

Although Watauga county is far from railroad and located on the summit side of the Blue Ridge, it has, perhaps, more than an average number of professional men. There are something like 40 ministers of the Gospel among the various denominations. While few of them claim to be educated men, yet they are all Bible students. We believe their influence has done a great deal to give to our county that moral and religious character that has honored her so much for these many years. We want to encourage good preachers of all denominations. While Watauga is known far and wide as a summer resort, she has 12 doctors, and they all get practice enough to make a good living. As to the lawyers, we have five and a judge. Our legal talent will compare with any near this place. While there is not much litigation among our people our attorneys get a good practice in adjoining counties, and in the Federal and Supreme courts. And we might add that we have some good architects and mechanics. Go over this county and see the many fine houses and good barns, and you will think the carpenters have been busy. We cannot here speak of the many successful merchants. When we mention schools, we feel that we are behind for there is not a school in this county that had a 10 months session last year, but the prospects are growing brighter, and we trust we are in the morning of a sunny day for schools.

Having noticed the catalogues of many of our leading colleges, we believe that the educational interest of North Carolina was never better. The university in our opinion, is one of the greatest schools in the South. Trinity College has raised her standard higher. Her fine buildings, strong faculty and eminent Presidents gives Trinity very high standing among the College. Davidson College is doing some of the best work in the State. This school is noted for her modesty and thoroughness. Wake Forest is the pride of the Baptist people of North Carolina. It is probably the strongest endowed and best equipped college in the State. Guilford and Elon are coming to the front. North Carolina has many reasons to be proud of her higher institutions of learning. Is she not ahead of any State that touches her?

### Losing Flesh

You naturally lose flesh in the summer and running down is so easy. You get a little weaker each day without hardly noticing it. There is loss of appetite, headache, weakness of the muscles, disturbed sleep, weakness of memory, and these are the beginning of nervous prostration. Iron and tonics and bitters may afford some temporary relief, but what you need is a food for body, brain and nerves.

Sometime during Tuesday night a daring and successful robbery was perpetrated at this place. The out door of the postoffice was prized open and the safe of Capt. A. A. Hill was blown to pieces with powder or dynamite. A considerable amount of private funds of the above named, together with about \$150 of government funds and \$100 worth of stamps were taken. A small hole about one-fourth of an inch in diameter was drilled about the centre of the top of the safe in which the explosive was inserted. The interior of the safe was considerably scorched. Fifteen dollars, together with a few stamps, were left lying on the floor near the safe.—Taylorsville Correspondence Statesville Landmark.

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The healthiest  
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is on every wrapper.

**BRYAN AGAIN.**  
"Bryan is the legitimate and logical candidate of all the silver forces for President in 1900.

This is the emphatic and unqualified opinion of Senator Teller, who has returned to Washington and was in his seat in the Senate chamber yesterday for the first time in several weeks. He looks benefitted by his needed rest, and was given a most cordial greeting by his colleagues, who, without regard to party, have for him the highest respect.

"As time rolls on," he continued Mr. Teller, "Bryan will be more and more the legitimate and logical candidate. I believe he will be the nominee of the silver forces in the next national campaign, and that there will be no difficulty in combining on him."

Senator Teller will remain here until the end of the session.

**Dots From Valle Crucis.**  
*Editor Democrat.*

The school is growing; both in interest and number. Our people may well be proud of it and, indeed, fortunate, in having such a faculty. The Music teacher, Mrs. Nicholson, is unsurpassed and the class is doing well indeed, while Prof. Nicholson holds each child in hand that seems they wouldn't dare to disobey.

Cove Creek is well represented, Carl Swift, Edna Holsclaw, Rosa and Dave Swift, Claud Gantt, Roby and Walter Ward, Addie Dugger and Dave Councill are in attendance and others are expected.

### Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil with the Hypophosphites, furnishes just the nourishment needed for those who are run down and pale and thin and weak. If you lose flesh in summer take Scott's Emulsion now. Don't wait till fall or winter before beginning.

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The late additions are Lillie Mast, of Sugar Grove, John Squires, of Lenoir, Everette Johnson, of Foscoe, and Miss Emma Jones, of Beaver Dam.

We hope the two, your town has lent us, Misses Mary Hardin and Jennie Blackburn may be instrumental in interesting others to attend.

The boys have organized them an interesting Base Ball Team, and we hope the girls may soon have a Tennis Court or something equally interesting for amusement.

Mess. Geo. Winkler, of Deek Hill, Charlie Brown, of Vaughnsville, Tenn., and Ed. Shipley, of Vilas, spent Sunday at Valle Crucis.

Miss Flora Moore, of Globe who has been visiting friends and relatives in different parts of the county and Tennessee returned home last week.

The Sunday School at Banner Elk, has kindly invited the Valle Crucis Sunday School to join them in a picnic at Banner Elk the 10th, prox., and of course we will go but some seem to think it would not 'be fair' for each teacher to take his class.

The Rev. Adam has returned from his Northern trip, looking rather fatigued.

Larkin Calloway, who was very sick a week ago, is much better and at work again.

Taylor and Mast are carrying a nice stock of goods and their trade seems to be increasing.

Farmers are very busy in their crops when the rain will allow them to be.

The fruit crop is rather light, but we think plenty for home consumption.

The Shawneehaw and Valle Crucis Turnpike Co., are doing good work on this end of the road, having made a good bridge over the saw mill creek, and made other needed improvements.

**T. I. V.**  
**Something to Depend On.**

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at Holsclaw's and Blackburn's.

### FARMERS' MUTUAL NOTICE.

To the President and members of the Farmers' Mutual Watauga and Mitchell Branch:

We have made an investigation of the loss by fire of J. P. Councill, member of the Association, and so far as we are able to learn, his loss is a perfectly straight one and purely accidental and respectfully submit the following adjustment for ratification and payment.

Gearing	\$300.00.
Burrs and Rocks	150.00.
Work putting in machinery	200.00.
One smutter	75.00.
Two bolting cloths	50.00.
Two pair scales	20.00.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$795.00.</b>

I think the above is a cash price on the fixtures, what they could be replaced with new material.

J. E. Greene, mill right and member of the Association.

Machinery and fixture, see the above statement	\$795.00
Mill house	300.00
Grain in mill	27.00
Other apparatus	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,172.00.</b>

A. J. CRITCHER Supervisor.  
JESSE F. HOSKINS General Manager.

Vilas, N. C., June 19.—This is to certify that I am satisfied with the adjustment made by the Farmers' Mutual of my loss at \$1,172.00 and have confidence in its being paid. I regret very much not only the loss to myself but to my fellow members who have to pay. But I went into it with them in good faith.

J. P. COUNCELL.  
Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at Holsclaw's and Blackburn's.

### NOTICE!!

State of North Carolina, Watauga County.

In compliance with the Local Taxation Law, to aid the Public Schools (Chap. 421, acts of 18-97), it is hereby ordered by the Board of County Commissioners that a levy of 10 cents on every \$100 worth of Real and Personal property, and 30 cents on every Poll, will be made in every township in said county, where said levy is ratified by the qualified voters of said district (Township). And it is further ordered that an election be held in each district (Township) on Tuesday after the second Monday in Aug., 1897, accordance with provisions of said chapter.

June 9th, 1897.  
L. H. Michael Ch'm B'd.  
Co., Commissioners.

### NOTICE! NOTICE!

Something new for Watauga county. We have decided to open up a Baltimore Rack at store at Vilas, N. C., in the way of Stoves, Tin-ware, Hard-ware, Sewing Machines and Groceries. We are now receiving a large line of Stoves, Tin-ware, and Sewing Machines, all of which we will sell cheap for cash or barter, or exchange the same for good fat sheep, cattle, horses or mules. Very Truly,  
F. P. Long & Son.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR FRIENDS

AND FORMER CUSTOMERS

AND TRADE GENERALLY.

We are pleased to announce to you that we have opened up a nice line of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE at our old stand, and here are a few of our cash prices:

Standard Sheetting 6 oz.	6 cts
" Plaids,	6 "
White Extra C. Sugar 18 lb 1 00	
Granulated "	16 " 1.00
Arbuckles roasted Coffee 6 "	1.00
Good green "	7 " 1.00

We have a good stock of shoes of all kinds also Leather.

### HARDWARE

such as:

- NAILS,
- HORSE AND MELE SHOES,
- AXES,
- MATTOCKS,
- HOES,
- HARROW TEETE
- IRON STANDS
- & LANTS.

We will offer no inducements to anyone to buy on a credit.

We buy and sell strictly on a pay down system and will not be undersold by any one. Call and see us.

Very Resp't.  
W. F. Sheerwood & Co.,  
Amantha, N. C.

### THE VIRGINIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO.

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Paid in losses in last ten years, over.....\$2,000,000.00  
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Rates on unexposed frame farm houses, with shingle roof, 2 1/2 cents per day, or 75 cents per month, or \$9.00 per year, for \$1,000 insurance payable in easy installments.

The names of a few of our most prominent Watauga County policy holders:

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- R F VANNOY, J C HORTON, MRS R L COUNCILL.
- WM HOLSCLAW, COFFEY BROS, COUNCILL, TAYLOR & CO,
- J B JOHNSON, J P COUNCILL, W B KORRIS,
- D. F BAIRD, B F BAIRD, J C SHULL,
- S N BINGHAM W B COUNCILL, L W FARTHING.

Capt E F LOVILL and J A EDMISTEN.  
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Make your breath Sweet by using  
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### New Year's Greeting to my Friends!

The old year of 1896 was full of hope and promise but the poor old creature could not live long enough to see those hopes realized, so she turned over the job to this brand new youngster, 1897, with the hope that he would push things lively, and faith! he is doing that very thing! Why the little rascal is showing new goods into my door faster than I can put them on the shelves, and then before I can look around the little fellow is gone and I can hear him out in the middle of the street singing out "Oh Yes! J. B. Clarke, has now and always keeps

### GROCERIES

AND NOTIONS.

- Such as
- COFFEE,
- SUGAR,
- CHEESE,
- CRACKERS,
- CAKES,
- CANNED-BEEF,
- POTTED-HAM,
- SALMONS,
- SARDINES,
- BUTTERNUTS,

English walnuts, soft shell-almonds, peanuts, raisins, figs, canned fruits, shoe dressing, inks, plain and fancy candies, fancy and laundry SCAPS,

TOBACCO, SNUFF, CIGARS, CIGARETTES, MATCHES,

Horse and Cattle Powders, and many other articles too tedious to mention.

N. B.—My goods are marked at cash prices, and will not, under any circumstances, be sold on time.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

J. B. CLARKE.  
Jan 14th 1897.

### WANTED—AN IDEA

Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their \$1,500 prize offer.

### A Walking Advertisement.

"In February, 1862, I had six hemorrhages from the lungs, and for some months was under the care of two doctors, and finally went to Denver, but returned without any benefit to my health. I then read of your treatment, and sent for some from which I felt great relief, and have continued using it steadily up to the present time, with good results."

"I am certain your treatment has been the means of restoring my health. I have added fifteen pounds to my weight and am still gaining, have a good appetite and sleep well. In fact, I can conscientiously say I am a walking advertisement for your treatment."

J. Fallon, 154 South Grand St Chicago, Ill.

If you will know more of this treatment, and read the testimony of many others, who have been cured by the Compound Oxygen Treatment, not only of consumption, but of various other diseases, send for book of two hundred pages, sent free. Or call and see us, treat patients at the Office as well as at home.

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