
fellow from New England coolly  
slapped down his ante of one hun-  
dred thousand dollars.

"When the cards had been dealt  
the New Englander called for 3,  
the Westerner said he was satisfi-  
ed with what he had, and the man  
from New York gave himself two  
cards. There were three antes of  
one hundred thousand dollars  
each in when the fellow from the  
West made his bet of another  
hundred thousand. The New York-  
er dropped in enough to raise  
that insignificant sum just doub-  
le, while the Yankee came in at  
the limit.

"There was then something over  
a cool million in the pot. The  
Western chap remarked that he  
had then right there, and sug-  
gested that the limit be dispensed  
with. The down-easter at first  
demurred, but finally agreed.

"The Hoosier—I remember now  
he was from Indiana—pitched in  
a five-million bet, which the fel-  
low from New York saw and raised  
another half million. The New  
Englander made himself solid and  
rested. Blood was in the eye of  
the Hoosier, so he chipped in five  
millions more.

"The New York chap was game  
and responded with a raise of a  
couple of millions. The Yankee  
hesitated right there, but once  
more made himself square. The  
fellow from Indiana then pitched  
in what he had left. The New York-  
er remarked those were his sen-  
timents exactly. There was noth-  
ing left for the Yankee to do but  
to stay in to the finish, which he  
did. A show of hands followed  
for the pot of forty-five millions  
of dollars."

## R. H. Woodell, in News and Observer.

BOONE, Oct. 10, '91—I seem  
to be in another country to-  
day. Have left all North Car-  
olina behind; but it is only  
seemingly so. When I crossed  
the Blue Ridge I felt as though  
that ought to be the line, but  
it is not, much to the benefit  
of the Old North State. I never  
knew before what rich,  
mountain land was. I was of  
the opinion that it was rich  
valleys among mountains.  
So it is on the east side of  
the Ridge, but not so over  
here in Watauga. The very  
spurs and ridges of the moun-  
tains are as fertile almost as  
the bottom lands. The whole  
country, mountain, hill and  
dale, is densely wooded. In  
many places the ivy and laurel  
thicket remind one forcibly  
of our eastern swamps. When  
cleared, it is productive in the  
highest degree. Timothy and  
herd grass grow breast high  
on the slopes and even to the top  
of the mountain. Without the  
use of any fertilizers Irish po-  
tatoes, cabbage, squash onions  
and almost every garden truck  
is raised anywhere you see fit  
to plant. I have seen farms  
that raise sixty bushels of  
corn to the acre this year,  
that have been under cultiva-  
tion for forty years. The peo-  
ple here say they can supply  
the whole South with hay and  
cabbage, if they only had a  
railroad on which to ship it.  
Really it appears so, for you  
can readily see the whole face  
of the earth will bring forth  
all that can stand upon it.  
Just imagine a cabbage field  
of several acres, way up on  
the slope of a high mountain  
with the heads standing so  
thick that it appears one solid  
cabbage head. A corn field,  
the corn standing thicker  
than it does on our eastern  
bottom lands, while between  
each row lies hundreds of  
bushels of the finest Irish po-  
tatoes you ever saw. This,  
"mine eyes have beheld and  
not another." Why it is that  
a railroad is not built from  
Wilkesboro to Boone, being  
only 37 miles, I cannot imag-  
ine. Winston, Greensboro,  
Durham, Raleigh, Fayetteville  
and Goldsboro would have  
said enough in the past five  
years, on the one article of  
hay alone, to have built the  
road and equipped it. They  
have been paying eighteen to  
twenty dollars per ton for  
very inferior hay, while the  
very finest ever produced sells  
here for four to five dollars.

But I have forgotten that  
I was writing for the Odd  
Fellow's column, and must  
leave this, to me, interesting  
subject, for some other time.  
My reception in Watauga by  
the brethren and the people  
generally, has been of the  
most cordial nature. Boone  
Lodge, No. 5, gave a picnic  
today to which everybody  
was invited. Considering the  
fact that people are quite  
busy here at this season, and  
that next week is court week  
when everybody comes to  
town, we had a good attend-  
ance. Visiting brethren came  
from Zionville, Snow and  
Montezuma Lodges, and af-  
ter assembling in the Lodge

room, the procession was  
formed under the marshal-  
ship of brethren Dr. J. M.  
Phillips and Capt. J. C. Mc-  
Ghee. We were marched from  
the Lodge room to the court  
house, where a fine audience  
of ladies and gentlemen had  
assembled. Bro. J. F. Spain-  
hour, D. D., G. M., opened  
the meeting and introduced  
your humble scribe, who tried  
to entertain them for about  
forty minutes, in his humble  
way, representing the claims  
of our beloved Order. After  
he concluded Bro. Spainhour  
again arose and gave an ear-  
nest, practical talk in behalf  
of the Order, winding up by  
inviting everybody to dinner  
in the grove near by. We  
were then taken to the cables,  
where every thing good for  
the inner man had been pro-  
vided. Ample justice being  
done in this line, we were  
taken back and dismissed. It  
is to be hoped that a good  
impression was made for the  
Order in this section by what  
was said and done to-day. I  
shall visit Zionville Lodge,  
No. 121, on Monday night,  
and Snow, No. 134, on Tues-  
day night next, returning to  
Boone Wednesday evening,  
when I will wind up the ball  
for this county and start back  
to Lenoir on Thursday. Meet-  
ing with Lenoir Thursday  
night and instituting a new  
Lodge at Newton on Friday  
night, I hope to reach home  
by the time your readers  
have finished this uninterest-  
ing epistle.

You can put it down for  
sure that success awaits Odd  
Fellowship in the extreme  
western portion of the State.  
Fraternally,  
B. H. WOODSELL

## To Be a Good Neighbor.

To be a really good neigh-  
bor demands the possession  
of many excellent qualities—  
tact, temper, discernment  
and consideration of other  
people's feelings; and if we  
possess all, or some of these  
qualities, innumerable and  
never-ending are the benefits  
we may confer on each other,  
and a great deal of pleasure  
will be the result. But, be-  
cause we are neighbors, we  
need not necessarily be  
close friends. We may be  
friendly enough to enjoy the  
pleasure of doing them little  
kindnesses and receiving the  
same in return. Being kind-  
ly disposed to all by no means  
implies that our house is to  
be open from morning till  
night to visitors. The typi-  
cally good natured person,  
who is at every one's beck  
and call, is likely to be great-  
ly imposed upon and to please  
no one really; one must be  
able to say "No," and de-  
cline being made use of by  
every one.—New York Ledger.

The Asheville Citizen:—The  
Mountain Home Journal de-  
clares that it is not a repub-  
lican newspaper, that it is not  
a democratic newspaper, that  
it is not an alliance newspa-  
per, that it is not a third  
party newspaper. In fact, up  
to the present moment it is  
emphatically the great  
"What is it?" Until it proves  
itself to be something the  
public is entitled to look up-  
on it as the great O of Amer-  
ican journalism.

## Simpson's Ross Figures.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 15.—Jer-  
ry Simpson of Kansas, in an  
interview as to his impres-  
sions of the political situa-  
tion in Ohio, said he thought  
the People's party movement  
would show great strength  
in the election. He said:

"The ticket will receive not  
less than 150,000. Why do  
I think so? Well, the fact  
that you have the Australian  
ballot law will help the Peo-  
ple's party very much. It will  
do it in this way: Many peo-  
ple are ashamed to vote with  
a new and weak party—that  
is, they are ashamed to be  
known as joining hands with  
it, though its principles are  
theirs. In the Australian bal-  
lot system these voters have  
the cloak of secrecy thrown  
over their actions at the  
polls. We will get many votes  
of this kind."

As to Gov. Campbell's and  
Major McKinley's chance for  
election, Mr. Simpson said:  
"Major McKinley is a man  
against whom nothing can  
be said personally, and he  
has apparently the entire  
support of his party. In this  
he undoubtedly has the ad-  
vantage to some extent of  
Gov. Campbell, but last year  
there was a great defection  
of farmers and workingmen  
from the Republican party  
because of the tariff.

"It was a great reaction.  
There has been nothing since  
then to stop this reaction.  
I think it will be more pro-  
nounced in its results this  
year than it was last year.  
On the whole, I think Gov.  
Campbell's chances are slight-  
ly better than Major McKin-  
ley's, but it is going to be  
very close.

"It was a mistake for the  
People's party to go into  
politics in Ohio this year,  
and I told them so at Cincin-  
nati. They should have thor-  
oughly organized the Alli-  
ance first. To begin an at-  
tack with raw recruits is to  
invite defeat always."

## Returning Home from the Army.

A two-horse wagon con-  
taining ten persons passed  
through Salisbury yesterday,  
and one of them told quite  
an interesting story. The peo-  
ple in the wagon were W. M.  
Canady, his wife, mother-in-  
law and seven children, their  
destination being Americans,  
Ga., the native home of the  
man. Twenty-eight years ago  
Mr. Canady enlisted in the  
Confederate army and went  
to Virginia, serving until the  
conflict ended. After the war  
he married near Madison  
Court House, Va., remaining  
there ever since. He always  
had a desire to return to his  
home, but never could save  
enough money from his wages  
as a laborer to pay expenses  
of the trip, and has just man-  
aged to get enough together  
by the sale of personal effects  
and economy to purchase his  
team. This being done the  
dreams of almost a life time  
were realized and the family  
started out to make the trip  
—1,200 miles—over land by  
wagon. Mr. Canady has in-  
herited some land in Georgia  
and will make that State his  
home now.—Salisbury Her-  
ald.

FOR DYSPEPSIA,  
Indigestion, and Stomach Disorders, use  
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.  
All dealers keep it. \$1 per bottle. Genuine has  
trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

## Hampton Out of Politics

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—Ex-  
United States Senator and  
General Wade Hampton is  
visiting in this city. He says  
he is out of politics and in-  
tends, for the future, to re-  
main in the background. The  
Farmers' alliance, he said, is  
rapidly disintegrating in the  
south, and within the next  
four years will completely  
disappear, to live only in the  
memory of those who have  
been benefited by the up-  
heaval.

"This will be the case not  
only in South Carolina, but  
throughout the whole South.  
The people are rapidly awa-  
kening to the absurdity of  
the demands that the organi-  
zation has promulgated, and  
are gradually dropping off  
and forswearing all allegi-  
ance to the alliance. In my  
own State the governor, who  
was elected by the sentiment  
that secured my defeat for  
re-election to the Senate, has  
already broken away, in a  
great measure, from the alli-  
ance measures, and is enter-  
ing, in his administration of  
the affairs of the State, to  
the conservative and better-  
thinking element.

"The uprising was founded  
on demagoguery and fanaticism,  
and therefore cannot have  
long existence. More over,  
the history of this country  
has shown that no secret  
political organization can live  
long or retain any lasting  
hold on the public. We are  
too conservative a people,  
and too fair-minded in our  
judgment of right and wrong  
in popular government to  
permit any sway by secret  
societies. In my opinion it is  
folly for any one in this coun-  
try to enter into a contro-  
versy with a farmers' alli-  
ance adherent on the sub-  
treasury plan. The measure  
is so palpably wrong on its  
face as to make it absurd to  
all who have the prosperity  
and welfare of the country at  
heart. It can never become  
a law until passed by Con-  
gress, and its absurdity will  
prevent this, no matter how  
much demagogues may urge  
its enactment. This feature  
of the alliance has never been  
fully accepted in the South,  
and I have too much confi-  
dence in our people to think  
it ever will be."

## Polk is Not the Alliance.

The editor is an out-and-  
out Alliance man himself, but  
does not regard Colonel Polk  
as the Alliance itself; there-  
fore when this paper presumes  
to criticize the political bear-  
ings of the colonel proper or  
any of his emissaries, it  
should not be regarded as  
aimed at the order in any  
sense. No offense whatever  
is designed or intended for  
that body as a whole, when  
Polk is justly held up as a  
fixed mark for the lash of  
censure.—Caswell News.

Bristol Courier:—"Do not  
swear. There is no occasion  
to swear outside of a print-  
ing office. It is useful in proof-  
reading and indispensable in  
getting forms to press, and  
has been known to assist in  
looking over the paper when  
it is printed, but otherwise it  
is a very disgusting habit."