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LOCAL NEWS.

—New Years gift!
 —Don't make a mistake put it 1908 when you write.
 —Ladies' cloaks at Green's from 50c. up to \$5.
 —Men's knit over shirts at Green's at 50c. per pair.
 —Mr. Clint. Hulcher, of Mt. City, Tenn., and Mr. Jordan Hardin, of Sutherland, were in town Monday.
 —Rev. David Green has just closed a very successful meeting at South Fork Church.

—Capt. Lovill left Tuesday for a visit to his daughter, Mrs. James W. Brawley at Mooresville.

—Mr. Smith McBride, of Amantha, leaves this week for Richmond, where he will enter the Massey Business College.

—We are sorry indeed to learn that friend Jasper Kincaid is considered dangerously ill with heart trouble, but we trust he may yet recover.

—Thos. Vandyke, County Surveyor, has purchased a new set of instruments and is better than ever prepared to your surveying, plotting, etc. See card in another column.

—The little child of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hodges, died on the 24th ult. and was buried on Christmas day. The little one was a sufferer all its short life, it never being able to walk.

—Married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Thom as Critcher, at Deerfield on the 21st ult., Mr. Charley Vannoy to Miss Edwinnie Critcher, Rev. J. M. Payne performing the ceremony.

—Mrs. Mary Haganan, of Baker's Gap, Tenn., died at her home on the 22nd ult. She had lived to a ripe old age and was loved and respected by all who knew her. She had many friends and relatives in Watauga, she being the eldest sister of the late D. B. Dougherty.

NOTICE.

J. W. T. Vandyke, County Surveyor of Watauga, am now equipped with a new "VERNIER COMPASS" and am now ready to do any kind of surveying.

I also make a specialty of surveying roads. 1-1-3.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Norfolk & Western Railway Company will apply to the General Assembly of N. Carolina the next session for authority to locate, construct and operate extensions of its line of railroad from Carroll and Grayson counties, in Virginia, into the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga, in North Carolina, with branches therefrom.

N. & W. RAILWAY CO. Guthrie & Guthrie, Atts. Durham, N. C., Dec. 16, 1902

—Men's odd coats at Greens from \$1.35 to \$2 15. Pants from 50c. to \$3.

—Mr. Charles Critcher and Miss Maggie Parlier, both of Deerfield, were married on Christmas day, at the home of the groom's father, Uncle Guilford Critcher. Rev. Payne officiating.

—The school at Watauga Academy opened on last Monday, and from the scores of young people that are gathering in, we take it that the school will be fuller than ever before during this session.

—Mr. J. F. Hardin returned from South Carolina last week and started back today with about 50 head of horses and mules, most of which belonged to the Coffey estate.

—Prof. D. D. Dougherty has moved to his new residence, and the one vacated by him is now occupied by Mr. C. J. Cottrell and family who will conduct a boarding house for the benefit of the school.

—Mr. T. F. Coffey, of Manning, S. C., spent Christmas in town, and left Tuesday on his return. We are always glad to see him, and are pleased to know that he is succeeding well in handling stock this winter.

—Messrs David Council, Henry Perry, Roy Brown and Logan Farthing, Watauga's representatives at the State University, spent the holidays at their respective homes. They will return in time for the opening of the school next week.

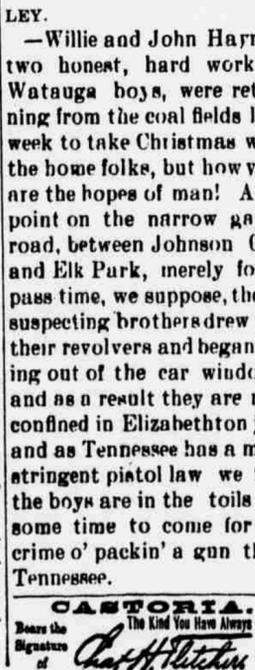
—A meeting of the board of Stewards of the Boone circuit is hereby called to meet at Fairview church on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1903, at 11, a. m. This will be the most important meeting of the year. Let there be a full attendance. B. F. Hargett, Pastor.

—I take this method to again notify those who are due me for professional services that they are expected to call and settle at once, as I must make collections. My accounts must be closed with in the next sixty days, and I hope those for whom I have been laboring will cheerfully comply with this request.

J. L. COTTRELL, M. D.

—All parties who intend going to Washington or the Northwest with me will please call on or write me at Boone, N. C., so that I can send number to Agt. and get rates, etc., and to arrange for the time of starting, which will be after March the 3rd, as rates will be much lower after that date. W. H. PENLEY.

—Willie and John Haynes, two honest, hard working Watauga boys, were returning from the coal fields last week to take Christmas with the home folks, but how vain are the hopes of man! At a point on the narrow gauge road, between Johnson City and Elk Park, merely for a pass time, we suppose, the unsuspecting brothers drew out their revolvers and began firing out of the car windows, and as a result they are now confined in Elizabethton jail, and as Tennessee has a most stringent pistol law we fear the boys are in the toils for some time to come for the crime o' packin' a gun thro' Tennessee.

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—Judge Council came up on a short business trip, returning Tuesday morning. The Judge has been commissioned by Gov. Aycock to try the famous Jim Wilcox case, who is charged with the murder of Miss Nell Cropsey, at Elizabeth City. The trial will begin on Monday, Jan. the 12th. Quite a compliment to Mr. Council, we deem it, that he should be selected from all the judges in the State to try this important case. It only shows, however, the estimate that is placed upon his judicial ability by the attorneys who petitioned for and procured his services.

A little girl in Nebraska whose father was in the penitentiary, wrote the Governor such a pleading and pathetic letter that he pardoned the man and sent him home to work for the dear little one who loved him. Truly this Governor had a great heart and knew how to temper judgment with mercy. We would hope that the act may redound to his good in some bright and happy future day.

Admiral Schley is quite ill at his home in Washington. He is suffering from lumbago.

H. T. McIntyre, St. Paul, Minn., who has been troubled with a disordered stomach says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do me more good than any thing I have ever taken." For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

NOTICE.

I, J. M. May, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the following is a true statement of the number of days each member of the Board of County Commissioners served and also the number of miles traveled for the year ending Nov. 30, 1902.

John W. Hodges served 17 days at \$2 per day.	\$34.00.
John W. Hodges traveled 156 miles at 5c. per mile.	7.80.
Total	\$41.80.
W. L. Holshouser served 16 days at 2.00 per day.	32.00
Traveled 204 miles at 5 cts. per mile.	10.20.
Total	42.20.
L. M. Trivett served 18 days at 2.00 per day.	36.00.
Traveled 65 miles at 5 cents per mile.	3.25
Total	39.25.

Given under my hand this the 30th day of November, 1902.
 J. M. MAY,
 Clerk Bd. Co. Coms.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county, in the Superior Court before the Clerk, D. J. Lowrance, guardian for Squire Lowrance, lunatic, ex parte.

Under and by virtue of an order obtained from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga county in the above entitled action, I will on the 2nd day of Feb. 1903, between 10, a. m., and 4, p. m., the same being the first Monday in said month offer for sale to the highest bidder the following described real estate, the property of Squire A. Lowrance, Lunatic, viz: A tract of land containing 35 acres more or less lying and being in the county of Watauga, N. C. Beginning on a large rock in a branch corner to N. M. Isaacs, now S. S. McBride, thence with the branch and Isaacs, S. S. McBride's line up N 33 degrees W 16 poles to a small mahogany near a cleft of rocks, corner to S. S. McBride, the same N 32 d E 53 poles to a stake in Wilson heirs line, now S. S. McBride's line, with same E. 55 d E 78 poles to a stake at the old ridge road where once a hickory stood, thence S. 10 d west 47 poles to a white oak, old corner to Solomon Isaacs, thence west to poles to a stake, corner to the old Ricks tract, with same N 45 d W 59 poles to a white oak on the flat ridge corner to Ricks, with same S 60 d W 32 poles to the beginning. Terms of sale, one third cash, one third in six months and one third in twelve months time with good notes and approved security. Deed will be executed on payment in full of the purchase money. Dec 31, 1902
 D. J. Lowrance, Guardian.
 E. S. Coffey, Atty.

Christmas is over. The little children of course are happy over the annual visit of their old friend Santa Claus. The older people, too, each in his way, this day of all days in which love and joy and peace should reign in every heart. Christmas! How much it means. 'Tis true that we do not know the month nor the day of the month, to a certainty, on which Christ was born, but how nice to keep one day sacred in memory of that morn when the light from Bethlehem's manger shed its rays across a lost and ruined world. It has always been a custom on that day, to give gifts to each other, not forgetting the fatherless and the widow and the stranger that is within our gates, in remembrance of the greatest gift the world has ever known. Many forget often, and celebrate this day of days in the wrong way. We were truly glad that so much was done for the suffering poor at this Christmas in the large cities. Thousands of homeless and suffering children were fed and warmed and clothed by those who are putting into practice those beautiful words "Charity suffereth long and is kind."

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 Thanking my friends and customers for past favors, I am Very truly,
 A. E. MORETZ.
 Mabel, Aug. 6.

Engine Harrell, a well-known North Carolinian, died at Manila, P. I., on December the 22nd. He was for many years Secretary of the North Carolina Teacher's Assembly. He served in the Spanish-American war, and was in the U. S. Quartermaster's department in Cuba, China and the Philippines.

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 Boone, Oct. 23.