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I have been putting much study on this subject; have received my diploma, and am now well equipped for the practice of Veterinary Surgery in all its branches, and am the only one in the county. all on or address me at Vilas, N. C. R. F. D. 1.

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7-6-11

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8-11-1911.

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7-9-10.

## EARLY NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY.

The Eighth of a Series of Historical Articles Written by L. D. Lowe, of Banner Elk, North Caro. for the Democrat.

Soon after the western part of North Carolina began to be settled, the lawmakers deemed it a wise policy to place the low price of five and ten cents an acre for vacant and unappropriated land with the view of encouraging its citizens to take out grants from the State, and by levying taxes on these lands the revenues of the state would be greatly increased but in many instances, as will subsequently appear, this policy had a tendency to retard progress rather than encourage early settlement in certain sections, especially in some of the counties.

It will be remembered that Wilkes and Burke were created in the year 1777, and that the dividing line between the two counties ran from a point on the Blue Ridge near Blowing Rock, west fifteen miles to the Tennessee line, passing near the town of Banner Elk.

On July 14th, 1795, the State of North Carolina granted to William Tate and William Cochran one hundred thousand, six hundred and forty acres of land, lying in Burke County just south of the Wilkes line. On July 8th, 1796, the State granted to Samuel Meeks and Alexander Cochran a tract of twenty-two thousand acres; and on July 20th, 1796, the State granted to William Cathcart a number of tracts; one of sixteen thousand acres, one of eight thousand, seven hundred and sixty acres; one of ninety-nine thousand acres, and another of fifty nine thousand acres. Some of the surveys of these large tracts were made many years before the grants were issued, and as the country was wild and mountainous, with no roads, the surveying parties encountered many difficulties and suffered many hardships, and often in danger of being massacred by Indians.

In making the surveys of these lands it so happened that some of the Cathcart grants, and especially the fifty-nine thousand acre grant, lapped on the Tate and Cochran grant, thus producing a conflict of titles, which was not finally settled until more than a century had elapsed. Soon after these grants were issued the grantees named therein conveyed these large tracts to non-residents of the State. Some of the owners neglected their lands entirely while others would have them looked after occasionally by agents; but all seemed to have neglected to look after their lines and corners until they had great difficulty in establishing their boundaries against the many attacks made upon their location and titles. If a person desired to invest his money in land within this territory, he might be confronted by two titles and not knowing which was the better title, he would go elsewhere to invest his money. Occasionally an enterprising squatter would take possession of a small tract either under a second grant or a deed from some one who had no title and if he could manage to hold his possession the required length of time he would ripen his title, but if discovered by the agent of the true owner he would either compromise or purchase what his paper title covered for a small sum and thus quiet his title. Many lawsuits arose along the borders and after much litigation, those claiming under the Cathcart grants, at great expense established their boundaries and finally sold all their interests.

After more than one hundred years had elapsed the final clash

came between the heirs of William Tate and William Cochran on the one side, and those claiming under the Cathcart title and other grants on the other; the suit was decided adversely to the Tate and Cochran heirs in the year 1899, and soon thereafter all the interest of the claimants under the Tate and Cochran grant was sold at a sheriff's sale for taxes for the sum of ten dollars, and in due time the sheriff executed a deed to the purchaser; thus passing the final shadow of what was once a valid title to one hundred thousand, six hundred and forty acres of land at the price of ten dollars.

While these lands were in Burke County those claiming under the Cathcart fifty-nine thousand acre grant contracted a 300-acre tract to Abram Johnson who settled upon it, and afterwards, on July 7th September, 1838, he took a lease on the whole of the 59,000 acre tract, and for a great number of years he exercised many acts of ownership and possession which ensued to the benefit of his landlord, such as erecting and operating a forge, digging ore, burning coal and etc. This lease came to light on the last trial and it was evident that this written lease was executed for the purpose of asserting title to the whole of said fifty-nine thousand-acre tract.

Abram Johnson lived in four different counties. Burke, Yancey, Watauga and Mitchell and lived in the same house all this time, and had he lived only a few years longer he could have enjoyed the distinction of residing in five counties without being required to move a single time.

Prior to the year 1857 there were no fish in Elk River above the Great Falls except small minnows, the falls being too high for the fish to ascend even at times of floods and freshets. After the Danners came to Watauga they and the sons of Leyl Moody who had resided in the valley of Elk for a number of years, carried a number of speckled trout from the head waters of Estatoe River and put them into the clear and beautiful stream of Elk which was at that time an ideal stream for brook trout. It was only a matter of a few years until all the little streams were alive with the speckled beauties. For a great number of years after Elk River and its tributaries had been stocked with brook trout, the lands along the valleys remained uncleared, the country being thinly settled and the water being pure and clear as crystal, the fish increased very rapidly and grew to be very large. Judges, lawyers and others would come to this valley each year to recuperate in health and strength and spend the summer in fishing, and a great number of them would return each season, bringing their families and friends with them. But since the valleys have been cleared, the number of boys increased, and the dust from the sawmills has been permitted to flow into the streams, a portion of our meals are too often supplied from some packing house, and the greatest of that most delicious food supplied offered to us by nature has disappeared, and never to return unless it is restored in part by artificial dams placed across our mountain streams.

(To be continued.)

**FOLEY'S URINO LAXATIVE**  
FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

## BOONE BOOSERS.

(By a Visitor.)

"Rab for 'Boone, the Beautiful.'"  
Boone is justly proud of being the highest county seat east of the Rockies.

Some of us do not know half the fine things we possess, but Sampson's chimney is one of them!

Sampson's chimney is only a few score feet from the summit of Howard's Knob; but many of our visitors tramp to the latter place without realizing their proximity to this remarkable rock formation. Show them the way!

When the railroad reaches Todd next summer, Boone people will be there to meet it with a trolley line operated by hydro-electric power obtained from New River. Fare 10 cents for the round trip! Mark this prediction!

By next summer neatly painted sign-boards will point the way from Boone to Howard's Knob; thence to Sampson's chimney, and thence to Ben Howard's Rock House, a quarter of a mile to the northward. These places are hard to find now, but by that time a blind man who follows the crowd can find them all.

From the gap in the mountain on the Lantry road to Rich Mountain, a fine view can be had of Hanging Rock, Beech Mountain, the Grand Father, Flat Top and the New River Valley. Looking northward one can see the Snake Mountain, Elk Knob, Riddle's Knob, Three Top and a part of the Phoenix, in Ashe county.

When every farm house in Watauga county and the town of Boone are filled with summer visitors, rustic foot paths will lead to many points of interest in and around Boone, and every child will know the story of Ben Howard's residence in his rock house and of the tragedy that was enacted on Riddle's Knob one hundred and thirty-five years ago. Who knows them now?

When the world awakens to the fact that the least known county town in the State is in reality the highest in the East; that its scenery is finer than any other; that its natural advantages are absolutely unsurpassed anywhere on earth, we, too, shall wake up, and wonder why, like Rip Van Winkle, we have been asleep so long. That day is surely coming, and the sooner we prepare for it the better for all concerned.

Are the skies as blue anywhere else as they are in Boone? Is the air as clear and invigorating anywhere else as it is in the county-seat of Watauga? Does the sun shine as brightly anywhere else as it does here? Are streets and lanes and houses as quiet anywhere else at night as they are in Boone the Beautiful? Do brooks and branches sing as sweetly as they do in our well-watered town? Is there a happier, more polite or a more friendly people anywhere on earth than these of Boone, the Beautiful? Verily not.

No Substitute Could Do This.

No inferior substitute but only the genuine Foley Kidney Pills could have rid J. F. Wallieh, Bartlett, Nebr., of his kidney trouble. He says: "I was bothered with back ache, and the pain would run up to the back of my head, and I had spells of dizziness. I took Foley Kidney Pills and they did the work and I am now entirely rid of kidney trouble." For sale by all dealers.

There is more real heartache in a square yard of suspense than in an acre of realization.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Sec. Daniels is a close student of the Bible, says an exchange.

Mr. F. M. Williams took charge of the post office at Newton last Monday.

Friday, June 10, is conceded to be the coldest June day for 35 years.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 17th, three men were killed and 25 prostrated by the heat.

Mrs. Emile Neilson of Mt. Vernon a cousin of Wm. Jennings Bryan died of apoplexy June 13.

The tenth annual meeting of the N. C. Building and Loan League was held at Burlington last week.

Pres. Wilson will not attend the anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg on the battlefield next month.

Mr. Charles Hodges, of Sands, Watauga county, has been elected president of the high school at Hidenite, says the Scout.

The Turkish Grand Vizier Mahmond Schefked Pasha, was shot at Constantinople on the 11th.

The 17th was the hottest day of the year in N. Y. Thermometers at the street levels recorded as high as 102 degrees.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt has sailed for Europe. Col. Roosevelt plans to go west in July for a hunting trip accompanied by his son, Quentin.

Supreme Court has adjourned until October. Twenty five cases were laid over, which were of much importance.

Editor Clarence Poe, and Mr. J. Z. Greene of the Farmer's Union Dept. are off on a trip to the northwest to study rural co-operation.

The annual convention of the National Press Association of America opened at Colo. Springs June 17th with delegates from all parts of the U. S.

The News and Observer says that Geo. W. Guthrie, Ambassador to Japan, is in Washington, to receive final instructions preparatory to going to Japan.

Miss Sybil Hyatt is one of the staff at the N. C. schools for the feeble minded. She is attending the second field workers congress for the study of eugenics, at Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.

Dr. Guy Brickley formerly of Charlotte, was shot through the heart by Mrs. Whisnaut, who then put a bullet through her own temple. This tragedy occurred at Savannah Ga. on the 16th.

Asheville is to have a \$75,000 hospital to replace the Mission Hospital. The board of trustees of the local public institution will start a campaign for funds; says the Asheville Citizen. Of course, his will succeed as hustling Asheville always succeeds in her undertakings.

Bishop Horner, of Asheville, appealed to the President last week to commute the sentence of Wm. Breeze, who was convicted of violating the National Banking laws at Asheville. Gov. Craig ex-Gov. Glenn and Senator Simmons have also appealed to the President in his behalf.

If you are a housewife you cannot reasonably hope to be healthy or beautiful by washing dishes, sweeping and doing house work all day, and crawling into bed tired at night. You must get out into the open air and sunlight. If you do this every day and keep your stomach and bowels in good order by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed, you should become both healthy and beautiful. For sale by all dealers.

## The Watauga Railroad.

There is nothing discouraging about the stoppage of work on this railroad. It may mean a long suspension of activities along the line, or it may mean simply that the management have met with a [temporary] check over financial plans. But there is one thing it does not mean: that is that the road will be permanently abandoned. Too much money has been invested in this work already to admit of its entire loss by giving up the enterprise forever, and most of the money already spent will be lost unless the work is prosecuted to completion. It is not generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that there is a decided stringency in the money market at this time. Even our own State bonds were recently offered for sale and no purchaser appeared. But this tightness will soon pass, and when the Underwood bill has become a law, business will be resumed and money get easy again. "Neyer despair," I should be the motto of "Boone, the Beautiful."

## Guaranteed Eczema Remedy.

The constant itching, burning, redness, rash and disagreeable effects of eczema, tetter, salt rheum, itch, piles and irritating skin eruptions can be readily cured and the skin made clear and smooth with Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Mr. J. C. Eveland, of Bath, Ill., says: "I had eczema twenty-five years and had tried everything. All failed. When I found Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment I found a cure." This ointment is a formula of a physician and has been in use for years—not an experiment. That is why we can guarantee it. All druggists or by mail. Price 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

John D. Rockefeller has erected an ice factory near his residence. What John D. really ought to do is to solidify some of the water in Standard Oil stocks.

Katherine L. Norton, New Bedford, Mass., says: "I had a terrible pain in my back, with a burning and scalding feeling. I took Foley Kidney Pills as advised, with results certain and sure. The pain and burning feeling left me, I felt toned up and invigorated. I recommend Foley Kidney Pills." For backache, rheumatism, lumbago, all kinds of kidney and bladder troubles, use Foley Pills. For sale by all dealers.

Many a woman gives a party not only for the purpose of entertaining her friends, but also for the purpose of snubbing her enemies.

The man into whose head one has to hammer everything even then seldom gains knowledge by the pound.

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