

# The Watauga Democrat,

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Mr. Cleveland has thrown a bomb into the camps of democracy all over the country, by his opposition to the free coinage silver bill. The country was not prepared for this, for the democrats and some of the western republicans were struggling in Congress to have this bill passed the present session, and it is claimed that Mr. Cleveland's letter has greatly obstructed the prospects of the bill. He may be right in his views. There was not a doubt but he would have received the nomination of the democratic party for President in '92, and his election was almost assured, but now the matter stands in great doubt and it is very probable that he will be eliminated from the race. Mr. Cleveland must have known the effect of his letter, and it looks like he was in the same strain of mind that the immortal Clay was in when he declared he "would rather be right than President." It is hard to tell what changes may come over the minds of the American people on the silver question in the next eighteen months, as the country is now very much divided on this financial question. This division is not confined to any particular party, but the alliance-men are demanding the free coinage of silver; especially in the western states. Many of the democrats in Congress have advocated this measure in the present session, and are committed to it in the strongest possible way. It is an issue in North Carolina, and favored by the democrats and alliance-men alike. But if Cleveland has, by his letter, placed himself out of the presidential race, the democrats have many good, available men for the presidency: Byard, Carlisle, Gorman, Pattison, Morrison, Campbell and others would make available candidates.

We have been for Cleveland against the world, and are still anxious to see him in the White House again, but we must not run a man with clogs on. We have no fears but that everything will work out satisfactory and that some good democrat will be elected in 1892.

It is gratifying to read of the efficient labors of Charles McKesson of Morganton, in the Fife meeting at Statesville. Mr. McKesson is now a consecrated man in the gospel ministry. What a great change has come over Charles. May he live long and do great good in his new field and serve his generation in reclaiming lost men from their downward course.

The Illinois legislature is still in the dead lock, and have failed to elect a Senator. Gen. Sherman was a Catholic and received the burial rites of the church after he had become unconscious,

It is now stated by good authority that Senator Ransom had more to do with the present status of the cloture rule and the displacing of the force bill than any other senator. If so, he is entitled to the respect of the entire south.

It seems that our legislature dodges the public road question as well as the dog law. We surely need better roads and more sheep and less dogs. Allow each family one dog and tax the balance \$1 a head.

Our legislature has amended the charter of the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore railroad company, but we don't know in what way. This is the road in which Watauga county is much interested.

The legislature has passed the rail-road Commission bill by a large majority, and now there is a great scramble who shall be appointed commissioners.

The center of population of the United States is ascertained by the census to be in Southern Indiana, near Greensburg, Decatur county.

Senator Ingalls has managed to make \$300,000 while serving as Senator. Who ever heard of a Southern Senator getting rich?

"The printing press which Voltair set up at Furnay to demolish christianity is now used to print Bibles at Geneva."

The recent flood destroyed \$2,000,000 worth of property at Pittsburg and Wheeling.

\$175,000 worth Rail Road property in Kansas city was burned on the 19th.

The western democratic papers are going for Mr. Cleveland's scalp.

A destructive fire at Wadesboro North Carolina is reported.

Col. L. L. Polk thinks Mr. Cleveland "a political back number."

The bill authorizing women to vote in Kansas has passed.

The republicans carried Philadelphia by 40,000 majority.

Our legislature has been in session 43 days.

Zionville, N. C., Feb. 23, 1891.

**Editor Democrat:**  
As I suppose the people are anxious to hear the latest news from the Kentuckians, I will give the latest report to date. On the 16th they left Forge Creek, Tenn., and started toward Va. On Tuesday, while going down the Laurel, they met a man with a jug of whiskey, and demanded it, and the man resisted, and they shot him. It is thought he will die. From there, they went into Virginia, and some parties stole three horses, and to-day it is reported that there were two men put in Abingdon jail on the 20th inst. The Virginians followed the crowd and overtook them (three in number), shot one and arrested the other two. I am not informed whether or not the

wounded man has died. Well, I would like to know if the militia got home all right? I guess by this time a few men have concluded they cannot run over a whole county. REPORTER.

Sweet Water, Feb. 17th, 1891.

**Editor Democrat.**  
As Mr. Gilbert Norris is with me to night, I get him to tell me some things of his boyhood, and olden times. He says: "I am going on seventy-four years old. My recollection is as good or about as good, as it ever was. I remember the old men who lived on Meat Camp when I was a boy and where I was brought up. There was the old man Jimmie Jackson, Wm. Ragan, Wm. Norris, Tho. Norris, David Miller, John Brown, Richard Green, Wm. Darnal, Jacob Ingram, Daniel Green, John Stansberry, John Green, Tho. Brown, and Jas. Pierce. These fourteen were the first settlers of Meat Camp township, if my recollection serves me right. These all came from counties east of the Blue Ridge. They had choice of farms. Taxable valuation of the best land then was about fifty cents per acre. William Ragan lived on part of the farm now owned by J. E. Finley. One year he raised and holed away 940 bushels Irish potatoes. The best horses sold for sixty dollars; pretty good ones at from twenty-five to thirty dollars; colts at ten dollars; best milk cows at ten dollars. Liverpool salt always sold by measure, at two dollars per bushel. Oats, rye, and buckwheat, did well. They could not raise much corn nor wheat. They hauled their corn from the Yadkin and Lewis' Fork.

Jordan Council had the only store then, in the county. These old farmers exchanged their fur, sang &c for goods. Sang then was plentiful. Some men could dig a bushel in a day. It was worth twenty-five cents per pound dry. Game was abundant. Tradition says Meat Camp took its name from a circumstance of some hunters getting their meat burned up with their camp, while hunting. Wolves were so thick that the sheep had to be pened every night, or they would be killed. Says Mr. Norris, "We would go in the mountains and hunt up our sheep and hollow, "pen up sheep" and they would keep you in a run to keep up with them, and in the pen they would go.

The most deer I ever knew killed by one man in a day was ten, killed by Richard Isaacs; he hung them up in the woods as he killed them, went in that evening and sold them as they hung, to James Swift for a cow."

J. J. T. R.

**NOTICE.**  
To the heirs at law of Thomas Groer, dec., notice is hereby given to said heirs that at a public sale of lands, sold for taxes, for the year 1889, sold at the court house in Boone, Watauga county, N. C., the undersigned purchased a certain tract of land belonging to said heirs, situated in Watauga county, on the head waters of North Fork of New River, adjoining the lands of A. Thomas and others. Unless redemption is made according to law, on or before six months from this date, I will proceed to take a sheriff's deed for said lands. This the 18 day of Feb., 1891. A. THOMAS.

**Combined and Memorandum Book**  
advertising BROWN'S IRON BITTERS  
the best Tonic, given away at Drug and general stores. Apply at once.

## Money to loan.

Persons wishing to borrow money, who can secure it by mortgage on good real estate, can be accommodated by applying to J. F. Spainhour, Boone N. C. or A. J. Critcher, Horton N. C. 4. 24.

## IMPORTANT.

All persons indebted to me by book Acct., or otherwise, are requested to make immediate settlement, otherwise their accounts will be placed in the hands of collecting officers. You must remember friends, that business cannot be run without money. So fix up and oblige me. Truly Yours, W. L. Bryan. This Jan. 7, 1891.

**SUTHERLAND SEMINARY.**  
**MISS EMMA WINN.**  
Graduate Greensboro Female College  
—PRINCIPAL.—

This institution of learning is situated in one of the most picturesque and hospitable sections of the State, and rare opportunities are here offered for a practical, and cheap education. The school now has an enrollment of over 100 pupils. Latin, French, and all the English branches taught. For full particulars address the Principal at SUTHERLAND, N. C.

## Notice.

North Carolina, Ashe County, in the Superior Court.  
G. L. Denny vs. Millie J. Denny, depositors.  
It appearing to the court upon affidavit, that the defendant can not be found in this state, after due diligence, and that she is a party to the above-entitled action. It is therefore ordered that notice be published in the Watauga Democrat, a weekly paper in the town of Boone, for four successive weeks, notifying her, the said Millie J. Denny, that on the 13th day of March, 1891, in the office of Crockett Bewer, Esq., in the town of Perryville, W. Va., the plaintiff will take the depositions of Isaac Day and others, to be used in evidence in the trial of said cause now pending in the superior court of Ashe county, at which time and place she may appear and cross-examine if she so desires. This Feb. 2nd, 1891. C. E. Graybeal, C. S. C. T. J. Hackler, Atty for Plaintiff.

**NOTICE.**  
State of North Carolina, Ashe county, Superior court.  
J. H. Barton administrator of Reisin Plummer deceased.  
Vs.  
Martha West and husband, Wm. West, Lutitia Davis and husband Wm. Davis, Carrie D. Gray Wiley Gray, John H. Plummer and Susan Plummer, widow of the deceased.

Notice for the sale of the lands belonging to Reisin Plummer for assets.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court by affidavit of the plaintiff that Lutitia Davis & husband, Wm. Davis, Carrie D. Gray & Wiley C. Gray & John Plummer are non-residents of this State, and after diligent search has been made, cannot be found or served with summons. It is ordered that publication be made in the Watauga Democrat, a weekly newspaper published in Boone, commanding the above named non-resident defendants to appear at the office of the clerk of the Superior court in Jefferson on the 30th day of March, 1891, and answer or demur to the complaint that is filed in said office. C. E. GRAYBEAL, C. S. C. G. W. BOWER, Atty for plaintiff.

## LOOK HERE!

In order to sell off the balance of our winter clothing, boots and blankets, we will offer them for the next thirty days at the following reduced prices:  
Suits at \$4, former price \$5.50.  
" 6.75, " " 11.00  
" 10.50, " " 14.00  
" 7.50, " " 11.00  
Wants at 1.40, " " 2.00  
" 2.40 " " 3.00

Also a lot of odd coats and vests at prices that will sell them. Boots at \$2.25, worth \$3.00. Boy boots 1.25, " 1.60  
" 1.00, " 1.35  
Blankets at 1.50 per pair worth 2.50 per pair. Do not fail to see our offers before buying any of the above named articles. Respectfully,  
S. F. LENOIR & Co.

## THE NEW YEAR!

With the opening of the New Year we wish to say to the good people of Watauga and surrounding counties that we are now prepared to sell you more goods for

## LESS MONEY

And better goods than it has ever been your good fortune to get in Elk Park, or at any other country town in the mountains.

## OUR STOCK

has been carefully selected from the Northern Markets, and we can thereby save you the percent of the middle men, which you are bound to pay if you purchase of merchants who buy goods from Southern Dealers.

## COME AND SEE!

Don't be satisfied with the words of praise from others, but come and be CONVINCED that we have on hand the best selected stock of BOOTS, (Men's & Boys) SHOES, in all styles and best qualities. Gent's and Ladies furnishing goods in the greatest profusion.

## TO THE LADIES, A WORD.

We wish you to examine our complete line of dress-goods, consisting of Cashmeres, Worsteds, Henriettas, French flannel, Jersey flannels, Nun's veiling, Armadilla cloth, and, in fact, a full line of all the most fashionable fabrics for ladies wear.

## CLOTHING.

Our stock in this line is fresh from the Taylor's shears and the greatest pains have been taken in their selection as to style, make and finish. If you need a suit of clothes we will make it save you money to buy of us.

## GROCERIES.

Bacon, Flour, Lard, Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Canned goods, Salt, syrups, Pepper, Spice, Ginger, and Soda.

This line of our stock is full and complete, and sold almost at starvation prices.

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Our stock of Boots and Shoes, we claim, can not be beaten in Western North Carolina as we can fit any one from the hardy mountaineer to the most dainty foot that treads only on the softest carpets. Buy of us and be happy.

## REMEMBER

That we have only quoted a few articles contained in our large stock, but invite you to send us your orders, or come and see us, and get what you need. If you don't want to purchase anything, come and see, and always remember that it is no trouble to show goods.

Hoping to merit a large share of your trade in the future, and hoping each and all a prosperous year, we are most Resp.

The tireless toilers for trade,

Coffey & Council.

Elk Park, Jan. 5, 1891.

All mail orders Promptly filled.

## 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

## HARDWARE.

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

## DRY GOODS.

Consisting of Flannel Suiting, Trecott Flannels, Plain Flannels, Saxony prints, Gingham, etc., etc. Ladies' Dress, in Henrietta Cloth from 25 cts to one dollar per yard. All kinds of hosiery in Yaukie points, etc. Shaws and indie 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 special attention to our Tap-toe, 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.

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