

A Visit to Boone.

After being away from Boone just one year, it was my good fortune to go back and spend last week in the Appalachian Training School, and during that time, which seemed not more than one very short day to me, it was my good pleasure to meet all the new teachers of the school and many old friends and acquaintances with whom I had mixed and mingled for a long time. Quite a number of these were, to my greatest delight, members of the '07 class, which is to me the best class on earth.

The school work was nearing the close at the beginning of this week, but one could easily tell from the way the examination was conducted, that each one had been well prepared to stand the test. I noticed carefully to see if there were any inclined to be dishonest in their work, but failed to see anything like it. Teachers were stationed on every corner, and had there been any one so inclined, the chances for doing so were very limited indeed.

I was told that in all that number of students not a single one had been brought before the faculty this summer. That is very remarkable where there are so many boys and girls together. The teachers, both the old and the new, are to be highly praised for the efficient work done this summer.

We also visited the public school of the town, being taught by Prof. Brown and Miss Bina Garvey. Their work is well graded, and the children show even by their manner and polite way of doing things, that they are receiving every advantage possible.

As to the hospitality of the good people of Boone, it is useless to say that it cannot be surpassed. Never was I more kindly treated. Among the many other nice invitations received and accepted was one I wish to tell about. It was given to ten girls of both the '07 and '08 classes by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rivers. On Wednesday evening we were invited to dine with this good family of five. Everything good to eat you could think of seemed to be set before us. I cannot tell you how beautifully this good woman had things arranged about her table, and the sweet peas so daintily placed in order added to the beauty of the scene. After we had eaten sufficiently of the delicious steak, chicken and other good things, there came some of the finest of ice cream and cake. To say that we all had a regular feast and enjoyed the occasion most highly would be a very light way of expressing our real appreciation of the kindness of this noble family. After supper we were entertained for a while by some excellent music made by little Miss Velma on her beautiful piano.

On Thursday following, some of us, together with the faculty, were again invited to take dinner at the Girls' Home, which seemed home indeed to me, and again we had another most enjoyable time, and though many—nearly all—the girls were new to me, they seemed like old acquaintances.

Some of the girls remarked that when they came there last year, perfect strangers to the place and everybody, I had spoken to them, first girl, and they had not forgotten me for making them feel at home. I tell this that others may also resolve to make it a point to help strangers feel at home.

MARGARET SHERRILL.

On the 31st, ult., Miss Lily Simpson of Salisbury who was sitting at the breakfast table with the family, suddenly took convulsions from which she died in a few moments.

After-Math of the So-Called Republican County Convention.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to submit a few thoughts in regard to the most wonderful performance ever accomplished in the history of our local politics.

I was solicited by a number of Republicans to make the race for the legislature. I consented to do so, with two other gentlemen pitted against me at the opening of the race, with prospects flattering until the primaries, when to the surprise of my friends and everybody else, there could be breathed in the atmosphere a change of weather. A man here and there would ask the sly and insinuating question: "Have you heard of that secret letter?" "No, what?" "It has been carried from house to house among some of the voters," the import of which is still a secret. Whence it emanated and for what purpose we are left to surmise.

Now, fellow-Republicans, I started out to make the race fairly, openly, and avowedly for the purpose of upbuilding old Watauga county, morally, socially, educationally, and for all the material benefits that lie in my power to accomplish. I have now subscribed to the different prospective railroads over two thousand dollars, and have labored more than any man in the county to secure a road, and am still working with unabating zeal for it.

Fellow Republicans, why will you come up and cast your ballots for a ticket that never offered a brownie for any enterprise in your county, and for a man who, in his speech of acceptance, said he did not know two weeks before the convention that he was a candidate. This Aladdin's lamp performance crushing every body before it arouses my curiosity. Whence such power? What meat did my brother partake of that nourished him into such a hero?

Mr. Editor, one more thought, When Dr. Hodges withdraw and Boone township was to decide the fate of Mr. Norris and myself, I having about twice as many votes in the township primary (at least that is what the Chairman tells me.) why did Mr. Norris receive four votes to my two in the county convention? Would be pleased to have the light turned on. Some other very astonishing things may be elucidated later.

H. McD. LITTLE.

Newton Special, 27th: Saturday afternoon a strange man loafing around in North Newton saw a milk cow, belonging to Mr. Poley Deal quietly grazing in a lot. Untying the animal the stranger led the cow over to Middlebrook, where he swapped her to Mr. U. H. Huggins for an organ and \$10 to boot. The cash was paid over, the man saying that he would return for the organ Monday, when Mr. Deal went for his cow in the evening the theft was discovered. A warrant has been issued for Jim Potter, a brother of Boone Potter, who tried for murder several years ago. Mr. Tom Carper talked with a stranger Saturday who gave his name as Jim Potter, saying he was a brother of Boone.

[Boone Potter had no brother at all that we have ever heard of.—Democrat.]

A negro named John Finley, has been tried at Rocky Mount, Va., for an attempted criminal assault on a little eleven year old girl and was sentenced to electrocution. He will be the first to meet death in the electric chair in Va.

The crop failure in Turkey has caused a terrible famine in the agricultural districts and ere winter is over many will undoubtedly starve.

Miss Lelia Judson Tuttle, who has been teacher of English in Davenport College, Lenoir, has resigned her position and will devote her life to foreign missionary work.

The Taylorsville Scout says 16 brandy distilleries have been bonded in this county and the majority of them are now in full swing. They only pay from 8 to 10 cents per bushel for fruit.

Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, a wealthy manufacturer, will in all probability be the Republican candidate for Governor. Mr. Cox says he will accept the nomination if it is offered to him and as he is a wealthy and a conservative business man he will be nominated for two reasons: (1) Because he can furnish considerable funds for a campaign, and (2) with the hope and belief that he can secure Democratic votes from among the manufacturers of the State. Mr. Cox says he is receiving letters from Democrats urging him to run for Governor. Mr. Cox may get a few Democratic votes but if he is deluded into the belief that he can get enough to be elected there is an awakening in store for him.—Landmark.

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Scott's Emulsion is powerful nourishment—highly concentrated.

It makes bone, blood and muscle without putting any tax on the digestion.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county, Superior Court, Fall term, 1908. M. L. McGhee vs. N. M. Dobbin, C. H. Hulcher, C. A. Hulcher, Maggie Hulcher, C. D. Taylor, Levy Morphew, M. F. Morphew, A. J. Moretz and W. L. Hendrix.

The defendant C. H. Hulcher and C. A. Hulcher, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga county for the recovery of the sum of twelve hundred dollars the plaintiff's distributive share in the estate of W. L. Hulcher, deceased, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the next term of Watauga Superior Court to be held on the first Monday after the first Monday in September, 1908, at the court house of said county in Boone N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This July 26, 1908.

Thos. Bingham, C. S. C.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County. In the Superior Court, Geo. P. Banner vs. Maria M. Banner.

To Maria M. Banner: Take notice, that on the 28th day of August, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the City Hospital, on Blackwell's Island, in the City of New York, County of New York, State of New York, before Dr. Fred. T. Owens, commissioner, the undersigned will take the deposition of Ford Eastman to be read as evidence for the plaintiff in the above entitled action, which is now pending in the Superior Court of Watauga County, State of North Carolina, and you will further take notice, that if the taking of the said deposition is not completed on the said day, the same will be continued from day to day until completed. The said Maria M. Banner will further take notice that on the 15th day of September, 1908, the said deposition will be opened in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the said County of Watauga, and asked to be passed upon and allowed to be read as evidence in the trial of said cause. This 27th day of July, 1908.

George P. Banner, Plaintiff, L. D. Lowe, Atty for pl'ff.

Good Times in Union.

We've got trouble by the tail in Union. Many a bale of last year's cotton stored in nook and corner, and the new crop jumping day and night. More corn and peas than ever before planted and never a better prospect. Fruit rotting by the bushel. Black berries held in contempt. A choice milk cow for every man who wants it. Cider running like water but few men mean enough to drink too much. Big meeting time at hand and old-time religion in plenty. Candidates enough for every man to have his choice. Oratory on tap day or night. Lawyers who can preach and preachers who can practice. Something doing all the time; farmers' union picnics, school picnics, Sunday school picnics, family reunion picnics and "well filled baskets" at each one. Little sickness except from over-eating. A mail box at every man's door and a telephone in his house. No room for pessimism but joy unconfined. Let the outside world run on in vanity and the despair that vanity brings. Serenity sits at the helm in "Sweet Union." There is a new song in her mouth and virus of contentment in her atmosphere.—Monroe Journal.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, safe, easy, pleasant, sure, little liver pills. Sold by J. M. Hodges.

NOTICE.

To the Merchants of Watauga County:

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C. F. CARSON, Embreville, Tenn.

MORTGAGE SALE OF LAND.

Whereas, on the 7th day of December, 1904, J. H. Latham executed a mortgage deed to F. M. Thomas and J. D. Thomas, which is registered in the office of the Register of deeds for Watauga county, in Book 'L' at page 177-8. Said mortgage being executed and delivered to the said F. M. and J. D. Thomas to indemnify and save them harmless by reason of the endorsement of a note for the said J. H. Latham to the Bank of Ashe at Jefferson, N. C., for the sum of \$1,300 dated the 7th day of December, 1904 and renewed by the parties on Aug. 8th 1905. And whereas default was made by the said J. H. Latham in the payment of the full amount of the said note, and whereas, on the 7th day of March 1908, the said F. M. and J. D. Thomas was compelled to and did pay, the said Bank of Ashe, at Jefferson, N. C. the balance of said note, amounting to the sum of six hundred and seventy-six dollars and eighty cents (\$676.80). Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale conferred on the undersigned, by said mortgage, we will sell at public auction at the court house door in Boone, in Watauga county, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. on the 10th of August 1908 the land conveyed in said mortgage to the highest bidder for cash in hand, to satisfy the said amount of \$676.80, with interest and cost of sale. Said land being described as follows: Lying in Watauga county, N. C. on the waters of Cove Creek, Cove Creek township, and being the lands purchased by said J. H. Latham from the heirs of Landerine Eggers, deceased, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a birch tree between said Landerine Eggers' and Ransom Eggers' on top of the ridge by the roadside and runs south 88° W. 30 poles to a birch, then north 41° W. 26 P. to an iron wood, then S. 45° W. 20 P. to a mahogany, then N. 70° W. 18 P. to an ironwood, then N. 50 P. to a stake, then S. 40° W. 26 P. to a hickory, then W. 12 P. to the top of the ridge, then with the top of the ridge a N. E. course 60 P. to a water oak, Davie's corner, then S. 20° E. 20 P. to a stake then S. 80° E. 27 to a beech, then S. 10° E. 10 P. to a maple 74 P. to a dog side, then up said road 74 P. to a chestnut stump, then S. 77° E. 78 P. to a sugar tree, then S. 50 poles to Ellison's Creek, then down said creek 124 poles to a bunch of hazel bushes, then N. 20° west 44 poles to the beginning, containing 185 acres more or less. One sixteenth of the above described lands is reserved from this sale. This July 9, 1908.

F. M. THOMAS, J. D. THOMAS, Mortgagee, Lovill and Lovill Attorneys.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

To the people of Watauga County. The following is the financial report of the school fund for the year ending July 1908.

RECEIPTS & RESOURCES:

Balance brought forward from last year.....	\$1,274.05.
General State and county poll tax.....	2,499.94.
General property tax.....	8,569.67.
Fines and Forfeitures.....	420.04.
From first 100,000.....	729.42.
From 2nd 100,000.....	2,513.60.
From Loan Fund.....	250.00.
From State for Libraries.....	25.00.
From private donations for libraries.....	40.00.
Private donations for buildings.....	112.48.
Grand Total.....	\$11,269.29.

PAID FOR TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

To the County Superintendent.....	\$320.00.
Paid to white teachers.....	7,874.78.
Paid to colored teachers.....	142'00.

BUILDINGS AND SUPPLIES.

Amount spent for desks.....	\$16.00.
Amount paid for libraries.....	105.00.
Installation—Loan Fund.....	156.78.
New buildings, white.....	89.48.
New building, colored.....	25.00.
Paid Treasurer W. T. Hayes.....	179.81.
Mileage and per diem Co. Bd. Education.....	42.50.
Paid to census and committeemen.....	89.18.
Grand total.....	\$8,990.57.

Balance on hand.....\$2478.74.

NOTE.—A part of this balance is covered by outstanding claims, a part for High School fund and part for improvement on public school houses.

T. P. Adams, Chm. Board., J. W. Farthing,
W. T. Hayes, County Treas., H. C. Miller.

TENNESSEE FARMS FOR SALE.

If you will write the East Tennessee Real Estate Co., Morristown Tenn, they will send you free of charge a booklet on farming and a full description of the Valley of East Tennessee, and a complete price list of various farms of all sizes and prices. This booklet will be of value to you, and it's free; just write a postal card for it. Address.

EAST TENN. REAL ESTATE COMPANY,

Morristown, Tennessee.

N. L. MAST, Pres. W. C. COFFEY, V. P. G. P. HAGAMAN, Cash.

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BOONE, N. C.

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As a County Institution we solicit the patronage of our County people.

When you visit the county seat we shall be glad to have you call on us at the Bank.

New Years Greetings to All!

The holidays are now over; the New Year is with us; and I am pleased to say that I am still prepared to furnish my trade with fresh staple drugs, standard patent medicines, confections and, I believe I will say, the prettiest line of Toilet Articles to be found in the county.

I also still have on hand, left from the holiday trade, a small stock of handsome jewelry, suited for both gentlemen and ladies, that will be sold under a positive GUARANTEE. If you need anything in this line be sure to give me a call.

I always have on hand a nice little stock of well-selected groceries, sugar, coffee, rice, tce., that should be tested by every one in reach of my store. My goods are fine; my prices are right. Give me a part of your trade.

Boone, N. C., Jan. 1. J. M. HODGES, M. D.
Offices in Blackburn Hotel.

FARMS FOR SALE.

400 acres 11-4 miles from railroad depot for sale. This farm is practically level. Rich mulatto land. 150 acres in merchantable timber. Fine road to town. Principal timber White, Black and Red Oaks. Some Hickory, Walnut and Poplar. 220 acres cleared and in cultivation. 70 acres rich creek bottom. This is a fine Hay, Grain and Live Stock farm. Five-room frame dwelling and frame barns. The value of this farm is in the land timber, not in the buildings. Price, \$9,500.

If you are looking for first-class land, this farm will please you. Eighteen miles from Knoxville, Tenn., on main pike road. The road is now pked within two miles of the farm, and will soon be completed.

FINE 245-ACRE FARM.

This farm is situated on a public road, and is all fine smooth farming and about 50 to 60 acres creek bottom land. The farm has two-story six-room frame dwellings on it, and a large frame and log barn about 80 feet long. This is a fine grass farm and has abundance of hay and fine meadow land. One branch is on east side of farm and another branch on west side, and a fine cold spring near the dwelling running south. Farm being abundantly watered Clear of stone and suitable for fine farming. 80 acres of fine white oak timber that is worth \$5,000. This is all fine blue grass land. Price on terms \$9,000.

Also 80 acres of fine creek bottom farm adjoining the 255 acre farm, making in all a farm of 325 acres. Price for the two farms, \$12,000.

75-ACRE FARM FOR \$2,000.

The farm is situated 5 miles of Morristown on first class road. 4-room house, branch through farm, Young orchard.

3-4 mile from flouring mill store, rural mail route. 3 miles of Russellville, Tenn., a railroad town. This is all rolling land, you can run a binder over every field. The soil is red clay and black loam, about 10 acres in timber. Title perfect. Possession at once. If taken now we will sell the above farm and \$500 personal property for \$2,500. Cash down \$1,500; balance one and two years.

Robert Wood,
MORRISTOWN TENN.,