

Boone Mar 28 - 99

Dear Daugh I have just written to Blaw
in answer to his letter, B is alright but wants
some money now. I do not see how I am to
collect for him several owe him but no chance
now to collect. He writes that he will have to have
\$60. to get away from university Have you
ever collected any from McConnell of Jefferson?

Our Legislature has app^{ro} \$100,000 additional
School fund Have reorganized the School Law
elected a Bd of School Directors for each County
Dr Adams Prof Stanam & L G Maxwell are elected
for Watanga. There is an impression among
our people that will return to Watanga and build
up a school at Boone with B. It is taken for
granted by the people that this is a fact and
I am often asked about it. but I can't tell
them anything for I know nothing. Dr Adams
was here a few days ago and requested me to write
you and B both as he wants his Bd. to elect either
of you as Sup^r says the people desire this and
that he is for either of you and for you & B
to decide the matter whether either will accept
the Sup^r place, of course I have no choice
but would be pleased for either of you to have
the place Dr says it will pay from \$2 to \$4
per day (I have not read the school law myself)
Write me how you feel on this school matter and
also about the Superintendent's place.

A school here conducted by you & B would be well sustained in my opinion, the finest opening I think any where now consider this and let us know your desires

I jump from the Boonville in Bristol & elsewhere in Tenn, you will be able to see your Bristol property without loss. Look well to this and "strike while the iron is hot."

We have had the most disagreeable winter I ever experienced in my life, the rain & mud have been so excessive and continuous that it has been impossible to do any business out of door.

I am more on a mineral boom than common I will not spend any money however but will spend some time to look about. Joe writes me several letters recently on the Swift place and country it looks like they have found the country from maps they have sent me. I have been instructing them how to find the furnace, they have found the two Licks Remarkable Rock, Holly Thicket, Bala Mt, Water Fall & C. Sighting the Swift map nicely. I will not describe other important mineral interest recently discovered in which there may be nothing in and yet it may prove a "Banaga". The only trouble the man is so unreliable, he shows fine samples and tells me where he found them if he is truthful. This sorry fellow shows me a piece of Tellurium ore with a

fine nugget of gold about the size of a pea and
solid tells me where he picked it up in the road
from a black vein. Has been back and says he
found a nugget about one oz. I will go with
him to morrow only 6 or 7 miles and take
a look. The ore is all right but what about
the man, here is the cause of many doubts, I am
quite hard to fool in my old days.

I have three important samples of tin & silver
ores now at the experiment station at Raleigh
you analyses have a letter from Chemist
saying he would analyse them this week
they may not be any thing I hope however
they will prove out valuable

Good prospects to sell Big bridge mine Mrs
Leventhorpe says, her price is \$50,000 this
don't give me much encouragement

Write me at once about matters, especially
of the Sun Beam, & of your school aids
I advice for you to do the best you
can for your self let it be where ever
you are or can get all well but not
she grunts muchly. She sends love to you all
and wants to see Lillie & Clara.

Bonner is now a whapper and is very inter-
esting little fellow

If I succeed in getting a
good vein of tin &
tellurium ores I will be in the light

Your Pa

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