

Watauga Democrat.

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The DEMOCRAT has from time to time urged upon its readers the absolute necessity of paying their poll tax on or before the first day of next month, if they wish to vote in the November election, and we make this, our last appeal to them, and we trust that at sun down on Thursday of next week every tax-payer in North Carolina will have in his possession his tax receipt, which alone can give him a voice in the election of our officers. We are told that many of our property holders in the county who have made payments to the Sheriff to the amount of, or in excess of the poll, and having credit for same on receipts still in the possession of the Sheriff, are claiming that they will be entitled to their vote for said payment, regardless of the fact that they have no receipt for same. This is clearly a mistaken idea and those who are laboring under it, had better pay the remainder and lift their receipt if they wish to vote. Bear this in mind and blame no one if you are refused your vote on these grounds. We have confidently believed from the beginning that but few if any, of our people would fail to pay their taxes by the time prescribed by law, but Sheriff Baird told us on Tuesday that the number in the county is quite large, with only one week of grace left, and we now fear that scores of them will be cut out. Now, friends, let us again urge upon you, in the name of your homes and children, in the name of patriotism, in the name of good government, to pay your taxes and be ready for the great battle that is to be fought at the polls next November. What will you do about it?

The Board of Education of Watauga county at the April meeting fixed the maximum salary of first grade teachers at \$35 per month. The Board also decided to raise the standard of teachers, as they raised the salaries. No school in the county will pay less than \$20 per month.

There will be a Teacher's Institute held in Boone, beginning July 16, 1902. All teachers are required to attend continuously from day to day, and no teacher who fails to attend the Institute will be allowed to teach unless he has a written excuse from Hon. L. G. Maxwell Treasurer Green has received a warrant from the State Treasurer for \$1,295. This money will be apportioned among the various districts in the county and taught out first. We shall have from 4 1/2 to 5 months school next year. We trust that the teachers will go to work and prepare themselves more thoroughly for their profession, as a brighter day is dawning for the teachers of North Carolina.

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You can be cured of any form of tobacco habit easily, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor by taking **NO-TO-BAC**, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 500,000 cured. All druggists. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and advice FREE. Address **STERLING REMEDY CO.**, Chicago or New York.

Watauga Academy Commentaries.

Last Tuesday was red letter day in Boone and Watauga Academy. The exercises began Monday night with songs and recitations by the primary department, under Miss Emma Mast, the efficient teacher. Then a debate by the Appalachian Literary Society, on the question, 'Resolved, That women should be equally educated with men,' which was ably argued on both sides.

On Tuesday morning the vehicles began to arrive from all directions and by 11 o'clock the large auditorium was filled to overflowing.

The morning exercises consisted of recitations and declamations by the advanced classes, which were much enjoyed by all.

The special feature of the day was the annual address by the Hon. Lock Craig, of Asheville. This was the best speech of the kind ever delivered in the county. It was an inspiring scene as this young and gifted son of N. C. swayed the great audience with his eloquence and power, showing the imperative need of the education of the masses to solve the great problems of church and state. To give even a synopsis of this speech would be a futile attempt. Those who failed to hear him, missed the opportunity almost of a life time. The inspiration of his speech cannot but nerve our people to greater efforts and zeal in the cause of education.

The afternoon exercises were taken up in declamations and recitations by the upper classes, closing with a debate by four young men of the Watauga Literary Society, on the subject, 'Resolved, That we should continue to aid our University.' These speeches were exceptionally fine and the close attention given by the crowd showed a marked interest in the question as well as the ability shown in the speeches on each side.

Tuesday night the exercises closed with a concert by all the school. This was one of the best we have ever seen. The large auditorium was packed to its utmost capacity; not even standing room could be had for the many who were left out.

Wednesday morning was the sad time, when many of the students bade farewell to their teachers and school-mates to go to their homes, and on into the stern realities of life. May they all come back to us this fall.

Bird-Shot For Tiger.

No use to hunt tigers with bird-shot. It doesn't hurt the tiger any and it's awfully risky for you.

Consumption is a tiger among diseases. It is stealthy—but once started it rapidly eats up the flesh and destroys the life. No use to go hunting it with ordinary food and medicine. That's only bird-shot. It still advances. Good heavy charges of Scott's Emulsion will stop the advance. The disease feels that.

Scott's Emulsion makes the body strong to resist. It soothes and toughens the lungs and sustains the strength until the disease wears itself out.

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with many others. All honor to the noble men and faithful women who have toiled so faithfully through the year just closed. There is a grander reward than money for such zealous workers.

Watauga Academy was never more prosperous than now, and she is destined to do her part in solving the great problem in this, our own, and surrounding countries.

Itching Skin

Distress by day and night—That's the complaint of those who are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with Eczema or Salt Rheum—and outward applications do not cure. They can't.

The source of the trouble is in the blood—make that pure and this scaling, burning, itching skin disease will disappear.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

rid the blood of all impurities and cure all eruptions.

The death of Dr. T. De Witt Talmage removes one of the brightest stars in the ministerial ranks. A little inclined to the sensational and spectacular, yet he always preached a gospel of hope and good cheer. He had a great and kind heart and always seemed to sympathize with all who were distressed. He preached through the press to more people than any man living. He was an orthodox Presbyterian.

Pile-Ine Cures Piles. Money refunded if it ever fails.

The inter-collegiate debate at Chapel Hill came off last Friday, and resulted in a victory for the Georgia boys. The query was chosen by Georgia, and the sides selected, by North Carolina. It was: "Resolved, That our democratic institutions in the United States are in danger from the growing power of centralization."

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

General Wade Hampton's dying words were: "All my people, black and white, God bless them." His remarks about the negro during reconstruction days showed his great heart: "As a slave, he was faithful to us, as a freeman let us treat him as a friend. Deal with him frankly, justly, kindly."

How Are Your Kidneys? Dr. Hobbs' Sarsaparilla Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

President Roosevelt was so much pleased with his trip South that he told some of his friends in Washington that he thought that he was a pretty good American citizen before he made the trip, but was a better one now than he was before he went to Charleston.

Saved Many a Time. Don't neglect coughs and colds even if it is spring. Such cases often result seriously at this season, just because people are careless. A dose of 'one minute cough cure' will remove all danger. Absolutely safe. Sure cure. Acts at once. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles. "I have used one minute cough cure several years," says Postmaster C. O. Dawson, Carr, Ill. It is the best cough medicine on the market. It has saved me many a severe spell of sickness and I warmly recommend it." The children's favorite. T. J. Cages & Bro.

The Leroy Mills of Gustonia received an order recently for two thousand bales of their manufactured product to be shipped to China. The order amounted to over one hundred thousand dollars.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

A Proclamation

—\$200.00 REWARD.—
State of North Carolina, Executive Department.

Whereas, official information has been received at this Department that the dwelling houses and barn of J. W. Harrison in Watauga county were burned by an incendiary unknown.

And Whereas, it appears that the said incendiary has fled the State, or so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him. Now, Therefore, I, Chas. B. Aycock, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of a authority in me vested by law, do issue this my proclamation, offering a reward of two hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said incendiary to the Sheriff of Watauga county, at the court house in Boone with evidence sufficient to convict same, and I do enjoin all officers of the State and all good citizens to assist in bringing said criminal to justice.

Done at our City of Raleigh the 15th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two, and in the one hundred and twenty-sixth year of our American Independence.

CHARLES B. AYCOCK,
By the Governor:
P. M. PEARSALL, Pri. Sec.

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\$1.25 shoe for \$1.00
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\$1.25 hat for \$1.00

All dress goods reduced 20 per cent. A full line of groceries that we will sell you at 10 per cent less than you can buy elsewhere. Remember friends that these prices only hold good for the next sixty days. So come and see us we know that we can please you in making this statement we mean just what we say, so call and be convinced of the truth.

We want all your BIRCH OIL and other produce at highest market prices.

FRIENDS,

When you come to court next week be sure to call on me. I can save you money.

I have in stock tin and porcelain wares, lamps, tumbler, but for dishes, bowls and pitchers, wall pockets, fancy work baskets, fine toilet soaps, stogies, cigars, pocket knives, knives and plow steels, coffee, cakes, candy, oranges, etc.

A nice line of foot wear for both men and women just in at popular prices.

Wanted: some nice butter and eggs, for which I will pay the highest price. Come and see me when in town.
Yours Very Truly,
RICHARD M. GREEN,
Boone, March 19.

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OFFICERS: J. WALTER WRIGHT, President, W. P. DUNGAN, Vice President, I. S. RAMBO, Cashier, R. F. McDADE, Ass't. Cashier.
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Non Stock-Holding DIRECTORS: DR. J. G. BUTLER, J. N. WILLS, R. E. DONNELLY, and DR. J. C. BUTLER.
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I am now selling SPECIAL BARGAINS in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Pants, Coffee, Rice, Sugar, etc. I am offering suits worth \$6.00 at \$4.50; the \$8.00 suits at \$6.00, and the \$10.00 goods at \$7.50. This is an opportunity to get a good Spring and Summer Suit for two or three dollars under the regular price.

—ROY SUITS—

From \$1.00 to \$4.00. I have also reduced the price on Prints from 5c. to 4c., Gingham from 7c. to 5c., Checks from 5c. to 4c. Having recently secured a lot of Men's Pants for less than the cost of manufacture, I am giving my customers the advantage of the reduction, 30 per cent. discount on any of them you may wish to purchase.
BOOKS: Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, 1300 pages, only 75 cents, Young Folk's Speaker, 20c. Peck's Bad Boy 50c. Nuttall's Dictionary 60c. Big variety of Speech and Dialogue books from 20c. to 50c.
I pay the Highest Price for produce of all kinds in exchange for goods.
Todd, N. C., March 5-

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WORK OFF THE COLD,
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"There's many a rest on the road of life, If we will only stop to take it."
I invite you stop and rest a while and compare my prices with those you have been paying and see if I do not sell you more goods for —LESS MONEY— than you can get elsewhere. When I promise to sell you bargains I mean to sell you all at BARGAIN PRICES. My line is better than ever before.
Flour,
Coffee,
Sugar,
Rice,
Dry Goods, Notions, etc. etc. Always on hand and going —AT LOWEST PRICES.— I pay the highest market price for all kinds of produce. Thanking my many customers for past liberal patronage, I remain,
YOURS RESPECTFULLY,
A. E. MORETZ,
Mabel, Sept. 11

The New Year

FINDS ME AT THE SAME OLD STAND.
Better prepared than ever before to serve my trade. I can save you money on almost anything you want as my stock is full and complete in all departments.
My General Line cannot be surpassed in the county, and as times are rather stringent, I am offering goods at extremely low figures for CASH or good produce, but as profits are so short, I must abandon the credit system. One dollar in cash spent with me, means the saving of a big percent in the transaction.

Staple Goods

Such as Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Underwear, etc., etc. always in stock.
A beautiful and very attractive line of.....
Ladies Dress Goods in the latest weaves and fabrics always found in my well-selected stock, and it will be to the ladies' interest to call on me for anything they may need in this line.....
REMEMBER, I buy all kinds of good marketable produce, wheat, rye, corn, buckwheat, chickens, eggs, butter, etc, and pay the highest market price for same.
Wishing for all a happy and prosperous year, and so soliciting a share of your trade during the year 1902. I am
YOURS ANXIOUS TO PLEASE,
WILL W. HOLSCIAW.

Do You Trade?

If so, call at my store at Sugar Grove and I can interest you in prices, and will give you as good goods and as low prices as can be found in the county.....
Old Credit Played Out. With the beginning of the New Year I emphatically abandoned the credit system, and under no circumstances will this resolution be violated, and I do trust my patrons will not ask me for indulgence, for I can not grant it.
I have a neat stock and can save you some money if you will bring me your trade.
All kinds of country produce taken in exchange for goods.
J. R. PHILLIPS.

We are also carrying a nice line of goods at Watauga Falls, and are prepared to serve the people there with good goods at low prices. Give us a call when you need any dry goods, groceries, Hardware, tinware, etc., or any other article kept in a good country store.
YOURS TRULY,
PHILLIPS BROS.
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