

Town and County.

The weather continues extremely dry and growing vegetation is suffering as a result.

Mrs. Lizzie McGhee has moved into her pretty new cottage on the "Green Heights."

Mrs. J. C. Fletcher returned on Saturday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Council, at Margo Terrace, Ashville.

Dr. G. W. Raby, Blowing Rock's popular druggist, was a business caller at this office Tuesday.

The Boone visitors to the 20 of May celebration at Charlotte returned before dark on the 21st after a most enjoyable trip.

Rev. Harrison Farthings spent Monday night with his daughter Mrs. J. M. Moretz in Boone, en route to Lenoir.

The latest news is that there is every prospect of a full and satisfactory settlement of the entire Mexican situation, including the agrarian features of the case.

Judge W. B. Council and three sons of Hickory, came to the Critcher house Sunday afternoon, and returned Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Robbins came from Blowing Rock to Boone last Saturday, and after spending a short time in town, returned to the Rock the same afternoon.

Jas. W. McGhee is "grand pap" again. A letter from the home of his daughter Mrs. Chas. Fletcher at Cid, Davidson county announces the arrival of a baby boy. And Jim is still a young man—in ways.

Wagner Reese, our efficient help, who has been rather indisposed for several days left for his home at Reese Monday, and his place is being filled most acceptably by Thomas Beach. We hope the good boy will soon be himself again.

Mr. Rufus Maltby a University student arrived at his home near town Tuesday afternoon, and will spend his vacation here. The young man has made good in his collegiate course—will graduate next session, and doubtless has a bright career before him. Glad to see him again.

Next Saturday is the day set apart for the county singing at Oak Grove school house just west of town. The good people there are making ample preparations for the event and a pleasant day is expected. We are asked to say that no misconduct will be tolerated, and that all the good people are invited to attend.

The Democrat has never had a "blow horn" attachment, but has gone on in its quiet way, through a quarter of a century, making the best of conditions. The people have stood by it beautifully; are still standing, and will continue to stand, unless all signs fail. Continue to send your Subs. and ads. and watch the "Old Reliable" grow.

Mrs. N. A. Bingham, mother of Dr. R. K. Bingham of Boone whose serious illness we have mentioned from time to time, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. N. R. Sherman in Wilkesboro on the 21st and was taken to her home town of Statesville for burial. Mrs. Bingham was 72 years old, a good woman, and her many relatives and friends in Watauga will be grieved to hear of her death.

DENTISTRY

Dr. Oscar L. Moore, Dentist, of Lenoir, will be at Blowing Rock a few days the first of June for the practice of his profession. If in need of any work in his line call on him at the Watauga Inn.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The Summer term of the A. T. S. will open on next Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair, the pleasant hostess of the Blair Hotel, has been quite ill for several days.

Miss Clemmie Cook returned Sunday from a visit of several days among friends and relatives on Stony Fork.

Miss Blanche Blair has returned after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. G. M. Suderth at Blowing Rock.

John Smith, of Vilas, with Watauga's other Federal jurors, left for Wilkesboro Sunday, where they will serve the court in session there this week.

To the exclusion of matter of a local nature, we have given Mr. John P. Arnhur the right of way on our last pages for a most splendid article on "Our President and Mexico." It is well worth the space and the time it will take to read it.

Mrs. John Stanbury and son Jeff. attended commencement at Greensboro this week, returning yesterday afternoon. They were accompanied home by Misses Esther and Annie, the former a pupil at the G. F. C., and the latter a teacher in the Oxford Orphanage.

Rev. Mr. McSwain, pastor of West Hickory Methodist church, was married yesterday morning to Miss Margaret Combs at her home on Cove Creek. The groom is a minister of power, and is to be congratulated upon winning the heart and hand of one of Watauga's choicest and most cultured young ladies.

Levi Morpheu.

Another good citizen and brave soldier has answered the last long roll call. Levi Morpheu, was born near the mouth of Laxton's creek Watauga Co. June 18, 1821, and died at the same place May 24, 1914. He was buried there also, with full masonic honors and ceremonial, May 25th. He was the son of John Morpheu and his wife, Sarah Blackburn. He was a good farmer, trader fruit-grafer and etc, and had the respect of all. He never married. He volunteered in the 1st N. C. Cavalry in June, 1861, and surrendered in April, 1865, having served honorably throughout the entire war, during which he had but one furlough. He was for a long time deputy sheriff, and for a time was a constable. His will was filed in the clerk's office for probate May 26, and the property disposed of thereby is estimated to be worth about \$1,000. Cyrus A. Grubb and James M. Morpheu, two of his nephews, were appointed executors of the will.

A Horrible Death.

Mr. Editor: On last Monday evening May 18, Mr. Frank Triplett, the youngest son of Mr. F. S. Triplett, while out squirrel hunting dropped his gun causing it to fire, the shot taking effect in the breast and setting his clothes on fire and before any one reached the place the dear boy was dead and burned nearly up. Frank was a poor motherless boy, his mother having died when he was very young. He leaves a heart broken father and brother with a host of sorrowing friends and relatives to mourn his sad death but we hope when Jesus comes we will meet Frank in the kingdom of our blessed Saviour.

C. E. CHURCH.

Penley, N. C.

Executors Notice.

Having qualified as Executors of Levi Morpheu, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them duly authenticated within 12 months from the date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons due the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment. This May 26 1914. C. A. Grubb, J. M. Morpheu, Executors.

St. Jude Happenings.

St. John's Church has been given several coats of white paint and looks very pretty and appropriate in its setting of beautiful trees on the bluff, opposite Ex-sheriff Wm. Baird's.

Mr. George Bingham is putting up a two-story dwelling and store house combined, on Cove Creek, near the Simon Ward old stand.

Mr. Joe Ward is building a handsome residence, on his fine piece of property, near his old home on Cove Creek, not far from where it joins Watauga river.

Mr. S. S. Moore, who for a year past has been with the Watauga Railroad in Wilkescounty, is putting up a store near Johnson's school house.

Mr. L. D. Tester, who has been disabled by a fall from a scaffold is at work again, his friends will be glad to learn.

Miss Myrtle Thomas is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Lee Tester at Valle Crucis, while Miss Wilma Thomas is on a visit to her parents here, her sister, Miss Alberta Thomas, who taught last Winter in a school at Covington, Virginia, is at home for a short vacation before joining the Summer school at Boone.

Mr. Thomas Hopkins and wife visited their sister, Mrs. James W. Thomas, who has made a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John W. Dyer of Mountain City.

Mr. George Thomas, who spent the winter near Covington, Va. is at home on a visit, bringing with him Mr. Stephen Brizendine, who returned to Virginia taking with him Messrs. John Ward and Finley Watson, two of promising young men.

Mr. Hardy Thomas is reported very ill at Elizabethton, his mother, Mrs. Alexander Thomas and uncle, Mr. Joe Thomas promptly responded to the summons, as yet no news from the sick one.

A larger acreage of corn, than you generally see in the river bottoms has been planted this year, much grass land broken up for that purpose and a big crop expected.

The farmers on Watauga River are wide-awake, and are improving their places, a good sign of prosperity.

Miss Mary Blair has returned from school at Valle Crucis, spending her vacation with her father Mr. Joseph Baird near the William Winkler farm.

The Episcopal church contemplates reviving the work at "Macedonia" a neighborhood where it owns a couple of acres of land near Green's school house, the people of the community more than ever favoring the work of all Christians so long as they have the good of the people at heart, a school to be organized, a cha-

pel built, and a lady worker to be placed there when thought practicable. Of this the good people of this section will be glad to learn as they are progressive people among them the Trivetts, Rourks, Greens, Glens, Loves, Farthings, Bingham, Cables, Wards, Cooke, Johnsons, Moores and others who will welcome a good school as a sign of the forward movement of a community which they love and in which they have cast their lot, no one in that community standing in the way of progress regardless of politics and denominational lines, for in this day the man who opposes any effort for the good of the people in his little corner is looked upon as a back number and a clog to advancement which is the order of the day in our time, for we feel we must move forward and not stand still which is next to going backward, surely.

STOCKHOLDERS MEET.

The stockholders' annual meeting of the Boone and Blowing Rock Turnpike Co. was held in the court house on Monday, May 25th, in Boone. The former directors were retained and they reelected all the old officers. Col. Stringfellow of Blowing Rock impressed upon those present the importance of placing the road in the finest condition possible, as the travel over it this summer promises to be heavier than ever before provided the road is in proper condition. He urged the necessity and expediency of making the road first class in every particular, as, he pointed out if the road is inviting every auto and every vehicle that comes to Blowing Rock this summer will visit Boone frequently; whereas if it is in bad fix, few will come, and then only when compelled to do so. A resolution was adopted to spend all the money left in the treasury, after paying a dividend of 7 per cent, and to borrow whatever may be necessary to repair the road for the summer travel. Mr. Stringfellow offered to loan \$1,000 if necessary, to put the road in proper condition. Many of the stockholders were present, among whom were Mr. Finley Mast, of Sugar Grove; Judge W. B. Council, of Hickory, Messrs. T. H. Coffey, W. W. Stringfellow, B. J. Green and Wiley Lentz, of Blowing Rock, and others.

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