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A woman can scratch you with dimples and entice you with claws

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,—
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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.

Such a sensation as has stirred official circles as the result of Commissioner Garfield's report on the Standard Oil Company, has not been known in Washington for a long time. There was little commendation for the report of the Bureau of Corporations in the Beef Trust case, and what little there was negated by the now famous decision of Judge Humphrey. But the Standard Oil Report is only a little less notable than the message with the President sends it to Congress.

The report in itself is an arraignment of the oil company that is perhaps not as entertaining reading as Miss Tarbell's History of the Standard Oil Company, but it contains much the same facts, told in a more official way, and it is the most severe arraignment of a corporation that has ever been known from such a high official source. It charges specifically that the Standard Oil Company has the practical monopoly of the oil business of the United State. It refines and handles 23,000,000 out of 26,000,000 barrels of oil produced in this country each year. The few refiners that are outside the control of the trust are those who are in close touch with an oil producing territory and who can supply a limited area around their refineries. This supremacy of the Standard, the report says, has been gained by all sorts of unlawful practices. It has received relates in direct defiance of the law till it was found out when it quickly discontinued the practice. It has juggled the railroad tariffs and while in some cases kept inside the strict letter of the law, it has taken all sorts of advantages that the law never contemplated. It has stuck to the State tariffs on oil carrying and pieced them together so that the oil seemingly for State consumption only was really carried over the interstate routes. In various ways it has made a direct profit of \$750,000 a year out of this unjust and in many cases absolutely illegal railway discrimination. But the total of the case in which this sort of a profit was made, the report does not profess to have discovered. At the same time the profit out of the railway rates was a mere bagatelle to the amount that the company was able to make out of chalking off competition and mulcting the public of outrageous prices for oil. The report states that a half a cent a gallon is accepted by the trade as a fair profit to make on refined oil. Instead of this it was found that the price charged by the Standard Oil Co. in territory where it had succeeded in killing competition was from three to five cents higher than in the territory where it had to compete with the few independent companies. Handling 23,000,000 barrels of oil a

year, as it was shown to do this made a tidy profit for the hard working corporation.

The officers of the company claimed that they had merely taken advantages of natural conditions and that it was the hard work and foresight of the company to which it owed its supremacy in the oil field. The pipe line mode of transportation was cited as one instance of this. But the report shows that the pipeline idea, aside from not being the invention of the Standard, was bought up and controlled by the enormous power of money behind the company and that instead of being a natural advantage, it like many other of the so called natural advantages, was simply the result of cruel and killing competition on the part of the great company.

The report cites particular instances where the law has been openly or secretly violated, giving names, dates and places that bring the grand total of the railroad discriminations alone up to three quarters of a million dollars a year. Mr. Garfield says in this connection:

"I have called attention to these specific instances merely to show the methods by which determination was attained and the devices which if legal are still merely devices to obtain exactly the results as would be obtained by rebate on interstate business. If the existing law merely prohibits the particular device for obtaining discrimination and permits the same result to be accomplished in a different way, then the legislation to that extent is a sham.

The President's message with which the report was sent to Congress was as bitter as the report itself. He says that the report shows that not only the rate bill but the alcohol bill ought to be passed, the first to give the interstate commerce commission the power to deal summarily with the evils of the present monopolistic situation and the latter to open an avenue of competition that even the Standard Oil Company could not close to the farmer and others of the country who are entitled to relief from the intolerable burdens that this great monopoly has fastened upon the people. The President says very clearly that the argument so often urged against governmental control of corporations was that it tended to stifle the spirit of personal initiative on which the prosperity of the country depended. But he says it has been abundantly proved that the tyrannical corporation which can force even the railroads to truckle to them and do their bidding do more to stifle personal initiative than any other force and that we must pass laws putting it out of the power of the railroads to comply with the monopolistic demands of the great trusts. He calls attention to the future of the report that says not only the Standard Oil Company but

the Sugar Trust and other great interests have consistently defied the law and that it has been the exception rather than the rule for the American Sugar Refining Co. ever pay the full legal tariff on its goods out of New York.

In conclusion the President makes the radical announcement that the time is ripe for the United States to absolutely refuse to relinquish control over the coal and oil lands that are still a part of the public domain.

Postmaster Robbed.

G. W. Fouts, postmaster at River-ton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For twenty years I had chronic liver complaint which led to such a severe 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, weakness and stomach, liver, kidney and bladder derangements. A wonderful tonic. At all druggists, 50 cts.

Says the Jefferson Record: We are informed that 394 voters were disfranchised in Ashe county by the non payment of poll tax by May the 1st. Nearly all of these voters are Republicans. Good, if the editor was not misled.

Fortunate Missourians.

"When I was a druggist at Linc-oln, Mo.," writes T. J. Dwyer, now of Grayville, Mo., "three of my customers were cured of consumption by Dr. King's New Discovery, 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 surest cough and cold cure and lung healer. Guaranteed by all druggists, 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

Here are a few things, remarks the Tomhawk, that a newspaper is good for: The newspaper is a law book for the indolent, a sermon for the thoughtless, a library for the poor, and an admonisher for the lawless. It may stimulate the most indifferent, but it cannot be published without cost and sent free to subscribers. This is no joke.

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 permanent cure. If trouble with sciatica or rheumatism why not try a 25 cent bottle of Pain Balm and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain. For sale by dealers in Boone and by Blowing Rock Drug Co.

"Do you intend to submit the matter to arbitration?" asked the reporter. The coal magnate frowned. "Not on your bin of anthracite," he responded, feelingly. "Just as like as not arbitration would confirm our suspicions that we are wrong."

CASITORIA,
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*

The Congressional Situation.

The time for nominating a Democratic candidate for Congressional honors this fall is drawing near and it behooves the party to make a selection that will in every way satisfy the voters and eliminate every element of discord and bad feeling. Among those prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination is Hon. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir; and looking at the matter from an unselfish standpoint it certainly appears that Mr. Newland should be the nominee. And among the many reasons why the party should nominate him, the following might be mentioned:

It is well known that Mr. Newland made the last race under very discouraging circumstances and against great odds, yet despite this fact, and taking into consideration that it was a Republican year, Blackburn carried the district over Newland by about 245 votes while Roosevelt carried it by 890. Mr. Newland actually received more votes in the district than any other candidate on the ticket. This of itself should commend him to the highest and most favorable consideration at the hands of those who will place the nominee in the field.

There are other reasons, too, why Mr. Newland should have the nomination, but the above taken in connection with his high moral character his recognized ability and worth, we think is sufficient, and that the party in all justice and fairness should, recognizing his merit and claims upon their consideration, reward him accordingly. And on the other hand, he knowing all these things as well as we do, is making no personal fight for the nomination, but with becoming dignity mentions his claims and requests his friends in the different counties to look after his interests and treat him according to his merits.—Lenoir Topic.

Not as Rich as Rockefeller.

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

Mrs. White—And do you mean to say that you and your husband always agree about everything? Mr. Black—Always—except, of course, now and then, when he's out of humor or pigheaded, or something of that sort.

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

The man who exceeds you in politeness is a better man than you are for the time being.

My Hair is Scraggly

Do you like it? Then why be contented with it? Have to be? Oh, no! Just put on Ayer's Hair Vigor and have long, thick hair; soft, even hair; beautiful hair, without a single gray line in it. Have a little pride. Keep young just as long as you can.

"I am fifty-seven years old, and until recently my hair was very gray. But in a few weeks Ayer's Hair Vigor restored its natural color to my hair, so now there is not a gray hair to be seen."—J. W. HANCOCK, Boulder Creek, Cal.



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 bankers	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	2,390.00
Deposits subject to check	27,669.06
Cashier's cks. outstanding	370.00
Total	\$41,638.31

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: 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 6th day of April, 1906.
Thos. Bingham, C. S. C.

Where necessity ends, curiosity begins, and no sooner are we supplied with everything that nature can demand than we sit down to contrive artificial appetites.—Johnson.

Lazy men are always willing to work—other men.

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood. It need 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 the 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 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., Binghamton, N. Y. 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.