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With some men an emergency is but another name for an opportunity.

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.]
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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,
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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.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

Congressman Gillespie, Texas, has certainly emerged into the limelight in even more startling fashion than did Congressman Littlefield a few years back. The quiet Texas lawyer stirred up a hornet's nest that even he did not dream of when he launched the enquiry about the Pennsylvania's control of the numerous subsidiary eastern lines. He says that, now he is in the fight, he intends to follow it to a finish, and if this threat is made good, there may be even more important results from his resolute inquiry than from the pending rate legislation. Or, more properly speaking, the inquiry may do a great deal to force the attention of Congress on the necessity for the very legislation that the President recommended.

The reply of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the original inquiry as to the extent of the Pennsylvania's control over the other coal roads, was just about what might have been expected under the circumstances. Nobody ever accused the chairman of the commission of being an extra strong personality. None of the work of the commission in the past decade has been remarkable, and in this case it did what might have been expected, replied to the resolution by sending to Congress merely the facts that were known to every one interested and which had appeared in the annual report almost a year ago. Mr. Gillespie characterized the reply as an insult to Congress. It probably was not intended that way by the commission, but it contained just enough of facts as to the practical control of half a dozen coal-carrying roads by the Pennsylvania to warrant a thorough investigation if one ever was needed in the history of American railroading.

It looks now as if the investigation were coming and it may have a decided effect on the fate of the Rate Bill in the Senate. Speaker Cannon would rather have the investigation made by the Interstate Commerce Commission, or by the Committee of the House. But it is a certainty that an investigation of some sort will now be forced. It may have the effect of most government inquiries and end in smoke. But the average citizen, who has been paying almost twice as much for his coal in the past six years as he did before, and who finds himself now threatened with another coal strike and famine prices will agree that not only is an investigation needed, but that a remedy is needed at the back of the investigation.

It looks as if the Pennsylvania had succeeded in doing within the law just what the Supreme Court enjoyed the Great Northern from doing, and had effected a practical merger that was soupy eating into the pocket not only of the coal consumer,

but of the retail dealers and of the miners all over the coal producing and coal consuming region of the east, and also into the pockets of everybody that buys coal. Mr. Gillespie says that the roads have levied an unjust tax of \$110,000,000 on the people of the eastern country, and the man on a small salary who has seen the money he intended to save for life insurance going out in additional coal bills each winter, will agree that there is something wrong in the system that needs remedying and the sooner there is a full investigation and a remedy applied the better. The more the facts in relation to the coal trust, which is in reality the coal carrying roads are brought to light, the more necessary drastic remedial legislation becomes apparent. It is likely that other lines besides the Pennsylvania will be brought into the inquiry, and the situation developed may do more to bring the Senate to terms over the Hepburn rate bill than was surmised when the inquiry was launched.

The Navy Department never has been enthusiastic over the drastic punishment of dismissal that is in the law in relation to hazing. Since the inquiry at Annapolis has developed and shown that the most of the three upper classes are slated for dismissal if the law is enforced, even the Secretary of the Navy has been willing to see the statute modified, and he is now in conference with a number of prominent congressmen with a view to having a new law passed that will recognize some distinction between different degrees of hazing. There is no question but that hazing is wrong in principle, and that it ought to be eradicated so far as boy nature will allow. But there is a wide difference between boyish pranks, that will annoy without seriously hurting the victim, and brutal hazing that seriously incapacitates its victims. Some of the pranks are no more serious than making a cadet get under the table during desert. Other forms are absolute brutality and consist in making the victim stand on his head till he faints, then reviving him with cold water and continuing the torture till the subject will not revive and has to be carried to the hospital by the first officer who happens to find him. An effort is now being made by Secretary Bonaparte to grade the punishment to fit the crime. It is also suggested that the President will be asked to intercede and pardon the eight cadets who have so far been dismissed from the Academy. But there is a serious question in law whether even a pardon from the President would be sufficient to restate those who have already been dismissed, and if they are permanently barred from the Academy, it would seem decided partiality to retain any of the others who have been proven guilty under the same law. But

there is talk now of suspending the hazing trials altogether, and allowing the cadets who are now nominally under arrest to continue the full course at the Academy without ever being brought to trial.

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 report recently issued by the Commissioner of Labor Printing shows that \$2,319,902 was brought into the State last year by the guests of the various health resorts of the State. There are 333 health resorts in North Carolina, and they entertained last season 181,884 guests. This is indeed a fine report and speaks well for old N. C. as being one of the healthiest states in the union.—Ex.

Dangers of a Cold and How to Avoid Them.

More fatalities have their origin or result from a cold than from any other cause. This fact alone should make people more careful as there is no danger whatever from a cold when it is properly treated in the beginning. For many years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been recognized as the most prompt and effective medicine in use for this disease. It acts on nature's plan, loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by all Dealers Boone N. C. and Blowing Rock Daug Co.

King Alfonso will be officially notified in April of his betrothal to Princess Ena. That will be about as interesting as the publication next year of this year's Government crop reports.—Ex.

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

Russia proposes to connect the Black sea and the Baltic by a huge canal. An American who knows something about the canal would think that Russia has already had trouble enough.—Mountain Scout.

In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of lassitude to another, when if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels as regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills their troubles would all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble. 25 cts. at all dealers

Sunday School Teacher—Tommy, doesn't your conscience tell you when you have done wrong? Tommy—Yes, ma'am; but it doesn't tell my mother.

Mr. Bowie for Congress.

A Salisbury dispatch of the 19th to the Charlotte Observer says that T. C. Bowie, Esq., of Ashe county, will be in the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress. He does not authorize this because he is too modest to assert it, but his University friends and friends at the bar will take care of his interests here and two popular men are before the Roman democrats for their support in the Wilkesboro convention and these, Hackett and Bowie, are strong.

Mr. Bowie was here today on business and when approached by the Observer's correspondent, was disposed to be reticent, rather than communicate as to his political health. "I shall leave the matter in your hands and you may say whatever seems best" he said.

The candidacy of Mr. Bowie must appeal to all voters wishing the bifurcated Democracy another harmony deal. If there is any objection to him from any source, it has not appeared. True he is young, but youth has ceased to be the atrocious crime it was in the days of Pitt. He has no record on the Watts and Ward laws. He lives in a prohibition county, is friendly to everyone of the unassimilative elements. "Whatever the democracy does, whether it should name me or not, it needs a man who can poll the full strength of the party. This is naturally a Democratic bailiwick, but we haven't been able to bring the boys out. Our hope is in polling a full vote," Mr. Bowie said.

"What do you think of Blackburn, and will you meet him on the stump?" was asked. "The Democrats might as well recognize his power. He cannot be dislodged without hard work and all our votes. Meet him on the stump? Why he'll have to meet me or get out of the district." To which of course, the replies, "he is already out."

BOWIE'S RECORD.

Bowie's Record is good. In a Republican Senatorial stronghold four years ago, as the democratic candidate he ran 508 votes ahead of the ticket. He is a graduate of the University, a Yale law student, and a tornado on the stump. He has no superior as a debater, argumentation being a strong college characteristic and a thing that makes him a lawyer of big promise. Hestood for the nomination at the Wilkesboro convention that nominated Newland in 1904, and graciously withdrew during a deadlock that might have given the plum to him. The entrance of Bowie at this stage intensified the interest in this contest that attracts attention all over the South, even into Washington City.

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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 Jan. 29, 1906:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$24,795 81.
Overdrafts unsecured	43 53.
Banking house	800.00.
Furniture and fixtures	400.00.
Due from banks and bankers	8,800.11.
Cash items	111.05.
Gold coin,	42.50.
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency,	812.58.
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	5,780.00.
Total	\$41,585 58.
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$10,000.00.
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	830 19.
Bills payable	2,490.00.
Deposits subject to check	27,776 64.
Cashier's cks outstanding	488.75.
Total	\$41,585 58.

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. L. Bryan, N. L. Mast, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of Feb, 1906.
Thos. Bingham, C. S. C.

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How To Find Out.
Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do.
There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, but sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention this paper and don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y.

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