

**The Watauga Democrat.**

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**LOCAL NEWS.**

—Volume XI, No 1.  
 —The mud is fearful, but the weather is mild.  
 —See Moretz & Farthing's new ad. in this issue.  
 —John M. Barnhardt, of Lenoir, wants lumber. See ad.  
 —Attys. Blackburn and Council, of Jefferson, were in town yesterday.  
 —Wallace Price died at his home on Cove Creek last week after a protracted illness.  
 —Some communications of interest crowded out this week, which was unavoidable.  
 —There was a very pretty Christmas tree in the court house on Christmas eve. All enjoyed it.  
 —Prof. D. D. Dougherty, of Holly Spring College, Tenn., paid his father a short visit last week.  
 —A number of administrators' notices, land sales, etc., appear in this issue. Look them up and read them.  
 —Messrs. T. J. and T. F. Coffey left to-day for the Southern market with a large drove of horses and mules.  
 —Dr. T. C. Blackburn left this morning for Baltimore, Md., where he will take a post graduate course in medicine.  
 —Mrs. Camp, of Pinola, has been visiting in town for some days, the guest of Mrs. W. B. Council, jr. and Mrs. Ed. Coffey.  
 —Mrs. John Brown, of Sands, is very ill with fever. We learn that she is in a very precarious condition and her recovery doubtful.  
 —Commissioners court was in session on last Monday. There were quite a number of our good citizens in town despite the severity of the weather.  
 —The DEMOCRAT extends to its many readers greetings for the New Year, and wishes that much happiness and prosperity may be theirs during the year 1899.  
 —Watauga is not behind by any means in heavy pigs, as Mr. Asa Wilson, of Yerger, killed one a few days ago, ten months old, that tipped the scales at 333½ lbs.  
 —Mr. Jones Cottrell closed his school at Deerfield during the holidays with an entertainment and Christmas tree. Those who attended report a pleasant time.  
 —Miss Minnie Farthing has entered the Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro. Our best wishes go with this bright energetic girl. We feel sure that success will be hers.  
 —Mr. Powel E. Herman, son of E. L. Herman, this county, has entered school at Taylorsville. Young Herman is one of our brightest boys and is destined to make a man of great ability.  
 —Mr. Stuart Coffey left for Raleigh on last Sunday and will enter the A. & M. College in that city for the ensuing session. Stuart is a good boy and we trust he may succeed well with his studies.  
 —Mr. Justin Vassas, of France, the junior member of the firm of Vassas Bros. and

Mr. D. Robinson, of N. Y., Secretary for the Co., are in Boone looking after the interest of their plant here. They will leave for N. Y. early next week.  
 —Thomas Storie and family who moved from Watauga to Texas near a year ago returned last week and are now at their old home on New River. Tom says Watauga is the place for him.  
 —Mrs. I. S. Rambo, of Mountain City, Tenn., spent some days with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coffey, of Boone, leaving for her home on Tuesday of this week. All were pleased to see that excellent lady.  
 —Mr. John Bingham, C. S. C., asks us to say that he has not employed any one to attend to his official business for him, but that he will be there nearly all the time ready to perform the duties of his office.  
 —We are informed that Dr. Hogshead returned from a trip to Saltville and Roanoke, Va., last week, where he relieved two cases of cancer that had baffled the skill of an eminent Baltimore specialist less than two months ago. There is nothing like knowing how to do a thing.  
 —Mrs. Bolinger, a most estimable and good woman, of Blowing Rock, died at her home on last Thursday and was buried on Saturday at the Reform church. She had been sick for about three months. She leaves a large family and a little babe six months old. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.  
 —Hon. W. B. Council, our member of the legislature, is now in Raleigh filling that high position he was so handsomely elected to Nov. 8th. Mr. Council is a man of very great ability, and we predict for him an enviable record. The DEMOCRAT will, from week to week, give its readers in a condensed form, all the acts of that learned body that will be of any interest to them.  
 —We failed to note at the proper time that Mr. J. L. Qualls, a prominent young merchant of Olga, Tenn., was recently married to Miss Cora, daughter of Jacob Haganman, of Beaver Dams. Miss Cora was a graduate and a practical teacher. The DEMOCRAT wishes for her much happiness and congratulates her husband on procuring such a prize from our midst.  
 —On Tuesday evening of this week at 3:30, at the hospitable home of Mrs. Winkler, Mr. R. B. Estes, of Oakland, Oregon, and Miss Fannie, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Winkler, were married, the Rev. Mr. Stanford tying the conjugal knot. The wedding was a private affair, none but the connection being invited. The happy couple left for their far off home early yesterday morning, and the best wishes of all follow them across the continent and trust that the future may have many blessings in store for them.  
 —On Saturday night of last week our old friend D. B. Wagner, of Stony Fork, lost his barn, a fine mare, two good milk cows, a lot of corn, feed, etc. by fire. Messrs Ben. Norris and Isaac Green, who were spending the night with Mr. Wagner, each lost a good saddle horse in the conflagra-

tion. The fire was discovered in the latter part of the night and was, it is said, the work of an incendiary. If such is the case, we hope the arch-fiend who perpetrated the hellish crime may receive all the punishment the law provides for such criminals.  
**A Card of Thanks.**  
 I desire to thank the many friends of Blowing Rock for their kindness shown me during the protracted illness and death of my dear wife. I hope that God will so direct that they will receive the like favors in times of need. May He who rules all things, save them all in the better world, for their happiness and His own glory.  
 S. L. BOLINGER.  
**NOTICE.**  
 Whereas, Jane and E. B. Miller did on the 5th day of August 1892, execute and deliver to Albert R. Shattuck Trustee, a trust deed on certain lands in Watauga county, State of North Carolina therein described, to secure the sum of \$1,300.00 due by said Jane and E. B. Miller to the British & American Mortgage Company, Limited, which said trust deed is recorded in Watauga county in deed book "C" page 577 to which reference is hereby made; and whereas default has been made in the payment of the moneys secured by said trust deed, and the said trustee has been duly requested to execute the trust therein contained;  
 Now Therefore notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of the power contained in said trust deed, I, the undersigned trustee, on the 6th day of Feb. 1899, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., at the court house door in the town of Boone in Watauga county, North Carolina, will, by public auction, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, viz: Four hundred and forty three (443) acres in three tracts: 1st. tract: Two hundred and seventy five (275) acres in Meat Camp township, bounded on the north by the lands of C. Moretz and Mrs. Hauck; on the east by the lands of T. S. Walls; on the south by the lands of J. H. Taylor and on the west by the lands of J. E. Finley and John I. Green; being the lands deeded to Jane Miller, wife of Edmund B. Miller by A. J. Moretz and wife, and fully set out by metes and bounds in the deed recorded in book "P" page 167 of the public records of Watauga county, to which record reference is hereby made. 2nd. tract: One hundred and fifty (150) acres in Bald Mountain township, bounded on the north by the lands of J. W. Finley; on the east by the lands of the heirs of William Norris, and on the south by the lands of E. B. Miller, and on the west by the lands of J. W. Henry Steele, being the lands deeded to Jane Miller, wife of E. B. Miller by the heirs of Joseph Holman, deceased, and fully set out by metes and bounds in deed recorded in book "M" page 272 of the public records of Watauga county to which record reference is hereby made. 3rd. tract: Eighteen (18) acres of land in Bald Mountain township, bounded on the north by the lands of E. B. Miller; on the east by the lands of E. B. Miller; on the south by the lands of the heirs of William Norris and on the west by the lands of J. W. Henry Steele, being a part of the lands deeded to Jane Miller by the heirs of Joseph Holman, dec'd., and fully set out by metes and bounds in deed recorded in book "M" page 272 of the public records of Watauga county, to which record reference is hereby made. Said land will be sold to satisfy the debt secured by said trust deed, and such title will be given as is vested in said trustee.  
 ALBERT R. SHATTUCK, Trustee.

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DON'T DESPAIR!

Go to Friends for Advice;  
 To Women for Comfort;  
 To Strangers for Charity, but  
**FOR BARGAINS GO**  
 to I. N. CORPENING & CO.

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Here Are a few Prices NOT Promises:

Good Green Coffee, 10 cts.  
 Arbuckle's 2 for 25.  
 Light Brown sugar 6 ¼ cts.  
 Granulated Sugar 7 ½ cts.

Our grocery line consists of  
 Choice, Fresh Goods in  
 both Fancy and Heavy  
 Grades, and all  
 .....AT.....  
**Rock Bottom Prices.**  
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IN HARDWARE,

We Simply Knock Down  
 and Drag out Competition.

Genuine Axes .50c.  
 Lasts and stands .30.  
 Farmer's Mixed wire nails 2 ¼  
 Claw Hammers 10c. each.  
 10 qt Tin Bucket 15c.  
 Best grade Lubricating Oil  
 25 cents per gal.  
 Cylinder Oil 50c.

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DRY GOODS, HATS AND  
 NOTIONS.

Every box and shelf filled  
 with new and stylish goods,  
 and Each article is labeled  
 with a bargain.

Ginghams 4 cts.  
 Plaids 5 cts.  
 Shawls at cost!!!

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**Shoes, Shoes, Shoes.**

NEW AND EXCELLENT:

Come right along and buy  
 your winter foot-wear. Thick  
 and heavy at thin, split-leath-  
 er prices.

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**JUDGEMENT**

Is a most rare and precious  
 gem.

NOW USE A LITTLE OF IT  
 and invest your CASH with  
 us.

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All kinds of produce taken  
 in exchange for our net  
 cash goods.

Soliciting a liberal future  
 patronage, and thanking you  
 in advance for same, we are,  
 Very Truly,  
**I. N. CORPENING & CO.**  
 Banner Elk, N. C., Dec. 10.

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**LISTEN.**

I am not going to tell you something about the war  
 with Spain, for it is over, but the war with  
 my competitors is still going on and  
 I am still furnishing all my  
 customers with the  
 best bargains  
 out.

**CHRISTMAS GOODS!**

Just  
 received an  
 immense stock of Christ-  
 mas goods, consisting of can-  
 dies, raisins, nuts, fire-works etc. etc.

I am going to give you better bargains for  
 1899 than ever before. Call and be convinced.

Dec. 19.

**M. B. BLACKBURN,**

**The State Normal and Industrial College.**

Offers the young women of the State thorough professional, literary, classical, scientific, industrial education. Annual expenses \$90 to \$130. Faculty of 30 members. More than 400 regular students. Has matriculated about 1,500 students, representing every county in the State except two. Practice and Observation School of about 200 pupils. To secure board in dormitories, all free-tuition applications must be made before August 1.  
 Correspondence invited from those desiring competent trained teachers.  
 For catalogue and other information, address  
 PRESIDENT McIVER, GREENSBORO, N. C.

THE UNITED STATES has given  
 the Grip to Cuba. A cor-  
 respondent says that "Spain  
 with all of her tyranny has  
 never done so bad a job for  
 it."

**Wanted for Cash.**

Quartered oak 1 inch thick.  
 Plain oak 1 inch thick.  
 Oak squares 4 X 4, 26 inches  
 long, or in lengths to cut 26 in-  
 ches without waste. Also 3 1/4 X  
 3 1/4 30 inches long.  
 Poplar and ash squares 5 X 5  
 and up, long.  
 Poplar plank any thickness.  
 J. M. BARNHARDT,  
 LENOIR, N. C.

**NOTICE.**

Having qualified as adminis-  
 trators of J. F. Trivett, deceased,  
 late of Watauga county, N. C.,  
 this is to notify all persons hav-  
 ing claims against the estate of  
 said deceased to exhibit them to  
 the undersigned on or before the  
 5th day of Jan., 1900, or this no-  
 tice will be plead in bar of their  
 recovery. All persons indebted to  
 said estate will please make im-  
 mediate settlement. This Jan. 4,  
 1898. ELIZA TRIVETT & J. H.  
 TRIVETT, Administrators.

**CASTORIA.**  
 Bears the  
 Signature  
 of *Chas. H. Fletcher*  
 The Kind You Have Always Bought

**Taylor & Mast.**

"Friends and Customers we send  
 this to you,  
 With many thanks and good  
 wishes too;  
 And will endeavor to give you  
 more  
 For your money's worth than ever  
 or before."

**WAR, WAR, WAR.**

I will sell you goods cheap  
 for CASH,  
 —WAR OR NO WAR.—  
 So if you don't believe it,  
 come and see for yourself: I  
 have the largest and best se-  
 lected stock of new and sty-  
 lish goods ever seen in this  
 section, and at  
**Bottom PRICES.**  
 For instance, I will sell you  
 2 pint cups for 5 cts.; ½ gal.  
 covered bucket 5 cts.; 3 gal.  
 open bucket, 25 cts.; 10 qt.  
 dish pan 20 cts.

**Clothing.**  
 Boy's suits \$2.50 and up;  
 men's suits \$2.90 and up;  
 men's fine shirts, late styles,  
 50 cts. and up; men's fur and  
 straw hats cheap.  
 Men's, ladies' and child-  
 ren's shoes at any and all  
 prices.

**Groceries,**  
 Coffee, sugar, oat meal,  
 canned tomatoes, peaches,  
 oysters, sardines, potted ham  
 etc. always on hand.

**HARDWARE.**  
 Hoes, shovels, bull-tongue  
 and calf-tongue plows. Farm-  
 er's Friend repairs, Oliver  
 points and No. 52 Chat-  
 ta-nooga points, etc.

**DRY GOODS.**  
 Calicoes 4 ½ cts. and up, fine  
 cashmeres 17 cts. and up. A  
 nice lot of shirt waist goods  
 just in, and, in fact, almost  
 anything you call for.

WANTED. Wheat, rye, corn,  
 eggs, feathers, beeswax, chickens  
 wool, etc. at highest market  
 prices: also roots and herbs.  
 Thanking you all for past pa-  
 tronage, I am,  
 YOURS ANXIOUS TO PLEASE,  
**Will W. Holsclaw.**

**BARGAINS!**

The trading public is for-  
 ever casting about in  
 pursuit of bargains in  
 merchandise, and some  
 find them, while others  
 fail. We take this meth-  
 od of informing our cus-  
 tomers and friends that  
 we are now better than  
 ever before prepared to  
 offer you extra bargains  
 in  
**General Merchandise.**  
 When we make an asser-  
 tion in these columns we  
 intend to do just what we  
 say. We do not say one  
 thing and do another.  
 We have a nice, new stock  
 of goods, and are selling  
 them at popular prices. Our  
 stock consists of a general  
 line of goods, and, as we buy  
 our goods just right, we are  
 prepared to sell them at low  
 figures.  
 We want to buy all your  
 good  
**PRODUCE.**  
 Such as  
 Corn,  
 Rye,  
 Oats,  
 Bacon, etc.  
 and will pay you the highest  
 market price for same,  
 Let us say in conclu-  
 sion that we cannot sell on  
 time. Our goods are marked  
 at pay down prices, and we  
 cannot sell them on time.  
 Thanking our friends for  
 past favors and soliciting a  
 continuation of their patron-  
 age, we are Resp.  
**TAYLOR & MAST,**  
 Valle Crucis, 2-17-98.

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