

Town and County.

—Rain,
—Mud,
—Slush, wherever you go.
—Cost sale at Cook & Carlton's beginning next Monday.
—Many of our faithful correspondents have failed to show up this week.
—Mr. Geo. F. Blair, who has a contract on the rail road at or near Shull's Mills, spent Sunday with his family in Boone.
—For your shoes and rubbers go to Blackburn's, as he keeps a full line of the best that can be bought for the money.
—The town tax collector is getting anxious for that little tax you owe him. See notice by mayor in this paper.
—The many friends of Miss Mabel Toppings will be sorry to learn that she has been very ill, and is still confined to her room, though somewhat improved.
—Mr. R. M. Green, Town Librarian, asks us to say to those who have books belonging to the Public Library to bring them in at once.
—Attend the big cost sale which begins at the store of Cook & Carlton on next Monday and is scheduled to last ten days. Ad. in another column.
—Miss Mamie Wilson, of Sutherland, a graduate of the A. T. S., who has many friends in the village, is visiting at the home of Dr. E. G. Salmons, in East Boone.
—There is no need of you going poorly dressed while you can find such a nice assortment of up-to-date clothing at Blackburn's at the price for which he is selling them.
—I will until Feb. 20, 1916, sell corn in any quantity at 90 cts. per bushel, after which it will cost you \$1.00
M. M. MAST,
Sugar Grove, N. C.—3 t.
—Rev. M. L. Carpenter, the beloved Lutheran minister on this work, passed through the village last Tuesday morning, on his way to his home at Sands, after a three weeks to his home county of Lincoln.
—Rev. E. M. Gragg is conducting a series of meetings at Mount Vernon church, and we are told that much interest is being manifested, large crowds being in attendance at each and every service.
—Friend Dave Wooton, Deputy Sheriff in Stony Fork township, has moved on the farm of Mr. D. E. Hartly, one and a half miles east of the village. Glad the genial gentleman has moved back to our midst.
—The rain, the rain! It continues from day to day, and the mud is so fearful that travel on the public highways is quite an undertaking; in fact, we have heard it said often within the past few days: "I have never seen the mud so bad!"
—A steam saw mill has been located on the lands of Mr. J. W. Farthing, and Madam Rumor says that the first bill to be cut is one for his son, Don, which amounts to something like 20,000 feet, and it isn't ship stuff either; not a foot of it for sale either. Wonder what's going to happen?

Coughs and Colds are Dangerous.
Few of us realize the danger of coughs and colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. Druggists.

—Fresh groceries always on hand at Blackburn's. The best of bargains offered.
—Today, Wednesday, is ground hog day, and the clouds are so dense and lowering in this neck of the woods that you could almost cut them with a knife, and if his hogship discovers his shadow today he certainly will have to use glasses.
—Prof. J. M. Downum, of the faculty of the A. T. S.; was called home on Friday of last week on account of the illness of his wife. We trust the good lady may recover rapidly and that the efficient professor may soon return to his post of duty.
—Mr. H. Neal Blair, of Route 1, has been very ill since before the death of his father, Mr. Geo. H. Blair. Miss Mattie Blair, a graduate trained nurse of Boone, is with him, and Dr. Jones is the physician in charge. He is, we learn, some better but is still very far from being well.
—Dr. R. K. Bingham tells us that Mrs. John B. Miller, of Lewis' Fork, who probably had the distinction of being the oldest person in North Carolina, died at her home a few days ago, having rounded out her 108th year. In fact we had no idea there was any one in Western Carolina near so old.
—We are sorry to learn that Mr. C. M. Critcher, of Route 1, has been a very sick man for several days, and when we heard from him last, late Monday afternoon, he was but little if any improved. His brother, Mr. L. L. Critcher, of Boone, visited him on that day. We hope, ere long, the ex-County Treasurer and splendid gentleman may be restored to his his former health.
—Friend R. E. Killian, of New River, was in the village Tuesday and called long enough to chip in a year's subscription for his baby girl, Mrs. John F. Crow, who now resides at Park City, Montana. He speaks of going to some point in the west this spring, but Watauga is poorly prepared to give us such a splendid citizen as Bob Killian, and we trust he will abandon the idea.
—The good Baptist people of Boone are still without a pastor for their flock, the Rev. Grimsley having found it impossible to accept the call extended him. However, they are still in quest of a suitable man. They are spending a good round sum on their beautiful new house of worship, and we trust they will succeed in securing a man to their liking, and that in the near future.
—The first quarterly meeting for Boone circuit, was held on Saturday and Sunday in the Methodist church, the Rev. T. E. Wagg presiding. He preached at 11, a. m., each day, and his sermons were plain and forceful, showing much study and great research. The people, many of them, have expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the new Elder for, aside from making a fine executive officer, he is a man possessed of fine social qualities, and a preacher of great power. The next quarterly conference will be held with the church at Hopewell.

Notice To Town Tax Payers.
To the tax-payers of the town of Boone: Mr. Braunock will make another round the last of this week. All who have not paid, will please be ready for him. We have some obligations to meet and are bound to collect at once.
J. M. MORETZ, Mayor.
Colds Need Attention.
Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and unless checked at once, are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time Dr. Bells Pine Tar Honey loosens phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Pine is antiseptic; honey is soothing—both possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Insist on Dr. Bells Pine Tar Honey 25c at all druggists

A Twice-Told Tale.
One of interest to Our Readers.
Good news bears repeating and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we hesitated to believe it at first hearing, we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a Lenoir man is confirmed after four years: Dow Triplett, brick mason, Lenoir, N. C. says: "I suffered a long time from kidney trouble, and as I had often heard of Doan's Kidney Pills, I finally got them. I had taken them only a few days before the pains began to leave my back and I got stronger. My kidneys were also fixed up in good shape." (Statement given Feb. 14, 1911.) On December 12, 1914, Mr. Triplett said: "I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as highly as ever although I had no occasion to use them lately. Another of my family also took Doan's Kidney Pills and 3 boxes made a cure." Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same Mr. Triplett has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co. Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

President Wilson Sends Check of \$25.00 to Lees-McRae Institute.
Several days ago Rev. Edgar Tufts, of the Lees-McRae Institute at Banner Elk, Avery county, deposited in the Bank of Lenoir, to that schools account, a check for twenty-five dollars. There is nothing wrong about this check and it is not unlike many hundreds of other checks that pass through banking institutions every day, but there is something interesting about this particular check. It is signed by Woodrow Wilson, President of these United States, and it came to the Lees-McRae Institute as a free and unsolicited gift. It is very doubtful that President Wilson could have given this money to a better cause and to a more deserving institution. The Lees McRae Institute with Mr. Tufts at its head is doing a great constructive work in this section. Its doors are not open to the pupils who are able to pay, but many orphan children, as many as can be accommodated, and who would otherwise be unable to get any form of education, can enter this school and get the best there is.—Lenoir News.

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Watch this space, it will pay you
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If you got it from DULA it's all Right!

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The New Song Book for 1916. Contains more than 100 of the brightest songs this song book Editor has offered the public. Out of 55 different song books published by VAUGHAN, No. 2 is proving to be the best. 20c per copy, \$2.00 per dozen, will mail 12 books on receipt of \$1.50 and this ad. Limited till Feb. 1. JOHN B. VAUGHAN, Athens, Ga.

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A Complete Line of Hardware
always kept on hand. Hardware is indispensable. You can find it at my place of business to your liking. You will find my line of farming implements most complete. Farmer's Friend and Oliver Chilled Plows and repairs always on hand.
Men's Hats and Caps.
kept in stock in great variety and prices. Dry Goods and Notions are something that everyone must have, so this department is very strong. Lowest possible prices.

SHOES!
Shoes have been worn in some form or other since the creation of man to the present, and I feel sure that I keep the best assortment handled in all this section, so it is to your interest to come to me for your footwear. It is not necessary to multiply words, a thorough trial purchase should suffice.

M. B. Blackburn,
BOONE, - N. C.

Preparedness.

A great deal is being said these days about preparedness. Some people say they "didn't raise their boy to be a soldier." Others say they didn't raise the stars and stripes to have them pulled down.
We do not know what your personal views may be on the question of our country's preparedness but we do know that you like to do business with a store that is prepared to take care of all your needs.
We are better prepared this year than ever before to furnish you anything and everything in Hardware and Furniture. We can furnish you.
Saw Mill Material, Belting, Saws, Chains, Rope, Building Material, Lime 98 per cent pure, Cement the best, Paints & Oils, Geo. E. Nissen and Piedmont Wagons, Agricultural Machinery, Stoves, Ranges, Kitchen Cabinets, Floor Coverings, Rugs and Linoleums, Tableware, both China & Glass.
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