

A Miserable Makeshift.

It seems the sheepraisers of the State have been given another slap in the face by the Legislature now in session and the mangy cur has again come out victorious, and will in the future, as in the past, continue to make inroads upon the flocks of the farmer, which, in this section, at least, yields his best cash income. The following paragraph from the Charlotte Observer's legislative report, tells briefly of the new (?) dog law and its passage: "Another bill of general importance that received unanimous final vote was Mr. Doughton's bill providing that owner of dogs who did damage should be made to pay for the same. This bill was applied to Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, but when it came before the Committee on Agriculture the committee liked the bill so well it made it State wide and, so amended, it passed."

On no less authority than an able attorney, we assert that this law, or practically the same, has been on the statute books of North Carolina for years i. e. that the owner be responsible for the deprivation of his dog. The news paper readers everywhere know that many of the counties in the State, Watauga, Caldwell and Mecklenburg that we recall now, have been begging the Legislature for the enactment of drastic dog laws for the protection of their sheep, and then to get this miserable little makeshift law as a compromise is indeed a shock to sheep husbandry. The owners of dogs be held responsible for damage indeed! Why the ordinary poll tax payer, as a rule, owns more dogs than any other people, and were they to kill a flock of sheep, out of whom would the damages be collected? Indeed it would be suing a beggar only to catch a louse. If this bill does not interfere, there are hundreds of people who are anxious that Watauga's bill now in the hands of our Representative be enacted into law. Something must be done with the dogs or the sheep industry abandoned. That is an evident fact.

On the first page of this paper will be found the first hearing before the House committees on counties, cities and towns touching the new county of Avery, that has been agitating the people of Watauga to such an extent of late. As will be seen, any further hearing was postponed until the following afternoon, and the result, as given out by the Raleigh papers follows: "The Senate and House committees on counties and cities and towns had a farther hearing this afternoon on the proposition to establish Avery county out of portions of Mitchell and Caldwell. The claims of each side were presented by a number of speakers, and the following were appointed as a sub-committee to examine the bill as to its form and legality and report back to the committee next Thursday: Senator Gardner and Representatives Thompson and Roberts."

So, today, the final hearing before the committees will be had, and, it seems by the foregoing that Watauga territory is left out of the proposed new county. Representative Hagaman, in letters received last week, declared himself in favor of the new county, but strongly opposed to ceding any Watauga soil for the formation thereof, unless the people of his county demand it. We have had no expression from Mr. Wagner, our Senator, but we are informed that his ideas coincide with those of Mr. Hagaman in this important legislation.

Texas will vote on State wide prohibition.

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To The Citizens of Watauga County.

Mr. Editor:—We are in receipt of a petition asking that we issue a call for a mass-meeting of the citizens of Watauga county to consider certain matters. We feel that we are not in position to exercise any such authority more than any other citizen, and would prefer that some one or more of those at home would make such call. We would be pleased to have any expression by a mass-meeting or otherwise on any public matter.

Sincerely,
SMITH HAGAMAN,
JNO. M. WAGONER.

Rev. William Heth Whitsett, D. D., one of the most noted clergymen and scholars of the Southern Baptist church, died at his home in Washington City on the 20th in the 70th year of his age. Dr. Whitsett was a Tennesseean, and a cavalryman under General Forrest in the Civil War. Last spring he began to fail visibly and he retired from the professorship he had held many years in the Richmond College in Washington.

In the Gayton coal mines 15 miles from Richmond, Va on last Friday five men were killed by an explosion, and seven were badly injured. The dead were all Poles and came to Virginia from Pennsylvania. When the explosion occurred they were 1,200 to 2,000 feet from the mines entrance.

President Potant, of Wake Forest College, represented this State at the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation which met in New York recently. The Federation was organized for the purpose of considering the question of uniform State Legislation.

Bishop William Paret, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese, of Maryland died of pneumonia on the 18th at his home in Baltimore. He died not knowing that his wife had been buried the day before, and she had died without knowing of her husband's serious illness.

Three negroes were taken from the Shelby county, Ky, jail a few days ago by a mob of one hundred men and lynched. One was under sentence to be hanged for the murder of his wife and the other two were held on charges of assaulting white women.

At Waycross, Ga., a Spring of boiling water has forced its way through the cement bottom of swimming pool of the Y. M. C. A. building, and while it is hardly known what will be done with it, it is probable it will be used to supply the pool with water.

H. B. Whitmore, a wealthy retired business man of St. Louis, committed suicide by jumping from the eighth story of a hotel to the pavement. Ill health and the death of his wife said to be the cause for the deed.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$10,000,000 to Carnegie Institute of Washington. This brings his gifts to this institution up to a total of \$24,000,000. In this institution is being constructed the most powerful telescope in the world.

A fire in the Odd Fellows Orphanage of Goldsboro caused a loss of the laundry building with its machinery and a great part of the childrens wearing apparel. The loss amounts to several thousand.

Paul Morton president of Equitable Life Assurance Society and Secretary of the Navy under Roosevelt, died in New York city on the 9th of cerebral hemorrhage, and his death has shocked the business and financial world.

Paid Signal Honor.

One of the most pleasing incidents of the late session of the Grand Lodge of Masons in this city has just been made public. On that occasion a splendid poem delivered as an oration by Past Grand Master Francis D. Winston, and the Grand Lodge showed its appreciation of the poem by ordering its publication in book form. The book will be a very attractive one and will be placed on sale among Masons and the public generally. The net proceeds will be invested in bonds of the Masonic Temple, the income from which will be used to assist deserving orphans to higher education. The book is to be at the disposal of the directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum and is to be known as the "Francis D. Winston Fund for the Higher Education of Orphans."

There will be pleasure among all the people in the State at this compliment to this distinguished Mason and loyal son of the State. His brethren could not have done him a more signal honor.—News and Observer.

The Charlotte Chronicle, whose editor is surprised in age in the newspaper fraternity of the state only by Col. Joe Reese, of Greensboro, remembers the great snow storm of Jan. 18, 1857. The Chronicle recalls the occasion as follows:

This is the fifty-fourth anniversary of the great snow storm of 1857. It was in that storm that steam that a train from Charlotte to Raleigh was caught in a drift at Jamestown and held there three days and nights. Col. Chas. W. Bradshaw was conductor of the train and so far as is known he is the only survivor of train crew and passengers.—Raleigh Times.

Edward Walker a farmer of Bibb county Ga., will be hanged on Mar. 10th. Last August he poured gasoline on his wife's clothing and set fire to it, burning her to death.

Lyke Lea, editor of the Nashville Tennessean has been elected to the seat in the United States Senate soon to be vacated by James B. Frazier. Mr. Lea is only 32 years old.

Says the Lenoir News: Mr. I. W. Hatley, of Hudson, route 1, has bought a farm in Watauga, near Shull's Mills, and will move to it early in the spring.

Lenoir will probably in the near future, have a marble yard. Messrs. Miller & Reins of North Wilkesboro, are thinking of a branch yard there.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The Burke County poultry show was in session in Morganton last week.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county superior court, spring term, 1911. Shouns Grocery Company (Inc.) vs. M. S. Miller. The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 7 day of Jan., 1911, by W. D. Farthing Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County, for the sum of \$296.31, due said plaintiff by account, which summons is returnable to the Spring term of the Superior Court of Watauga County, to be held in Boone, N. C., on the 27 day of March, 1911. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said Clerk on the 7 day of Jan., 1911, against the property of said defendant, which warrant is returnable to the Superior Court of Watauga County at the time and place above named for the return of the summons, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted. This Jan 24th 1911.

W. D. FARTHING C. S. C.

Dr. A. A. Kent of Caldwell introduced a bill in the Legislature to protect women from incompetent midwives.

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 Jan. 7, 1911.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$89,888.39
Over drafts secured	299.13
" unsecured	791.49
Banking house	1,812.00
Furniture and fixtures	925.00
Due from banks and banks	25,592.53
Gold coin	1,482.50
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	185.37
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	3,324.69
Total	123,410.32.

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	\$12,000.00
Surplus fund	350.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid	1,455.47
Time certificates of deposit	46,412.44
Deposits subject to check	56,881.53
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,162.18
Total	\$123,410.32

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, G. P. Hagaman, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. P. Hagaman, Cashier
Correct—Attest: L. A. Greene N. L. Mast, W. C. Coffey, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of Jan., 1911.
W. R. Gragg, Reg. of Deeds

NOTICE.

North Carolina Watauga county in the Superior Court C. F. Bingham, vs. J. A. Davis. By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Watauga county in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 6th day of March 1911, at 12 o'clock, M., at the court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution all the right, title and interest which the said J. A. Davis has in the following described real estate, to wit: lying and being in said county and state and in Watauga township, and bounded as follows: beginning on a maple on the west bank of Pigeon Roost creek and runs N 40° E 4 1/2 poles to a stake on west bank of said creek, in D. M. Shook's line, then S 70° 80 poles with said line on stake on top of a ridge, then with top of said ridge, S 50° W 16 poles then S 20° W 16 poles to a spanish oak, D. M. Shook's corner, then W with his line 40 poles to a white oak, J. D. Shook's corner, then N 85° W 13 poles and 17 links to a stake in J. D. Shook's line, then N 20° E 39 poles to a small cucumber, then N 70° W 15 poles to the beginning, containing 15 acres more or less. Said sale is made to satisfy a judgment for \$42.44 interest and costs. This Jan. 23rd 1911.

D. C. RAGAN, Sheriff.

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 Elec. County of Watauga, State of North Carolina, R. L. Lowe, Secretary, being the agent thereof, and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served, has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revisal 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.

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FOR THE YEAR 1911

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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

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