

Lawyer Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, was in the county last week looking after the interests of Mr. Jas. A. Hartness, of Statesville, who, as our readers well know, is a candidate for Secretary of State in the State primaries to be held on next Saturday. We have no word of censure for the splendid gentleman from the good county of Iredell, as he has done much loyal party service in the past, and has for many years been an office-holder in his county, which shows the estimation in which he is held by the people who know him best. But there is another on whom the eyes of Wataugans are centered and that man is none other than the present incumbent, the Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, who has served as Secretary of State for the past 16 years, and has behind him a record most enviable. He is a farmer-statesman and has all the qualifications that go to make up an ideal official. Grimes is a man who has, during his tenure of office, ever stood with the people of Watauga. Our State institution, the Appalachian Training School, has no more loyal friend than he, or one who has made greater efforts for its welfare. As a member of the State Council, Mr. Grimes has always stood four square with the people of Watauga in their efforts to secure State aid for the extension of a railroad across the Blue Ridge, into Watauga. In fact whenever Watauga has needed him, he has been by her side, and now, the handsome thing for Watauga to do is to cast her solid vote for his return to the office which he has filled with so much honor to the State. We have nothing to say against Mr. Hartness, but ordinary gratitude demands that our people should vote for the man who has ever used his best efforts in our behalf.

Some Good Roads Figures.

MR. EDITOR: Readers of the Democrat read with interest Mr. Horton's article on good roads. This is a subject which, in my opinion, is of more importance to Watauga than securing a railroad. A railroad is coming and now is the time for us to wake up and get busy and go in for whatever it takes to build a good system of roads thruout the county. The road from Boone to Todd is a good example of how unfit our present roads are for what they shall soon have to bear.

The question has been asked, what can we do? Consider with me for a moment if you will, what we are doing and what we might do. The Government has by thorough tests determined the cost of hauling over all kinds of roads. The difference between the cost of hauling over good roads and that of hauling over our roads will show us something of what we are losing every year. According to the State Geological Survey there are about 300 miles of roads in Watauga. Estimating that five tons pass over each mile every day, there is a loss in time and energy of \$63,000. In addition we are paying \$10,000 annually in free labor to keep up these roads, making a total expenditure of \$73,000 or \$240 per mile. Besides this we are paying thousands of dollars in tolls. Might not every citizen ask the question, Aren't we too poor to afford such a waste?

The average cost of building a mile of sand clay road is \$750 and that of gravel road \$700. This is to say that Watauga is now spending enough each year on poor roads to build 97 miles of sand clay or 104 miles of gravel roads. Enough in three years to build new roads entirely.

Isn't it time for the people of Watauga to do something?
R. L. MALTBA.

BLOWING ROCK BREEZES.

Two churches were open last Sunday, the Presbyterian and Episcopal in the morning, at the former, the beloved pastor, Edgar Tufts, preaching a comforting sermon to those who partook with him of the sacred emblems of the Lord's Supper, the pastor, the night before, preaching about the "mote" and the "beam." The lesson striking home we "Rockers" too often apt to find a "mote" in our neighbor's eye, when, lo! and behold there is a "beam" in our own eye! On Sunday night Mr. Tufts secured as preacher, Doctor Rondthaler president of Moravian College at Salem and son of a well known bishop of that church, the Doctor preaching to an excellent congregation, the subject of his discourse Christ's lesson of humble service in washing the feet of his disciples, emphasizing the truth that it is not our serving Christ, but His serving us that counts in the long run, his hearers greatly impressed by the preacher's words.

Among the newest arrivals of cottagers are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hovey of Spartanburg at their attractive summer home Edgewood, also Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clark and children of Clarksdale, Miss., at Laurel Spring, the former W. G. Randall home, now owned by the Stringfellow, a lovely view of Chetola with its placid lake to be had from the verandah, this the Clark's second season there.

Elliott Daingerfield, well known New York artist with Mrs. Daingerfield and their daughters, Misses Margery and Gwendolyn are at Windwood, their charming summer home, Mr. Daingerfield however, having recently purchased property on the Yonahlossee road where he is making a beautiful home-place to be called Westglow, the situation a striking one, the view exquisite.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin and Master Sam of Lenoir, and Mrs. S. M. Clark, Mrs. Martin's mother arrived on the Blue Ridge last week and are getting their elegant Guest House ready for the season, now near at hand and prophesied to prove a record-breaker.

Carroll Greene, son of the late Albert Greene, and grand-son of Benjamin Greene, Esq., is busy getting his mother's cottage in readiness for summer occupancy, Mrs. Greene making her winter home at Vallec Crucis, where she has an important position in the Industrial School.

The refreshing two day's rain last week did a wonderful amount of good hereabout, this the first for nearly three weeks, the grass and other crops suffering greatly from the almost unprecedented drought at this season, the recent rains having saved much valuable vegetation from an "untimely death."

The mayor and his wide-awake councilmen are contemplating great improvements for the material welfare of our town in the clouds, the walks to be neatly lined and sanded, needed curbing put down, broken down fences removed, street lamps put in shape and lighted on dark nights, a neat stand erected on the public square where our Band Boys in uniforms and looking their handsomest, will, on warm summer evenings discourse sweet music, the Saturday afternoon, concerts, no doubt, drawing crowds of country people who after a weary day trading at our well-stocked stores, will enjoy the music and return to their homes the happier and better satisfied with their quiet home life for having heard our boys play their best.

Mrs. Fritz Newland is up getting her cottage ready for the season, having rented it to the Connellys of Statesville.

Mr. George Moore, manager of the Blowing Rock Hotel is here getting that popular resort ready for the reception of guests.

Among the welcome week-end guests here recently were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Todd of Lenoir, Mrs.

Todd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Hovey spent several days at Watauga Inn while opening their cottage. Mrs. Young of Charlotte is at Fernwood, the attractive home of Mrs. E. G. Norvell. Messrs John Smith and Hawkins of Yadkin Valley spent Sunday here. John Hagaman, the well known mill-man and manufacturer of Patterson has recently made a couple of visits to our town, Mr. Hagaman getting many orders from our contractors which Hagaman appreciates and does his best to please his customers.

Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler were stopping at Grand View House, where Mrs. H. W. Weedon is ready for her quota of pleased summer tourists.

Voters are respectfully requested by the friends of Hon. M. L. Shipman to check his name on their ballot, Saturday, June 3rd, for Commissioner of Labor and printing. He is serving his second term and is the only editor whose name has been entered as a Democratic candidate for any State office this year.

Enemies and Friends.

On Saturday, May 20, some enemy of Mr. R. L. Wagner, put fire to the fence around his corn field and pasture lands. The fire was not discovered until it had destroyed about 300 panels. Many responded to the cry for help, but before they could conquer the fire it had burned over a large boundary of timber, and destroyed a big bunch of boards. The guilty party has not yet been clearly discovered, but it is hoped that he may be caught and punished by and according to law.

On Friday, May 26, a large number of men and boys gathered and worked faithfully at cutting timber, splitting rails and starting the fence until they were invited to the house where dinner was awaiting. Twenty-nine parter took of the good dinner, which seemed to be much enjoyed by all. After dinner they again returned to their task and by hard and faithful work they completed the entire line of fence by 4:30 in the afternoon, and you may imagine they received a great many thanks from the entire family for their brave deed. Surely God will bestow a rich blessing upon each and every one who were present.

So, thanking them all again, I close.

MINNIE WAGNER.
Stony Fork, N. C.

Taken With Croup.

"A few nights ago one of my patrons had a child taken with croup," writes M. T. Davis, merchant Bearville, West Va. "About midnight he came to my store and bought a bottle of Foley and Tar Compound. Before morning the child was entirely recovered." Many such letters have been written. M. B. Blackburn.

NOTICE.

This is to give notice to all concerned that I have sold my entire capital stock in the Sands Mercantile Co. to D. C. Coffey and J. A. Norris and that I will not be responsible for any debts due by said co. or any debts due said co. unless presented before the expiration of this notice 30 days from date of same. May 29, 1916
T. M. MORETZ, Sands, N. C.

Entry Notice No. 2596.

State of North Carolina Watauga co. Office of entry taker for said county Willie W. Miller locates and enters twenty five (25) acres of land in Meat Camp township on the waters of Meat Camp creek. Beginning on a chestnut at a stake corner of a tract known as the Hannah Campbell land in Caleb Winebargers line, running W with her line to Franklin Miller's line cross ing a branch, then NW with said Miller's line to Woodring's line and various courses for complement so as to include all vacant land adjoining said named tract and other adjoining tracts. Entered May 29, 1916.
H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA



LOSING MONEY.

The man who carries currency around in his pocket to pay bills with is apt to lose it.

Better pay by check, it will make you economical and methodical.

Bank of Blowing Rock

has a place for your account in its books, and a check book is ready for you. Do It Now.

Merchants
and
Farmers!

You are especially invited to come to Riverside to supply your needs in Groceries Flour, Corn, Oats, Salt, Tobacco, Hardware, Spach Wagons, Corn Drills and other Farming Implements, Fertilizers, Acid Phosphate and Rock Lime. We keep these constantly on hand, and at attractive prices, and by trading with us you save money for your own pockets. When you once give us a trial, we claim you as a regular customer.

Bring us your produce, we pay highest price. We also handle Cross Ties, Tan Bark and Lumber.

Yates Bros.,
RIVERSIDE, N. C.

Notice of Sale.

North Carolina, Watauga County, J. O. Culver, et al, vs Will Reese, et al.

I, C. J. Cottrell, having been appointed as commissioner to sell the following described land in Cove Creek Township Watauga county North Carolina and adjoining the lands of J. O. Culver, James Isaacs and a land known as the McGuire mill property, and contains 2 acres more or less. In compliance with the order of the superior court appointing me, the undersigned, I will on the first Monday in June 1916 it being the 5 day of June 1916, sell to the highest bidder for cash the land above described at 1 o'clock p. m. at the court house door in Boone, This the 22 day of April 1916.

C. J. COTTRELL, Com.,

NOTICE.

The undersigned having been appointed and duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Landrine Eggers, deceased all persons having any claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before him on or before May 1, 1917 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment This 27th day of April 1916.

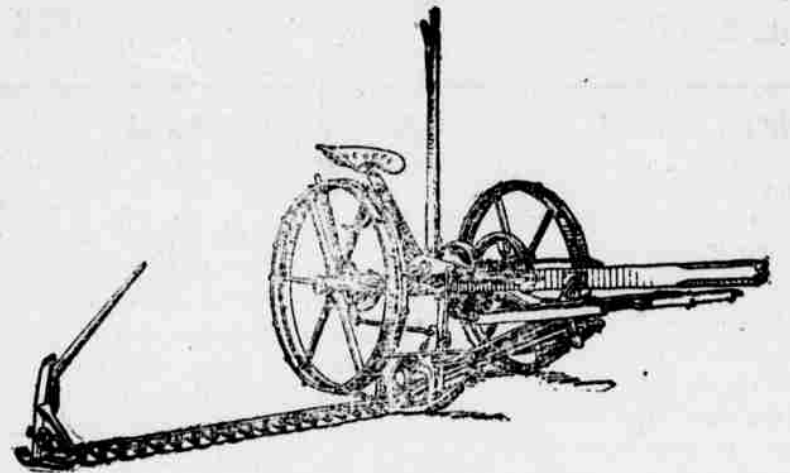
E. R. EGGERS,
Adm'r of Landrine Eggers.

King Spears.

The celebrated saddle stallion, King Spears, will be in Watauga again this Spring, and will make the circuit from the Finley farm on Meat Camp.

HARRISON BAKER.

McCormick Mowers
and Reapers



We have a car load of McCormick Mowers and Binders at last years prices. All Agricultural Machinery is bound to go higher so if you contemplate buying a mower DO IT NOW.

Get The Best.

BERNHARDT-SEAGLE CO
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL HARDWARE AND FURNITURE
LENOIR, - - - - - NORTH CAROLINA.

Ho! For 1916.

This Space Always for What
You Need.

The year 1915 having past, and the undersigned having been fairly successful in business, is therefore stimulated to renewed energies. So I announce to the general public that when you are in need of anything in merchandise you can do no better than call on me. A full line of fresh groceries always on hand and at the right price.

A Complete Line of Hardware

always kept on hand. Hardware is indispensable. You can find it at my place of business to your liking. You will find my line of farming implements most complete. Farmer's Friend and Oliver Chilled Plows and repairs always on hand.

Men's Hats and Caps.

kept in stock in great variety and prices. Dry Goods and Notions are something that everyone must have, so this department is very strong. Lowest possible prices.

SHOES!

Shoes have been worn in some form or other since the creation of man to the present, and I feel sure that I keep the best assortment handled in all this section, so it is to your interest to come to me for your footwear. It is not necessary to multiply words, a thorough trial purchase should suffice.

M. B. BLACBURN,
BOONE, - N. C.

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That I am prepared to save you money on every purchase you make from me? My line of goods is complete, and nothing more than a reasonable price is ever charged. Call, investigate, and see if this isn't true. I can supply your wants in dry goods of all kinds, Groceries, Foot-wear, (the best on the markets,) Hardware, etc. etc. If you are not one of my customers I want you to begin now.

Your Produce Wanted.

We pay the highest market prices for your butter, chickens, eggs, corn, hams and other good county produce.

Dont fail to see me for plows and plow repairs. A large supply kept constantly on hand.

J. S. WINKLER