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### LOCAL NEWS.

—Solicitor Spainhour spent Sunday in town.

—Mrs. T. F. Coffey is visiting at Butler, Tenn.

—Walter Council, we are sorry to state, does not improve.

—Grass has had a back set and is not much better than a month ago.

—The wheat crop on Cove Creek and Watauga River is looking promising.

—Rev. A. L. Stanford will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday night.

—Willett S. Miller has moved his mercantile business from Bamboo to Moretz.

—The fruit is yet safe. Some peaches are killed, apples are not hurt.

—Atty. Frank Linney, son of Hon. R. Z. Linney, was in town a few hours Tuesday.

—Just in, a nice line of Queens' wares all to be sold very low at Moretz and Farthing's.

—Wool, wool! It will pay you to see Thos. L. Critcher before you make any trades of your wool.

—In our next issue will appear a piece in memory of little James Taylor, who died in our town last week.

—Judge Greene is in town as genial as any May day. He came on business and will leave again tomorrow.

—Messrs E. S. and T. F. Coffey and Dr. C. J. Parlier are off to Gate City, Va., to purchase horses for their own use.

—Atty. W. B. Council is stopping for a few days in Salisbury on his return from Raleigh, where he attended the Supreme Court last week.

—Just received 500 dollars worth of Elkin wooler goods yarns &c. at T. L. Critcher's, which will be exchanged for wool as cheap as standard goods can be sold.

—A copy of the Semi-Weekly Visitor, edited by Messrs. Poe and Deal, published at Lenoir, is before us. It is nicely gotten up and we hope it will live long and collect well.

—F. J. Sullivan, of Vilas, N. C., passed through town Monday evening, on his return from New York, where he was called some weeks since on account of his father's death.

—We are in receipt of an invitation to the Commencement exercises of Sutherland Seminary, May the 3rd, and 4th. Hon. R. A. Doughton is to deliver the Annual Address.

—The Supreme court confirms the judgement of the lower court in the case of Thomas Presnell and wife, against Boone Moore and wife for slander, which entitles plaintiffs to \$250 damages.

—Uncle Henry Hardin is quite sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Spainhour, of Sutherland, N. C. His numerous friends here trust that he may soon recover and return home again. Mrs. Hardin is with him.

—Must our "city of the dead" on the hill east of town, go another summer with no fence around it to protect it from the cattle? Friends there are few of us who have not a spot in that little "city" that is to us "hal lowed ground." Most of the lumber for the fence is there. Let us work together and at once put it up.

From Far-away Oklahoma.

Editor Democrat: Kindly permit me to give your readers a short description of this country.

If I am not mistaken, we are about one hundred miles from the railroad, but I consider this the best section for a poor man that I have ever seen. There is plenty of fine land to home-stead; kind people, and by far the best cattle country I have ever seen. It is a fine farming country, and the water is fairly good. Coffer, Indian corn and cane will make more planted on sod land and never worked, than we could make in Watauga with all the work we could do.

Corn is worth 30c.; flour \$1.80; coffee 15c.; bacon 6c.

There is an abundance of small game, such as quail larks, prairie-hens, jack rabbits, etc.

I hope to write you more when I become better posted on this part of the country. We are all well.

Very Truly,  
W. T. Frans.

Elem, Ok.

#### A Doctor's Advice.

"Oh, doctor, what shall I do? No relief yet from my fearful cough." "Use Symphyx, of course madam. No other remedy can possibly cure your cough as quickly. For the pain in your breast, use some of Dr. Hart's Great Relief. A dose of Dr. Hart's Blood and Liver Pills will cure your liver trouble. But, first of all, don't neglect your cough, but use Symphyx, the great cough cure, at once. One dose will relieve you."

#### The New Marshal.

Marshal Milliken took charge of his office at Greensboro court this week. Sam Bradshaw is also there. He is the power behind the throne—greater than the throne itself. He tells who are to be appointed and who are not to be appointed, what to be done and what not to be done. The clerks in the office are still holding down their jobs.—Mascot.



### The Gun Goes Off

instantly when you pull the trigger. So sickness may come on suddenly. But it takes time to load the gun, and it takes time to get ready for those explosions called diseases. Coughs, colds, any "attack," whatever the subject be, often means preceding weakness and poor blood. Are you getting thin? Is your appetite poor? Are you losing that snap, energy and vigor that make "clear-headedness?" Do one thing: build up your whole system with SCOTT'S EMULSION OF Cod-liver Oil. It is the essence of nourishment. It does not nauseate, does not trouble the stomach. And it replaces all that disease robs you of. A book telling more about it sent free. Ask for it. SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

From Penley, N. C.

#### Editor Democrat:

Presuming you are equally glad to hear from one community as another when your paper is received, I send you a few items as I haven't noticed anything from this section for sometime. Hoping they may prove of some interest to the many readers of the Democrat.

Active preparations are being made by the farmers to get the season in. If the weather comes fair, their efforts will shortly be crowned with success. The large rains have done little damage, probably no more than to wash the foot-bridges away.

The mail route from Boone to Patterson, we hear will be changed shortly, so that in returning to Boone, it will go by way of Richland, an office will probably be put there. The inhabitants of that place have had to go seven or eight miles to get their mail, so the change is looked forward to as it will be a great convenience.

Frank Robbins a young man formerly of this place, and who, for sometime past, has been residing at Shull's Mill's, has returned, and is now engaged in the mercantile business. He is a steady young man and much liked by every one. We wish him much success in his undertaking.

Esq. Jim Robbins has returned from a business trip down the Yadkin, where he has been staying for a few days.

The large land survey of the Yadkin River Land Association is in progress again. It will probably take several months to complete the work.

The iron mine situated on the land that was formerly owned by Joshua Curtis, now belonging to E. Moore, of Virginia, is thought by some will be opened up this spring. Judging from indications, it certainly promises to be of special interest in the near future. E. B. S.

#### Spring Requires

That the impurities which have accumulated in your blood during the winter shall be promptly and thoroughly expelled if good health is expected. When the warmer weather comes these impurities are liable to manifest themselves in various ways and often lead to serious illness. Unless the blood is rich and pure that tired feeling will afflict you, your appetite will fail and you will find yourself "all run down." Hood's Sarsaparilla tones and strengthens the system, drives out all impurities and makes pure, rich, healthy blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier and the best spring medicine. Be sure to get only Hood's.

An exchange says Kentucky has a female moon shiner, who for five years has escaped the revenues. It is believed however that they understand her movements, but are so infatuated with her beauty that they will not bring her to justice.

Loftis, N. C., March 7, 1897.—I recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla as a first class blood purifier. My son has taken it for sick headache and bilious colic and it has entirely cured him. He has not had an attack of his former trouble since taking the first bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has also relieved him of catarrh and a cough. Mrs. Julia Whit-wise.

Hood's Pills easy to buy, easy to take, easy in effect. 25c.

About 60,000 people have had their property destroyed and their occupations stopped by the flood in the Mississippi valley.

A miser of Morristown, N. J., recently got sick and was sent to a hospital, was given a bath and died from it. It was the first one he'd had in seven years.

## X-Rays

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Secured by a peculiar Combination, Proportion and Process unknown to others—which naturally and actually produces

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Shown by thousands of honest, voluntary testimonials—which naturally and actually produce

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According to the statements of druggists all over the country. In these three points Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to itself.

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Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

### MORTGAGE LAND SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed to me by C. M. Carlton and wife Elisa, on the 21st day of December 1895, and registered in book E of mortgages page 382 Decr. 26th 1895, to secure the payment of forfeiture and costs in a case wherein I am surety for John Michael for his appearance at Statesville U. S. court, Spring term 1896 and upon his forfeiture the costs were taxed against me to wit \$47.75. I will to satisfy said bill of cost sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Boone on the 26th day of April 1897, the following described tract or boundry of land situated in Watauga county on the waters of Stony Fork in Stony Fork township, adjoining the lands of L. P. Watson and J. C. Watson. Beginning on a poplar on a bank of a branch running west to a black oak, thence north 110 poles to a double chestnut, thence east to a chestnut, thence south to a chestnut, thence north to a chestnut, thence east to a white oak, thence west to the beginning containing 50 acres. This March 17th 1897. J. C. Ray, Mortgagee.

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!

### \$1.00 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. 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.

### HE'S HAPPY, YOU BET.

From the Greensboro Record.  
About the happiest man in attendance upon the closing hours of the Legislature was Jesse F. Hoskins. He has been working to get passed a bill exempting the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. from taxation. He thought it was secure and left last week, but had to return to look after it. However it is now a law and Jesse comes in under the wire in fine shape. The Legislature places the Farmers Mutual on a level with the other benevolent societies like the Odd Fellows, Masons, etc.  
He has a right to feel proud for unquestionably all doubt of the various associations he has with so much hard labor established in the West not being here to stay are eliminated. The excitement over the vote in the Senate Saturday night was but little less than that in the House over the ease bill.

Our countryman has achieved a State reputation for tenacity of purpose determination and success in carrying to a successful termination what he believes to be right. He deserves success and should be congratulated and thanked by all of his farmer friends.

### The Duke and the Farmers Mutual.

From the Twin City Daily.  
Jesse F. Hoskins passed up the Wilkesboro road this morning spreading the good news among the various branch Associations of the "Farmers Mutual" of the valuable legislation he has secured for them. He says the grand principle of his insurance is now legalized, which is as old as time itself, when the Great Law-Giver said: Bear ye one another's burdens," and "not a wave of trouble now rolls over his peaceful breast." Mr. Hoskins manages these Associations with credit to himself and a benefit to the farming class, to which he belongs.

Mr. Hoskins, the General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, says that the Watauga and Mitchell Branch is now approaching closely the \$300,000 mark, and that this Branch taken all in all, would before mid-summer be the ideal one in the State; that the class of stock-holders, as appears by the list, averages up better.—[DEMOCRAT.

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