

# The Watauga Democrat.

## When Vision Materializes

Correspondence of the Democrat.

Banking in the cool breezes and beautiful scenery of the Green mountains of Vermont and impressed with the striking similarity of the topography and climate to that of our own unequalled country, I have elected to write these lines.

I have long had a vision of a railroad threading the valleys and leaping the hills of the Blue Ridge and ending in a great web of steel at a terminal station in Boone. I come into this beautiful land where nature is so delightfully revealed over just such an actuality as I have visualized for our own North Carolina hills.

Leaving the Grand Terminal Station in New York City in the morning on the "Green Mountain Flyer" and arriving at Manchester, my destination, before nightfall I lost none of the panoramas that unfold to the very end in such wonderful scenic prodigality. It is a vista of loveliness—a reflection in the mirror of the future of our own scenic Watauga & Yadkin Railway when every hill is cut through and every valley bridged to the mountain tourist's mecca and educational center—Boone. Here the steel tendrils leap a stream, here they cling to the face of a rock cliff, here they pass around the rim of a precipice, here they plunge thru the shadow of a ravine and at last emerge into a broad, fertile valley shut in by picturesque mountain peaks. Over these rails each day is born the riches of the beautiful country it taps. These steel rails are the blood vessels of the country. They carry food for the mental and spiritual hunger of the people as well as for the physical hunger of the people. They carry hope and joy and sunshine to the people. They unite communities in the bonds of fellowship and love.

The song of the birds and the hum of machinery, the roar of the water and the roar of traffic, the beauty of nature and the beauty of man's handiwork, the stolidity of the country and the polish of the town are all bound into one great and powerful union by the ribbons of steel.

When this picture shall have been duplicated in our own enchanted Watauga, then there shall be, as there is today, no better land for the abode of man 'twixt us and the Land of Canaan.

J. STEWART GREEN.  
Kansas City, Mo.

## Courtesy Pays

One of the big railroads of the country is arranging to hold courtesy meetings for its employees. This leads to an exchange to say with great timeliness that if "safety first" is a good slogan "courtesy second" is just as good.

We have dealt with railroad people who were not precisely the soul of courtesy. In fact there seems to be something about the railroad business that rather makes those engaged in it feel that maybe they are a little better than other folks. It is not always that way, but it is sometimes that way. For one thing, it often happens that there is no competition; the mere person is then at the mercy of the railroad man with whom he is dealing. But when there is competition very naturally the prospective traveler goes to the other line. For courtesy is something that a man has a right to expect from those with whom he does business.

That the railroad heads have seen that there is danger of their subordinates failing to show the proper appreciation of the patronage of the public is shown by the circumstance that one of the railroads has arranged to have

## The Press Association at Mount

To the Editor of the Democrat.

I have seen a good deal of the North Carolina Press Association which has been in session at Mount, two miles away, for three days.

Editor Hammer, of the Asheville Courier, was president and Sherrill, of the Concord Times, serving his twenty-seventh year as secretary and treasurer.

On Wednesday night the president made an address after the usual addresses of welcome and responses were made. The address of the president was along the line of building up the State. Several addresses were made on Thursday. Editor Martin of the Lenoir News talked on some business features of a country paper. Mr. Mears of the Bladen Journal made quite a hit in telling how he conducted his paper for Bladen county. He knew all the preachers, teachers, officers, and nearly everything in his county. He let national issues alone and told about the horse trading, singings, etc. The editor of the Gastonia Gazette impressed strongly the good of pay in advance system for a paper and also for a town. Gastonia business people had adopted the pay down system under the leadership of the paper's plan.

The Association claims to have only one poet, W. L. Hill, of the Presbyterian Standard. His poem and also the oration by Mr. Martin, of Winston-Salem Journal, were delivered on Thursday night. Miss Mae Lucile Smith, editor of Skyland Magazine, made quite an interesting talk on "Made in North Carolina," her whole dress was of North Carolina products.

A delegation of forty South Carolina editors came from Chick Springs and joined the meeting at noon on Thursday.

State Superintendent Joyner made a strong plea for the aid of the Press in advancing the moonlight schools. The Association accepted his challenge heartily.

Prof. Bronson, of the University, told of the extension work. The editor of the Charleston, S. C., News and Courier in a talk said that the University of South Carolina had copied the plan from North Carolina and hoped to improve the conditions in their State.

On Friday 92 went on an excursion to Mount Mitchell. A lumber road runs from here to near the top, a distance of about 20 miles.

Saturday a picnic dinner was given here. Several stirring addresses were made. Mr. F. O. Alexander told of the wonderful place Black Mountain would be. He predicted, by quoting the Bible, that this would be the restored religious center of the world. A very fine basket dinner was spread. A "Brunswick Stew" with 24 ingredients was served.

Many other things were done and said that I can not now recall. E. E. Britton, of the News and Observer, R. K. Clark, of the Landmark, J. J. Farris, of the High Point Enterprise, Wade Harris, of the Charlotte Observer, are among some of the active members that I recall.

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Black Mountain, N. C., July 5.

All Arrangements Made

You can now send a letter to the Dutch West Indies for two cents. You may not want to send a letter there, but it is pleasant to know that Uncle Sam has made all the necessary arrangements.—N. Y. World.

"courtesy meetings." Courtesy is a splendid investment.—News and Observer.

## Justice Only

U. S. Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory has lately returned from a visit to the Federal prison in Atlanta. He inspected the prison from the roof to the lowest cells, paid midnight visits to the inmates, watched them at recreation, at work, at their meals and at rest during a quiet Sunday.

He went back to Washington with the conviction that some way should be found by which Federal prisoners might earn money, a part of which should go to their families.

"One great trouble with the present system," said the Attorney General, "is that the families of prisoners often suffer more than the convict. If we can put prisoners to work making something for the Federal government which will not enter into competition with free labor we can then give the families some of their earnings. This system has been tried and proved successful in State institutions."

It is eminently to the credit of Attorney General Gregory that he has lined himself up with the movement for greater consideration of the needs of prisoners' families. It is not right for the State or for the general government to work a convict and make money on his labor without sharing the proceeds with his family. The State, or the nation, cannot afford to be unjust and the present system is certainly characterized by injustice of the most obvious kind.

The approval by Attorney General Gregory of the plan of giving a part of the earnings of prisoners to their families secures endorsement for this theory from an exalted source and should hasten the day when this righteous practice obtains in every State and Federal prison. It is nothing more than justice.—News and Observer.

Making Shells

In the United States and Canada, according to an estimate in The Wall Street Journal, 100,000 men are working every day in the week turning out shells. Working at his best one skilled man can make but one shell a day. Canadian factories are now turning out something over 40,000 shells, shrapnel and high explosives, per day, and every effort is being made to bring the Dominion's productive rate to 50,000 shells daily. If production in the United States be estimated at 60,000 shells a day—it is probably higher—it would mean that fully 100,000 men are now employed on this side of the Atlantic in the manufacture of shells. This does not include loading. Again, for every million rifle cartridges made, 25,000 men obtain a full 10-hour day's work, so that a considerable total of employment must be added for this end of the war business. That much for this side of the Atlantic. Germany is busy, also. It is said the Krupp is operating with a present force of 115,000 men, while those familiar with the war material business estimate variously that anywhere from 800,000 to 500,000 men must be engaged in Germany in making shells, guns and cartridges, if the Empire's production is keeping up with her expenditure of such material in the war. And this is but one item in the tremendous contract of keeping the European armies supplied with war material.—Char. Observer.

An adult man weighs, on the average, about 140 pounds 6 ounces. Out of this weight his bones, numbering 240, account for about 14 pounds.

## From New York to Chicago

In the New York Fire Department's annual report Commissioner Adamson pictures the annual loss by fire in the United States.

"The buildings consumed, if placed in lots of 65-foot frontage, would line both sides of a street extending from New York to Chicago," writes Mr. Adamson. "A person journeying along this street of desolation would pass in every thousand feet a ruin from which a wounded person was taken. At every three-quarters of a mile he would encounter the charred remains of a human being."

The Fire Prevention Bureau, it says, has the unpleasant privilege of examining all the deadly bombs found in New York. Last year 141 Black Hand bombs were analyzed. All bombs found in the city by police or other persons are reported to the Fire Department, and an inspector from the Bureau of Combustibles is assigned to make a report upon all such objects.

Another important activity of the Fire Prevention Bureau is safeguarding the use of explosives throughout the city, as increased quantities of dynamite are being used in various construction works.—New York Tribune.

Was Not a Beautiful Woman

Eve, our first mother, must not have been a beautiful woman. Else had she been beautiful she would have eloped with the devil—left Adam stranded and alone—a widow man, and the human race would not have been perpetuated.

That Garden of Eden episode is the only time that a woman gave a willing ear to the devil, that a divorce suit or a murder didn't follow. And had Eve been a stunner such as the latter day chorus girl—Adam might have killed the devil—and then we would have been free of all this sin which smears itself upon the papers we read now-a-days.

But it seems that Eve was not a good looker—and yet she wore the ballet girl's costume—and Adam remained and reared his family—and if he could come back today and look it over no doubt he would be heartily ashamed of it!—Everything.

Fine Year for Irish Potatoes

There has been much more Irish potatoes raised in this county—and the very finest—this year, than ever before, possibly, in the history of the county, and there is practically no market for them. Those who have only raised some eight or ten barrels, are retailing them and realizing about 75 cts. per bushel for them, while some are housing their crop and say that they are going to feed them to their hogs. It is said that there are thousands of barrels of potatoes now in the hands of local truckers who are storing them with the hope of getting better prices a little later on.—Goldboro Record.

Hard to Let Go

We would like to get rid of Huerta but don't know how. We are in the same fix as a man who caught a bear and wanted to turn it loose. If he had loosed his hold on the bear it would have gotten him, so he called lustily for his friends to help him let go the bear. We are holding on to Huerta for fear he will make more trouble for us if we turn him loose. Yet we surely don't want the old Indian.—Wilmington Star.

The Victoria cross of England was first instituted on January 29, 1856.

## SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

At 1 o'clock on Monday, Aug. 2, 1915, at the court house door in Boone, N. C., I will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, pursuant to the laws of North Carolina, all the lands in Watauga county on which taxes for the years 1913 and 1914 have not been paid, a list of which lands to be sold, and the amount of taxes due thereon, with costs added, as required by Sec. 2983, Revisal 1905, is as follows:

BEAVER DAM TOWNSHIP, 1914  
Lethcoe, G. T., 92 acres \$4.55  
Horton & Bannet, 80 acres 3.95  
NORTH FORK TOWNSHIP, 1914  
Maine, C. R., 40 acres 5.41  
Worth & Co., 135 acres 10.95  
LAUREL CREEK TOWNSHIP  
1913-14  
Flanery Mining Co., No. acres  
not given 20.95  
BLUB RIDGE TOWNSHIP, 1914  
Ashley, S. P., 12 acres 1.33  
Bernhardt, J. M., 105 acres 5.85  
Benson, J. P., 20 acres 2.31  
Grandin, W. J., & Hart, 900  
acres 40.55  
Harrison, S. L., 50 acres 1.96  
Stewart, Mrs. E. R., 175  
acres 4.40  
ELK TOWNSHIP, 1914  
Carlton, C. C., 23 acres 1.37  
Greer, Sarah, 23 acres 1.25  
Miller, E. B., 13 acres 1.21  
Randall, W. W., 76 acres 4.55  
Wheeling, Selina, 23 acres 2.28  
Wilson, W. L., 122 acres 16.89  
Winbarger, Miles, 4 acres 1.63  
This the 3d day of July, 1915.  
E. R. EGERS,  
Ex-Sheriff.

## FARM FOR SALE

This farm contains 135 acres, is located 3 miles southeast of the progressive little town of Butler, which puts it in good reach of this splendid market, and Watauga Academy, the best school in this end of the State. This land is practically all cleared, only about 10 acres in woods. This farm is in a good state of cultivation and has the largest portion set to grass, it is an ideal grazing farm and produces well when cultivated. About 40 acres of this land can be plowed with level land plow, and worked over with all farm machinery, has a nice 5-room cottage house practically new, with fairly good barn, and all necessary outbuildings, also one 3-room tenant building, has a first-class running spring convenient to house, an extra good garden, and a splendid young orchard, as well as many old bearing trees. Farm is well fenced with wire on locust posts. If you are looking for a real estate bargain you can not afford to overlook this proposition. Will sell on reasonable terms and can give possession this fall. Price only \$35.00 per acre. For further particulars, call on or write, W. L. REECE, 7-8-15 Butler, Tenn.

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