

# Western Carolina News

## WEAVERVILLE.

Weaver, Dec. 23.—The public road from here to Asheville is in the worst condition that has been known for years. At some points it is almost impassable. Near Mr. Zeb Baird's place, two miles from here it is exceedingly difficult for a vehicle to get along. It has been said by those who are posted on the subject of roads that the county could have macadamized her roads for about twenty per cent. more cost than the late improvements footed up.

On Sunday last divine services were held on Little Flat at the residence of Mr. T. M. Dula, Rev. Mr. Stacy delivering a sermon of great force and appropriateness. The closing of the public school house near by, under an order of the school committee of the township, has occasioned this place of worship for the Methodist people of that community. The Presbyterian school is taught in the public school house, but preaching is not allowed there. At this school there is being distributed a large lot of second hand clothing to those who will wear them.

There have been a number of cases in the courts of the Justices of the Peace here recently. A demand now and then is made for a jury in these courts, but the county commissioners have refused to grant a jury list for this township. This is a serious drawback to the operations of this court and the good citizens hereabouts are complaining at the honorable county commissioners in this behalf.

Mr. Emery Rheim of this place was elected by the faculty of Weaverville College recently as a tutor and not elected a professor as stated lately in this correspondence. A lot of valuable land belonging to the estate of the late Joseph Brank and located on Reems creek is to be sold at the court house on Monday the 27th inst. The fact that it is fine tobacco land and much of it well timbered has awakened interest in the matter.

## FLAT CREEK.

Flat Creek, Dec. 23.—In Brittain Cove, a beautiful little settlement nesting under the shadow of the Hamburg mountain and distant two and a half miles from here, there is not the same serene tranquillity that blessed it in other years. The neighborhood is disrupted on the public school question. Some of the land owners have moved away, seeking to set up their house hold goods in more peaceful vales. A goodly number of the old citizens have organized a private school and now the fight is on in earnest. The efficient county supervisor of education did not have all the facts when lately the community was reported harmonious on the subject. Hence this is news. Your correspondent is informed that this division and discord have been caused by the operation of the new republican school laws and the peculiar methods which characterize the work of the missionary department of the "Yankee Doodle" Presbyterian church. The new law places the control of the school house in the hands of the township school committee. That body allows the Y. D. Presbyterian school to be taught in the house and it draws the public funds, but the doors on Sunday are closed against a Sunday school made up of members of other churches than the Y. D. Presbyterian.

It was in reference to this community that a Y. D. Presbyterian paper some time ago made the statement that here the men ploughed the wives used oxen in the cultivation of the soil; but it is unnecessary to state that there was no foundation for such publication, and the presumption is that it was inserted in that pious sheet for the purpose of showing the "great need of Northern contributions for helping to civilize the people." Judging from the amount of discord, disturbance and schism that this Yankee Doodle Presbyterian church is forming in this section of the county, the conclusion is beginning to be found and expressed that it would be infinitely better for this denomination to confine its labors to its own side of Mason and Dixon's line, where the field for usefulness is equally large and the need of better morals and more growth in spiritual life are as noticeable as they are here. They have the right to come here however, and if they wish to continue to up development it is a free country, but it is a strange business for a church to be in—at least such is the opinion of the old citizens here.

## INTERESTING RAILROAD SUIT.

The Supreme Court's decision in the case of Mrs. James, admx., vs. W. N. C. R. R., is one of more than ordinary interest, for not only has Mrs. James friends here, but B. F. Long, esq., of Statesville, was the leading counsel in the case writes a Statesville correspondent to the Charlotte Observer. Aside from the recovery of a judgment for \$15,000 in the suit of Mrs. Clemey James, administratrix, against the Western North Carolina railroad, it seems that the case involves the validity of the Southern's purchase of the road, and other important questions of general interest. The most important questions involved in the suit are: First—Whether or not the Western Carolina Railroad company still exists, notwithstanding the attempted purchase of the Southern made in 1894, and, Second—Whether the Southern, a foreign railroad corporation, can purchase the franchises and property of this domestic corporation and own, control and operate it, without first obtaining the consent of our Legislature to do so and itself become a domestic corporation. These questions were not first raised in the James case, which was recently argued and decided. These questions were raised in a suit brought to Iredell on the 8th of October, 1896, about five months before the James suit was brought, and about five weeks before the death of James, in the case of Fox, administrator of Pugh, against the Western North Carolina Railroad company and the Southern Railway company, which suit still pends, and has not been decided. This action of Fox, administrator, vs. W. N. C. R. R. Co., brought for the first time in North Carolina to test the questions above referred to, was brought by B. F. Long, of Statesville, Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, being associated with him. When, later in March, 1897, Mrs. James employed Messrs. Overman and Long to bring her suit, and afterwards associated Judge Avery in the case, it was decided, after consultation, to bring the suit against the Western only, in the James case, and not join the Southern, as had been done in the Fox case. As will be seen, this was quite an important case and the winning of it is quite a victory for Mr. Long and the lawyers associated with him.

## BURKE COUNTY BANK.

The Burke County Bank opened Monday for business in the building recently occupied by the Piedmont bank. The officials report that deposits have already

far exceeded their expectations and the outlook for this new institution is most encouraging.

The officers are: Clement Geltner, president; H. W. Connelly, vice-president; A. M. Ingold, cashier. Directors—Clement Geltner, H. W. Connelly, A. A. Shuford, J. D. Elliott, S. R. Collett. The business the new bank has transacted up to date is an indication that, notwithstanding the recent disastrous financial experience of our citizens, they still possess confidence in fiduciary institutions, and realize the advantage and convenience of a sound and reliable bank as an adjunct to proper business methods. —Morganton Herald.

## JUPITER.

Jupiter, Dec. 23.—The public school here taught by Rev. Mr. Boyd of Weaverville, has suspended for the holidays. The attendance is large, the school is admirably managed and is the pride of the neighborhood. The principal and his assistant are exceedingly popular and efficient and the utmost harmony and satisfaction prevail among the patrons of this model school. Dr. I. A. Harris the county physician, whose family reside near here, reports the condition of the convicts and others under his medical supervision as unusually good for this time of the year.

## BREVARD NOTES.

Brevard, N. C., Dec. 23.—Dr. W. J. Wallis has been unable to withstand the large inducements offered him in his old home in Virginia, and is now preparing to return to that place. He has been taken in to the homes and hearts of a large clientele here and his departure will be greatly deplored.

W. L. Hume returned yesterday from Charleston, S. C., where he "took in" Gule. Week. The Epworth school and the Methodist Sunday school together are preparing an extensive entertainment and treat for their scholars on Christmas eve.

## MOUNTAINS COVERED WITH SNOW.

Marion, Dec. 23.—Mitchell and Vance mountains are covered with snow.

There was another runaway marriage at Marion yesterday evening, the contracting parties being Mr. Robert Harbin, of Statesville, and Miss Gertrude Elliott, of Marion. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. D. Sherrill. The bride is among the most accomplished young ladies of Marion. Mr. Harbin is one of Marion's business young men and is very popular.

## SEVERAL TOWNS.

The Watauga Democrat says: We learn that the railroad election has been postponed by the Board of County Commissioners until some time in the spring (not informed as to date) owing to the fact that the people are anxious for the road to be located before the tax is voted.

White flint rock is being shipped by the car load from Lincoln county to a glass factory in New Jersey. It is said the farmers get a good price for the rock and are glad to get their land cleared of it.

The Elkin Journal says there have been more than 30 murders in Surry county since the war and not one legal execution. There has been one lynching.

## NORTH STATE NUGGETS.

The city census of Wilson, just completed, shows a population of over 5,000.

The expenditures of Wayne county for the year ending November 1, 1897, were \$14,907.09.

The Daily Afternoon Review is again being published in Wilmington, under the control of Mr. Josh T. James.

The Register of Deeds of Bladen county has been sued for the \$200 penalty, for issuing a marriage license to a girl under 17 years.

The old charter for the Fayetteville & Aberdeen railroad has been renewed, and other preliminary steps taken by the incorporators toward building the road.

The three big locomotives just completed for the Southern railway are said to be the largest ever built. They are capable of drawing 500 tons up an 84-foot grade at the rate of 50 miles per hour.

On the second Tuesday in January the Grand Lodge of Masons will hold its annual convention at the Oxford Orphan Asylum for the special purpose of allowing the brethren to see the admirable way in which that noble charity is conducted.

It is estimated that there are now 2,000,000 acres of waste land in the Southern counties, which if in timber would yield abundant returns at the rate of about \$500,000 a year. The loss is due to lack of care in growing pine trees on these lands.

## NEVER AGAIN.

Some fellow has said that "laughter is the sunlight of the soul," and in saying that has undoubtedly voiced in poetic style the feelings of the majority of mankind for there is no doubt that there are at least nine-tenths of the human race who would prefer to laugh than to be serious over any object. This feeling is illustrated more in the class of plays which become notable successes than in any other phase of amusements. In these troublous times life seems too short to see serious plays and to work out their problems, thus the play which will cause a night of continuous laughter and pass one's time away as if by magic is always the one the masses are looking for. This brings us to the very latest exposition of bright, rattling, rollicking fun. "Never Again" which has been convulsing New York and Chicago with a continuous laugh lasting more than 300 performances, and which will be presented at the Grand opera house Monday night next.

## HOW TO LOOK GOOD.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good alterative and tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches, and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at T. C. Smith's drug store and Pelham's Pharmacy. 50 cents per bottle.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will serve a luncheon at the Woman's Exchange, Church street, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week from 12 to 4 p. m. All the delicacies of the season will be served and the people are promised an elegant luncheon at a small price.

# The People Believe

## What They Read About Hood's Sarsaparilla

Their Faith in This Medicine is Grounded on Merit

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Hood's Sarsaparilla is not merely a simple preparation of Sarsaparilla, Dock, Stillingia and a little Iodide of Potassium.

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Knowing these facts, is the abiding faith the people have in Hood's Sarsaparilla a matter of surprise? You can see why Hood's Sarsaparilla cures, when other medicines totally, absolutely fail.

"My little girl was afflicted with eczema and suffered for seven years. She was attended by physicians and tried many different kinds of medicine without relief. After taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla she was cured." Mrs. EMMA FRANKLIN, Honeoye, New York.

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5. C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Tills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25 cents.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

On account of Christmas holidays, the Southern railway will sell round trip tickets to points south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers and east of Mississippi river at a rate of four cents per mile one way for the round trip. Tickets sold December 22 to 26 and December 30 to January 1, inclusive, final limit January 4. Tickets for students will also be sold December 10 to 21 in addition to above dates on presentation of certificates from some officer of their school.

The quick schedule, elegant train service and comfort derived therefrom makes a Christmas outing over the Southern a pleasure.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edgar W. Whitmore, editor Grad Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at W. C. Carmichael's drug store.

## A GOOD CUP OF TEA.

A good cup of tea is acknowledged to be a great restorer in sadness. It enlivens the frame, and quickens life's flame. And diffuses a spirit of gladness. Served hot every day at the Woman's Exchange.

NOTICE—At a meeting of the board of aldermen an order was passed to notify water consumers having "pipe hydrants" on their premises to replace them with non-freezeable hydrants by the 1st of January, 1898. All concerned will please take notice and act accordingly. M. E. Roberts, superintendent. 270-10

Cascarets stimulate the liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c, at Pelham's Pharmacy.

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house, if it cost \$5.00 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do and more.—J. R. Wallace, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's

Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at W. C. Carmichael's drug store.

Mrs. McKinley in a new portrait, seated in a luxurious chair in the White House conservatory, makes a striking cover to the January Ladies' Home Journal. It is also appropriate as John Phillip Sousa's new composition, "The Lady of the White House," which the wife of the President permitted, "The March King" to dedicate to her, is given publicity for the first time in this number. Of course the composition will be tremendously popular. Clara Morris, the great actress, appears for the first time, as a story-writer in a true tale taken out of her career, which she calls "John Hickey: Coachman." Lillian Bell's keen deals with Paris as

she sees it for the first time, and with the French, who inspire her to write with a fascinating sweep and dash. Five of our most famous clergymen—Cardinal Gibbons, Mr. Moody, the evangelist, "Jan Maclaren," Dr. Rainford and Robert Collyer—tell tersely and to the point what a religious life means to a young man, and how it affects his daily life and amusements. There are four short stories and Hamlin Garland's romance of "The Doctor"—the story of a man born to be "a friend of all women and a lover of none."

The successful feature, "The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife," is carried on, and discloses some astonishing phases of the highest social and official life in Washington as this wife of a Cabinet member saw them. Mrs. Rorer answers the question, "Do We Eat Too Much Meat?" and seems to prove that we do. An excellent "City Brick House for

\$1800" is given with plans and drawings—comfortable as any one might wish. Four pages are given to home parties and frolics, presenting every phase of home entertaining, fancy-dress parties for children, etc. The entire number has the glow of midwinter entertainment in it. By The Curtis Publishing Company. One dollar per year; ten cents per copy.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. Since I've had your Cough Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by W. C. Carmichael, druggist.

## OVERCOATS, Cut 'Em Down.

### A Merry Xmas The Holiday Spirit

Has taken possession of our store. Everything has on an air of gaiety. Our prices are the airiest of all. They are right enough to float old Kris Kringle into any home. We present a beautiful assortment of Men's Furnishings for inspection. All of them are suitable for gifts; some particularly so, such as Ties, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Gloves, Umbrellas, etc. You ought to see our holiday neckwear, especially before buying. The prices on these will be found as attractive as the goods. Ladies will find this a good place to buy.

What's nicer than an overcoat in winter time? The overcoat season has come in earnest, and in order to give our friends and patrons a chance to get an overcoat for Xmas we offer a big cut this week. One lot very heavy Chinchilla Ulsters, cut from \$15.00 to \$12.50. One lot heavy Irish Frieze brown with large velvet collars, cut from \$15.00 to \$12.50. One lot half-box Overcoats, black and dark grey, cut from \$9.00 to \$6.50. One lot Regular Overcoats, blue and black, cut from \$10.00 to \$7.00. Big line of Youth's and Young Men's Overcoats and Ulsters, in blacks, blues, gray and browns, ranging in price from \$3.00 to \$10.00. All going this week at TWENTY PER CENT. OFF. Will continue to cut Boy's Overcoats and Ulsters per last week's schedule. Only a few left.

## Shirts to Give Away

For half their real worth. We offer our entire line of cosmopolitan Shirts, in negligee, both with and without collars, also both with attached and detached cuffs, fancy bosoms, both plain and plaided, in fact any way you want them, at following prices: All \$2.50 and 2.00 grades for \$1.10. All \$1.50 and \$1.25 grades for 90c. All \$1.00 grades for 65c, or two for \$1.25.

## Something Nice

You can't find a better or larger assortment than this line. For Xmas, don't you think your husband, father, brother, son or best fellow would be delighted to receive one of our Bath Robes, Dressing Gowns, Smoking Jackets or fancy Vests? Certainly they would. You couldn't please them better, and then they are useful as well as ornamental.

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