

Watauga Democrat.

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Town and County

Lost! Boone in the mud.
Needed! More public spirit in Boone.

Health of the country is first-rate now.

Send us the news from your neighborhood.

Wanted! Help to get Boone up, out of the mud.

H. C. Martin, of Lenoir, is headquarters for Hardware

Mr. W. B. Councill, Jr., is on a trip to Lenoir this week.

W. R. Lovill and company start for Idaho about the 15th. of March.

It's all over town so we need make no secret of it. What? Why—MUD.

The choir meets now on Saturday nights instead of Thursday nights. All invited.

A big revival in progress at Poplar Grove this week, conducted by Rev. Mr. Eller.

We want a smart boy at this office to learn printing. Apply at once in person or by letter.

You need not be surprised to hear of half a dozen more weddings within the next two or three weeks.

If you are not taking the DEMOCRAT subscribe for it at once. It only costs you one dollar a year, and can be paid for in advance.

When you come to Boone go to Coffey's and get you a side of harness leather and fix up your harness for spring and summer work—they keep a first-rate article.

We understand that Messrs. Edmiston, of Blowing Rock, have sold their boarding house to a gentleman by the name of Moore, from S. C.

When you go to Lenoir, be sure and give Harper, Bernhardt & Co., a call. They have just what you want and sell it cheap.

Miss Cora Bryan, one of Boone's most fascinating young ladies, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Morphew, of Marion, N. C., will probably return home next week.

Last Sunday Rev. E. F. Jones rode 8 miles, married a couple, baptized six applicants and preached one of his best sermons and got through before 1 o'clock.

Married last Sunday morning at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Randy Taylor, by Rev. E. F. Jones, Mr. John Winkler to Miss Lela Taylor. The DEMOCRAT extends a hand of congratulation.

Misses Emma Winkler, Blanche Hagaman, with Tommie Vandyke and three others, whose names we do not now remember, were baptized in New River at the second ford below Three Forks Church last Sunday.

We are glad to see Aunt Malinda Horton back in Watauga. She comes over to make garden—rather early though, we think. She and Col. who have spent the winter on the Yadkin, will return to their home on New River in a few weeks.

A few years ago a drummer was a thing almost unknown in this county; now you can scarcely look out without seeing one stuck in the mud. One of the most gentlemanly of that excellent class spent last Sunday in Boone, went to church Sunday night, and actually stuck so securely in the mud that he had to sacrifice a shoe to get out.

The matrimonial fever has struck this country a mighty blow; on every hand we hear of them marrying or about to do so. Now this is a good sign; it denotes thrift and prosperity. We know something in this connection that we are "just dying to tell" but are afraid we might be accounted "a little too previous," so we'll let next Wednesday tell its own story.

There are a number of citizens of Watauga and adjoining counties who are still owing the DEMOCRAT. Gentlemen, it's not much, but we need it and will take any kind of country produce we can use, allowing the highest market price for it. Bring corn, wheat, rye, oats, bacon, pork, lard or molasses, or we would take the money rather than be counted particular.

Mrs. Boyden and family, accompanied by Miss Emma Councill, left Boone Tuesday for Salisbury, where Mrs. Boyden will make her future home. It is with general regret that Boone gives Mrs. Boyden up. She is a most amiable lady and carries with her the warm friendship and good wishes of the citizens of Boone. We wish Miss Emma a pleasant visit, and that it may not be too long.

Some one who ought to be in the penitentiary entered Mr. Asa Hartley's apple house last Wednesday night, took a bushel or two of nice apples, some canned fruit and a sheep skin. And on Thursday night Mr. Joshua Winkler had a fine mare, saddle and bridle stolen. The mare is a large dark bay with mane mostly rubbed off. It's thought the thief went in the direction of Elk Park.

When you mention the improving of the streets to the citizens of Boone, most of them say, "Well it ought to be done, and I'm willing to help if everybody will go into it, but it's too much for a few of us to undertake, and besides times are very close now any way." The above and similar expressions are the answers one gets. But you offer one of these men a horse or a cow or even a farm at a bargain and see how quickly he forgets his poverty—he never thinks of waiting for his neighbors to join him in the enterprise; and yet he doesn't need the horse or cow or farm, and his family doesn't need it. It does not add one single comfort to himself or family—usually a burden, and yet this goes on from year to year while the wife and daughters, for a large part of the year are deprived of the privilege of attending church or Sunday School or visiting a neighbor, without endangering their health by wading the mud and water. Some men seem to think more of their horses and cattle and lands than they do of their wives and children.

The season for sugar-making is approaching.

Rev. I. W. Thomas preached a good sermon at the Baptist Church on Sunday night last.

We learn, through a letter from Representative Crisp that the Legislature has repealed the law providing for Normal Schools, and established in its stead a Teachers' Institute for each county appropriating the same sum of money—\$10,000—for the Institutes, that was allowed the Normal Schools.

Every Legislature seems to feel specially called on to revise the school law. The proposition now is to add agriculture—we suppose by this is meant agricultural chemistry to the list of studies. Would it not be well to add also the Hebrew and Chinese languages? Some of these boys from the public schools are certain to make ministers and will need the Hebrew. And as ministers go to China and find it difficult to learn the Chinese language, it ought, by all means, to be taught to them before they go, in our public schools. And aside from these pressing necessities, our teachers are too well paid, unless they have more work to do. They hardly have as many studies to teach now as they receive dollars for the work—let the Legislature increase the number of studies until that is the case.

TWO NOBLE WOMEN GONE.—Mrs. Alice Gentry, who died at her home in Sparta, was a high-toned, cultivated, consecrated Christian lady—one worth much to society, her family and the church, and her loss in Sparta and in Alleghany county will long be felt.

Mrs. E. L. Vaughan's death, which occurred on the 8th instant, seemed to be a surprise to every one, as she was remarkably stout and healthy. We had the pleasure of spending several days, a few years ago, in her happy home, of which she seemed to be the acknowledged center. We have traveled around a good deal and a kinder, more self-sacrificing lady it has never been our pleasure to know. A devoted wife and mother, a faithful friend and a devout Christian.

Truly, Alleghany county has lost two of her best women. We extend our sympathies.

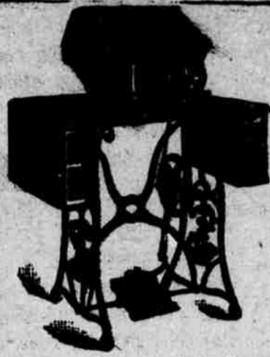
Only one more week for Grover.

This space belongs to Joe B. Clarke, who has no time for writing an advertisement, he only wishes to inform his customers that he has some goods still on hand, which he is selling very low for cash or good produce. All persons indebted to him are respectfully asked to come forward at once and make settlement, as the old accounts must be settled before new ones are made. Thanking his friends for past patronage, I hope by fair dealing to merit a continuance of the trade I now enjoy. Wishing you all a happy new year, I am yours truly,

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