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LOCAL NEWS.

—The hogs must go.

—Remarkably cool weather for May.

—Rather cool for those pit flowers, ladies.

—Prof. Francum's school in Boone, is progressing nicely.

—Our old friend, Jeremiah Green, of Meet Camp, is very sick.

—Commissioners court was in session Monday and Tuesday of this week.

—For dry goods, groceries, or any thing you need, call on S. F. Lenoir & Co.

—Mr. T. Fin Coffey has returned from a visit to relatives in Tenn.

—My prices are as reasonable as can be found in the county. W. L. Bryan.

—Comodore Clark was again triumphantly elected mayor of Blowing Rock on last Monday. Good choice.

—Send us all the items of news from different parts of the county. Don't beso backward.

—All the school teachers should attend the Teacher's Institute, commencing next Monday in Boone.

—Capt. B. R. Brown, of Johnson county, was in town this week. He reports wheat injured by the frost.

—Thos. H. Sutherland, of North Fork, was in town this week. He is one of our most successful stock traders.

—Mr. John F. Hardin has built within the past few weeks near 500 pannels of fence around his wood-land east of Boone.

—Our town is in need of a good pound lot, in which to imprison trespassing stock. Let us attend to this soon, for we are sure to need it in the near future.

—One of our foremost merchants, Mr. Bryan, is preparing to build an extensive store house on the old Horton lot. This will improve the locality very much.

—The Progressive Student, published at Lenoir, by Prof. Marshall, has made its appearance in our office. It is a bright, newsy little sheet and reflects much credit on the Professor.

—Wanted!—Fifteen colored hands at \$1.25 per day to work on 3Cs railroad near Johnson City. Good shacks and wood furnished. To make contract call on J. W. Hodges, Bamboo N. C.

—Our office boy, Arthur Sherwood, who has been at home for some time on the sick list, has returned, bright and new. He is one of the brightest boys we know of, and we are truly glad to see him again able to resume his work.

—The law requires all the magistrates in the county to meet at the court house on the first Monday in June. Do not forget this, for there is important business to be transacted.

—The town election went off quietly here Monday. Our popular Mayor, W. C. Coffey, was re-elected without any opposition. The following commissioners were elected; W. L. Bryan, J. F. Spainhour and R. C. Rivers.

—We are requested to say to the Confederate soldiers of this section that it is desired for as many of them as can, to meet at the court house, on the first Monday in June, in order to arrange matters in regard to the reunion at Blowing Rock, in August next.

—Attorneys Council and Blackburn have returned from Mitchell and Yancy counties. It is probable that both of them will be nominated by their respective parties for Solicitor, and then they will spread themselves before their constituents for the mastery.

—This summer and fall will be a hot time among the politicians. Great drops of sweat will be shed for our good and the good of the country, and the dear people will be complimented again until after the election. Then all of you take care of yourselves boys.

—Strayed or stolen. On, or about the 30 of April, one gray mule with black stripes across the shoulders and along its back, two years old this spring. Said mule was taken from Joseph Hayes' pasture in this county. Any person returning said mule, will be liberally compensated for time and trouble. James Smith, Boone, N. C.

—For the protection of our fences, and more especially for the purpose of keeping stock from being hitched on the side-walks, let us put a lot of racks on some convenient plot of ground near the public square. This wouldn't be an extensive job, but is one that we are badly in need of.

—The DEMOCRAT extends most hearty congratulations and best wishes, to Mr. Newton Mast and his fair young bride. May their lives be bright, peaceful and happy. May auspicious winds blow gently round them as they journey through the complicated labyrinth of time, and may their last days be their happiest.

—All persons in and around Boone, who propose to help in the way of cash subscription or otherwise, to extend the telegraph line from Blowing Rock to Boone, will meet in Bryan's Hotel on Friday evening. Friends, we have put this off long enough. Now spring is here, let us put it into effect as soon as we can.

—The rail-road tax of \$50,000 carried by a large majority in Johnson county, Tenn. It is claimed that the road will soon be built from Bristol, Tenn., via. Elizabethton and up the Watauga river to the mouth of Roans creek to Mountain City. Thirty-five thousand dollars worth of timber and mineral lands were sold there in one day. Our neighbor county is on a high boom.

—If you spit up phlegm, and are troubled with a hacking cough, use Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar Wine Lung Balm.

Mast, N. C.
April 5, 1890.

To the Democrat:
It is with pain that we chronicle the death of brother Lancel Deal, who died on the night of April the 4th. His disease was dropsy, from which, he had suffered intensely for some time. He made a profession of faith in Christ during his illness and was received into the Methodist Church by the writer. May the good Lord bless the bereft family.

Married, on the evening of the 1st inst. at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. N. Mast to Miss Addie Horton, both of this county. Rev. George Osborn officiating. May their lives be one of happiness and success. So mote it be, amen.

G. W. OSBORN.

Shull's Mills, N. C.,
April 30, 1890.

To the Democrat:
A few words from this section are now in order, if any objections, let the objector speak, if not the letter stands approved.

The farmers of this vicinity are "getting a move on" plowing for corn, sowing oats, grass seed, etc.

The wheat and rye are looking well, and the stock is now beginning to pick the tender grass of the fields.

The happiest part of the year has almost come. When Nature puts on her lovely robe of green, and the wild flowers fill the air with sweet perfume, and the wild birds, with all their melodious songs are enough to make anybody happy.

The Church at Shull's Mills has elected Rev. Abe Church as their pastor for the next year. The church has also organized a Sunday school at this place which is a great blessing to any community, when rightly conducted.

Young men and young ladies, if you wish to be bright and shining lights in the world, and be bright jewels, attend Sunday school.

Fishing for trout is the pleasure of the day. Little Walter Shull caught one a few days since 14½ in. in length. The citizens here are getting a little uneasy for fear the visitors will catch them all.

Shull & Mast have opened a store at the old Robbins stand. More anon, A. M.

JEFFERSON NEWS.

For the Democrat:
Fine weather, and lots of work going on. There are some improvements being made in our little town. Capt. Todd is having an addition built to his house.

We are glad to say that Mrs. M. E. Lawrence is improving, and hope she may be seen on the streets again soon.

Mr. J. D. Thomas attended Mr. Hamp Horton's wedding at Wilkesboro last week. Ashe county is not going to let the adjoining counties get ahead of her in the way of bridges, as we are soon to have a \$500 one built across New river, at the Wither- spoon ford, which will be our most direct route to Wilkesboro, and will be our nearest depot when the Wilkesboro extension is completed.

La Grippe is still raging, but has become "too common" to be romantic, therefore I will make no mention of it only in serious cases, of

which, we have none at present. May the DEMOCRAT live a long life. Z. Y. X.

LINVILLE LETTER.

May, 1st.

To the Democrat:
We had a serious accident here on Thursday evening last. J. Bart Johnson, our new merchant, gave his wife a dose of morphine instead of quinine, in sufficient quantity to have killed her beyond a peradventure, had not medical aid came immediately to her relief. It was a very fortunate circumstance that Dr. Teal was close at hand, and he was called in. He administered an antidote, and caused her to be exercised by walking till the effects of the poison were dissipated. It was an exceedingly narrow escape from death.

Specifications are now out asking for bids for the building of our new school house.

Mr. Guin Church is getting a "good ready" for making brick. He is fixing things for a permanent yard, and is going to have everything finished for convenient use before he grinds the mud. His brother, A. S. Church, is the proprietor, while Guin is the master workman.

The centre of town is being smoothed and beautified. All the trees in the forest were cut down, not even leaving a bush, so now lot owners can set out trees and shrubs to suit themselves. After awhile we will have a beautiful village in this respect.

To-day is "May-day," and a pleasant one it is—the most pleasant I have seen here. In merry New England, in days gone by, this day has been celebrated as a children's pleasure spell, but in the latter years the idea has been enlarged in this country to a tree planting day, and in that respect is worthy of commemoration. I could write a prolix disquisition on this subject, but will content myself by remarking that we should not, by any means denude our mountains and hills of the primeval forests without substituting other trees. Fruit trees are a thousand times more valuable than none. But I must desist.

Friday, May the 2nd.
This afternoon a severe rain and hail storm fell here, and in all the country round about. On the mountains the hail remained on the ground till dark, and probably it may be seen tomorrow morning.

Monday, May 5th.
The Company have commenced to clean off Burnett and Lenoir parks. The place is undergoing a complete renovation.

Died, this morning, at about three o'clock, Mrs. Jane, relict of the late James A. Gragg, who deceased on the 22nd day of last March. Intelligence came here on Saturday that Mrs. Gragg was dying, and word was sent to her relatives in Caldwell county to attend her funeral, yet she lingered till this morning. She was buried this afternoon. Mrs. Gragg leaves 8 children and a helpless father, who is afflicted with rheumatism. She was the daughter of Samuel and Rachel Franklin, whose residence was near Crossnore, in this county. Mr. Gragg died of typhoid fever, and at the time of his death three of the

children were down with it. They are now well. Mrs. Gragg died of the same disease. Her age was 41 years. J. S. W.

When you are constipated with loss appetite, headache, take one of Dr. J. H. McLean's little liver and kidney pills. They are pleasant to take and will cure you. 25 cents a vial.

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WE ARE NOW
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FIRST ENSTALLMENT OF

Spring and Summer Goods,

and cordially invite the public generally to examine the same before buying. We have a splendid line of Dress goods such as

Worstedes,
Cashmeres,
Ginghams,
Lawns,
Muslins etc. etc.

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The NICEST LINE EVER SHOWN at Blowing Rock, both trimmed and untrimmed. Shoes, Hosiery, Notions, Staple and fancy Groceries, Hardware & etc. In short our stock is

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H. C. MARTIN & CO.
April 1st 1890.

C. D. TAYLOR

Valle Crucis N. C.

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HARDWARE.

in the greatest abundance, such as hoes, plows, clevises, grass rods, head bolts, horse shoes and nails. Table cutlery, hinges, hammers, files, rim knot axes, butts and screws. Coffin goods, silver-mounted handles, screws hinges and ornaments. A very fine lot of

QUEENS-WARE

Gold band china, teas and plates, bowles and pitchers, glass-ware, lamps etc. GROCERIES. Extra C sugar 12 lbs for \$1. Golden drip syrup, rice and spices. Oils, tanner's and engine; turpentine. Just received 500 gallons stone-ware, crocks, churns, jars jugs etc. Give me a call. Resp. C. D. TAYLOR.

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In cases of fever and ague, the blood is affected, though not so dangerously poisoned by the effluvium of the atmosphere as it could be by the deadliest poison. Dr. J. H. McLean's Chills and Fever Cure will eradicate this poison from the system. 50 cents a bottle.

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General Merchandise,

Consisting, in part, of Boots, Shoes, Dress Goods, Notions, Hardware, Tinware, Groceries, Coffees, Sugars, Tea, Rice, Cigars, Cigarettes, etc.

Drugs & Medicines

in good variety. Also take all kinds of

ROOTS

—AND—

HERBS,

And country produce in exchange for goods. Gent's furnishing goods, such as, dress shirts, (both laundried and unlaundried.) Collars, Cuffs, Slips, and in fact, almost anything needed in that line.

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Ready-Made Clothing from 8 to 25 dollars per suit. We handle only first class goods, and will guarantee prices as low as any other merchant who handles the same grade of goods.

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Goods at almost your own price. I run in connection with my other business, a

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which we think is equal to any in the county, and we guarantee our prices as low as any in the

COUNTY.

Also furnish transportation to parties wanting the same with a safe driver and with as good a turnout as can be found in the county. For the next

60 DAYS

We will make special prices, for cash, on all goods. Returning our thanks for past patronage we will, as heretofore, still continue to furnish you good goods and at as low prices as can be found. Truly yours,

W. L. Bryan.