

Watauga Democrat.

VOL. XII.

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1900.

NO. 17.

"Lord Raleigh's graceful little act of sacrificing his costly cloak so that the Queen could go dry shod has been outdone by a Western bride."

"What did she do?"
"On a very slippery day last winter she scattered the cremated ashes of her first husband on the front steps so that her second husband wouldn't slip down."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

INDIGESTION

If you have it, you know it. You know all about the heavy feeling in the stomach, the formation of gas, the nausea, sick headache, and general weakness of the whole body.

You can't have it a week without your blood being impure and your nerves all exhausted. There's just one remedy for you—

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

There's nothing new about it. Your grandparents took it. 'Twas an old Sarsaparilla before other sarsaparillas were known. It made the word "Sarsaparilla" famous over the whole world.

There's no other sarsaparilla like it. In age and power to cure it's "The leader of them all."

\$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

Ayer's Pills cure constipation.

"After suffering terribly I was induced to try your Sarsaparilla. I took three bottles and now feel like a new man. I would advise all my fellow creatures to try this medicine, for it has stood the test of time and its curative power cannot be excelled."

L. D. GOON,
Jan. 20, 1899. Brownstown, Va.

Write the Doctor.

If you have any complaint whatever and desire the best medical advice you can possibly receive, write the doctor freely. You will receive a prompt reply, without cost. Address—

Dr. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

Artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps, and all other results of imperfect digestion.

Prepared by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.

Coffey Bros. Phillips & Son.

PROFESSIONAL.

W. B. COUNCELL, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
BOONE, N. C.

E. F. LOVILL, J. C. FLETCHER.
LOVILL & FLETCHER.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
BOONE, N. C.

Special attention given to the collection of claims.

Dr. J. M. HOGSHEAD,
Cancer Specialist,
BANNER'S ELK, N. C.

No Knife, No Burning Out.

Highest references and endorsements of prominent persons successfully treated in Va., Tenn. and N. C. Remember that there is no time too soon to get rid of a cancerous growth—no matter how small. Examination free, letters answered promptly, and satisfaction guaranteed.

THE SUN'S ECLIPSE.

The total eclipse of the sun on May 28th next will be visible in our Southern States, and, as Professor Bigelow, of the United States Weather Bureau, says in an article in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for May, "we are fortunate to have the show at home in our own country this time." Many foreigners will come to the United States to make observations. The track of the eclipse on May 28th, Prof. Bigelow states, enters the United States in south-eastern Louisiana passes over New Orleans centrally; over Mobile, Ala., which is on its southern edge; over Montgomery, Ala., on the northern edge; over Columbus, Ga., passes 25 miles south of Atlanta, Ga.; passes near Macon, Milledgeville, Augusta, Columbia, S. C., and Charlotte, N. C., which is 10 miles north of the central line, and over Norfolk, Va., 15 miles north of the center. The track is about 50 miles wide in all parts, and the duration of the eclipse varies from one minute and twelve seconds near New Orleans to one minute and forty-four seconds near Norfolk on the central line.

Out of about 70 eclipses of the sun which have occurred somewhere in the world within the nineteenth century, says Bigelow, there have been only eight total eclipses of more or less duration visible on the North American continent. The others happened in places often remote from civilization and sometimes in totally inaccessible localities, as over the ocean areas. The difficulty of transporting heavy baggage to the remote parts of Asia, Africa or South America is such as to preclude all but a few scientists from any effort to observe eclipses. In 1889 the United States government sent an expedition to Cape Ledo, West Africa. This expedition carried a common equipment of scientific material—such as telescopes, spectroscopes, polariscopes and photographic cameras. The party was prepared to observe the eclipse in its totality after the most approved methods, but unfortunately lost the sun entirely during the critical moment by the temporary obscuring of the sky through local cloud formations.

The United States Weather Bureau has been conducting special observations on the cloudiness occurring from May 15 to June 15, in each of the three years '97, '98 and '99, between 8, a. m., and 9, a. m., the morning hours of the eclipse next month. The observations give substantially the same conclusion for each year—namely, that there is a maximum of cloudiness near the Atlantic coast in Virginia, extending back into North Carolina, and also near the gulf coast in Louisiana and Southern Mississippi, while there is a minimum of cloudiness in eastern Alabama and central Georgia. While the cloud

observations suggest that Georgia and Alabama have the best sites for the eclipse, the duration is but one minute and twenty seconds in Alabama, while it is one minute and forty seconds in N. C. Statistics for observing the eclipse will be, therefore, selected in the latter State, although the probability for minimum cloudiness is twice as good in Georgia and Alabama.

The path of the total eclipse of May 28, 1900, after leaving the United States, crosses the North Atlantic ocean to Coimbra, Portugal, and continues over North Africa to its end at the Red Sea. Stations which are not situated on the path of the totality, says Prof. Bigelow, will see the sun partially eclipsed in proportion to the distance of the locality from the central line to the northern or southern limits. New England, New York, the Ohio valley and the Southern Rocky Mountain districts will see the sun about nine-tenths covered; the lake region, the lower Missouri valley and southern California will see an eight tenth eclipse, and the northern Rocky Mountain region about six tenths or seven tenths. The best way to view the partially eclipsed sun is to secure three strips of thin, colored glass, one and a half inches wide by five inches long—red, green and blue—bind them over the eye end of a good opera glass and adjust focus on the sun. No other eclipse track will occur in this country until June 8, 1918, when one will pass from Oregon to Florida, two minutes in duration. Another will occur in New England on January 24, 1925. Eclipses seven minutes in duration will be visible in India in 1955 and in Africa in 1973—the longest for a thousand years.

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon within man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the affliction is demonic enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's pain balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by dealers.

Dr. George R. C. Todd, formerly of Kentucky, a brother-in-law of President Abraham Lincoln, died in Barnwell, S. C., Saturday. He had lived there for many years, practicing medicine.

I consider it not only a pleasure but a duty I owe to my neighbors to tell about the wonderful cure effected in my case by the timely use of Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy. I was taken very badly with flux and procured a bottle of this remedy. A few doses of it effected a permanent cure. I take pleasure in recommending it to others suffering from that dreadful disease.—J. W. LYNCH, Dorr, W. Va. Sold by dealers.

Proceedings.

The Watauga County Sunday School Convention convened with Beaver Dam Baptist church on Friday, April 27, 1900.

Elder Solomon Younce delivered the annual sermon. Text 2nd Cor. 3-8.

After intermission the convention was called to order by the chairman, L. W. Farthing.

An open question box was then announced and a number of interesting questions were proposed and discussed.

On Saturday morning the programme was taken up for consideration.

On the first question E. F. Jones said that as to numbers he thought the work was retrograding, but as to spiritual growth and material advancement, that the work was advancing.

D. C. Harman and J. H. Farthing, in discussing the second question argued that people never become too old to be benefitted by attending the Sunday School.

On Saturday at 11, a. m., Elder D. C. Harman, after relating some experiences of his fifty years in the ministry, read a selection from the 63rd chapter of Isaiah and delivered a sermon from the 3rd verse.

At 1, p. m., the convention reassembled and in discussing the fourth question, the brethren warned the churches and Sunday Schools against becoming too formal in their work.

The chair appointed brethren J. C. Horton, W. T. Vandye and John C. Brown to arrange a programme for the next Sunday School Convention to be held with Three Forks Baptist church, to begin on Friday before the first fifth Sunday after the first Sunday in March, 1901.

It was also announced that a Union meeting would be held with Bethel church beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1900.

On Sunday at 11, a. m. Elder E. F. Jones preached to a large congregation from the text: "For me to live is Christ; but to die is gain."

A. J. GAMBILL, Secretary.

Says an exchange, and very truthfully, on the subject of promoting industrial enterprises: "The success of manufacturing enterprises in your town means an increase of real estate value, a more lively market for all farm produce, a better cotton market and other raw material, and a great increase in the volume of your business. It is, therefore, to your interest to lend every assistance to the promotion of manufactories. All pulling together in this matter insures success."

An Epidemic of Whooping Cough.

Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's cough remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—JOHN E. CLIFFORD, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. For sale by dealers.

Judge Adams Either a Fool or a Fainster.

Chatham Record.

The main feature of this black and tan convention [in Chatham county] was the speech of ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, and it seems almost incredible that a man who had ever been elected a judge even by fusionists, could have so far degraded himself by making a speech so full of falsehoods and misrepresentations. Among other false statements by him was the deliberate assertion that the Democratic party in North Carolina would not allow a white man, who did not own land, to vote for Senators until after the war, and that the Republican party gave them the right.

Judge Adams either did or did not know this statement to be false. If he did not know it to be false, then he ought never to make another speech, for any man so ignorant as that should never attempt to teach other people. And if he did know it to be false, he ought to be too ashamed to show his face again in public.

The fact is (as every intelligent man knows), that the Democratic party was the advocate of "free suffrage" and in 1854 carried this State on that issue, electing David S. Reid Governor over his Whig opponent, Gov. Charles Manly.

Hand and Machine Production.

Studies of the effect of machinery upon hand production, made by Mr. Carroll D. Wright, of the Labor Bureau show that 52 men are now employed in making a plow, against 2 in 1850, the operations performed being as 97 to 11. As respects the time required to make plows, 1-180 hours were required by two workmen in 1850 in making 10 plows, while but 37 1/2 hours are required by the 52 men now employed. The reduction of time is as 31 to 1 in favor of machinery. Wages have risen from 60 cents to \$1.25 and \$2.60 a day, but even with these higher wages the economy is about 8 to 1. The cost of the labor employed in making 10 plows is but \$7.09 now, against \$54.46 in 1850. Labor has not been displaced, because it finds employment in making the machines that seem to displace it and the reduced cost of products has increased the demand. Every step of progress creates new industries.—Baltimore Sun.

J. Q. Hood, justice of the peace Crosby, Miss., makes the following statement: "I can certify that One Minute cough cure will do all that is claimed for it. My wife could not get her breath and the first dose of it relieved her. It has also benefited my whole family." It acts immediately and cures coughs, colds, croup, gripple, bronchitis, asthma and all throat and lung troubles. Coffey Bros. Phillips & Son.

Father—"That man should be an example to you, my son. He entered a store as office boy and worked himself up until in a few years he owned the business."

Son—"He could never do that in these days, pa, when they have cash registers."

James Drake Brought to Jail.

Lenoir Topic.

James Drake, one of the parties who were tried here two years ago for attempting to burn a store house in Hickory, was brought here from Spartanburg last Thursday night by Sheriff Boyd and lodged in jail. The former trial resulted in a mistrial, the parties gave bail, and the trial has been postponed for one cause and another ever since.

At the last term of the Criminal court, James Drake did not appear, but sent a statement from a physician to the effect that he was unable to be here. The certificate was not in due form, however and his bond was forfeited. This being the case Solicitor Jones wrote Governor Russell, on the 21st of April for a requisition on the Governor of S. C. for Drake. On Tuesday evening of last week Sheriff Boyd went to Columbia, the requisition was honored, and Thursday night Drake was safely landed inside our new Pauly Jail. So he will be here next week, and the Solicitor hopes to dispose of the case which has already dragged along for over three years.

It is terribly easy to get a person engaged in wondering if perhaps he isn't throwing himself away.

A woman can't be said to be practical if her wedding dress is not of a material that will make over nicely for children.

In nine cases out of ten, when a woman dies, the neighbors say that she could have been saved if her husband had gotten scared soon enough.

When it is prayer meeting night the mother is allowed to go to represent the family but if it is a church concert the father and daughters attend.

Big sleeves were considered a necessity on every woman's dress two years ago, but they are as antiquated now as the manner in which a country barber combs his hair.

As a proof that she makes good mince meat, an Atchison woman points with pride to the fact that of six who recently ate her mince pie, five were sick within an hour.—Atchison Globe.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidney, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery add a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.