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Will practice in all the courts of Tennessee, State and Federal. Special attention given to collections and all other matters of a legal nature.  
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I am now located here for the practice of Dentistry, and am making Bridge and Crown work, the most intricate work known to the profession, a specialty.  
My work is all done under a positive guarantee—no satisfaction, no pay. Nothing but the best material used in the execution of any of my work.

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## THE DUTY OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

To The Editor: The following is clipped from the "Teacher's Record" published in the Appalachian Training School at Boone N. C.:

"There are several counties in the State where county superintendents do not visit the schools at all. They do not know the condition of the school buildings, they do not know the kind of work being accomplished. One superintendent who has been recently elected, says that he has taught in four counties and that a superintendent has never visited his school to see what is being done with public money. The board of education does not allow this visiting, and in some instances, where the superintendent actually went at his own expense and of his own accord, certain members of the board consulted a lawyer to see if the superintendent had any legal right to visit the schools."

It goes without saying that teachers and school officers should know the school laws, but it is the opinion and wish of those teachers and officers who look to the development of the State through the schools, that parents also should inform themselves. When fathers and mothers show an intelligent interest in the conduct of the public schools; when they know to what extent the laws are obeyed by officers and teachers, when they visit the schools and see not only their advantages, but their needs and difficulties. If the above "certain members of the board" had looked into the Public School Law of North Carolina, as compiled in the "Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina" their uncertainty might have been removed without reference to a lawyer. Page 5, paragraph 11, reads:

"All doubt as to the requirement that the county superintendents shall visit the public schools of his county while in session is removed by striking out the words "under the direction of the county board of education." See section 4141.

Section 4141 is as follows: "4141. Must advise and may suspend teachers; must attend state association of superintendents. It shall be the duty of the county superintendent to advise with the teachers as to the best methods of instruction and school government, and to that end he shall keep himself thoroughly informed as to the progress of education in other counties, cities and states. He shall have authority to correct abuses, and to this end he may, with the concurrence of a majority of the school committee, suspend any teacher who may be guilty of any immoral or disreputable conduct or may prove himself incompetent to discharge efficiently the duties of a public school teacher, or who may be persistently neglectful of such duties. The county superintendent shall be required to visit the public schools of his county while in session and shall inform himself of the condition and needs of the various schools within his jurisdiction. Unless providentially hindered he shall attend continuously during its session the annual meeting of the state association of the county superintendents, and the county board of his county shall pay out of the county school fund his traveling expenses and allow him his per diem while attending such meetings; but county superintendents employed on salary shall not receive any per diem while in attendance on such meetings."

NOTE:—The requirement that county superintendents shall visit the schools while in session is

mandatory, and properly so. County boards of education must obey the law. The compensation allowed is now sufficient to justify the superintendent in visiting the schools. In no other way can he acquaint himself so well with the educational condition and needs of every part of the county, with the merits and defects, the disposition and character of the teachers, and acquire such a knowledge of the people and their views as will make him a helpful advisor in the selection of teachers and committeemen and a wise and effective leader in all educational matters of the county. If there be a county superintendent whose visits to his schools would not be beneficial to himself, his teachers, his schools, his people, no surer evidence of his incompetency is needed, and his resignation should be asked at once. The most valuable part of the work of a living, competent superintendent will be his visits to the schools and people. Without such visits the work of supervision is a misnomer and largely a farce, and the county superintendent little more than a clerk to the board of education and a mechanical examiner of teachers.

It will be observed that county superintendents are required to attend the annual session of the state association of county superintendents, and that provision is made for their expenses.

There is among us too much ignorance concerning the laws governing the public schools. Not only parents but teachers and even county superintendents and school boards, now and then, fail to acquaint themselves with their obligations. These very persons would probably read a lecture to a girl or boy for breaking a school regulation and would not excuse the child pleading ignorance of the existence of such a regulation.

They will enter into active service in behalf of the children. They will see to it that comfortable and attractive school houses are built; that teachers and superintendents abide by the law; that only first-grade teachers are licensed to teach; that only first-grade men or women are elected to superintend the teachers; that a nine months term is assured in every public school district; that the parent who does not vote a sufficient tax to provide these necessities or who does not keep his children in school shall lose caste as a citizen. When the fathers and mothers—but more the mothers than the fathers—determine upon the elevation of their schools in the public estimate, there will be no compulsory law needed. There will be fewer little ones toiling amid the heat, the dust, the lint and the poisoned air of the shops and of the factories. There will be fewer pale, pinched, listless cigarette smokers and snuff dippers among our children. There will be fewer breadwinners among the babies and more among the fathers.

The time has passed when an ignorant man can hold his own, even in the mountain coves. The telegraph, telephone, steam-cars, and electric motors now penetrate many of these formerly secluded spots and are filling them with the busy life of the day. The wild, tree life of the illiterate pioneer or back-woodsman is known but in books in these days of rural free delivery. Daniel Boone would need something more than daring and courage to be called great to-day. Even Andrew Jackson—were he alive and wishing to be President—would be forced to learn to spell.

Men and women in the next

generation who are not trained both in hand and in brain will be pushed to the wall and will be subservient to those who know and know that they know.

ANNIE GOODLOE RANDALL,  
Greensboro, N. C.

## Cured of Lung Trouble.

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man in Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 125 pounds, and coughing was constant both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed by all druggists, 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

A leading Virginia railroad the name of which is withheld for obvious reasons, is asking bids for the laying of extra tracks in Virginia and North Carolina stipulating that the labor shall consist entirely of whites including Italians and other foreign labor, and that it shall be gotten entirely from locations foreign to that in which the railroad operates.

The authorities of the road fear to take chances as any attempt to use local labor in opposition to that already employed, would in all probability upset the present equitable labor situation. Two hundred and forty-three miles of road are included in the work and the leading contractors of the state and country have been invited to make bids, —Richmond News Leader.

## Wise Counsel From the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it became a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee by all druggists. Price 50c.

Travel Magazine: I had often heard of the literal quality of the Chinese mind and had a personally delivered sample of it one morning. I went into a jeweler's shop to buy a souvenir spoon. The selection made I wrote upon a piece of paper the inscription, "Hongkong, 1906," to have the same engraved upon the bowl. As I started to leave the store the Chinaman called me back and asked for a deposit. I gave him 75 cents and made a note of the fact on the paper on which I had written the intended inscription. When I called for my spoon the next day it was inscribed in the bowl: "Hongkong, 1906, Paid 75 Cents."

## How to Cure Chills.

"To enjoy freedom from chills," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sores, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases. 25c at all druggists.

"In the beginning God created heaven and earth, then the editor and the liberal advertiser—which was all good. The next day it snowed, and he created the man who does not take the home paper, and another, who doesn't believe in advertising—then he rested. Then the devil got into the mould-room and created the man who takes the paper for several years and fails to pay for it. After he had completed that sorry job and had a few lumps left, he created the excuse of a man who settled his subscription by informing the postmaster to mark his paper refused."

## A Georgia Case.

(Statesville Landmark)

In these latter days one is denied the right to regulate even the affairs of his own family. A dispatch from Monticello, Ga., tells of the killing of James Falk, a merchant, by a young man named Hubert Waldrup. Waldrup had accompanied Falk's two daughters to a dance. Falk objected to their going but finally yielded on conditions that they return home before midnight. The young people got in at 2 a. m. and Waldrup opened a window and endeavored to put the girls in the house without arousing their father. Falk was aroused, however, and he appeared on the scene and chided the young people for coming in at that hour—a very natural thing to do, by the way. Waldrup resented Falk's remarks, an altercation ensued and Falk was shot dead by Waldrup.

We suppose of course that, following the Charlotte precedent, Waldrup will either be acquitted on the plea of self defense or let off with a very light punishment. In the Charlotte case a married man invaded the home with evil purpose. While he was drinking wine and making merry the father and head of the house appeared and ordered him out. Thereupon the intruder was indignant. He not only didn't go promptly, but stopped to argue the case and insist that he was a "gentleman." Thereupon the father, as he had a right to do, caught hold of him to put him out, and was shot dead. For that cold blooded murder of a man who was endeavoring to protect his own household, the murderer got five years in the penitentiary—a most infamous travesty on justice.

What fathers should do when young men are guilty of misconduct about their homes—as in the Charlotte case and Georgia case—is to argue only with a shot gun.

## The Right Name.

Mr. August Sharpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named, they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative. Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation, 25 cts. at all druggists."

## Killed Himself Accidentally.

(Lenoir Topic.)  
Fred Watson, the 15 year old son of Mr. E. N. Watson, who lives about two miles west of Lenoir on Morganton road, accidentally shot and killed himself yesterday about noon.

Fred's father left for town yesterday morning, asking the boy to work in the new ground in sight of the house till he returned. The boy took a double barrel shot gun, and it is not known whether they were hunting or were running home for dinner, when they came across some birds and Fred emptied one barrel of his gun at them. While running to get the bird which he killed, the other barrel, in a manner not known, was discharged, the whole load taking effect just at the lower end of the breastbone, tearing a hole something larger than a silver dollar.

The only words he was heard to utter, were to his brother, "Ed I'm hurt," and was dead in an instant.

Dr. McNairy was called and thinks death was instantaneous and without pain. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Beware of cheap imitations.  
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*Chas. H. Fletcher*

## It Quiets the Cough

This is one reason why Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is so valuable in consumption. It stops the wear and tear of useless coughing. But it does more—it controls the inflammation, quiets the fever, soothes, and heals. Sold for 60 years.

"Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has been a regular life preserver to me. It brought me through a severe attack of pneumonia, and I feel that I owe my life to its wonderful curative properties."—WILLIAM H. TRUITT, Wawa, Pa.

Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.  
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**Ayer's**  
SARSAPARILLA,  
PILLS,  
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Hasten recovery by keeping the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills.

## 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. 12, 1906:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$26,716.10.
Overdrafts unsecured	273.46.
Overdrafts unsecured,	475.32.
Banking house	1,211.41.
Furniture and fixtures	400.00.
Due from banks and banks	6,988.03.
Gold coin,	690.00.
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency.	511.04.
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	1,749.00.
Total.....	\$39,014.36.

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$10,000.00.
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	3,539.10.
Bills payable	3,546.00.
Time certificates of deposit included in bills payable	
Deposits subject to check	23,600.51.
Cashier's ck's outstanding	328.75.
Total.....	\$39,014.36.

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: J. 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, N. L. Mast, Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of Nov. 1906.  
J. M. May, Register of Deeds.

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.

Giving is always a poor investment when it is an investment on ly.

## 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; a sediment or floating 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 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, both 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.