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LOCAL NEWS.

—No paper next week.
—A merry Xmas to all.
—You can get 3 oranges for 10 cts. at Holsclaw Bro's.

—No better remedy for gray hair has been discovered than Hall's Hair Renewer.

—You can get 6 lbs of coffee for \$1.00 strictly cash at Holsclaw bro's.

—See account of the big break down near Blowing Rock in another column.

—Don't all speak at once, but a nice turkey for Xmas would be acceptable at this office.

—Mr. H. W. Hardin has shucked and cribbed 500 bushels of corn. Pretty good, uncle Henry

—W. R. Lovill recently purchased three fine fox-hounds, and on his first hunt brought down a large mountain cat.

—We failed to note last week that Mr. J. A. Crisp, of Caldwell, was married to Miss Ella Cannon, of Burke, on the 2nd inst.

—Read Will W. Holsclaw & Bro's big Xmas "ad" in this issue, and give him a call, for his stock can not be surpassed.

—It would be hard for us to remember the weddings that have occurred lately. Two or three at a time is not uncommon.

—We met Rev. Vestal, our circuit preacher, last Monday moving to the parsonage at Henson's Chapel. He had his family with him.

—Will W. Holsclaw, of Vilas, N. C., sent 12,114 eggs, 3,120 chickens and 1,000 lbs of butter to two hotels at Blowing Rock last summer.

—Read all the ads in this issue, for they are, in the main, new, and you can find where to buy your Xmas goods. Trade with the men who use printer's ink.

—Xmas will be here about the 25th. Who will bring us a fat gobbler for a Xmas dinner? It should be a fat fellow and well cooked, with lots of good "stuffin'."

—J. H. Cook is out among our subscribers, collecting and renewing subscriptions for the DEMOCRAT. Every one ought to pay Mr. Cook and save us further trouble and expense.

—The protracted meeting which has been in progress at Three Fork Church for some time closed Sunday. There were a large number of professions, and several additions to the church.

—Mr. R. A. Long, of Roan Mountain, Tenn., was in town Monday, and added his name to our subscription list. Bob is a jolly, good fellow, and is a gentleman of fine taste, as he clearly proved when he subscribed for the DEMOCRAT.

—W. L. Bryan has a nice lot of nuts, oranges, etc. of the freshest and best varieties for Xmas. Also a full lot of substantial presents suited for the holidays. Give him a call for your goods in this line

—The cards are out for the marriage of Atty. John F. Morphey to Miss Susie Hughes, of Piedmont, Ala., which will be celebrated at the home of the bride on the 23rd inst. Our best wishes attend you, John.

—Mr. Wiley Howell, who has been in Idaho for some years, has returned to his home on Brushy Fork, looking, we are told, as if he had been enjoying the best of health during his stay in that state.

—The Crisps are in luck so far as we have heard. Charles F. Crisp has been elected Speaker of Congress and our own Pat Crisp has recently got married and it is further rumored that Pat has abandoned the radical party. If so, good news all around.

—Mr. Leander Hartley who lives one mile east of Boone, was married to Miss Cinda Coffey, of Patterson, last Sunday. They are now at the father of the groom, Mr. Azor Hartley's where an affair supper was spread Monday evening.

—On last Sunday Mr. Ben Hodges and Miss Eliza, daughter of Z. Adams, of Brushy Fork, were united in marriage by J. W. Holsclaw, Esqr., officiating. It would not be amiss to state here that this was the 152nd couple this worthy gentlemen has united in marriage.

—Mr. T. H. Taylor, of Valle Crucis, has again left his parental roof, and turned his face to Honduras, C. A. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in Watauga, and carries with him the wish of all that his trip may be a pleasant one and that he may reach his destination safely.

—It has been now twelve months since the publisher of the DEMOCRAT asked for vacation, but with this issue he wishes for each subscriber a happy Xmas, and bids them farewell through the holidays, after which time the DEMOCRAT will make its regular weekly visit to its many supporters.

—On last Wednesday night, some one prompted by the whisperings of the devil, applied the incendiary's torch to the Baptist Church on North Fork of Cove Creek, and when the morning came all that was left to mark the spot where the house of God had stood was a heap of ashes. This is the second house burning which has taken place in that neighborhood within the past few weeks, and we hope to see the perpetrator of such hellish crimes brought to speedy justice.

—'Tis with much sorrow that we chronicle the death of that good man and able editor, John F. Murrill, of Hickory, which occurred at his home on the 6th inst., at the age of 61 years. Mr. Murrill was a man who was universally loved for his many sterling qualities of mind and heart. In him was truly exemplified the highest type of a Christian gentleman. Erudite, polite, and kind; his memory will long be cherished by his fellow-men. His appeals through his paper, the 'Press and Carolinian', in behalf of the cause of temperance in the State will long redound to his credit. Truly "when a good man dies the people mourn."

BELOW we publish a letter and answer to the same written to Mr. B. H. Woodell, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary of the I. O. O. F. for North Carolina. The letters explain themselves and need no further comment by us.

Winfall, N. C.
Oct. 29, 1891.

Mr. B. H. Woodell, Boone, N. C. Dear friend and Brother:—Being a subscriber to the *Orphans' Friend*, and seeing your letter of the 12th inst, I was struck with the description you gave of Watauga.

I am desirous of moving up in a more mountainous country for the benefit of my wife's health, provided I can procure a situation or occupation that would give me support for my family.

Please give me a more thorough description of Watauga generally.

1. Is there a good showing for a merchant in that section?
2. If so, is there farm or lot with store house upon it that could be bought reasonably cheap?
3. What is the characteristic nature of the people in that section?
4. Are there any Methodist churches or Masonic lodges in that county?
5. Do you know of any snug little farm for sale there, and what do lands generally sell at per acre?
6. As a friend, would you advise me to try my fate in that goodly land, or remain here in a land of plenty, but mostly malaria? Yours Fraternally, JOSEPH WHITE.

Raleigh, N. C.
Dec. 9, 1891.

Mr. Joseph White, Winfall, N. C. Dear Sir:—Your letter of Oct. the 29th directed to me at Boone, N. C., has this day been received; having laid in the Boone post office over a month. My address, as you see, is Raleigh, N. C., and the letter you have reference to in the *Friend* was written while in Watauga county on an official visit.

I know of no better mountainous country on the globe than the section referred to. Any one can make a living there, and can accumulate property if he has a will to do it. The only drawback is transportation facilities, and that is only a matter of short time.

As to your first question, I would answer yes, there is plenty of room for enterprising merchants or any other business.

2. I presume a house could be either rented or bought very cheaply.

3. I have never met more hospitable people, and generally speaking, they are sober and religious.

4. There are quite a number of Methodist churches, and other denominations also—the Baptist predominating. Masonic lodges are frequent, with three Old Fellow lodges in the county.

5. There are numbers of farms can be bought at very reasonable prices, running from three to twenty-five dollars per acre.

6. If you desire a change to a mountain section, *Watauga is the place.*

Yours Truly and Fraternally
B. H. WOODELL.

[Should the gentleman desire any further information it will be most gladly furnish

ed by the publisher of this paper. I will add, however, that the gentleman can purchase store property at very reasonable figures in Boone.

Did you ever buy a horse and not have some misgivings as to his points till they were fully tested? Not so with Ayer's Sarsaparilla; you may be sure of it at the start. It never disappoints those who give it a fair and persistent trial.

EVERY human being ought to have a fair and liberal chance for life and prosperity in this land of ours. Then they ought to improve it.

Feeble and capricious appetites are best regulated by the use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills. They do not debilitate, by excess of stimulation, but cause the stomach, liver and bowels to perform their functions properly. As an after-dinner pill, they are unequalled.

If men would honestly differ and carefully understand each other's views, there would not be much between them.

NOTICE.

There is an impression among the people that a sheriff can not collect cost on tax till the 1st day of Jan. This is a mistake, as he can collect cost on tax after the 1st day of Nov. There will be no cost charged on tax till after the first day of Jan. but after that time there will be cost charged. See Sec. 37 of the Revenue Act of 1891. D. F. BAIRD, Shff.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

I again call the attention of those who are indebted to me that I am in much need of my pay and must have it. Now, friends, please do not read this as an idle tale, as I must have my money. All who do not settle up can't get further indulgence. I must have my pay by Jan 1, '92. W. L. BRYAN.

Big Break-Down on The Mountain.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE WATAUGA DEMOCRAT.

THIS MORNING AN OLD "SANTA CLAUS" With a heavy load of Holiday Goods was coming up the Mountain, his wagon broke down, and our Buyer, who is always on the lookout for bargains, bought

His Entire Stock

—OF—
CHRISTMAS TRICKS.
—TOYS, ETC., AT A GREAT SACRIFICE!

Dolls! DOLLS!! DOLLS!!!
Animals, Birds, wagons, Trains

Toy Pistols,
Files, Drums,
Mugs, Cups,
Cologne stands,
A. B. C. Books and Plates,
Candies, from the finest French to plain stick. Prize-Boxes; "Knife draws", "Showing Set Draws"

Fire-crackers, Nuts, Raisins, Currants, Figs, Oranges, etc., etc. Also a nice line of Silk Handkerchiefs, Cashmere Shawls, Toboggans, Caps, and other things that will make use-ful and Nice

PRESENTS.

—o—o—o—
We want all the Children in the County to come and see the nice things we bought from

'Old Santa.'

—o—o—o—
The break was hard on him but it is good for us and the children, because it makes Xmas tricks cheap.

Very Respectfully,
H. C. MARTIN & Co.
Blowing Rock, Dec. 17.

WILL W. HOLSCRAW. FINLAY M. HOLSCRAW.

CHRISTMAS

IS COMING!

—AND SO IS—

SANTA CLAUS.

With his immense stock of Fancy Toys and Staple Goods for the Holidays.

He will make our store headquarters this year. He will have goods to please the young and old, rich and poor, at low prices. He will have a beautiful line of toys for the dear little children—consisting of Dolls, Toy Wagons, Animals on Wheels, Kitchen Sets, Bellow Toys, Toy Stoves, China Mugs and Pitchers, China Cups and Saucers, Plates, Fancy Glassware and many other kinds of

Nice Christmas Presents.

There is a display of 800 to 1000 pounds of Stick and Fancy Candies, Oranges and all kinds of Nuts.

You will also find presents for your best friends in the way of Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, Jewelry, Cologne, Books, Perforated Mottoes, Etc.

In staple Goods you will find Hats, Caps, Shoes, Clothing, Calicoes, Plaids, Alamanes, Worsted, Flannels, Notions, Coffee, Sugar, Soda, Spice, Ginger, Essence Lemon, Nutmegs, Cinnamon Bark and everything usually kept in a first-class store—all at river bottom prices. Come early and select your Christmas goods before they are all gone, and get choice. No goods sold on time.

WANTED—Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Feathers, White Beans, Large Apples, Corn, etc. We give the highest market prices for same. Thanking our many friends and customers for past patronage and soliciting your future trade, we will wish you all a Happy and Merry Christmas.

We are yours Anxious to Please,

Will W. Holsclaw & Bro.

Vilas, N. C., Dec. 17, 1891.

THE REASON WHY

THE DIAMOND BED-SPRING COMPANY

At Elk Park, North Carolina, is so popular is that the springs sold by us are of the very best. They are made of the BEST SPRING STEEL; They are noiseless; They are adjustable; They are indestructible; They are Cheap and Reliable, are of fine finish and of home manufacture, Entirely Elastic. Dozens of testimonials can be furnished to the effect that the DIAMOND is the best spring on the market.

—DON'T BE DECEIVED—

And purchase an inferior spring that has for its only recommendation "CHEAP" perched upon its deceptive banners, but buy the Diamond Spring and be happy. Let everybody get at least one set of these wonderful springs.

For further particulars apply to

Wm. M. CROWDER, MANAGER.

May 21, 1891.

ELK PARK, N. C.

THESE ARE HARD TIMES.

SO, EVERY-ONE should save all they can and YOU should begin by buying your

SEWING MACHINES OF ME,

And not of the man who runs the wagon and sells for \$50 or \$60. I will sell you as good for \$25. Machine needles that will fit any machine, at 25 cts per doz., sent out by mail. I have a good stock of fishing tackle. Reeds, 40 cts to \$1. Joint rods 75 cts to \$1.50. Trout flies 60 cts per dozen. Limerick hooks, 10 to 25 cts per dozen, sent by mail. Netting for soles, and soles of any length complete. Base balls of the very best, for \$1 each sent by mail. Do not fail to write for prices. Respectfully,

S. P. ANGEL,

May 21, 91.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

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