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Banner Elk Letter.

Mr. Editor: Isn't it funny the turn national politics has taken during the past few months? The anarchists now in control of the republican party see that something is going to drop, and they are doing some tall wriggling. Teddy got back from his western jaunt to find the Postoffice Department just about rotted down and threats being made to investigate frauds in the Judicial, Interior and Agricultural Departments. They see that a new deal is bound to come, so they have endorsed Teddy for re-election, not that they expect to elect him, but just to quiet matters for a little season, while they attempt to carry out a deep laid scheme. To introduce the idea, they trotted out that old renegade, Grover Cleveland at the World's Fair at St. Louis some weeks ago. After he had made his talk such men as Mark Hanna and Pierpont Morgan, the managers of the trusts generally, and all the renegade Democrats who voted for McKinley, began to say he would make good Presidential timber. Of course they knew he would never be nominated by the Democrats, but this is the way they had of feeling the public pulse, and finding out how far Clevelandism extended. They soon found that out and are now prepared to go a little further. They feel that a republican cannot be elected President next year, so they want a democrat of the Cleveland stripe nominated. If they can succeed in bringing that about, they know that the trusts will be all right, and that is all they care for. If the democrats will nominate a man that the money power can buy, as they did Cleveland, that is all they want. It is tolerably plain that the anarchist leaders of the republican party are determined to get rid of Roosevelt, and they would be pleased to support some renegade democrat, so as to make some show of a change, and afford them the opportunity of continuing to rob the people. Even down to the petty officers of the government, such as revenue agents and country postmasters, know this is the scheme, and some of them are foolish enough to talk about it.

Ever since the republicans stole the Presidency from Tilden, frauds on the people have been perpetrated more and more with each succeeding year, until the government is perfectly rotten in every department. It is a party of trusts and combines. It raises the wages of the working man 10 per cent. and makes it cost him 40 per cent. more to live. To keep up this regime is what will worry the brains of the leaders from now on. They would rather go ahead under a renegade democrat, but will they be able to do it? We will see.

I notice that some of your subscribers are delinquent, so here is a little joke on that line:

An old man who was several years in arrears on his

county paper, was dying, and the editor, happening to pass, called in to see him.

"How do you feel today, sir," asked the editor.

"The end is here," said the sick man, "but everything looks bright before me."

"I thought so," said the editor, "you will see the blaze in about ten minutes."

PHANTOM.

Independence Day in Boone.

Last Saturday, the 4th of July, was red letter day with Boone and the school interests here. Early in the morning the people began to gather on the beautiful and spacious grounds around the Academy, coming on foot, in vehicles of almost every description, until by 11, a. m., the whole campus was alive with people, numbering perhaps a thousand or more.

The exercises were held in the grove where a stand had been erected and beautifully decorated with flowers and national colors and Old Glory floated in the breezes from the beautiful building. After some excellent music rendered by the Watauga String Band, Mr. J. W. Curtis, master of the ceremonies arose and addressed the audience for a few minutes, recalling the fact that this was perhaps the greatest day in American history, a day when we as a people should feel thankful to Almighty God, and the noble founders of this great government, for making possible the blessings and privileges of this day. He then recounted in a few brief sentences some of the achievements of the past, and stated that four young men, students of the school, would debate the question, Resolved, That America has reached the zenith of her glory." To say that these young men did well is putting it very mild indeed. For over one hour they held the closest attention of the great crowd, as they recounted our country's history, her struggles, and her achievements, and then peering into the unknown future they prophesied her greater and more glorious future, or her ultimate and final overthrow, like the other nations of the past. We would like to mention each speaker but space forbids.

Prof. Wiley H. Swift, of Watauga, but now of Greensboro, was called to the platform and in a twenty minute speech delighted the audience greatly. His speech was full of thought, showing deep research. He spoke along the practical lines of education. Mr. Swift is one of whom Watauga may justly be proud.

After an hours intermission for refreshments the people gathered again to hear what was conceded by all to have been the most interesting part of the day's program. Hon. R. Z. Linney, of Taylorsville, the speaker of the hour, was introduced in a few very appropriate words by Capt. E. F. Lovill, of Boone.

Mr. Linney began his speech

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by referring to the great and noble Washington, "the father of his country," asserting that he believed him to be the greatest man that ever lived, save Jesus of Nazareth, and from the spirit that actuated Washington's life which he denominated as the spirit of 1776. Mr. Linney founded his subject: "Learning, the hand-maid of loyalty and liberty." "A vote governs better than a crown." The speech was characteristic of the man and the hour. To attempt to give it would be futile. No one who heard it could but feel that in that great giant there was a great heart true and loyal.

At the close of his speech Mr. Linney proposed to the committee that he would give \$500.00 to the Appalachian Training School building, if they would put as an inscription over the door: "Learning the hand-maid of loyalty and liberty." "A vote governs better than a crown." It is believed that the committee will accept the proposition, and why not? Several of our citizens spoke a few words for the school, and a good round sum was secured by subscription for the building fund.

At 4, p. m., a match game of ball between Watauga Academy and Globe was begun, but from some cause the game was called, before the third inning had been completed, the score being Boone 17 Globe nothing. There is a difference of opinion as to what caused this signal defeat for our neighbor boys, and we hope the bright young men will visit us again when conditions are more favorable.

To The Teachers.

(Continued from 3rd page.) could barely read, but seemed anxious to do and to be something in the world. So the busy teacher pointed to what lay within his reach, if he would make the effort and use the faculties with which God had so abundantly blessed him. He caught the idea, went to work and made astonishing progress during the few months she taught him. He studied hard and late at night over the common school studies for six months, and she left him fully believing that he would be heard from again.

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