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

## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The meeting of the National Democratic Committee to be held here this week to decide where the National convention shall be held, is exciting much interest. Arrangements have been perfected by the local democrats to entertain the committee in true democratic style. Washington would like to have the convention here, but she will have to be contented with merely wishing for it, as it is regarded as being between New York and a western city, with the chances decidedly in favor of New York, should its representatives really wish to make a winning fight.

The interest in the meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, which is also to be held here this week, is only second to that felt in the meeting of the National Committee. The purpose for which this meeting is held is not made public, further than that it is for the transaction of business important to the democratic clubs of the country. Its proceeding will, of course, be secret.

Mr. Blaine endeavored to convince the House committee on Foreign Affairs that the House ought to pass the bill pledging the endorsement of the Government to an issue of \$100,000,000 of the bonds of the Nicaragua canal company, but it was labor lost, as Representative Holman's resolution, which was adopted by the House, has made it certain that no such scheme can get through that body.

Representative Holman says his resolution against subsidies and government aid of any kind to private industries, and against any appropriations not actually needed, which has been criticized in some quarters, will not interfere with the passage of a river and harbor bill or any other legitimate appropriation. But it knocks the private schemes higher than a kite.

Representative Alderson, of West Virginia, introduced a resolution in the House for the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate the charges of partisanship, mismanagement and wastefulness which have been made against the census bureau.

The ex-Czar of the House is not to be allowed monopolize the role of clown on the floor of the present House. He has a rival in the person of Representative Boutelle, of Maine, who was so much worked up in his mind because the House adopted Representative Holman's resolution against government subsidies of all kinds, and against the appropriation of government money for any except to carry on the necessary business of the government, that he took upon himself the task of making a funny speech to ease his mind. After serving the

House with a sort of pot pourri, made of equal parts of Dickens, Edison's phonograph and democratic economy, he jumped in over his head by hurling anathemas at the democratic party because Mrs. Flower, the wife of the present popular Governor of New York, did not find the contents of the linen and china closets, as turned over by the retiring bachelor governor, to be as full and complete as she desired them to be. That was humor of the most subtle kind, wasn't it? Boutelle is very, very "funny," almost as comical as Reed.

There has been considerable active manoeuvring on the part of the republican bosses around here of late. Clarkson has been holding private conferences with Quay, Alger, Blaine and Allison, and many think that Alger is trying to make a combine with Blaine, either to take the second place on the ticket, or to obtain Blaine's support for the head, if he doesn't take it himself.

Senator Turpie succeeded, after a hard fight, in getting the Senate committee on the Judiciary to postpone the consideration of the nomination of Judge Woods as a member of the new Circuit court until Senator Voorhees gets back, which will be some time this week. No stone will be left unturned by the Indiana Senators to defeat the confirmation of Woods, but present indications are that the republicans will vote solidly for his confirmation.

Having become satisfied that the Chilean minister has been "playing possum," as to the intentions of his country, the administration will, it is for the third or fourth time said, send the correspondence to Congress this week with a message from Mr. Harrison recommending that war be declared. Congress is ready to meet him more than halfway, if the correspondence be of the nature it has been represented to be. A bill is pending in both House and Senate to repeal the law against the appointment of men who served in the Confederate Army and Navy to positions in the U. S. Army or Navy, in order that the Government may get the benefit of their services in the war with Chili, which is regarded as being almost a certainty.

Speaker Crisp is, he thinks, well enough to resume his duties, but to take no chances of a relapse he will be entirely guided by the advice of his physician as to exposing himself.

An old man once said: For a long time I used to puzzle myself about the difficulties in the Bible, until at last I came to the conclusion that reading the Bible is like eating fish. When I come to a difficulty, I lay it aside and call it a bone. Why should I choke over a bone when there is so much good meat left for me? Some day, perhaps, I may find that even the bone may afford me nourishment!

## A Letter From Col. Cowles to the News and Observer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.

"I notice you copy a letter recently published in the New York Sun, in reference to my effort to repeal the tobacco tax and other modifications of the internal revenue law, which occurred in the last session of the Fifth Congress (see Congressional Record, January 14th, 1889.) in which, unintentionally, no doubt, great injustice is done Hon. Thomas D. Johnson, then representing the ninth district of our State. Mr. Johnson never made any such motion as is ascribed to him; on the contrary, in all the efforts in that Congress, in caucus, as well as in the House, to assert and maintain the instructions of our people, made and so often repeated in State and district conventions, urging every effort to repeal or modify the oppressive internal revenue laws, Mr. Johnson was always present, and in the forefront of the fight, by speech and action striving to win success. No district ever had a more honest, faithful and industrious representative."

I am, sir, very truly yours,  
WM. H. H. COWLES.

## In Memory of Melvin P. Whittington.

Melvin Porter Whittington was born on Brushy Fork [then Ashe county] April the 28th, 1816, and departed this life December 24th, '91. This sad news will, no doubt, be a surprise of deep regret to his many friends and relatives in this country, the country of his childhood, where he lived in manhood; one of Watauga's honored sons whose kind heart and genial nature was the source of enjoyment in social circles. He was a man of a bright and superior intellect whose mind was well stored with useful and practical knowledge, which gave him great conversational powers, so much so that he could hold hearers spell bound. He was honest in all his dealings with his fellowmen. He was an affectionate husband, a kind and loving father; a good citizen; a true mason and a christian gentleman. But why I try to portray the many good and excellent qualities of one who lives in the hearts and memory of all who knew and loved him so well? But, alas! he is gone from time, friends, sorrow and trouble, while his consistent life gives us the assurance that our loss is his eternal gain. Should we not strive to emulate his noble character, for ere long some of us will, too, pass away, and the place that knows us now will know us no more. For death has passed upon all men, and it is appointed unto man to die, and after death the judgment. I think it was Solomon who said, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Blessed be God, for his many promises and assurances that these earthly bodies of ours shall be resurrected and reunited to immortal spirits. Let us, with God's help, make our calling and election sure.

M. C. HARMAN.

## OBITUARY.

L. Harman died at home on the north branch of the Coquille river, at 6 o'clock p. m., Nov. 20, 1891, aged 42 years one month and one day. The deceased was a native of North Carolina, and was born in Watauga county, 1849. He was united in marriage to Hester H. Mast Dec. 23, 1870. Mr. Harman with his small family came to this coast and for eighteen months lived in Doughlass county, but at the end of that time he came to Coos county and settled in this valley.

A stricken family, consisting of the widow and 4 children, bewail its loved one, now lost. A neighborhood of solid citizens mourn the loss of one of earth's noblemen, called away in the prime of his years, and the maturity of his usefulness. A community is draped with the devices of mourning. A hearth-stone is surrounded with a loving family, but alas, there is a vacant chair, and sobs of grief attest that the main stay of the family shrine has passed through the portals of the tomb and a spirit ascended to the bosom of its Father and its God. It is right and becoming that we pause in our avocations, and while laying our garlands of love upon his tomb, giving fitting expression to the thoughts which instinctively swell up in our hearts. It is also right that we should bear testimony to the virtue which gave dignity to and adorned his character, for he was a true man. The spirit that, but a short time since, mingled with us, seemed as honest and upright as could justly be required of mortal. We cannot repress our grief when the "good man" dies. Society feels the vacancy when an intelligent mind is withdrawn forever from its service, and a ray of broadest light furnished by that inward and immortal lamp which, when its mission upon earth is ended is trimmed anew by angel hands to shine forever in the land beyond. It has been said "that the mind of man in its sphere and destiny is essentially immortal." Its age; its progress; its decline; yet, like the oak whose withered branches have withstood the storm and gales of centuries, when its leaves are strewn by wailing winds and angry blasts, from the small but gradual unfolding of that vital substance, spring forth into life and beauty, as a new creation; the buds and blossoms of another year.

If those knowing deceased from childhood were asked what his character has been and what his forefathers are like, the universal answer is that he came from an excellent family and that he had never stepped aside and tarnished their fair name.

Mr. Harman was a consistent member of the M. E. church South. Rev. W. J. Fenton conducted the religious services at the family residence, and he entombed by the Masonic services as he was an honored member of that order, and his friends and brethren mingled their sorrow in sympathy with the afflicted family. Let us hope that the consolations that he derived from his faith in christianity will form a beacon star that will lead his spirit to that glory that he seemed to view with an eye of faith during his religious life.  
JUDGE LAYRO.

## Terrible Explosion.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 18. Near Oxmoor, seven miles south of Birmingham, a terrible explosion occurred yesterday morning which cost two men their lives. An engine ran out of water and the engineer made an effort to reach the tank, half a mile away, as soon as possible. When at full speed his boiler exploded with a tremendous noise, wrecking the locomotive and blowing the engineer, James Hunt, and fireman Bradford into a thousand pieces.

The track was torn up and great holes in the ground. The head of the dead engineer was found a quarter of a mile away. People in that vicinity thought an earthquake had occurred. Both men have families.

That we are drifting into a war with Chili seems probable. The President in reply to a suggestion of arbitration, is reported as having said: "When a man spits in my face what is there to arbitrate?" And that is about the size of it. We have made no unreasonable demand on Chili, and have been patient enough waiting on her government to make some offer of regret and of reparation. But while the killing of our seamen has been mentioned in State correspondence as an "unfortunate affair," and as a "deplorable affair," yet the government of Chili has not seen fit to say a word of regret. Civilized nations, no matter how high spirited, can avoid a resort to arms if they choose. Chili apparently does not choose in this instance.—News and Observer.

An exchange says: "The farmer actually pays a premium for bad roads. He pays it in time expended in going to market; in value of drafting animals and the food they eat and in the extra hands for their care and handling, in increased number of vehicles and wear and tear on them and in the decreased product of the land that has less attention and care. If the country had a system of smooth and hard highways it would blossom like a rose and prosperity would follow in the wake."

News comes from Des Moines that the Iowa Democrats will boom Gov. Boies for the presidency unless the New York Democrats settle their differences. Look out for that Boies boom.

If you want your boy to love you, don't make him hoe potatoes in the back yard while a brass band is passing the house.—Ran's Horn.

Those who are opposed to the Democrats in New York are greatly agitated over an incident that happened in the State Senate. Three Republican Senators, being in their seats when the bill to take the State census was up, refused to vote. The Senate resolved that they were in contempt. So when the clerk called the roll again he omitted the names of the Senators who were in contempt. That is a summary way of proceeding in such cases, and the Republicans and mugwumps are not pleased.—News and Observer.