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Once a hero always a hero to the hero himself—but not to the fickle populace.

**PROFESSIONAL.**

**L. D. LOWE,**

ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
BANNER ELK, N. C.  
Will practice in the courts of Watauga, Mitchell and adjoining counties. 7-6-'04

**Todd & Ballou.**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.  
JEFFERSON, N. C.  
Will practice in all the courts. Special attention given to real estate law and collections. 6-15-'05.

**F. A. LINNEY,**

—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
BOONE, N. C.  
Will practice in the courts of this and surrounding counties. Prompt attention given to the collection of claims and all other business of a legal nature. 6-12-'05.

**EDMUND JONES,**

—LAWYER—  
—LENOIR, N. C.—  
Will Practice Regularly in the Courts of Watauga, 6-1-'05.

**J. C. FLETCHER,**

Attorney At Law,  
—BOONE, N. C.—  
Careful attention given to collections.

**E. F. LOVILL,**

—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
—BOONE, N. C.—  
Special attention given to all business entrusted to his care. 1-1-'04.

**E. S. COFFEY,**

—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
—BOONE, N. C.—  
Prompt attention given to all matters of a legal nature. Abstracting titles and collection of claims a specialty. 1-1-'05.

**DR. R. D. JENNINGS,**

[RESIDENT DENTIST.]  
—BANNER ELK, N. C.—  
Nothing but the best material used and all work done under a positive guarantee. Persons at a distance should notify me a few days in advance when they want work done. After March the 1st, I have arranged to be at the Blackburn House in Boone on each first Monday. Call on me. 1-28.

**W. H. BOWER,**

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Practices in the courts of Caldwell, Watauga, Mitchell, Ashe and other surrounding counties. Prompt attention given to all legal matters entrusted to his care.

**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.

**WASHINGTON LETTER**

From our Regular Correspondent.

As long as there is going to be a deficit of only about \$25,000,000, this year, the advocates of the civil service pension scheme have come strongly to the front and a bill has been prepared for presentation to be the coming Congress for the creation of a civil pension list. This is not the first time the plan has been urged but the advocates of the bill who would like to be beneficiaries under the scheme have formed an association and are this year working harder than ever to try to force their bill through. It may be said in advance that there is very little probability of the bill even getting to the report stage, but the plan has the very enthusiastic support of government clerks of whom there are more in Washington of course than in any other city of the country. There are little short of 25,000 people in Washington who draw government salaries. There are about 70,000 in the country at large, and if one includes in that estimate the fourth class post masters, there are fully a quarter of a million employees on the government rolls. The advocates of the present bill say that they do not propose to put extra burden on the government but merely want to make it compulsory that a small percentage of each clerk's wages shall be held out by his department and placed in the hands of the Comptroller of the treasury to form a pension fund that can be drawn on for the superannuated clerks. This sounds very well on the face of it, but when it is remembered that it will take a large amount of clerical machinery to run this fund and the government will be expected to pay for that and almost certainly too will be asked for help in "starting the fund" it will be seen that it is not such a cheap scheme after all. And it is a certainty that this plan is only an opening wedge for a wider scheme of civil service pensions that the government will be asked to father. It may be remarked in passing that since the foundation of the government, 75 per cent of the entire revenues of the government have gone to the army and navy and for military pensions. It is scarcely any wonder in the face of this record that Congress is a little shy of opening the door to civil service pensions at all. The plan has been tried abroad and the results have not been very satisfactory. England has a civil service pension system in addition to her army pension and as the next logical steps they are now agitating in England for a general old age pension scheme. That also is the logical outcome of the civil service pension in this country.

There is not the slightest prospect of free trade or any thing like it with the Philippines, but Col. Clarence Edwards, chief of the Bureau of

Insular affairs, has recommended it in his report just issued as one of the crying needs of the islands. Col. Edwards who knows the islands and their needs thoroughly, says there are three things needed for their material prosperity, namely, a market, a bank from which they can borrow on reasonable terms, and transportation lines. The government has already authorized the construction of a thousand miles of rail ways in the islands, so the latter part of the tripartite recommendation will not be urged just now. But Col. Edwards says there is great need for the market and bank. To secure the first, he asks to have the duties removed from all articles except sugar and tobacco which are to be subject to 25 per cent of the Dingley rates. This is practically the recommendation of the so called Curtis bill which passed the House last session and will be reintroduced with about the same chance of running the gauntlet of the Senate as it had before. The beet sugar and tobacco interests are said to be the only ones seriously opposing the measure. They will be further incensed at Col. Edwards' additional commendation that at the end of the ten year period covered by the treaty of Paris which ended the war with Spain the islands should be given absolute free trade. This measure for the relief of the islanders does not stand much show. But there will be more friends of the proposal to establish an agricultural bank. It is stated that now the farmers who want to borrow money on their growing crops practice that formerly was general in the south but which now fortunately is dying out, have to pay from 2 per cent to ten per cent a month for the money. It has to be a pretty remunerative farm that will stand this sort of usury and leave a living margin to the farmer. Some of the Philippine farms stand it without furnishing the living margin. The bank, if established will be made under the control of the Philippine Commission, though it will be a private undertaking. The concession will be granted and the dividends guaranteed for a term of say 25 years and the commission will have the right to define the nature of securities and limit the amount of interest charged. The bank promises to be a paying institution from the start and it is hoped will enable the farmers to improve their holdings and to buy the necessary fertilizers, animals and agricultural implements. The report also recommends the extension of the homestead law with a view to further encouraging settlement.

**A Fearful Fate.**  
It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at all dealers.

Courage and caution make a good working team.

**County Exhibit.**

(Continued from first page)

w B Baird amount due indigent pupil 20 15, w T Hayes on part payment of court house 253 54, w A Cole services as judge of election 2 15, Thos Bingham c s c whole and half fees 58 60, J W Miller keeping county jail 13 75, Thos Bingham stationery for c s c office, 7 34, J W Miller whole and half fees 2 35, T A Cable, w and h fees 1 10, L D Tetter w and h fees 1 10, W B Baird, w and h fees 1 55, H L Weaver w and h fees .60, J W Hodges w and h fees 5 25, W H Boyd w and h fees 1 10, J E Young w and h fees .65, A J Shull w and h fees .85, M N M N Harshaw w and h fees 6 15, c Blankenship w and h fees 1 40.

Aug 7, 1905.  
C Blankenship keeping county jail 11 55, F M Hodges keeping county home 40 65, E L wards and Broughton binding tax book stub book 20 70 (continued on 3rd page.)

**Torture of a Preacher.**  
The story of the torture of the Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church at Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies without relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, which entirely cured my cough, and saved me from consumption. A grand cure for diseased condition of throat and lungs. At all dealers; price 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free.

An exchange has this warning: The man who walks through your gate, taps at your door and has a tale of great bargains to unfold should be viewed with an eye to suspicion. Take our advice and leave the traveling vampire merchants alone. Ah the interest they have in you is to drain you of every dollar possible. Buy from your home merchant, a man of known responsibility and integrity.

**Furious Fighting.**  
"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash.; "I had a bitter battle with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won and cured my disease by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, by all druggists, at 50c. a bottle. Try them today.

Some men swear eternal love during the courtship and eternally swearing after marriage.

**In Time of Perce.**  
In the first month of the Russia-Japan war we had a striking example of the necessity for preparation and the early advantage of those who, so to speak, "have shingled their roofs in dry weather." The virtue of preparation has made history and given us our greatest men. The individual as well as the nation should be prepared for any emergency. Are you prepared to successfully combat the first cold that you take? A cold can be cured much more quickly when treated as soon as it has become contracted and before it has become settled in the system. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cure of colds and it should be kept at hand ready for instant use. For sale by all dealers, Boone, and Blowing Rock Drug Co.

Any boy who would rather go to school than to a circus will never break into the strenuous class.

Granville Norris 2 80,  
E G Milsaps 4 50,  
J C Storie 3 80,  
W N Vance 4 60,  
W N Thomas 4 70,  
J D Wilson 4 30,  
W F Siderwood 3 85,  
Thos Bingham c s c whole and half fees 58 60, J W Miller keeping county jail 13 75, Thos Bingham stationery for c s c office, 7 34, J W Miller whole and half fees 2 35, T A Cable, w and h fees 1 10, L D Tetter w and h fees 1 10, W B Baird, w and h fees 1 55, H L Weaver w and h fees .60, J W Hodges w and h fees 5 25, W H Boyd w and h fees 1 10, J E Young w and h fees .65, A J Shull w and h fees .85, M N M N Harshaw w and h fees 6 15, c Blankenship w and h fees 1 40.

**For Coughs and Colds**

There is a remedy over sixty years old—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Of course you have heard of it, probably have used it. Once in the family, it stays; the one household remedy for coughs and hard colds on the chest. Ask your doctor about it.

"I have had pneumonia three times, and Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has brought me safely through each time. I have just recovered from my last attack, aged sixty-seven. No wonder I praise it!"—E. V. HIGGINS, Stevens Point, Wis.

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.  
Also manufacturers of  
**SARSAPARILLA PILLS.**  
HAIR VIGOR.

Ayer's Pills increase the activity of the liver, and thus aid recovery.

**BANK STATEMENT.**

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Nov. 9, 1905:

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts	\$19,599 41c
Overdrafts unsecured	76 24
Banking house	800.00
Furniture and fixtures	400.00
Due from banks and bankers	18,476.76
Cash items	144.05
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	499.67
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	1,348.00
Total	\$41,344.13

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid	464 77
Bills payable	2,335.80
Deposits subject to check	28,337 16
Cashier's cks outstanding	206 49
Total	\$41,344.13

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: J. E. S. Coffey, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. Coffey, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest. W. C. Coffey, W. L. Bryan, Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of Nov. 1905.  
Thos. Bingham, C. S. C.

**When doctor's disagree it's up to the undertaker.**

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Beware the Signature of *Chas. H. Pletcher*

If you ever get acquainted with yourself the chances are you won't find your company so very agreeable.

**Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.**

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.  
It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work.

Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases, and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle *Home of Swamp-Root* by mail free, also a pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Blighton, N. Y. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Blighton, N. Y., on every bottle.