

Ex-Congressman Blackburn Passes.

Last Sunday afternoon at his boarding house in Elizabeton, Tenn., after an illness of only a few hours, the vital spark that had been burning in the breast of ex-Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn for a little more than 44 years, became extinct and the spirit of the big-hearted, genial Blackburn went out to meet his God.

The remains were brought to Boone Monday night where they remained at the home of his brother, Mr. Manly B. Blackburn, until Tuesday morning and were viewed by many friends here. At 8:30 the funeral procession left for Hopewell, where in the presence of a large crowd of near relatives and friends, the body was laid to rest, with mother, father and other loved ones gone before; Rev. J. G. W. Hollis, way directing the funeral.

Mr. Blackburn first saw the light of day at the base of Elk Knob, in Ment Camp township, where his boyhood days were spent and the foundation for his future career laid. He obtained his education in the common schools of the county, and at Oak Ridge Institute, after which, he engaged in teaching in his mother county for some time. In 1888 he studied law under Maj. Bingham, of Statesville, and was admitted to the bar in '89. He practiced in Jefferson, and succeeded well from the beginning. He was the Republican nominee for the Legislature in Ashe county in '96; was elected, which marked the beginning of his political career. After his return from the Legislature he received the appointment of Assistant District Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina and served one term as such under A. E. Holton. He was first elected to Congress from this, the 8th district, in 1900, defeating J. C. Baxton, of Winston, and in the campaign of 1902 was defeated by Theo. F. Klotz, of Salisbury. Again in 1904 he was the nominee of his party and was again successful, defeating W. C. Newland, but his defeat by R. N. Hackett in 1906 marked the close of his Congressional career. He was married to Miss Louise Parker, daughter of Col. Myran M. Parker, of Washington City, and later located in Greensboro, where he resided for some time. The wife and two little daughters survive him.

The above covers in the main the life of one of the most wonderful characters Watauga has ever produced. He was strictly a self-made man. He worked his way up through difficulties, until he had reached heights of which any man might be proud. Intellectual, bright and possessing a charming personality he was the life of any crowd, in which he might be thrown. We would not do injustice to his memory by saying he had no faults, for we all have them, but we would weave this undying chapter of immortals and keep it fresh in our memories forever. "He loved his fellow-man," and may his name like Ben Adams of old, be found among those whom God loves best. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved ones, and large connection.

Col. Mose Harshaw has come forward with a scheme to restore harmony in the ranks of the Republican party. His idea is to throw both Morehead and Duncan to the whales and let two new men "who can command the respect of both the Morehead and Duncan followers be elected." Where is he going to find any such two men, we would like to know? Mose himself knows that he would not be satisfied with anybody short of a red-hot Roosevelt man, and he could not expect the other fellows to give him the odds. His plan is a beautiful one in theory, but nothing short of a bloody revolution could put it into practice.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Mr. Odie L. Moore, who has been assistant editor of the Shelby Highlander has become managing editor of the Gaston Progress, Gastonia, N. C.

James Weaver a cotton mill operator, of Huntsville, Ala., recently succeeded in drinking himself to death, his beverage being spring water. He was confined in the county jail, being insane, and in sight of the officers drank dipper after dipper of water. Before they realized what he was doing he fell in a stupor and soon expired. He had made two previous attempts to kill himself.

Every man is a missionary now and forever, for good or for evil, whether he intends, or designs it or not. He may be a blot, radiating outward to the very circumference of society his dark influence; or he may be a blessing, spreading benediction over the length and breadth of the world; but a blank he cannot be.—Chalmers.

Thirty thousand acres of timber land lying in Wilkes, Alleghany and Ashe, also Surry, and which has been owned by Payne and Deems, northern men, have been purchased by a Washington syndicate headed by Thomas R. Riley of Washington. Timber experts estimate that on this tract of land are over two hundred millions of feet of lumber, all of virgin growth, also a great amount of magnetic ore which will be developed at an early date.

The first county convention to be held was that of the Stanley county Republicans, held at Albemarle on the 9th. They endorsed Dr. J. I. Campbell of Norwood, for Congress in the Eighth district to run against Doughton.

The old Congress hall in Philadelphia, in which George Washington took the oath of office as President at the beginning of his second term in 1793, is being restored to the appearance it presented on that historic occasion.

Bristol, Tenn., March 10.—Special Bristol is to receive the benefit this year of the equivalent of a North Carolina territory. John A. Mills, general manager of the Ekin & Alleghany Railway, in western North Carolina has advised the Bristol board of trade that he will begin early this spring to push construction work from Thoud-rmond, near Roaring Gap, 13 miles west of Ekin toward Bristol. This new road will make connection with the Virginia & Southwestern at Mountain city, and will thus give the North Carolina mountain territory direct connection with Bristol. This line will be 70 miles in length and will open up to the Bristol jobbers an extensive new territory. The southern railway operates from Winston Salem to Wilkesboro, and there is a report that Mr. Mills wishes to extend his road into Wilkesboro, there bearing a little west of north along the old pike road leading to Jefferson, in Ashe county, and following the levels of New river the head waters of the stream, in the passes of the Stone mountain, crossing the ridge into Mountain City. The business men here will watch developments in this connection with keen interest.—Charlotte Observer.

Mooresville Enterprise: Mr. F. A. Linney, of Taylorsville, was here this week, and when approached on the subject of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Congress from the eighth district, stated most positively that he was not a candidate and that he would not permit his name to head the congressional ticket. Among other things, he said that it would be next to impossible for any candidate to defeat Congressman Doughton.

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One Kind of Modern Girl Fit For Housekeeping. Gastonia Gazette. Deliver us from the modern girl she is the kind that is always seen on the streets, who if turned loose in a kitchen, would not know the difference between a skillet and a saucepan, who knows not the difference between "salt rising" and any other kind of leaven. Wee unto the man who is so unfortunate as to get one of these "creatures" for a helpmate. For should the cook fail to turn up—a most likely happening—on any one of these frosty mornings, he must go back, fast as his legs will, or else suffer the pangs and horrors of indigestion caused either by his wife's leaden biscuits or the fare from some downtown restaurant. Give us the old-fashioned suburban girl who knows how to prepare a meal which shall really satisfy the inner man.

Postmaster H. I. March, Asheville, S. C., committed suicide by firing a bullet into his brains. He was short in his accounts and believed he would be sent to the penitentiary. He was 71 years old.

Life is like patch work; every day there is a fresh bit to put on we must understand more correctly how to fit in better day by day the bits needed in repairing this patchwork of ours.—Platt.

The Wilkes-Husler states that a refrigerator car load of Irish potatoes was shipped into that place last week. A heater supplied with coal was placed in the middle of the car to prevent the potatoes from freezing.

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CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

United States Senator Joseph M. Dixon, of Montana, a North Carolinian by birth, in charge of Roosevelt's campaign for presidential nomination.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. By virtue of authority conferred by the last Will and Testament and Codicils thereto of Mrs. Mary L. Cole Boyden, deceased, late of Raleigh, N. C., recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake county, N. C., in Will Book G, at page 4; and in order to settle her estate, we, the undersigned, will at 12 o'clock M., on

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1912, on the property at Blowing Rock, N. C., set at public auction to the highest bidder valuable real estate as follows:

That tract of land known as the Boyd-Cottage property, containing 110 acres more or less, situated at Blowing Rock, in Watauga county, North Carolina. This is a delightful winter as well as summer home. The land is rich and fertile and the place has a two-story eight room house, attractive in appearance and well built. Also several out buildings and an ice house. There are two magnificent springs of water and the view from the place is one of the finest in Western North Carolina, overlooking the valley of the Grandfather Mountain on the west in a semi-circle for 100 miles probably. Altitude 4222 feet. The land lies between the Green Park and Blowing Rock Hotels, on the main Turn Pike leading from the Green Park Hotel to the Blowing Rock Hotel and the village. It is only a short distance from the rear portion of it to the village, and the property is surrounded by summer homes and the view is one of the finest in Western North Carolina. For a mountain country estate, this is one of the best that could be had. Blowing Rock has been known for years as "America's Switzerland." Every acre of this land can be cut into lots, and will be valuable as town lots in one of the most delightful summer resort places in America. Blowing Rock is destined some day to be a large town and is now a favorite summer resort for some four thousand people every season and a favorite winter resort for a great number. High, dry and beautiful. Blowing Rock has a future, watch it grow! This is town lot land!

Terms of sale: one-fourth cash; one-fourth in six months; one-fourth in nine months and the remaining one-fourth in twelve months from date of sale. The deferred payment of purchase price to bear 6 per cent. interest from date of sale, and title to be retained until the purchase price with such interest is paid in full. This Jan. 22, 1912.

Mrs. Belle Boyden Bruner, Executrix of Mrs. Mary L. Cole Boyden, deceased, Raleigh, N. C., Nathaniel N. Boyden, Executor of Mrs. Mary L. Cole Boyden, deceased, Knoxville, Tenn., Victor H. Boyden, Attorney, Raleigh, N. C.

NOTICE. North Carolina, Watauga County, Superior Court, Spring Term 1912, E. M. Little, Plaintiff vs. M. P. Criteher & Frank Criteher & Jennie Criteher, Defendants.

The defendant Frank Criteher above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga county for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage executed by the said Frank Criteher and M. P. Criteher to Steward Coffey and Mollie Coffey on what is known as the Coffey hotel which is situated in the town of Boone fully set out and described in said mortgage and assigned to the plaintiff. That said mortgage was given to secure the payment of the sum of \$2,474.00 together with interest thereon; and the said defendant Frank Criteher will further take notice that he is required to appear at next term of superior court of Watauga county to be held on the third Monday after the first Monday in March 1912, being the 25th day thereof, 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 relief demanded in said complaint. This Jan. 30 1912.

W. D. FARTHING, C. S. C. FARM FOR SALE. About 90 acres of clay limestone soil land about one mile east of Elizabeton, Tenn. About 50 acres in grass, balance in a high state of cultivation, except small woodland near the barn. Has a good well, also pond on place for stock; five room dwelling, has been built four years; 2 good barns and all necessary out buildings, including up-to-date poultry houses. This is a very desirable place for dairy or poultry business, as it is near a good market. Price \$4,500 on easy terms. If interested, call on or write JETT BROTHERS, Elizabeton, Tenn.

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C. J. PARLIER, Pres. J. B. CLARK, Vice Pres. G. M. SUDDEKETH, Cash. BANK OF BLOWING ROCK. BLOWING ROCK, N. C. Capital: \$10,300.00. Undivided Profits: \$950.00. With our increased capital, we are better prepared to handle your banking business than ever before. Open an account with us, we will extend to you every advantage consistent with safe and sound banking. We will loan you money at a reasonable rate so far as your personal responsibility and balance will warrant. If not convenient to call in person, write us, and your letters shall have our prompt attention. REMEMBER WE PAY 4 PER CENT ON TIME DEPOSIT, COMPOUNDED EVERY THREE MONTHS.

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Winston Salem, N. C. April, 2, 1900. Mr. T. L. Cook, Salem, N. C. Dear Sir—I find your T. C. C. Dr. Cook's Certain Cure, a valuable remedy for Rheumatism, and all pains. Respectfully, R. J. REYNOLDS, Pres. R. J. R. Tobacco Co.

Advertisement for Northern Pacific Ry. Features an illustration of a woman in a long dress standing in a field, with a banner that says "COME TO THE FERTILE NORTHWEST". Text includes "Write Now to the Northern Pacific Ry" and "For Rates of Fare, Full Information and Free Illustrated Literature about the seven great Prosperity States of America".

Advertisement for Iron Without a Fire. Features an illustration of a small stove. Text includes "You heat the Iron not the stove. No waiting for irons to heat. No more hot stoves, kitchens burned hands. Out from the burner burst forth 130 darts of flame, heating iron evenly. The Improved MONITOR SADI IRON Changes ironing day drudgery to pleasure. Saves money, time, strength worry and health. Work easy, clothing look fine. Ordinary ironing costs 2c for fuel. Used in over 375,000 homes. One woman writes: 'Worth its weight in gold.' Made of finest material, handsomely nickel plated. Guaranteed." J. W. McGEHEE, Agent, Boone, N. C.

Advertisement for MONUMENTS and TOMBSTONES. Text includes "Any Size-Any Shape-Any Color" and "Call, write or phone for designs, estimates and prices".

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