

# Watanga Democrat.

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### The Cost of Pensions.

Pittsburg Post.  
What Garfield said on the floor of the House less than twenty-five years ago about pension payments is an old story, but it is particularly pertinent now. When a bill carrying an appropriation of thirty eight million dollars for pension payments was reported Garfield defended it on the ground that the pension account for the civil war had then reached the high water mark and that from that year it would constantly recede until it disappeared in a comparatively few years. Secretary Shaw's annual report shows that the payment on account of pensions was the greatest individual item of cost of the government of the year over a hundred millions more than it was when Garfield declared it had reached its high-water mark. Against pension payments of \$138,425,000 for the year the postal service cost \$134,224,000 the civil and miscellaneous account was \$124,944,000, the War Department, \$118,619,000; the Navy, \$82,618,000; the Indians, \$12,935,000, and interest on the national debts \$28,556,000. But the pension payments this year shows a decrease of several thousand over those of the preceding year. It is doubtful however that this decrease will be continued. Commissioner Ware has made himself extremely unpopular by closely scrutinizing pension claims and he is slated to leave the office before the Presidential election is held.

### A VERY CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain" writes C.W. Hellamy a locomotive fireman of Burlington Iowa. "I was weak and pale without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak sickly run down people always gain new life strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by M. B. Blackburn.

An old Revenue officer of Georgia who has served in this capacity for 25 or 30 years expresses the belief that blockading or illicit distilling will ever be stopped. There is such a big profit in the business that as soon as one is caught and imprisoned another falls in to take his place. So it will ever be.

### WONDERFUL NERVE.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts wound bruises burns scalps sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles too 25c at M. B. Blackburn's.

Salisbury Sen: Hon. R. Z. Linney, who is in Charlotte, attending Federal Court says he expects to defeat the Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn for the congressional nomination. A prominent Salisbury Republican said this morning that Blackburn has the nomination "clinched" beyond all shadow of doubt.

Be sure to put it 1904 may be by the time the new year is half gone some will realize that it is 1904.

### The Maturity of Christ.

As to the exact date of Christ's birth we are in total darkness even the month in which he was born has been lost. "Tis strange that the most important event in the world's history that one link of the chain is missing. Why we know not. Some have said that an all-wise Providence so ordered it to keep an idolatrous people from becoming "day-worshippers." One up-to-date writer says that Dec. 25 was set as His birth-day to break up a heathen festival held at that time centuries ago. Why should we care to know? It may come to light yet hidden away on stone or papyrus it may be waiting the right time to come to light. "Tis nice to keep one day in memory of the king. If we never find out in this life perhaps some time on some sweet isle of rest lashed by the waves of eternal Peace, I can tell you when it was and you can explain to me the mystery of "The morning star first sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. We now see through a glass darkly."

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### SAVED FROM TERRIBLE DEATH.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargetown, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at M. B. Blackburn's.

The burning of the Iriquois theatre in Chicago Ill. resulted in the loss of 600 lives. The morning of Dec. 31st witnessed a horrible scene in the beautiful lake city. It is stated that the fire started from the bursting of a calcium light apparatus. This fearful holocaust must be the worst of modern times. There was a theatre burned in Richmond many years ago in which many celebrities of Virginia perished.

Prof. Joseph G. Estel of Yale College is insane at Greensboro.

## Consumption

Salt pork is a famous old-fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty of pork," was the advice to the consumptive 50 and 100 years ago.

Salt pork is good if a man can stomach it. The idea behind it is that fat is the food the consumptive needs most.

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Ed Henderson of Austin Texas will bring suit against the great northern railway in his district court for \$5,000 damages for "mental anguish" caused by white men compelling him to dance at the point of a pistol and then made him get off the train.

On Christmas eve a farmer living at Hollonville N. Y. killed his three motherless children and then killed himself. An empty purse and no way to get Christmas for his children was thought to be the cause.

Raleigh saloons closed their doors at midnight Dec. 31st. Eighteen thousand dollars worth of booze is now ready to be handed out from the dispensary. Of the 23 saloons none have any stock worth speaking of now.

### DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pill around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you but cure. 25c at M. B. Blackburn's.

The Asheville Citizen says that Spencer is reported to have said: that Judge Robinson's refusal to eat with the negro, Judson Lyons at Hanna's banquet will come up to haunt him yet.

A peacock owned by a Mr. Raker at Green Hill N. C. died recently aged 50 years. It has furnished fly brushes for three generations of the Raker family.

Every person who differs with Kligo and Basett are not enemies to Trinity College by any means. The opinion of these two men will not affect the College in any way.

The Board of State Missions of the Baptist church at Raleigh appropriated 30,000 for State Missions.

We trust that the New Year has in store many choice blessings for all. May this be the best year of their lives.

Navigation is suspended on the lower Ohio River. The river is frozen over at Hanesville.

During the week prior to Christ Gov. Aycock issued pardons to ten convicts. One of them was a negro who had murdered his sister.

### Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

Mr. Whit-head Klutz is to become one of the Washington correspondents of the New York American edited by W. R. Hurst.

### DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve

For Piles, Burns, Sores.

The Gastonia Gazette has entered upon its 25th year. Success and long life to it one of our best exchanges.

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Lady or Gentleman to manage business in this County and adjoining territory for house of financial standing. \$20.00 straight cash salary and expenses paid each Monday direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; position permanent. Address Manager, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago.

War between Russia and Japan seems inevitable. Perhaps Japan won't find it as easy to whip Russia as it did China some years ago.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago, discovered some years ago how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, eczema, cuts, burns bruises and all skin diseases DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeiters. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

### Thomas L. Critcher,

—SURVEYOR—  
—DEERFIELD, N. C.—

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### NOTICE.

North Carolina Watanga County That whereas a mortgage deed was executed to J. I. Wilson M. L. Norris and other plaintiffs in the case of J. I. Wilson M. L. Norris and others vs Jane and Louis Church and others to secure the cost of the plaintiff in said action by J. F. Church and wife and whereas said cost has not been paid. Now therefore by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and by virtue of the judgment in said action rendered at Fall term 1903. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Boone N. C. at public auction at 1 o'clock p. m. on the 1st day Feb. 1904 the following described property: Beginning at a chestnut oak on an east hillside a little west of a drain, second corner of 100 acres granted to Wm: A. Lenoir on Nov. 29, 1848, No. 288, and runs with the first line of said one hundred acres west 109 poles to a stake in the middle of said line, corner of 50 acres this day conveyed by said Walter to Jesse F. Gragg, then south 75 poles across said tract to a stake in the south boundary line thereof, thence with said 100 acres east 109 poles to a stake S. E. east corner thereof at a chestnut on a spur of the east side of a ridge, about 5 poles south west of a large spring breaking out of the N. E. side of the said spur, thence with said 100 acres north 70 poles to the beginning, containing 50 acres more or less. Said sale is made for the payment of \$78 45, and cost. This Dec. 21, 1903.

Thos. Bingham, C. S. C.

### NOTICE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed by John Elrod and wife on April 1st 1895 to C. J. Cottrell and Registered in the Registers office of Watanga county N. C. in Book No: 2 page 402, I will on Monday February the 1st 1904 at the court house door in Boone N. C. sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land situated in Watanga county N. C. in Elk Township. It being the one half undivided interest granted by the state of N. C. to John Elrod June the 7th 1893 Beginning on a chestnut oak R. H. Parkers corner and runs south 40 poles to a chestnut, T. A. Critcher and R. H. Parkers corner, thence west 40 poles to a stake, T. A. Critcher's corner, thence North with said Critchers line 50 poles to a stake, thence west 10 poles to the old Coffey line, thence North 100 poles to Elihu Green's corner, thence east 100 poles to a stake in said Green's line thence south with said Green's and Ervin Triplett's line 38 poles to a chestnut Ervin Triplett's corner, thence east 35 poles to a stake the north west corner of the Jacob Cook grant thence south 80 poles to a chestnut a corner of said grant thence west 20 poles to the beginning. Said land will be sold to satisfy a debt of forty seven dollars and twenty two cents with interest and cost of sale. This December 16th 1903.

C. J. Cottrell  
Mortgagee.

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[ESTABLISHED BY THE N. C. LEGISLATURE, 1903.]

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- Methods of teaching and school management will be emphasized.
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- Board and Tuition very reasonable.
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THE SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY,  
BOONE, N. C.

12-3 1903.

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