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### LOCAL NEWS.

—Hay-harvesting is now on hand.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Coffey are off on a visit to Grayson county, Va.

—Read ads of Globe Academy and Holly Spring College in this issue.

—Communications from Mr. Wm. Elrod and others will appear in our next issue.

—B. B. Dougherty has been very unwell for some days, but is improving now.

—Quit a number of our attorneys and citizens are attending Jefferson court this week.

—Just received another lot of Mason's fruit jars at \$1.20 per doz., at W. F. Sherwood & Co's.

—Arbuckle's coffee at 25c. and green coffee at 20c. per pound at W. F. Sherwood & Co's.

—Miss Sallie Gentry, of Jefferson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nathan Horton, in our town. She will remain some days.

—The weather this week has been by far the hottest of the season. On Monday and Tuesday mercury registered at 91 degrees.

—Judge Brown spent Saturday night of last week in town on his way to Jefferson, where he goes to hold the extra term of court.

—District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, is in session this week at Wilkesboro. Revs. Gentry and Burrus, with a number of delegates from Watauga are in attendance.

—Remember—only such medicines were admitted for exhibition at the World's Fair as are accepted for use, by physicians, in the practice of medicine. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and Ayer's Pills being included in the list. They are standard medicines.

—Young women who desire a thorough, practical education at remarkably low rates, would do well to correspond with President Charles D. McIver of the State Normal and Industrial School, at Greensboro, N. C. See announcement of the institution in this issue.

—"A stitch in time."—A dose of Ayer's Pills has saved many a fit of sickness, but when a remedy does not happen at hand, slight ailments are liable to be neglected, and the result, frequently, is serious illness therefore always be supplied with Ayer's Pills.

—The cornerstone of White Springs church will be laid on Saturday before 5th Sunday in August. An address will be delivered on the rise and progress of Methodism. The public is cordially invited to attend, and an enjoyable occasion is expected.

Pure blood is the safeguard of health. Keep the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla if you would always keep well.

—Hon. T. J. Allison, Marshal of the Western District of North Carolina, with his family, was in town Sunday. The Marshal will spend this week taking in the points of interest in this and Mitchell counties. His family will remain at Blowing Rock for some weeks.

—From the Cottonwood (Idaho) Report, we learn that Mr. H. Taylor, formerly of this county, was married at Lewiston, Idaho, on the 2nd inst. to Miss Arrie Wood, of Oaborn, Tenn. The Report speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Taylor, as a lawyer and citizen.

—The committee of ladies appointed to raise money for repairing the M. E. Church, in Boone, requests us to say to those who have subscribed and not paid, to send it in at once, as they wish to order the material for repairs, and lack some of having the necessary money.

—We call attention to the advertisement of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in our issue to-day. This College has steadily advanced to the front rank, and its work has within the past year received the highest recommendation from *Harper's Magazine*, *The New York Forum* and other eminent educational authorities.

—Mr. A. S. Adams, of Cove Creek, was in town Tuesday, and requested us to say that the report which has got extant to the effect that he had made propositions to the republicans in case he was defeated for the nomination for Sheriff, in the coming county convention, is a malicious, premeditated and unwarranted falsehood. Abner is one of the true and tried sort and how such a report got circulated, is indeed strange.

#### Do Not Do This.

Do not be induced to buy any other if you have made up your mind to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Remember that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures when all others fail. Do not give up in despair because other medicines have failed to help you. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully and you may reasonably expect to be cured.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, carefully prepared from the best ingredients. 25 cts.

#### Farmer's Institute.

The farmers, their wives, and all others interested in farming, gardening, dairying, fruit-growing and stock-raising are cordially invited and requested to attend the Farmer's Institute to be held in Boone Sat., Aug. 8, 1896.

The object of these institutes is to consider and discuss matters of interest relative to the business of farming. They are conducted by the officers of the A. & M. College and Experiment Station, and by the Commission of Agriculture. They are held by direction of law and are free from politics. Come, and let us have a pleasant and profitable meeting.

S. L. Patterson, Com.

The republicans have become alarmed, and will circulate money and literature among the people to an unusual extent.

**Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.**

#### WANTED.

First-class log jobbers. Twenty contracts to let at once. Apply, Caldwell Land & Lumber Co., Lenoir, N. C.

#### ATTENTION, FARMERS!

The undersigned from Guilford College, Guilford county, N. C., is now in Watauga for the purpose of organizing said county in a Branch Association with Mitchell county of the "Farmer's Mutual Life Association of N. C." I desire that all citizens owning buildings in Watauga make application to me at once for policies that they may become charter members for organization the 1st Monday (3rd) of Sept. next. My post office address while in Watauga will be Boone. In my absence from town personal interviews may be had with D. B. Dougherty and applications made to him will be valid as those made to me. In this connection I ask you to read the following testimonials:

F. S. BLAIR.

"Prof. F. S. Blair, Guilford College, N. C., Agent Farmer's Fire Insurance Association for the Caswell and Person county branch: Please accept our thanks for your solicitation of our application for a policy in your Association and your promptness in having the money paid to us in full 30 days after the adjustment of the claim was made, which loss occurred from lightning 24 days after the policy was issued on March 30, 1896. Through you we heartily thank our supervisor and all the officers for the very satisfactory manner in which they have aided us in our loss. And we gladly recommend this form of insurance and most confidently to all. Sincerely yours, SUSAN & C. B. CROMPTON. High Towers, N. C. July 1, 1896.

PLEASE NOTE MY OPEN LETTER TO THE GENERAL AGENT:

Summerfield, N. C. 2-26-'96. Mr. J. S. C. Carpenter, General State Agt. "Farmers Mutual." Dear sir—I have the honor of making the following report relative to the losses sustained and payment of same in the respective "Branch Associations of the Farmers Mutual." of which I am the local agent:

The Guilford branch was organized March 28, 1894, and at the last annual meeting the pro rata assessment to pay losses had been but one cent on the one hundred dollars. The second annual meeting is called for Saturday Mar. 28, one month hence; and should no losses occur in the meantime the pro rata assessment for the second year will have been but ten cents on the one hundred dollars.

The Forsyth and Stokes branch was organized Mar. 21 1895, and the first annual meeting is called for that date of this year, three weeks hence. Should no other losses occur in the meantime the pro rata assessment will have been but ten cents on the 100.

The Wilkes and Alleghany branch was organized Aug. 17, and for the first seven months the pro rata assessment was two cents on the 100.

The Catawba and Burke was first organized in Oct. 1894, and for the first twelve months there was no assessment. Since Oct. there has been but one loss causing a pro rata assessment of 22 cents on the 100 dollars which was promptly adjusted and paid by Miles O. Sherrill, of Newton, with whom I am associated in that one association.

It is astonishing with what alacrity the members of these Associations have responded to their assessments to assist a fall neighbor, in some instances complaining of not getting them notices soon enough. For a verification of the foregoing you or any one else interested are respectfully referred to the respective treasurers: Jesse R. Wharton, Reg. of deeds office Greensboro, N. C., W. A. Blair, Pres. of Peoples Bank and secretary and Treasury of Forsyth and Stokes branch Winston, N. C.; J. E. Finley, Pres. of North Wilkesboro bank, and treasurer of the Wilkes and Alleghany branch; A. W. Robb, ex-county treasurer and present treasurer of Catawba and Burke branch Newton, N. C.; and also to the following testimonial letters from those who have sustained losses.

Reply submitted, Jesse F. Hoskins.

Forsyth, Stokes co. Branch. Received from W. A. Blair \$450 in full of the loss occasioned by the burning of my house. I consider the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Co. an excellent thing and I heartily commend it to everyone. It would have been very hard for me if I had not been insured and the prompt payment of my loss enables me to rebuild at once. Every farmer ought to belong to this organization which helps its members to protect property.

June 4 '96 C. C. Duggins.

#### From Moreta, N. C.

Editor Democrat:

We are now nearing a great battle; yes, the greatest for the rights of the common people that has ever been fought on the American continent, (save only the struggle of '76) It will be fought by the great mass of the wealth-producers against the allied forces of the combined money power, the one seeking liberation from oppression and the other aiming their deadly artillery against this great bread earning host, seeking to enslave them and their posterity forever. In the face of these facts and knowing them to be the present absolute condition of things, does it behoove the great mass of common people to be up and doing, and have on the whole armor, and be in perfect trim for the conflict. Now, let us not be lulled to sleepfulness by the airy tongued agents of the plutocratic gold bugs, whose every interest is antagonistic to the masses of our American people and who are leagued with the owners of British gold. It does seem to me that if there ever has arisen a moment in the history of our American institutions so supreme as to justify true American citizens, regardless of previous political affiliation, to rise in their might and power and crush forever this deadly monster, it is now. In order to fight this great battle of the people to a finish, and achieve a glorious victory at the end of the struggle, we must not ignore the wishes of the common people. The people from the Golden Gate to Hatteras are thinking, soberly thinking. They can no longer be deceived by the flattery of the demagogue and deceitful politicians. We must select men for our standard-bearers the people know and can trust to deliver the sacred message. Men upon whose garments no stain of infamy has ever rested, and whose lives have been spent in the noble work of the elevation of mankind and the betterment of our common country.

For a standard-bearer in the 8th Congressional Dist., of North Carolina, who will meet the just approbation of all our people regardless of party, I suggest the name of Capt. Edward F. Lovill. He is a brave and fearless advocate of the true doctrines of the democratic party and an uncompromising believer in the free coinage of silver. We know him. His noble service as a confederate Captain, the history of which has long since been written, has placed him alongside the great soldiers of the Lost Cause. Our mountain people love him; they can trust him, and his nomination for Congress in this district will mean demoralization to the republican party. He has served with great distinction in both houses of our General Assembly. He has never asked for a nomination at the hands of any convention but has always received it by acclamation.

Democrats of the 8th Dist. be cautious, be conservative, be considerate, for the cause of the people rises high above the personal aggrandizement of any one man, or combination of reckless politicians. R. Z. Linney, the developed South hater, must be retired to the darkest shades of private life. He is unworthy to represent so great a people as ours. He has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. In my opinion Lovill and bimetalism will bury Linney and the gold standard forever.

A DEMOCRAT.

## DON'T BE HUMBUGGED.

Friends you should remember that when you want good goods to go where they do not offer a lot of Cheap John stuff at a little price. As common sense will teach you, that good staple goods can't be sold for a song, and when once bought it is money thrown away. I only keep good goods—something that I can recommend; and on this basis I ask your patronage, and I promise to keep good staple goods at a reasonably low profit. I do not mean to sell at cost—like the Cheap Johns say they do—but want a living profit.

In dry goods you will always find the best jeans, domestic, alamaance, calicoes, cashmeres, worsted, organdy, Indian linen, black satine, outing flannel, all wool flannels, etc. You will find the best coffeys, sugars, flour and other groceries that can be had.

I keep constantly on hand Dr. King's New Discovery, Hood's Sarsaparilla and pills, Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Pectoral, Hair Vigor and pills; Dr. Chamberlain's Pain Balm, Diarrhoea and colic cure, and St. Patrick Pills, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, Favorite Prescription and Pills, Theodor's black draught—the best liver medicine on earth and all other kind of drugs kept in a country store.

Just received a lot of best axes made. Grass scythes, snaths. Bar iron rod and band iron buggy spokes, tire and rims, Farmer Friend plow, repairs, Chattanooga hill-side repairs, plow bolts and everything else in the hardware line.

Notions, yes I have plenty, fine box paper and envelopes, note paper and envelopes, ink, pens, pencils, slates, school books, tablets, etc. Collars, cuffs, suspenders, and lots of other notions too tedious to name. When you want goods call and examine prices and quality and I am sure I can please you. I have fine shoes, men's and women's, all goods at reasonable prices. A nice lot of children and misses fine button shoes, and in fact nearly all things you need at low prices—Remember my picture offer. I have a lot on hand, come and secure one. New goods every week.

Yours Anxious to please,  
WILL W. HOLSCLOW,

July 23, 1896.

## NEW GOODS! NEW PRICES!

We have the pleasure to announce to the public that our stock of goods is now almost complete, and we will say if you want good goods cheap you will do well to call on us

Hats. Hats. Hats.

Don't you need a Spring hat? If so call on us. You will both feel and look better with one of our late style hats on your head. We have a beautiful line of

Dry Goods and Notions.

which we will sell at rock bottom prices. Don't fail to come and examine them.

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!

When you want a nice pair of shoes cheap remember we always have them. "Money saved is money made." We have saved 15 per cent on the purchase of our shoes and will give you the benefit of it. When in need of any thing in our line of merchandise call and we are sure we can save you money as we have adopted the

"PAY DOWN SYSTEM,"

and do not intend to be undersold by any one. We invite an early and repeated visit and inspection, we know we can interest you. Thanking you for past favors, we are

VERY RESPECTFULLY,  
BLACKBURN, & MILLER.

## I LEAD, OTHERS FOLLOW.

Statesville Marble Works.

If you are in earnest about wanting the best Monument or Tombstone, for the least money, be sure to write to me, as I buy direct from the quarries in car load lots. I employ the very best workmen, and to-day I have the largest and most complete stock of Marble in North Carolina.

Satisfaction guaranteed. Consult your interest and give me a call or write for prices.

C. B. WEBB, Statesville, N. C.  
January 24th, 1895.

## THE MOUNTAIN MEDICINE COMPANY

OF ZIONVILLE NORTH CAROLINA.

Is now engaged in the manufacture and sale of a valuable medicine, known as the MOUNTAIN HERB MEDICINE, composed of the natural herbs of our mountain section.

This wonderful medicine is highly recommended for diseases of the Liver, Stomach, Kidneys and all diseases arising from a bilious system. This is no patent medicine. It is pure, simple, cheap and effective. It is recommended by the physicians of the county, and is one of the best medicines on the market.

This medicine is put up in packages with full directions with full directions on each. Price \$1.00 per package, sent post paid to any address. If you have Liver trouble, Dyspepsia or Kidney complaints, try it and be convinced that we are not trying to humbug you. RESPECTFULLY,

THE MOUNTAIN MEDICINE COMPANY