

Town and County.

—Those butter, sugar and cream sets will make a nice present. See them at Sherwood's. —A beautiful line of staple goods for the holidays at Blackburn's. —The Boone Public Library is now open in the Little Gem Cafe building. —Sorry to know that Mr. B. T. Brannock has been quite unwell for several days. —Atty. W. R. Lovill is attending the Federal court at Greensboro this week. —Mr. W. E. Shipley took another beautiful bunch of two-year steers to the New River bottoms for feed last Monday. —The marriage bells will again ring forth near the village in the distant future, if Madam Rumor is to be relied upon. —Beginning on Monday, Dec. 22, for three days I will give every little child who visits my store and trades, a beautiful Christmas Book free. W. F. Sherwood. —Our Watauga merchants are getting in a splendid line of staple and fancy holiday goods, and it is the duty of our people to give them their trade. —If you want to make some one happy this Christmas, don't forget the aged ones and the little children, for they are the ones who most richly deserve your kindness. —The members of the Masonic Fraternity, Lodge No. 273, are doing some much needed work on their beautifully situated Hall, when completed, will present quite a nice appearance. —There will be a Christmas tree at River View school house on Wednesday, Dec. 24. The un-dressing of the tree will begin at 6 o'clock, p. m. Everybody invited. —Just as we close our forms we find that one of the foremen on the construction work of the V. R. Railway was blown up at a camp in Ashe county Tuesday very seriously if not fatally injured. —The long distance telephone connection was made Monday afternoon at the central office in Boone, and now you can stand at a table in Boone and talk to a friend in New York, if you so desire. Great consolation, this. —Under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist church in Boone, an oyster supper will be served to the members of the Baptist Sunday school at the Critcher Hotel tonight. —Friend Jim Sutherland, of Ashland, spent Sunday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. R. Lovill, and was a pleasant business caller at our office Monday morning, setting himself a year ahead on the "Old Reliable." —Rev. J. M. Carpenter, the beloved Lutheran minister on this charge, was in to see us Monday. He is just recovering from a very annoying attack of erysipelas of the face which has given him considerable trouble. Glad to see him able for his work again. —Mr. Clyde Eggers and bride, Miss Nora South, spent Sunday with relatives in Boone. Mr. Eggers told the Democrat that he had bought a splendid farm near his old home, and that he and his wife would move there on within the next few days. —The old Confederate veterans are now happy. Their pension checks are in, and they are preparing for Christmas. In Watauga there is 1 first class, 3 third class, and 73 fourth class pensioners; the sum paid within our county being \$4,556.00. —Changes were due this week in the ads of Blackburn, Cottrell, Cook Bros. and others, but the work was more than could be accomplished by one man. Sorry, but such is the case. In the meantime, call on them for your Christmas supplies. —Don't fail to visit my store early and get your presents. W. F. Sherwood. —See Sherwood's new ad. It is worth reading.

—Those butter, sugar and cream sets will make a nice present. See them at Sherwood's. —A beautiful line of staple goods for the holidays at Blackburn's. —Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hardin left Tuesday for Shell Creek, Tennessee, to visit Mr. John Snyder, who is extremely ill. —From the Avery Vim we learn that Mr. Finley W. Richards, of Banner Elk, has gone to Baltimore for treatment. Mr. Richards had a slight stroke of paralysis some months ago and has never fully recovered. We hope he may receive great benefit and return to his home a well man. —Arley G. Wilson, Silverstone, was in to see us Saturday, and we were glad to hear him say that his cousin, Miss Bessie Wilson who recently returned from an Atlanta hospital, continues to improve, and that she is now able to be out driving these pretty days. —The firm of Lemley & Cook, at Virgil, Dan Cook, of Sands, and Cook Bros. & Co., of Boone, all together, on last Monday killed and dressed more than 700 head of Turkeys, to say nothing of a vast number of ducks, chickens, etc. The poultry will be shipped to the northern markets for the holiday trade. —President Dasher, of the Watauga Electric Co., called us up over the long distance 'phone line this a. m., he being in Hickory, and ordered the Democrat to his address for one year. His voice was as natural and distinct as if he had been talking within the room. Thanks, your line is a great success, and our people are grateful to you for it. —We deem ourselves fortunate indeed in procuring for our columns the splendid address delivered by Prof. B. B. Dougherty at the unveiling of the Boone marker on Oct. 23. The splendid addresses of Col. Lovill and Lawyer Ed. Coffey, delivered on that historic day have, so far evaded the watchful eye of the Democrat man; but they may be procured later. In the meantime, read Mr. Dougherty on the first page of this paper. It is highly entertaining and most instructive. —Mrs. C. C. Farthing left for her old home in Raleigh last Saturday morning, where she will spend the winter with her parents. She was accompanied as far as Greensboro by her husband, who, with his brother, Mr. H. Grady Farthing, went on to Washington D. C., in quest of a few month's employment. The young men possess good business qualifications, along with splendid moral characters, and we trust they will land work to their liking. —Mr. J. F. Eggers, of Mable, who recently bought an elegant farm of Mr. C. M. Culver, near Elizabethton, Tenn., will move to his new home within the next few days. Mr. Eggers was in town Friday disposing of a lot of corn, etc., and called long enough to get his name on our list for a year. That Mr. Eggers has been a success as a farmer in Watauga is proved by the fact that he paid \$6,000 for his Tenn. farm. We are always sorry to see such splendid citizens leave our county. —A few days since Solicitor F. A. Linney conveyed to Mr. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston-Salem quite a boundary of his Rich Mountain forest lands, receiving therefor \$8,745. Mr. Patterson tried hard to get a price on the "Tater Hill" 1,200 acre tract, but Mr. Linney refused to make it. In fact the property is not for sale at all just now; the owner had rather buy contiguous lands than to part with that renowned boundary, which is one of the most valuable in the mountains. We are told that the timber on the lands transferred will easily pay the purchase price, in the event that a railroad should come to Boone. —A general Christmas tree for the entire village, is being planned.

See Cottrell for your Christmas goods. A nice line to select from. —If you want the nicest box of candy that you ever saw go to Cottrell's. —Air rifles for the boys, dolls for the girls, shaving sets for the men, and kid gloves for the ladies at Cottrell's. —Sands R. F. D. Happenings. The box supper at Tugman's school house on last Saturday night was a decided success, the gross receipts being \$71.45. The cake brought \$42.80, the remainder accruing from the sale of boxes. This amount, together with \$15.50, raised from a previous box supper, will be spent on completing the school building. Mr. B. J. Davis has moved his saw mill near Todd and is now engaged in cutting cross ties for the Virginia-Carolina Rail Road being built to Todd. The highest price paid for any one box at the Tugman box supper was \$7.25. The box was bought by G. C. Winebarger and belonged to Miss Ollie Clawson. C. C. Ragan has purchased the stock of merchandise belonging to T. L. Moretz and has gone into business at the Moretz stand. Prof. W. A. Tugman, who has spent the last two years at Granite Falls, writes that he thinks he will return home when he finishes the term of school in which he is now engaged. On account of Prof. Dougherty's notice which appeared in last week's Democrat, announcing that the schools will be only five months, Prof. Moretz closed his school on the 15th, having taught the full five months. W. FARMERS AND COUNTRY PRODUCE MERCHANTS OF THE MOUNTAINS: Are you helping to solve the high cost trouble of the city consumers and unremunerative price trouble for your products by using the parcel post thereby eliminating the middlemen? If not, why not? Because you have not learned how? Well, in that case if you will write to the Parcel Post Exchange, Box 36, Greensboro, N. C. stating what you have to sell, how much you could mail each week, prices of same, your name and post office address plainly written, the company will not only put you in touch with a cash customer, will send you free, exact information as to how to mail, eggs, butter dressed don't, try of all kinds, sausage, liver pudding, cracklins, chitterlins, rabbit, squirrel, possums, cheese, sparebone, etc etc, if you will indicate plainly what your price for these articles are. We carry the cash customer from any city in the state or nation to your door by mail carrier, and Uncle Sam takes your package, delivers it safely at our door, collects the money before the goods are delivered, and sends it to you by return mail. Government approved containers mailed free to all who write that they will return it with 20 pounds of some kind of above produce packed in it, prices to be reasonable. Mountain cheese, especially desired. Your Christmas purchases made for you, if you wish, by our expert buyer, free of charge for service, and articles mailed you at exact cost, if you will send list of what you want, stating price and quality. Write right away to the PARCEL POST EXCHANGE, ADV. GREENBORO, N. C. Entry Notice, No. 2527. State of North Carolina, Watauga County. Office of Entry Taker for said County. Will Knight locates and enters (20) twenty acres of land on the waters of Boone's Fork. Beginning on a stake in Mrs. Moses H. Cone's line and runs South with W. D. Clarke's line to W. H. Sims's line, then with said Sims line to the Lenoir Lumber Co's line, then with said Company's line to Mrs. Cone's line, then to the beginning. Entered Dec. 10, 1913. H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker. Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

—From the Charlotte Observer we learn that Postmaster Bolinger, of Blowing Rock, has resigned. —A Mr. Spaulding, a mechanic from Ashe county, has purchased the Caloway property near the A. T. S., and has opened up a smithey at the Dougherty old mill. Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA NOTICE TO CREDITORS: H. C. Hayes & Co., of Blowing Rock, gives notice to one and all who are due them, to make settlement at once, as after Jan. 1, 1914, their accounts will be put out for collection. From now on we intend to sell for pay down, and cheaper than ever before. Respectfully, H. C. HAYES & Co. BERKSHIRE PIGS FOR SALE. We have on hand a fine lot of Berkshire pigs that will be ready for delivery in a few weeks, all from registered stock of finest strain at \$3.00 each. Send in your orders now to ED. MINTON, Manager CHETOLA FARM Blowing Rock, N. C. J. C. Fletcher John H. Bingham Fletcher & Bingham. ATTORNEYS AT LAW. BOONE, — — NORTH CARO. Will practice in the courts of Watauga and adjoining counties. Careful and prompt attention given to all matters entrusted to us. 11 20. 13. GEORGE C. LOVE, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING. SAGINAW, N. C. Computations, Estimates, Maps, Plans, Blue, Black & brown Prints. BLAIR HOTEL. BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA. FAMILY AND TOURIST HOTEL. Open all the Year. TERMS REASONABLE. REDUCED RATES TO PERMANENT BOARDERS. GEO. F. BLAIR, Prop. Subscriptions Wanted to "The Sledge Hammer" the hottest paper published in the English language. It scolds the dictionary for rougher words to swat cussedness, hypocrisy and rascality of Society, church and state. Published monthly, only 25c. per year. W. AARON WATSON, Editor Yuma, N. C. Something New. Mortal man must have something to sustain life, that something must be appetizing to obtain pleasant results. We have a neat little eating house complete and when in town visit us, we will serve you to the best of our ability. Meals at all hours. Come to see us whether you eat or not. You are welcome. Very truly, Little Gem Cafe. NEW STORE. GREEN'S OLD STAND. BOONE, N. C. We want all of our old customers and as many new ones as will come to visit our store in Boone. We have a neat up to date line of Merchandise to show you, consisting of almost any article you may want, kept in a first class store. We carry a nice line of goods to sell by the pound. Highest market prices paid for roots, herbs and country produce. Yours Respectfully, COOK BROS. & CO.

THE MUTTERINGS OF WINTER Are to be Heard in the Distance.

But do not be alarmed for you can ward off all dangers so far as this worlds goods go by calling on the undersigned. You can find all kinds of underwear to keep you comfortable from the infant to the most robust adult. New assortment of mens hats just in, this includes the Famous John B. Stetson hat. Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!!

Always new shoes coming in most of which are the Brown star 5 star line, this includes the Buster Brown shoes for little folks. No better shoes for the money. I am also head quarters for mens and boys clothing \$3000 to \$4000 stock to select from, prices rock bottom. DRESS AND PIECE GOODS

must not be overlooked no lady need order peice goods as she can find her wants at my store any thing from 5cts pieces to \$1.50 per yard Silk this line includes all the latest and best serges and novelties in dress goods. Hardware always to the front I can't mention all in this space. It is understood that my store is one of the best to secure your groceries from, in fact you cannot go amiss in any line I carry. Thanking one and all for past patronage I only ask your future patronage on merit.

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The Watauga County Bank BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The Christmas Spirit IS HERE

And the smiling faces of the children are looking for Santa Claus, and expecting him to bring the presents for them. I want to say that Santa Claus has arrived on time at my store, and I am now ready to help you get ready for Christmas. A look through my line of Xmas goods will convince you that you can find just the present you want for men, women, children or your sweetheart. A big line of toilet cases, shaving sets, traveling sets albums, picture books, mirrors, toy tea sets, dolls and all the latest novelties in 5 and 10c. Xmas goods. Oranges, figs, raisins, bananas and mixed nuts. A look at my line of candies will get your candy business certain, for its fresh and up to date.

Now dont forget that I have the most complete stock of clothing to be found in the county, and if you want a suit for Xmas, I can sure please and save you money. Big lot of Xmas neckwear nobby hats and shoes. In fact I can fit you out from tip to toe in up to date goods at down-to-date prices. Come one and all and look through my stock, will be glad to see you at my store. Wishing all my friends and customers a merry Christmas. I am Yours for a big Christmas trade, W. F. Sherwood.

Sherwood, North Carolina.

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