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### LOCAL NEWS.

—Glad to see J. L. Sanders, of Globe, in our town i a s t Saturday and Sunday.

—It now seems evident that work will commence on the new Methodist church here at an early day.

—Have your watches repaired by a practical watch maker. Shop at Bryan Hotel. E. P. CHAFIN, Boone N. C.

—Master Bartlett Bryan, of Globe, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in Boone.

—For rent: One steam saw mill, engine and planing machinery and shingle mill, all in good repair. Call on or apply to W. L. Henson, Amantia, N. C.

—W. L. Bryan spent a day or two with his family last week but has returned to Caldwell where he is engaged in surveying his large boundary of fine timbered lands.

—It is generally believed that there has been more rain and less wind so far, in this month, than has been known for many years in the month of March.

—We are sorry to learn through our Lenoir correspondent that the Rev. J. G. Polliam and family will, in the near future, move to Lenoir. Sorry indeed to lose this estimable family.

—Old friend John Oliver of Cove Creek, died at his home on the 5th inst. in his 62nd year. He was buried on Sunday following; the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. Eller.

—Anderson Danner has been at his old tricks again. This time he appropriated a lot of Henry Pearson's hay, and in consequence he is now in the lock-up awaiting the next term of court.

—Married at the residence of Mr. J. P. Coffey, at Blowing Rock, on the 11th inst., Mr. Jasper Hartley to Miss Ida Gragg, W. D. Clarke officiating. After the marriage the guests were treated to a sumptuous repast.

—The town Marshal asks us to say that all stock running at large within the corporate limits of the town of Boone, will hereafter be impounded, and cost collected for the same. Make a note of this.

—We would be glad if all members of Bald Mountain Lodge, No. 176, I. O. O. F., would be present at our next regular meeting March 27. Important business demands the attention of the brethren. W. C. L. HULCHER, Sec.

—We are sorry indeed to learn that Mrs. Geo. Brown, of Poga, has been seriously ill for some days past. At last account she was thought to be slowly improving, and all who know this good wo-

man sincerely hope that she may soon recover.

—On last Sunday Thomas Isaacs and Miss Addie Lowrance, both of Silvestone, N. C. hied away to "Sweet Tennessee" and were joined in marriage by Rev. Bob Madron, that old champion who has joined in wedlock so many young hearts that had to flee from the Old North State to be "joined".

—Mr. Samuel Brown, of Rutherford, died in his ninety-third year at his home near Brown's Chapel, after an illness of some weeks. In point of honesty, uprightness, faithfulness to duty and goodness none stood better than our aged friend. Beautiful is the thought, that the armor he has worn so faithfully and well, has been laid aside, and that he rests in Heaven. He leaves an aged companion and large family who have the sympathy of all.

—We are informed that the Mormon elders are holding meeting on Meat Camp almost daily, and that some few have espoused their doctrine. On last Sunday the Rev. J. L. Deaton preached a sermon on Mormonism at the Lutheran church on Meat Camp, and we hear that he exposed Mormonism in its true light, as he was among them for a number of years in Washington and others of the Western States, and is thoroughly up on their doctrine.

McGlover, Carter Co., Ky., June 5, 1883.—Proprietors Dr. Hart's Great Relief. Being subject to neuralgia, I obtained a bottle of Dr. Hart's Relief at Patonville last fall, and found it the best remedy I tried for pain. I want to introduce it here. Give me prices, and etc. Address David R. Fisher, Assistant Postmaster.

Messrs. Sanford, Chamberlain & Albers, Gents.—I have been troubled for years with cramps and pains in my body and limbs, and after trying many things, I am clearly of the opinion that your Hart's Great Relief is the best medicine in the world, as it always relieves me in from one to three minutes. I write this that others similarly afflicted may relieve themselves by using it, and also because I feel that it is due to you that this much be said. C. G. Smith, Granger Co., Tennessee.

The Texas Cotton Growers' association adopted resolutions urging farmers to raise more food crops.

Others have found health, vigor and vitality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely has power to help you also. Why not try it?

The municipal election at Charleston, W. Va., resulted in a democratic victory.

## Your Cough,

like a dog's bark, is a sign that there is something foreign around which shouldn't be there. You can quiet the noise, but the danger may be there just the same. SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod-liver Oil is not a cough specific; it does not merely allay the symptoms but it does give such strength to the body that it is able to throw off the disease.

You know the old proverb of "the ounce of prevention?" Don't neglect your cough. A book which will tell you more on the subject sent free on request.

Your druggist keeps Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil. Put up in 32 oz. and \$1.00 sizes.

SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

Letter From Jefferson, N. C. Editor Democrat:

I intended to write you some views of my own on the "Single Tax," but the "Best laid schemes o' mice and men aft gang agle."

"The Legislature of North Carolina," so called, being in power, or supposed to be, has passed and published a law about the courts in this 10th Judicial District and has sent to Pine Bluffs a copy of the law, and Pine showed it to me (he is a capital man) and it says: No, I don't want to say what it says. But I understand from what it does say, that there will be no court at the time fixed by law, but that it is put off a week or so, and takes effect from its ratification, some time the last of February or the early part of March, but I don't know whether it is 1897 or 1899. Suppose it is the latter, as no sensible man or legislature would fix a law at this time of the year so that defendants, or plaintiffs, as to that matter, have business at court on 12th of April, 1897, and come to court on that day and be told by Sturgill that "Blum is wrong and that court does not begin until next Monday."

Of course there are a few, very few, who would not be hard and kick Blackburn and Dixon about it, and I want those few kicked by Blackburn and Dixon on the first Saturday of the big June at Senter. I think it comes the first Sunday in June. I will see Jess McMillan and learn the exact day, so you can attend, either as a spectator or a participant.

This may conflict with our June Special court, or the one that is to follow. I think twenty four weeks after, and I have to rely on Blum's Almanac as to the days of the week, and when the moon changes, and eclipse come, but under this rule the last Legislature has made it look like the moon would go out of business in disgust.

J. W. TODD.

Blood is Life.

It is the medium which carries to every nerve, muscle, organ and fibre its nourishment and strength. If the blood is pure, rich and healthy you will be well; if impure, disease will soon overtake you. Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to keep you in health by making your blood rich and pure.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, biliousness 25c.

Capt. John R. Smith has taken charge of the penitentiary, succeeding Superintendent A. Leazar. He has appointed three bolting pops. McKaskey, Supt. of Calonia farm; Reinhardt, Supt. of Anson farm; Rev. T. W. Babb chaplain.

Lenoir Topic: T. C. Coffey, of Watauga, was in Lenoir one day last week. Before the war he lived in Buncombe county, and had a wide reputation as a fighter. Someone remarked to him the other day that he was said to have paid out \$1,000 in Buncombe for fighting. The old gentleman in reply said he had receipts for \$1,184 thus expended.

State Treasurer Worth when asked what is the total amount of regular, straight and extra appropriations, contained, or made, by this legislature, replied: "Over nine hundred thousand dollars. I will pay the regular and straight ones, and prorate the extra ones."

## Good Blood

Is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep and cures that tired feeling. Remember,

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Is the best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier. Cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

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the like of which was never known in this mountain country before. Beginning on March 8, 1897, this sale will continue for 30 days or longer, during which time my stock of goods will be replenished every few days with good, staple goods which will be sold on a basis of 10 per cent above cost for Cash.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

My stock of goods consists of many articles of great value to the consumer. Good stock of Groceries, Glassware, Tinware, Hardware, Dry Goods, Hats, Notions, Saddles for ladies and gents, Bridles, Blankets, Horse Collars and many other things too tedious to mention.

Look and live! Take care of the cents and the dollars will take care of themselves. Good coffee 6-12 lbs for \$1. Lamp oil 18 sets a gal. nails 2-3-4 to 8ets, iron shoe nails 2 boxes for 5c. Hungarian nails 2 boxes 5c. shoes 25c to 1.50, calico 3 1-2 to 5c, outing flannels best at 6c, best domestic 5 1-2, sheeting 6c, cashmere 8c, fine black satine 9c worth 15c, snow white sugar 6c, 3 1 2 to 4 lbs soda 10c, good glass tumblers 19c a set, tea plates 23 to 30c, pint cups 2c, cocoa dippers 5c, 5lb smoothing iron 19c, carpet tacks 1 doz boxes 9c, and other things at like prices. Come to see me.

ALLEN A. HOLSCLAW, Silver Stone, N. C.

What the Press Has to say About the Farmers' Mutual. The Alleghany Star and Watauga Democrat—Both Patrons.

Alleghany Star: In this issue we publish a letter from Mr. G. V. Brown relative to the promptness with which he gets his money from the Farmers' Mutual through the President C. N. Hunt and Agent Jesse F. Hoskins. We have yet to hear of any loss in the various associations managed by Mr. Hoskins that was straight and honest that was not promptly paid.

We clipped the above from the Alleghany Star whose proprietor has a policy in the Wilkes and Alleghany Branch of the Farmers' Mutual and who has seen its practical workings. The more we see and hear of the Farmers' Mutual the more favorably are we impressed with it. There is no concealment or holding back of anything by Mr. Hoskins or his agents Blair and Wall in presenting it to the people. Their ads are not of the patent medicine kind. For example we have in our hands the original of every letter published in these columns for the curious to examine. The Ad in the Alleghany Star is nothing more nor less than the proceedings of the Wilkes and Alleghany Branch adopted by the members at their first annual meeting.—[DEMOCRAT.

## GOOD TIMES

### WILL NEVER COME TO THE FARMER

AS LONG AS HE SELLS HIS PRODUCE LOW AND BUYS INFERIOR GOODS AT THE PRICES I ASK FOR THOSE FAR SUPERIOR. I am now prepared to sell you the best goods in town or county at the prices usually charged by my competitors for low grade, shoddy "Cheap John" articles.

Hats. Hats. Hats.

I have just received my spring line of LADIES and GENTS HATS, all styles and prices. When you buy your new hat give me a trial.

### Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!

## \$1,000 STOCK AT ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

I WILL NOT SELL YOU ON TIME consequently I have determined not to be under sold by any one. Early and repeated visits will convince you that I mean business.

Thanking you for past favors, I am Very Respectfully,  
M. B. BLACKBURN.

## THE FARMERS MUTUAL Fire, Wind and Lightning Association.

Watauga and Mitchel Branch is now nearing the \$200,000 mark of stock subscribed. A company of the people for the people and by the people, cheaper than the cheapest and safer than the safest. Fair and honorable adjustment without law suits. W. H. Calloway, Pres't. W. L. Bryan, Treas. Supervisors, A. J. Critcher, Jeremiah Harrison, W. C. L. Hulcher, N. L. Mast, H. H. Farthing, W. H. Hardin, J. M. Shull, L. D. Lowe and A. J. Moretz.

Note a few letters from prominent Farmers, Stock Dealers and Lawyers, not admitting of one twentieth part of them

SCOTVILLE, N. C.

DEAR SIR: Replying to your favor of the 8th inst, asking about the workings of the Association, I can do so in no better way than by referring you to the printed proceedings of the first annual meeting of the Association and the comments of the Alleghany Star thereon, which shows that the assessment to pay losses for the first year was but 40 cents on the one thousand dollars, and that every one left the meeting well pleased. I take pleasure in saying that I have known you for a number of years and regard you as a truthful, upright honest man, who will not promise more than you can perform. I regard the Farmers Mutual as a great benefactor extending its influence for good to every section of the State. Wishing you abundant success in all such laudable undertakings as you are now engaged in.

I am most respectfully,  
R. L. DOUGHTON.

WINSTON N. C. August 19th 1896. Jesse F. Hoskins, Esq. Dear Sir:—Since my letter to you of the 22nd of May, '95, I have pretty fully investigated the workings of the Farmers' Mutual and am satisfied that it offers the best and safest insurance that the farmers can take. I now have two policies in it amounting to \$1,200.

Yours Truly,  
D. P. Mast, Atty. at Law.

What two prominent attorneys say:

We, the undersigned, have examined the charter, plans and workings of the Farmers Mutual Fire Association of North Carolina, and find it to be in every way a legal organization. It was chartered by the Legislature of N. C. in 1892-3 and amended in '95, and it is useless to say that any registration is needed in any county in the State. It was organized with marked success by Mr. Hoskins in the most wealthy counties in the State, such as Guilford, Forsythe, Stokes, Wilkes, Alleghany and Ashe, led by the best citizens of each county who control the greater amount of property. One of us has a policy in said Association, and the other would have were his property so situated as to be admitted. Spencer Blackburn, L. D. Lowe, Atty's.

After signing the above, I have more carefully examined the law touching this matter, and I am of the opinion that the plan of insurance is both safe and cheap, and all that is necessary to make it a success in Watauga county is for the good people to insure in the Farmers' Mutual.

L. D. Lowe, Atty. at Law.

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