

Boone, N. C.
Jan. 14 1889.

Editor of the DEMOCRAT:
Many of the citizens of Watauga County have enquired about the discovery of a silver mine on J. D. Bryan's lands, five miles West of Boone on the Valle Crucis road. As I have no doubt but it will be of great interest to the county generally, and to the parties directly interested, I will, through your paper, give a short history of its discovery and the apparent extent of the mine etc.

In Aug. last, Mr. J. D. Bryan, the owner of the property, brought me a small sample of rock taken from a massive cliff called "Huskey" (My old friend Alfred Hatley says the proper name for the cliff is Huskinson, named for an old hunter, who lived many years ago near this cliff.) Mr. Bryan had made an effort to smelt this rock of ore in a blacksmith shop, but failed to succeed. On examination of the ore I suspected it to be silver. Mr. B. then proposed that we should send it to H. B. Battle experiment station Raleigh N. C. Mr. Battle analyzed the rock and reported it contained silver; and requested a better sample, I visited the cliff in a few days after in company with Mr. Bryan and his little son Henry. The only approach to the South Eastern end of the cliff is by an offset along the side of the cliff. We wound our way along this ledge of rocks until we come to a hole in the cliff which extended about 6 feet into the cliff and which seems to have been cut by man, having notches cut in the slope of the cliff for foot holds. This hole, or tunnel in the cliff, is perhaps over two hundred feet above the foot of the cliff and the cliff extends perhaps one hundred feet above the hole. Imagine yourself on a three feet platform standing on a naked cliff nearly perpendicular and over three hundred feet high and wonder if your "head would be level." This hole in the cliff not being large enough for a man weighing 250 lbs Henry Bryan was helped into the hole, with a hammer, and broke from the rock a small piece I brought this home and exhibited it to Gen. C. Leventhorpe. On examination we found threads of Metallic silver in the ore. I suggested to the Gen. to bond the property if he thought it valuable. Gen. L. visited the cliff, and obtained from this same hole a sample of the ore, and sent it to Mr. Battle at Raleigh, and the analysis showed \$205.10 per ton. Mr. Bryan send two other samples from same cliff, which yielded respectively \$356, and \$384 per ton. Gen. Leventhorpe having obtained a bond from Mr. Bryan and having become greatly interested in the prospect of a large silver vein, has visited the property and explored to some extent the location of the vein I have also taken an interest with the Gen. I have visited the locality of the mine frequently, and in company with Mr. Bryan. We find a large vein of the ore exposed by the creek and road crossing at right angles this vein which shows to be 30 or 40 feet wide and perhaps twice as much when developed the

full width. These ores in the vein are the chlorides. The cliffs immediately North of the vein are heavily charged with both metallic silver and the chlorides. The vein runs South of the cliffs for near two miles. cliffs are continuous from "Huskey" West about two miles showing metallic silver. The cliffs show a formation of strata of different qualities. The lower stratum is a dark slaty rock. Then blue slate, decomposed quartz, granite etc. Disintegration of these massive cliffs has fed the springs heading under South side along the cliffs, and by panning these spring branches you can obtain metallic silver in shining particles, the same results can be had from the rock taken from the cliffs. This never fails to obtain some of the precious metal in this way when on the ground of the mines.

can demonstrate to the satisfaction of any one that with an ordinary gold (wash) pan I can make fair wages washing the gravel, in these spring branches. As to the extent of this silver mine it is beyond anything you ever read of out and as to its richness there of. All that will be necessary is for any party interested to come and test for themselves. As to neighboring properties, nothing has been found of consequence, but it is hoped that other places will be discovered that will yield richly.

We sincerely trust and believe, that we have discovered a grand silver deposit, which will eventually be of vast interest to ourselves and country. Mr. J. D. Bryan is especially to be congratulated on his happy hit, as his health has given way and he has a large family of interesting children. Allow me to say in this connection that the counties of Mitchell, Watauga and Ashe, are vastly rich in minerals, and the day will soon be here when these counties will be developed and many will seek their fortunes here, while at present too many of our brightest young men are leaving for other better developed countries, stop young men and think!

D. B. Dougherty.

Dec. 19th. 1888.

Editor of the DEMOCRAT:
Your paper is read by quite a number of the citizens of Alleghany and is spoken of in the highest terms by all who read it, as the very name DEMOCRAT itself notwithstanding the excellent style in which the paper is gotten up, pleases us Alleghanians you know. Our little town and county seems to be prospering, though Harrison is elected, and I am satisfied our "old bachelors" in and around town have not lost all hope as two of them have recently passed over with the realms of matrimony, and they (Dr. Doughton and Prof. Carson) are so exceedingly well pleased and like it so well, that I think others will soon enter into the joys thereof.

One David Clary stole a horse from Mrs. Polly Maxley on the night of the 10th, and was caught by the officer on last Friday on the Wilkes side of the Blue Ridge and placed in Jail to await his trial at the next term of our court. I am informed that he confessed his crime when caught.

Quite a nice time is expected at the exercises of Sparta Institute Wednesday and

Thursday nights. The Institution is prospering under the control of its Principal, Prof. Brown, and we all feel the great good he is doing our town and country, and we insist that the people of our county especially, turn their attention more to the building up and strengthening of this institution in every possible way.

Rather too much "moonshine licker" from Wilkes coming into Alleghany, of course that will all be stopped when the Red legged grasshoppers go in. So may it be.

The United States }
Vs. Procdngs In Rem }
125 gallon Spirits }
One copper still worm }
and cap.

Notice is here by given of the seizure on the 18th. day of January 1889 at Soda Hill N. C. by Deputy Collector A. H. Bard of 125 gallons of Spirits one copper still, worm and cap. Seized as the property of Miles Stout, for violation of Sec. 3453 Revenue Statutes of the U. S. All persons claiming any interest or ownership in said property are required to come forward and claim said property as required by law or the same will be declared forfeited to the U. S. after 30 days from the date hereof, and disposed of as required by Sec. 3460 Revenue Statutes of the United States.
Jan. 23. 1889. E. F. Lovill
3t Dept. Collector.

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5,000 lbs Sole Leather.
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Office at Coffey's Hotel.
Boone, N. C.
June 6. 88.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW.
June 12 1y. Boone, N. C.

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Boone, N. C.

H. K. BOYER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Sparta, N. C.
June 6. 88. 1y.

SCOTT & ERVIN,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Lenoir, N. C.
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ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Lenoir, N. C.
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Western N. C. Division.
Asheville, N. C. June 27 '88

PASSENGER TRAIN SCHEDULE to take effect June 24. '88.

STATIONS.	Head down	West bound
Boston	7 p m	8:30 a m
New York	12:15 m	4:30 p m
Philadelphia	7:20 a m	6:57 p m
Baltimore	9:45 a m	9:42 p m
Washington	11:24 " "	11:00 " "
Lynchburg	5:50 p m	5:10 a m
Danville	8:50 " "	8:05 " "
Richmond	3:10 " "	2:30 " "
Roanoke	9:41 " "	8:50 " "
Wilmington	9:00 a m	
Morhead	5:37 a m	
Goldensboro	2:10 p m	8:10 a m
Raleigh	5:00 " "	1:45 p m
Durham	6:04 " "	3:12 " "
Greensboro	10:45 " "	9:50 a m
Salisbury Ar	12:21 night	11:18 " "

Salisbury Lv	12:45 " "	11:25 " "
Statesville Ar	1:51 a m	12:12 noon
Sewton	2:53 " "	12:55 p m
Nickory	3:20 " "	1:14 p m
Conley spring	3:43 " "	1:29 p m
Morgantown Ar	4:12 " "	2:10 p m
Marion	5:07 " "	2:49 p m
Round knob	6:05 " "	3:27 p m
Black mt.	6:46 " "	4:00 p m
Asheville	7:24 " "	4:31 p m
Hot springs	9:15 " "	6:10 p m
Morristown	11:10 " "	7:30 p m
Knoxville	12:45 " "	8:50 p m
Louisville		7:55 a m
Cincinnati		11:55 a m
Chicago		6:55 p m
St. Louis		8:00 p m

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Waynesville Ar 10:53 a m
Charleston " 3:05 p m
Tarrets " "

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Boston	3:00 p m	9:00 p m
New York	6:00 a m	1:49 " "
Philadelphia	3:00 a m	10:21 a m
Baltimore	9:00 p m	8:25 a m
Washington	7:30 p m	7:00 a m
Lynchburg	12:45 noon	12:10 " "
Danville	9:47 a m	12:00 p m
Richmond	3:35 p m	5:00 a m
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Wilmington	7:40 " "	
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Durham	12:35 p m	4:30 a m
Greensboro	8:00 a m	8:40 p m
Salisbury Lv	6:27 a m	7:15 p m
Salisbury Ar	4:37 a m	6:38 p m
Statesville Lv	3:30 a m	5:56 p m
Newton	2:20 a m	5:12 p m
Nickory	1:50 a m	4:53 p m
Conley spring	1:30 a m	4:37 p m
Morgantown	1:01 a m	4:14 p m
Marion	12:00 night	3:36 p m
Round knob	11:10 p m	2:35 p m
Black mt.	10:34 p m	2:00 p m
Asheville	9:55 p m	1:25 p m
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NOTICE.
Having qualified as administrator of Abram Lewis deceased rate of Watauga County N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned within 12 mo. from the date hereof, or this notice will be plead in bar by this recovery, all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 16th. Jan 1889

Jacob S. Lewis,
Administrator.
E. F. Lovill Atty. 4t.

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W. L. Bryan,
Boone, N. C.
June 10th 88. 1y.