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### LOCAL NEWS.

—Mrs. I. S. Rambo, of Mt. City, Tenn., is visiting her parents in Boone.

—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Fairview next Saturday and Sunday.

—Atty. W. R. Lovill and Rev. Mr. Andrews, of Sutherland, was in town this week.

—Capt. Lovill, who has been off on a business trip to Milwaukee, Wis., returned Tuesday.

—Rev. J. J. Renn, presiding elder of this district will fill his appointment in the Methodist church tonight.

—Rev. A. L. Stanford will preach in Methodist church in Boone on the 2nd Sunday in June instead of the 1st as heretofore.

—Mr. W. L. Bryan requests us to us that he wants to hire a good work band for two or three months. Work mostly plowing and driving.

—We had the pleasure of meeting many of our old friends on last Friday and Saturday, many of whom remembered the DEMOCRAT in a substantial way.

—Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Blowing Rock at Blowing Rock Hotel on Monday July 16th for one day only. His practice is limited to eye, ear, nose and throat.

—We are informed that on Tuesday of this week Joseph Cornells who lives on Baird's Creek, this county, fell across a running saw, receiving wounds from which he cannot recover.

—Capt. Bryan on last Wednesday morning went to his fields and in a short while returned with five ground hogs which he had brought down with four shots. Age doesn't seem to have dulled his capacities as a famous Nimrod.

—The stockholders of the Boone and Blowing Rock Turnpike Company will hold their annual meeting in Boone, N. C., at 2 p. m., on June the 2nd, 1900. All persons interested are earnestly requested to attend as business of much importance is to be transacted. J. W. FARTHING, President.

—On last Sunday morning Messrs. T. Fin. Coffey, R. C. Rivers and Stuart Coffey left for Louisville, Ky., to attend the reunion of Confederate Veterans. They were joined at Lenoir by Messrs Harve Davis, Alfred Moretz and Lige Norris. Mr. D. B. Dougherty joined his old war comrades from Johnson county, Tenn., and took another route.

—Mr. A. C. Farthing, son of Rev. Calvin Farthing of this county, died from measles in the Philippine Islands, on the 8th inst. He belonged to Co. B. 39th Regiment Infantry; he enlisted Sept. 2, '99. This death is much regretted as he was one of our brightest and most promising young men. We feel that we can ill afford to lose such

men but Providence orders all for the best. We sympathize deeply with his many relatives whose hearts must ache over the lonely grave in a strange land.

It having been generally reported over the county that Hon. C. B. Aycock would speak here on the 25th inst. the democracy with its men, women and children, came out in numbers to hear him in spite of the lowering clouds that threatened storms and rain on that morning and throughout the entire day. Although the republicans made strenuous efforts by writing all over the county and otherwise to keep their men at home, quite a number turned out so that there were in all some 700 to 800 people present.

Some two hours before the speaking the people enjoyed a rare treat in the way of inspiring and patriotic music rendered by the Morganton brass band. This itself seemed to arouse the enthusiasm of those present and prepared them fully for what was to come. The Band in splendid new uniform acquitted itself creditably indeed. Any town would be proud of such a band and Morganton is to be congratulated upon being able to furnish such a one, composed of nice splendid gentlemen. There being no house in our village that could hold the crowd at 1 o'clock the procession began towards our new school building, and in the beautiful pine grove fronting it, the speaking was had.

The speaking was opened by Hon. W. C. Fields, our present Senator, whom we all know and in whose order, firmness, kindness, honor and integrity we all have confidence. For some time he held the attention of the entire crowd while he told of the condition of the eastern part of our State and the necessity, justness and equity of white government and white supremacy, and the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment, and how, upon its adoption, the colored race in the State would eventually be benefitted by its causing them to acquire property and education so as to fit them properly as qualified electors. By common consent it was his greatest effort in our county.

Then came Mr. Sam. Patterson who is the Democratic candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and the representative of the interests of the farmers of our State. He told in a simple, plain and practical manner the workings of the Commission and how the farmers are protected by it. When he had finished it was amid wild cheers and applause that Hon. C. B. Aycock appeared before the people. That peerless man, invincible democrat, matchless orator and christian gentleman held his entire audience spell-bound for an hour and a half and left every one sorry that he had stopped. No greater speech was ever heard in our county.

In his graphic way he told of the indignities and insults of the white people and especially the white ladies of Wilmington and other sections of Eastern North Carolina, of the necessity of white supremacy and the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment in our State; of the unbearable condition of the

east, and of the final beneficial result to the colored race. It was no uncommon thing during his masterly effort to see men, both old and young, brush away an involuntary tear that they might better behold the strong and honest face of firmness and kindness, resolution and yielding of the speaker.

All were fully convinced of the wisdom of the convention which nominated him. Some said he was the peer of our beloved and lamented Vance, others said he surpassed Bryan, even republicans say it was the best speech they ever heard.

Much good was affected and he will be our next Governor.

### THE ECLIPSE.

Communicated. The total solar eclipse Monday was an interesting phenomenon. Scholars from the north, west, and even from Europe came to North Carolina to observe it. Although they can foretell eclipses centuries in advance, true to a second, astronomers do not understand all their phases. From Monday's observations, they hope to enrich their science. Another total eclipse of the sun will not occur in this country for eighteen years.

A solar eclipse as is generally known, is caused by the moon passing between the earth and the sun. That is, the earth, moon, and sun enters the same straight line. As the moon is smaller than the earth its shadow cannot enshroud the entire earth, so the region in which the eclipse is total can not exceed 180 miles and is usually much less. As, however, the earth is revolving during the duration of the eclipse, the shadow travels over a large surface of territory.

If the moon were smaller, or more distant and therefore more apparently smaller, she would be seen as a dark body passing across the sun, shutting off but a portion of its light. If, on the other hand, the moon were larger, or nearer and therefore apparently larger, the sun and the bright corona around it also would be hidden. It is remarkable that the distance of the sun and moon is so proportioned to their size that usually the moon appears to fit exactly over the face of the sun.

All unenlightened nations have had strange conceptions of eclipses. It is said that when, during solar eclipses, the black disc of the moon begins slowly to advance over the sun, the Hindoos believe that some terrific monster is gradually devouring it. Thereupon they beat gongs and fill the air with screams of terror and shouts of vengeance. For a time their efforts seem futile and the eclipse progresses, at length, the uproar reaches the monster; he appears to pause, and gradually disgorges the fiery mouthful. When the sun is quite clear of the great dragons mouth, they raise a shout of joy, and are fully confident that they have relieved the sun from his awful peril.

SHOBER ROGERS, Deerfield, N. C.

A St. Louis undertaker advertises that he can furnish anything requisite for a first class funeral. He is evidently a doctor as well as an undertaker.

The partial eclipse of the sun on Monday morning made all who witnessed it feel "strangely small." Why is it that we recognize so readily the power of Omnipotence in the great forces of nature, and fail to see it in everything around us. The same hand that blots out the sun, paints the blush on the cheeks of the rose, and the amethystine blue in the liquid depths of the baby's eyes. What a wonderful, beautiful, divinely governed world, this, in which we live. Many of us go through life so intent on the matter-of-fact in life, that we fail to appreciate the most seriously beautiful around us.

## DYSPEPSIA

"For six years I was a victim of dyspepsia in its worst form. I could eat nothing but milk toast, and at times my stomach would not retain and digest even that. Last March I began taking CASCARETS and since then I have steadily improved, until I am as well as I ever was in my life."  
DAVID H. MURPHY, Newark, O.



Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good, Do Good, Never Sickens, Weakens, or Grips. 25c. 50c. 1.00. CURE CONSTIPATION. Searles Remedy Company, Chicago, Montreal, New York. N. H. NO-TO-BAC Sold and guaranteed by all druggists to CURE TOBACCO HABIT.

### FOR SALE.

My farm containing seventy acres lying on the Rich Mountain 2 1/2 miles Northwest of Boone, twenty acres of which is in a high state of cultivation. Good log barn, comfortable frame dwelling with three rooms and a fine young orchard. For further particulars address or call on me at Boone, N. C. Apr. 23. JOHN S. CULLER.

### For Sixty Days Only.

For the next sixty days we will sell the greatest bargains in merchandise ever offered to the trade in Watauga. List ten to some of our prices:

SHOES: 1,000 pairs of best material from 25c. to \$3.00 per pair. Best quality boots going at from \$1. to \$2. to close out stock.

GROCERIES: Arbuckle's coffee 12 1/2 cts. per lb; good green coffee 10 lbs. for \$1.00; 18 lbs nice sugar for \$1.00; 10 lbs. soda 25 cts; and other groceries at correspondingly low figures.

DRESS GOODS: The largest and most complete stock in the county. Silks, cashmeres, worsteds, etc. etc. Best outtings at 8%; waterproofs double width as sorted colors at 40 cts. per yard, and, in fact, our prices on anything in this line can not be duplicated in the county.

CLOTHING: A handsome stock at popular prices. We also have a full stock of bolt goods for making men's and boy's clothing.

DOMESTIC: We bought a largest stock before the advance, and are enabled to offer AA sheeting to our trade at 5 1/2 cts. per yd when it will cost you 7 at any other store. Best sole leather at 27 1/2 cts. per pound.

Notions in endless variety, at almost your own prices. Hats and caps that must be sold regardless of price.

Highest price paid for country produce, and young stock taken in exchange for goods.

None of these bargains offered on time. Very truly E. F. & J. H. RINGHAM. Amantha, Feb. 14.

## WATAUGA ACADEMY.

FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND YOUNG MEN. D. D. DOUGHERTY, A. B., B. B. DOUGHERTY, B. S., Ph. B., PRINCIPALS.

FALL TERM OPENS AUGUST 1900. Three courses offered: Common School Course; Academic Course; Two years' Collegiate Course. Instructions will be given in Music, Art and business. Special attention will be given to public School teachers. Students thoroughly drilled in Debate and Declamation. Board \$6 per month. Splendid opportunities for students to board themselves.

TUITION FROM \$1. TO \$3. PER MONTH.

For other information write to, or call on the Principals, at Boone N. C.

## YOUR TRADE PLEASE.

The year Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, with all its pleasures and happiness; all its sorrows and misfortunes is gone, and the year nineteen hundred has taken its place, and Providence has permitted me to remain at my OLD STAND with a nice, clean line of GENERAL MERCHANDISE Which will be my pleasure to sell to my customers at the very lowest possible prices.

My experience has taught me that it is the best policy to keep fully abreast with the times and sell for CASH at a very small profit. I am very thankful to my friends and customers for their patronage in the past and it will be pleasure to please them in the future. Very Truly,

M. B. BLACKBURN,

Jan. 11.

For the Information of the People of Watauga county.

We find according to the record kept by W. C. Coffey, Chm. Bd. Co. Coms., from a calculation made by him and John W. Hodges, ex-Register of Deeds, that the audited county indebtedness on the 5th of Sept. 1898, was \$2,783.57, and from that time up to Dec. 5th '98 there had been an additional audited amount of \$440.00, making a total audited debt up to Dec. 5th '98 \$3,223.57. This amount does not include the court costs of Nov. term of the Superior court of '98, which amount was at least \$450.00. We now find the audited county indebtedness up to and including the May meeting of 1900, to be \$1,329.85 of which amount \$463.60 is road indebtedness. This 29th day of May 1900. J. M. MAY, Reg. of Deeds. J. H. BINGHAM, C. S. C. W. W. PRESNELL, D. C.

Love is the wondrous angel of life that rolls away all the stones of sorrow and suffering from the pathway of duty.

"After suffering from piles for fifteen years, I was cured by using two boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve," writes W. J. Baxter, North Brook, N. C. It heals everything. Beware of counterfeits. Coffey Bros. Phillips & son.

### NOTICE.

J. W. Bryan, Watch Maker and Jeweler, has moved from the hotel to the Green house, just beyond Blackburns store and all persons wanting their watches, clocks or sewing machines repaired would do well to call on him. All work sent by mail will receive special attention, and all work guaranteed. Yours truly, J. W. BRYAN.

### NOTICE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Watauga county, N. C., approved May 12, 1900, I will, on Monday, June 25th 1900, at the court house door in Boone in said county, proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand a certain tract of land on Cove Creek, adjoining the lands of N. L. Mast, S. S. Mc Bride, E. F. Bingham, et al, it being the land allotted to Hillie Holsclaw (now Huggins) in the division of the lands of B. L. Holsclaw, dec'd. and containing 22 acres more or less. Sale to be between the hours of 12 m. and 3 p. m.

J. P. TAYLOR, Guardian. E. F. Lovill, Atty.

### NOTICE.

At a sale of real estate made for taxes in the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina by W. H. Calaway Sheriff of said county, on the 6th day of Sept. 1899, the undersigned purchased the following described property to wit: One town lot in the town of Blowing Rock, listed in the name of Joseph Chamberlain, taxes for the year 1897; I also purchased at said sale one lot in said town listed in the name of Jesse Harris; taxes for the year 1898; I also purchased at said sale a lot in said town listed in the name of Jane Harris, taxes for the year 1898; I also purchased a tract of land at said sale listed as the property of C. J. Cowles, lying in Boone township on the head waters of Brushy Fork of Cove Creek, containing 45 acres, taxes for the year 1897; I also purchased at said sale a tract of land of 50 acres listed in the name of Jonathan Adams in said county, taxes for the years 1897 and 1898; I also purchased a tract of land at said sale listed in the name of Noah Webster of 100 acres in Blue Ridge township, taxes for the years 1896-'97-'98. Time of redemption will expire on Sept. 6, 1900, and if this property is not redeemed as the law directs, I will take sheriff's deeds for same. April 24, 1900. E. B. MILLER, Purchaser.

## New Goods.

We are putting in by far the largest line we have ever carried and we are prepared to take care of our customers than ever before. Spring and summer goods arriving daily.

## Dry Goods & Notions.

We are now shelving the largest and most up-to-date line of Dry Goods and Notions in town.

FIRST COME first SERVED.

RECOLLECT WE DON'T BUY THEM TO KEEP.

Don't forget we can save you money on every article in the mercantile line.

Good country produce taken in exchange for goods.

We are as ever,

YOURS TO PLEASE,

Moretz & Farthing

Boone, N. C., Feb. 15, 1900.