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That New County Seems More.

Never in the history of Watauga, so far as we know, has there been so much agitation over one question, as now exists over the prospect of our beloved county being divided. Daily throngs of people come to Boone to inquire about the proposition and to ask for a petition that they may place themselves on record against the proposed bill. And among all the people we have seen, we have not found a man who favors the proposition. Besides, we are reliably informed that in the section that would be affected, only a very small per cent. are favorable to being cut off to a new county, while the masses are bitterly opposed to it. Nor do we wonder that our people are stirred, when we consider the effects of such a division of our interests, we are surprised to think any one could sit idly by and dream in ease while such dire calamity threatens us.

In the first place it cuts us out of \$2,419.74 of actual taxes, deprives us of \$236,091.99 in taxable property; robs us of 2,200 in population and leaves our already overburdened tax-payers to shoulder a court house debt of \$15,000, besides the actual expenses of county administration.

Instead of cutting off a part of our county, we would like to see our territory enlarged. Census figures show that we have made only very small gains in population during the past ten years, yet our county expenses have increased, bringing a correspondingly heavier burden of taxes upon the people. Now, cut off 2,200 of our people at one blow, and prorate the running expenses of the county and State among the rest of us, where will we be? Already our county claims are hard to dispose of. Cut us out of nearly \$2,500 in taxes and you plunge us deeper in the mire. These are stern facts, and not published to frighten the people into signing petitions against the dangerous measure, but to get them to studying what the result will be if the new county of Avery is formed. This being done, there is scarcely a man in Watauga who would fail to enter his protest against it. We are in favor of a new county, for the people of Mitchell, for their convenience, but we are opposed, first, last and all the time, to cutting off any part of Watauga for the formation thereof. Long live Watauga and may her territory expand.

One of the busiest railroads in the world is the forty odd miles of trackage of the Panama Railroad Company. This line last year netted the sum of \$1,254,777. It expects to do even more business after the canal is completed, for there is no idea of abandoning it. In reviewing the report of the company, The New York Journal of Commerce notes as an interesting point that most of the replacement and construction work now done for the Panama Railroad is no longer simply of a temporary character, but looks to a continuance of the railroad's efficiency beyond the completion of the canal's construction. It is more generally recognized than any increase in transportation facilities is almost invariably followed by enlarged traffic demands upon them.—Charlotte Chronicle.

T. J. Robertson, founder and, for quite awhile editor of the Enterprise at South Hill, Va., has, says an exchange returned to North Wilkesboro, where he will establish the Advance, a semi-weekly publication, the first issue of which will appear early in Feb.

The New Year and Our Duty.

Mr. Editor, Christmas and New Year having passed, and the year 1911 is with us with all its hopes and tears before us, the best resolutions possible, and those well fixed plan of execution, should be the theme of every individual among us. If all this shall be properly fixed upon our minds and thoroughly complied with, then as Christmas of this year approaches with all its allurements I take it that it will be differentially celebrated from the former plan, we having learned that it should be regarded as commemorative of the greatest event in the world's history—the birth of Christ. This should be the most sacred or consecrated day in serving Him seriously, yet most joyfully of the entire year. Then the days following and including the New Year, should likewise be kept and in every sense abstain from frivolity as not only while in His infancy, He obtained from all such, but continued the same course throughout His entire earthly existence, and so far as is possible in our human weakness, by the aid of Him, we should do so.

Speaking of frivolous deportment, reminds me of the most common plan of celebration is the gathering of youngsters up to, including, and then a number of days succeeding Christmas, with a lot of little foolishness, such as apron hangings, candy stews, etc. Sam Jones once asked "How would Christ look in a theatre?" and the next Sunday Sam, having been a cigar smoker, some one asked "How Christ would look with a cigar in his mouth," after which Sam was broken from the habit. Now, today, we might appropriately ask how He would look in one of these so-called harmless parties. Tell me, father and mother, if while Christ was here on earth, did he ever have one of those so-called parties. Now, mothers, I want to say to you, train up your sweet little boys and girls in the way they should go. Train them up to go to Sunday School and preaching and not to these apron hangings and card parties. The Bible tells me "God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows that will he reap."

Parents will say, "Oh, let the young people have their fun and sow their wild oats." Yes, and the devil will reap the harvest.

Now let us try to do better during the next year, and train up our children to love our blessed Master who died on the cross. Let us work to that end and be found working in His service. Let me say here that we as church members, should be very careful how we govern ourselves in these things. We should keep away from them and teach our children to love Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." If the devil can get the church enlisted in his service he retreats to his chamber of darkness, goes to sleep and if he should wake up and see that his card-players at work and his apron hanging going all right, he just puts a big smile on his face and goes back to sleep. He is a sharp old come, and is always inventing something to get the people to bite at, and I want to tell you when you bite at his hook he will get you sure.

B. D. Sugar Grove, N. C.

The Lower House of Congress will fittingly pay tribute to the memory of the great Republican Tennessee leader, W. P. Brownlow, on Sunday, Feb. 19th. The House will assemble at noon on that day to hear eulogies on the man who did so much for his constituency during his long service in Congress, having secured for his district the National Soldiers' Home at Johnson City, which cost the Government a vast amount of money.

DOYLE'S KIDNEY PILLS FOR BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM AND BLINDNESS

Thursday, February 16, has been designated as Bill Nye memorial day in the public schools of the State, when the school children will be asked to make contributions to the Bill Nye Memorial building.—Charlotte Chronicle.

[We trust the teachers in Watauga will bear this date in mind and on that day make as good a collection as possible for this laudable enterprise. In making a donation you not only do honor to the dead humorist but help to provide a much-needed building at the Stonehill Jackson Training School at Concord.—Ed.]

Col. W. J. Hicks, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, died on the 14th inst. at his home at the asylum. He was a prominent man in the State, and for the past twelve years has been Supt. of the Oxford Orphanage. His health has been declining for some time. Col. Hicks was a Virginian by birth, but moved to North Carolina when a young man.

The State Historical Association awarded the Patterson cup to Mr. R. W. D. Connor of Raleigh. He wrote the life of Cornelius Harnett, which was adjudged to be the best literary work produced by a North Carolinian during the year 1910. The cup was presented by Attorney General Bickett, and Mr. Connor responded in a short speech of acceptance.

United States Senator, Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, died at his Washington home after an illness of many weeks on the 5th. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Senator Elkins was seventy years old, and was buried in the town that bears his name in W. Va.

The Grand Lodge of Masons re-elected all the old officers at its meeting last week. The handsome sum of \$3,823.15 to be used on the home for old and indigent Masons and their widows, was contributed and pledged.

The working force of the Southern Pacific has been battling with the snow in the lofty Sierra. The worst snow storm known there for many years—snow eight feet deep at some places; and mail carrier lost and search has been abandoned.

A fire of mysterious origin in the office of the United States Pension Agency in the pension bureau building in Washington on the 13th, destroyed thousands of valuable documents and records.

A delegation of Indians visited Pres. Taft the 14th inst. led by their chief Magooah, and asked the release of their relatives a boat 20 in number who have been held as prisoners of war at Fort Sill, Okla., for many years.

Cotton exports from the United States in 1910, in aggregate \$530,000,000 in value exceeding by \$50,000,000 the highest record ever made before.

Rev. E. M. Gregg has just closed a very successful meeting at Upton in Caldwell County. There were 19 baptisms and the community greatly revived.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Gen. Ferdinand C. Latrobe, 7 times mayor of Baltimore, died of pneumonia on the 13th, at the age of 77.

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R. A. Dial editor of the Wilkesboro Chronicle has been appointed librarian of the State Senate.

Davis Elkins has been nominated to fill the short vacancy left by Senator Elkin's death.

Mr. Thos. R. Manning, of Heaven Good Land, the oldest editor in the continent's service is in a Richmond hospital under treatment for a serious heart trouble. He must abandon editorial work in the future and will lease or sell his paper.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CLEGG & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Clegg for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

WALBURN, KISSAN & JACOBSON, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is a reliable remedy, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Whooping Cough.

It is an old saying that whooping cough must run its course, but the use of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey has demonstrated beyond doubt that such is not the case. It can be cured by the use of this remedy.

Nathan Montague got speedy justice in Oxford, where he has been sentenced to die in the electric chair on the 15th of Feb. for the murder of Miss Mattie Sanders on the 19th ult.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey

Will break up the worst cold and allay throat irritation. This remedy quickly cures coughs, Colds, Grippe and all throat and bronchial troubles.

Blind

Mrs. Ellie Tyler, Ravenna, Texas, writes: I was blind as a bat. I used Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve and it acted like a charm. It cut the scum off my eyes and restored my sight. It is all you claim and worth its weight in gold. 25c a tube.

Every Body Needs

a good salve and Dr. Bell's Antiseptic is the best. It is a creamy snow white ointment. Guaranteed for all skin diseases. 25c sold every where.

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For any bowel trouble Dr. Bell's Antiseptic acts like magic, relieves almost instantly. Also good for all external pains.

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Is guaranteed for eczema, salt rheum, tetter, ringworm, running sores, cracked hands and lips, pimples on the face, black heads, barbers itch, sun-burn, insect bites, fever sore and nasal catarrh 25c

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 Watauga Supply Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the town of Banner's Elk, County of Watauga, State of North Carolina, R. L. Lowe, Secretary, being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served, has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revised Code 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 5 day of December 1910, 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 said office as provided by law.

In testimony Whereof, I have here to set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 5 day of December, A. D. 1910.

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

A Morning Reminder.

You awake with a mean, nasty taste in the mouth, which reminds you that your stomach is in a bad condition. It should also remind you that there is nothing so good for a disordered stomach as Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets.

They build up the system, assist nature to restore natural conditions, and are so gentle in their action that can hardly realize a medicine was taken. Chamberlain's Tablets are sold every where. Price 25c.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that tend to endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment. What is CASTORIA? Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend. GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought In Use For Over 30 Years THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS. FOR THE YEAR 1911

The year 1910 having been numbered with the past, it is my pleasure to state to my customers and the general public that the year just ended has dealt with me as tenderly as any year since I have been in the mercantile business, and I trust it has, to some extent, revived your confidence in the belief that I have dealt with you fairly. With this understanding I have renewed energy and determination to make the year

1911 MORE SUCCESSFUL. For both myself and customers through fair dealings and you may rely on the fact that you can get the very best staple goods at my place of business at the lowest prices they can be sold, for remember I claim to be no "Cheap John" but take pride in dealing in the very best goods, knowing them to be cheapest for my customers in due course of time. Now, to conclude with, I wish to EMPHASIZE the fact that you can find anything usually kept in a first class store at my place of business and that I make a specialty of the Brown star 5 star Shoes knowing them to be the best on the market at the prices. Thanking one and all for the patronage you have given me in the past, assuring you at the same time I will endeavor to merit it in the future.

Most Respectfully, M B BLACKBURN Boone, N. C., Jan. 12, 1911.

N. L. MAST, Pres. W. C. COFFEY, V. P. G. P. HAGAMAN, Cash. THE WATAUGA COUNTY BANK. BOONE, N. C.

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