

Town and County.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Hodges, of Rutherford, are visitors at the home of ex-Sheriff John W. Hodges in Boone.

—Mesdames John W. Hodges and M. B. Blackburn are off for a week's visit to relatives in Elizabethton, Tenn.

—Just as we are ready to go to press we learn that Mrs. Martha Shearer is right sick, but trust it is nothing serious.

—Lawyer Frank Linney is doing the farming stunt on some of his mountain holdings this week.

—Mrs. Dr. Little left Monday for Asheville, where she will remain a few weeks as a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Hardin.

—Mr. Shelton Penn, who has been in New York City for some time representing the Reynolds Tobacco Company, is at his home in Boone for a few days.

—Dr. O. L. Moore, of Leuoir, will be in Blowing Rock on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of May prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

—Mrs. Farthing, widow of the late Rev. L. W. Farthing, of Watauga Falls, is spending a few days with her son, Mr. W. D. Farthing, in East Boone.

—Mr. Russell G. Hodges, of Sands, passed through town Monday on his way home from Sherrill's Ford, N. C., where he has been teaching since last fall.

—Miss Lay Mast, daughter of Mr. Wiley Mast, of Vilas, has been with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Brown, near the village, for a short visit.

—Miss Ruth Combs, after spending a few days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. P. Moody, in Boone, returned to her home on Cove Creek yesterday.

—Miss Sallie Ray who, for the past five months, has been teaching at Leaksville, R. F. D., returned to her home at Horton last week.

—Misses Eddie Kerley and Dare Phillips, two seniors in the Art Class at Davenport College, returned to school Monday, after a short visit to their native county of Watauga.

—Mr. Wade Wagner, of Valle Crucis, has been in town this week, and while here placed three Ford Cars, Sheriff Moody, Dr. Jones and Mr. C. M. Critcher being the purchasers.

—We are asked to say that there will be given at Rutherford school house on next Saturday night a public debate on the query, Resolved: That Congress was justifiable in declaring war. Everybody invited.

—Mr. Jonathan Miller, a veteran of the Civil War, now over ninety years of age, says he is not going to France to fight the Germans, but added, "If they come over to fight us, I make no promises as to what I will do." Hurrah for Uncle Jonathan!

—Some days since Mr. Sam Austin exhibited at this office the freakiest young chicken freak we have ever seen. The little bird, dead of course, had four well developed feet and legs and as many wings, but only one head. The body was in the main double.

—So far as we have learned, but one from Watauga has volunteered as a soldier, and listen, he was a negro boy barely old enough to pass, Richard Shearer by name. He enlisted at Johnson City last week and was sent on to Georgia, where he will join his command.

NOTICE:—I have sold my jack to Mr. John H. Clawson of Meat Camp, who will stand him this year. He has an ad in another column.—H. Neal Blair.

—Ashe, Watauga and Caldwell will vote on a bond issue of \$200,000 each, for road purposes on the same day, Tuesday, May 8. It goes almost without saying that the bonds will carry in each of the counties, but let the little county of Watauga roll up the biggest majority of any one of the trio.

—Mr. John Hagaman, of Patterson, passed through town Tuesday en route to Johnson county, Tenn., to visit his mother who is considered seriously ill. The car in which Mr. Hagaman was riding, bore a United States flag, the first we have seen since the war cloud settled over our country.

—Mr. B. T. Branock, of Catawba county, was a week-end visitor to his mother, at the old home in Boone. He had considerable business to transact while here, and never left for home until Sunday morning. He seems well pleased with his new location, and says his family is contented and happy.

—Mrs. Edna Hodges, with her daughter, Louise, spent Tuesday night in the village, Mrs. Hodges having closed a very successful term of school in Cabarras county last week. To prove how popular she was with her patrons, the committeemen have engaged her services for another term, which will open at some date in November.

—Mrs. C. J. Cottrell, of Boone, attended the funeral of Miss Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Nan Johnson of Sherwood, last Thursday. The young lady had been in failing health for many months, and her death had been expected for some time. The Democrat extends sympathy to the fond mother and other members of the sorrowing family.

—Mr. L. L. Bingham, after an absence of several months, teaching at Purlear, in Wilkes county, is at home again. He was accompanied by a Mr. McNeill, who told The Democrat that crop prospects were good in that county; the apple trees in full bloom and unharmed by the freeze, but, he added, the peaches have nearly all been killed.

—Mr. W. L. Trivett hands The Democrat the following: "Rev. R. L. Isabell, Evangelist of the Piedmont Advent Christian Conference of N. C., will preach in the court house in Boone on next Tuesday night and will continue the services at night only until Sunday, when he will preach at 11, a. m., and at night. He will use a prophetic chart some during these services showing our approximate whereabouts upon the great sea of time and our transcendent proximity to the end of this age and the return of our Lord. These services will be very interesting and everybody is invited to attend."

—We are indeed pained to hear of a most serious accident which befell our former townsman, Mr. Joe H. Cook, at the Whiting Plant at Shulls Mills Tuesday afternoon. We have no particulars how the accident occurred, further than that he was terribly mangled by the machinery, and that there was but little if any hopes of his recovery. He was rushed to a hospital at Johnson City, Tenn., on a special train, where everything possible will be done for him. We still have a hope that his condition is not so serious as it was first supposed, and that the good citizen may yet be spared to his family and county.

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Foscoe: Every Sunday 11 a. m. Sunday School 10 a. m.
Blowing Rock: 2nd Sunday 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 3 p. m.
Boone: Third Sunday 7:30 p. m.
Todd: Tuesday after 3rd Sunday 10 a. m.
Shulls Mills: 4th Sunday 3 p. m.
Sunday April 22, preaching at Shulls Mills school house 3 p. m.
J. N. ATKINS.

BLOWING ROCK BREEZES

Rev. D. P. Waters filled his regular appointment Sunday night. The people were glad to hear him again. The quarterly Conference will be held at Blowing Rock, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

Our postmaster, Mr. T. H. Coffey, happened to a right serious accident on last Saturday. He fell off a wagon and broke his collar bone. Some dogs frightened the horses, causing them to run. There are too many worthless dogs in town and country. It would be better to raise more sheep and fewer dogs. Some dogs a few days ago attacked Mr. Edgar Young's sheep, killing one.

Mrs. Herman Deal, of East Fruitland, Wilkes county, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Pendley, at the Watauga Inn.

The people are busy planting potatoes and getting ready to plant corn. There will be more corn planted in this section than has ever been planted any one year.

Messrs. Marshal Pendley, Nathan Ward and Eugene Holsouser left for Washington at four o'clock Monday morning. We wish for them a safe and happy journey.

W. M. F.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a provision of a certain mortgage deed executed by Arthur Keller and wife, Blua Keller, to D H Shore to secure the payment of a certain note due D H Shore for purchase money on said lands, the notes secured by said mortgage deed having matured and default having been made in the payment thereof, said notes together with mortgage deed having been transferred to the undersigned, I will on Saturday, May 19, 1917, between the hours of 12, M., and 2, p. m., at the court house door in Boone, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate to wit: Two certain tracts or parcels of land in Blowing Rock township, Watauga county, adjoining the lands of P M Winkler, L Q Winkler and others and bounded as follows:

First tract. Beginning on a spruce pine, W W Eldridge corner, near a spring and runs S. 50° E., 37 poles to a laurel bush in L O Winkler's line; thence N 25° E 52 poles to a spruce pine; thence westwardly 25 poles to a rock; thence 15 pole to the beginning, containing 5 acres more or less.

Second tract. Beginning on a spruce pine and runs S 40° E 31 poles to a chestnut tree; thence W 53 poles to a stake; thence N 40° W 31 poles to a stake; thence E with P M Winkler's line 43 poles to the beginning, containing 10 1/2 acres more or less, being the land purchased by D H Shores from R W Keller and wife, Addie and conveyed by D H Shores to Arthur Keller and wife Blua Keller, July 9, 1914. Said mortgage deed is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga county in Book U, page 117. This April 18, 1917.

JOEL F. GREENE, Mortgagee.
Brown & Lovill, Attys.

Notice of Administration.

The undersigned having duly qualified as administrator of the estate of C. J. Coffey, decd., all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of April, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All person indebted to said estate will please settle at once. This April 12, 1917.

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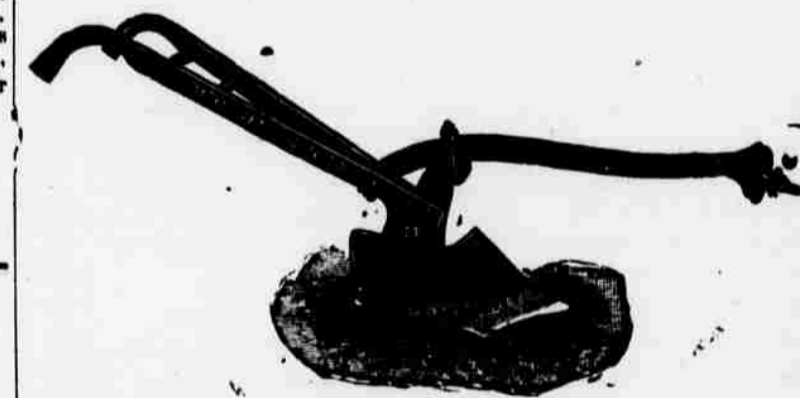
followed up by close applications of business methods will usually make a good ending. I have decided to follow these principles for the coming year and in so doing will give his customers the benefit of his experiences and prices on his stock of goods, most of which was bought before the great advance in prices. Notions of various kinds at bargain prices. The latest shapes and styles. Hardware of all kinds at the lowest prices. A nice line of groceries always in stock at the best prices.

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