

Watauga Democrat.

VOL. XVII.

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C., THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, 1906.

NO. 42.

The Judge may not ask what you have done but why you did it.

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,

—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—
Lenoir, N. C.
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.

The Senate Committee that is looking into Panama Canal affairs has gotten itself into a bad tangle at the very outset of its labors. It has a recalcitrant witness on its hands in the person of Mr. Poultney Bigelow, a magazine writer of some reputation. Mr. Bigelow was a college classmate of Emperor William, of Germany, and a close friend of Pres. Roosevelt beside being a traveler, a good all round sportsman and a writer of international repute. Mr. Bigelow, it will be remembered, some time ago wrote a magazine article saying a number of unpleasant things about the Panama situation. He was singled out by Secretary Taft as the one writer among a great many who had been saying unpleasant things about the canal, for a spirited reply. The Secretary alleged that Mr. Bigelow had only been on the Isthmus 28 hours and knew nothing of what he was writing about. However that is more or less beside the mark. Poultney Bigelow's article was no more or less severe than a good many others had been, but he was an author of some reputation and therefore a good man to make an example of. The Senate Committee undertook to cross question him as to his source of information and why he should dare to write anything against the canal. Now, being a friend of the President, it is not likely that Mr. Bigelow was actuated by any personal malice in the things he wrote. And it has been proved a good many times that newspaper and magazine writers are not given to betraying their sources of information under compulsion. The Senate has been up against this sort of recalcitrance at least once in the last few years in the case of the Sugar Trust investigation. There it had two newspaper men, John Shriver and Chas. Edwards, whom it undertook to put on the rack and force to divulge the names of their informants in certain matters they had written about. The writers balked and claimed that the things told them were as much privileged as the statements made professionally to a priest or a physician.

The Senate certified them in contempt and they were constructively convicted but their trial and conviction was a farce and they never saw inside of a jail. Whether they were right or whether Mr. Bigelow was right in the things they published became a minor question beside the larger one of the right of a congressional committee to haul up any author and compel him to divulge the names of any people he has talked with in gathering material for an article. The committee has divided on party lines, Senator Gorman and Senator Simmons holding that it is unwise to push Mr. Bigelow to extremes, while Senator Knox and his colleagues declare that he should be cer-

tified to the President of the Senate and punished for contempt. Senator Gorman has taken the common sense view of the case whatever the law may be. For to single Mr. Bigelow out for punishment would be to make a martyr of him before the public and to freeze up any other witnesses the committee might want to examine. The Capitol is considerably stirred up over the affair for it involves the whole question of the freedom of the press. It is not likely that it will have any serious consequences for the writer, but it certainly has put the Senate Committee in an embarrassing position at the outset of its labors.

The appointment of Luke C. Wright as first ambassador to Japan to succeed L. Griseom, is something of a surprise. Judge Wright is a Tennessee man and has had six years of hard work in the Philippines where he was sent as a member of the first McKinley commission. It will be recalled that the announcement of the commission was not hailed with any great enthusiasm at the time. Commissioner Taft was an unknown quantity. Mr. Wright, while he had held the office of attorney general of Tennessee, was a Democrat little known outside his own state and was thought to have been thrown in merely to give the commission a bipartisan color. Henry Ide of Vermont, was about equally well known. But as it proved all three of these little known men did excellent work. Commissioner Taft was eventually called to the War Department as Secretary. Judge Wright, after winning the affections and confidence of the natives, has now been made an ambassador, and Commissioner Ide is now governor of the Philippines, which position he will hold for a time at least as an honor before coming home to enjoy a well earned rest.

The Keop commission's long expected report on the Department of Agriculture has been published and Secretary Wilson has made at least a partial reply. The report, as was surmised, discredits a good deal of the department's work in crop reporting and advises changes in methods as well as the transfer of certain of the reports to the census office. The report of Secretary Wilson is that the most of the commissions' recommendations for improving the service had been put into force when the work of the Bureau of Statistics was reorganized and that as for transferring any of the reports to the Census Office, that is a matter for Congress to deal with, as it is fixed by law and out of the power of the Secretary. The whole matter stands just where it did before the ponderous and secretive commission took the department in hand, and it is hard to see where any change of importance has been recommended, still less to see how any changes can be put into effect until the whole matter is turned over to Congress.

The Territories.

Within a few years, if not within a few months, all the United States territory on this continent, with the exception of the District of Columbia and Alaska will have been organized into states. Bills making states of New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Indian Territory are already before Congress. The only obstacle to the movement arises from a dispute whether they shall be made into two, three or four states.

Some interesting and authoritative information about these territories is contained in the annual report of the Secretary of the Interior, probably the last report in which he will treat of them as territories.

The Secretary says that Oklahoma now has an estimated population of eight hundred thousand, twice the number indicated by the census of 1900. In the last fifteen years the population of Arizona has increased three fold. Its mines last year produced minerals worth thirty million dollars, whereas Alaskan gold and silver mines yielded less than twenty million dollars. New Mexico has been growing rapidly, and now has three hundred thousand population, a hundred thousand more than fifty years ago.

The rapid growth of these territories is surprising to one who has not closely watched their development. When one understands the conditions one is not surprised at the demand of the people for statehood. Along with the growth in population has come the development of the material resources. Irrigation will make the arid wastes fertile, and farmers are taking up the land as fast as water is supplied. Arizona and New Mexico are particularly rich in forests. One of the largest unbroken forests in the world, covering six thousand square miles, lies within the bounds of Arizona.—Youth's Companion.

The Grip.

Before we can sympathize with others, we must have suffered ourselves. No one can realize the suffering attending upon an attack of the grip, unless he has had the actual experience. There is probably no disease that causes so much physical and mental agony, or which so successfully defies medical aid. All danger from the grip, however, may be avoided by the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy, not one case has ever been reported that has resulted in pneumonia or that has not recovered. For sale by all Dealers Boone N. C. and Blowing Rock, Drug Co.

There is one thing besides the pen that is mightier than the sword—it is the cork screw

May Live 100 Years.

The chances of living a full century are excellent in the case of Mrs. Jennie Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., now 70 years old. She writes: "Electric Bitters cured me of chronic dyspepsia of 20 years standing, and made me feel as well and strong as a young girl." Electric Bitters cure Stomach and Liver diseases, blood disorders, general debility and bodily weakness. Sold on a guarantee by all druggists. Price only 50c

Robert E. Lee.

It is a difficult task for the average writer to fully portray the worth and merit of the Southland's great son, Robert E. Lee. Poets have sought to bring him nearer to the hearts of men, and the greatest word painters of modern times have endeavored to tell us of Lee—the man but all fall short of the standard of him who practically gave the best part of his life to the end that his sorely afflicted country might emerge triumphant from her trials. Lee was not of the bloated military type which we have all read about—the type which in the bitterness of defeat would seek revenge in murder and pillage. No, Lee was resigned, as real heroes are, to that which fate sent to him, and his last words to his ragged soldiers were to the effect that they return to their homes and take up peaceful occupations. In the bitterest moment that can come into the life of a brave man, Lee waved no "bloody shirt" nor was it he who planted the seed of sectional hatred.

This great Southern general retired into private life with the same modesty as that which marked his appearance in the arena of war. When "war's dread passions had subsided" he made no effort to trade on the glory of past achievements, and in that he set a notable example for many generals of late memory. Graft was an unknown quantity to this man among men, and he never lent a willing hand to proposals that were made looking to the using of his influence as an article of commerce.

Ben Hill, of Georgia, paid a grand tribute to Robert E. Lee when he said:

"He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty, and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach and a man without guile."

No long obituary that, but a comprehensive summary of a man whose countenance does not exist to-day.—Ashville Citizen.

A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt of this place, writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn. 'she was so wasted by coughing up puss from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched her bed-side 48 hours; when at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally recovered, and she is a healthy woman today. Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds 50c and \$1, at all druggists. Trial bottles free.

A widower can't even look at an unmarried woman without the whole neighborhood talking about it.

Beats the Music Cure.

To keep the body in tune, writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20, Lafayette Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 'I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found.' Best for the stomach, liver and bowels. Guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

For Lung Troubles

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral certainly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption. And it certainly strengthens weak throats and weak lungs. There can be no mistake about this. You know it is true. And your own doctor will say so.

"My little boy had a terrible cough. I tried everything I could hear of but in vain until I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. The first night he was better, and in steadily improved until he was perfectly well."—Miss S. J. STREET, Aiton, Ill.



Keep the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills and thus hasten 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	\$19,599.41
Overdrafts unsecured	76.24
Banking house	800.00
Furniture and fixtures	400.00
Due from banks and banks	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	206.40
Total.....	\$41,344.13

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, 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. I. Bryan, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of Nov. 1905.
Thos. Bingham, C. S. C.

The reflection that if the "powers" go to war among themselves Morocco might have a chance to control its own affairs, is a pretty good guarantee that peace will not be disturbed.—Kansas City Times.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

He rejects all rewards who refuses moral responsibility.

BAD COPY OR LIGHT PRINT