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Oct. 27, 3 mo.

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 exchange. 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'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.

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

WASHINGTON LETTER**From our Regular Correspondent.**

Speaker Crisp has found a hard taskmaster in the grip which has held fast to him ever since the day of the recess adjournment, that it is not probable that he will be well enough to preside over the House when it reassembles tomorrow. In that case the House is not expected to transact any further business than the election of a Speaker pro tem, and the adoption of a resolution authorizing the employment of clerks to the various committees.

This programme may however be added to, if Mr. Harrison shall send in the Chilean correspondence and his special message, as it has been semi-officially announced that he would do this week. If the correspondence and the message shall prove to be as important as the public have been led to believe, the House will probably take it up at once to the temporary exclusion of all other business. In this connection it may be well to give the views of Representative McCreary, of Ken., who has long been justly regarded as one of the clearest-headed democratic members of the House committee on Foreign Affairs. He says: "I still think that the Chileans will not want to go to war with us. I believe they will make proper reparation for the affront that has been given us. They have nothing to gain from such an unequal contest. Peru would be only too willing to give the United States permission to land troops on her soil and establish store houses there. We could land one hundred thousand troops, and such a step being once taken, there would be no halt until our forces had marched through the whole country. The intelligent Chileans must appreciate this danger, if they compel hostilities, and upon the assumption that they do. I believe that they will not permit war. Soon after Congress reconvenes the President will send the correspondence to the two houses and then we can consider the situation with a better understanding. I am sure that the course of the United States will be dignified, firm and courageous. Whatever the result, I do not think we can be charged with having rushed into war, or that we shall suffer any loss of dignity." The last sentence is significant, as there are reasons for the belief that Representative McCreary has already read the correspondence.

Were it not for the fact that Frank Hatton has been known to bear a bitter personal grudge against Mr. Blaine ever since just before the meeting of the republican national convention in 1880, his rather plain intimations in the Washington Post, that Mr. Blaine had, by reason of a business deal with ex-Mayor Grace, of New York, who has large business interests in Chili, determined to prevent war between the two countries, even if it becomes

necessary to back down to do it, would have created a sensation. As it is they have only raised a smile, and recalled the adage "Give a dog a bad name, etc."

Although nothing definite is known on the subject it seems to be the opinion of the majority of democrats that the committee on Rules of the House will not recommend the restoration of all the appropriation bills to the committee on Appropriations, as they were some years ago, and re Representatives Holman, Sayers, Dockery and other champions of economy wish them to be again. It is possible that the committee may conclude to get the views of a democratic caucus before acting on this very important matter.

Representative Springer has prepared the first of the series of tariff bills with which it is proposed to assault the present class-favoring law, and it will be submitted to the Ways and Means Committee in a few days, probably this week. It will put wool on the free list, and place carpets on about the basis proposed by the Mills bill.

Ex-Representative Perkins, of Kansas, who is to attempt to fill the vacant chair of the late Senator Plumb, by right of a gubernatorial appointment, did not make a reputation to be very proud of during the four sessions he served as a member of the House. As a statesman he was a bad misfit, but as a blind, bitter partisan, looking slight of everything but the momentary success of his party, he was a howling success. His career in the Senate will probably be but a repetition of that in the House.

The amount of sugar bounty so paid, under the McKinley tariff law, is nearly one million dollars; to be exact, \$962,930.

Although the administration estimate for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year beginning July 2d, 1892, is only—mark the only—144,000,000, those who have devoted much study to the subject predict that it will require at least \$20,000,000 more.

The U. S. Supreme Court has reversed decision of the Nebraska State Court, and decided that Gov. Boyd is the legal governor of that State.

DOTS.

Money is the creation of law. The privileged classes must go. Republicanism leads the people to poverty, poverty to crime, crime to perdition.

If the People's party are calamity howlers, the Republican party are calamity creators.

The prosperity yawpers are trembling at the ever-onward march of the calamity howlers.

If it had not been for silver money the contraction in two years must have been \$47,740,136 instead of the claimed expansion of \$130,218,169, or a difference of \$177,958,296.

We give the Republicans to understand that we will howl till the last privileged thief is driven into his den or hung up by the neck. —Ex.

Did John A. Murrill Kill Ambrose Cook of Watauga County?**EDITOR DEMOCRAT:**

In 1834 there were two families of Cooks living in Ashe county, N. C. Michael Cook lived near the top of the Blue Ridge. Peter Cook, father of Ambrose and Samuel, lived a short distance east of Jordan Council's store. Ambrose was a married man.

I was living at my father's in Burke county, N. C., at that time. I owned a horse and wagon. A strange man came to me one day and told me his name was Ambrose Cook; that he lived near Jordan Council's store in Ashe Co., and that he had a brother driving a stage at Swannanoah Gap; that they had received a letter saying he had been thrown from the stage and his skull fractured and wanted me to go with him after him. I agreed to take my wagon, work his horse and go. It was now near night, but he insisted on starting at once, which we did. After going about 1½ miles, going down a slant, his mare began to kick. I refused to go further with the kicking mare but agreed to go back and get my horse and work him.

When I started he handed me his pocketbook saying: "there is my pocket book with \$75 in it, go get your horse and take your money out of it." When I got home I opened his pocket book and found 75 cts. in it. When I got back to the wagon he was lying in it fast asleep. We went on 6 or 8 miles and stayed over the night. Next morning, (Saturday) we met a man who said that he had seen Cook's brother only a few days ago, and that he was all right. On Sunday morning he got a mule of the man we stayed with and went to see his brother and came back in the evening and had a five-dollar bill, he said he got of his brother to pay me and our expenses. On Monday morning we started home. He got after me to buy his mare, saddle, bridle blanket and umbrella, all new, and a thousand pounds of bacon which he claimed to have at his father's. He proposed to take \$100 for them all.

I had a brass cased watch which cost me \$18, an excellent time keeper, a fine gold chain which cost me \$12. I proposed to take his property at \$100, if he would take the watch and chain for \$30, a bear skin, I used for a saddle cover, at \$3.50, my note on six months time for \$30; allow me \$4 for my wages, making in all \$67.60, and the balance of \$32.50 in weaver's sley on our return home.

To this he agreed and gave me an order to his father in Ashe county for 1000 lbs. of bacon. I went home and then went to his father's and found him as he had said, living near Jordan Council's store in Ashe Co., but there was no bacon there for me. His father excused his conduct toward me by telling me of a misfortune his son had met with. He said, he was crossing the river in a canoe, had a gun in his hand and

sat it down in the canoe and in doing so the lock struck the edge of the canoe, causing the gun to fire. The ball struck him at the eyebrows and cut to the top of his forehead, making a bad scar and fracturing his skull so that he had crazy spells ever after. He also told me that he had been married but that he and his wife did not live together. His father also told me they had received no letter stating that his brother had got hurt, nor did he have the money he claimed to have in his pocket. I went back home and started in pursuit of him. On the head of the Catawba River I found a man who had the \$30 note I had given Cook. He said he gave Cook \$20 for it, and he agreed, in as much as Cook had swindled me, to let me have the note for what it cost him, which I paid.

John A. Murrill mistaking one Crenshaw for a friend and clansman, told him about meeting with a well-dressed man whom he asked if he had heard of any robbers in the country. The man said, not and that he would not like to meet with them, for, said he, "I have the money with me that a large number of negroes sold for." Murrill thought this a nice prize and travelling on with him, told him there was a good spring a little off the road to which he induced him to go with him for water. When the man lay down to drink Murrill shot him in the head and killed him, and in searching him found \$4.50 in cash, a brass watch with a gold chain. The description of the man; the time; the watch and chain fill in the description of the one I let Cook have only a short time before, together with the fact that he claimed to have what he did not have, satisfied me that it was none other than Ambrose Cook from whom I bought the bacon, that John A. Murrill killed at the spring.

HENRY SPAINHOUR,
Lowell, Ky.**An Aged Couple Murdered.**

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 4.—A Griffin Special to the Constitution reports a double murder from that place last night. An aged couple, Dr. Barrett and wife, lived at the old homestead. The Doctor's grand son went to see them last night. He found his grand father dead and his grandmother dying, but unconscious and unable to tell the story of the crime. Their skulls were horribly crushed in. A bloody coupling pin was found on the floor, indicating that the crime might have been committed by a railroad man.

Up to a late hour to-night no clue to the murderer has been obtained. The supposition was, that the old couple had money, as they lived comfortably, but in reality they had none and were supported by their grand son in Atlanta. Robbery is the only probable motive.

The DEMOCRAT twelve months for one dollar.

COUNTY EXHIBIT.**[Continued from last week.]****Whole & half fees.**

W H Byrd	4 25
Joe B Todd	98 52
L H Hodges	3 80
W P Blackburn	4 90
W S Berry	5 40
Dr Bingham	1 05
J B Williams	2 40
G P Sherrill	2 40
J W Rhapps	4 00
Sol Younce	10 70
J W Stephens	5 40
J G Pierce	11 00
J F Eller	2 50
Dave Eller	5 10
N W Roark	1 70
J M Hyatt	1 45
J L Thomas	1 25
J Robinson	1 30
Joe B Todd	40 46
W C Newland	8 15
Shiff of Ashe	45
J A Jones	75
J H Guyn	30
J L Hayes shiff	2 55
E M Church	1 65
Allen Green	2 95
A G L Harbin	4 75
Shiff D F Baird	3 45

Miscellaneous.

John south guard duty	1 15
Henry Main	1 15
R A Thomas	1 15
H A Dobbin reg vot	90 2 40
S J Hendrix	2 22
Joe B Todd elec ret	5 15
N N Colvard jail fees	9 48
Ervin Green steel & drill	5 23
C S Farthing blast mat	10 15
C D Taylor	8 90
W W Presnell quilts for P H	7 50
J E Finley chm nd co coms	21 15

J H Mast mem	16 80
W W Presnell	15 60
M B Blackburn clk	31 28
Coffey Bros powder & fuse	7 5
N N Colvard jail fees	9 48
J L Hayes shiff sum reg	51 05
Judges Nov elec 1890	51 05
J H Greer D S con S Gilbert	5 05
pauper to wilkes co.	4 15
N N Colvard jail fees	16 43
R L Council rep jail roof	10 15
Dr Council med aid to poor	9 65
and prisoners	9 65
J G Norris reg vo no e	90 4 65
T L Day	3 36
J N Idol	4 23

Jonas winebarger jur on in	2 15
quest sylvanus church	2 15
J winebarger	2 15
N winebarger	2 15
J L Moretz	2 15
Wm Miller	2 15
J M Moretz	2 15
Dr Horton post mort ex	10 15
J H Brown cor on inq.	12 95
A Hagaman com on Fi	4 15
Shiff Hayes conveying smith	15 15
to Asylum	15 15
W B Council Atty for co	50 15
Lowe & Dugger J P's cost in	2 35
A woods case	2 35
Shiff Hayes fees	6 75
S Marshal wit	65
Ferily wood	65
Laura painter	65
T E Brotherton	65
Lou Wright	65
James Potts	65

A E Norman ju on inquest	1 15
wright case	1 15
R L Lowe	1 15
J E Brotherton	1 15
E C Moody	1 15
J C Potts	1 15
Thos Profit	1 15
J J Glenn refunding tax	14 18
N N Colvard jail fees	38 35
R C Rivers Pub notice	2 15
J L Sanders guard duty	6 90
Wm Austin	4 65
J D Council	9 90
G A Bryan	3 15
H C Stafford	6 15
N N Colvard	9 15
R C Rivers	8 40
R L Council	1 00
M B Blackburn	3 90
R A Thomas	3 15

S F Lenoir shoes an blankets	4 25
for prisoners	25 00
D F Baird conveying pauper to statesville	22 95
B F Baird conveying Larkin ray to asy	31 65
J L Mast reg vo no e	91 8 55
R Farthing	5 34
S H Banner	3 78
W D Clark	3 15
Dr Council med aid to P	9 15
Dr Reeves	8 15

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