

Training School Commencement.

At 11, a. m. Friday last, the crowd gathered, representing 15 counties and numbering 1,200 people.

Dr. Vardell, President of Red Springs Seminary, was introduced and for one hour he held the immense crowd.

A recess of two hours was spent under the shade of the trees, eating dinner, discussing the beautiful address and looking through the campus.

In the afternoon, fifteen young women and three young men were introduced as the graduating class. The programme was as follows:

Introductory, Miss Belvia Caloway.

History, Miss Minnie Day.

Prophecy, Miss Bina Garvy.

Class Poet, Miss Bertha Stanbury.

Salutatory, Mr. Geo. Hagaman.

Dr. Martin, of Davidson College, was then introduced, and for fifteen minutes he entertained the crowd in a most charming manner.

Dr. Martin always has something good to say, and our people are delighted when he comes to Boone.

Capt. E. F. Lovill then made a talk to the class and delivered the diplomas, after which the benediction was given by Rev. O. P. Ader.

The day was over. After the usual congratulations the crowd went to their homes, glad of having come, and proud of the day.

That other Institutions have turned out more scholarly students, we do not doubt, but from no college in this State has there gone a more thoughtful body of young people.

They are the flowers of this country. We regret that they will be with us no more.

The school and the town will miss their prestige and influence in the school will be hard to make good.

From their work, we expect fine returns, and our loss will be the gain for other communities.

Our Institution is fast becoming delocalized. It is reaching out here and there, helping and encouraging the ambitious youth.

Its light has been seen and more than 200 made their way here this summer. Below we give the graduates and their theses:

Night brings out the stars—Mr. D. L. Bingham.

Influence of Heroes—Miss M. R. Day.

Philosophy of Education—Miss B. E. Day.

The World's Conquerors Conquered—Mr. J. Dillinger.

True Nobility—Miss L. V. Greer.

The Strength and Grandeur of our Nation—Miss H. S. Greer.

Greek Poetry—Miss D. E. Gragg.

Life and Works of Horace Mann—Miss O. S. Jones.

Frederick Forebel—Miss L. A. Reese.

Life is what we make it—Miss M. A. Sherrill.

English Literature—Miss A. L. Stanbury.

The Passing of Time—Miss R. C. Woodruff.

Education—Miss R. R. Woodruff.

The great railroad rate fight in North Carolina has at last been amicably adjusted.

The Southern and Atlantic Coast Line attorneys, says the News and Observer, have accepted the Governor's ultimatum and those roads will put the 2 1-4 cent rate into effect on August 8th, and conduct their cases in an orderly way.

Tax Listing in Elk Township.

Mr. Editor: I see from your notes about the assessment of property in Watauga county, that you think all the townships in Watauga county except Blowing Rock disregarded the agreement that was made on June 3rd, to assess all the lands in the county at two thirds of its true value.

I was in favor of adopting this rule and so expressed it in the meeting, and at the same time I told them it would not make more than a very small change in our township.

One of the assessors from Blowing Rock, also assessors from other townships said if the property was put even at one fourth of its true value would double the taxes in their townships. I told the board if that rule was adopted I felt very sure that all the land in our township would be to lower instead of raise, and when concede to list the property I found some of the lands was already assessed above a two thirds valuation, so we tried to put the property all on an equal of two thirds of its selling value.

We also found several tracts of land that the timber had been sold on and therefore the taxes were divided between the man who owned the land and the man who owned the standing timber. We found one tract of land that formerly belonged to Alpha Triplet that was already assessed at \$280 and last fall he had sold that tract of land to G. W. Carroll for \$250 and sold it mostly on time, at that price. We also found a tract of land that L. M. Hodges had bought from Maliccie McNeill for \$600.00 and Mr. Hodges had sold the timber on it to J. M. Bernhardt, and this tract of land was assessed to L. M. Hodges at \$400.00 and the timber on the same land assessed to Bernhardt at \$100.00.

In my own assessment I had sold my timber to the Yadkin Lumber Co., so my land was assessed at \$700.00 and \$300.00 to the Yadkin Lumber Co.

There was a great many more just such cases in our township and I believe that Elk has been put at as near two thirds of its true valuation as any township in the county, taking its location and valuation in consideration.

I should not have written this piece had it not been that the DEMOCRAT seemed to think we had all disregarded our agreement, and then I had it mentioned to me yesterday while at Boone that I, as one of the assessors, had wanted other townships to raise their assessment, but had failed to put the raise on our own townships.

I don't want to criticize the assessors of any of the townships for I guess they know the worth of property in their own townships better than I do.

Yours very truly, J. A. DENNY.

At Boise, Idaho, on last Sunday morning, after a trial that lasted for weeks, William D. Haywood, secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, was acquitted of the murder of former Governor, Frank Stuenkel. It is announced that the State will continue the prosecution against Pettidone and Moyer, as accomplices. Wonder what will finally become of Harry Orchard, the swift prosecuting witness. From his own testimony, hanging is entirely too good for him.

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—Lost, a note on Aude Billings and father for \$265.00 due to L. P. Greene and dated May 17th, 1907, near John Bingham's on Cove Creek. Finder will please return to Jesse Green at Vilas, and be rewarded.

Boone Team Defeated.

The Boone Base Ball Team has done most splendid work all the season. Blowing Rock, Mabel, Brushy Fork and Silverstone have exerted their greatest efforts to wrench from them the championship of the county, but to no avail. They have come out victors in every contest until an evil day came when they were doomed to ignominious defeat.

Last Thursday afternoon they crossed bats with a nine composed of some of the champion players of Caldwell, hailing in part from Hibritan—a good team, composed of nice, genteel young citizens, but they, too, were doomed to defeat by these mountain knights of the bat. The score at the close of the contest stood 16 to 20 in favor of Boone.

But every sweet has its bitter, and every rose a thorn. After the exercises had closed at the A. T. S. on Friday evening a "scrub team" was picked up from the large crowd in attendance, and our boys were challenged to a contest. The "scrubs" played well from the first, and carried off the laurels at the close of the game by a score of 16 to 10. This reminds us of a little story we once read of a brave soldier who had gone to the front in many hard-fought battles during the four years of the war between the States, only to come home and receive fatal injuries from the butting end of an enraged ram. A physician was summoned who told the veteran of many conflicts that the hour of his departure was near at hand. The dying man replied: "It does seem hard that I should have faced shot and shell for four long years, to return at the close of the bloody conflict to be butted to death by a d—d sheep."

Franc Jones, Charlott's defaulting bank Cashier, has been given a position in the book-keeping department by the penitentiary authorities. A joke indeed it would be were the wily Franc, in keeping with his former customs, steal the books and make good his escape.

The railroads are fighting the state laws reducing passenger rates and the Federal judges, appointed by President Roosevelt, are helping the railroads. Perhaps, this is on the principle of not letting one hand know what the other hand is doing.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, Superior Court, Fall Term, 1907, Sallie Baird plaintiff, vs. Walter Baird, defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action has been commenced against him as above entitled, for absolute divorce from the bands of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant. It is therefore ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, commanding the defendant to appear at the next term of this Court to be held in Boone, N. C. on the 9th day of September 1907, and plead answer or demur to the complaint which will be filed in this office 30 days before said term, or the relief prayed for in said complaint will be granted. This July 23rd 1907, THOS. BINGHAM, C. S. C.

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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 May. 18, 1907:

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCE, and amounts. Includes Loans and discounts (\$25,619.95), Overdrafts unsecured (371.10), Banking house (1,470.24), Furniture and fixtures (400.00), Due from banks and bankers (6,740.33), Cash items (100.00), Gold coin (1,370.00), Silver coin, including all minor coin currency (1,099.89), National bank notes and other U. S. Notes (3,913.00), Total (\$41,084.51).

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: LIABILITIES, and amounts. Includes Capital stock (\$10,000.00), Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid (1,047.47), Bills payable (3,246.00), Time certificates of deposit included in bills payable, Deposits subject to check (26,347.54), Cashier's ck's outstanding (443.50), Total (\$41,084.51).

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: N. L. Mast: W. C. Coffey, Directors.

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