

It now seems that war between the United States and Mexico is imminent. Carranza, the President of Mexico, has demanded of President Wilson the immediate withdrawal of our troops, now in Mexico in pursuit of the bandit Villa and his followers who committed the terrible depredations at Columbus, New Mexico. President Wilson, who has, during his entire administration, tried to avert any serious trouble with Mexico, has sternly refused to comply with the demands of the bewiskered Chief Executive of Mexico, and has caused to be mobilized for protection along the border, the militia in the various States, which means approximately 800,000 trained men, who can be called into immediate action, should the defacto government of Mexico decide to try to expel our soldiers from that territory. Lumber for bridges to span the Rio Grande, has been rushed to the border to be used for transporting into Mexico, our men, horses, artillery, etc. So it is now up to Mr. Carranza to say whether or not two great republic shall be engulfed in war. The thoughts of war are indeed repulsive and horrifying to our people, but at this time forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, and if war must come, the United States is ready.

Both of the National Conventions are now things of the eternal past, and, as candidates for the Presidency, probably two of the best men to be found within the bounds of the United States has been chosen, and now the great battle for ballots at the November election is on. The record of President Wilson for a little more than three years, is an open book to the country and all the Democrats and some of the Republicans will gladly support him for a second term, thinking that as he has, thus far, steered the old Ship of State clear of the rocks of foreign entanglements it would be running too great a risk to change the Chief Executive at this crucial period. The Republican nominee, Justice C. E. Hughes, resigned from the Supreme court bench of the United States, and twice governor of the great State of New York, is decidedly the strongest man the party could produce. He is a man of marked ability, and we have yet to see the first charge preferred against him, even by the most strenuous Democratic papers. But even admitting that he is the equal of his opponent in many respects, would it be the part of wisdom for the people of the United States to elect him President when the legislation enacted by the present administration has brought unprecedented prosperity to this country, and the splendid diplomacy of Woodrow Wilson having, thus far, kept us out of the European war? Verily not. We have often said, and repeat it again, that if Col. Roosevelt were president, and had done for the people of this country what Wilson has, we would vote for him, regardless of the fact that we have always considered it a very great privilege to vote the entire Democratic ticket from township constable up to President. This is one time, assuredly, that every American citizen should study well the situation before casting his ballot. It seems to us that the defeat of Wilson at this time, would not only be a national but a world-wide calamity.

—Miss Verlie Winkler, who has been engaged in the milinery business in Charlotte for several months, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Winkler, near the village, where she will spend her summer vacation.

BLOWING ROCK BREEZES.

Last Sunday the Episcopal church was open in the morning, and at night the Baptist church, good congregations in attendance upon both services.

On Saturday night Rev. Walter Adams preached in the Reading Room, his sermon an earnest message to the sinner, his remarks based upon 14 chapter of John. Brother Savage presided at the organ.

On Saturday afternoon the children had their monthly play in the Reading Room, entertainment committee: Mrs. John S. Williams, Miss Marjory Williams and Miss Alma Benfield.

Mrs. D. M. Ausley of Statesville accompanied by her daughter, Miss Mary and a friend, Miss Love of Statesville arrived last week at the Carter Cottage which the Ausleys have rented for the season, and are a welcome addition to the charming summer colony here.

Miss Julia Henderson, one of Globe's fair daughters, is with Miss Thompson at her summer camp for girls, Miss Thompson having purchased the former Walter Winkler home on South Side, overlooking the beautiful valley of the John's.

A Tribe of Lone Scouts is being formed by the boys on the Cone Estate, led by Paul Greene, the first Lone Scout hereabout being Claude Buff, son of our valued townsman, John Buff, Esq., Claud having joined soon after the order was established, in October 1915 by W. D. Boyce, the newspaper man of Chicago, who organized in 1910 the Boy Scouts of America and thought up this new order which any boy can join taking the three degrees with slight effort, no expense and much good to himself and others, the Lone Scout motto "Do a useful thing each day." Claude Buff, Blowing Rock, will answer inquiries regarding this excellent order, the official organ of the organization being 'Lone Scout' an interesting and instructive illustrated paper for boys whether Lone Scouts or not.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Crump, a worthy couple of the Rocky Knob neighborhood, were in town on Monday and reported quite a party of cherry-gatherers at their home last Saturday, among them Mr. and Mrs. Frank Estes of John's River and Mr. Jonathan Walters of this town.

Correspondent is in trouble again, having mentioned in rather complimentary words a certain young man of this town whose modesty is commendable, for, when he saw his name in print he was so mortified that he swore an oath and vowed vengeance on poor old correspondent's head, at least so "the boys" tell it, but you know "boys will be boys" and don't always stick closely to the unvarnished truth when a departure therefrom will make a joke sound more attractive.

Mr. John Ford, an enterprising citizen of the growing settlement of Bailey's Camp, has taken in partnership our George E. Coffey, and together have opened a fine repair shop on Palmer Street to be known as the Ford and Coffey Garage, where all kinds of automobile repairing will be done the firm having recently put in a water tank with outfit for washing cars and buggies.

Our esteemed citizen, John F. Cox, Esq. has just recovered from quite an attack of indisposition, but is now able to be at his black smith and wheelwright shop on Benfield Avenue where all work in his line is done well at reasonable rates, his son Hill assisting him.

Our young friend, Fred Benfield, after an absence from town has returned, much to the delight of his many friends, indeed "Fred" is a great favorite with everybody.

Our expert cabinet-maker, LeRoy S. Bollinger, ex-postmaster of this town and veteran of the Spanish-American war, has just

"UNCLE JOE."

There used to be a familiar figure at Blowing Rock, in Watauga county, N. C., one which, since it has ceased to move in and out among us, has been missed sadly not alone by residents but summer visitors as well, who, the next season after Uncle Joe's death felt "lost without the dear old man," the place "not the same now," one "charming character left out of the book of Blowing Rock's present day doings," etc., etc., until we, who were so accustomed to the stout figure of our "grand old man," the broad-brimmed hat shading the beaming countenance which looked satisfaction behind the clouds of ascending smoke issuing from a long-stemmed clay pipe—we, who were accustomed to the presence of dear Uncle Joe Clark and his faithful wife, "Aunt Lou," as everybody called her, failed to appreciate fully the especial blessing of their presence until they had gone, the one to the Spirit Land where he awaits the Resurrection Day, the other to distant relatives who "wanted the dear lonely soul to live with them the remainder of her days."

Joseph Bogle Clark, a descendant of Daniel Boone, inherited some of the sturdy qualities of that brave pioneer and was looked upon as not only an upright man and mason but, in his daily walk acting as such. Few men loved masonry as did Uncle Joe, few knew it as thoroughly as he did, few were as eager for the order to grow and be in the community a power for good, because he loved not only masonry but Masons, setting all an example of what a true Mason should be. Always at the post of duty, never discouraged because some took but little apparent interest in Masonry, he attended Lodge regularly, no matter what the weather might be, in storm of rain or snow, whether cold or warm, if one would climb the steps of the Lodge Room he would find "dear Uncle Joe" as he is yet affectionately spoken of, sitting by the stove, pipe in mouth, clouds of smoke issuing from beneath the broad-brimmed hat, a welcoming smile lighting up the rounded face, while a hearty grip sealed the welcome to the late comer, who was needed perhaps, to complete the mystic number required for a communication. For many years a subscriber to the Orphan's Friend, always an interested reader of its columns, Uncle Joe kept informed as to the doings of Masonry outside the little domain over which he ruled as King of Hearts, the hearts of Men.

WM. R. SAVAGE.



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Entry Notice No. 2536.

State of North Carolina Watauga county 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 crossing a branch, then N W with said Miller's line to Woodring's line and various courses for compliment so as to include all vacant land adjoining said named tract and other adjoining tracts. Entered May 29, 1916.

H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Notice of Publication.

North Carolina Watauga county. In the Superior court before the clerk A. A. Greene and E. A. Adams VS. Walter Green, Nellie Hodges Lethia Green and husband, Millard Green Dorris Green, Charlie Green, Willie Green, Clayton Green, and Millard Green, general guardian of Lethia Green.

The defendants Walter Green, Nellie Hodges, Lethia Green, Millard Green Dorris Green and Charlie Green will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Watauga county for the purpose of selling certain real estate for partition, said real estate being fully described in the petition in this cause and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the clerk of the superior court for Watauga county at his office in Boone, on the 6th day of July 1916 and answer or demur to the petition of the petitioners or the relief prayed for in said petition will be granted. This the 10th day of June 1916.

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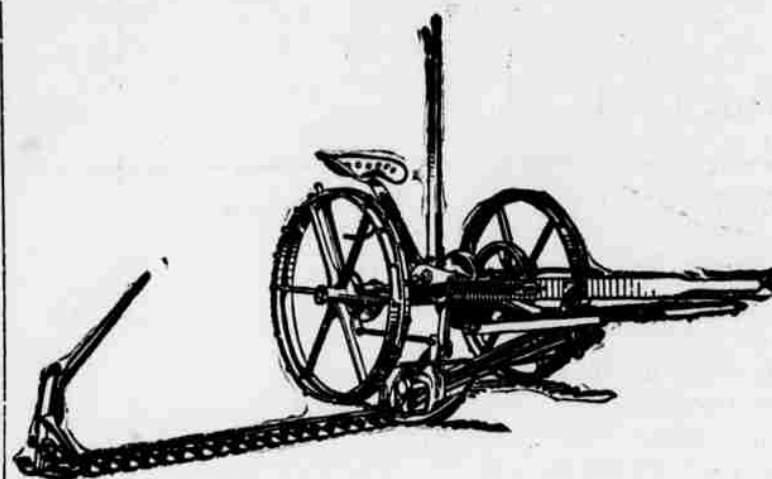
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