

The Watauga Democrat.

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Lenoir court next week.
—Miss Carrie Leazer, of Mooresville, who has spent the summer in Boone, left on Tuesday for her home.

—Mrs. J. C. Horton leaves tomorrow to join her husband, Deputy Collector Horton, at Concord, N. C.

—Atty. E. S. Coffey, Receiver of the Linville River Lumber Co., has notice to creditors in this issue. Read it.

—Dr. R. D. Jennings is at the residence of Mr. Jno. F. Hardin, where he will remain a short while practicing dentistry.

—Miss Bettie, daughter of E. C. Allen, of Meat Camp, is very ill with typhoid fever. We hope she will soon recover.

—W. D. Norris has been drawn as a juror for the Federal Court. W. W. Vannoy, formerly drawn, being a Wilkes man.

—Messrs T. J. T. F. and Stuart Coffey are in Virginia buying horses for the Southern market. They are expected home the last of this week.

—A live merchant can always be judged by his efforts to let his patrons know what he has to offer them. See M. B. Blackburn's new "ad" in this issue.

—After tomorrow, the mail will be delivered at the store of Mr. M. B. Blackburn, at the hands of Dr. T. C. Blackburn, or his clerk, W. F. Crowder.

—The fourth, and last Quarterly meeting for Boone circuit will be held in the Methodist church in Boone on Saturday and Sunday the 30th and 31st inst.

—Mr. A. E. Jones, of Meat Camp, had the misfortune to cut his knee very badly on last Thursday while shoeing some oxen. The cut caused the knee to stiffen until he can't walk.

—F. M. Hodges has taken the contract to carry the mail from Lenoir to Blowing Rock (daily). This is our daily route Mr. Hodges has service on, and he is a great success in the mail-route business.

—Revs. Stanford and Greer closed a very interesting protracted meeting at Hopewell on last Sunday. Quite a number of additions to the church. This meeting was quite a success, much good having been done.

—On last Saturday Mrs. Decalb Coffey and daughter, of Shull's Mills, both died; the daughter dying at 10 o'clock and the mother an hour later. Both were buried in the same grave on Monday. Bilious fever is reported as the cause of their death.

—You likely do not want to undertake dyeing your old garments, because you have made failures, but this was with the old-fashioned package dye, that one package colored wool and another cotton. Putnam Fadeless Dyes colors all kinds of fibers at once. You simply boil the goods with the dye and they are made new. You cannot fail in this. Sold by J. A. Edmisten, Blowing Rock.

—Elder E. F. Jones will preach at South Fork church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in this month at 11 a. m. on some of the distinctive doctrines of the Baptist church, including a discussion of the subject of Baptism. Everybody is cordially invited to come and hear a fair discussion of these subjects.

—Ex-Sheriff Hayes, of Watauga, was appointed Special Deputy Collector under the Revenue Agent at Greensboro, by Collector Harkins on Oct. the 1st. Mr. Hayes is a life-long, dyed-in-the-wool Republican, and, as the jobs are to be let to boys of that stripe, we are glad he procured the position. The office, including fees, pays about \$1,800 per year.

—The *Hayseeder*, Sotho Wilson's paper at Raleigh, has reached this office. Mr. Wilson is rather hot in the collar over being dethroned as Railroad Commissioner, and is pouring the "hot shot" into Daniel Russell and Mary Ann Butler. While Wilson mourns and rants, Campbell Caldwell, of Statesville, goes on the even tenor of his way, and holds down the job previously enjoyed by Sotho. Such is life!

—The following is the list of jurors drawn for the next term Watauga Superior Court: B. J. Council, Sr., J. J. Mast, E. C. Moody, T. L. Critcher, G. W. Phillipps, M. L. McNeil, Allen Green, R. K. Hartley, Allen Watson, W. C. Lentz, F. M. Harman, A. L. Harman, John Mast, B. F. Tugman, T. M. Jones, A. E. Wilborn, L. W. Broyhill, Hiram Green, John Green, J. L. Grider, Moses Eller, J. C. J. Lewis, N. L. Mast, J. C. Chapel, R. F. Brotherton, Joel Church, J. R. Grider, H. E. Aldrich, L. L. Coffey, Harley Brown, John S. Ford, J. C. Story, R. H. Castle, G. H. McGlamery, Roby Thomas and John H. South.

PROGRAM.

The Watauga union meeting will convene with Beavercreek church Friday before the 5th Sunday in Oct. 1897. Introductory sermon by Elder David Green.

Organization at 1, p. m. Subjects for discussion.

1st. Is God honored when his people prefer peace to principle, in his service?—R. L. Palmer, James Trivette.

2nd. Are the Lord's people in the possession of the abundant faith that stirred the hearts of the early christians. If not, is it lacking most in people or ministry?—Smith Hagaman, John Mast.

3rd. Is the discipline of the members of our churches such as it should be?—Eld. L. W. Farthing, D. C. Harman.

4th. Does the doctrine of Apostasy honor or dishonor God?—J. F. Davis, W. S. Farthing.

5th. Should ministers of the gospel be given the title "Rev., D. D., L. L. D., &c."—E. F. Jones, W. H. Farthing.

6th. Should we favor pulpit affiliation?—J. H. Farthing, J. M. Harman.

All are invited to come and take part in the meeting, we will keep you and make you feel pleasant.

A. ROTEN
C. S. FARTHING } Com.
G. P. SHERRILL }

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From Vilas, N. C.

Editor Democrat.

The fundamental principles of the American Government is the protection of "life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness," and any law that infringes these reserved rights of the citizens, is an encroachment on the liberty of the masses and a subversion of the principles of protection assured by the Government as its object and end. The late civil war over threw the institution of slavery in the Southern States and the Federal Union declared that involuntary servitude "only for crime" should ever exist in any of the States again; that the far seeing patriotic statesmen of the last legislature of North Carolina controlled by Republicans out-Judas Judas, by slipping gingerly around all the palisades of freedom and raised a system of perpetual, eternal slavery more damnable than any that has yet been scribbled on the statutes of any civilized nation of the earth. This is not direct but indirect unending and eternal slavery. Imprisonment for debt only for fraud or swindling is not legal or admissible but our sagacious legislators very ingeniously and dexterously walked around the debt from the law and substituted an indictment by the grand jury of the county for failure to pay, not a debt, but your taxes by a fixed day or expose yourself to a fine of \$300 and imprisonment. Why wave this fine and imprisonment? Why wave an execution and sale of property for failure to pay taxes? Why commit a crime in law which the constitution expressly forbids in its personal reserved rights, when it declares "no person shall be deprived of liberty except for treason or felony?" Why this unprecedented penalty of exorbitant fine and imprisonment if it does not conceal the slavery wedge intended for the use of these schemes and enemies of liberty and freedom? Why has the penitentiary system so suddenly failed to remain a paying institution? Is it simply because of the prospective increase of convicts (slaves) to be had under the enforcement of this tax law? Certainly Governor Russell is anxious to begin leasing for the State will have no other resource or resort but let every man who will feel safe and dare to take the risk, have all he wants and save the State from bankruptcy. Why bankrupt the State by this extraordinary fine, and unconstitutional imprisonment? The only conceivable answer is somebody wants a few slaves and has read the history of Pequod—Blackmore affairs in New England and proposes to pay a poor man's taxes to a day if he remain in perpetual slavery for if he cannot pay a few dollars tax how can he pay a fine and penalty without perpetual servitude during his real manhood or as long as he is subject to poll tax? Chain gang, the penalty of man for being unable pecuniary to prevent an imaginary legal nosed emancipator. Slavery pure, undefiled un-fading slavery, to every man white or black that fail to pay his taxes to the day. This law should receive the cold shoulder of every man white and black, rich and poor saddle skirted and Indian within the State

in one solid phaloux of deliberate determination say thus far, no further shall your damnable hand and design extend without receiving the just retribution of reward due to all tyrants. "Sic Semper Tyrannis" was the exclamation of John Wilkes Booth but soon it may be the house hold theme of the plebian hordes of the old north State: or a tame quiet submission to the law by the masses and unacknowledgments that they are unworthy of liberty and freedom and truly fit for vassals and slaves in vast numbers to fill the places so lately vacated by the freedom of 1865. This law is composed of 1/8 crow 1/4 buzzard and 1/2 Pequod putrid skunk. Eat if you like the dist. But I say let every plough boy and hod carrier hiss at the dish and names of the men who passed this law as the peers of Nero. Let every teacher in the public schools train their pupils to place their names beside Benedict Arnold. Let every minister of the gospel of our meek and lowly Saviour pronounce in thunder tones on these hypocrites and betrayers of American liberty and freedom, let every honorable solicitor enter a nol prosequitio, let every judge receive the sheriff report and retire to some waiting house, let every man, in every county, in the State declare themselves their own guardians and willing to stand by the State but send an unusual curse to law and the legislature that made it.

MEO VEL MIHI.

Fads in Medicine.

There are fads in medicine as in every thing else and a "new thing" frequently sells for a short time simply because it is new. But in medicine, as in nothing else, the people demand and will be satisfied only with positive, absolute merit. The fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla has stood its ground against all competition, and its sales have never wavered but have remained steadily at the top, demonstrates, beyond any doubt, the intrinsic virtues of this medicine. The new things have come and gone but Hood's Sarsaparilla rests upon the solid foundation of absolute merit and its power to cure, and its sales continue to be the largest in the world.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Mitchell county, In the Superior court. J. N. and Joel Huntsman, trading as Huntsman Bros. & Co., in behalf of themselves and all other creditors who choose to come in and make themselves parties plaintiff, vs. Linville River Lumber Co. In pursuance of a decree of the superior court in the above entitled cause pending in Mitchell county, N. C., whereby the undersigned was appointed receiver to take charge of the property and effects of defendant company, and to notify all creditors of defendant company of the pendency of this action, and the object of the same, and commanding them to come in and make themselves parties to the same, and file their claims on or before the first day of the next term of Mitchell superior court, or otherwise be concluded by judgement and decree. Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the defendant company to come in and make themselves parties to this action which is now pending in the Superior court of Mitchell county, N. C., the same being a general creditors bill, and file their claims against said defendant company on or before the first day of the next term of Mitchell Superior court which convenes on the 29th day of November 1897, or otherwise be concluded by judgement in this action. This Oct. 12, 1897.

E. S. COFFEY,
Receiver of Linville River Lumber Company.

SAY, FRIENDS.

DID YOU KNOW I AM STILL AT MY OLD STAND WITH ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE STOCKS OF General Merchandise IN TOWN?

I have just received my fall and winter stock of CLOTHING Consisting of Suits and Overcoats which will be sold VERY CHEAP.

When you need a pair of Shoes or a good Hat, I have them at HALF THE PRICES others will charge you. I Believe in Quick Sales and Short Profits.

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

Oct. 14.

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For a policy apply to the Local Agent, J. B. Miller, Brookside, N. C., or to the President, Treasurer or any one of the Supervisors.

Boone, N. C., Sept. 6. Office of the Farmers Mutual.

The Notices of the J. P. Council loss have been out only a few days but the stockholders are in paying their assessments heartily and many are sending word that they will be in soon to settle. It is gratifying to see how anxious they are to reinstate a fallen member and neighbor, and I am paying over to Mr. Council the money and taking his receipts. I hear of but little objection to the re-adjustment of the Advisory committee. In fact none, when fully explained, and it is safe to say, that the \$800.00 will be paid. There has been added to the stock over \$300,000 since the Council loss and there is now over \$300,000 of insurance in force making a strong and vigorous association.

W. L. Bryan, Treas.
Jefferson, N. C.,
Aug. 30, 1897.

This is to certify that as Sec. and Treas. of the Ashe Branch of the Farmers' Mutual, I can safely say that it is in a healthy condition. The loss of Dr. R. M. Brooks occurring when there was but \$120,000 of insurance in force caused an assessment of \$3. on the \$1,000, for the first year, after reorganization, which is much larger than the assessments in the adjoining associations. But it is gratifying to state that more than one-half of those assessed have paid up, and the time for doing so is not

near out. It is safe to say that this loss as adjusted will be paid promptly. In evidence of the confidence of the business men in the county in the solvency of this plan of insurance men like Dr. J. O. Wilcox when they paid their assessment took out additional insurance. There is now over \$200,000 of insurance in force in the Ashe Branch. M. F. Smith, Sec. and Treas.

Jefferson, Sept. 2, '97.
Mr. J. F. Hoskins, General Manager Farmers' Mutual.

DEAR SIR:—This is to certify that Mr. M. F. Smith, treasurer of the Ashe Branch some months ago paid over to me \$170.00, the amount for which my furniture was insured, and destroyed by fire, any has today, in lieu of the re-building of my house, turned over all the cash received to date, and the small amounts still due from stockholders the payment of which has been delayed for one cause or another, but a re gradually paying up. Altho my loss was very much greater than the amount, it has been a very substantial aid to me in my distress, and I can but recommend the Farmers' Mutual to all who are in need of cheap and safe insurance.
H. M. Brooks.

Boone, N. C., Sept. 6.

To the above, I respectfully refer the enemies of this plan of insurance, and those of my friends who doubted my being able to extricate these associations from the complications set around them by the old line companies and of their being able to pay off and adjust in their infancy two such large losses. The course all the officers have pursued to achieve such results has been to follow the old Geometrical proposition, "The shortest distance between two points is a straight line" and "hew to the line let the chips fall where they may."
J. F. HOSKINS, Gen. Man.