

Banner Elk Letter.

Mr. Editor:--What did I tell you about the infernal blending of issues in my last letter? What do you think of that speech of Roosevelt before the Iroquois Club in Chicago? That Club felt called upon to put itself forward to entertain His Majesty, when there were other clubs--Republican clubs--who stood back. Look at the damnable sophistry embodied in his address. Listen to the applause of so-called democrats. When Teddy came home from his bear hunt he found "the lid" about to flop up to the winds. The Interior Department had ordered a hold up in bond investigations in Oregon. Senator Mitchell, of that State, was about to be put in jail. President Castro, of Venezuela, had been scoffing at Teddy. Then there was the Railroad Commission. Just look at that! Paul Mas ten, a member of the cabinet, an outlaw. And then comes in Secretary Shaw of the Treasury--nearly \$40,000,000 behind the expenditures. Stand-patters say tax the people. Liberal Republicans and Democrats say knock the protective tariff to pieces. T. Roosevelt stands in the middle of the road and virtually acknowledges that he don't know "where he is at." There are five United States Senators under indictment for graft. How is he going to have them acquitted? He killed two bears. Then what about that international scandal that says Assistant Secretary of State, Loomis, made a big haul while minister to Venezuela. Minister Bowen has been ordered home to explain these charges. Are you gump enough to think that Loomis will ever be brought to justice. No, he is in the cabinet. Heard Paul Morton, the self-acknowledged outlaw, and must be smeared over with stinking Republican whitewash. Then under this same damned Republican regime the Equitable Life Insurance Co. is trying to swindle the policy holders out of \$80,000,000, and depends upon a subsidized Federal Court to do the job. But what I see is so-called Democratic Clubs, like the Iroquois, aiding and abetting in this wholesale robbery of the common people. Don't you believe that Teddy will be elected again in 1908? If you don't you are fifty years behind the age, and he will have the leading so-called Democrats in his cabinet. And all this will be nothing more than history repeating itself. In the mean time, what are the liberty-loving American citizens going to do about it? It is time now, for the average voter to put on his thinking cap.

Very respectfully,
B. B. DOUGHERTY,
Financial Agent.

Wanted, a Full Jury Box.

The publication of the fact that there are only 1,231 names in the jury box of Wake county, has created much excitement, says the News and Observer, and there is no doubt that the number to be drawn, for the next two years, will be increased on the sixth of June.

The commissioners in every county ought to give this matter their most careful attention, for upon the sort of jurors we have depends the execution of justice. The commissioners should carry out the statutory requirements. We desire to call their attention to the fact that not only should all men who are qualified, and of good moral character and of sufficient intelligence, have their names in the jury box, but it is also the duty of the county commissioners to exclude all who



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This property would be valued at about \$3,000--that is, when we raise by private subscription \$1,000, we can draw \$4,000 from the State, and we will have \$5,000 to spend in completing our handsome new building, and to erect suitable and much-needed dormitories.

Now, friends, from a personal and financial standpoint, this school has been a heavy load on me. There are very few of you who realize how much expense, hard work and nervous anxiety it takes to agitate this enterprise. The school is not a town or a local enterprise. It's effect and influence is felt in every community and in almost every home in Watauga, and in many communities and homes in other counties.

We now appeal again to our friends to aid and encourage us in this last charge--the last heavy battle.

Is there any man or woman in the good old county of Watauga that would not rejoice to see planted here a permanent institution whose charter is written in and protected by the laws of the State? Can we afford to hesitate just at the time there is the greatest possibilities?

have not these requirements. If doubtful as to the requirement it is their duty to summon witnesses, etc. There must be a full jury list, but it should be composed of men of character and intelligence.

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The Oregon Exposition.

In a few days more there will be open at Portland, Oregon, another World's Fair the designation of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition. This will be the first international exposition ever held west of the Rocky Mountains under the patronage of the Federal government. It will commemorate a large and important chapter in our country's development. Nothing in our history is fuller of romance, chivalry and daring than the justly celebrated Lewis and Clark expedition. This celebration isn't intended, however, to commemorate this one event but to acquaint the world with the vast resources and possibilities of the Pacific slope.

The management sends out word that everything will be the first world's fair to be ready on the opening day, as the history of similar affairs has been that the summer has been far advanced before all exhibits were in full running order. As this exposition is limited to only four and a half months, instead of the usual six or seven, it is necessary that no time be wasted at the beginning. Most of the construction has long been completed and the work of installing the exhibits has been going on at such a rate that the confidence expressed in the readiness to open the exposition on schedule time is probably justified.--Asheville Citizen.

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NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of Joseph T. Wilson, dec'd late of the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the first day of May, 1906, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. May 1, 1905.

SMITH HAGAMAN, Adm
F. A. LINNEY, Atty.

In Memoriam.

Sweeney W. Wagner was a born near Valle Cruz, Watauga county, Oct. 18, 1880, where he grew to young manhood.

In July, 1903 he, like many other young men, decided to go West. He went to Dighton, Kansas, to try to make a respectable and honest living, and I am informed that so far he had been very successful and had accumulated some property.

On April 9, as he was returning from Sunday School the mule he was riding fell in to a hole, threw him off and fatally crushed him. He only survived 30 hours. He was buried at Dighton far away from his native home, but it is gratifying to know that all was done for him that loving hands and medical skill could suggest but to no avail; the poor boy had to go.

Sweeney had a bright, sunny disposition, was kind and sympathetic to all his acquaintances, and by his upright walk had made friends wherever he lived. Many will be very sad when they hear of his death.

On the 19th day of March, 1905, at a revival meeting held in Dighton he was happily converted, joined the church, and this is his testimony: "Hattie, I will meet you in heaven; a little talk with Jesus has made me very happy." His countenance was beaming with joy; he was smiling, and that same sweet smile was on his face when he died. Four weeks later he remarked to a devoted friend that that was the happiest week he ever spent in his life, the week after he was converted. Words on tomb stones are vainly spent. An upright life is the only monument that will last and not decay under the devastating finger of time.

He leaves a mother, one sister and a brother to mourn their loss, but out beyond the shores of time we hope to meet him again. Until then, farewell.

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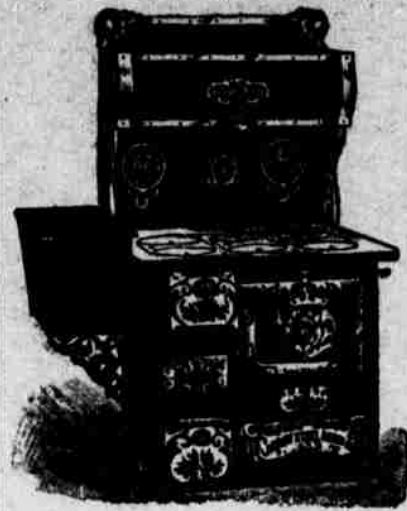
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