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Prompt attention given to matters of a legal nature selections a specialty.
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Sugar Grove, North Caro.,
Will practice regularly in the courts of Watauga and adjoining counties. Special attention given to the collection of claims.
2-27-'13 1 yr.

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Will practice in the courts of the 13th Judicial District in all matters of a civil nature.
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Special attention given to all business entrusted to their care.
7-9-'10.

EARLY NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY.

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

Since writing my last letter I received a letter from a friend in which he made the following remark; "I think you have omitted a very important chapter or perhaps two. You have omitted the fact that the territory between the Iron Mountain and the Blue Ridge, after the act of Cession, was left out of any county and belonged to no county from 1792 or 1793 till 1818 or 1822, and was without any local government till it was annexed to Burke County." In giving the reason why this territory had not been settled at an earlier date, I showed that the State had been paid for more than three hundred thousand acres of land embraced within the boundaries of six grants, but I failed to refer to the fact that these grants, or at least some of them, especially excepted certain grants within their boundaries; for example, certain grants to Waightstill Avery, Reuben White John Dobson and a few others. Within the past twenty-five years it has been clearly demonstrated that some of the Cathcart grants run along with the Washington County (Tennessee) line, and one of them runs with the Tennessee line for a distance of fourteen miles.

It is quite true that there was no local government, but it was not for the reason that this part of the territory was not claimed by Burke County, but it was because the lands had been granted to a few and there were only a limited number of people within the territory to be governed; hence, there was very little attention paid to it.

Perhaps for a period of fifty years or more after the Cranberry forge, near the famous Cranberry Iron mines, there was no road leading from the Cranberry Forge to Valle Crucis, but only a bridle-way or trail, and those living east from Cranberry, if they needed three or four hundred pounds of iron from the forge, would take a horse or large ox, crook the long bars of iron fasten them to the single-tree and drag them for miles along the mountain trail to the place of delivery. The Cranberry iron was known far and near as being a very soft, tough iron and one of the finest quality, and it would sell east of the Blue Ridge for two or three cents more on the pound than ordinary iron. The iron ore was mined at the Cranberry mines, hauled a distance of half a mile or more, then melted in a furnace by great heat produced from charcoal. After reducing the ore to a liquid state the operator would raise a gate and permit the desired quantity to pour out into a basin, then the hammerman would thrust a long iron bar into the molten mass, dust and work with it until it would begin to become more compact and of the shape of a hornet's nest, and this was called a "loop." When this loop was ready to be turned out on a large anvil a huge hammer weighing something like six hundred pounds would rise, then the hammerman would turn his loop over on the anvil and the hammer would begin making its measured strokes, thump, thump, thump with the regularity of the vibrations of the pendulum of a clock; and the hammerman would turn his loop over and over, back and forth, using the iron bar as a handle, until he would get the iron close and compact and of the desired length and shape. If the operators received an order

for wagon tire the iron would be drawn out into long, slender bars but if the customers desired a number of plow-shapes the hammerman would shape a plow-mould on the ends of a number of the long bars.

Millions of pounds of iron were manufactured at the old Cranberry Forge by the Hardins, Duggers and others.

Millions of feet of the finest ash poplar, oak and other valuable timbers were burned on the Cranberry lands for the purpose of making coal to operate the old Cranberry Forge. After the Cranberry property was purchased by the Cranberry Iron and Coal Co., it was predicted by a number of the old men who had worked at the old forge, that the project would prove to be a failure, that the iron ore was in little pockets and not in sufficient quantities to justify an outlay of much money; but time has demonstrated that the work of the old settlers was too much like the burrows of the gopher, and that they were mistaken in their judgment.

But time had wrought many changes; the old forge had ceased to beat its lonesome stroke and scarcely a piece of the old structure is left to mark the spot where once existed what was considered a wonderful industrial plant; and now the ore is mined by the use of air-drills, the ore is crushed at the mines and hauled over a railroad, a distance of thirty-four miles with more ease and in less time than was required to deliver a single load on an ox wagon on a half a mile away; and when the ore reaches the furnace it is smelted with coal and coke instead of charcoal produced from timber, the lumber from which is now worth from twenty-five to one hundred dollars per 1,000 feet in market.

Instead of trudging along the mountain trail with a tired horse or hungry ox, drawing from three to four hundred pounds of iron bars and plow-shapes to be forged and shaped by the muscular arm of some country blacksmith, we find the pig iron from this ore is shipped by the car load to the great steel plants of the north and elsewhere, there to be converted into steel from which razors, knives, axes and other implements of the finest finish and quality are made.

In working the Cranberry mines, like all other mines, a lot of dead rock is taken out and after being crushed this is distributed along the railroad for making ballast for the road, filling in trestles, making side-walks and for such other purposes as ground stone may be useful and convenient.

The mountain trails have been obliterated; a blazed tree now and then serves to mark the course of what was once a trodden path, and we have substituted turnpikes and other roads in their stead. We are supplanting the gentle horse and patient ox by horseless vehicles, and when we get our mountain streams harnessed to electric plants and begin to flash lights from the hill-tops, we will realize that we are living in a progressive age.

[To be continued.]

Best Laxative for the Aged.
Old men and women feel the need of a laxative more than young folks, but it must be safe and harmless and one which will not cause pain. Dr King's New Life Pills are especially good for the aged, for they act promptly and easily. 25c. Recommended by all dealers.

BLOWING ROCK BREEZES.

Major and Mrs. Schenck, of Lawndale, near Shelby, are here with their elegant machine driven by a colored chauffeur who knows his business. The Major is a prosperous manufacturer of the Old North State, and the genial couple have many friends who bid them welcome. They have a cottage here, a lovely pine embowered place next the Presbyterian church. It is reported that the Major is here for a short while, only, but that his son, Mr. John Schenck and family will be up for the season.

Miss Elizabeth Mordecai has just returned from quite an extended visit to relatives down State, among them her parents at Durham, her father, Mr. Samuel Mordecai, Professor of Law at Trinity College.

Mr. Norman Cordon and little son Norman, Jr., have arrived for the season and will at once set to work repairing their new place, the Waller cottage, which they have bought for a permanent home. Mrs. Cordon's mother and sister, Mrs. Haughton and daughter, of Washington, N. C., to reside with them for a year.

Mrs. Miller, sister of Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston-Salem, is at the Watauga Inn, with her charming little family, the Misses Margaret, Catherine and Antoinette, who with their colored maid occupy a cottage on the grounds of that well-known hostelry which might be called Maple-shade Inn, as it has about it a beautiful grove of maples with a pretty green lawn under them, where the visitors from the city delight to lounge and enjoy the cool shade and refreshing breezes of that justly popular resort.

It is reported that the Green Park Hotel, the nearest to the famous rock from which the village takes its name, has opened with a goodly number of guests with many more to follow, the present management with Major Cobb, of Raleigh, at the head, "drawing like a magnet", as the Major, with his State-wide and wider reputation as a hotelier, is doing all he can to bring to Green Park the success it deserves and to be continued popularity to which it is entitled through the devoted interest of the Harpers.

Near the Green Park is a little resting place that has become very popular among the visitors who like a quiet place, near the fine views and on the highway to the village, beside being at the very terminus of the Civic League Path. This is the Ingie House, kept by Mrs. John Ingie, a motherly matron who makes one feel at home and gives you the very best of table viands that the season can afford served in good old fashioned quality and quantity "as mother used to do." This house has already quite a number of guests but can take more without crowding, having beside the home place a modern looking annex.

The Skyland Institute is to take a few boarders for the summer months. Apply to Mrs. E. C. Prudden, who owns the property, and has one among the most delightful places on the mountains, the house conveniently located and the views entrancing.

Skyland Inn, kept by Mrs. E. R. Stewart, justly deserves its popularity, being well known for its excellent table and comfortable rooms. Mrs. Stewart a graduate in hotel management, having St. Hubert's Inn at Newton in the winter and skyland during the summer season, her household ways full of contented guests who

Some Political Straws.

Prove your Democracy by voting right on the tariff.

Time enough to distribute offices after the Underwood law has become a law.

Uncle Sam will soon know all the contractors who are abusing their poor horses by having them worked while lame. Then, watch out!

Teddy, not content with having "swiped" Colonel Bryan's initiative, referendum and recall, will doubtless soon appropriate his grape juice also.

The iniquitous lobbyists whom President Wilson is holding up to public ridicule and contempt, virtually plead guilty by crying "you are another!" Sam Jones used to say: "It is the hot dog that hollers," and Sam was right.

Having failed to get up an old-time tariff reform panic, for the purpose of intimidating Democratic Senators, Wall Street and the interests have determined to have one of an altogether new and original brand. They call it a "Silent Panic," but even if it were as noisy as Colonel Roosevelt himself, our Senators would still stand to their guns.

American financiers have recently loaned President Huerta, of Mexico, one hundred millions of dollars, of which seventy-five millions is allotted for government needs, and twenty-five millions for railroad bonds. American financiers can generally see an inch or two beyond their noses, and unless quiet and good order are soon restored to our sister republic, the United States will be forced to intervene for the protection of our own citizens whose money is invested there. The day will soon come when we shall own all the country north of the Panama Canal, anyway, so what's the difference?

The railroads have discovered that they were mistaken when they thought they had pulled the wool over the eyes of Governor Craig. The extra session will show them what's what.

Consolation for the malafactors of great wealth who have interpreted the Underwood bill as meaning the death blow to their ill-gotten gains: "Poverty with contentment is great gain; for we brought nothing into this world and it is certain that we can carry nothing out."

invariably return each year as regularly as the birds return after a winter in the far South.

The Blowing Rock Hotel, "dear old Blowing Rock," as it was lovingly termed by its many patrons in the "good old suramer times" of auld lang syne, when such talented managers as the Messrs. King and Gray and Jas. P. Taylor, Esq., drew about them the nobility of the State, this hotel under the present management, with Mrs. Emma Taylor, wife of the late lamented Jas. P. Taylor as owner and Mr. George Moore as Manager, and its beautiful situation and convenient location half way between the village and the Green Park, this hotel after a few needed repairs and added attractions should be crowded not alone in mid summer, as it is each year, but during the whole season. Indeed the time is not far distant when this old and well-known resort will be obliged to add several more hotels and a dozen more boarding houses.

A regular line of automobiles is being run between Lenoir and this village, as many as three a day being seen up here, the old time surry quite unpopular these days because of the length of time it takes to "snail it" up the mountain.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Dr. A. A. Kent of Lenoir has been elected a member of the State Board of Health.

Forty five of the sixty three applicants for license to practice dentistry passed the examination at New Bern.

Governor Craig has appointed Hon. Charles H. Duls, of Clarkston & Duls, of Charlotte, Judge of the new 14th District.

The State Bar Association will meet in Asheville July 24. Ex-Governor Thomas J. Jarvis will make the principal address.

"I hate to be a kicker, For it does not make for peace. But the wheel that does the squeaking is the wheel that gets the grease."

The Press Association of the State will meet in Asheville July 23-24. An attractive program has been arranged for this meeting.

It is supposed that Ex-President Taft will preside over the great gathering of Confederate and Union veterans at the Gettysburg celebration.

Even average humanity is better and wiser than any select company which pharisaically stands aloof from common folks and thinks itself above them.

Judge Henry C. Jones, 94 years old, and said to be last survivor of the Confederate Congress died on the 21st, at his home in Florence S. C.

Rev. Z. Paris, a Methodist Minister of the Western North Carolina Conference has been elected field Secretary of the Odd Fellows home at Goldsboro.

Another son has been born to the King and Queen of Spain. They have been married seven years and six children have been born to them. Five of the six children are living.

Last Sunday night a fearful electrical storm passed over Fayetteville and community, burning a factory entailing a loss of \$26,000, besides burning a tenement house and with it a negro woman.

Governor Locke Craig recently appointed Walter D. Siler, of Siler City, Solicitor for the district created by the last Legislature, comprising the counties of Harnett, Wayne, Johnston, Chatham and Lee.

W. W. Cooper of Marion, committed suicide in the Long Sanatorium, by cutting his throat. He was under treatment but had improved so much that he was to have been discharged on the day he killed himself.

It is now understood that Gov. Craig has agreed to furnish fifty State convicts to aid in constructing the Hiwassee Valley railroad from Andrews, N. C. to Hiwassee Gap. It is an electric line 35 miles long and will be broad gauge.

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