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A great sensation has recently occurred in Abingdon Va. Dr. John A. P. Baker and Mrs. Gilmer have both been arrested on charge of poisoning Dr. Baker's wife twelve months ago causing her death and an attempt to murder, in the same way, Wynham Gilmer, husband of Mrs. Gilmer. This is the most diabolical fiendish murder we have ever heard of being committed in a civilized country. Dr. Baker had a wife and children grown and was a noted practitioner in Washington Co. Mrs. Gilmer was an accomplished lady and fascinating in appearance. Her husband is a man held in high estimation and has fine property. Dr. Baker attended Mrs. Gilmer in a case of sickness and seduced her as it is claimed, they have had criminal intimacy for ten years. Over a year ago they laid the plan to put Mrs. Baker out of their way and succeeded by a slow process of poisoning, then they laid their plans to get rid of Mr. Gilmer and almost succeeded. Dr. Gilmer, brother to the poisoned man, happened to be with him the night that he would have died and saved him. Mrs. Gilmer has made a full confession and there is danger of both committing suicide. Great excitement prevails in Abingdon and Washington Co.

On the mornings of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week we had severe frosts but here was but little damage done as the wind protected the fruit until Friday morning when a great deal of the fruit was killed, especially peaches, cherries and plums. Several localities of Watauga have suffered from the recent cold wave. Cove Creek has suffered more than any other locality so far as we have heard. We think there will be apples enough if they do not fall off from the effect of the freeze. The Blue Ridge section we hear has not suffered so much as other parts. The frost has been a general one and no doubt has done great damage in N.C. and Va. New York has suffered. Fruit and early vegetables have been damaged. It may be that wheat crops are also injured but we have no information as to the fact but it is claimed that it is the latest and most destructive frost ever known in many places.

Mr. Harrison will probably discover ere the ides of November 1892, if he has not already done so, that the possession of a son who controls the editorial utterances of a newspaper, without being overburdened with either experience or discretion, is a very expensive, not to say dangerous luxury for a President with second term aspirations to have around.

A terrific storm of wind, rain and hail, visited the city of Wilmington N. C. on the 7th, and done considerable damage.

The report of the New Orleans grand jury which has been investigating the lynching of the Italians in that city is not surprising to those who have familiarized themselves with the condition of things in that place for some time previous to the lynching. Of course it seems queer that no indictments were found against the well known leaders of the lynchers, but before condemning the grand jury for this apparent neglect of duty ask yourself if a grand jury in any locality would be likely to condemn what was approved by ninety nine out of a hundred of its citizens.

Notice has been served by the administration on all the other would-be republican Presidential candidates that they must give way for Mr. Benjamin Harrison. So far there has been no outward objection raised, but there is still time enough for the biggest kind of a row before the nomination, and many shrewd observers already see signs of it.

A special weather bulletin, of the Signal office, at Washington D. C. speaks of the cold wave of last week being unusually severe and much damage done to fruit and early vegetables. Lynchburg and Raleigh had the lowest temperature ever known in May.

Bristol has some cases of small pox, every body is being vaccinated and every precaution is used to prevent the disease spreading.

On the 7th, of May Long Island City N. Y. had a \$5,000,000 fire.

The South-west Va. Baptist Institute will be established at Bristol.

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has had a \$750,000 fire.

A Diary Kept by J. W. Dugger on William Thomas White in the Confederate Service, and Members of the 58th N. C. Reg.

This is a book written during the war by J. W. Dugger, son of Wm. Dugger, Esq. It is professed "J. W. Dugger's and Wm. Thomas' history of travels while in service from July 17th 1862 until April the 18th 1864."

The Regiment left home July 17th 1862, and arrived at Johnson Depot, New Johnson City, July the 21st. During the first two months the Regiment camped at the following places: Camp Stokes, which they left August 27th. Camp Reynolds, which they reached August the 30th and left Sept 16 and marched to Cumberland Gap Sept. 16th remaining here until Oct the 25th. To day they marched eleven miles; the 26th marched sixteen; snowed all day and at night camped in a nice grove. The 27th marched five miles and pitched their tents at Big Creek Gap. Here they remained until Dec the 22 and marched to Jacksborough, Tenn, that day. Leaving Jacksborough Jan the 18th 1863 arrived at Big Creek Gap the same day and retired from the gap March the 29th and arrived at Clinton, Tenn, the 20th. May the 6th left Clinton and marched two miles. The 7th marched 23 miles; the 8th reached Watauga, stopped, then marched to Montgomery,

Tenn, 15 miles. Started next morning at 4 o'clock, marched 20 miles and cooked all night. Next morning moved at 4 o'clock; marched 20 miles and took up camp on Wolf River, Ky. Remaining there until May the 17th the Regiment moved for Monticello, Ky, which place they reached next day the 18th, and May the 25th marched back to Wolf River. The 27th marched back to Clinton, Tenn, arriving there on the 30th. Retired from Clinton June the 20th, marched ten miles, and camped. June the 21st marched 10 miles and lay in line of battle all night.

This is the first time the writer mentions a line of battle a great deal of marching to do and no fighting.

Arrived at Loudon, Tenn, June the 28th and remained there two weeks. July the 11, marched for Bell's Bridge reaching there on the 12th, retiring Aug. the 14th. Arrived at Big Creek Gap on 6th. Evacuated Big Creek Gap on the 22nd and marched for Jacksborough, Tenn, reaching there the same night. Left there next morning and arrived at Clinton that night at 10 o'clock. Marched next morning at 4 o'clock, reaching Campbell Station that night at 10 o'clock. Leaving there next morning at 4 o'clock marched 2 miles and took up camp and stayed there that day and cooked rations all night next morning took up their line of march for Lenoir's Station arriving the same day. Stayed at Lenoir's 4 days lay in line of battle 2 days. Retired from Lenoir's the 29th of Aug. at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and arrived at Loudon that night at 11 o'clock. Started next morning at 5 o'clock and marched 12 miles and took up camp near Sweet Water, Tenn. About 8 o'clock, were ordered to fall in line in ten minutes. Marched 4 miles and took up camp in a field. Starting next morning at 4 o'clock marched 11 miles to Riceville Tenn, and camped about 5 o'clock. Before day next morning started and marched past Charlestown 6 miles and camped at a large spring about 2 o'clock. Remained there and went on picket that night. Next day, Sept the 3rd, started at 12 and marched until 1 that night and camped at Georgetown, Tennessee. [To be continued next week.]

Rheumatism is caused by an acid in the blood; therefore, external treatment affords no permanent relief. To eliminate the poison and make a thorough cure of the disease, nothing else is so efficient as Ayer's Sassa-parilla. Give it a trial. Price \$1. Worth \$5 a bottle.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County.

The following is a list of insolvents and removals returned by me for the year 1890 and out set opposite their name, to wit:

Table listing insolvents and removals with names and amounts. Includes Boone Township, Bald Mountain Township, and Blowing Rock Township.

Table listing names and amounts for Harrison Wm., Moore Ed., Menden & Moore Inc, Pearson Alfred, Baldwin Pink, Tague H J, Andrews Avery.

Table listing Beaver Dam Township, Beaver Dam in prison, Shearer R. P., Giddles R. W., Moody Wiley, Hamilton David, Mollars A. A. in Alexander, Grogg R. A. gone, Brewer Calvin in prison.

Table listing Blue Ridge Township, Bradshaw John, Bradshaw Thomas, Bradshaw Bart, Curtis Amos poll & prop, Crow Wm. in Wilkes, Day Thomas E., Hamby J. T. poll, Sheffield W. poll, White J. M. poll.

Table listing Cave Creek Township, Nebber Mike, Burkett J. B., Campbell A. J. at Elk Park, Cole's W., Church J. M., Fisher M. S., Millard Wellington, Issues A. J., Roark Calvin, Mitchell D. C., Perkins J. L. removed, Main J. B., Wilson J. B., Wilson Hugh.

Table listing Elk Township, Benson Adam, Hodges T. C., Hodges E. P.

Table listing Laurel Creek Township, Flannery James in Michel, Hedgpeth Soath, Mathis John, Col. dead, Ward W. R., Mathison Mack.

Table listing Meat Camp Township, Campbell John R., Taylor S., Templeton Lafrette, Lewis H. H. double poll.

Table listing Shawneehaw Township, Brown E. C. land disclnd, Greer Jesse, Howington Newt, Johnson E. E., Keap John in Tenn., Potts Oliver, Tate A. D., Triplett W. A. not found, Triplett J. G., Teague Jordan, Teague J. R., Vestal J. E.

Table listing Stony Fork Township, Jackson James doub poll, Payne A. J., Phillips W. V., Triplett Vance, Yates S. A.

Table listing Watauga Township, Danner J. D., Farthing Broxco, Col., Helms J. C., Harman James, Miller A. L. removed, McLane A. J. removed, Matney J. B.

Table listing Grand total, I, J. L. Hayes Ex-Sheriff of Watauga county solemnly swear that the above is a correct list of the insolvents removals returned by me and that I have been in person or deputies at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of each of the tax payers and could not there or elsewhere in the county find property where with to discharge said taxes or such part thereof as is returned unpaid and that the persons contained in this list were insolvent at and during the time whereby law I ought to have endeavored to collect the taxes to the best of my knowledge and belief. This May 4th 1891.

J. L. HAYES EX-SHERIFF. Sworn to and subscribed before me May 5th, 1891. J. E. FISLEY, Chanc. Bd. Couns.

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' furnish ing 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.

BOOTS

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.

Spring Announcement

Spot Cash Store.

We Are Headquarters For This Part of The Earth--

DON'T You be the last to find out where the best goods are sold the cheapest. We are now opening and displaying the largest stock of seasonable goods of the highest merit ever brought to this town, which will be sold lower than ever. Our motto is good goods, fair dealings and low prices.

Dry Goods.

Consisting of Gingham and Prints in all the latest styles. Suitings, outer-cloth, Simpson's zephyers; shirtings and lawns in all the spring colors. Hexamerra cloth in the spring stripes which is all the go for spring wear.

LARGE STOCK of black

Sattines; Silk for trimming in all colors. All kinds of Laces in Hem Stitch and Vandyke Prints. Let us call your special attention to our 4-4 Fruit of the Loom Bleach Domestic at 10 cts per yard. Linen Shawlrics both solid and striped. Our stock of ribbon is equal to a regular military department. Jeans, cottonades, Plaids, Domestic, Bed-ticking, and hundreds of things we cannot mention.

Shoes.

This department is very complete, and at the prices we are offering them they will not stay long. In fact, we didn't buy them to keep, and our customers have found that out judging from the way they buy them.

Clothing.

Now we hit you. In this department our stock is, without doubt, the choicest that has ever been offered to the people of the mountains. Prince Alberts, double and single breasted in solid black and fancy colors. FARMENS, we can fit you in anything you want in CLOTHING; Something nice and durable.

Groceries.

In this department you will find nothing but first class goods. We carry nothing but the best sugar and coffee. In flour we carry from a medium to the very best grades. Corn and meat at lowest prices. Salt hams Bacon and Lard always kept in stock.

Hardware.

In this line our stock is large. Nails, Iron, Plows, Hames, Trace-chains, Mattocks, Shovels and all kinds of shelf-hardware at prices that moves them.

We thank our many customers for raising our sales to the handsome sum of \$25,000, last year, and for the present year we have our figures placed at \$35,000, and by low prices, good goods and polite attention, we expect to reach the mark.

They all sing the same song: *****

We've found the store where buyers get the very best attention, With great variety of goods too tedious to mention.

So low in price are they, they beat the lowest calculation, Which makes us, as a family, sing out like all creation.

And that is the reason we trade with

JONES & VANCE,

ELK PARK, N. C.

March, 23, 1891