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Members of a "spinster" club, it is said, are never over twenty years of age.

PROFESSIONAL.

L. D. LOWE,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,
BANNER ELK, N. C.
Will practice in all 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.

"GRAFT."

Baltimore Sun.
A journal published by the students of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, solicits from the Sun a clear and adequate definition of the word "graft"—a word of comparatively recent coinage and of almost unlimited significance.

It may be said of "graft" as a s. x-President Cleveland once said of another subject, that it represents a condition not a theory—and the condition is of the most vicious and alarming character. "Graft" is the embodiment of that which is venal in public and in private life. Its power is felt in every part of the body politic. Its insidious influences are all pervasive. It is gilded dishonesty. Its beneficiaries are not exactly receivers of stolen goods, in the strict legal sense of the word. They are, however, the recipients of money or other valuables for which they have given no consideration, but in return for which they are under obligations to give compensation that will be of great value to the donors, regardless of public interests.

Concrete instances of graft are constantly in evidence. An enterprising member of the State Legislature introduces a bill which would compel a corporation to do certain things which would prove very costly to it. He withdraws his bill or secretly permits it to be defeated in consideration of a sum of money. That is "graft" of one kind. A few years ago the City Council of Chicago, the City Council of Philadelphia and the Legislature of Penn. practically gave away valuable public franchises.

The political rings in the two cities which directed and controlled the action of the councils, profited in hard cash by the betrayal of public interest. This was "graft" of a kind that flourished without effective public rebuke for many years. A candidate for election to the United States Senate, as has happened several times in the Western States, did not have enough votes to elect. Certain of his political opponents in the Legislature realizing that they could not choose one of their political faith, convinced themselves that it was for the interest of the State that the candidate of the other party should be chosen. It is alleged that cash preceded conviction. This is "graft" of the most aggravated kind.

A few months ago there was an enquiry in New York into the methods of certain insurance companies. It was disclosed that more than \$1,000,000 had been spent in influencing the action of members of the various State Legislatures. This was the dangerous and insidious graft which would undermine the security of the citizen for the selfish purpose of graft-men of national reputation were kept on the salary list of these companies for performing services of which there was neither evidence nor record. If this was not graft, what was it?

It is useless to multiply in-

stances of graft for there have been almost innumerable examples in the last few years. What is necessary is to arouse the public conscience to a realization of the demoralizing influence of grafting. There is petty graft and big graft. There is the graft national, the state graft and the graft municipal. It is not necessarily official for the grafter in private life has abundant opportunities. In one case of graft, maybe the levying of tribute or black mail—in the other case it may be the bold acceptance of a bribe. It may be a "rake off" on a contract, it may be a division of the spoils. In whatever form it manifests itself, however—whether as toll or corruption, money, or bribery or as payment for influence, or for the defeat or passage of legislation—it is utterly and unreservedly bad and vicious and demoralizing. In its least offensive manifestations as well as its grossest it is inconsistent with honesty and public good. It ought not to be tolerated for a moment by men of integrity in private life or by honest men in public or semi-public stations.

Torture By Savages.

"Speaking of the torture to which some of the savage tribes of the Philippines subject their captives, reminds me of the intense suffering I endured for three months from inflammation of the kidneys," says W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me. "Nothing helped me until I tried Electric Bitters, three bottles of which completely cured me." Cures liver complaint, dyspepsia, blood disorders and malaria; and restores the weak and nervous to robust health. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c.

"The Republican party in North Carolina seems to be dwindling away," remarks the Nashville, Tenn. American. "A few years ago it had control of the Legislature, but at the last election the Democrats carried the State by more than 36,000 majority." Our neighbor is slightly mistaken. The Republicans themselves have not controlled the State in recent years, although in combination with the Populists they did have things their own way for some years—in the 90s.—Charlotte Observer.

Always Keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in His House.

"We would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is kept on hand continually in our home," says W. W. Kearney, editor of the Independent, Lowry City, Mo. That is just what every family should do. When kept at hand ready for instant use, a cold may be checked at the outset and cured in much less time than after it has become settled in the system. This remedy is also without a peer for croup in children, and will prevent the attack when given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, which can only be done when the remedy is kept at hand. For sale by all dealers in Boone, and Blowing Rock Drug Co.

Well-arranged time is the surest indication of a well-arranged mind.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

The Law as to Cruelty to Animals.

Statesville Landmark.
Formerly no attention was paid to the matter of cruelty to animals. In recent years folks who mistreat dumb brutes or fowls are sometimes punished, but the law is not enforced as often as the circumstances warrant. For the information of brutes who delight to inflict pain on helpless things, and also for those who may desire to have such people punished, the law, which is as follows:

"If any person shall wilfully overdrive, overdrive, overload, wound, injure, torture, deprive of necessary sustenance, or cruelly beat, or needlessly mutilate, or kill, or cause or procure to be overdriven, overloaded, wounded, injured, tortured, tormented, or deprived of necessary sustenance, or to be cruelly beaten, needlessly mutilated, or killed as aforesaid, any useful beast, fowl or animal, every such offender shall for every such offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$50 and imprisoned not more than 30 days. In this section, and in every law which may be enacted relating to animals, the words 'animals' and 'dumb animals' shall be held to include every living creature; the words 'torture' or 'torment' or 'cruelty' shall be held to include every act, omission, or neglect, whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted; but such terms shall not be construed to prohibit lawful shooting of birds, deer and other game for human food."

Doctors Are Puzzled.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth McIver, of Vanceboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say, it saved my life." Cures the worst coughs and colds, bronchitis, tonsillitis, weak lungs, hoarseness and la grippe. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

Mrs. Emma C. Taylor, a sister of Judge Council, has brought suit for \$500.00 against the Southern Railway and Asheville Transfer Co. The plaintiff alleges that through negligence her trunk was left in the rain and wearing apparel was damaged to the amount named.

A Scientific Wonder.

The cures that stand to its credit make Buckle's Arnica Salve a scientific wonder. It cured E. R. Mulford, lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry, Waynesboro, Pa., of a distressing case of piles. It heals the worst burns, sores, boils, ulcers, cuts, wounds, chilblains and salt rheum. Only 25c. at all druggists.

It is sometimes better later than early. The bit of repartee you think of ten minutes too late might have cost you a friend.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

MAN.

Man by his own action plunges into despair; the cruel, unrelenting hand of debt, sin and wrong doing bring him to the brink of suicide; he is not responsible for coming into the world, he unwisely thinks he need not be responsible for his deeds and thoughtlessly he goes on. If possible he sinks to the bottom of the bottomless pit, ever going as far downward as he can. Remorse, a creature of his ancestry, gnaws at his vital will until it becomes what it ought to be; conscience, a creature of his God, preys upon his besetting sin until it is put away. At the moment when he thinks there is no heaven, no home, no purity, no love—no anything, the hand of a loving All Father reaches from among the angels of that heaven he thought did not exist, and with an unspeakable sweetness brings him to the haven of rest in which he knows there is a peace that passeth all understanding, a hope that is beyond the wild est flight of his imagination, a joy of which he never dreamed, even in moments of greatest ecstasy, a feeling less of earth than heaven. And thus when he sees that sin is the greatest hinderance, he knows in the same breath that righteousness is the great power. Safe does he feel in the presence of the being who brought him into the world and who takes him out at His own sweet will.—Selected.

Afflicted With Rheumatism.

I was and am yet afflicted with rheumatism," says Mr. J. C. Bayne editor of the Herald, Addington, I. T. "but thanks to Chamberlain's Pain Balm am able once more to attend to business. It is the best of liniments." If troubled with rheumatism give Pain Balm a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. One application relieves the pain. For sale by all dealers, Boone, and Blowing Rock Drug Co.

"On the whole," says the Biblical Recorder, "the Republicans have done all that men could do to condemn themselves before the people of North Carolina. If they had a chance to carry the State they have destroyed it." All of which is true, and we are constrained to believe that some in the party cared more for the office than for the welfare of the organization. That will kill anything.—Raleigh Times.

Chamberlain's



Cough Remedy

The Children's Favorite
Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.
This remedy is famous for its cures over a large part of the civilized world. It can always be depended upon. It contains no opium or other harmful drug and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Price 25 cts; Large Size, 50 cts.

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. Hilditch, Stevens Point, Wis.



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 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 banks	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.

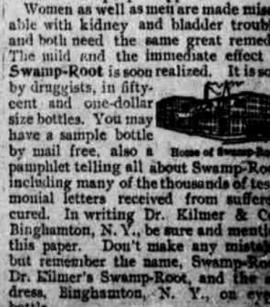
E. S. Coffey, Cashier.
Correct—Attest, W. C. Coffey, W. L. Bryan, N. L. Mast, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of Feb. 1906.
Thos. Bingham, C. S. C.

When a man gets the worst of an argument he always tries to act as if he had merely been drawing the other fellow out.

Earthquakes are responsible for some strenuous movements in real estate.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose. Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a Home of Swamp-Root pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention 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.



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