

Town and County.

—Only a little more than two weeks until Christmas.

—W. L. Bryan, esq., is offering some fine stock for sale in this issue.

—The old reliable Blum's Almanacs are now on sale at J. S. Winkler's.

—Mr. L. L. Critcher has repainted his pretty home in East Boone.

—Mr. George Gragg, of Route 1, began work on a new residence in East Boone on last Monday.

—Rev. Joe Green left Tuesday afternoon for his field of labor in Madison county.

—Get your Christmas bread and cakes from Brannon. See new ad this week.

—The weather continues fine, which means a great saving to the people in the way of feed stuffs.

—Clyde Phillips has opened a pressing club in the office of Jeweler Bryan, and solicits your patronage.

—Mr. Frank Norris and family are now occupying the pretty home recently vacated by Dr. R. K. Bingham.

—Mr. Hort. B. Greene, a former student of the A. T. S., left last Saturday for Georgia, where he will enter a school of telegraphy.

—Congress assembled on Monday and President's message was delivered on Tuesday. The message in condensed form will appear in these columns next week.

—Rev. Mr. Adams, who attended the Baptist State Convention at Elizabeth City this week is expected home in time for his Sunday appointment in Boone.

—Mrs. T. B. Moore, who had been in Blowing Rock visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sudderth for some days, returned home Saturday.

—Mr. Clyde Reese and sister, Miss Lillie, of Reese, came over last Monday, the young lady remaining for a short visit to her many friends and schoolmates, all of whom are delighted to see her again.

—A letter from Mrs. J. C. Fletcher to her daughter, Miss Lois, bears the intelligence that Atty. J. C. Fletcher, whose illness we mentioned last week, has developed pneumonia, but seems to be getting on fairly well.

—Mr. Jesse F. Robbins, who, not being sufficiently recovered from a recent fall to resume work at the carpenter trade, has taken a position, temporarily, in the Cottrell store, where he will remain through the holidays, at least.

—If any man is silly enough to think that our little county located away up here in the hills, is in a straightened financial condition, let him examine the reports of our three banks in this issue and see how much cash they have to their credit.

—Work is progressing nicely on the large gymnasium building near Newland Hall. It stands on the very brink of an artificial lake, and when completed it bids fair, with its rustic surroundings, to be the beauty spot of the entire school property.

—We are glad to know that Dr. G. W. Smith, of Hopkins, who recently returned from the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, where he took treatment for an obstinate case of rheumatism, is improving right along, and his friends are now hopeful of his ultimate recovery.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Moretz, of Grassy Creek, this county, left Monday morning for Lincoln county, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Moretz is a daughter of Rev. M. L. Carpenter, and he is much cast down o-

ver the departure of the last of his family from the county.

—Col. Arthur, whose illness we have previously mentioned is still a very sick man, and at this writing, Wednesday evening, he is very low, and there are fears that he will not survive many hours. Mr. Arthur has many, yes, very many friends in Watauga, who will hear of his critical condition with deep sorrow.

LATER: Mr. Arthur died at 2:50 after our forms were closed.

—Joseph Hartley, who has been confined to his home for the past seven weeks, nursing a badly afflicted leg is still in doors and as he makes his living by days work, the loss of time, aside from the suffering, is quite a hardship on him. However, the members of the Baptist church and other friends, are supplying the most urgent needs of the family.

—Mr. Thos. Green, of Stony Ford, was one among a large number of business callers at our office on Monday, and were glad to see him looking in the best of health, after a long course of treatment for a very stubborn disease, in Johns Hopkins Hospital during the summer. When taken there, his condition was considered almost hopeless.

—Prof. W. L. Winkler was in to see us Monday. He tells us that he and his wife will leave for Florida between now and Christmas, and intend to spend some time there for the benefit of his health which is anything but robust just now. We trust the stay in the Land of Flowers will be both profitable and pleasant for the good people.

—A Mr. Jordan, of Raleigh, N. C., representing the State and National Beef Breeder's Association, has been in Watauga looking after an organization here, and we are told that he met with considerable encouragement. He will return early in the year. In the mean time, our Mr. W. E. Shipley will look after getting up the membership until his return.

—Mr. N. L. Mast and daughter, Miss Maude, were in the village Tuesday and were much appreciated callers at this office. Mr. Mast was solicited for a load of corn, and he replied that he did not have one grain to sell; that he had 11 head of horses and 60 cattle that he must feed through the winter, and was buying but little of the precious cereal.

—There was no preaching services at either of the churches in Boone on last Sunday, due to the fact that Rev. D. P. Waters, who was assigned here for another year, has not yet returned, and last Sunday was his first appointment for the Conference year. Something unusual for a Sunday to pass in Boone without a good sermon in one or the other of our churches.

—W. F. Sherwood, one of the most pleasant fellows to be found, was in to see us Tuesday. We were glad to hear him say that his son Jim, who has been in the West for several months, has returned and is again wielding the yard stick in the store. Wiley says business has never been better with him, but he just hasn't got any corn to sell, and there is no use of talking to him about that.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hatton, and two sons, of Park City, Montana, are in for the winter and will spend the time visiting relatives and friends in their home county until early spring, when they contemplate returning. Mr. and Mrs. Hatton were in to balance accounts with The Democrat, and we were indeed glad to learn that they had succeeded

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well and enjoyed good health during their stay of five years in the west.

—The teachers who attended the Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh last week, have returned, and Prof. Hartzog tells us that the Watauga contingent spent Saturday night at the University, and were fortunate enough to be present at the celebration given in honor of the "Hill's" signal victory over the University of Virginia in a foot ball game at Richmond, Va., on Thursday of last week, it being their first victory in the past eleven years. The event, says the Professor, was celebrated in style by the University, in fact, he said it was the nicest function he had ever attended.

—Monday and Tuesday were certainly moving days for the Board of County Commissioners. Aside from the routine business on Monday, the bonds of the newly elected officers were all to pass upon, while the time on Tuesday was largely consumed in settling with the Sheriff, canceling claims, etc.

**Do You Have Sour Stomach?**  
If you are troubled with sour stomach you should eat slowly and masticate your food thoroughly, then take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Obtainable every where.

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**NOTICE.**  
I will be at the following places at the times indicated below for the purpose of taking in taxes.  
Boone, Monday, Nov. 20th, 1916.  
Cove Creek, Sherwood's Store, Tuesday, " 21st "  
North Fork, Thomas store, before noon, " 22nd "  
Wednesday, afternoon at Miller's store " 23rd "  
Meat Camp, Union store, Thursday, " 24th "  
Bald Mountain, Todd, Friday, " 25th "  
Stony Fork, Moretz's store, Saturday, " 27th "  
Elk, Cox's store, Monday, " 28th "  
Blue Ridge, voting place, Tuesday, " 29th "  
Blowing Rock, Wednesday, " 1st, "  
Watauga, Collins Store, Friday, Dec. 1st, "  
Watauga, Shulls Mills, Saturday, " 2nd "  
Shawneehaw, Ward's store, Tuesday, " 5th, "  
Laurel Creek, John Wards store, Wednesday, " 6th, "  
Beaver Dam, Hagaman's store, Friday, " 7th, "  
Let everybody come out and pay their taxes on the day mentioned, and save costs, as I will not make any further notice as to the taxes for 1915. After these dates I will be compelled to force collection of the 1915 taxes. I greatly appreciate the prompt manner in which many of the citizens have been paying their taxes. Nov. 14 1917.  
**W. P. Moody, Sheriff**

**BUGGIES, SURRIES, AND WAGONS.**  
I now have for sale at my place at Vilas, N. C. a supply of standard makes of Buggies, Surries and wagons I am offering for sale for cash, or will exchange for good stock, and always have enough cash to pay difference when difference is due. The J. I. NISSEN WAGON is known for its superior qualities by all our people. None better. Don't order your vehicles, but buy from me. I will save you some good money,  
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**The Watauga County Bank**  
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.

**WINTER NECESSITIES.**  
As the rigors of winter creep on I am continually adding to my stock of seasonable goods and insist that you look over my line and get prices before buying, if you are in need of anything for the storms ahead. Heavy shoes and underwear for men, ladies and children, and everything you need to keep you warm.  
A splendid line of dry goods, notions, hats, gents' furnishings, etc, always on hand. You can get what you want at my store and at prices as reasonable as they can be sold. Groceries of all kinds, heavy and fancy on hand.  
The very highest prices paid for Eggs, Butter, Grain Etc., If you are not one of my regular customers, join the army of satisfied customers at once.  
**J. S. WINKLER**

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There is no need of your going to half a dozen different kinds of stores to make your purchases. My stocks are complete in every department and you can find right here just as wide a range to choose from as you could anywhere else.  
I keep posted on all new products and all the latest styles—I try to give you all the advantages of the city buyers.

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My buying experience protects you against poor merchandise—I select the market's best.  
**M. B. BLACKBURN,**  
BOONE, - N. C.

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