

**Watauga Democrat.**

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**The Baging Waters.**

To read of the devastation, death and ruin caused by the floods of last week is simply appalling. The following dispatch from Marion N. C., is full of horrors:

Marion, N. C. May 24.—Reports just in from Bakersville say that twenty houses and several lives were lost by the storm.

Following is the list of the owners of houses destroyed by the storm in Bakersville:

E. Morgan; Gibb Green. H. Patterson, M. Buchanan, Sam Turner, Bill Green, Jim Green, Nora Anderson, Berry Steward, Prof. Britt, Quinton Moore, C. Silver, Mrs. Lizzie Howe, R. H. Young, Henry Poteat, John Gudger, Baptist church.

These houses, together with all household effects, were swept away by flood. A great many others were badly damaged.

Sam Turner lost a trunk containing one thousand dollars.

A large number of people had taken refuge in the Baptist church. They barely escaped before it washed away. Quinton Moore and son were drowned.

In Loafer's Glory, a small settlement near Bakersville, L. Forbes, Deaton & Wilson, Charley Steward, Colburton and D. McKinney lost houses and store rooms together with their contents.

Every house in Magnetic City, a good sized village in Mitchell county, was washed away.

Twenty houses were destroyed at Roan Mountain Station.

Six or eight large stores on Big Rock Creek were washed away.

Huntsdale, with 15 miles of railroad near there was entirely destroyed.

John McKinney was drowned.

Unknown man killed by slide near Loafer's Glory.

About sixty-five houses in Elizabethton, Tenn., just across the line from Mitchell county, were destroyed.

The iron bridge across Joe River at Spruce Pine was washed away.

Later news from this (McDowell) county show damage to be much greater than first reported. It is believed now that it will reach three hundred thousand dollars.

People are doing the best they can to repair their losses, but great suffering will follow it, so many have lost their only means of making a living.

All the public roads here are impassable and in most places are destroyed.

Thornton farm near Bridge Water was damaged twenty thousand dollars. The only means of communicating with the outside world is by telegraph. No mails have reached here since Tuesday. We haven't even been able to get a newspaper of any kind. Trains will probably reach here Saturday or Sunday.

While Watauga has suffered materially in the loss of crops, damage to highways, etc., it is nothing to compare with the foregoing tale of woe and destruction. Possibly the worst damage done

in the county was along the Watauga river, and we are told that Billy Mast, D. F. B. F. and W. B. Baird are the worst losers. The losses on New River are comparatively small.

Johnson county, Tenn., is was almost ruined. Crops, railroad, mill property, bridges, etc., were swept away on the bosom of the surging waters. The iron bridge at Butler, erected at a cost of nearly ten thousand dollars, is a thing of the past. It is said that it will be months before the trains will again reach May Mead, so terrible was the destruction to the line of road.

The railroad from Cranberry to Johnson City, we learn is so damaged that it will take weeks for the trains to again reach the head of the road.

It is thought that the regular schedule of trains will be put on the Lenoir road within the next week as the track, trestles, etc., that were swept away are being replaced as rapidly as possible.

All the information we can get, so far, from the Yadkin is to the effect that the river lucked two feet or more of being as high as in the previous fresh, but that awful havoc was wrought to the growing crops, and bottom lands along its course. We are told also that the railroad traffic at the Wilkesboroughs was not interfered with by the high water.

Eastern and Central Carolina, and many of the towns and cities in Tennessee were great sufferers and it would take all of our limited space to tell of one-fourth the horrors of this unprecedented flood.

A New Jersey man who, by the way, is a shining light of the society for prevention of cruelty to animals, was arrested recently for beating his wife. He pleaded justification alleging that she had given him a cold dinner, and seemed utterly outraged when he was sent to jail for the offense. This was in New Jersey, you know.

The latest comes from a distinguished republican, who asserts that "The Cuban desire for independence is a genuine case of nervous disease." That's about what George III said of the American colonies.

Senator Quay says that he is going to retire. That fact would cause rejoicing, if he had not tied such a long string to it.

**Nerve Food**

If you have neuralgia, Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil will feed the nerve that is crying for food—it is hungry—and set your whole body going again, in a way to satisfy nerve and brain from your usual food. That is cure.

If you are nervous and irritable, you may only need more fat to cushion your nerves—you are probably thin—and Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil will give you the fat, to begin with.

Cure, so far as it goes. Full cure is getting the fat, you need from usual food, and Scott's Emulsion will help you to that.

If you have not tried it, send for free sample. Write to W. H. BOWER, Chemist, 2027 Broadway, New York.

Senators Tillman and McLaurin, of South Carolina, have tendered their resignations as such and will discuss the issues before the electors of that State and take their chances for re-election by the primaries. Tillman was in for a long term, and McLaurin's term would not have expired for two years yet.

Mr. Schwabb admits that Americans have to pay more for their steel in order to permit the Trust to sell abroad cheaply enough to control the market. This is very nice for the Trust, of course, but how about the American consumer? Where does he come in?

Meanwhile there is good authority for the assertion that a single ship yard has \$25,000,000 worth of contracts for building ships on hand—more than it can handle for years. Yet the subsidy bill did not pass.

Charleston resents any suggestion that its fair will not be ready to open by December 1, the date set for the commencement. If it is, it is said, Charleston will have broken the record for expositions.

A western murderer under sentence of death has been kept alive for some six or eight years by means of the machinery of the courts. Is it any wonder that we should have occasional lynchings?

The republican idea of reciprocity, as exemplified by the action of the Senate, is that the foreign powers give us their markets and then we should reciprocate by giving them the marble heart.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature *W. H. Bower*

The State's Caladonia farm on Roanoke River, has been flooded, and the crops seriously damaged, if not entirely ruined.

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**W. H. BOWER,**  
—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
Lenoir, N. C.

Practices in the courts of Caldwell, Watauga, Mitchell, Ashe and other surrounding counties.

Prompt attention given to all legal matters entrusted to his care.

**Announcement.**

I am now located at Mabel with a neat stock of goods and take this method of letting you know that I am prepared to save you money on every purchase as it is a fact that I am selling goods more closely than any merchant in this part of the county.

**TO CONVINCUE YOU,**  
I will quote you a few prices. 9 lbs. good coffee for \$1.00. Best prints, 5¢ to 6 cts. Good domestic 6½¢ per yard. Best sugar 16 lbs. for 1.00.

And all other goods are going at correspondingly low figures. Come and see me.

**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**  
Bring it along. I want it, and will pay you the highest market price for it. I can and will save you money if you will give me your trade.

I am occupying the building of G. W. Lowrance. A call from you will be appreciated.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,  
**A. E. MORETZ,**  
Mabel, 4-3.

The man at whose funeral they were assembled hadn't drawn a sober breath during the last fifteen years of his life, and had been noted for being always in trouble with his neighbors. "Well," said one of his old acquaintances, turning sadly away after the services were over, "he was a man of mighty regular habits."  
—Chicago Tribune.

Andrew Carnegie has given ten million dollars to establish free education in four Scotch Universities—Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow and St. Andrews. He stipulated that those benefitted are to be "Scotch Irish fellow countrymen" only.

"Indigestion, dyspepsia and biliousness quickly yield to the cleansing and purifying qualities contained in Johnston's Sarsaparilla, Quart Bottles."

**NOTICE.**

By virtue of an execution directed to me from the Superior Court of Watauga county, N. C., in favor of J. W. Watts and against A. T. and Martha Banner for the collection of \$38.90 with interest and cost, I will on the first Monday of July, 1901, at the court house door in Boone between the hours of 12, M., and 3, p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash the following tract of land lying in the county of Watauga adjoining the lands of Fred Danner, R. M. McCoy, Ed. Shipley and others, known as the Tice Wagoner lands and bounded as follows: Beginning on a hickory, Danner's corner, and running east 40 poles to a chestnut, thence south 200 poles to a stake, thence west 80 poles to a stake, thence north 200 poles to a stake, thence east 40 poles to the beginning, and for farther description reference is hereby made to the records of said boundary in Book 'V', page 180 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga Co. This May 20th, 1901.

**1901, 1901, 1901.**  
W. B. BAIRD, Sheriff.

The old year with its trade, traffic competition etc. is forever gone, but the New Year, with its probabilities and possibilities finds us in such a position that we can and will save you money on every article of

**MERCHANDISE**

You purchase if you will bring us your trade. We are handling stacks of goods of all kinds, and they are all, without exception, going at a bargain. Our line of dress goods is very pretty, indeed. Come in ladies, and examine them, and while here we will show you many other articles of ladies' wear that will interest you.

**GROCERIES**

Of all kinds, sugar, coffee, flour, rice, canned goods, jellies, etc. always in stock.

**HARDWARE**

From a cambrie needle to the best sewing machine on the market.

**SHOES?**

Why, certainly, we've got 'em, and any kind you want, from a cheap brogan to a very handsome hand-sewed shoe for ladies, misses and children.

The prettiest line of table ware in the county.

We are on the market for bronze Galax leaves, also want all staple roots and herbs.

Ginseng, and birch oil brings the highest price at our store.

Bring on your produce, we want it.

**JOHNSON & BUCHANAN.**  
Blowing Rock, N. C.

**SGROFULA AND ITS AWFUL HORRORS**

**Johnston's Sarsaparilla**  
QUART BOTTLES.

**A MOST WONDERFUL CURE.**

**A Grand Old Lady Gives Her Experience.**

Mrs. Thankful Orilla Hurd lives in the beautiful village of Brighton, Livingston Co., Mich. This venerable and highly respected lady was born in the year 1812, the year of the great war, in Hobron, Washington Co., New York. She came to Michigan in 1840, the year of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." All her faculties are excellently preserved, and possessing a very retentive memory, her mind is full of interesting reminiscences of her early life, of the early days of the State of Michigan and the interesting and remarkable people she has met, and the stirring events of which she was a witness. But nothing in her varied and manifold recollections are more marvelous and worthy of attention than are her experiences in the use of JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. Mrs. Hurd inherited a tendency and predisposition to scrofula, that terribly destructive blood taint which has cured and is curing the lives of thousands and marking thousands more as victims of the death angel. Transmitted from generation to generation, it is found in nearly every family in one form or another. It may make its appearance in dreadful running sores, in unsightly swellings in the neck or goitre, or in eruptions of varied forms. Attacking the mucous membrane, it may be known as catarrh in the head, or developing in the lungs it may be, and often is, the prime cause of consumption.

Speaking of her case, Mrs. Hurd says: "I was troubled for many years with a bad skin disease. My arms and limbs would break out in a mass of sores, discharging yellow matter. My neck began to swell and became very unsightly in appearance. My body was covered with scrofulous eruptions. My eyes were also greatly inflamed and weakened, and they pained me very much. My blood was in a very bad condition and my head ached severely at frequent intervals, and I had no appetite. I had sores also in my ears. I was in a miserable condition, I had tried every remedy that had been recommended, and doctor after doctor had failed. One of the best physicians in the state told me I must die of scrofulous consumption, as internal abscesses were beginning to form. I at length was told of Dr. Johnston, of Detroit, and his famous Sarsaparilla. I tried a bottle, more as an experiment than anything else, as I had no faith in it, and greatly to my agreeable surprise, I began to grow better. You can be sure I kept on taking it. I took a great many bottles. But I steadily improved until I became entirely well. All the sores healed up, all the bad symptoms disappeared. I gained perfect health, and I have never been troubled with scrofula since. Of course an old lady of 88 years is not a young woman, but I have had remarkably good health since then, and I firmly believe that JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA is the greatest blood purifier and the best medicine in the wide world, both for scrofula and as a spring medicine." This remarkably interesting old lady did not look to be more than sixty, and she repeated several times, "I believe my life was saved by JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA."

**MICHIGAN DRUG COMPANY, DETROIT, MICH.**  
Moretz & Farthing, Boone, N. C. J. W. Hodges, Ruthewood N. C.

**Land, Timber and Mineral Wanted.**

All persons desiring to sell or buy Lands, Water Power, Timber and Mineral interests are respectfully invited to call and see LINNEY & HAYES, at Boone, N. C.

If we don't buy, we will find you a buyer.

If you won't sell, we will sell you.

**LINNEY & HAYES,** REAL ESTATE AGENTS, Boone, N. C.  
Per F. A. LINNEY, Attorney.

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**LAND SALE.**

By virtue of a power contained in a mortgage deed executed to David Moore by John Ragan, registered in Book 'T', at page 28, in the public records of the county of Watauga, the undersigned will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door in Boone, N. C., on Monday the 3rd day of June 1901, between the hours of 10, a. m., and 2, p. m., the following described real estate lying on the waters of Reddie's Fork of Meat Camp creek, beginning on a walnut on the bank of said creek and run-

ning north with the meanders of said creek 102 poles to a white oak, John Norris' corner, thence north 38 west 38 poles to a dogwood, thence north 70 west 40 poles to a chestnut, thence north 18 west with the road to a dogwood, thence west 96 poles to a chestnut oak, thence south 184 poles to a stake, thence east 163 poles to the beginning, containing 175 acres more or less. This April 29th, 1901.

E. L. Moore, Richard Moore, Adm's. of David Moore'd, Lawrence Wakefield, Atty.

"Johnston's Sarsaparilla is the most powerful blood purifier known. Use it, and keep your blood pure; Quart Bottles."

**A Batch Of Bargains.**

I am located at Todd, N. C., with a nice stock of goods. I sell everything at a small per cent. but for pay down. Here are some of my wares:

Calicos 4, 4½ and 5¢ per yard; plaids, 4, 5 and 6¢.

New line of ladies' dress goods; worsteds, plaids, cashmeres, chambrays, India linnen, lawns, satines, etc., etc.

Men's suits \$2.50 to \$10. Odd coats \$1 to \$3. Pants 75c to \$3. Good selection of men's and boy's hats, also ladies' trimmed and sailor hats, the latest styles, 50c to \$3.

Big line of shoes always on hand. Children's shoes, 18c to \$1; men's coarse shoes 90c to \$1.75. men's fine shoes \$1 to \$3; women's coarse shoes 75c to \$1.25. finer goods \$1 to \$2.50.

Glass lamps with chimneys 15c each; glass tumblers 18 cts. a set, lamp chimneys 3c, lantern globes 5c., lanterns 25c. cups and saucers 20c. a set; 12 lbs. coffee for \$1; 4 lbs. soda 10c. Knob locks worth 35c. at 20c.

I also carry school books, Bibles, etc. Longfellow, Whit tier Bryant, Campbell, Burns, and other poem cloth bound 30c. each. Shakespear complete, 90c. Peck's Bad Boy 50c. Ridgpath's History of the U. S., \$1. Speech and dialogue books 10c. to 50c., Library of Wit and Humor by Mark Twain and others, 50c.

I pay the highest market prices for produce, roots, herbs, bark, etc. Give me your trade. Yours truly,  
**H. C. MILLER.**

**Wanted!**

EVERYBODY TO COME AND TRADE WITH ME!!

I have just received a large lot of spring goods, and others to follow every few weeks. I am overstocked, and CASH will buy them very cheap. So now is your chance to get BARGAINS

In lawns, light calicoes, and a lot of yard-wide percales together with much other pretty summer dress goods to go at ACTUAL COST! Now is the time to get your Summer Goods at first of season At Cost.

I have a lot of men's large size shoes—9, 10, and 11s, in coarse or fine AT COST. So all who are looking for bargains come and get them.

I have a pretty line of silk bonnets and other varieties of gent's shirts, and a splendid line of underwear for both sexes. In

**Ladies Dress Goods**  
I have something nice. Dark Lawns, Mercerized silk, Henriettas, and light colored Cashmeres, Lawns 5c and up, Calicoes 5c. and up.

Jeans very cheap or will exchange for wool. Men's women and children, of all grades and prices. Big lot of domestic and Alamance cheap.

WANTED: Roots & herbs, eggs, chickens, feathers and all good produce. 2,000 lbs. sugar at 6½ and up. Come and see me.

YOURS ANXIOUS TO PLEASE,  
**WILL W. HOLSCLAW,**  
Vilas, N. C., May 16.