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**NOTICE.**  
Hotel Property for Sale.

On account of failing health of myself and wife, I offer for sale my hotel property in the town of Boone, North Carolina, and will sell low for cash and make terms to suit the buyer, and will take real or personal property in exchange. Apply soon  
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**Notice.**  
For sale, 900 acres of land, on Rich Mountain, Watauga County, on which is asbestos, and fine land for sheep ranch. Sales private. L. D. Lowe & J. T. Furgeson, Ex'trs. of Mrs. A. P. Calloway, decd. Banner Elk, Nov. 15 '90..

**Money to loan.**  
Persons wishing to borrow money, who can secure it by mortgage on good real estate, can be accommodated by applying to  
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**NOTICE.**  
Parties putting papers in my hand for execution will please advance the fees with the papers and they will receive prompt attention, other wise they will be returned not executed for the want of fees.  
D. F. BAIRD SRR.

### WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

It is a matter for congratulation that Speaker Crisp is rapidly recovering. His continued illness is becoming very embarrassing to the democratic majority in the House, as there is a natural hesitation among those who are capable of directing the policy of the party, about assuming a function that belongs properly to the Speaker; consequently there has been some confusion, which thoughtless people have taken for dissention, and republican newspapers have not been slow to exaggerate this idea, and some democrats, fortunately very few in number, have allowed themselves to fall into the error of believing such statements to be the truth.

It is probable that had not Mr. Crisp been stricken down, a democratic caucus would have been held before this, at which the general policy to be pursued by the majority of the House during the session would have been mapped out and some agreement reached as to who should assume the leadership of the House on the floor, but it has not been thought advisable to hold this caucus in the absence of Speaker Crisp. While it is not probable that Mr. Crisp will be strong enough to preside over the House during this week, yet he is already well enough to confer with his colleagues, and the prediction is made that all cause of complaint will shortly disappear and that the democratic majority will get down to work with unanimity to carry out the policy upon which it was elected—tariff reform and retrenchment in public expenditures.

No man who ever entered the Senate was given a more cordial reception by his party colleagues than was Senator David B. Hill, of New York, and no new member of that body ever received the deference which is accorded him by all of the Senators. His intimacy with Senator Gorman has given that gentleman an unquestionable boom for the Presidential nomination. This is doubtless largely due to the feeling that any candidate supported by Senators Hill and Gorman would be difficult to defeat in a democratic national convention.

Representative Blount, of Georgia, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, thinks the House made a mistake in defeating the joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to charter a steamship to carry the food which has been contributed to the famine-stricken Russians, and that it was done through a misapprehension and the lack of proper information. He has moved a reconsideration of the vote, and expects that the resolution will be passed when it again comes up.

The declaration of the State presidents of the Farmers Alliance, who have been hold-

ing a conference here, against committing the Alliance to the third party movement, has excited much comment here.

Mr. Blaine is again having a rocky time of it, between the attempt of the Chilians to wriggle out of making an apology to the United States and of the Harrison crowd to make his health a national bugaboo. He is also having trouble with Mr. Harrison and the Cabinet over the question of granting the Mexican government the right to send troops into the United States after Garza, who is said to be backed by Boss Shepherd of Washington territory, and other Americans. Mr. Blaine alone opposes allowing Mexican troops to cross the border.

Chairman Tillman, of the House committee of Patents, appears to be the right man in the right place. He has been studying the complaints of the successful inventors against the irresponsible parties who make a practice of wilfully infringing patents, knowing that the inventor can collect no damages from them, no matter how much the courts may decree, and he has become convinced that they are too true. The remedy is in adopting a law that will make the wilful infringer of a patent liable to a criminal prosecution. With the prospect of a striped suit before them there will be a large decrease in the number of infringers.

The Idaho and Florida Senatorial contested cases will be decided this week by the Senate committee on Elections. It is practically settled that the committee will report in favor of Call and Dubois, who already occupy the seats.

The executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs will hold an important meeting here on the 20th inst.

If one may judge from the number of bills introduced in Congress on the subject, the idea of electing the President and Vice President and U. S. Senators by direct vote of the people, is growing in popularity.

Some time ago there was much talk in certain circles of a third party and all that; but we are glad to believe that the sober judgment of the reputable democrats in every portion of the State is decidedly against such a movement, and that the democratic party will remain solid in North Carolina as of yore, stand beneath the democratic banner which they have so proudly borne to victory in the years passed. It is needless to say that the News and Observer rejoices in the defeat of the third party movement and believes that the best interests of our people will be subserved by their standing closely together and all pulling the same way in the same boat. Let the saying "I am a democrat" be on every tongue.

—News and Observer.  
The DEMOCRAT twelve months for one dollar.

### A BUDGET OF NEWS

Roan's Creek, Tennessee, Johnson Co. Editor DEMOCRAT:

Perhaps a few items from this community would be appreciated by the many readers of your paper. The Valley of Roan's Creek is a fertile strip of land lying between the mountains, the Stone and the Doe. The farmers are happy and contented and have about all the necessities, and some of the luxuries, of life. A poet once wrote of this Valley:

"The fertile fields spread far and wide,  
And hills arise on every side;  
And built on rocky pillows strong  
They stretch in ranges far along,  
And peaks rise up where thunder  
Rattles down from the angry  
cloud."

The Baptist church at Pleasant Grove seems to be in a flourishing condition. A series of meetings just closed at that church which continued for two weeks and resulted in four additions to the church and much other apparent good. Rev. J. L. Sherwood, the pastor, was aided by Rev. E. F. Jones, also Rev. J. F. Davis preached several interesting and logical sermons. But Jones did most of the preaching. His sermons were very acceptable, and many of them very able. Bro. Jones is a progressive man and is improving all the time. His distinct and clear expression; his clear and mellow voice make his hearers feel easy and comfortable. His beautiful smiles and his flights of eloquence are very impressive and very touching; often lifting his congregation into a realm of sweet rapture. All these attainments in connection with his sound and solid gospel doctrine make him a minister who should be highly appreciated by the Baptist denomination of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. He is a self-made man, yet in the prime of life with a bright future before him, and a vast field inviting his labors. Many of our Baptist people say he would be without a peer in this section, aside from Bro. Sherwood. This scribe is not capable of judging between two great pulpit orators.

The most horrifying and tragical event that ever took place in this community was enacted by D. H. Vaught on Christmas Eve, about 2 o'clock. He was found near his home at a straw-stack cold in death. He had blown his brains out with a pistol. It is thought that whisky was the cause, as he had been drinking for several days. Mr. Vaught was a good citizen, and a kind neighbor. He owned a fine farm and was among our best farmers. He left a wife and six children, four of whom are grown ladies. His unexpected suicide has thrown a mantle of the deepest gloom and sadness over our people, and the shock was so sudden and so terrible to his family that it seemed almost impossible for them to survive it.

Dr. R. C. Rhea has been quite feeble, but is now better.

On Sunday, the 10th inst., Bud Wagner was married to Miss Ward, daughter of J. F. Werd.

Capt. B. R. Brown and J. S. Brown have each had a daughter in school at Glade Springs, Va.

Dougherty Bros are building a new house on their farm on the same spot where the old one stood. Main building 40 feet square—ell 16 x 34, all two stories high. The No. of rooms in this house will be 14. They have 2 car-loads of horses from Washington which they are selling rapidly. These horses are young of good size and good blood. Our stock of horses are so dwindled down that we need it improved by better blood.  
Jan. 10. SUBSCRIBER.

### THE WESTERN HORROR.

Taking the Victims From the MIAHIS-

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9.—A special to the Star from McAllister says the excitement, intensified almost to insanity, because of the mine explosion, shows no abatement. All day yesterday and today 5,000 people were around the shaft of the mine. Up to 2 o'clock this morning forty eight dead bodies had been taken out of the mine and 100 injured, fifteen of whom died before daybreak. The remaining eighty-five miners are lying at their homes swathed in cotton and vasoline up to their eyes, with their eyebrows, hair and finger nails burned off and cooked and falling from their bones. This morning the company ordered sixty-five coffins and local undertakers ordered a car load. All the mines in the vicinity have shut down and the miners and women of the families are at Krebs to aid the work of rescue. The wives, sisters and mothers are performing the offices for the dead and relieving the suffering of the wounded. Men of all nationalities are aiding in the work of rescue. Americans, Irishmen, Scotchman, Polanders, Welshmen, Italians, Swedes, and all but negroes, are at work. Sometime since the white miners refused to work with negroes. This morning a number of negroes went to Krebs and assisted in the work in only a half-handed way. One of their number was heard to say that it served the miners right to have been killed. The word was passed from mouth to mouth and the indignation and fury of the miners knew no bounds. It seemed as though another horror would be added to the scene, but the United States Deputy Marshals, anticipating such trouble, were on hand with a posse, and they drove the colored men away at the point of Winchester. All day and all night scenes intensely sad and heartrending were being enacted at the mouth of the shaft. It was almost impossible to recognize any resemblance to human form in the bodies of the many that were rescued. Heads, arms, legs, hands and feet were in many cases torn from

the trunks. The pit clothes were either partially or entirely burned away, and in several cases the flames had literally roasted all the flesh on the body. The dead were taken to a blacksmith shop near the main shaft, where a morgue had been improvised and the living to their homes. The crowd passed between the shaft and the blacksmith shop all day. The battle place was constantly crowded with people searching to find those whom they knew must either be dead or badly hurt. The force of the explosion was terrific. It literally tore the mine all to pieces. It closed up galleries, tore down barricades, which kept the air from circulating freely through the unused portion of the mine, cutting off all the air from the galleries left them. As was supposed none escaped with the exception of those brought up from the entrance, or by shaft No. 7. This morning the relief party of Krebs miners were compelled, after 48 hours of steady labor, to stop. Three car loads of mules were in the mine when the explosion occurred, and strange to say only two animals were hurt. The boss driver was killed. The frenzied brutes committed great damage in their efforts to find an outlet. Mining experts say the explosion due to two circumstances. The blast was overcharged and it was fired 23 minutes too soon.

It was fired at 5:07 before the miners going off duty had left the mine. It should have been fired at 5:30. At that time the loss of life would not have been only half a dozen, although the wreck would have been extensive.

New York World:—The attention of Pres. Harrison is respectfully to the proposed gerrymander in the State of Ohio. The first measure introduced into the Legislature of that State is a bill to so gerrymander the districts as to secure for the Republicans seventeen of the twenty-one Congressmen. There are about 850,000 voters in Ohio. In 1889 the Democrats carried the State by 10,000 plurality. Last November the Republicans carried it by over 20,000. It is a close state always. Under a fair apportionment the Congressional delegation would be nearly evenly divided, with a slight Republican advantage. Unfortunately by gerrymandering the State in 1890, against the 'World's' urgent advice, the Democrats are stopped from complaining now. But with Pres. Harrison's horror of gerrymanders as expressed in his message, he might do something to secure fair play.

The Times says that "a square fight and a fight to a finish is on between the Harrison and Blaine leaders in Philadelphia, and Blaine is backed by an overwhelming republican sentiment and by a party machinery that could win for him even with popular sentiment against him. It is safe, therefore, to assume that there will be a solid delegation elected from this city to the Minneapolis Convention that will implicitly obey the orders of Senator Quay."

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS ALMANAC  
For 1892  
Contains One Hundred Recipes for making delicious candy, clearly and quickly at home. This book is given away at drug and general stores.