

# The Watauga Democrat,

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## The Billion Dollar Congress.

Few people comprehend the vast amount of money it takes to constitute a billion dollars, and are therefore unable to fully realize the utter recklessness, and criminal extravagance of the last Republican Congress.

If the government had given every man, woman and child, black and white, in the United States fifteen dollars each, it would not have amounted to one billion dollars. A billion dollars would support five hundred thousand families, of four persons each for over one year, allowing five dollars per day for each family. It would furnish a capital of five thousand dollars each on which to commence business, for two hundred thousand young men. Loaned at six per cent it would draw sixty million dollars interest per annum. If in silver, it would weigh fifty-eight million, nine hundred and twenty-eight thousand, five hundred and seventy-one lbs. If the dollars were placed edge to edge, they would make a belt around the globe. Stacked up in a single column, the billion dollars would reach fourteen hundred miles high. One billion dollars, in one dollar bills, would make a carpet for over two thousand acres of land. It would buy clothing sufficient to last ten million men one year. It would purchase a one thousand dollar farm for one million of poor men. One hundred men earning a salary of ten thousand dollars per year each, would have to work one thousand years to earn a billion dollars. It would take a man four hundred and twenty-eight years to count it, at the rate of one dollar per second. It is said that one billion of dollars would pay for all the damage that has ever been done by fire in any part of the world. And yet some people wonder why the Republican party was almost swept from the face of the earth in the last election. The billion of dollars that they so recklessly appropriated was the peoples' money, wrung from them by remorseless taxation to whose burdens the Republican party has always added when it has been in full power. And when we reflect that in addition to the wicked waste of the peoples' money, they tried to fasten an election law upon the people that would have taken away their right to hold, superintend and certify the result of the election, and place it in the hands of United States Deputy Marshals, the only surprise is that anybody can now be found to advocate their cause. Are not all these things enough to warn all good men of the danger of farther entrusting the Republican party with power? We pause for a reply.

Republican editors and stump speakers have been saying that none of the necessities of life are higher now than they were before the passage of the McKinley bill. If

these gentlemen are honest in their statements they will find that somebody has imposed on them, when they go to buy their winter carpets, as the price of carpets are from 15 to 25 percent more this fall than they were last year at the same time. This is a fact that any dealer in carpets will verify.

From Wake Forest N. C.

Editor Democrat:

No time seems so long as the time one is awaiting something. This is especially true in travelling when a person has to wait hours and hours for a train. After a pleasant night at Mr. King Farthing's, Bell soon rushed into Lenoir, where I had to stay until four o'clock before a train went towards Hickory. At the latter place, the electric lights were driving away the darkness, when the conductor pulled bell rope and shouted "all aboard." Quite a sensation was produced on the train by a rumor that four men had been arrested and brought to Newton, three white men and a negro, and the negro told that he helped the white men move the rails on the bridge near Statesville, which caused the wreck some weeks ago. Of course the matter was thoroughly discussed by the passengers. The opinions differed greatly among them. Some did not think the bridge was in any way tampered with, and that the wreck was caused by rotten ties. It is the general belief that the ten thousand dollars reward offered by the rail-road company is only a blind. I have been on the lookout for some report in the papers of the arrest of these men, and the only thing that I have seen, so far, is that one man was arrested and brought to Newton for rocking the train.

I took a ride on the new electric street cars in Raleigh, and was reminded of what the Chinaman said of the cars in Asheville. The two John Chinamen, of Asheville, were standing on the sidewalk watching a street car whiz by, when one in great excitement exclaimed, "No pushee no pullee. Run like hellee."

I was exceedingly glad to get back to old Wake Forest and clasp the hands of old friends and make the acquaintance of new students. The buildings have been painted and pencilled and look as though they had just left the hands of the builders. A friend, who is an ardent admirer of the fair sex, declared that paint helped every thing except a woman.

The people of the village are kinder to the boys than usual. They give, on Thursdays of the second week, a reception to the boys. A nice stand was made under one of the large oaks in the campus and loaded down with ice cream, cakes and such refreshments. A committee was appointed to introduce the new students to the young ladies and their fathers and mothers. A more enjoyable occasion has seldom been seen here. Although I arrived several days afterwards, praises of the kindness of the people were on the lips of all the boys. The next Saturday Prof. Johnson threw open the gates of his vineyard, and invited everybody to feast on his luscious grapes. A sociable was given by the students last Tuesday night

in the society halls. Amid all this pleasure, there has been a bit of sorrow caused by the departure of Prof. G. W. Green and family for China. Instead of the regular sermon Sunday, Mr. Green gave a very brief account of his life, particularizing on the impression he had from time to time of his duty to go and preach to the benighted heathen. When a poor boy he came here to school, and by the aid of friends he struggled through college, then went to the Seminary at Greenville, S. C. He says he was impressed then to go to some foreign field, but his health was too poor. He soon married, and his wife's health soon gave away, and still kept him from going. He was Professor of Latin here last year, and before he had scarcely entered upon his work, his dear wife was taken to a better home. It was then he said that something told him to go to China. He was appointed last June by the Missionary Board at Richmond, Va., to take charge of the work at Canton, China. Miss Vallie Page, of Raleigh, had a short time before been accepted as a missionary to the same country. These two sacrificing souls thought their lives would be happier, and their work for the Master more acceptable, if they would join themselves together in that divine union of souls, marriage. They left Monday for San Francisco, Cal., from which city they will take a steamer for Canton, China. Prof. Green has been long a faithful worker in ministerial and educational matters, and has spent the greater part of his life in Western North Carolina, where he has endeared himself into the hearts of those people who give him up with sorrow. While instructor here, he won the affections of his classes. His farewell to them was very touching. "I shall long remember," said he, "how each one recited, and where he sat, and if I never see you again, I hope you will remember me at a throne of grace."

D. D. D.

From Hope, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Editor:—

Thinking a few lines from Northern Idaho might be of interest to you and your readers, I will proceed to tell you about a romantic reunion which took place last Thursday at Bonner's Ferry.

A Chinook Indian and a Siawash squaw who had been separated for years, folded each other in their arms and shed tears of joy, vowing never to be parted again. The hero is known here as "Siawash Charley" and the heroine as "Alaska Mary." It seems that they had lived at Victoria three years ago. The homes of their people were close together, and during the long winter days and short nights the couple told tales of love to each other. Mary's parents objected to the attention of Charley and locked up, or tied the girl. Then it was that Charley lost his grip, that is, he lost all interest in life and ceased to hunt and fish. He sent word to Mary that unless she escaped from her home and fled with him he would put an end to his own life. Mary sent him back word to brace up, be of good cheer, go to Idaho and she would join him there as soon as possible.

ble. This was nearly three years ago, and last week Murray arrived on the steamer from British Columbia attired in a red skirt, pale blue basque, a shawl that would beat Joseph's coat for variety of colors, and Indian beads enough to sink a canoe. So much for the reunion.

The natives here have a peculiar way of doing everything. If a couple becomes attached to each other the buck gives up all his trinkets or stuff to the squaw's parents as a evidence that they will stick. If it is not consistent with their parents wishes they run away; then a kiss, a loving embrace and that settles it. I would prefer the latter way of doing business with these people. I will never put my stock on any legal proposition with them.

I must tell you this is the boss country for game. Last Friday a friend and I were traveling together for mutual protection. Not a half mile from town we spied a bear, and after a careful examination at a safe distance, we decided to administer to him a dose of cold lead. Upon approaching we found that the dose had, accidentally killed. We took bruin back to town. He weighed nearly one hundred pounds and was in fine condition. What brought him to this nick of the woods is a mystery. Perhaps he, like me, was there for the benefit of his stomach.

Flies and mosquitoes are not so plentiful here now. The cold September wind blows through their whiskers, and knocks them out of tune. For sometime I have been thinking I would make my escape from this arctic region to a warmer climate, though they are coming smoother enough now. A porter house bear steak is not so bad as it might be. Many is the time I have gone on less down in North Carolina. With regards for you and the DEMOCRAT I will stop.

W. A. M.

P. S. Real estate and undeveloped prospect are on a boom. Sometime ago I sold a fine lot near Lake Pend D Oreille for a five dollar note.

## LAND SALE.

In and by virtue of a certain mortgage deed executed on the 20th of Aug. '84, by C. Martin Rimer and wife Mary Rimer to the late Phineas and A. H. Horton both deceased; and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga county, in book "B", pages 234 and 235, we will, on Friday, Oct. 16, 1891, at the court house door in the town of Boone, offer for sale at public auction for cash all the interest of C. Martin Rimer and wife Mary Rimer, in a certain tract of land in Watauga county in Elk township, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a rock on the top of a small knob near the Mary cabin, John R. Hodges and E. H. Rimer's corner and runs north 30 west with the top of the ridge 30 poles to a dogwood, then N. 70 west 20 poles to a small ash at the branch in the corn field and then up the meanders of an branch, 30 poles to a black walnut sprout, then north 84 west 14 poles to a small dogwood on top of ridge, then south 45 west with the ridge 60 poles to a spruce oak, then south 40 west with the ridge 52 poles to a stake in Eli Rimer's line, then east with his line 75 poles to a white pine, John R. Hodges' corner, then S. 50 poles to a bench on the bank of a ravine, branch, then up the meanders of the west prong of said branch to a stake, J. R. Hodges' corner, then with ad. Hodges line a north east direction to the beginning, S. L. Patterson adm. of Phineas Horton; Mary V. and H. V. Horton adm's of A. H. Horton, Sept. 14, 1891.

W. H. Fowler Atty.

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