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Banner Elk Letter.

Mr. Editor: Did you ever hear of as many anarchists and spooks being after a man, with the exception of the Czar of Russia, as are reported to be after our Terrible Teddy? They recognize him by his actions as being of them, and they are only seeking an interview. They know he cares nothing for the laws of the land, or he would not be ignoring them whenever it suits his caprice to do so. The leaders of the Republican party have an elephant on their hands in the shape of a vase-lating, cow-boy President. They are satisfied that he could not be elected next year but they are trying to keep him as quiet as possible for the "good of the party."

The masses of the American people are surely making up their minds not to support Teddy. His eccentricities and vagaries keep the American and the outside world guessing, and no doubt they are responsible for the general distrust that he has awakened among the business interests of the country. Wall Street is said to be as hostile to him as is organized labor, and the reason for this is not far to seek. The President's crusade against the trusts has been a bluff, and it has resulted in nothing, except to disturb business conditions, as he has taken almost every conceivable position on the trust question. He has tried in the most disgraceful manner to force social equality upon the American people, and has thus forced the race question into the next campaign. No one will ever believe he is in dead earnest until his daughter marries a negro, which, of course she won't.

But, seriously, Ted has violated the law in so many instances, that if he were tried before an impartial jury, it would keep him in the penitentiary from now until the crack of doom. The leaders of his party knew this, and are also aware that the people generally are seeing it, hence their extreme anxiety for the future. The cold, solid truth is what hurts them; lies hurt no one but he who tells them. Theodore Roosevelt has no settled convictions upon any question, and no one, not even himself, can tell in what new form of vagary it will next manifest itself. The republican leaders used to say that if Mr. Bryan was elected, he would do such and such things that would disturb the peace of the nation. Mr. Roosevelt is making exactly the kind of President the republican prophets said Mr. Bryan would make.

PHANTOM.

Dr. J. V. Jay, a well known physician of Barnardville, Blount county, killed his three little children on the 17th inst. with a hammer. Jay had been drinking heavily for some time and had run his wife away from home before he committed the horrible deed. He is in jail, but we are decidedly of the opinion that in his case the ruling of Judge Lynch should be observed.

Jim Tillman is a free man; the friends of Gonzales mourn. Earnest Haywood has been acquitted and the home of Skinner, his victim, is desolate. The verdicts are being commented upon in all their phases by a part of the press of the State, and the general opinion seems to be that Haywood, while not guilty of murder in the first degree, is beyond question guilty of manslaughter, and deserves the punishment provided by law in such cases. It is conceded pretty generally that Tillman is a red handed murderer and deserves the punishment provided in such cases. How this is, we know not, but the idea occurs to us that had Tillman and Haywood been poor and friendless instead of rich and influential, the verdicts would have been different, even had they been fortunate enough to escape mob violence. But such, it seems, are the ways of the world, the man who is backed by a good bank account and friends of influence and power can do almost as they please, without fear of punishment, while an enraged populace will often take the law in their own hands to meet out speedy justice to the poor, unfortunate wretch who is moneyless and friendless. It seems almost impossible to clear a poor man, and equally as hard to convict a rich one, no matter what the crime.

Gordon Items.

Molasses making and candy pullings is the order of the day.

Mrs. J. C. Harman went to Elk Park a few days ago visiting relatives and friends.

Prof. J. R. Greer visited home folks Friday and returned to his school Sunday. He is one of Watauga's excellent teachers.

Dr. Toppings of Blowing Rock has been in our community of late doing dental work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Baird, of St. Jude, passed through Sunday enroute to Beaver Dams visiting relatives.

Dr. J. B. Phillips went to Sweet Water Sunday to see his patient Mr. Robert Farthing, who is dangerously ill with blood poison. He was taken sick soon after his return from the Soldiers Reunion at Boone.

Mr. W. A. Harman is up again and able to stir from his confinement, caused by a dangerous cancer on his face. Dr. Hogshead he thinks will com

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Prof. P. E. Herman's school at Phillips School house is progressing nicely. He is assisted by Miss Lola Greer.

The debating society is one interesting feature. The subject for last Friday night was Resolved, That the South was justifiable in secession. Both sides were ably discussed. The decision was given in favor of the negative.

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There Is Reason in This.

Since we have had high taxes in Wadesboro township, and in the town of Wadesboro, it is perfectly apparent to us that the State Constitution should be changed as to the manner of levying poll tax. At present the Constitution provides that the poll tax shall be three times as much as the property tax on \$100 worth of property. There is levied in this county 86 2-3 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property for State, school and county purposes. In Wadesboro township we have a tax of 50 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property for road purposes. The tax in Wadesboro is \$1.25 on property. The total property tax in the town of Wadesboro is \$2 61 2-3, which makes the poll tax \$7.85. Besides the poll tax there is a road tax of \$1.50, which makes the total tax of persons of road age living in town \$9.35.

Now the point we make is that it is nothing less than an outrage to compel a poor man, that is a man who makes his living by daily manual labor, pay such a tax as this. The truth is, a man of this sort simply cannot do it and live and support a family. This class of labor does not make more than \$12 a month, the year round, and to tax them almost one-twelfth of all they make is the refinement of cruelty.

Two dollars is as large a poll tax as any man should pay, and the Messenger-Intelligencer is heartily in favor of a Constitutional amendment that will remedy the hardship now being endured in this matter by the poor of the State.—Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

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The Statesville Landmark, in commenting on the verdict of the juries in the Earnest Haywood and Jim Tillman murder cases goes at it thusly:

"Nobody need be surprised at the verdict in the Haywood case. It is what was expected, but it really looks as if Judge Peables was disposed to 'slop over.' Under the evidence and the law Haywood was not guilty of murder in the first degree; he may have been entitled to an acquittal, as the jury found, but the general public will never believe it.

"And Tillman was acquitted also. But the jury in his case acted more decently than the Haywood jury. Tillman's jury stayed out about a day and professed at least to be considering the case. The Haywood jury hurried back so promptly as to cause one to wonder if they didn't have their minds made up from the beginning."

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To boast of one's honesty does not always prove it.

Use Of Intoxicants.

In sixty years the annual per capita consumption of whiskey in the United States has gradually decreased from two to one and a fourth gallons. In forty years the consumption of beer has increased from less than two to more than seventeen gallons per capita.

The time was when the people of France used little distilled spirits, confining their use of intoxicants to light wines. The examples of France as a nation comparatively free from drunkenness was held up as an object lesson in favor of the use of wine. Even then, when France had comparatively little drunkenness, there were those who asserted that the drinking of wine would cultivate a taste for intoxicants that would make drunkards of future generations. That prediction seems to have been fulfilled. Today, according to the writer of the Journal de Debats, France holds the first place among the nations as a consumer of alcoholic beverages per head of population. This is given as follows in liters, the liter being about equal to our quart: France, 18.21; Switzerland, 13.50; Belgium, 10.42; Italy, 10.23; Denmark, 10.21; Germany, 9.25; Holland 6.09; United States, 5.19; Sweden, 4.97; Norway, 2.06; Finland, 2, and Canada, 1.94. In France the greater part of this is wine, but in 1901 the consumption of spirits was eight and one half liters per head of population. The greatest increase in consumption has been in the class of distilled spirits:

There has been a great change in public sentiment about the use of intoxicating drinks. There are many good men who use alcoholic drinks in moderation and who believe that such use is in no sense injurious. But many are coming more and more to believe in total abstinence as the only safe cure. In the old times when there was a decanter on every sideboard and a morning dram was deemed the proper thing, many young men under such surroundings grew up without ever becoming addicted to strong drink but many more than now contracted the habit of drinking that made shipwreck of their lives.—News and Observer.

A LOVE LETTER.

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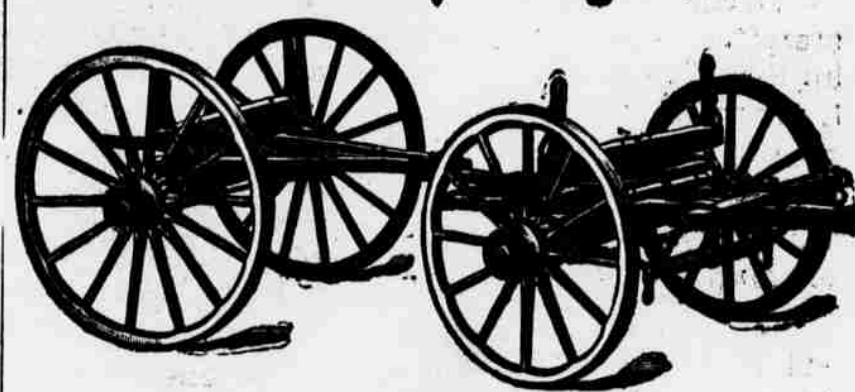
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