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## Asheville Letter

Items of Interest from the Mountain Metropolis

A Weekly Report for Readers of the News.

By our regular correspondent.

Petitions have been received by the Board of County Commissioners from the school districts of North Fork and Barnardsville, in the township of Big Ivy, this county, asking permission to hold an election and vote a special school tax. The funds to be derived from the special taxation are to be devoted to the improvement of the schools in their district. Special elections are to be held in five other school districts in this county this month to vote on the question of a special tax, and from present indications the question will be settled and carried in every district.

The historic old Buck hotel will soon be no more. A force of workmen are now engaged in tearing down this one time popular hostelry. A new and modern hotel will be erected on its site and will be run as a strictly first class commercial house. The new building will be three stories high, constructed of brick, and will be equipped with every convenience to accommodate the traveling public. A new commercial house in Asheville will be gladly welcomed by the traveling men of this section and the people of the city.

F. M. Stevens who was recently acquitted of the charge of murder of one Caleb Lee has received several anonymous communications in which he has been advised to leave Asheville. One of the letters was worded in rather forcible language and called him a liar and a murderer. Mr. Stevens apparently takes these letters seriously and has stated that he will be on his guard.

Owing to the crumbling of a portion of the brick foundation under the annex of the Swannanoa Hotel, that part of the building is being unused, due to the uncertainty as to further crumbling of the foundation walls. Although eight days have elapsed since the walls began to crumble, nothing has been done further than to rope off the street adjoining the annex, and await for developments to see whether the damages are irreparable or not.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Lillie Pfafflin, wife of H. A. Pfafflin, the well known druggist here, were conducted from the late home 44 North French Broad Avenue Wednesday morning, Rev. F. M. Campbell pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Pfafflin's former home was in Indianapolis Ind., but for a number of years have resided here. The deceased had been ill for a long time and the end was not unexpected.

The county records show that within the past twelve months fifty-five suits for damages have been instituted against the Southern Railway. Several of these cases are to be tried at this month's term of Superior court.

It is stated at the Baltimore Hospital that the amputation of Engineer Rousche's leg will not be necessary, and his ultimate recovery from injuries received in the wreck

at Swannanoa is expected. Engineer Dan Keever of train No. 11, also badly hurt at the time of the wreck, has left the hospital and was taken to his home in Salisbury. It is stated that he will shortly be able to assume his duties.

Robt. Ledford, a white boy, met with a serious accident Wednesday afternoon by falling into an excavation being made for the new telephone building on Walnut street. Young Ledford fell a distance of ten or twelve feet and stuck on his back against a ten inch stake that had been driven into the ground. It was at first thought that his back was broken but it later developed that such was not the case.

The latest development in the Republican pie counter scramble is a charge against District Attorney Helton, by the already indicted Blackburn, to the effect that the said Helton, had willfully, knowingly and intentionally charged up a \$4.00 a day hotel bill when the bill in question was in reality only \$2.00 a day. This makes most interesting reading for the Republican "outs" for the above mentioned overcharge is alleged to have been made by Helton when turning in his list of expenses for his stay in Asheville.

The much talked of Wiley Black case was disposed of at this term of Federal court. Mr. Black was charged with irregularities in operating his distillery on Valley St. A number of barrels of whisky were taken by the revenue officers from the Black distillery at the time of the raid and were later sold at public auction to the highest bidder. The distillery for the past two months has been closed, pending the decision of the court as to the alleged guilt of the defendant. Mr. Black was represented by attorneys W. P. Brown, Col. Lusk and Thos. S. Rollings. After two hours deliberation the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The question now which most interests Mr. Black is "who will pay for the liquor confiscated and sold under the direction of collector Harkins?" Mr. Black talks of instituting proceedings against Collector Harkins for the recovery of damages, but up to the present writing no action has been taken.

R. M. Ramsey, of the Asheville Dray Co., who was burned about the hands and face several days ago by having his clothes catch on fire while working around a gasoline engine at his wood yard on Depot street, is reported to be painfully but not seriously burned and is able to be up and about.

One of the largest fines imposed on a prisoner in the police court for some time occurred several days ago when Arthur Hamlin was fined \$125 and costs for carrying a pistol and resisting an officer. The arrest was made in the "Red Light" district on Mountain street, and is reported to have been a most lively tussle for the officers to land the gentleman and his gun in the lock-up.

Geo. Fowler, an employee at the Hans Rees Tannery, had his hand crushed in the machinery while at his work. An amputation was necessary. The operation was performed at the Biltmore Hospital, and it was found necessary to amputate the entire hand as it was crushed up as far as the wrist.

Last month there were two hundred and forty deeds of conveyance filed at the office of the register of deeds of this county. This is an increase of more than one hundred real estate deals for the same

month in 1905. The real estate market is very brisk this year and a great deal of business is being transacted.

The Haywood White Sulphur Springs Hotel, near Waynesville, has been leased by two well known hotel men of this city, Jas. L. and D. M. Alexander.

At the last meeting of the board of Aldermen they decided the all-absorbing question that our most efficient chief of police need not wear a uniform unless he so desires.  
L. R. D.

### AN OBJECT LESSON.

**Congressman Williams' Bill to Amend the Tariff Law.**

As an object lesson to the voters, Representative John Sharp Williams, the Democratic leader in congress, has introduced a bill to amend the tariff law that would reduce the duties on all articles wherever in the aggregate they amount to more than 100 per cent of that figure. He was asked his motive in doing so and if he had any real idea that the bill could pass.

"The president of the United States, as I understand it," he said, "puts his advocacy of protectionism upon the ground that it is right and proper that there should be a duty on imported articles sufficient to make up the difference between the scale of foreign labor and a right American wage standard. As this is the last ditch, I thought I would see by the introduction of a bill in this congress whether or not it was a pretense or a real conviction upon the part of those who use it as an argument."

"It strikes me that the labor cost of no article will or can ever exceed its entire cost. I don't believe that any one will deny that proposition. I have therefore introduced a bill to reduce the tariff duty wherever it is over 100 per cent to 100 per cent, thus leaving a taxation condition under which undoubtedly not only the whole difference between American labor and foreign labor has been made up by a tax upon the consumer, but where the entire labor cost has been taxed to the consumer."

Mr. Williams seems to think that a Republican who is sincere in his advocacy of the tariff upon the idea that it really does benefit labor and that the justification for its existence is the benefit to labor must be satisfied with a tax which includes the entire labor cost of articles imported untaxed.

### The Mother of Trusts.

Sugar has always been the great obstacle to revising the tariff, and, as the head of the sugar trust said the tariff is the mother of trusts, the first trust to receive attention should be the sugar trust. Of course it is to the advantage of the sugar trust to buy raw sugar in the cheapest market and pay no duty on it and then after refining it to sell it to the American consumer at the highest possible price, but just low enough for foreign refined sugar not to be imported and compete with the trust product. The protection on refined sugar allows the trust to charge nearly double what it is worth, and this is shown by the fact that refined sugar in England sells for but little more than half what it sells for in the United States. Thus the tariff allows the trusts to tax us a great deal more than the tariff tax we pay on raw sugar to the government, and the Republican congress upholds this plundering by refusing to revise the tariff.

Apparently the only tie that binds the President and Mr. Tillman is the railroad tie.

### Torture By Savages.

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Foreigners in China fear that the Boxers will give way to the Sluggers any moment.

From the "most reliable reports," it appears that there will, and there will not be a coal strike.

Mr. Taft wants an army big enough to harmonize with a bulky Secretary of War, but we can't afford such luxuries.

During his services as pilot for the railroad rate bill, Senator Tillman will probably substitute the cow-catcher for the pitchfork.

One New York paper refers to Mr. Jerome as a "stick of dynamite." We move to amend, by striking out the words "of dynamite."

In Savannah, Ga., several people died recently after partaking of pork. In Congress it has been known to bring on enlargement of the heart.

Britain encourages France to fight if necessary. Doubtless France recognizes that it is a good deal easier to do the encouraging than it is to do the fighting.

No matter how they may differ with regard to other question, in the Orient, the powers are practically a unit now in wishing that China may not wake up too much.

Captain Hobson declares that Japan shall not be permitted to turn China into a great military nation. The Dowager Empress will kiss him if he don't watch out.

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We trust that Representative J. Warren Keifer, will pause long enough in his efforts to reduce the representation from the Southern states on account of their alleged treatment of the negro, to read the very exciting news that was sent over the wires from Springfield, Ohio.

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