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The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the
Signature
of
Chas. H. Fletcher

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 coun-
ties. 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 special-
ty. 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,
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BANNER'S ELK, N. C.
No Knife, No Burning Out.
Highest references and endor-
sements 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 comedy of the Inter-
state Commerce Commissions
investigation into the combi-
nations and monopolies of
the coal and oil carrying
roads has been continued in
Washington this week. It is
true that the Commission
managed to steal a march
on some of the officials of the
coal carrying roads in the
Philadelphia hearings and it
looked then as though the
investigation which was be-
gun in response to a joint
resolution from Congress
might turn up some interest-
ing data. But the hearings of
officials in the present ses-
sion has been more or less of
a farce. It is true that the de-
plorable state of affairs was
shown to exist, but the offi-
cers of the roads questioned
answered with their tongues
their cheeks and said after it
was all over that the commis-
sion could have learned just
as much by an intelligent per-
usal of the annual reports
of the roads in conjunction
with a copy of the railroads
Manual. One instance was
the case of the Buffalo, Roch-
ester and Pittsburg Railway
which was under investiga-
tion. There were two officials
of the road up for examina-
tion. One was the general
freight agent, Mr. Davis, and
the other gentleman gen-
eral superintendent, Mr. Noo-
nan. Between them they ex-
plained that the Rochester
and Pittsburg Coal and Iron
Company was the property of
the property of the Buffa-
lo, Rochester and Pittsburg
Railway. The Jefferson and
Clearfield Coal and Coke Co.
was owned by the same group
of officials, and these two
companies owned mined and
shipped more than 70 per-
cent of the coal that passed
over the Buffalo, Rochester
and Pittsburg Railroad,
which was primarily a coal-
carrying road. Of course this
is in distinct defiance of the
ruling of the Supreme Court
which holds that a railroad
must not have any interest
in the commodities it trans-
ports. But this is a small mat-
ter to the roads. They own
the coal companies or the
coal companies own the rail-
roads, whichever way you
prefer it. The officials came
up and testify to the fact and
then say privately that the
Interstate Commerce Com-
mission knew as much before
the investigation began. The
Buffalo, Rochester and Pitts-
burg Railway has been used
merely as an illustration of
the things that are coming
out in the investigation, not
in any spirit of malice or dis-
crimination. The officers of
the road and the coal com-
panies that it owns are no
better and no worse than a
lot of other railroads and
their officers that will be
shown up in the investiga-
tion. The question is wheth-
er Congress will make a use
of the information when it
has the papers transmit-
ted to it. The chances are
that it will not. But any crit-
ics who have the spirit of
charity left with them and
who do not want to be class-

ed as muck-rakers can wait
for the facts to develop and
then form their judgement.

There is one direction in
which it would seem that Con-
gress is doing a good work.
That is the purifying of elec-
tions. The Senate has report-
ed favorably the resolution
making it a crime for corpora-
tions to contribute to elec-
tion funds. Now of course the
contribution of any amount
to an election fund by any-
body is wrong in principle
and ought to be suppressed.
But if nobody had any elec-
tion fund, then the man with
the biggest bank account
would be able to go on the
hustings and make the big-
gest show and get his ideas
the better put before the peo-
ple. So people who have a
personal or ethical interest
in a candidate contribute to
help him in his campaign.

Then the other side, seeing
that there is money being
spent, starts out to collect
money for its candidate and
it ends in the party in power
which naturally has the whip
hand, landing more contri-
butions than the other side
and presumably continuing
its candidate in office. But
the anti-contribution bill
just reported is designed to
change this. It prohibits the
national banks, corporations
engaged in interstate and
foreign commerce and corpo-
rations organized under Fed-
eral laws from contributing
funds to any election. The pen-
alty in the case of corpora-
tion is fixed at not more
than \$5,000 and in the case
of individuals, who include
the officers, directors and
stockholders of the company
a fine of not more than \$1,-
000 and a jail sentence. This
is the thing that will hurt
the individual who might
not be touched by a mere
fine. Unfortunately the cor-
poration cannot be subject-
ed to a jail sentence. It has
no hobby to be kicked and
no soul to be damned, so it
can escape with a fine.

But of course the corpora-
tions are not opposing the
new law. They have been
blackmailed by campaign col-
lectors often enough in the
past, and they are glad to
subscribe to any law that
will prevent raids on their
treasury. But how will the
reformatory law will be en-
forced is a question. If it is
enforced in the letter and the
spirit, it will simply leave the
situation as indicated above,
where the man with the best
private bank account will
stand the best chance of get-
ting their views before the
people.

Dispatches to the Navy De-
partment state that the
great dry dock Dewey has
reached the entrance of the
Suez Canal and is waiting
preparations for its passage
through this great artificial
waterway. It has been ar-
ranged that the mammoth
dock shall go through there
in the day time and that
there shall be certain places
dredged out for it like the
sidings on a railroad where it
can lay up at night and let
the other shipping in the can-
al pass through. Of course

the dredging of these turn-
outs will come out of the
pocket of the contractor and
it will materially reduce the
profit that would have been
made in transporting the
dock to Manila. But it is the
choice of two evils, for if the
dry dock had gone straight
through the canal, there
would have been no room for
other ships to pass it, and
the canal would have had to
be closed to all other traffic
for six days. It looks as
though it would take almost
as much money to get the
dock to the Philippines as
it did to build it, but when
the journey is safely made, it
will stand for a long time as
the record towing perform-
ance of the world.

Not as Rich as Rockefeller.

If you had all the wealth of Rock-
efeller, the Standard Oil magnate,
you could not buy a better medicine
for bowel complaints than Chamber-
lain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea
Remedy. The most eminent physi-
cian cannot prescribe a better pre-
paration for colic or diarrhoea, both
for children and adults. The uni-
form success of this remedy has
shown it to be superior to all others.
It never fails, and when reduced
with water and sweetened, is pleas-
ant to take. Every family should be
supplied with it. For sale by dealers
in Boone and by Blowing Rock
Drug Co.

A feature of our iron and
steel trade during recent
weeks has been the reappear-
ance of the United States as
a buyer, on a scale sufficient
ly large to be noticeable.
These orders are the out-
come of the extraordinary
activity of the American
trade, says Engineering, the
demand being so great that
the country's own mills are
unequal to it.

Sciatica Cured After Twenty Years
of Torture.

For more than twenty years Mr.
J. B. Massey, of 3322 Clinton St.
Minneapolis, Minn., was tortured by
sciatica. The pain and suffering
which he endured during this time
is beyond comprehension. Nothing
gave him any permanent relief
until he used Chamberlain's Pain
Balm. One application of that fine
ment relieved the pain and made
sleep and rest possible, and less
than one bottle has effected a per-
manent cure. If trouble with sciati-
ca or rheumatism why not try a
25 cent bottle of Pain Balm and see
for yourself how quickly it re-
lieves the pain. For sale by dealers
in Boone and by Blowing Rock
Drug Co.

It is said that a certain
young man of this place
hung his best pants to the
fire one night this week and
they were burned up. If such
a calamity as that should be-
fall the writer he would have
to stay indoors till some delin-
quent could be heard
from. It's bad to have only
one pair.—Clarkson Express.

Fortunate Missourians.

"When I was a druggist at Lic-
nia, Mo.," writes T. J. Dwyer,
now of Grayville, Mo., "three of
my customers were cured of con-
sumption by Dr. King's New Dis-
covery, and are well and strong to-
day. One was trying to sell his
property and move to Arizona, but
after using Discovery a short time
he found it unnecessary to do so. I
regard Dr. King's New Discovery
as the most wonderful medicine in
existence. The greatest cough and
cold cure and lung healer. Guar-
anteed by all druggists. 50c and \$1.
Trial bottles free.

Once and a while a woman
tells the truth about her chil-
dren, but not out loud.

Hurrah for the American Hen!

Not long ago Secretary of
Agriculture Wilson got up a
composition on the Ameri-
can hen which, it was believ-
ed, would stand as the priz-
winner. It was rather length-
y and full of figures, but
was the work of a scholar.
However in a short speech be-
fore the House committee on
agriculture Tuesday, Con-
gressman Dawson, of Iowa,
took the laurels from Secre-
tary Wilson. He spoke in fa-
vor of an increased agricul-
tural appropriation and
grew eloquent when he came
to the subject of the hen. He
is quoted as saying:

"Poets may sing of the
glory of the eagle, and ar-
tists may paint the beauties
of birds of plumage, but the
modest American hen is enti-
tled to a tribute for her in-
dustry, her unselfishness and
her productivity. The Ameri-
can hen can produce wealth
equal to the capital stock of
all the banks of the New York
clearing house in 3 months
and have a week to spare.

In less than 60 days she
can equal the total produc-
tion of all the gold mines in
the United States. The Uni-
ted States proudly boasts of
its enormous production of
pig iron, by far the greatest
of any country in the world,
and yet the American hen
produces as much in six
months as all the iron mines
of the country produce in a
year. In one year and ten
months she could pay off the
interest bearing debt of the
United States."

The hen is a great institu-
tion. She would be still great-
er if she and her offspring
were not so inclined to upset
the chicken grower's calcula-
tions by taking the cholera.
Mr. Dawson's figures are fas-
cinating, but all the same we
advise him that it is safer to
draw his salary in Congress
than to embark in the chick-
en farming business with the
idea of putting the banks out
of business.—Charlotte Chron-
icle.

Postmaster Robbed.

G. W. Fouts, postmaster at Riv-
erton, Ia., nearly lost his life and
was robbed of all comfort, accord-
ing to his letter, which says: "For
twenty years I had chronic liver
complaint, which led to such a se-
vere case of jaundice that even my
finger nails turned yellow; when my
doctor prescribed Electric Bitters,
which cured me and have kept me
well for eleven years." Sure cure
for biliousness, neuralgia, weak-
ness and stomach, liver, kidney and
bladder derangements. A wonderful
tonic. At all druggists, 50c.

"Young man, don't abandon
your home and go west, or any-
where else, in search of a fortune
to be had in a day. Work as hard
here, and economize as closely as
you will have to in the west, and
you will get rich fast enough.
Dress comfortably and genteelly,
instead of extravagantly and
lappishly. Don't live too high.
Keep away from the whisky shop,
card table, and such like. Save
one fourth of your earnings, and
you will soon be able to marry
some pretty sensible modest girl,
(outside of so-called society cir-
cles,) just suited for a sensible
man in moderate circumstances.
—Leaksville Gazette.

Next to having freckles, a
girl feels the worst about a
low first step.

Does Your Heart Beat

Yes. 100,000 times each day.
Does it send out good blood
or bad blood? You know, for
good blood is good health;
bad blood, bad health. And
you know precisely what to
take for bad blood—Ayer's
Sarsaparilla. Doctors have
endorsed it for 60 years.

One frequent cause of bad blood is a sluggish
liver. This produces constipation. Painless
substances are then absorbed into the blood,
instead of being removed from the body daily
as nature intended. Keep the bowels open
with Ayer's Pills, liver pills. All vegetable.

Made by J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Also manufacturers of
Ayer's
HAIR VIGOR,
AQUEOUS CURE,
CHERRY PECTORAL.

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 April 6, 1906:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$27,040.00
Overdrafts unsecured	35.47
Banking-house	800.00
Furniture and fixtures	400.00
Due from banks and ban- kers	7,840.06
Cash items	86.05
Gold coin	20.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency.	787.73
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	4,629.00
Total.....	\$41,638.31

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,109.25
Bills payable	2,490.00
Deposits subject to check	27,669.06
Cashier's ck's outstanding	370.00
Total.....	\$41,638.31

State of North Carolina, Watauga
county, ss: I, E. S. Coffey, Cashier
of the above named bank, do so-
lemnly swear that the above state-
ment is true to the best of my knowl-
edge and belief.

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

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.
Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding
Piles Druggists are authorized to re-
fund money if PAZO OINTMENT
fails to cure in 6 to 14 days, 50c.

An almost sure way to
make a girl kiss you is to get
her to say she won't.

Thousands Have Kidney
Trouble and Never Suspect It.

How To Find Out.
Fill a bottle or common glass with your
water and let it stand twenty-four hours;
sediment or settling indicates an
unhealthy condition of the kid-
neys; 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 ne-
cessity of being compelled to go often
during 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 dis-
tressing cases. If you need a medicine
you should have the best. Sold by drug-
gists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.
You may have a sample bottle and a
book that tells all
about it, both sent free
by mail. Address Dr.
Kilmer & Co., Bingham-
ton, 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.