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LOCAL NEWS.

—Spring is truly here.
 —Fresh supply of canned goods at S. F. Lenoir & Co's.
 —J. F. Hardin has arrived home from the South.
 T. J. & T. F. Coffey are expected home this week or the first of next.
 —Hagaman & Co. have a new supply of groceries, cheap for cash.
 —The finance committee of the county, was in session yesterday.
 —We learn that there is to be a new county formed in Miss. to be called Jeff Davis.
 —I have just received a nice line of groceries. Come and examine them. W. L. Bryan.
 —Roby Long, who has been attending school in Ashe for some months has returned.
 —Do you want your business to prosper, and your trade to increase? If so, advertise.
 —Mrs. Harman, wife of Andy Harman, of Bairds Creek, is very low with pneumonia fever.
 —Rev. E. F. Jones will preach at the Baptist church on next Saturday and Sunday.
 —Our friend L. C. Wilson of Beaver Dams, called on us Monday. Mr. Wilson is a good, progressive citizen.
 —Capt. A. J. Critcher says he will soon have three miles of ditching cut and covered. This sounds like business.
 —Atty. Blackburn is spending a few days in town this week, en-route for Jefferson, where he is thinking of locating.
 —Sheriff J. L. Hayes, says the la grippe has exhausted itself on the rich, and now the poor man is suffering from the dregs, la-bad-cold. He is suffering with the latter.
 —The people of our county will be pleased to hear that Capt. D. P. Mast of Winston N. C., has been elected Mayor of that city. Pat is worthy and popular and is held in high esteem wherever known.
 —It seems that Shif. Pritchard, of Mitchell county, has advertised the entire county for taxes. If the times are as hard and money as scarce, there as they are, Watauga, how will those taxes be paid?
 —Dr. Will Horton, who has been attending Medical Lectures at Baltimore has returned home. We hear that he is suffering from relapse on Grip. "Physician heal thyself."
 —Mr. J. P. Taylor, formerly of this county, but now of Honduras, C. A., has contracted to build 90 miles of road for that government for the sum of \$100,000. He is now employing near 300 hands.

—Mrs. Maggie Boyden of Salisbury, we hear is troubled again with that dreadful disease—neuralgia. We are sorry to hear this, as we hoped the change of climate would be beneficial to her.
 —We hail with much pleasure the *News and Observer*, in its new costume. This is one of our choicest and best State papers, and we are delighted with the change in its appearance.
 —The *Observer* suggests that the picture of Speaker Reed be placed on the new postage stamps, so that those who have the propensity, can get the opportunity of "licking" him.
 —FOR RENT. One good store building, two stories high with basement, and convenient outhouses, in one of the best business localities in the county. For farther particulars address the owner, J. P. Councill, Vilas, N. C.
 —One hundred and twenty five thousand dollars worth of real estate changed hands in Bristol Tenn., one day last week, in one and one half hours. It seems Bristol is to be one of the leading cities of the South.
 —Mr. Calloway Hodges died at his home at Poplar Grove, on the morning of March 7th, aged 48 years. He leaves a wife and eight children in comfortable circumstances, who will sadly miss his protecting care and love.
 —The people of this school district should not forget that Mr. Francum will open the free school at the Academy, on the 24th. All the children should be ready to attend, as the term of free school will only continue until the first of June. Do not forget this.
 —Reports come to us that Julius Triplett struck Ben Sanders on the side of the head, with an axe, and that Sanders is in a very critical condition, without hopes of recovery. A drunken row as usual, was the cause. The affair occurred last week at Rudael's distillery, on Elk, in this county. Reports say that Triplett is hiding.
 —Col. Lemuel Martin, of Wilkesboro, is on a visit to his brother, H. C. Martin, of Blowing Rock. He says the grading on the Wilkesboro railroad is nearly all done, and trains are running now nearly up to Elkin, and will reach Wilkesboro not later than Sept. 1st. The depot, he says will be on north side of river at Wilkesboro. The people of the town are anxious to have the road cross the river, and have the depot in the upper end of town. Mr. Martin says he is of the opinion the company intend to keep on up the north side of the river some where, he is unable to say where.

THE COLORED MAN'S VIEW OF THE WEST.

For the Democrat;
 Never since the days of Elizabeth and King James of England, has there been so much excitement as there is among the colored people of the South. The stories they hear of the lands beyond the Mississippi river exceed those that the good spies brought back to the faint-hearted Israelites while they sojourned in the wilderness, and so exaggerated are their ideas of that land flowing with good things that they think to go there means to amass a fortune equal, if not superior to that of Jay Gould's. They think it a land of ease and abundance, where things grow spontaneously and prosper without care.
 They imagine that corn grows like wild grass and all the other grains, vegetables etc., in proportion; that hogs overrun the country and sheep herd themselves together like rabbits in Australia, while cattle of every kind inhabit the valleys in countless numbers and do most wonderfully reproduce themselves.
 I heard an old darkey say that they told him that when they cut off their pigs tails that they set them in a low marshy place and sometimes as many as three fat hogs would come up from one tail and make the finest pork man "ever stuck his tooth in."
 They suppose tobacco grows like broom-straw and cures and manufactures itself into the finest grades of chewing and smoking tobacco, while the commoner grades are transformed into snuff. The trees of course supply all necessary tooth brushes and pipes of all shapes and sizes that their wild imagination can conceive of.
 As to drinks they suppose that 'corn-licker' of the best quality as well as all other pure drinks flow in perpetual streams down the hillsides.
 The cows, they suppose yield milk, butter or cheese just whichever or whenever they may choose and deposit it in some mysterious manner, without requiring the slow and much despised process of milking, churning etc. so necessary in this State. The fields and woods abound in game and especially noted for 'possums,' coons and rabbits and they will spend the most of their time in hunting them.
 And to sweeten all this they think they will leave the poor, weak, decrepid white man at the verge of starvation; and soon his cries will be heard all over the land; and refuse to be comforted for want of bread; and sooner or later his pride will be turned into humility and he will bow himself down at their feet and implore them with tears streaming down his face to return unto the land of their birth where they were born, sole protectors and supporters, but they (the negroes) will hear them not.
 They have no doubt but that all their children will be born white and become either Congressmen, Senators or Presidents, or if they be girls they will make these most honorable gentlemen noble and virtuous wives. They will then become masters of the United States, and make the white man their most

humble and obedient servants and require them to act as butchers, laborers and groomsmen while they sit in mahogany chairs cushioned with velvet, or recline on beds of eiderdown while some of their former master's children keep the flies off.
 Alas! colored humanity your hopes are as the phantoms of the desert which lead their followers to death.
 V. O. Parker.
 Wake Forest, March 4. '90.
 SANTA BARBARA WAGON ROAD.
 Mr. James P. Taylor has just signed a contract with the Government to construct a wagon road from Conayagua to Santa Barbara, a distance of about 30 leagues. The projected road will go by way of Opotoca, and will pass this famous mining district within one-half league. From there the mountain of Siguatepeque, has to be graded for about four leagues, which distance will present some technical difficulties, owing to the steepness of the mountain. From Siguatepeque the road will pass San Jose, Jaitique, Zacapa, Agua Blanca, Caguaca and Santa Barbara. The road when once concluded will connect the Pacific ports with Santa Barbara, which city is connected with the Atlantic Ocean, by the river Ulua, and which river can be made serviceable for navigation, as soon as some obstructive rocks and sand bars will be removed.—Honduras (C. A.) Progress.

BOONE ACADEMY,
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LAND SALE!
 By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Watauga county, N. C., the undersigned as commissioner, will sell to the highest bidder, at the court house door, in Boone, on the first Monday (the 7th day) of April 1890, the following described tract of land lying on the waters of the North Fork of New River, on the north east side of the Elk Knob, at the base of said Knob, adjoining the lands of Wm. Horton dead heirs and others, known as the Horton sugar camp, containing 75 acres, more or less, and being the lands claimed by the heirs of Nathan Horton dead Terms 1/4 one fourth of the amount to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the other 3/4 three fourths to be secured by note on three months credit. This Feb. 20, 1890. E. F. LOVILL Commissioner.

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