

# The Watauga Democrat.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

—Bob. Rivers says it is a girl and weighs ten pounds.  
—Just rec'd. a large lot of fruit jars cheap at W. W. Holsclaw's.

—Mrs. Joseph Hodges, of New River, is quite ill with typhoid fever.

—Scythes and cradles and grass scythes just in at Will W. Holsclaw's.

—Atty. W. B. Councill has gone to Jefferson, N. C., on a business trip.

—Just rec'd. a fine lot of lemons and oranges cheap at W. W. Holsclaw's.

—Dr. W. B. Councill is preparing to do some work on his dwelling—covering, etc.

—Mr. Jacob Clawson, of Virgil, is very low with fever. We hope his speedy recovery.

—Rev. J. F. Davis has again been elected pastor of the church on Cove Creek.

—After the 26 inst. I will sell you heavy western bacon at 7c. per lb. M. B. Blackburn.

—A Union Sunday School has been organized in the Baptist church here, and is being well attended.

—Dr. C. J. Parler, our popular young physician, has been visiting his parents at Moravian Falls.

—Miss Maggie Lovill, of Sutherland, N. C., spent a few days in town last week visiting friends and relatives.

—Mr. Pulliam, the father of our townsman, Rev J. G. Pulliam, died at his home in Marion, N. C., last week.

—Mr. Webster Davis' boy who was seriously hurt by a falling tree some time ago is much improved and it is thought that he will recover.

—The wire for the Boone and Blowing Rock Telephone is in town and we are informed the line will be constructed at once.

—I am now prepared to furnish you the best yarn and jeans made, in exchange for your wool, at a small difference. M. B. Blackburn.

—Mrs. Myra H. Pulliam, after a visit of some weeks to All Healing Springs in Alexander county, has returned to her home east of Boone.

—Long & Son, of Vilas, are enjoying a lively trade in stoves, machines, etc. Mr. Long informs us that he sold in one day this week 4 cook stoves.

—The rain has been most profuse for the last few days, and much wind and some hail with it. Small grain has been damaged in several parts of the county.

—Mr. J. M. Moretz has the bill of lumber made for his new dwelling, and is having it sawed as fast as possible. He will build on the corner opposite the post-office.

—Rev. Milton Farthing has returned from the Theological Seminary, Ky. We feel proud of the high stand our Watauga boy has taken at this great school.

—During the heavy storm on last Sunday night the farm of J. M. Hodge's house at Blowing Rock, was blown down, and almost entirely wrecked.

—Watauga people are sowing more wheat each year. In a few years we will raise as good wheat as Caldwell. J. P. Councill speaks of building a roller mill—a good idea.

—Mr. J. Claud, son of F. P. Moore, of Globe, N. C., was over to see his grandfather, Col. Todd, a few days this week. Claud, we are informed is a very bright boy.

—Mr. F. M. Holsclaw was in town Tuesday, and gave our office a call. He leaves this week for Florence, Idaho and ordered the DEMOCRAT to that place. We hope for Fin a pleasant and profitable trip.

—The condition of our young friend Walter Councill is growing more hopeless as the days go by, and the chances for him to survive long are very meagre indeed. We still hope, however, that he may again rally.

—Rev. Harrison Farthing passed through town going to and coming from his appointment at Howard's Creek church. He speaks very highly of his little band of workers at that place.

—Mr. L. H. Hamby, of Wilkes, an old student of Grobe Academy, passed through Boone on his way home. He has been in the book business for some time, and has made quite a purse of money and will enter the University of N. C., in Sept.

—For cash we will sell you Arbuckles coffee at 14c. per pound, best granulated sugar 18 pounds to the dollar, and best brown sugar 20 lbs to the dollar. Anything we carry in stock will be sold at prices as low as can be found in the county. T. J. Coffey and Bro.

—Note change in the ad. of Lee F. Miller. The promptness with which the loss of W. R. Moody was adjusted by the Virginia Fire and Marine, has gained for it much popularity in our county. Mr. Moody's loss was \$1,000, which was paid promptly.

—Putnam Fadeless Dyes are as cheap at 15c. to 30c. per package as other makes would be at 10c. for each package colors from one and one-half to three times as much goods as any other. 10c. per package. Sold by J. A. Edmisten, Blowing Rock.

—At this writing (Wednesday eve.) little Walker, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Williams, is rapidly sinking, and it is thought by all, that ere many hours his spotless little soul will be waited on angel's wings to the realms of eternal bliss.

—G. O. Casner, representing the Chamberlain Medicine Co., of Des Moines, Iowa, was in town yesterday. He is selling a standard medicine, and, therefore, has no trouble making sales. M. B. Blackburn is his agent here. His ads. will appear in our next issue.

—Jesse F. Hoskins, General Manager of the Farmers' Mutual, has been in the county several days looking after the adjustment of the claim, of J. P. Councill against the Association for the loss of his mill. Mr. Hoskins says the loss is straight and all right, and that it will be adjusted in the near future. See change in Mr. Hoskins' ad. in this issue.

—Married on Wednesday of last week, at the residence of Rev. N. M. Combs, on Cove Creek, Mr. A. E. Moretz, of Meat Camp, to Miss Rosa L. Knight, formerly of Kinman Indiana. Mr. Moretz is well known in Watauga, and we join his many friends in wishing for him and bride a long and happy life.

—Uncle Dave Adams, of Vilas, N. C., was in town Tuesday. He informed us that his wife, who was so seriously hurt from a fall some time ago is improving. While here he presented the publisher of the DEMOCRAT with a very fine apple raised in '96 the apple was large and well preserved, being of the buff variety.

—Mr. George Moore, proprietor of the Lenoir Roller Mills, accompanied by Mr. John Houck, a member of the firm of Moore & Co., Granite Falls, N. C., came to our town a few days ago on a "business" trip. Mr. Houck, however, went to Mt. City, Tenn. They think the prospect "for" Gold is right good, and we hope (look) for them to come again right soon.

"Only nervous" is a sure indication that the blood is not pure Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and cures nervousness.

Elberton, Ga., dispatch: By a formal act the mulatto family of the late ex-Governor George W. Dye has come into possession of his estate, said to be worth \$500,000. Dye belonged to one of the largest slave-owning families in the South. Having been jilted by the daughter of a neighbor, he forsook white companions. When he died \$40,000 in gold was found in a sack under the pillow on which his head rested when he died. His will left all to his negro family.

### Best On Earth.

"My blood was in a very bad condition and I had eruptions all over my body. I took a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and it entirely cured me. I have not had any trouble with impure blood since that time. I believe Hood's Sarsaparilla to be the best blood purifier on earth." Joseph T. Jones, Henderson, N. C.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla Easy and yet efficient.

The Governor has ordered a special term of Pasquotank Court to begin on the 12th of July, for the trial of civil causes. He has commissioned Judge Greene to preside. A good selection. Judge Greene held the Courts of this District in the fall of 1895, and made a favorable impression on the bar and on the people.—North Carolinian.

### More

Curative power is contained in Hood's Sarsaparilla than in any other similar preparation. It costs the proprietor and manufacturer more. It costs the jobber more and it is worth more to consumer. More skill is required in its preparation and it combines more remedial qualities than any other medicine. Consequently it has a record of more cures and its sales are more than those of any other preparation. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine to buy because it is an honest medicine and thousands of testimonials prove that it does a truly and permanently cure disease.

The lives of three young ladies were snuffed out Sunday evening by lightning while on their way home from church at Jacobsburg, Ohio. It is believed the steel in the corsets worn by the

three that were killed was the cause of their death, as Miss Bohring, who was only stunned, wore none.

## Scrofula Sores

Health Was Greatly Impaired, But Hood's Sarsaparilla Built It Up—Cores Have All Disappeared.

"I was troubled with scrofula on my face, which appeared first on my nose, then on my cheeks. My health was so impaired that I was advised to take Hood's Sarsaparilla to build me up, and I bought six bottles. Before I had taken half of this amount I found that I was improving. I could rest better at night, and felt refreshed in the morning. I gained in flesh and when I had finished the last bottle the sores on my face had all disappeared." J. B. BORDEN, Postmaster, Nashville, No. Carolina.

"After suffering from a sore leg for 25 years, four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made a complete cure. It is several years since I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, but I have not suffered with any sore or erysipelas in that time." Mrs. M. J. HARTLEY, Lovett, Georgia.

Remember Hood's Sarsaparilla is the Best—the True Blood Purifier. Be sure to get Hood's and only Hood's.

Hood's Pills easy to take, easy to buy, easy to operate. 50c.

**A CUSTOMER OUR BEST ADVERTISEMENT!**

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**DON'T FAIL**

To ask your neighbor who has visited our store whether we give the most goods for the least money.

### THE TRUTH

is what hurts our competitors. We don't carry "Cheap John" goods, but standard goods at Cheap John's prices.

Our increasing trade amid the hard times too well proves the merit of our business methods.

### COME RIGHT ALONG

and be convinced. We have the store for the people and of the people.

## Moretz & Farthing.

### Come to See Me!

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Yes, the old year is gone and the new one is here, and I am still here and hope to merit your confidence and trade during the year 1897 by

### Fair and honest deals.

I shall endeavor to keep on hand such goods as you all may need, and at as low prices as I can possibly sell the same.

I shall, during the year try to keep a better assortment of goods than ever before.

**do not expect to KEEP "CHEAP JOHN SHODDY STUFF,"**

but good goods that I can recommend to my friends and customers. Ask a portion of your valuable patronage on these facts. Any special goods not kept in stock will be cheerfully ordered for my friends on short notice. I shall keep a good line of

- Coffee.
- Sugar.
- Rice.
- Soda.
- Spice.
- etc.

Also domestic, jeans, alumance, calicoes, cashmeres, flannels, fancy dress goods

### AND SHOES

I keep the largest stock in the county and try to get the best shoe on the market for the least money. You will find all grades from the coarse to the fine \$2.25 ladies shoes. Men's and children's in all grades.

You will find all grades men's and boys' hats. Ladies trimmed hats. I think I have as good a stock of HARDWARE as you will find in the county, all very cheap. Please come to see me when in need of goods, will do you right every time.

I will appreciate your trade, and return many, MANY thanks for past patronage. Yours anxious to please,

WILL W. HOLSCLAW.

**CANDY CATHARTIC Cascarets CURE CONSTIPATION**  
REGULATE THE LIVER  
10¢ 25¢ 50¢ ALL DRUGGISTS  
ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Cascarets are the Ideal Laxative, never grip or scribe, but cause easy natural results. Sample and booklet free. Ad. STEHLING REMEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Cal., or New York.

**Are you coming to Town?**  
**Do you expect to buy any goods while here?**  
If so I assure you that I can make it to your advantage to give me a call.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTHERN CITIES WHERE I HAVE TAKEN THE ADVANTAGE OF A LARGE CLOSING OUT SALE OF

**DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, AND CLOTHING.**

WHICH WILL BE SOLD STRICTLY FOR CASH AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Having made my profit in BUYING.

Thanking you for past favors, I am Very Respectfully,  
**M. B. BLACKBURN**

April 21.

## AN OPEN LETTER

TO J. N. EDWARDS, ASST. TREAS. OF THE FARMERS' MUTUAL—VERY IMPORTANT TO DELINQUENTS.

Office of Reg. of Deeds Alleghany County, June 9, 1897. Mr. Jesse F. Hoskins, General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual. Dear Sir:—Yours of the 5th inst. has been received and copy you will see in the to-day's "Star." Our friends are becoming, and will become, more reconciled to the workings of the association after reading your letter. Very truly,  
J. N. EDWARDS.

Summerfield, N. C., June 5, 1897. Mr. J. N. Edwards, Asst. Treas. of the Farmer's Mutual. Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of June 1st making inquiry relative to dissatisfaction of some of the stock-holders of the Farmer's Mutual. 1st. Be cause the assessment is considerably more than the P. C. Higgins loss. 2nd. If the Association is not going to force collections of delinquent dues, and why legal steps are not taken for those of last year, I have to say:

1st. they are most respectfully referred to the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting, when it was unanimously voted that the next assessment be made for at least fifty dollars more than the loss and estimated expenses, to pay any small loss, saving the expenses. The expense can not be ascertained until the bills for printing, postage, charges of treasurer and assistant treasurer and supervisors for services are rendered. For example, your very reasonable charge could not be known until the work was done. An itemized statement is made to stock-holders at every Annual Meeting and they are respectfully referred for the statement to the Treasurers reports, or the files of the Alleghany Star, in which paper they were published for months showing to every fair-minded person that the Farmer's Mutual had no concealments to make, and that its advertisements were not of the "Patent Medicine" kind. The notices emphatically states that any balance, after payment of losses and expenses is left in the Treasury and cannot be drawn out except by order of the association.

The Wilkes and Alleghany associations closed business last year with a cash balance. Now as to the collection of delinquent dues; those who have paid their dues may rest easy, and those who owe them may make up their minds to either pay them or have a judgment lean upon their property causing it to be non-transferable. These judgments are negotiable assets carrying costs and interest until paid, thus making them the very safest investment for capitalists, for the policy contract is prima facie evidence of their being on real estate, and unincumbered land, and for such small amounts can not be afforded to remain a loan very long. This is the history of these judgments in other associations, doing business on the self same plan.

Transcripts of judgments will be placed in the hands of the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer who are authorized to receive payment and give receipts for the same. All parties interested are most respectfully urged to settle and save themselves cost and worry, and the undersigned the undersigned the unpleasant duty of collecting according to law.

Under its charter granted by the Legislature of N. C. each Branch is constituted a complete autonomy, possessing the right to enact By-Laws for its own government and empowered to "sue or be sued." The delinquents for last year were so few that it was thought best to wait until after the Second Annual Meeting and save expenses and time by collecting all together. But if any one, be he a delinquent or otherwise, thinks judgment will not be taken let him at once be undeceived.

Neither myself nor agents, at any time, handle the funds of the associations. I have organized and cannot be interested in making these assessments excessive. On the other hand, by reference to the 2nd and 3rd annual meetings of the Guilford, Forsyth and Stokes Associations in March, last, I donated for the coming year one-half of the premiums (on policies to be written) for contingent expenses and it will be observed that these associations are growing stronger and stronger as the years roll on, and the dead limbs are topped off. A good business is being done in these associations now, and \$500,000 to \$700,000 has been written up. As President Davidson said at the third annual meeting: "It is only a question of time until all the farm and isolated property will be written up."

Very respectfully, **JESSE F. HOSKINS.**