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JAMES C. CLINE,
—ATTORNEY-AT-LAW—
Sugar Grove, ... North Caro.,
Will practice regularly in the courts of Watauga and adjoining counties. Special attention given to the collection of claims.
2-27-'13 1 yr.

VETERINARY SURGERY.
I have been putting much study on this subject; have received my diploma, and am now well equipped for the practice of Veterinary Surgery in all its branches, and am the only one in the county. all on or address me at Vilas, N. . R. F. D. 1.
G. H. HAYES,
Veterinary Surgeon.
5-17-'11.

Dr. E. M. MADRON.
— DENTIST.
Sugar Grove, North Carolina,
All work done under guarantee, and best material used.
1-13-'11.

E. S. COFFEY,
—ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
—BOONE, N. C.—
Prompt attention given to all matters of a legal nature.
Abstracting titles and collection of claims a special ty.
1-1-'11.

Dr. Nat. T. Dulaney
— SPECIALIST —
EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT AND CHEST
EYES EXAMINED FOR GLASSES
FOURTH STREET
Bristol, Tenn.-Va.

EDMUND JONES,
—LAWYER—
—LENOIR, N. C,—
Will Practice Regularly in the Courts of Watauga.
6-1 '11.

L. D. LOWE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
BANNER ELK, N. C.
Will practice in the courts of Watauga, Mitchell and adjoining counties. 7-6-'11

F. A. LINNEY,
—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—
BOONE, N. C.
Will practice in the courts of the 18th Judicial District in all matters of a civil nature.
6-11—1911.

J. C. FLETCHER,
Attorney At Law,
—BOONE, N. C.—
Careful attention given to collections.

E. F. Lovill. W. R. Lovill
Lovill & Lovill
—ATTORNEYS AT LAW—
—BOONE, N. C.—
Special attention given to all business entrusted to their care.
1-9-'10.

SOME EARLY NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY.

The Eleventh of a Series of Historical Articles Written by Attorney L. D. Lowe of Banners Elk for The Democrat

It often happens that an attempted explanation on a given point leads to confusion. The suggestion by one gentleman that I had failed to show that the territory from the Blue Ridge to the Iron Mountain from about 1791 to 1822 belonged to no county in the State when it was annexed to Burke, calls for further explanation from another, and I shall now attempt to make the point clear.

It appears that Washington county, Tennessee, had its existence many years before the State of Tennessee was created, and it was one of the counties of North Carolina, and it further appears that the line of Washington county, as it then existed forms the State line between North Carolina and Tennessee; that the Unaka Mountain, Iron Mountain and Yellow Mountain make a natural boundary line between the two states, and the 25th call in the William Cathcart 50,000-acre grant is "North 24 degrees east 3,098 poles by the Washington county line to a white oak." This line ran a direct course from the Yellow Mountain to the point on Stone Mountain at a place where Watauga River breaks through, and the distance is fourteen miles. It is to be remembered that this is a Burke county grant, dated the 20th of July, 1796, and it followed the identical line as established by the cession act of 1789, when the whole State of Tennessee was ceded to the general government; and as this and a number of other large tracts, aggregate more than 300,000 acres, were granted as Burke county lands, to say nothing of other smaller grants, which were either excepted or overlooked, what reason can one have to suppose that the territory mentioned belonged to no county?

In a suit settled 25 years ago it was shown that the State of North Carolina appointed commissioners to run this line in 1796, and upon the coming in of the report of said commissioners a joint resolution of the general Assembly was adopted on December 7, 1799, ratifying the report of the commissioners. The authorities of the State were too anxious to collect revenues from the lands granted to ignore a portion of her territory as belonging to no county for such a long period.

In the year 1796 Gov. Ashe issued a proclamation announcing "that in pursuance of an Act to provide for the public safety by granting encouragement to certain manufacturers, Jacob Byler, of the county of Buncombe, had exhibited to him a sample of gunpowder, manufactured by him in the year 1795, and also a certificate providing that he had made 363 pounds of good, merchantable rifle gunpowder, and, therefore, he was entitled to the bounty under that act."

It is said that James M. Smith who died in Asheville was the first white child born west of the Blue Ridge in the State of North Carolina.

As the territory west of the Blue Ridge was for a long period very sparsely settled, and as the mountain chain formed a great barrier to civilization for lack of means of communication, public highways were difficult to construct, labor being hard to get and what gunpowder was manufactured was consumed by the hunters and as a means of common defense against Indians, but few mountain passes were trimmed out across the backbone of the Great Blue Ridge, and the mountaineers contented themselves almost in a state of seclusion, and lived as nearly in touch with nature as possible. Without a sufficiency of powder or other explosives and with but little labor for building roads, it was impossible to construct roads in many places, and especially along the streams leading from the crest of the Blue Ridge to the low lands on either side.

The first wagon passed from North Carolina to Tennessee, by the Warm Springs, in 1795. The Territorial Assembly of Tennessee, in June, 1795, appointed commissioners to confer with those of South Carolina, upon the practicability of a road from Buncombe County to Tennessee, and upon the means to construct said road. Afterwards (1826) the Buncombe turnpike was commenced and the first toll-gate erected in 1827, and at the time this was considered one of the best pieces of the mountains.

(To be continued.)

The Watauga County Mid-Summer Conference.

A great meeting of citizens of Watauga and adjacent counties will be held in Blowing Rock August 22nd-23rd, this summer. This Conference is gotten up and financed by these people, themselves. Addresses by progressive thinkers, statesmen of modern ideas and scientists will be made each day of the meeting. Speakers of known reputation and great ability have been carefully selected and secured to make these addresses. Sanitation in the home, in the school, in the place of business and elsewhere; education in the larger sense, social science, the free press, political morality and other subjects will be discussed by these specialists.

This occasion will be an historic event of wide moment. We, the people of this section, believe in all true progress safeguarded by correct morals and healthy conduct; but we believe it is for us to work out our own salvation, and that we, ourselves, are the supreme arbiters of our own destiny.

PROGRAM.

List of Speakers who Have Promised to be Present and Make Addresses.

Dr. James I. Vance, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Vance is a masterful man. He is one of the foremost thinkers and preacher of our generation. As an orator he stands foremost. Dr. Vance is a minister in the Southern Church and one of the most widely known in that Denomination.

Hon. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem.

Mr. Patterson is a man of large native force. Though modest and free from self-seeking, he is by virtue of great learning and integrity of character, at the top of the legal profession in North Carolina, of which he is an honored member. As a speaker, he is attractive and forcible.

Dr. Brod Peacock, High Point.

Dr. Peacock is the scholar in the legal profession. For many years he was a powerful and constructive force in the education of the women of the State. He is a fine scholar in Napoleonic Literature and a most elegant orator.

Hon. E. J. Justice, Greensboro.

Mr. Justice is a leader of modern political thought, with a righteous regard for those who have kept public faith with public promises, but without any reverence for the "tempory notorious and the illustrious obscure." He is clean and strong, and can make a speech.

Wiley H. Swift, Greensboro.

Swift was born and raised in Watauga County, North Carolina and was educated at the State University. He is a success in all of his undertakings. Nature was ample in his making. At first a teacher of pure ideals; then a lawyer in whom there is no guile, and with all the leader of civic righteousness in our State. You will hear of him.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble University of N. C.

Prof. Noble is head of the Department of Pedagogy in our State University, at Chapel Hill, and is a teacher of recognized strength and ability. As a versatile man and platform orator he is one of the most prominent in the county. The Midsummer Conference itself fortunate in securing him to make an address.

Dr. W. P. Reeves, Greensboro.

Dr. Reeves is a young man, but in his professional years he has done a high order of work. He is one of the up-to-date Nose and Throat Surgeons of the whole country, and the whole country, yes, each individual, would be benefitted by hearing his lectures. In an illustrated lecture on the Nose and Throat, he has enabled the people who know nothing of medicine, to thoroughly understand the importance of Nose Breathing.

Dr. Charles G. Vardell, Red Springs.

Dr. Vardell is head of Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music Red Spring, N. C., one of the leading colleges for women in North Carolina He is a strong man and forceful speaker. His address before the Conference will be heard with a great deal of interest.

The Committes hope to have addresses in addition to above by Dr. I. W. Faison, Charlotte, N. C., Col. Wade Harris, Charlotte, N. C., Dr. Hubert Royster, Raleigh, N. C., and Senator Lee S. Overman.

Program Committee:
W. W. STRINGFLLOW, Chm.
THOMAS H. COFFEY.
HON. LINDSAY PATTERSON,
Master of Ceremonies.

Postmaster Antome Deloria, Garden, Mich., speaks of the guidance of those troubled with kidney and bladder irregularities, and says: "From my own experience I can recommend Foley Kidney Pills. My father also was cured of kidney disease and many neighbors were cured by Foley Kidney Pills." For sale by al. dealers.

"Were all medicines as meritorious as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy the world would be much better off and the percentage of suffering greatly decreased," writes Lindsay Scott, of Temple, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county, in the Superior Court. Before the clerk
George R. Clarke, administrator of J. B. Clarke, George R. Clarke and S. M. Clarke, vs. Lula Clarke, widow and Eugene Clarke, Fred Davis, Nellie Davis, Robert Clarke, Joseph Clarke, Jay clarke, Susan clarke, Frances clarke, Maggie clarke, Ermine clarke, Susan Moore and husband Thomas Moore, Nellie Moore and husband W. M. Moore, clarke Steele, Stuart Steele, John Steele, Nancy Steele, John R. Steele, Mary Ann clarke and F. A. Linney, Guardian Ad Litem.

Pursuant to an order of the Superior court of Watauga County in the above entitled proceeding appointing the undersigned commissioner, on the 25th day of August, 1913, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, on the premises, all the lots and tracts of land in and near the town of Blowing Rock formerly belonging to the late J. B. clarke. Some of the lots lie on the North side of Main Street and near the center of the town of Blowing Rock, and some of the lands lie on the turnpike road near the lands of Rev. J. I. Vance. These lands will be divided into lots and small tracts to suit purchasers: Terms of sale, one third of the purchase price to be paid upon the confirmation of sale, one third in three months and the remainder in six months, with interest on deferred payment. If all the lands are not sold on the first day, or if the weather should be bad and unsuitable for making sale of lands, the sale will be continued from day to day until all of said lots and lands shall be sold. This 31st day of July, 1913.

GEORGE R. CLARKE, com.
L. D. LOWE, Att'y.

North Wilkesboro District Conference.

The third annual session of the North Wilkesboro District Conference convened at Henson's Chapel July 24th and adjourned Saturday afternoon, July 26th. In addition to the routine business there was preaching twice a day beginning Wednesday night by the following preachers: Revs L. B. Hayes, T. J. Houck, J. E. McSwain, Parker Holmes, D. C. Ballard, A. P. Rutledge and B. V. Clarke. On Sunday morning Rev. M. H. Vestal conducted a love feast and preached. Rev. J. G. Holloway preached at 2,'30 o'clock, and Rev. W. C. Jones on Sunday night.

The Conference was well attended, considering the fact that it is a busy season on the farms. Quite a number of delegates and visitors were present, including some of the Baptist brethren.

A resolution was unanimously passed that the district raise $5,000.00 during the next two years for the building fund of the Jefferson School.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the movement to raise $50,000.00 for the building fund of the Children's Home, and pledging this district to raise not less than $1,500.00 for that purpose.

D. F Mast of Valle Crucis was elected District Lay leader.

Delegates to the annual Conference to be held in Charlotte were elected as follows: A. S. Carson, J. D. Moore, J. S. Stanbury, S. M. Transou; alternates: J. N. Baldwin, J. F. Hardin.

North Wilkesboro, Sutherland, Sparta and Helton churches each invited the next session of the District Conference, but after a spirited contest, Helton was chosen as the next meeting place.

Resolutions endorsing the work of the Presiding Elder, Rev. H. M. Vestal, and asking for his return for another year were unanimously adopted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hickman, of Hudson, N. C, were present, visiting their son, Rev. J. I. Hickman, pastor of the Watauga circuit.

Misses Ila and Fannie Bagby, daughters of Rev. W. M. Bagby, of Montezuma, were present during the session.

Prof. Wade H. Eller of Helton, was present in the interest of Trinity College, and represented it splendidly.

Dock Carson, the genial and popular editor of the Alleghany Star, was on hand, rather dividing his time between the Conference and soliciting subscriptions to his good paper, and, from appearances, was a success at both.

It is generally conceded that no church or community ever entertained a conference or other public gathering, in a more royal manner than did the people of Henson's Chapel and Cove Creek. Instead of considering it a burden, those good people seemed to consider it a great pleasure to entertain each and every visitor. Hospitality abounded. Welcome was the watch word of every home. Contentment and plenty marked the community. It is a good place. Thrift and independence characterize the people. It is a fine type; and we predict great things for the children of such a people. It was our good fortune to spend one night during the great occasion at the hospitable home of Mr. J. W. Horton, whose son Don, had made one of our family during his senior year at the Appalachian Training School. One visit to that [illegible] leaves a desire [illegible] to return there, as the [illegible] abounded.

FOLEY [illegible]

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

Miss Anna Proffitt of Elberton Ga, and Mr. Ed Wakefield of Lenoir were married recently in that town.

The Seaford Express says that last fall, Mr. J. A. Underwood sowed half bushel of wheat and harvested 25 bushels this summer.

Dr. John W. McPherson of Haw River, Alamance county, committed suicide by cutting his throat. Domestic troubles the cause.

It has been decided that the battle ship Oregon will the first to pass through the Panama Canal and Secretary Daniels is to be aboard.

The Steele Hosiery Mill in Statesville was burned Monday. The loss is estimated at $21,000 with $13,000 insurance. Origin of fire unknown.

Nearly 50,000 Indian children in the United States attended school last year, the most of them going to the government schools.

The Highlander, published at Shelby by Mr. B. H. DePriest, and which is now weekly is soon to go into a semi-weekly. Much success to the splendid publication.

Miss Mary Miller, of Lenoir, who was, until her health failed, stenographer for Mr. W. J. Grandin, President of the Grandin Lumber Co., died last Thursday morning at her home in Lenoir.

Mr. Clarenc Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, was unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Press Association, at its annual meeting in Asheville last week.

John P. Murphy, of Knoxville, Tenn., has been appointed post master of the United States Senate. He was for years publisher of the Knoxville Mercury, Mayor of Knoxville and a Tennessee Legislator.

"The Program Clock," invented and patented by Lewis D. Giddens of Wilson, are to be manufactured in that town. A stock company has been organized with an authorized capital of $100,000.

Mr. Wiley H. Swift, of Greensboro, but a native of Watauga, Field Secretary of the North Carolina Child Labor Committee, has closed a contract with the American Lyceum Institute of Washington, D. C., a series of lectures on "The Farm Versus the Mill for the Child."

"Tales of Honey and Tar" From West to East.

Wm. Lee, Paskenta, Calif., says: "It gives universal satisfaction and I use only Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for my childrdn." E. C. Rhodes, Middleton, Ga., writes: "I had a racking lagrippe cough and finally got relief taking Foley's Honey and Tar compound." Use no other in your family and refuse substitutes. For sale by all dealers.

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned."

"Yes," replied a member of the Carson trust. "He was probably thinking about the fire insurance."—Washington Star.

Flying Men Fall

victims to stomach, kidney and liver troubles just like the other people, with like results in loss of appetite, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there is no need [illegible] like that as T. D. Peebles, [illegible] Tenn., proved, [illegible]