

BLUE RIDGE BLADE.

MORGANTON, N. C., FEB. 1, 1879.

THE BLADE will be sent to such parties, only, as pay in advance at \$1 per annum, or six months for 75 cents. If the money is not paid in advance, the usual price will be charged. We offer this as an inducement for cash subscribers.

LOCAL.

We see Capt. Joe Mills in town. He reports all quiet in Blainetown.

We see that the town authorities are hard at work grading the walks. Keep on till the town is served.

The Editor of this paper is now erecting his Villa, and thinks of little else than the figures on a carpenter's square.

Mr. R. A. Cobb offers a valuable house and lot for sale at low figures. See "ad." This is very desirable property.

We hear on the streets that Wm. L. Harlin, Esq., will soon open a first-class family grocery house here.

Dr. J. L. Laxton will keep a full supply of garden and vegetable seed, which he will sell at reasonable figures either by the paper or in larger quantities.

Alla Corintha Winters, daughter of S. W. Winters, of this county, died on the 24th of December last after an affliction of seven years. Aged 26 years.

Married, in Lower Creek township, Burke county, N. C., January the 13th, 1878, at the residence of Markin Clay, Mr. W. H. Sloan to Miss Susan Clay.

Mr. Carleton Giles informs us that he has been very successful in soliciting contributions for the Church building at Turkey Tail, and the building is now progressing in an encouraging manner. He says the citizens of Morganton, especially, contributed very liberally.

Every day the country folks ask, "Well, what is the Legislature doing?" The answer is, "Retrenching and Reforming." Considerable interest is manifested in the Asylum. The best opinion is that the work is so far advanced that it can command strength enough in the Legislature to insure its early completion.

This fine weather will put folks in the notion of gardening—so like Spring time. Whether this be a "weather breeder" or not, we do not undertake to say, but we do know that, since the First Quarter last Thursday wrought no change, we may count on a dry time till the Fall. "Thar now."

Davis & Brother are agents for Caldwell's best Family Flour, and keep a superior article always on hand. They have also just received a lot of excellent crushed, powdered, granulated and brown sugars together with Java coffee, green and black teas, all of which they have marked down at half-price prices.

Mr. Isaac T. Avery, living about two miles from town had a horse stolen from his stable last Tuesday night. On Wednesday he tracked the horse into the neighborhood of Mr. Jno. Mace's, where he found him. The thief evidently rode the horse into this neighborhood and turned him loose, when the horse went to Mr. Mace's house.

The work on the new graded road from the McDowell ford bridge to town is progressing well. We ought to have at least one graded road through to the Mitchell and Watagua lines. And while on this subject we take occasion to say that the road from the Rocky ford bridge this way should be changed and brought to an easy grade, which would not cost much and prove of great benefit to our folks who live out in that direction.

Avery Plow. Having had repeated calls for and requests to order the celebrated Avery Plow by the best farmers in this country, we have now secured the Agency and will keep constantly on hand this valuable farming implement. 153-4. CLAYWELL, HOGAN & Co.

Linville Club. On Tuesday evening the Linville Club had quite a full and interesting meeting. Prof. Humphreys read a paper on the early formations and displayed a collection of very wonderful crystals &c. gathered in this section. He regards this immediate locality as one of the most interesting, geologically speaking, on the globe.

Teachers Association. Rev. R. L. Abernethy, who has been recently appointed by the Commissioners, County Examiner, requests us to state that he proposes at an early day to call a meeting of the teachers to assemble at Morganton for the purpose of forming a Teachers Association. He is desirous that there shall be a full turn out on the occasion both of teachers and intelligent friends of popular education. Whatever tends to improve the teachers will be of benefit to the pupils and should excite interest on the part of the public, generally.

The Committee. As is known to most of our readers the Burke member in the House asked for the appointment of a committee to investigate the affairs of the Western Railroad and the Asylum, and as a consequence Messrs. Snow, Davis and Cobb have been designated to do the job. Col. L. C. Jones is named as the Engineer to assist them. In answer to the inquiries of the numerous friends and admirers of our Representative, as to when the committee are coming, we are pained to say we have no information.

Is He a Murderer?

On last Saturday a telegram was received here from a Mr. Payne, at Hickory, describing a "one eyed Irishman" who had passed through that place on foot, following the line of the Railroad in this direction, whom Payne requested should be arrested and held as a murderer. Town Marshal Williams was started out on the watch and soon picked up a tramp answering the description. He was locked up to await a requisition. In a few hours after, here comes Payne, and to the astonishment of every one, he knows nothing of the alleged murderer or the prisoner, save that he saw a day or so before a hand bill posted over in Alexander somewhere, offering a large reward for the apprehension of a homicide away down East, somewhere—he did not know where or when. Hearing of a one eyed man passing Hickory, he concluded there was money in him, and put it as stated. When he got here "with his finger in his mouth," he was told he had to make some sort of showing before he would be allowed to carry the man away. He has gone back to get information and authority, meanwhile the stranger is in duress. One eyed men, beware of Payne!

A gentleman in Florida writing to Dr. Pearson, of this place, says: Since last July I have been thinking of your section of the country until it has become almost a fever. I first studied your geographical situation, and the more I thought over it the more favorably I became impressed with it. You are protected from that blustering, cold Northwest by three ranges of mountains so that you must be more protected from severe cold and sudden changes than Northern Georgia, where those ranges of mountains break. Am I right? I must get away from the Sea Coast. The Northwest is as much too dry and bracing as the Coast is too damp, and I am fully determined to become a "Tardheel," for I think far will heat me.

What is the nature of your soil? I suppose it will produce fruit and vegetables. Have you a newspaper? That is what you need. If your section would make one quarter the effort towards irrigation that Florida does, your country would be as densely populated as any section of the land, in a few years.

This is evidently from a thoughtful and intelligent man. He is a New Yorker who went to Florida less than two years ago, and altho' he has done well there, he thinks this is a better country. We all know that he is correct in his notions about the protection afforded by the mountains on the West and North of us. Fruits in profusion grow to perfection here, and all the vegetables as well. All the cereals and grasses are grown and stock raising can be profitably followed. The soil is good, the air pure and people clever.

Said us in ten thousand industries honest settlers—mechanics, farmers, &c.

"Will it pay to keep a cow, in village or city?" asks a reader of the American Agriculturist, a professional man, living in a village. He "has a stable, can get pasturage during six summer months at 37 cents a week; a boy will drive the cow to and from pasture, and milk her night and morning, and feed and milk her in winter for one-sixth of her milk. Hay costs \$12 a ton; bran, 14 cents per lb. I can buy milk at 4 cents per quart, or sell any surplus to neighbors at the same price."—A fair cow ought to average 10 quarts a day, 270 days in the year, or 2,700 quarts. Deducting one-sixth, or say, 500 quarts, for the boy, leaves 2,200 quarts, at 4 cents, equal to \$88. Six months' pasturage, \$10; equal to 3 tons of hay, \$36; 1,000 lbs. bran, or 6 lbs. a day for six months, \$13. Total cost, \$58. Profit, \$30. The value of the calf, and especially of the manure, should be worth much more than the risk and any depreciation in value.

At these figures of cost, the cow would pay \$8 profit, reckoning the milk at only 3 cents per quart. The best profit would come thus: Buy in spring a fresh milk-cow, a fair milk of common breed; keep her from breeding; milk her 6 to 8 months, or until she ceases to give 7 quarts or more a day; then dry her quickly, feeding a few bushels of corn meal, until she gets in good condition for beef, and sell her to the butcher. Farrow cows thus treated, take on flesh very rapidly, and make very good beef, if only 6 to 8 years old. They will sell for nearly as much for beef as they cost in spring, and the winter's keep, and loss of three months' time are saved. We much prefer a farrow cow's milk, especially for younger children. A fresh, good milk cow, bought in autumn, will yield fairly during winter, and though farrow will keep up milk on summer pasture, and can be kept in autumn, or when she falls in profitable milk-fow. We should keep our own farrow cow, even if compelled to reside in a city, hire a stable, and feed hay, meal, and bran through the year.—American Agriculturist for January.

Seeds—Permit me to urge your farmer readers to avail themselves of the advantages offered at the Experiment Station for the free testing of seeds of all kinds. Our State papers are beginning to contain numbers of advertisements of garden seeds, &c., for sale. Let our farmers send a sample paper of their purchases, this Spring to the Station; they will be tested for them, and they will receive a certificate reporting the quality and germinating power, and also the per centage of weed seeds mixed with them. The only expense will be a three cent stamp. Send samples of garden seeds, grass seeds, clover seed, &c., &c.

Also let me again call attention to the free testing of CHEMICALS at the Station. Send for circulars and directions for sampling. Yours sincerely, S. R. LEROUX. State papers please copy. —Raleigh News.

Chow Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco. 114-ly.

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About that Surgical Operation.

As there has been considerable talk of the wonderful operation performed in removing the jaw bone of Mrs. Dobson, we give below her statement:

"In 1869 my lower jaw bone became diseased on the right side around the two back teeth. For three years the pain simulating tooth-ache, at the end of which time I had both teeth extracted, thinking that would put an end to the trouble; but soon after this a discharge set in, and the disease still advanced giving me much pain during the next six years. I visited several physicians getting but little satisfaction in regard to the nature of the disease or relief from pain. Some prescribed the local application of creosote and iodine to check the disease, but all in vain, and the fall of 1878 Dr. Whiteside, of Briggewater, was called to visit me, being under the impression that he could do nothing more than give temporary relief, when he pronounced it an ulcerative process of the bone and, to my surprise, told me there was a chance for me to get finally cured by undergoing a surgical operation to remove the diseased bone. At this time the disease had advanced beyond the chin upon the left side, the discharge being very profuse. The pain, at times, almost unbearable. I readily gave my assent to submit to any procedure to obtain relief. Dr. Collett, of Morganton, was the chosen one to assist in the operation, and on the 23rd of November they met, and after submitting me to the influence of chloroform they removed the affected bone, disarticulating from the head upon the right, extending so far as the eye-tooth upon the left side. Since the operation I have been entirely free from pain and I am happy to say about well. Can now chew very well on the other side.—May the Doctors live a long and happy life. I can never forget them. Mrs. E. DOBSON.

For the Blade. GRIFFIN, GA., Jan. 22nd, 1879. Mr. Editor.—In your issue of the 18th inst. I see an account of a meeting held at Morganton to consider the propriety of repealing your present Homestead Law. Being thoroughly impressed with the wisdom of this move, I trust I will be pardoned, (notwithstanding I am an outsider for saying a few words in favor of its repeal, or at least of a material relaxation of the exemption allowed.

I have had no little experience since the war, both in North Carolina, and in Georgia, as farmer, merchant and banker, and it is my deliberate conviction that the Homestead and Bankrupt laws have been the chief curses inflicted upon our material prosperity by reconstruction. The Homestead Law is a delusion, and a fraud. An honest man will not avail himself of its provisions except under extreme circumstances, and in nineteen cases out of twenty, when a honest man does so, he is forced to it by dishonest parties availing themselves of this law to avoid paying him. One of the worst and most injurious features of this law is that it places a premium on dishonesty, and causes credit and interest to be high. The man who does not admit that cheap credit and low interest, (which are really identical), are essential to the prosperity of a civilized people, in my humble opinion knows nothing of political economy. A large majority of our people being poor, and compelled to have credit are forced by reason of the risk attending all credit transactions, to pay not only a legitimate interest or profit, but are forced to pay much more for the risk attending the same, consequently the poor are kept poor, and the rich are not prosperous. Justice and charity are both good things. Justice however should be done by the law before charity begins. Honest laws make honest men, and a prompt collection law teaches man prudence, vigilance and thrift. An honest man, by industry and economy, rarely fails to support those dependent upon him, while the dishonest lives carelessly and extravagantly, knowing that the State has provided a law that will enable him to discharge his indebtedness without personal sacrifice, and still allow him the doubtful privilege of claiming to be honest because he is only a rogue according to law. NORTH CAROLINIAN.

[From the Lynchburg Virginian, 24th. \$5,000 Found in a Tree. A treasure up a tree was seen in the watches of the night by a peddler, who was sleeping in a farm house in the Shennandoah Valley. He told his dream to the farmer next morning, and on three successive nights he had the same vision. Then he prevailed on the farmer to accompany him to the forest, where he pointed out a large oak tree as the one he had seen in his dream. It was apparently sound at the butt, but about twenty feet up a limb had been broken off. The farmer did not feel like hammering what he supposed to be a superstitious whim, but the old fellow seemed to have confidence in his vision, and offered him one-half the spoils if he would help him cut down the tree. When the tree fell there was a rattle of coin near where the limb had been broken off, and a small hollow was found there. By a little chopping a larger cavity was found, and within was a mass of silver. Both seemed wild with delight, and on counting up found that the pile amounted to \$5,000. The peddler expressed his unwillingness to carry around so much silver in his pocket, and inquired where he would be likely to get quinbacks for his share. The farmer, having considerable money in his house, immediately transferred to

the peddler \$2,500 in paper money and took charge of the entire lot of silver. The peddler disappeared, and when his partner attempted to pass some of the silver, lo! it was counterfeit. He was the victim of a gang of coiners.

It makes a person feel sad to hear a crying baby, suffering probably from some slight pain, which could be easily relieved by the use of Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup, which is for sale at all drug stores.

Remember That you can buy any kind of leather you may want of ASBURY & PARLIER, 138-4.

Land for Sale.

I OFFER for sale 100 acres of land lying on both sides of the old Eutherford road, five miles from Morganton, and known as the "Lyon's Place." It has a fine growth of forest timber, is well watered and has a gold mine upon it. It can be bought privately at any time between now and our March court. Terms—half cash and balance easy payments. ALEX. DUCKWORTH.

LOOK! If you desire to purchase a first-class Sewing Machine call and examine the New American on exhibition at Claywell, Hagan & Co. 153-3wa. P. F. HOGAN, Agent.

H. SCOTT & CO., HICKORY, N. C.

Dealers in General Merchandise are now offering great inducements in HATS, SHOES, PIECE GOODS, GROCERIES, &c. The attention of Merchants replenishing their Stock is especially solicited.

They are Prepared to Offer Bargains. 153-3mos.

S. J. Ervin ATTORNEY AT LAW, Morganton, N. C.

WILL practice in the counties of Burke, Catawba, N. Dowell, Caldwell and Mitchell, or wherever his services are desired. Suits brought and collections made. 151-4.

Valuable Home and Lot for Sale.

Being desirous of locating two miles from town I offer a rare chance to a person wishing to purchase good property in town. I will sell my house and lot, containing 4 acres of land, all in a high state of cultivation, a good stable, with a fine lot attached, good trees, &c. with the best well water in town, the yard well set with evergreen grass, densely set with wild locust shade trees. All of the above can be bought for \$500 dollars, 600 dollars will be required down, the balance a reasonable time will be given. For further particulars call at the Board office or on me at residence. R. A. COBB, Morganton, Jan. 18th, '79. 141.

A. P. Chandler, MANUFACTURER OF PLAIN TINWARE, SHEET IRON PANS, STOVE PIPES, &c.

Roofing and Guttering a Specialty. All work guaranteed to give Satisfaction. Prices Low to suit the Times. 148-ly.

Wanted. 500 Walnut Logs,

8 feet long (and upwards) hewn to square not less than thirteen inches, for which I will pay One Dollar and Fifty Cents per hundred feet delivered at any depot on the W. N. C. R. R. Address, R. E. CALLAWAY, 144-4. Morganton, N. C.



NATIONAL HOTEL, 47 Grand Street, Near Broadway, New York.

HOTCHKISS & POND, Proprietors. On the European Plan. The restaurant, cafe and lunch room attached, are unsurpassed for cheapness and excellence of service. Rooms 20 cts. to \$2 per day; \$3 to \$10 per week. Convenient to all ferries and city railroads. New Furniture. New Management. 151-ly.

DAVIS & BROTHER

Wish to inform the people that they now have in store by far the largest and most Complete Stock of Goods

they have ever had, and they want it distinctly understood that they will sell goods as Cheap in Morganton

as they can be bought elsewhere, notwithstanding all that has been said in praise of other towns.

They Pay Cash

in buying their Stock and have dealt here long enough to know the class of

Goods the People Want,

and their facilities for doing a first-class business is SURPASSED BY NONE.

They are able and will positively protect all who give them their trade.

It is true the price of produce is low, but they think they can

PAY AS MUCH

for it as can be realized in this section.

They are agents for the Remington Plow Co., D. M. Ferry & Co.'s seeds, and for a Tannery. Keep all kinds of leather.

SPECIAL RATES GIVEN WHEN PARTIES INVEST \$5 OR MORE AT A TIME.

To the thousands who have given us their trade in the past, we return our thanks, and to all we earnestly say,

GIVE US A TRIAL

before going elsewhere, and we guarantee Satisfaction. 145-ly.

Gilbert's DIPHTHERIA SPECIFIC!

It Never Fails to CURE!!

During four years' constant study and practice for the cure of that terror of terrors, Diphtheria,

the undersigned has discovered a certain, safe and never failing remedy. It is mild and pleasant to the taste. Can be administered to Infants WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

No caustics required. The remedy is as simple as mild as cold water.

A single trial will be a sufficient recommendation WHERE IT IS NOT KNOWN.

This remedy is put up in one ounce packages, in order that it can be sent through the mail to any part of the Country for the small sum of ONE DOLLAR per package, and one package will be sufficient in the majority of cases to cure one patient. It sent by mail, ten cents extra must be sent with the order to prepay postage.

Each package is accompanied with full and plain directions and instructions for managing the patient.

Try it. It will prove a blessing to your children. It is no humbug. If no agents call on you, send orders to me, and the remedy will be sent at once Address Dr. W. W. GILBERT, BRINDLETON P. O., BURKE CO. N. C. 3mos—Nov 2

Special Notice to Farmers.

All enterprising farmers should send to WEEKS, BELL & CO., 301 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for circular concerning their new Agricultural Broadcast Sower, which they have opened in this city. They offer to ship anything in the agricultural line, no matter how small the order, at wholesale cost, direct to your doors, free of freight charges. They also offer to farmers the Sower's extra Shelter for the nominal sum of two dollars. It is the best hand machine in the market, will shell one hundred bushels of corn per day; any boy or girl on the farm can use it; it is nearly most durable machine in use. They also offer their Philadelphia Broadcast Seed Sower for six dollars, twelve hundred of which are now in use. Every farmer should have one.

Special notice given to reliable farmers who will act as agents. Cash must accompany order. Send all money by post office money order, registered letter, or express. Circulars mailed free to every farmer in the United States on application to WEEKS, BELL & CO., 301 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 152-4wa.

A New and First-Class Drug Store

Morganton, N. C.

Humphreys & Royster, Chemists and Druggists,

With their systematic intention to supply a long felt want of the people of Burke and adjacent counties, now invite public attention to their full stock of Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, &c., Lamps and Lamp Goods, White Lead, Glass, Putty, Kerosene and Safety Oil, Toilet Articles, Perfumery, Trusses and Supporters, Brushes and Combs, Stationery, &c.

in the building recently occupied by Kibler & Clayton on Prince street and near the Court House green.

As the Proprietors shall regularly order from first-class houses North, they will have only

The best, the purest and the freshest Drugs and Chemicals,

both for compounding and for the Wholesale Trade; to which significant and most important fact the Physicians throughout this section are respectfully referred. Prescriptions carefully filled, day and night. Orders from a distance solicited and promptly attended to. Wilmington, Raleigh, Charlotte and Salisbury prices duplicated. We refer to Messrs. Hall Bros., of Hickory, N. C. 121-6mos.

T. S. CROWSON, Wadesboro, N. C., COMMISSION MERCHANT, and dealer in GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Solicits consignments of all kinds of mountain produce.

Correspondence invited.

Refers to Cashier Bank, Wadesboro, N. C., and to the business men of Wadesboro, N. C.

BEST business you can engage in, \$3 to \$20 per day made by any worker of either sex, right in their own localities. Particulars and samples worth \$5 free. Improve your spare time at this business. Address STINSON & Co., Portland, Maine.

AGENTS MAKE MONEY pleasantly and fast, address FINLEY, HART & Co., Atlanta, Ga.

NATIONAL HOTEL, SALISBURY, N. C.

Delightfully situated in the centre of all City, and Accessible to all Business Houses. M. SCHLOSS, Prop'r.

New Store AND NEW GOODS.

The undersigned would inform the people in the neighborhood of PERKINSVILLE that they have opened out a full

STOCK OF GOODS

at their new store-house, River-Side, and will constantly keep on hand such goods as the people may need, and will sell as Cheap as the Cheapest, and keep the BEST GRADE of GOODS in their line.

The good people of this section will no longer find it necessary to go off to market, as we will buy your

Produce

in your own neighborhood. Try us, and we guarantee you will be satisfied. R. P. LANTON & Co.

DR. J. LOWENSTEIN, SURGEON DENTIST,

Will establish an office at Morganton, in connection with the school at Hickory, and will serve the people of this country, either at Morganton or at the school, if desired. He will hold office in the local columns of the Blade when you can find him in Morganton.

Wine! Wine!! Wine!!!

THE undersigned is now preparing to fill orders on short notice for the Best and Purest Native Wines,

made by himself at his vineyard in Davis County. Correspondence solicited. Address, Geo. W. Johnson, Farmington, Davis co., N. C. 121-6mos.

Piedmont Stock Farm, HICKORY, N. C.

The undersigned calls attention to his pure bred P. and China, Berkshire and Essex Pigs, now for sale at his farm near Hickory. The blood of my stock is as pure as Northern stock and will be sold for less money. D. W. ROWE, 123-ly.

Wheat! Wheat! Wheat

The highest market price will be paid in cash for wheat. Call on or address, D. W. ROWE, Hickory, N. C. 123-ly.

Wanted

AT once, a good man to introduce our publications in this county, either on a commission or salary. Address, GEN. AGENT, NATIONAL PUB. CO., Raleigh, N. C.

Insure Your Property IN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOME Insurance Company.

ESTABLISHED IN 1865. Losses paid in nine years, \$175,000. A North Carolina Company. J. G. WILLIAMS, Pres't. W. H. CROW, Vice-Pres't. W. S. PARSONS, Sec'y. J. DEVEREUX, Supervisor. Morganton, N. C. J. A. DICKSON, Ag't.

Time Table W. N. C. R. R.

To take effect 6:30 a. m., Thursday, October 17th, 1878.

Table with columns: GOING WEST, Leave, Arrive, and GOING EAST, Arrive, Leave. Lists train schedules between Salisbury, Hickory, and other stations.

A., T. & O. R. R.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 25th, 1878. ON and after Monday, September 30th, the following Schedule will be run over this road daily (Sunday excepted):

Table with columns: GOING NORTH, Leave Charlotte, Arrive Statesville, and GOING SOUTH, Leave Statesville, Arrive Charlotte. Lists train schedules.

Close connection made at Statesville with trains over the W. N. C. R. R.

All charges must be prepaid on Freight offered for shipment to Section House, Henderson's Alexandria and Caldwell's. These being "Flag Stations," the Company is not liable for loss, or damage to freight after it is unloaded at either of the above named "Flag Stations."

No freight will be received by Agents for shipment unless the name of consignee and destination is distinctly marked thereon. J. J. GORMLEY, Superintendent.

\$60 a week in your own town. \$5 Out-let free. No risk. Reader, if you want a business at which persons of either sex can make great pay all the time they work, write for particulars to H. HALLWAY & Co., Portland, Maine.

DAWSON & CO., CAROLINA REAL ESTATE AGENCY, Charlotte, N. C.

WE buy and sell all kinds of REAL ESTATE ON COMMISSION. Have agents North working up emigration for this section.

We advertise more extensively than any other agency in the Country so that our chances for selling lands are superior to any other agency.

We make no charge if no sale is made. We solicit correspondence with those having real estate to sell.

We want a number of farms to fill orders. A. L. LINDSEY wanted in every county. Send for our paper the Southland, 5000 copies published monthly. DAWSON & CO.

Tonsorial.

The undersigned having fitted up a room in the row of offices attached to the Walton House, would respectfully solicit the patronage of the people of Morganton. He prepared to shave or cut hair. 3mos—Nov 2. W. S. ALLEN.

Blank Seeds for sale at this Office.