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### LOCAL NEWS.

-Much matter is crowded out of this issue.

-Please bring on the wood you promised.

-Mrs. Mary Ramsy, of Banner Elk, is quite ill.

-Note the change in advertisement of J. B. Clarke.

-Jesse F. Hoskins, of the Farmers' Mutual, was in town this week.

-Patty, window glass of all sizes, and unframed mirrors at Holsclaws.

-Fancy lamps, dolls, toys, fruits, nuts, cakes etc., at Blackburn & Miller's.

-The trade in young cattle in Watauga is quite active at present.

-The old reliable Salem Almanac for sale at J. B. Clarke's. Price ten cents.

-Note the change in Will W. Holsclaw's ad. It is full of Christmas.

-You can get the best axe, chains and long handle shovels at Holsclaws.

-Deputy Collector Horton sold several packages of extra old brandy here on last Monday.

-A full line of Arctics, rubbers, macintoshes etc., of the best quality at Blackburn & Miller's.

-Just received a lot of lanterns and globes, lamp chimneys and queensware at Will W. Holsclaws.

-You must remember that you can get nice presents of all sorts for Xmas very cheap at Holsclaws.

-W. L. Bryan has been off on a business trip to Caldwell and Wilkes counties for several days, and has not yet returned.

-F. Fin Coffey has gone to Gate City, Va. to buy horses for the Southern market. He was accompanied by his wife as far as Elk Park.

-You can get Hoods Sarsaparilla, Pierce's Favorite Prescription and Golden Medical Discovery, and Dr. King's medicines at Holsclaws.

-By all odds the nicest line of Christmas goods ever exhibited in Boone, is now on hand at Blackburn and Miller's.

-Mr. O'Connell, of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. spent Saturday night at the Bryan House, on his way to inspect timber lands in this and Caldwell counties.

-The Farmers' Mutual has this week bounded to \$161,405 in Watauga, and if the people look well to the protection of their property the amount will soon reach \$200,000 and not stop there.

-Judge Green and family will leave tomorrow for Lenoir, where they will make their future home. Wearasory to give them up, but hope the change will be a nappy one for them.

-Meat Camp township has a petition before the commissioners asking to be allowed to vote on local option which will be acted on at next meeting. It is to be hoped the petition will be granted.

-On Monday of this week, Miss Mitchell, one of the teachers in Skyland Institute at Blowing Rock, died from diptheria. She was from New Hampshire, and her body was taken to that state for interment.

-We learn that on last Saturday night the dwelling of L. M. Waters, of Gap Creek, who has lost two barns by fire recently, was discovered burning, but fortunately it was extinguished before much damage was done.

-The trial of the five Churches charged with the burning of Linville Waters' barn came off at Gap Creek on last Wednesday. The evidence was not sufficient to convict, and they were all released. Hope the guilty parties may yet be detected.

-Rev. L. E. Boston, writing from Banners Elk says: We were much pleased to have with us Rev. Calvin Farthing, of Beaver Dams, who preached Saturday night in the Banner Elk Academy, and Sunday morning and night in the Presbyterian church, to large and attentive congregations. His discourses awakened deep interest and we trust he will visit us again.

-On yesterday at 1:30, p. m., in the parlor of the Bryan Hotel, J. C. Fletcher, one of our prominent young attorneys, was married to Miss Carrie, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bryan, the Rev. D. C. Harman performing the ceremony. The marriage was a private one, but the host of friends to this estimable couple wishes for them all the happiness possible, and that their lives may be crowded with many blessings.

#### Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centers in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1. per bottle at Holsclaw's, and Blackburn and Miller.

The burning of Brown Bro's factory at Winston on the 10th inst, threw four hundred men, women and children out of employment.

#### The Greatest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant of Chilhowie Va. certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief, spent many nights sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for coughs, colds and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Holsclaw's, and Blackburn and Miller.

A. C. Avery, jr., son of Judge Avery, was stabbed at Morgantona a few days ago by two negroes. The young man is dangerously hurt and may die. The negroes made their escape.

From -Elbitten.

**Editor Democrat:** My long silence has not been occasioned by want of interest in the Democrat or its readers. For a time serious sickness in my family prevented my writing. Mrs. Thomas was sick in August but is about herself again. Since her recovery I have been on the go much of the time, and in meetings. I spent a night at Blowing Rock last of Oct. with my old friend John Edmisten, and then on to Ashe to attend a funeral service in memory of Nancy Phillipps, mother of Capt. Phillipps, who used to live in Boone. Her maiden name was Shown. She was one of the first persons I got acquainted with in Ashe was one of the best friends I ever had, and one of the best women I ever knew. On Sunday night after the memorial services at Bethel, I ran out to Jefferson to see my old friends, and when I got there the Methodist people were gathering for prayer meeting and kiously asked me to preach for them. While there I met Miss Nannie Rivers of Boone, I was glad to meet her and to know she was there teaching, she is worthy of a good place, and I trust she has one in Jefferson. On my return home I preached at Mission Home and Gap Creek, spending a right pleasant night with my good friend John Hopkins. Next I went to Morgantona to attend the Baptist State Convention. It was one of the very best sessions I ever attended. Watauga was well represented, and Boone very well by W. C. Coffey. Don't be surprised if Bro. Coffey has to go to Shelby on especial business about Xmas. The indications are that he has valuable interests in that town. Next I went down and spent most of a week at my old home at Sulphur Springs in Alexander, attending a meeting and visiting my mother and relatives. This was a most enjoyable visit. The weather was perfect and the roads good. We had a good meeting too. We have had some exceptionally good meetings here this fall. I have had larger additions to my churches this year than ever before in one year. Have had 109; 36 at Kings Creek; 49 at Lenoir and 24 at North Catawba. Our public schools are all in session. I have issued certificates to 58 teachers. We have no lack of teachers here I have not learned what there will be per capita this year, it was \$1.01 last year. We had quite a nice spell of winter 10 days ago, the snow was 3 or 4 inches deep, but all gone now, and the weather lovely again. Our people are engaged extensively in the lumber business. Rev. J. G. Pulliam passed this way last week on his way to All Healing Springs for Mrs. Pulliam's benefit. My old friend Seymour Taylor, spent a night with me on his way home from Conference, I was glad to see him again and to know he had embarked in the work of uplifting humanity. The health of our people is generally good. Kind regards to all the readers of the Democrat. I. W. Thomas.

Alleghany Star: In this issue we publish a letter from Mr. J. V. Brown relative to the promptness with which he gets his money from the Farmers' Mutual through the President, C. N. Hunt, and Agent Jesse F. Hoskins. We have yet to hear of any loss in the various associations managed by Mr. Hoskins that was straight and honest that was not promptly paid.

We clipped the above from the Alleghany Star whose proprietor has a policy in the Wilkes and Alleghany Branch of the Farmers' Mutual and who has seen its practical workings. The more we see and hear of the Farmers' Mutual the more favorably are we impressed with it. There is no concealment or holding back of anything by Mr. Hoskins or his agents Blair and Wall in presenting it to the people. Their ads are not of the patent medicine kind. For example, we have in our hands the original of every letter published in these columns for the curious to examine. The Ad in the Alleghany Star is nothing more nor less than the proceedings of the Wilkes and Alleghany Branch adopted by the members at their first annual meeting.

## Merit Talks

"Merit talks" the intrinsic value of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses actual and unequalled curative power and therefore it has true merit. When you buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, and take it according to directions, to purify your blood, or cure any of the many blood diseases, you are morally certain to receive benefit. The power to cure is there. You are not trying an experiment. It will make your blood pure, rich and nourishing, and thus drive out the germs of disease, strengthen the nerves and build up the whole system.

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best, in fact - the One True Blood Purifier. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

### Hood's Pills

Do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists sell.

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## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The wife of Mr. Leonard Wells, of east Brimfield Mass. had been suffering from neuralgia for two days, not being able to sleep or hardly keep still, when Mr. Holden, the merchant there sent her a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and asked that she give it a thorough trial. On meeting Mr. Wells the next day he was told that she was all right, the pain had left her within two hours and that the bottle of Pain Balm was worth \$5.00 if it could not be had for less. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by druggists.

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Your Money's Worth If You Buy From J. M. MORETZ.

I have recently located in Boone in the D. B. Dougherty P. O. building with a neat line of groceries and general merchandise. I run no leaders, everything a bargain. Give me a call when in the City and be convinced, Yours TO Please J. M. MORETZ Nov. 19th. 1896.

## AN OPEN LETTER

OF THE TREASURER OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY BRANCH OF "THE FARMERS MUTUAL"

To Prof. F. S. Blair The Local Agt. of Watauga Co., showing the standing there of "The Farmers Mutual" and of Mr. Blair also.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 28th, 1896.

Prof. F. S. Blair, Dear sir:-In reply to your inquiry as to the condition and workings of the Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. of this county, I beg leave to say that more than \$500,000, worth of property is insured in this county to day. Since its organization about three years ago, only about \$5,000, insured has been cancelled. During three years we have had six fires, three of them within just three months. The assessments for the first two years was at rate of 30 cts. per \$1,000. Including the present year it is less than \$1.50 per thousand. I regard the plan of insurance in the Farmers Mutual to be the cheapest and best insurance in the world. While there will be some grumblers when a fire occurs, on the whole the workings of our Company have given almost universal satisfaction. For further particulars as to what our county has done I beg leave to refer you to my printed report to the Annual meeting of our association-May, last. Since that time the three fires we have had amount to about \$800 I am now collecting the assessments which are being paid promptly, in a few days I will have paid all the losses except the last one, which has not yet been adjusted, altho the law does not require the payment for nearly a month yet.

I take great pleasure in saying, that I have known you personally for many years past, and that I regard you as an upright, truthful, business man, who will not promise more than you can perform.

RESPECTFULLY,  
J. R. WHARTON,  
Treasurer of Guilford Branch.

P. S. I wish you the greatest success in your present work. I regard the Farmers Insurance Co. as a great benevolent institution, extending its influence for good to every section of the country.  
J. R. W.

Wilkesboro, N. C. Aug. 31st, 1896.

Mess. Jesse F. Hoskins, Agt., and Chas N. Hunt, Pres. of the Farmers' Mutual. Gentlemen:- I have to thank you both for the promptness and business-like manner with which you manage the Farmers' Mutual; for on the night of Aug 20th, my wagon and work-shop was destroyed by fire, which was insured in the Farmers, Mutual, and to-day just ten days from date of loss, you hand me check of Mr. J. E. Finley, the Treasurer, for the amount as per adjustment by Supervisor Absher. Since every honest claim after fair and honorable adjustment by the Supervisors is paid without a quibble, and the cost so little, I can't see how any farmer can afford not to be insured with you.

RESPECTFULLY,  
G. V. BROWN,

Winston, N. C. Aug. 19th, 1896.

Jesse F. Hoskins, Esq. Dear sir:- Since my letter to you of the 22nd of May, '95, I have pretty fully investigated the workings of the Farmers' Mutual and am satisfied that it offers the best and safest insurance that the farmers can take. I now have two policies in it amounting to \$1,200.

Yours Truly,  
D. P. MAST.

## 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.