

Watanga Democrat.

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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

THURSDAY, Jan. 18, 1900.

This has been so far the mildest January known for many years. The weather is mild and warm. This month is much dreaded by the inhabitants of the mountains, as it usually brings in its wake ice, snow and blizzards which causes much suffering to man and beast.

In the great battle between the British and Boers that occurred at Ladysmith on the 6th inst., the loss of life was great on both sides. The British lost fourteen officers killed and thirty-four wounded and 800 non-commissioned men. The Boers lost from two to three thousand.

The Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro will reopen on the 25th of this month, and a large per cent. of its pupils will return. The buildings have been scientifically disinfected and no expense has been spared to eradicate every germ of the disease. No one need fear to send their daughters back, for the directors will not order the school reopened until it is perfectly safe.

T. K. Bruner, Secretary of the State Agricultural Department, has learned that mines are being operated in Davidson county from which silver nuggets are being taken that weigh as much as a half pound. One mine is eight hundred feet deep and has been in operation for years. Zinc and lead are obtained as well as silver. Mr. Bruner says that the State is going to have a fine exhibit of ores at the Paris Exposition.

There is much controversy going on as to when the twentieth century begins. The DEMOCRAT feels much like an esteemed contemporary who says that it matters but little to him at what time we are living, but that he is so glad that he is living that he nearly dead. Some think that it is the beginning of the twentieth century, while others take the opposite view of it.

Please friends send us the news items from your respective neighborhoods. It would be such a help to us and the paper and only cost you a few minutes of your time. It is impossible for us to publish the local news unless we know what it is. Don't wait for some one else to write but do it yourself. We want the news of the whole county and this is the only way of which we can think to get it.

Monroe Enquirer: One of the best war stories we have heard is told on a well known and brave officer of this county. As the boys in gray were going into a certain fight during the civil war this officer said to his men: "Take steady aim, boys. Make every shot tell. Be sure to pick off the officers first. Be calm, and don't fail to get the officers." A tall, cool old Union county "Reb," who was near the officer, took off his cap, and waving it replied: "That is right, Captain. We'll do it, and I hope they'll do the same for us."

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A Letter from Myrtle Point, Oregon.

Editor Democrat:
Some twenty seven years ago there was a party of emigrants left Watanga county for the golden land of the West for the purpose of trying to better their condition in the world.

After a great many privations and disappointments incidental to the settling of a country, they have all got good homes and an abundance of the world's goods—that is, those who are living. There is quite a number of the elder members of the party who have made the journey to that land from whence there is no returning. Among those who are gone are M. P. Whittington and wife, Alfred Widby and wife, Leason Mast, W. P. Mast, W. R. Mast, L. L. Harman, D. W. Wagner and Grandma Wagner.

Their children and descendants are all doing well and growing up with the country. This may fall into the hands of some old friends of our childhood days, and if it does, it will give them an idea of what has become of some of their old friends. This is a pretty fair country—not as good as some places I have seen—but good enough for any one who is satisfied with it. There is no country that is a perfect paradise in this world.

I will close this rambling letter, and, perhaps, at another time, I will give a more general description of this country and things in general.

J. C. WHITTINGTON.
Jan. 8, 1900.

A Manila dispatch says that Filipino soldiers are returning to towns not occupied by American soldiers, and are terrorizing and treating shamefully all who show sympathy to the United States. Can they be blamed when we think of the cruelty they are and have been receiving at the hands of our soldiers? 'A crushed worm will turn.'

Help... Nature

Babies and children need proper food, rarely ever medicine. If they do not thrive on their food something is wrong. They need a little help to get their digestive machinery working properly.

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will generally correct this difficulty. If you will put from one-fourth to half a teaspoonful in baby's bottle three or four times a day you will soon see a marked improvement. For larger children, from half to a teaspoonful, according to age, dissolved in their milk, if you so desire, will very soon show its great nourishing power. If the mother's milk does not nourish the baby, she needs the emulsion. It will show an effect at once both upon mother and child.

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Globe Items.

Master Engine Moore has entered school at Amherst. Mr. John Henley, of Linville, was in Globe Saturday. Mr. Ed. Sherwood, of Watanga, has been visiting Mr. L. L. Moore.

Mrs. Lou Moore is visiting relatives and friends in Gaston county.

Mr. Joe Clarke, of Blowing Rock, passed through the lines yesterday.

Messrs. J. P. Todd and Claude Moore spent a few days in Gastonia last week.

Misses Daisy and Virgie Moore visited at Blowing Rock Sunday and Monday.

Married Dec. 31, '99. Mr. Oatis Moore to Miss Dorris Estes, Rev. Payne officiating.

Miss Lula R. [Stroup, of Lincoln county, visited Miss Jennie Moore during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. and W. C. Moore visited relatives in Gastonia and vicinity (Christmas).

Turkey hunting seems to be the fun these days. Mr. John Sanders seems to think so as he has brought home some fine ones recently.

JOSEPHUS.
[This communication was in for last week, but by an oversight it was omitted.—ED.]

An exchange says that it is a singular fact that Switzerland, small as it is, in proportion to the number of inhabitants, produces more books than any other country, the proportion being one book to every 3,000 inhabitants. In the United States it is one to every 12,000.

It has cost us about \$175,000,000 in money, over a thousand lives lost and several thousand men incapacitated by disease to fit up our flag garnished hell in the Philippines, and it isn't in apple pie order yet says the Asheville Citizen.

An exchange would like to have this nut cracked: Why was it that Mr. Cannon, a republican polygamist, was allowed to sit in Congress for years, while Roberts, a democratic polygamist, is to be driven out.

It is announced that the government will send a corps of observers to Raleigh next May to witness the eclipse of the sun. The eclipse will be total in Raleigh and will last for a longer period than at any other point in the United States. The eclipse occurs May 28.

Philadelphia Record, When a banker goes to church he has not been in the habit of attending, there is great excitement among the old guards who think perhaps they have captured him, and begin to figure on how much he will give.

The chairman of the Lawton Relief Committee announces that the subscription received up to last Friday amounted to \$39,263.35.

United States Senator Hayward, of Nebraska, died a few days since.

Several articles for publication reached us too late for this issue. To insure prompt insertion, copy should be in not later than Tuesday evening.

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NOTICE.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Superior Court of McDowell County, under the seal of said court, in the case of Arthur E. Cochran et al. vs. Linville Improvement Co. et al. directed to the undersigned Sheriff of Watanga County, in favor of Linville Improvement Company, S. T. Kelsey and C. H. Nimson, and against Arthur E. Cochran, Sallie Riche, J. C. Hamilton and wife, Carrie, Eloise Jones, J. B. Jones, R. E. Carruth, H. M. McGimsey, James Cochran, Willie Love Cochran and others, heirs-at-law of William Tate and William Cochran, I will on Monday, the 5th day of February 1900, at Twelve o'clock M. at the court house door in the County of Watanga and State of North Carolina, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right title, interest, claim and demand of the said Arthur E. Cochran, Sallie Riche, J. C. Hamilton and wife, Carrie, Eloise Jones, J. B. Jones, R. E. Carruth, H. M. McGimsey, James Cochran, Willie Love Cochran and others, being heirs-at-law of Willie Tate and William Cochran aforesaid, in and to the following described real-estate, to wit:

Beginning on the Wilkes County line at a locust and poplar, thence North sixty West forty chains to a chestnut; thence North ninety West twenty-five chains to a walnut; then North twenty-five chains to a walnut and locust; thence twenty East thirty chains to a gum and white pine; thence North twenty West sixty chains to a white pine; then north forty-five chains to a chestnut; then north sixty east thirty chains to a chestnut; then north 25 chains to a chestnut oak; then north 50 west 30 chains to a white oak and chestnut; then north 20 west 50 chains to a cherry and white oak; then north fifty chains to a sugar tree; then north seventy west eighty chains to a white oak; then north ten east twenty chains to a white oak, then north sixty west eighty chains to three white oaks; then North sixty chains to two hickories; then North sixty West sixty chains to a sarsaparilla and sugar tree; then North ten West forty chains to a white oak, John's River Spring; then North seventy West thirty seven chains to a sugar tree; then North seventeen West one hundred and five chains to a buckeye and hickory; then North fifteen East eighty chains to a sugar tree, Wilkes corner; then West eighty chains to a sugar tree; then West eighty chains to a dogwood; then West eighty chains crossing the head of Watanga to a chestnut; then West eighty chains to a sugar tree and chestnut; then West eighty chains to a cherry tree; then west eighty chains to a lynn tree; then west eighty chains to a sugar tree; then west eighty chains to a beech tree; then west eighty chains to a sugar tree; then west eighty chains to a ash on the bank of Elk Creek; then west eighty chains to a chestnut; then west eighty chains to a chestnut; then west eighty chains to a sugar tree then South eighty chains to a large locust; then South eighty chains to a buckeye; then South eighty chains to a lynn tree; then South eighty chains to a sugar tree; then South eighty chains to a chestnut in Avery's line; then South eighty chains crossing Toe River to an ash; then South eighty chains to a hickory tree; then South eighty chains to a Spanish oak; then South eighty chains to a sugar tree; then East sixteen hundred and eighty chains to the beginning, being the same land granted by the State of North Carolina about the 14th day of July 1795, to William Tate and William Cochran, con-

taining 190,640 This January 1st 1900

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Col. W. S. Pearson, editor of the Morganton Herald, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for State Auditor.

J. B. Clarke, Peoria, Ill., says: "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin disease. Beware of counterfeits. Coffey Bros. Phillips & son.

According to President McKinley the United States is at peace with all the nations of the earth. Yet the Secretary of the Treasury wants \$150,000,000 for the army, more than Great Britain spends in ordinary times.

"Strike For Your Altars and Your Fires."

Patriotism is always commendable, but in every breast there should be not only the desire to be a good citizen, but to be strong, able bodied and well fitted for the battle of life. To do this, pure blood is absolutely necessary, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one specific which cleanses the blood thoroughly. It acts equally well for both sexes and all ages.

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Everything new and prices right. We carry a general line of merchandise and want and will appreciate your trade.

We will pay you the highest market price for your grain, chickens, Eggs, Butter, Irish Potatoes, Dried Fruit and other produce.

Give us a trial, and we will do you good.
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YOURS TRULY,
L. R. Clarke and Co'
Sugar Grove, Oct. 18.

General Sheridan was a great man and a true soldier, but before he left the world he expressed the wish that another war drum may never be heard or a flag unfurled on an American battle field.

The only place where "black diamonds" are found is in the Brazilian province of Bahia. They are usually found in river-beds and brought up by divers. Others are obtained by tunneling mountains. The largest specimen ever found was worth \$20,000.

Made Young Again.
"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my teens, again writes D. H. Turner of Dempsy-town, Pa. They're the best in the world for liver, stomach and bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c. at M. B. Blackburn's.

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That action is best which procures the greatest happiness for the greatest number.—Hutchinson.

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I have on hand a fine lot of fruit trees, such as apples, peaches, pears, prunes etc. etc. I also have a fine assortment of grape vines that are best suited to our climate. If you contemplate buying any trees or vines, I can sell them to you at about one half the price you would have to pay at other nurseries and then you have the satisfaction of knowing what you get.
All trees delivered at my nurseries.
Trees from three to six feet tall.
For further particulars call on or address,
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NOTICE OF SALE.

North Carolina, Watanga county, Superior Court, before the Clerk. T. H. Taylor vs C. D. Taylor, Grover C. Taylor, Robert Lee Taylor, Sola V. Taylor, and Geo. T. Taylor, by their guardian, C. D. Taylor.

Pursuant to a call of the Superior court made in the above entitled proceeding, appointing the undersigned commissioner I will on Monday, Feb. 5, 1900, sell on the premises by public outcry the following property for partition, to wit: One saw mill site and one grist mill situated on the waters of Mast's Mill Creek, in Watanga county, N. C., known as Taylor's Mills' together with waterways, yards, and including every right and privilege necessary for the operation of the same. Terms of sale, one half of the purchase price to be paid on day of sale, and the remaining one half on a credit of six months with note and approved security. The title to said property to be retained until the whole of the purchase price is paid. This Dec. 29th, 1899.

D. F. BAIRD, Commissioner.