

Protection to Briar Root.

Statesville Landmark.
Congressman Cowles, of this district, has been interesting himself in securing a tariff on briar root, used in the manufacture of pipes, to protect an "infant industry" in this section of the State. Cutting laurel and ivy root—which is abundant in the mountains of this section—for the manufacture of pipes was at one time something of an industry. The McKinley tariff bill in 1890 levied a duty of 20 per cent ad valorem on briar root, which is imported largely from Italy and is known as French briar, and under this protection it is claimed the gathering of laurel and ivy roots, known to the trade as domestic briar, for pipes in North Carolina was becoming an industry of importance when it was hurt by the passage of the Wilson bill that put the raw material on the free list. The Dingley bill left it on the free list. In 1908 the importations of this material, we are advised, amounted to \$500,000 in value, and subject to a duty of 25 per cent, ad valorem would have produced \$125,000 of revenue in addition to the protection afforded the home industry.

When the tariff bill passed the House Mr. Cowles secured the adoption of an amendment placing a duty of 25 per cent on briar root, but the Senate reduced the duty to 15 per cent. Mr. Cowles hopes to be able to secure the adoption of the higher rate when the bill goes into conference.

Mr. Cowles has had a number of pipes manufactured in New York from laurel root furnished by the Southern Pipe Block Company of Blowing Rock. The root makes a very handsome pipe.

Twelve years ago a wealthy French Company erected large plants in Montezuma, Mitchell county and in Boone for the manufacture of ivy roots into pipe blocks. Thousands and thousands of dollars were spent for the raw material, but within a few months all the plants went out of commission owing to the fact we are told, that the climatic influences were much against the manufacture and housing of the blocks in large quantities. At least that was the idea of Mr. Barry, a Frenchman, who was the general superintendent of the plants. If this be true, and we suppose it is, a duty on the imported French briar can do but little for the protection of the "infant industry" in the mountains. Through the courtesy of Mr. Cowles, we have one of the pipes referred to by the Landmark, and it is indeed a beauty—equal in appearance to the best French briar pipe to be found on the market, and here's hoping the promoters may do well with their output.—Ed.]

The Charlotte News says:

"Three little dark haired bright eyed Cuban girls from Cardenas attended the First Presbyterian Sunday School here yesterday morning. They were in charge of Rev. E. E. Hubbard, who is at the head of an orphanage in Cardenas, and are on their way to the Elizabeth McRae school of the Presbyterian church at Banner Elk, in the mountains of western North Carolina where they are to be educated. Their names are Teresa Cruell, Josepha Cruell and Narcissa Del Rio."

Many in Watauga will be glad to know that Prof. A. E. Woltz, who was in the A. T. S. Faculty, in Boone one summer, has been elected bursar of the University of North Carolina, instead of Maj. W. T. Patterson, who is retired upon a Carnegie allowance. Prof. Woltz is at present Superintendent of the Goldsboro graded schools.

A Fearful Tragedy at Blowing Rock.

At 4 o'clock p. m. last Tuesday Blowing Rock was the scene of a most shocking tragedy, and one that is deeply deplored by all who have heard of it.

Bill Baldwin was charged with concealing in his house whisky belonging to Frank Greene, who is now in jail here for blackmailing. In fact it was known that he had in his house about ten gallons when Greene was arrested. The mayor of the town issued a warrant and placed the name in the hands of Policeman Willett S. Miller, who, with Mr. Wm. Edmister, went to Baldwin's house to make the arrest, but he was not there. On their return Mr. Miller saw him come out of a shop in the edge of the village, and hailed him, telling him he had a warrant for him. Baldwin made some reply, but kept moving on. Mr. Miller soon overtook him, and caught him by the left arm when, without a moment's warning, Baldwin drew a pistol and fired four shots at the officer, all of which took effect—one ball piercing the left breast, and passing entirely through the body; one in the right side; one in the neck and one in the hand. Then, to make his murderous attack complete, he turned the butt of the revolver and gave his victim several heavy blows on the head, before it could be wrenched from him. Mr. Miller fired at Baldwin once, and snapped on two other cartridges, but in his weakened and paralyzed condition the bullet went wild of its mark.

The wounded man was carried to his home on a sheet, doctors summoned and an examination made. His condition is considered entirely hopeless, but as this is being put in type on Wednesday morning he is still alive but unconscious, and loved ones and friends are only waiting for the great change which is evidently near at hand.

Baldwin was in jail within a little over two hours after the shooting was done, and talks of it with as little concern as if the terrible assault had been made on some animal. He has never been we understand, a fussy man, but has served one term in the State prison for larceny, and several years ago had some trouble in the revenue courts. When he was being brought to jail he was asked if he had been drinking some of Green's whiskey, and he replied, "I have not taken one drop of whiskey in seventeen years."

Willett Miller, like other men, has his faults, but a braver man or more loyal friend would be hard to find.

Developments in connection with the tariff debate during the past week, writes our Washington correspondent, have been far from devoid of humor. Democratic Senators have generally come to take a philosophical view of the schedules. They have done their best, at least a majority of them have, to secure lower duties and resultant relief for the consumer, they have succeeded in some small degree and failed in a majority of instances and they have now reached a point where they can look calmly on at the work of the Republican brethren and extract from the situation all the humor which it affords.

Commander Parker E. Peary, of the United States Navy, is believed to have reached the North Pole and planted the stars and stripes on that much sought spot. He has not been heard from since Aug. 17, 1908, and he will not reach a point of graphic communication until August or September. If he has been unsuccessful he will, it is believed, remain in the far north until spring, when he will make another attempt.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will brace up the nerves, banish sick headache, prevent drowsiness and invigorate the whole system. Sold by J. M. Hodges.

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

To all to whom these Presents may come—GREETING.

Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof, by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Blowing Rock Mercantile Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the town of Blowing Rock, County of Watauga, State of North Carolina, J. P. Robbins being the agent thereof, and in charge thereof, and whom process may be served upon as required by the requirements of Chapter 21, Revised of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this certificate of dissolution.

Now, therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 1st day of July, 1909, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my office, as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at Raleigh, this 1st day of July, A. D. 1909.

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE.

Maintained by the State for the Women of North Carolina. Four regular Courses leading to Degrees. Special Courses for Teachers. Fall Session begins September 15, 1909. Those desiring to enter should apply as early as possible. For catalogue and other information address

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FOR SALE.

PURE-BRED SHORT HORNS. Three 2-year-old heifers; one heifer calf; one bull calf; two cows; one herd bull. These cattle are all well bred and Registered. I will sell as a whole or any part of them cheap.

F. W. RICHARDS, Banner Elk, N. C.

June 10, 2m.



We have just received a big stock of the celebrated Craddock-Terry shoes known over the entire country as one of the best lines of goods manufactured. These goods are made in the South by its largest manufacturers and are not only sold here but are being bought in the large cities of the north in competition with Northern made goods. This line of shoes received two medals at the Worlds Exposition the only manufacturers to receive but one. Be sure to try a pair of these goods and you will use no other. "The best is the cheapest."

Your attention is also again called to my splendid line of clothing for men, youths and boys. They are of the best material, the best make, and are being sold at the best prices to be found in this section of the county. If you have not bought your summer suit, be sure and investigate my stock, at least, before purchasing. Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Groceries, etc., always in stock and at bargain prices. Bring me your trade, and I will save you money.

Very respectfully,

H. C. MILLER, Blowing Rock, N. C.

John R. Early, the alleged leper, left Washington City last Saturday night locked in a baggage car, attached to a regular train for New York, where he will enter a skin and cancer hospital for treatment under Dr. L. Duncan Bulkley.

IT IS WELL WITH YOU.

If you have a watch that needs repairing or any little job you wish done bring or send it to me at my office at Silverstone and I will give you a first class job.

I also keep a nice line of groceries and other goods that I will sell you real cheap for cash or good produce.

Thanking you for the nice patronage you have given me and hope for a continuance of the same, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

S. M. GREENE, Jeweler.

Entry Notice, No. 2491.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry Taker of said county.

P. M. Winkler locates and enters ten acres of land on the head waters of Flannery's Fork of New River, in Boone township. Beginning on a birch tree, on said Winkler's corner, then various courses so as to include all the vacant land for complement. Entered June 12, 1909.

H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker

Entry Notice, No. 2490.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry Taker of said county.

John Green locates and enters ten acres of land on the waters of Middle Fork of New River in Blowing Rock township. Beginning on an ivy bush in Mrs. Bertha Cone's line thence with the said Cone line to the Spann line, then to the public road, and various courses for complement so as to include all the vacant land. Entered May 26, 1909.

H. J. HARDIN, Entry taker

NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry Taker of said County.

John K. Brown and Jas. C. Brown locates and enters 25 acres of land in Beech Mountain township on the waters of Buckeye. Beginning on a cherry stump, the beginning corner of the William Hardin entry, known as the New Place, and runs south with the Hardin line to a stake in the G. W. Dugger entry, thence various courses for complement. Entered May 20, 1909.

H. J. Hardin, Entry Taker.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is sold on a guarantee that if you are not satisfied after using two-thirds of a bottle according to directions, your money will be refunded. It is up to you to try. Sold by J. M. Hodges.

When you hear a man say that he is tired of the world, it's a safe bet that the world is tired of him.

A divorce now-a-days also likely means a separation of a man from some of his money.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

The undersigned having bought this space for the mutual benefit of both myself and customers, I desire that you watch it closely, and when in town give me a call. I can show you the largest and best selected stock of general merchandise ever exhibited in Boone.

IN DRESS GOODS:—I have all kinds, qualities and prices, from a 10c. lawn to \$1.50 silk.

IN NOTIONS:—I have a stock that is unsurpassed.

MY STOCK OF SHOES is complete in every detail. I have the greatest stock to select from I ever exhibited. I am expecting daily a big line of Oxfords for men and ladies in all kinds of leather styles, colors and prices.

Spring and Summer Clothing.

I make a specialty in this line, I have the latest New York styles, with prices unsurpassed considering the quality of the fabric. Have them in all sizes childrens to mens.

Hats for all Sized Heads.

I carry the famous John B. Stetson hats in different styles and prices, also a great many other makes of hats at prices to suit.

I am doing my utmost to keep in stock the needs of my customers of all articles usually kept in an up to date line of general Merchandise. My limited space forbids me quoting prices but I assure you *Prices are Right* considering the quality of the goods I offer you.

Thanking you for the patronage in the past you have so generously given me and hoping to merit it in the future.

Most Respectfully,

M. B. BLACKBURN.

March 17th 1909.

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 containing a full description of the Valley of East Tennessee, and a complete price list of various farms of all sizes and prices. This booklet is of value to you, and it's free; just write a postal card for it.

EAST TENN. REAL ESTATE COMPANY, Morristown, Tennessee.

A. P. BRINKLEY, Pres. W. H. STAPP, Cash.

THE CITIZENS BANK

ELK PARK, North Carolina.

We are prepared to handle your banking business of every description, be it large or small, and will be glad to have you avail yourselves of our services at all times. We are open from 9, a. m., until 4, p. m., but if you want banking business done before or after those hours, you will find one of our officers around town. He will be glad to accommodate you in any way you may desire. The service is none too good for our friends.

Don't forget, keep it before you, 4 per cent, interest compounded semi-annually on savings Deposits when we issue certificates of Deposit.

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

THE WATAUGA COUNTY BANK.

BOONE, N. C.

We are in position to give our customers every convenience and accommodation consistent with safe banking.

Accounts of any size accepted. 4 per. cent interest on time deposits. Even if you use your money from week to week, pay it through *This Bank*. The returned checks are legal receipts for all bills paid.

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

When you visit the county seat we shall be glad to see 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 best 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, etc., that should be by every one in reach of my store. My goods are fresh, prices are right. Give me a part of your trade.

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