

# The Watauga Democrat.

VOL. XXVI

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 1914.

NO. 12.

## The Anglo-Saxon Race.

(Continued from last week.)  
Prof. Brown says: "We have had but little immigration since the Revolution." This being true, it supports the assertion that we grade high in Anglo-Saxon blood. The writer closes his article as follows:

"What we need more than anything else almost is new blood. This county has, I am informed, an unusually large per cent of insane. Visitors to our summer school, too, notice an abnormal number of slightly deformed students, as well as an unusual number of beautiful girls."

Admitting that the claims in this quotation are true, let us look into the causes that have led up to this demand for new blood. Did we not have a variety of good blood 75 years ago? Go back, reader, and recount the old families of the country, (most of whom have passed away) and see if they were not fine men and women, both in body and mind. Why are their descendents deformed and insane? Please read carefully until I reach the conclusion.

A few years ago I was in a thickly populated and prosperous community that was known for miles around, as "Cousin Town." In "Cousin Town" was a boy who walked with the sides of his feet in front and the toes of his shoes pointing towards each other. There were several children who were so weak-eyed that they could not look on a book, and had been advised by their physicians to quit school. I saw one boy who was a born idiot. His head was under size, and his hair stood like the quills on a disturbed porcupine.

Here is the contention: In our mountains, as elsewhere, there are too many "Cousin Towns." Cousin Sam married cousin Kate, and cousin Sam's brother Bill married cousin Kate's sister Ann. These two couples raise up families that are double cousins, or cousins german, and they are the same kin as brothers and sisters; because the mothers being sisters are the same blood, and the same is true of the fathers. Now, brother Bill's John and brother Sam's Mary get together every day, and they are always scuffling and pinching, and soon a desperate love affair develops. Sister Ann and sister Kate talk the matter over and as the lands of the two families join, it will be real nice to see John and Mary off with a home. And again, that other fellow who wants to marry Mary is an intelligent man, but his parents are not only poor but they do not believe in the church that sister Kate and sister Ann hold to.

Cousin John and cousin Mary get married and raise a family of very unfortunate children. One of the daughters marries out of the family and while some of her children are reasonably strong, yet one is born a cripple for life. The mother loves him best of all the family, and the longer she nurses him the more her sympathies go out to the little boy—now five years old—who lies all day on a pallet while his brothers and sisters are out at play. Finally the parents, worn with care and reduced to poverty by the payment of doctor bills, pass over the river, and the cripple boy—now a man—is taken to the county home; and thus brother Bill and brother Sam, by marrying sister Kate and sister Ann, entailed misery on generations to come.

The success and popularity of children are determined by their health, good breeding, good looks, and intelligence; and a

## The Watauga-Avery Fair.

Mr. Editor. The two leading features of the Fair held at Elk Park during the past week were the procession of the public school children of Avery County and the agricultural and horticultural exhibits from the counties of Watauga and Avery.

Mr. Frank A. Edmonson, Superintendent of Public Schools, had requested the teachers of the public schools to attend the Fair on Friday, the third day, and have on the grounds as many of the school children as possible. By 10.30 o'clock on Friday morning the little army of 1,080 strong had assembled at the High School building, and being headed by the Bluff City Brass Band, each school being accompanied by their respective teachers, each school bearing a banner with the name of the school, the number of children of each district and number enrolled, they entered into the procession and took up the line of march. The boys in this procession would remind one of the march of the Allies against the German forces, while the girls might remind us of the marching of the Suffragettes to demand recognition from the government.

The farmers of Watauga placed on exhibition a fine display of corn, apples, pears, peaches, quinces and other fruits, as well as fine horses and cattle, all in fine shape and condition. Mrs. W. E. Shipley, Messrs. D. F. Mast, J. M. Shull and others from Watauga making the finest showing.

The leading farmers of Avery made a fine display of their products from the fields, gardens and orchards; but my friend Mr. J. L. Hartley, of Linville, far exceeded the others in the number of varieties produced in his garden, and on his mountain farm; all kinds of farm products adapted to this section, a great variety of choice fruits, including full grown, well-developed, ripe strawberries and almost all kinds of garden vegetables, peculiar to this mountain section. Mr. Hartley, of course, was awarded the prize for the greatest variety and much of it was of excellent quality. Mr. Hartley says he has a hog that he intends making weigh 1,000 net at killing time; and when he slaughters this immense hog we will have twelve men present to see him weighed so they may verify his statement.

If all the farmers throughout this mountain section would do half of what Mr. Hartley is doing, we would never hear hard times mentioned and there could be no necessity for it; we would all have the greatest abundance and plenty to spare.

L. D. Lowe.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

mother should teach her daughter that it is far better for a girl to wed a poor man, work for a living, and leave the world a legacy of valuable children, than to live in opulence and splendor, and leave behind a little brigade of deformed and idiots.

I have written this article, not as a thrust at communities or individuals, but because Professor Brown's article opened the way for something that was badly needed.

My niece is half my blood and the same kin to me as my first cousin, but my double first cousin is the same kin to me as my brother or sister.

S. M. DUGGER.  
Banner Elk, N. C.

## AUTUMN.

Generation after generation of men have appeared upon the earth, borne their part in the stormy scenes of life, and passed to the silent land, blooming and fading like the autumn foliage of each successive year. Since the great prophet of Israel took up the wail that had come down to him from many generations in the past, "We all do fade as the leaf." And still our hearts in moments of sadness and deep thought, can find no better utterance than that in which the ancient Hebrew poured forth all the sorrows of humanity in his day. This melancholy sentiment of the inspired bard who awoke the autumn songs of the people of his day to the sweetest and loftiest strains of the human soul, are still with us making the same impression upon us as they did in days of old.

The dying year sings its own dirge with the sweetest voice and it puts on the gayest robes when all the bright verdure of the sun are passing away in long procession to the tomb. The brilliant hues of autumn flame out in the dying foliage which is now falling upon our daily walks. The sweet-scented rose that we admired so much during the summer months cannot go a way without sending in a silent shadow by its falling leaves as it passes. This reminds us that we, too, must soon fade and fall.

The most wonderfully beautiful part of the season is upon us, brilliant hues of every description surround us, a feeling of divine inspiration dwells within us as we see God's handiwork painted upon every fading leaf. The ancient Hebrew looked upon mountains as holy kings he called them mountains of God, as he called them, in autumn.

No more lovely sight in all nature can possibly present itself than our own beloved mountains in Watauga, just now, with towering summits reaching heavenward clothed in garments of green, scarlet and gold, bordered here and there with the beautiful wine-colored leaves of the mountain wahoo, deep in the recesses of the ravines are the dark evergreen foliage of the laurel, ivy and hemlock, making a striking contrast with the fading foliage in every direction. Here and there a dark rock outlines its dark lines against the sky, making the scene more impressive. Far up the mountain a pheasant is drumming; the squirrels chatter as they gather their store of nuts for winter; the birds sing, but not with the same gladness as in spring; the wailing drone of the beetle tells us that it is only a short time until their songs will be silenced by dread winter.

Friends, look about you, see how beautifully the Great Giver has supplied you with everything you need, let your prayers go up in thankfulness that you live in this great and beautiful

## Good Roads Conference.

Bristol, Tenn., Dispatch, 6th.  
With the largest first day attendance in its history the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association convened here this evening for its sixth annual meeting. In calling the body to order President Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, N. C., read a telegram of greeting from President Wilson, in which he expressed the hope that the meeting would be a successful one in its efforts to get not only better roads in the Southern Appalachian section but better road management and better road maintenance. The Association will give special attention to the problem of connecting up highways and building them through mountain counties that are so sparsely settled that outside help is necessary.

Ex-Gov. John Cox, of Tennessee said that after the war in Europe hundreds and thousands of people would come to this country to escape the staggering burden of paying for the war and that the Southern Appalachian region should build good roads to attract these people. Delegations are here from Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia.

## NOTICE OF SALE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court before the Clerk, George R. Clark, Administrator of J. B. Clarke, G. R. Clarke and S. M. Clarke, vs. Lula Clarke, widow, Eugene Clarke, Fred Davis, Nellie Davis, Robert Clarke, Jos. Clarke, Jay Clarke, Susan Clarke, Francis Clarke, Maggie Clarke, Ermine Clarke, Susan Moore and husband, Thos. Moore, Nellie Moore and husband, W. M. Moore, Clarke Steel, Stuart Steele, John Steele, Nancy Steele, John R. Steele, Mary Ann Steele and Frank A. Linney, guardian Ad Litem.

Under an order of the Superior Court made in the above entitled proceeding, the undersigned commissioner will on the Saturday, November 7, 1914, between the hours of 10, a. m. and 4, p. m., at the postoffice in the town of Blowing Rock, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate, situate at and near the said town of Blowing Rock: Lot No. 14 the J. B. Clarke lands, being the lot bid off by A. J. Rowe at a former sale made by the undersigned, and all right, title and interest held by the said J. B. Clarke, in a tract of land, adjoining the lands B. J. Greene, Dr. Wilson and others and known as the A. D. Blair 50-acre tract. This Oct. 3, 1914.

GEO. R. CLARKE, Com.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

mountain county of ours where the lavish hand of the All Wise has provided almost everything for the support of man and beast in lavish abundance and the beauty of its scenery is unsurpassed.

R. M. G.  
Boone, N. C.

## The Commercial Spirit.

Charity and Children.  
This spirit is the underlying cause of the European war. Germany is perhaps the most progressive nation in the world. It is the great manufacturing country and in many lines of manufacturing our American factories are suffering because supplies are cut off from Germany. 'Business' in Germany has reached its highest point of efficiency. All Europe is alive and alert, and reaching out in all directions for increasing its commerce. The passion for more business is the motive that plunged the old world in a cataclysm of blood. Business became bigger than humanity, and so human life is being offered as the price for it. Business blinded the eyes of the people to the claims of God, and hence the senseless and wicked and wanton sacrifice of the finer things of life to those that are gross and common. The passion for larger business always coarsens the nature. The nation, the community, the man consumed with the desire to accumulate wealth loses life's nectar and clings to the heavy clay. This spirit, rife everywhere was notably so in Europe. It is usually called greed, and greed is the attribute of a hog rather than of a sheep. The commercial spirit is the peril of our time here in America. We are exalting business to the throne of our affection. As we prosper we stoop in order to be nearer the clouds. The clink of coin is sweeter to our ears than the songs of angels. Our cities especially are in the grip of this modern passion. Far from the madding crowd, in the open country on the farm lives the boy who is to rule the world in the future. And the reason is his heart has not been poisoned by the commercial spirit. "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of Heaven," said the Saviour. We try to soften that saying but there it is just as he said it, and it means what it says. The accumulation of wealth is much oftener a curse to a man than a blessing. John D. Rockefeller is a big man here, but we have no doubt many a shoe maker, washer woman, dray man or seamstress, will have a stronger wing and a higher place in Heaven than he. Let us pray to be delivered from the commercial spirit, that obscures and overwhelms the finer things of life, and magnifies the metal we say is money into a god! You folks who have to walk while others ride and who must deny yourselves so many of the luxuries others enjoy—you are not so bad off after all. It means ten thousand times more to be a millionaire in Heaven than on earth!

Your Fall Cold Needs Attention  
No use to fuss and try to wear it out. It will wear you out instead. Take Dr. King's New Discovery, relief follows quickly. It checks your cold and soothes your cough away. Pleasant, antiseptic and healing. Children like it. Get a 50 cent bottle of King's New Discovery and keep it in the house. "Our family Cough and Cold Doctor," writes Louis Chamberlain, Manchester, Ohio. Money back if not satisfied, but it nearly always helps.

There are undoubtedly times when the railroad conductor would rather punch a passenger than a ticket.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Little*

## PROFESSIONAL.

J. C. Fletcher John H. Bingham  
**Fletcher & Bingham.**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.  
BOONE, — NORTH CARO.  
Will practice in the courts of Watauga and adjoining counties. Careful and prompt attention given to all matters entrusted to us.  
129, 13

**Dr. G. M. Peavler,**  
Treats Diseases of the  
**Eye, Ear Nose and Throat**  
BRISTOL, TENN.,  
15 '14 ly.

**T. E. Bingham,**  
Lawyer  
BOONE, . . . . . N. C.  
Prompt attention given to all matters of a legal nature. Collections a specialty.  
Office with Solicitor F. A. Linney  
1-29, 1y. pd.

**Silas M. Greene,**  
JEWELER  
MABEL, N. C.  
All kinds of repair work done under a positive guarantee. When in need of anything in my line give me a call and get honest work at honest prices.  
WATCH REPAIRING A SPECIALTY

**VETERINARY SURGERY.**  
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 Vitas, N. R. F. D. 1.  
G. H. HAYES,  
Veterinary Surgeon.  
1-17-11.

**E. S. COFFEY,**  
—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
—BOONE, N. C.—  
Prompt attention given to all matters of a legal nature.  
Abstracting titles and connection of claims a specialty.  
1-1-11.

**Dr. Nat. T. Dulaney,**  
—SPECIALIST—  
EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT AND CHEST  
EYES EXAMINED FOR GLASSES  
FOURTH STREET  
Eristol, Tenn.-Va.

**EDMUND JONES**  
—LAWYER—  
—LENOIR, N. C.—  
Will Practice Regularly in the Courts of Watauga,  
6-1 '11.

**L. D. LOWE,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
Banner Elk, N. C.  
Practice in the courts of Avery and surrounding counties. Careful attention given to all matters of a legal nature.  
7-6-12.

**F. A. LINNEY,**  
—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
BOONE, N. C.  
Will practice in the courts of the 13th Judicial District in all matters of a civil nature.  
6-11-1911.

E. F. Lovill. W. R. Lovill  
**Lovill & Lovill**  
—ATTORNEYS AT LAW—  
—BOONE, N. C.—  
Special attention given to all business entrusted to their care. . . . .

## The Butler Drug Store

NEW AND UP-TO-DATE

Prescriptions Filled

Headquarters for the best Stationery and Candies;

Toilet Articles and Rubber Goods

Mail us Your Orders.

The Best and latest fountain drinks,

Call on us at the old Post Office Building.

**E. S. STALLINGS, Manager**