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### LOCAL NEWS.

The weather lovely for a few days past.

Editor Dougherty is again pushing to completion the work on his new mill.

Little Frank, son of Mr. R. L. Council, of our place, has been very ill for some days.

Mr. J. F. Hardin is on the southern market with stock for the Lanville Improvement Company.

The Rev. Mr. Cherry is holding a meeting of days in the M. E. Church here, which we trust will result in much good.

Messrs. E. H. Dougherty and George Osborn, both of Cove Creek, have passed here with horse droves during the past week.

Miss Julia Horton has resumed her school in Boone, which has been discontinued for some weeks, owing to the severity of the weather.

Master Bart Bryan to all appearances, is the happiest boy in town over the possession of a jennet, which was presented to him by his brother Jim on Tuesday last. It is, he thinks, a beauty.

The County Superintendent requests us to say that he will be in Boone on the 9th inst. for the purpose of examining applicants for teacher's certificates. The examination will be written and will begin at 9, a. m.

It is a difficult matter to give legislative proceedings as there is so much of it that is of no interest to our section, we only note points of special interest. The bill to make 6 per cent the only legal interest failed to pass, so did the dog law as we predicted.

Our Representative Lovill is among the strongest and most influential men in the House, we are proud of this. Jones of Caldwell is also making a good record. Our Senator Fields is of course all right, a man of sense and influence.

Miss Lunda Bingham, of Statesville, was married to Mr. Charles Somers, of Wilkesboro, some days ago. She was a daughter of our esteemed friend, Maj. H. Bingham. May happiness and prosperity attend the newly married couple.

E. B. Miller, of our county, gave us a call this week, and reported that he had during the fall and winter killed and sold \$262 worth of hogs, and has eight more good ones to butcher. Ed. is a mover, and always comes out on the paying side.

Moses Bently, one of the oldest, if not the oldest individual of Watauga, died at his home near Boone some days ago. From the best in-

formation we can gather concerning his age, he was in his 93rd year, being born in the year 1800. It is claimed by others that he was 96 years old.

If you wish your articles to appear in these columns be sure and sign your name for the protection of the publisher, and then you have the right to use any nom de plume you may wish, but under no circumstances will they appear without a signature.

In addition to what is advertised for sale in another column by W. N. Thomas, administrator on the estate of R. A. Thomas, ded. there will be offered for sale one-fourth interest in a threshing machine, and five head of dry cattle.

That was a very perplexing mistake we made in our last issue when we announced the death of Mrs. E. L. Presnell, of Cove Creek. The lady who died was a daughter-in-law of Mr. Presnell's, and our informant was misinformed, hence the blunder. A correction in full appears in another column.

We are requested to announce the marriage of Mr. J. P. Taylor, of Elk Park, to Miss Emma A. Council, of Boone, which will be solemnized at St. Luke's Church in Boone, on the morning of the 8th inst. at 9 o'clock. All friends of this excellent and popular young couple are cordially invited to the church to witness the ceremony.

We are sorry indeed to note the fact that Mr. W. T. Winkler, of St. Jude, came near being killed by a falling limb last week. The limb weighed, we are told, about eighteen lbs., and falling some distance struck him on top of the head, leaving a gash 4 inches long, besides other serious bruises about his neck and shoulders and leaving him entirely unconscious. At the last report, however, he was thought to be improving, and his physician thinks his skull is not fractured.

**To Prevent the Grip**  
Or any other similar epidemic, the blood and the whole system should be kept in healthy condition. If you feel worn out or have "that tired feeling" in the morning, don't be guilty of neglect. Give immediate attention to your self. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla to give strength, purify the blood and prevent disease.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, jaundice, biliousness, sick head ache and constipation.

A Corrected.  
**Editor Democrat:**

I write to correct a mistake which occurred in the last issue of the DEMOCRAT, in regard to the death of Mrs. Caroline Presnell. It was not the wife of E. L. Presnell who died, but his daughter-in-law, the wife of John H. Presnell. She was the daughter of our old and esteemed friend, Wiley H. Holsclaw, who died at his home on Brushy Fork on Jan. 25th 1891.

Mrs. Carrie Presnell, the subject of this sketch, was born June 17th, 1872, in Overton county, Tenn., but soon after her birth her parents moved back to Watauga county where she was reared until grown. She was married to John H. Presnell about September the 15th, 1890, and soon after she was married to she and her husband removed to Washington. She left

home unwell, but her friends thought her sickness simply an ordinary indisposition but she grew steadily worse, and while in her far off western home she professed religion after which she and her husband returned to their old home in Watauga, where she died of scrofula on the 14th of Jan., 1893. She lacked eleven days of living a year after her father's death. May she sweetly rest in her Heavenly Father's love.

A FRIEND.  
Vilas, Jan. 30th.

"I am convinced of the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, after having taken but a few doses."—this is what many people say.

### OBITUARY.

Died at her home on Stony Fork, Wilkes county, N. C., Jan. 3rd, 1893, Mrs. Barbara, wife of Archibald Greene. She was in her 65th year at the time of her death, and lived a consistent member of the Baptist church for forty years of that time. She was a devoted wife and mother, a kind and christian neighbor, and was much beloved by all who knew her. She leaves a kind and devoted husband and 9 children, besides a large circle of friends to mourn her departure, but we hope our loss is her eternal gain.

She's gone from this cold world of care,  
This world of woe and bitter tears,  
And reached the realms of bliss,  
Henceforth to dwell among the just.  
So father and children cease to weep,  
But do her christian counsel keep  
That you may meet with her above.  
Where all is joy, peace and love.  
She's bid adieu to toll and pain,  
And gone to heaven with Christ to reign  
Forever on the blissful shore,  
Where partings will be known no more.  
Then friends who loved her well  
While here,  
Prepare to meet her over there,  
Where friends no more will part-  
ed be  
But spend with Christ eternity.  
Z. T. WATSON.

In Memory of Roby A. Thomas.  
**Editor Democrat:**

There are many subjects up on which I might write and some items of interest I might note, but I feel inclined to omit these things for the present and write a few lines in memory of the lamented R. A. Thomas, whose death occurred Dec. 26th, 1892.

He was the youngest of six brothers, all of whom are married and doing well. He was about 28 years old, and as to manhood, his equal could hardly be found. The next youngest brother, Mr. F. M. Thomas, was lately married to Miss Maggie, daughter of the late Dr. J. H. Church, of Zionville.

Roby, as we called him, was known as one of the most generous and kind-hearted men in all the country; ever ready to help any one in need. He had a great influence in his community, and had it not been for the effects of liquor upon this man his influence for good would have been very great. Like a great many other good men, he was led on, little by little, until he came to an untimely end in the prime of manhood. Young men, you who may read this article, and especially those to whom I have talked on this subject in the school room, and have tried to show you the end of all men who drink, will you not hear the warning of this man

on his death bed, when he so earnestly begged his friends and associates to let it alone? But some will say he did not kill himself drinking, it was Warren who killed him. Ah! indeed, and so it was, but who can deny that liquor was at the foundation of this sad affair.

Many cases could be mentioned where men have squandered fortunes, debased their selves and brought ruin and disgrace upon their families by the use of intoxicants. Remember, young men, and the young men are not all who need to remember, that when ever you touch it you start an influence for evil, the effects of which may not end until it ends in the death of such a man as Roby Thomas, and some poor woman will be left, just as his wife is left, with little children to care for. "Contemplate the scene!" How often is it the case that we lose sight of the real cause of such calamities?

"The success of the liquor traffic depends upon debased manhood, wronged womanhood, defrauded childhood. It holds a mortgage over every cradle, a deed written in hearts' blood over every life. Shall mothers know this and be silent? Shall fathers understand and be indifferent?"

This great curse that is upon us to-day will never be removed until parents and the leading men of the country take a united stand in favor of temperance. We are glad there is a brighter side to this picture. Some 6 or 8 years ago he professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, and for quite a while lived a consistent member. He was a leader in the church and a S. S. worker, and seemed to have a great influence for good. But just then, evil influences were brought to bear, and a thirst for liquor seemed to capture him, until, as I have said, he was led on step by step, to an untimely end. But, I am glad to say, that before he died he left testimony that all was well. After he was shot he possessed presence of mind until he died and seemed to be conscious of his condition. I heard him say he had to die and was lost, and I also heard him say he was saved and ready to die, and I have hopes that his profession was real. He was free to talk about his future welfare before and after his conversion. He often referred to the way he had lived and desired to get well that he might live a better life. Then I ask again, in the name, and for the sake of our country, will men not act the part of sensible men, and hear the admonitions of Roby Thomas? L. C. W. Hattie, Jan. 24.

**NOTICE.**  
By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court of Caldwell county, I will sell for cash at the court house for in Boone on the 6th day of March, 1893, it being the first Monday in said month, J. C. Jones' interest in 104 acres of land lying on the west prong of Beaverdam creek, in Beaverdam township, Watauga county, adjoining the lands of Thos. Farthing's heirs, Calvin Moody and others, levied on by me to satisfy the sum of \$50prin. with interest or same from 19th day of Nov. 1889, until paid, and costs of suit amounting to \$104.17, in suit wherein M. A. Jones is plaintiff and J. C. Jones defendant. This Jan. 21, 1893.  
D. F. BAIRD, SHERIFF.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
Having qualified as the administrator of Roby A. Thomas' decd., all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons holding accounts against said estate are notified to present them duly authenticated within 12 months or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. Jan. 23rd, 1893.  
W. N. THOMAS, Adm.

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RESPECTFULLY,  
W. L. BRYAN,

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## GROCERIES

I keep constantly on hand a full supply of groceries consisting in part of Sugar, Coffee, Rice, etc., which will be sold as cheap as they can be bought in the mountains.

I cannot, in this small space tell you of half the bargains I am prepared to offer, but invite you, one and all, to come and see. Thirty-six inches to the yard and sixteen ounces to the pound has ever been my motto, and I hope to receive in the future, what I have so much enjoyed in the past, the liberal patronage of the public.

Most Respectfully,  
C. D. TAYLOR,  
Valle Crucis, May 10, '92.

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H. C. MARTIN & Co.  
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