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In a few days we will open the most desirable line of suitable gifts ever shown in Marion—Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Novelties, Fine China, Lamps, Art Goods, Books, Christmas Cards, Etc. A stock full in Quality, Variety, Beauty, and Good Taste. Scores of the nicest presents imaginable for old and young. All at Popular Prices.

JAS. B. SWINDELL, Jeweler.

The Messenger.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1897.

LOCAL NEWS.

We hear rumors of mistletoe and marriage bells.
Our advertisers who handle holiday goods are on the hustle.
See the change in W. H. Disaway's ad, which appears on the second page.

Remember the services in the Episcopal church on Christmas day at 10:30 a. m.

Considering the unpleasant weather of Monday, quite a number of people were here at court.

See the new ad of another of our hustlers, McCall & Conley. They are not to be outdistanced.

In another place in this issue note the advertisement of Dr. M. Sugarman, of New York, eye specialist.

On Friday, December 24th, the Marion Institute will close for the Christmas holidays, reopening on January 3, 1898. Tempus fugit.

Beginning with this week, we will give an outline, as space will permit, of the Sabbath morning sermons of the pastor of the community.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet at Mrs. Ella Greenlee's on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Charlie M. Bobbitt, a clerk for the Southern freight depot here, has received an offer at increased wages to fill a like position at Statesville, but he will remain here for awhile at least.

The gross receipts from the refreshments served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at Martin's hall Wednesday night were \$84.75. During the holidays they will render a programme for the organ fund.

The authorities have made the best street crossings that we have yet had—a raised walk of gravel. This being kept sufficiently high seems to solve the problem of convenient, comparatively dry, and safe street crossings.

Mr. S. M. Dugger, pioneer of better roads in the northern part of our county, made a good talk to the public on the subject of better roads in the court house last night. He has done much toward completing the road across the blue ridge, near the "winding stairs." Encourage him in the good work.

Mr. T. A. McCreary, the young man "around the world for \$500 and an Arkansas girl" resumed his strange journey from here on Wednesday, intending to stop at Charleston Christmas, where he will meet the girl, before working his way by water to San Francisco, where again the girl meets him, before the journey is ended at Nesho, Mo., his home. It is a unique test of loyalty, and we trust that no ill winds will befall him.

Mr. G. P. Atchison, of Alexandria, Va., who was one of a party that spent a part of last summer at the Flemming, sent the proprietor, Mr. S. F. E. Gruber, a barrel of oysters in the shell this week. At supper Thursday the editor had an opportunity of hearing practical testimony to the most delicious flavor of these Virginia coast oysters. The oyster parakes of the finest points of Maryland, and at the Flemming it is served at its best.

It is unlawful for "cattle, sheep, hogs, or goats" to run at large within the corporate limits of the town at any time. Any such animal taken up can be redeemed on payment of \$1 and the expense of feeding. If such stock is not redeemed within two days the marshal advertises five days and sells for the charges, and the surplus, if any, goes to the owner of the stock. Provided, that cows may be allowed to run at large from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.

We are informed that fireworks may be exploded from 6 o'clock p. m. on December 24th to midnight on December 25th—24 hours in which to celebrate. Any one shooting fireworks at other explosives within the corporation before or after this period will be liable to indictment. Fireworks within the above prescribed time may be shot parallel with the streets, but it is indictable to shoot them across streets. This is published as a caution to those who would enjoy themselves without violation of an ordinance.

On January 1st Mr. S. F. E. Gruber, of the Flemming Hotel here, will give up the Eagle hotel, retaining the Flemming building, de la bought from Mr. Frank C. Craig, who had bought from Mr. W. F. Craig now Mrs. M. Craig will vacate his rented home January 1st, and it will be arranged and used as a part of the Flemming hotel. The rooms on the lot just bought will be demolished and used for sample rooms, etc. Mr. Gruber is building a stable on the rear end of this Fleming ten rooms of the Fleming being furnished with new suites of oak, cherry, and walnut furniture. Some one, whose name we have not been able to learn, will run the Eagle hotel with January 1st.

An exquisite variety of rings, watch cases, shirt studs and sterling novelties worthy of special mention. See them sure, at Swindell's.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. W. S. Wilson recently took board at Mrs. Neal's.

Mr. Geo. D. Pushee, of Boston, is a guest of Col. and Mrs. Horton at the Flemming.

Rev. R. D. Sherrill has moved into Maj. Young's new house on South Garden street.

Mr. Sam. McCall, of North Cove, has decided to move to Marion in order to send his boys to school.

Mr. E. L. Propst, a real estate man of Charlotte, was here the past week looking at some Marion property.

Mr. Lannie Gaskill, of Salisbury, is visiting at Mr. J. H. Gorman's, and is enjoying himself hunting in our section.

Mr. Pierre, who was foreman at the Marion furniture factory for a month, left for High Point the first of the week.

Messrs. Hamby and Elliott, of High Point, recently employed by the Catawba Furniture Co., occupy the G. J. Tate dwelling.

The mother of Dr. G. I. White came from High Point a few days since to spend some weeks with the doctor and his family.

Lawyers W. C. Newland, of Lenoir; M. A. Newland, of Newton; and R. S. McCall, of Asheville, have been in attendance at court this week.

Miss Adaline Hall, of Scranton, Pa., is spending the winter here at the home of Mr. E. H. House. She is a cousin of Mr. Harry Hall, who spent several months here last year.

Mr. J. H. Hemphill, who has been working a force of hands on the North Carolina Midland, from Mooresville to Mocksville, came home recently, and is on the sick list, though he is able to be about town.

Mr. J. W. Kirby's family, consisting of three sons and a daughter, came over from Lenoir this week and are occupying the Yancey house, from which Mr. Justice recently moved. Dr. G. S. Kirby will live with his father.

Dr. B. L. Ashworth, of Hendersonville, will locate in Marion about January 1st, and he and Dr. M. F. Morpheus expect to form a partnership for the practice of their profession. Dr. Ashworth is already well known to many of our people.

Messrs. S. Shelton, of Richmond; W. S. Nash, of Dayton, O.; A. B. Creech, of Richmond; H. S. Williams, of New York; S. L. Smith, of Charlotte; H. G. Ewart, of Hendersonville, and R. S. McCall, of Asheville, were registered at the Flemming Sunday.

Our postmaster, Mr. G. W. Crawford, has agreed to undertake the distribution of the weather forecasts sent from Washington daily, to be forwarded to other postoffices in the county that such information may be of practical benefit to farmers and all concerned. And who does not want to know what the weather is to be? This "Climate and Crop Service" of the Weather Bureau will begin Jan. 1st, 1898, and will be of interest and value. The forecasts will be indicated by flags of different colors and shapes displayed from the top of some high building, the better to be observed by the public.

On Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock Mr. Geo. Turnbull was married to Miss Carrie Anthony at the home of Mr. John V. Turnbull, a brother of the bridegroom. The couple will remain at the home of the bridegroom's father in Marion for awhile. The bride presented a very pretty appearance in cream satin. Her former home was near Bridgewater, Burke county. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. Wm. H. White, of the Presbyterian church. Our congratulations go with the couple for happiness.

Dr. M. Sugarman, Eye Specialist, of New York, will be at the Flemming Hotel Friday, Dec. 17, and remain Saturday and next Monday only. Any weakness of the eyes relieved and defective vision corrected by perfectly fitting glasses. Remember that Dr. Sugarman is well known for his skill of correcting defects of the eyes known as strabismus, which frequently is the main cause of headache. The doctor is endorsed by many prominent citizens of this State. Consultation free.

The Coming Woman
Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for woman. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Beware! Beware! Women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c. per bottle. For sale by G. I. White.

Last Notice.
All debts owed to Martin Brothers and not paid by January 1st, 1898, will be put into the hands of an attorney for immediate collection. Those who neither pay by the above date nor make satisfactory arrangements as to settling the amounts due us, will be published in the press.

Criminal Court of McDowell County.

J. H. Garrison, assault and battery with deadly weapon, \$20 and costs. E. K. Bright, same charge, \$25 and costs. Joe Baker, and Golden Pairs, same charge, failed to appear. Fisher Poteet, same charge, failed to appear. Rich and Chas. McAllister, same charge, failed to appear and instant capias ordered. Doc. Morris, same charge, not guilty. Nat Ray, same charge, two years in county jail or to be hired out to Buncombe county commissioners. J. H. Garrison, same charge, not guilty. Jas. Jimmerson, same charge, judgment continued. J. H. Garrison, same charge, pleads guilty—\$20 and costs.

J. L. Fortune, J. C. Garrison, W. A. B. Garrison, Wm. R. Garrison, C. M. Jimmerson, affray, continued for defendants. Sid. Morrison, same charge, failed to appear. Tom Logan and Edgar McKesson, same charge, \$10 and costs and \$25 and costs. Will Bartlett and H. Stillwell, same charge, Stillwell \$5 and costs, judgment against Bartlett for non appearance. Andy Wilson, same charge, not guilty. Bud Morrison, same charge, pleads guilty and pays costs.

James Kincaid, larceny, not guilty. Bob. Garden, same charge, twelve months in chain gang.

C. M. Jimmerson, rocking horse, failed to appear.

Ed. Turner, carrying concealed weapon, not guilty. Logan Burgin, same charge and assault, pleads guilty and pays \$25 fine and costs. Chas. McKesson, carrying concealed weapon, not guilty.

Calvin Hudgins, trespass, judgment suspended and pays costs.

Bud Elliott, throwing at rail road train, not guilty. Paul Simmons, same charge, continued by absence of State witnesses.

Geo. Seary and Wilson Martin, retailing without license, guilty and pay costs. Wilson Martin, same charge, not guilty.

Calvin Wiseman, fornication and adultery, not guilty.

Francis Jimmerson, disturbing meeting, pleads guilty and pays costs.

John P. Hall, murder, not guilty. The jury was out about four hours. Some expected Hall would be found guilty of manslaughter, but the jury, no doubt, looked at this case in the light of the law and the evidence produced. The jury were H. M. Taylor, W. S. Fyatt, J. J. Davis, Lee Morris, J. L. Mostler, W. F. Craig, C. M. McCall, M. A. Young, J. C. Murphy, Robert McCall, Z. V. Morris, J. C. Finley.

Up to Thursday morning the grand jury brought in twenty-five true bills.

Outline of Sermons Last Sunday.
Rev. R. D. Sherrill, of the Methodist church, took his text from 2d Timothy 3:7—'I have bought a good thing, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, giving a retrospective and prospective view of Paul's life. Paul wrote as he looked backward over his work and life and to the future. He showed his moral nobility, his clear and powerful logic, his zeal and eloquence set on fire by the Holy Spirit, which enabled him to contend faithfully and successfully in the glorious light. He was confident of the crown laid up for him, a crown which awaits all faithful followers of God. The preacher made a strong eulogy on the character, power and work of Paul.

At the Presbyterian church in the morning, Rev. W. H. White's text was from Luke 16:10—'He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. The text proclaims Christian loyalty and faithfulness in obedience to law. As the guard at the sentry box in Pompeii, who stood faithful to the end and was engulfed in ashes and molten lava, so must the Christian be faithful to divine law and be disciplined by it as the soldier by military law. Breaking one law shows a disposition to break others, as being faithful in the least shows a desire to be faithful in all. The true Christian acts and works from love of duty. Be loyal—be cheerful, kind, patient, unselfish and sincere. Encourage and help fellowmen: croakers and harpers are among the evil things. "Love suffereth long, love beareth all things, seeketh not her own, thinketh no evil, loveth never faileth." May God influence us to be loyal to every duty from the least to the greatest.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Luxative Druggo Quinine Tablets. All headaches behind the money if it fails to cure 25 cents.

Santa Clara at W. E. Ratliff's.
Candies to tickle the taste. Candies soft and hard, loose and in sealed packages, in sticks and in all shapes, in prices from penny goods up to fine French candies.

Fresh Fruits—Bananas, lemons, oranges, raisins, figs and dates.

Do you aim to bake a cake? I have theotron and other fruits.

Nuts, all kinds, easy to crack, fresh and sweet.

Delicious dried California peaches, prunes, pears and apricots.

Examine the different kinds of pickles, jellies, etc., in the show windows.

Fancy and family groceries for the table and larder. Shall be pleased to show you goods and give you prices.

Yours for a pleasant Xmas,
W. B. RATLIFF.

EVERETT'S SAYS SO.
Cascara candy cathartic, the most scientific medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, not gritty and nauseous, does not irritate the bowels. Cleansing the entire system, dissolves colic, cure headache, neuralgia, indigestion, constipation and biliousness. Price 10c. per box of 10 c. c. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents, and sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

The Grand Jury.

Following is the grand jury of McDowell county:
Foreman, T. G. Lytle; A. K. Weaver, J. A. Mason, C. C. Bradley, A. G. Gray, Ed. English, A. J. Ledbetter, J. W. Bradley, Horace Crawley, W. W. Bailey, R. L. Simmons, J. W. Noblitt, Wm. Queen, T. J. Barnes, T. J. Flemming, T. C. Dickson, W. C. Nesbitt, Levi Arrowood.

Bethel News.

Correspondence of The Messenger.
We are sorry to hear that A. P. Burgin was accidentally hurt on Friday last. He was thrown from the train on which he was flag man.

Jacob Lyda and wife are visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood.

Allen Burgin and Thomas Byrd have a shingle machine at the head of Crooked creek, and can now supply their neighbors with shingles.

Misses Sallie and Annie Lytle were at C. S. Burgin's Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mollie Gilliam and Miss Cora Burgin went to Marion last week.

W. W. Clark has moved into his new house.

Some of our farmers are already beginning to farm. They think they will not wait for the new year to come in.—[Good plan.—Ed.]

Prof. A. C. Tate is teaching the public school at Belfoot.

We intend having an entertainment at this place Christmas. We have a wideawake superintendent, and hope to have a nice time.

A Sure Thing for You.
A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, tired tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Casson's Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try it today. The C. C. C. Sample and booklet free at all druggists.

In making your Christmas purchases don't overlook the fine china and lamp goods at Swindell's.

Fresh fruits, family groceries and confections at Battle & Co's.

Do you want to be warmly and well dressed for the winter? At McCurry's great cost sale of Men's and Boys' ready-made clothing is the place to satisfy your wants.

A little cash buys a suit at McCurry's at wholesale cost.

Do You Want to Build?
Twenty thousand feet of celled lumber for sale cheap by the Marion Furniture Company. This is second grade, but good lumber for building fences, barns and out-houses. Description: Scafling 2x4, and plank from 1x6 up to 1x12. Call at the office of the Company, near Southern Railway depot. nov26-4t.

J. H. GORMAN,
Graduate Watchmaker and Optician.

Aspecially made of the very finest watch repairing and adjusting.

Spectacles scientifically fitted and a fit guaranteed.

HIGH ART ENGRAVING
Yours to please.

J. H. GORMAN,
Leading Jeweler.

Hello, There!

We extend to one and all a cordial invitation to visit our display of New and Beautiful Holiday Goods, especially selected with a new to meeting all the requirements of the gift makers of this locality. Our magnificent stock includes innumerable attractions perfectly adapted to meet the requirements of people who are in search of gifts for old and young, expensive or inexpensive. In fact,

NOW IS THE TIME . . . AND THIS IS THE PLACE

to get just what you want and just what will please the person you desire to remember. THE PRICES ARE RIGHT on every single article in this entire stock and we will satisfy you in this respect as you were never satisfied before. Be sure to call and see our goods.

Besides Xmas Goods

we have a full line of Glassware, Crockery, Tinware, Buckets, Brooms, Dry Goods, Jewelry, and a new line of Lamps just in, suitable for the Kitchen, Dining Room or Parlor; also, the BEST BLACK STOCKINGS you ever had a chance to buy for only 10 cents a pair.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM.

Those Turkish Bath Towels, nearly 60 inches long, and only 12 1/2c each. EXTRA SPECIAL! An 18 piece Decorated Tea Set for only \$1.15. Don't fail to see this, as I have only 29 sets left.

Do not fail to call and see our goods and get out prices.

Thomas Mead,
VARIETY STORE. MARION, S. C.

At
G. I. WHITE'S
THE DRUGGIST.

THE largest lot of fine candies ever opened in Marion. Sealed packages from 5 cents to \$1.50—something extremely nice. Chocolates, Bonbons, etc., from 25 to 40 cents; also a fine lot of Penny Goods to suit the little folks. Crystallized Fruits of all kinds, Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Figs, Raisins, Nuts, etc.

FIREWORKS.—The best assortment in town. Crackers, Candles and Rockets, all sizes; Pin Wheels, Spinning Jennies, Spit Devices, Torpedoes, large and small; Wind Mills, and the latest thing out—The Aero-bat.

PERFUMERY, Toilet Articles, and nice presents for the young ladies, or as the boys say, "for their girl." So when you come to town don't be the first place you go into, but look around.

SAY! don't be scared off by that "old gag" about drug-store prices, but come and see for yourselves.

"What You Gwine . . . To Give Me for Crismuss?"

"Nuffin!" "What! Ye ain't? Den I go to McCALL & CONLEY's an' buy me somethin' cheap.

Yes, that is the place to find what you want at prices to make gladder the holidays. Treat your friend or yourself to something useful and neat in Neckwear, Headwear, Footwear, Pocket Goods, Clothing, Overcoats, Cloaks, Shawls, Macintoshes, Dress Goods, etc.

Close the old and begin the new year by calling on us. Thanking you for past trade, we are yours for more.

McCALL & CONLEY.

Come and Coming! What?

HARDWARE FOR FARMERS BUILDERS AND MILL MEN

Piping, Unions, Reducers, T's, L's, Bushing, Globe Valves, Check Valves, Rubber Packing, Hemp Packing, Abestos Packing, Nails, Stove Piping, Stoves, Rubber Belting, Builders' Hardware, Bolts, Locks, Hinges, Tools of all kinds, Saddles, Harness, Whips, Halters, Check Lines, Bridles, White and Red Sole Leather, Harness Leather, and, in fact, everything usually kept in a First Class Hardware Store, from a paper of tacks to whatever else you may want.

All are cordially invited to come and examine our stock.

....YOURS TO PLEASE....

Marion :: Hardware :: Company,
J. G. NICHOLS & BRO.'S OLD STAND, "YELLOW FRONT,"
Marion, - - - - - N. C.

SOMETHING NEW JUST OPENED.

A T E L. GASTON'S are some beautiful designs in the Dress Goods Department. It will pay you before purchasing elsewhere to examine his Broadcloths, Dress Flannels, Cassimeres, Plaids, and Woolen Goods of all kinds. He can furnish you also Something New in the way of Skirt Binding, called

"BRUSH-BRAID."

I also have the Latest Thing in Dress Trimmings.

I especially invite you to see my Thorough and Complete Stock of Clothing.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,
.... E. L. Gaston.

If Dysart Sells It

You May Know It is Good and Not Too High. * * *

DO YOU WANT TO DRESS WELL?

Then see our new line of Fall and Winter Goods. Tamis cloth for evening dresses, Irish dress linen, lawns, plads, silks for any purpose, calicoes, dotted swiss and trimmings; general line of Gentlemen's Negligee Shirts.

Also, Shoes (the Douglas Shoes), Hardware, Farming Implements, Harness Goods and Saddles, Lime and Cement, and Groceries.

J. S. DYSART,
Marion, N. C., March 22, 1897.-t f.

Too busy to write advertisements
—just follow the crowds to

BLANTON'S BIG BARGAIN HOUSE

and you'll be treated well. Fresh Goods arriving daily. New lot of Capes just in.

Respectfully,
... A. BLANTON.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Just received, and a full line, too. Beautiful, High Art Silverware, Teasets, Bonbons, Desert Sets, Cake Baskets, and other articles to numerous to mention. Fine Jewelry of every description, and all will be sold

AT BARGAIN PRICES

The most beautiful and only complete line that has ever been seen in Marion. Every Article Fully Guaranteed. All Goods sold will be Engraved Free of Charge. Yours for trade,

J. H. GORMAN, Leading Jeweler.

"A MAN MUST EAT TO LIVE."

AND HE WANTS HIS FANCY AND FAMILY GROCERIES GOOD AND FRESH.

WE HAVE on hand a fresh stock of such goods, with all kinds of Plain and Fancy Candies and other Confections. We shall keep on sale a supply of fresh home fruits; also, foreign fruits, such as Lemons, Oranges and Figs. Selected Mixed Nuts. The best brands of Flour sold. We offer the best Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobaccos. Goods exchanged for Eggs, Butter, etc. Our motto is "Quick Sales and Small Profits. Call and see our stock.

MOST RESPECTFULLY,
Battle & Co.,
MIDDLE OF SEIGLE BLOCK.

\$1,200 Worth of Clothing at Cost FOR CASH.

DESIRING to close out my entire stock of ready-made clothing, to devote my attention to other lines, I have decided to offer, for cash, my large stock of Clothing at Cost. I mean what I say, and nothing else. To show the reduction made, I quote prices on goods:

Suits, formerly \$14 00; now \$12 50
Suits, formerly 12 00; now 9 00
Suits, formerly 10 00; now 8 50
Suits, formerly 9 00; now 7 00
Suits, formerly 6 00; now 4 50
Suits, formerly 3 00; now 2 25

Boys' suits, formerly \$1 25; now 85 cts
Boys' suits, formerly 2 25; now \$1 75
Boys' suits, formerly 3 00; now 2 25

These are only a few of the figures. Come and see for yourself. I propose to do what I say. Be sure to see me before buying.

Mrs. J. C. McCurry.

The Latch String Out.

It is well said that manners make the man, but the more solid ingredient of character is also necessary to a true type of manhood. If a man has these both, and also has the good sense to dress well he will find the "latching string" for him all over the world.

FOR REALLY CORRECT DRESS
In Material, Style, Fit, Finish, and Gentlemanly effect, you should order your tailoring of

M. BORN & CO.,
The Great Chicago Merchant Tailors

For over 20 Years the Leaders in the Custom Trade. You can get a "BORN" Suit or Overcoat for less money than is usually paid for inferior goods and tailoring.

FIT AND FINISH GUARANTEED.
Three Hundred Choice Samples to Select From.

CALL ON
J. Q. GILKEY, Agent.