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**LOCAL NEWS.**

—"Fret not, but trust."  
—Local news hard to get.  
—Great snow-storms in many of the western states.  
—Horse trading is lively, this cold weather.  
—There are 231 preachers in the North Carolina Conference.  
—Just received a nice line of shawls, jerseys and wraps at Bryan's.  
—Mr. G. W. Council is buying up a lot of horses, for the market.  
—Vance nominated for Senator by acclamation on the 12th. Great enthusiasm.  
—Mr. W. L. Bryan is attending Newton court this week.  
—Attorney Spainhour left last Monday for Salisbury and High Point, N. C.  
—Yesterday morning was perhaps the coldest we have had this winter.  
—Call on Bryan if you are in need of anything in the line of gentlemen's neck-wear  
—Mr. James Winkler now occupies his handsome new residence, one mile east of Boone.  
—We are truly sorry to hear of the severe illness of Mrs. Maggie Boyden of Salisbury.  
—Rev. Mr. Gibson filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Church, in Boone, last Sunday.  
—An Edgcombe, farmer shipped over a thousand barrels of Irish potatoes from fifteen acres  
—James H. Taylor, Esq., of Meat Camp, threshed sixty bushels of white beans one day last week.  
—Many bills have been introduced in the legislature already. Some to repeal, and others to make new laws.  
—Ice on Silver lake at Estes' is thought to be eight or nine inches thick. No ice famine this year.  
—Jeter Pritchard made a speech in the legislature, endorsing the McKinley bill. Skinner replied and 'skinned' Jeter.  
—The old year left us wrapped in an immaculate shroud. She now lies buried in the mighty sarcophagus of the past.  
—The Methodists of the Co. are much pleased with their new pastor Rev. Mr. Gipson. We hope him a prosperous year in Watauga.  
—The Messrs Marion, two of Surry County's prominent citizens, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Capt. Lovill. They did as most visitors to the mountains do, they added one more name to our books and another dollar to our coffers.

—The wind has been out "on a glee" for the past few days. It succeeded in tearing down a part of the strong stockade around the jail.

—Ed. Vannoy is now in our office as telegraph operator. The office will be open for business from 9, a. m., until 5, p. m., (Sundays excepted.)

—The *Citizen* published at Jefferson fails to reach us. Has it taken our name from the exchange list, or has it suspended? The latter we presume.

—Rev. E. F. Jones is conducting a series of meetings at Zionville. So far as we know, he will fill his regular monthly appointment in Boone next Sunday.

—W. R. Lovill and wife leave for Southerland this week. Will has bought two splendid sorrel horses, two years old each. They are said to be the finest in the Co.

—Mr. Bolick who married Anderson Greene's daughter, and son of Marcus Bolick' died of typhoid fever last Monday night, leaving a wife and some children. We extend our sympathies.

—S. F. Lenoir & Co. are now offering their winter clothing, boots, blankets, under-shirts, gloves and flannels, at prices that will sell them. Call on them if you want a bargain in any of the above.

—Capt. T. J. Coffey started last Monday for Sumpter, South Carolina, with a fine drove of horses and mules. He will join T. Fin. Coffey who has been in the South for several weeks. We hope them abundant success.

—The legislature, has passed a resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives, in Congress, to vote for the resolutions, passed by the Farmers Alliance at Ocala, Florida. The republicans voted against it in the House.

—Sir Walter Parks who has been in Nevada, arrived in Boone a few days ago. He looks well and hearty, and is in his same jovial mood. It is believed that there are some feminine attractions that brought him back to Watauga.

—We failed last week to record the marriage of Mr. John Hagaman, of Marion, to Miss Polly Adams, of Brushy Fork. They were married at the residence of Mr. John Bendfield, on the 28th of Dec., and started at once for their future home in Marion, N. C.

—One of our cash subscribers took his name from our books this week because of a typo we had in our office for a few days past. How sad for a boy so young to have such enemies, but such is his sad case, and all caused by his bad conduct.

—I. W. Thomas is just back from filling his appointments at Lenoir and Lower Creek, and says the weather in Caldwell is mild compared with Watauga weather. Mr. Thomas is much pleased with his work and people in Caldwell. The good people of Lenoir, last Monday, gave him \$19.00 to buy a bell for his church in Lenoir.

—A plucky young couple, Calvin Shell, aged 18 years, and Miss Yates, of Wilkes, aged 13 years, were married under rather unfavorable circumstances a few days ago. Calvin went to Wilkes, stole

his girl, came here and applied for license, which were refused on the account of their age. Cal. being of a persevering disposition, continued his march through mud and ice to sweet Tenn., where they were made man and wife.

—A fearful homicide, a few days ago, took place on North Fork, near Tracy Post Office in this county. Cicero Thomas had just returned from the west, and stabbed his brother Jack through the right lung upon first sight. Jack lived about 36 hours. They were both sons of Jos. Thomas. Neither was drinking. Family troubles are said to have been the cause. Cicero has not been arrested as yet, and makes no effort to get out of the way, but talks freely to any one about the matter. Both men are said to be good citizens. We regret very much to have to chronicle these sad occurrences, but such is the effects of poor, fallen, human nature.

**YOUR HOME PAPER.**

Did you ever think what a friend you have in your home paper? If not let's consider it for a brief space of time and see if it doesn't prove itself to be one of your very best friends. It comes to you once a week in the form of a long friendly letter. It gives you all the news relative to your own, as well as the surrounding counties. When prosperity smiles on you who rejoices with you and gladly gives it publicity? Your home paper. When unbidden Death with noiseless tread, enters your home, and takes perhaps the fairest flower, who sympathizes deeply with you in your bereavement, and speaks of the virtues of the dead in tenderest strains? Your home paper. Your paper hears the wedding bells often, before they ring and because it can't keep a secret, prematurely tells it.

When your fields are yellow with magnificent crops of ripening grain and your cribs are bursting with superfluous quantities of corn, and your meadows dotted with haystacks, standing like sentinels, and your barns are filled with fat horses and your hill-sides, covered with sleek cattle and sheep; for sale, to whom do you hasten with the tidings but to the manager of your home paper? He gives publicity to it, and you soon find purchasers for your extra supplies.

Your home paper gives you in a condensed form, the most important current events of the day, both political and financial. It tells you who of our merchants will sell you the best and the cheapest goods for the least money, and it tells you where you can get the highest price for your produce. Yes we think that you see that your home paper is one of your best friends, and we think it is the duty of each and every one to help sustain an enterprise that is for the good, of each and every one.

**SUBSCRIBER.**

The best anodyne and expectorant for the cure of colds and coughs and all throat, lung and bronchial troubles, is, undoubtedly Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Ask your druggist for it, and at the same time, for Ayer's Almanac, which is free to all.

**LINVILLE ITEMS.**

JANUARY, 9.—In your issue of the 8th, you ask: "What has become of our Linville quill-driver?" I sent you last week a communication concerning Christmas affairs here, which I fear has miscarried.

Yesterday Mr. Ricksecker filled his icehouse to the brim with nice, clear, and consequently, clean ice. He has enough now stored for next summer's consumption.

We are looking for the return of Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Linville Improvement Co., who has been absent since before Christmas.

Mrs. John P. Robbins is about to give up the keeping of the Linville Inn.

The weather has been unpropitious for work on the roads; but work will be resumed so soon as it moderates.

Snow has been gently falling since before seven o'clock and continues at 10, a. m., with a likelihood of coming all day. J. S. W.

The Watauga Sunday-school Association met at Hensons Chapel Dec 7th 1890, and organized by electing the following officers, to wit, I. W. Thomas Pres. and Tho. Bingham Sec. Vice President's were elected in each of the townships of Watauga as follows: Boone, J. F. Spainhour; Beaver Dam, C. S. Farthing; Blowing Rock, Wm. M. Morris; Blue Ridge, Rev. James Matney; Ball Mountain, W. H. McGuire; Cove Creek, N. L. Mast; Elk, Rily Hodges; Meat Camp, M. B. Blackburn; Laurel Creek, James Greer; Shawnehaw, William Vuncannon; Stony Fork, H. E. Greene; Watauga, Finley Mast. J. J. T. Reece Rev. G. W. Osborn and J. E. Finley elected Ex. Com. of the county. Tho. Bingham.

**The Electric Railway.**

We promised our readers last week to say something about the proposed electric rail-way between here and Asheville. It has been impossible for us to gain much information in regard to it further than being assured by parties interested that it certainly would be built, and that work would begin as soon as the charter can be procured through the Legislature. There is no doubt but the line will be constructed, as the men at the head of the enterprise are men of ability and ample capital to build it. A gentleman who is connected with the enterprise has been in the North negotiating for the plant &c., which it is proposed to run by water power furnished from Broad river, at a point about two miles above Chimney Rock. The line is to be built and equipped within 2 years.—*Rutherford Banner.*

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Mind wandering cured. Books learned in one reading. Testimonials from all parts of the globe. Prospectus sent free. Send an application to Prof. A. Waterbury, 27 Fifth Ave., New York.

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**ON TOP!**

We propose to make it to your interest to trade with us, and in so doing, we give you some articles that are contained in our

**ENORMOUS STOCK**

on which we propose to give you unequalled

**BARGAINS**

**BOOTS & SHOES.**

**550 pairs Boots and Shoes.**

In this line we can fit and suit all. The very best values at panic prices. See our line before buying.

**Dry Goods.**

Four thousand, five hundred yards of DRY GOODS. Here you will find the latest styles and best qualities at un-heard-of prices.

**Groceries! Groceries!!**

In this branch we carry a FRESH STOCK, both staple and fancy at prices lower than the bottom notch.

**Hats, Hats.**

A nice lot at the very lowest prices. We can fit any body. Call and examine our stock before buying elsewhere.

**Jeans! JEANS!! JEANS!!!**  
We have the largest stock in town, which will be sold at special low prices.

**Clothing.**

This department is complete. We can fit the tall, the short, the lean, and the fat.

**BOYS CLOTHING!**

A nice lot which will be sold at a very low figure.

**Gent's Furnishing**

Goods, Shirts, Drawers, Collars, Cuffs, Underwear, Gloves, Hose, Handkerchiefs, Cravats, &c. Can suit all in this department.

In connection with my other business I run a

**Hotel and Feed STABLE,**

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

Thanking my customers for past favors, I remain

Very Respectfully,

**W. L. Bryan.**

**1890!**

With its ups and downs is slowly, but surely, waning and as it closes we wish to thank our many customers for their very liberal patronage, and quote to them some of our leading articles, with the promise that during the remainder of the present year we will give you goods as cheap as can be bought on the Southern Markets, and for the year

**1891**

We promise, as in the past by

**Fair Dealings,**

To merit a liberal share of the patronage of our customers in

**Watauga**

And adjoining counties.

**TO MERCHANTS.**

We wish to call your especial attention to our enormous stock

**—OF—**

**HARDWARE.**

You can save money by giving us your order for nails, tyre and rolled iron, chains, and, in fact, anything in this line, as we buy them in large lots direct from the manufactures.

**DRY GOODS.**

Consisting of Flannel Suiting, Trecott Flannels, Plaid Flannels, Saxony prints, Gingham, etc., etc. Ladie's Dress, in Henrieta Cloth from 25 cts to one dollar per yard. All kinds of laces in Vandike points, etc. Shawls and ladie's coats in the latest styles. Large stock of satin and gros-grain ribbon, table linen and oil-cloth.

**Groceries.**

Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Oat-meal, Pickles, Bacon, Lard, Salt, Flour, Pepper, Spice, in the greatest abundance, and at prices that will surprise you.

**BOOTS & SHOES.**

In Foot-wear, we almost defy competition, as our stock was purchased before the advance in prices. We wish to call especial attention to our Tap-sole, Flesh-split boot, that we claim cannot be beaten in the United States. We also carry a large and well selected stock of rubber goods, in the latest and most comfortable styles.

**CLOTHING.**

Come and examine our new and elegant line of Ready-made Clothing which was carefully selected as to style, fabric, make and finish, and you are sure to find anything you need, and as cheap as the cheapest. We can fit you in any suit from the smallest boy to the 250 pounder.

**Gent's Furnishing Goods.**

In endless varieties, such as Outing-shirts, Dress-shirts, Under-wear, Collars, Cuffs, Cravats, Hose, Hats, caps, Handkerchiefs, Gloves &c.

We cannot be turned down in this line for style or quality.

Thanking our friends for a liberal patronage in the past and hoping to merit a larger share in the future, we are most Respectfully,

**JONES & VANCE.**

ELK PARK, Nov., 17, '90.

N. B. All orders by mail shall receive prompt attention. J. & V.