

Local News.

—A month and a half until Christmas.

—Quarterly Meeting for Burke circuit embraces Saturday and Sunday next.

—Mr. J. A. Hunt has least the Mountain Hotel until the 5th of January next.

—Mr. F. R. Tilley, of North Carolina, is clerk in Mr. W. G. Hogan's store.

—We have had thunder, lightning storms and abundance of rain for the past ten days.

—Messrs. S. D. Dunevant, Alex Perry, also Jones Ervin (col.) each lost a horse last week.

—Mr. T. Gordon is moving his goods into the store-room formally occupied by Huffman Bros.

—The X mark on your paper means that your subscription is due and we need the money.

—Miss Rebecca Miller, of Asheville, sister to Mrs. Johnson Jones, is visiting at Mr. H. B. Sprague's.

—The pastor of the Methodist church will hold special service Sunday night upon a special subject.

—Mrs. J. A. Hunt has had a severe attack of typhoid fever. We are glad to note that she is convalescing.

—Master Horace Payne has a clerkship in the post-office at this place, and is very attentive to his duties.

—Mr. E. F. Reid has again become identified with the Furniture Factory. The firm is now Wilson & Reid.

—Mr. A. P. Chandler has moved his tin-shop into the store-room formally occupied by Mr. H. B. Sprague.

—Don't forget the oyster supper at the Seagle corner next Thursday night. Enough will be prepared for little folks and all.

—About half of the rock wall placed in "Break-neck" by the Town Commissioners washed away during the recent rains.

—Young men, be sure to send a note to your girl in time for the oyster supper next Thursday night. She will be expecting it.

—We acknowledge a complimentary ticket to the fair given by the North Carolina Industrial Association at Raleigh, N. C., this week.

—Married, at Finney's Chapel, Glen Alpine Station, 12th inst., Mr. Charlie Tate to Miss Jane E. Hunter, Rev. J. N. Payne officiating.

—Died, of asthma, Tuesday, Nov. 10th, Mrs. W. W. Wall, of this county, who leaves a family and many relatives to mourn their loss.

—James Garrison, son of Thos. Garrison, got into a difficulty with a cousin of his in South Carolina and received a severe cut in the leg by an axe.

—The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church will give an oyster supper at the Seagle corner Thursday night, the 19th inst.

—Col. Tate broke dirt Wednesday commencing the building of rooms for the post-office, drug-store, jewelry-store, &c., on the corner adjoining the Academy.

—"No more walking nor plowing of bulls" for Capt. Briston, for he has bought a horse—as he says—of the "three-for-a-dollar kind, with ample room for outcome.

—Mr. Wm. Phillips returned from Kansas Sunday night in bad health, sufficiently amused and more than willing to make old "Rip Van Winkle" his future home.

—Prof. L. F. Shuford will begin a second term writing school at Glen Alpine Station the 23rd of this month. Students are expected to be present at the first lesson.

—It is rumored that we are to have a telephone from the depot up into town. The thought of the new railroad is giving a new impetus to everything and everybody.

—See Dr. Tull's card on the railroad in another column. The Dr. is a sensible man. He views both sides of a question and when satisfied he is right he then goes ahead.

—The stewards of the Morganton circuit will meet at the Metho-

dist church, Saturday at 11 A. M. to settle up the finances of the circuit for the year. A full attendance is requested.

—We ask our subscribers to excuse our temporary main heading this week. We have ordered a new one, the same style as heretofore used, which will arrive in time for next week's issue.

—Dr. F. T. Foote, of Philadelphia, who has the largest collection of minerals in the world, was in town last week. He called on Mr. Robt. Claywell our local mineralogist, who has some rare collections.

—See the new half double column advertisement of Mr. Penrose Baldwin, of Lenoir, in another column. Mr. Baldwin was formally of our town and made many friends during his stay. When you want anything in the book line send him your orders or call on him personally.

—Gov. A. M. Scales joins President Cleveland and issues his proclamation to all the people of the State to observe Nov. 26th as a day of thanksgiving and prayer for the many blessings we have received as a State and nation. We hope our people, one and all, will observe the day.

—We commence that thrilling and beautiful story "Called Back" this week, and as many of our readers were not subscribers to the *Blade* (which paper ran three chapters of the same), we commence with the first chapter. Now if you want the full benefit of this very interesting story you ought to subscribe for the STAR for 12 months, and in addition to the above we will have some able writers every week, so that our columns will be interspersed with spicy and humorous stories, also contain all the latest news both State and national.

—Fitzhugh Lee Hayes, the little son of Cap. Hayes, 5th U. S. Cavalry, the officer who nursed and took care of General Fitz Lee when shot by the Indians in Texas, sent the following dispatch to the Governor-elect of Virginia from Morganton: MORGANTON, N. C., Nov. 5, 1885. To Governor Fitzhugh Lee:—Accept my warm congratulations. FITZHUGH LEE HAYES. To which he received the following kind reply: ALEXANDRIA, VA., Nov. 7, 1885. To Fitzhugh Lee Hayes:—I highly appreciate the telegram of my little namesake and send my love to him, and his father and his mother. FITZHUGH LEE.

**Asylum Physician.**  
On the second Wednesday in December the Board of Directors of the Western North Carolina Insane Asylum, near Morganton, will elect a second Assistant Physician for that Institution. Persons desiring the place will forward their applications to W. J. Yates, President of the Board, Charlotte, N. C., or to Dr. P. L. Murphy, Superintendent, Morganton, N. C.

**More Improvements.**  
Our wide-awake townsman Mr. J. H. Pearson is erecting, in front of his cash warehouse, large platform scales to weigh cattle, hay and any kind of produce in bulk or on wagon.

Mr. S. D. Dunevant is making extensive improvements at his livery stable—building a reception-room, &c.

The town authorities are improving the side-walks on Lenoir street.

Rev. J. N. Payne is using the paint-brush on his new residence on Depot street.

**Directors Meeting.**  
The directors of the Western Asylum met last Friday. Dr. Murphy, Sup't, reported 19 patients cured and discharged.

The directors ordered a telephone line to be erected from the Asylum to the depot, which will be done at once.

In view of the north wing being completed early in the spring, a second assistant surgeon will be elected in December. We learn that the directors have decided to elect a young man or one without a family. So boys if you are engaged and want this place you had better see your girl and ask for longer time.

**From the Lenoir Topic.**  
Mr. J. B. Ervin tells us that the apples displayed by him at the Chester fair took the premium.

The train now reaches Lenoir a little earlier in the morning and leaves a little earlier in the evening.

Mr. Eugene L. Harris, of Raleigh, has painted a picture of Blowing Rock with John's River valley and mountains in the distant, which is

being praised by the State press.

Mr. L. A. Ramsey, of Morganton, was water-bound at Mr. T. W. Setzer's, on this side of Hartland, Friday night. In attempting to cross the booming creek, near Mr. Setzer's Saturday, his horse had to swim, his buggy floated and he lost about \$40 worth of photographic material.

**Wood Subscribers.**  
Several of our State exchanges have a list of "wood subscribers"—that is, those who pay their subscriptions in wood. It is dreadful to think of the effect that might be produced if all these subscribers should bring in their wood at one time.—*Wilmington Star*.

This shows how little our contemporary knows about the subject in hand. We will give it a chromo if it can bring forward a well authenticated instance where any of the interesting class of which it speaks ever hauled any wood. That is why they are called "wood subscribers."—*Landmark*.

The MORGANTON STAR has a number of the same class of men—"wood subscribers." They are the first to complain if the STAR should be a little behind time, and every time we see them they will say: "You may look for that wood next week. Where do you want it delivered?" And if that was our dependence for fire we would freeze to death sure enough.

**Railroad Meeting—Public Speaking.**  
Col. S. McD. Tate, D. C. Pearson, A. C. Avery, S. J. Ervin, I. T. Avery, Joseph Brittain, R. A. Cobb and R. N. Kincaid will canvass Burke county and address the people on the question of the proposed railroad subscription at the following times and places, viz: Icard Station, Tuesday, Dec. 1st; Bailey's Store, Wednesday, Dec. 2nd; Warlick's Mill, Thursday, Dec. 3rd; Peter Mull's Store (Lower Fork), Friday, Dec. 4th; Flippersville (Upper Fork), Saturday, Dec. 5th; Pressell's Mill, Monday, Dec. 7th; Logan Rich's (Silver Creek), Tuesday, Dec. 8th; Glen Alpine, Wednesday, Dec. 9th; Bridgewater, Thursday, Dec. 10th; Berry's Mill, Friday, Dec. 11th; Table Rock, Saturday, Dec. 12; Warrior Ford, Monday, Dec. 14th; Oak Hill, Tuesday, Dec. 15th; Hood's Store, Wednesday, Dec. 16th; Tuttle's X Roads, Thursday, Dec. 17th; Tilley's Mill, Friday, Dec. 18th; Morganton, Saturday, Dec. 19th.

Debate is invited and may be expected.

**To the Voters of Burke County:**  
GENTLEMEN:—Some time ago, when the levying of a tax was first spoken of I was bitterly opposed to any scheme by which a railroad was to be built at the expense of the county, and some persons went so far as to doubt my motive in opposing the tax. On investigation I find, from what I consider a very reliable source, that should the railroad be built as proposed it will be by a competing line and by a company amply able to carry out the project and with no likelihood of its being absorbed by the present system of railroads running through our county. Of course fifty thousand dollars to build and equip a railroad fifty miles long in a mountainous country would be but a drop in the bucket, and the interest of fifty thousand dollars divided among the tax-payers of our county would be very little extra for each tax-payer, and nothing, we might say, considering we are able to levy a tax from the railroad company more than sufficient to meet the interest on the bonds.

Business is almost at a standstill now, and unless we can get something in the shape of internal improvement, I don't see what our citizens are to do, especially the laboring classes; and everybody knows that to build a road like the above will cost over one million dollars, and will add over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to our taxable property, thereby eventually decreasing our taxes.

Lastly, it remains with the people of the county as to how the affairs shall be administered, and if we exercise the same care we exercise in our own private affairs in the management of the county's business, there should not be the slightest trouble in paying our debts within the allotted time without injuring the smallest tax-payer in the county. This opportunity seems to be the only chance to get a railroad, and as our neighboring counties are holding out great inducements, we must look the thing squarely in the face and vote accordingly.

In conclusion I would say that for fear that my influence might be misdirected, I take this method of informing my friends of the stand I take in the matter of voting a fifty thousand dollars tax to help build a railroad according to the plans set forth in the call for the election.

Thanking the STAR for its kindness in allowing me the use of its columns, I am  
Very Respectfully,  
JOHN TULL.

Arbuckles Arosia Roasted Coffee fresh and fine for sale at R. B. Brittain & Co.'s

**From Rutherford College.**  
*Editor Morganton Star:*  
Allow me to say in the outset that we are very much gratified with the continued improvement of the STAR. It comes to us every week brim full of news. We predicted for it nothing short of a grand success, in the beginning.

I would like to say something about the railroad, but I expect your waste-basket is now filled with "tin guns" upon that subject. Though I am sorry to inform you that there are some among us who are opposed to the prosperity of Burke county. One man said: "Railroads hain't no count no how, 'cause I can haul my truck to and from Charlotte cheaper than on the railroad." I bid the "gentlemen" good-day at once, because I was afraid he would convince me that railroads were a public nuisance.

Mr. Mallard, of Atlanta, Ga., traveling salesman for the celebrated bed-springs, has sold the county rights of Burke, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey to Belk and sons, of this place. Now, if you want to "lie good," call on them.

Mr. G. W. Henry has opened out a select stock of goods at the stand formerly occupied by H. M. Johnson. Mr. Jones carries also a good stock of goods.

Mr. J. M. Kincaid, our popular and polite P. M., has added dry-goods to his stock of family groceries.

To say the least, Rutherford College is on a boom. One family has recently been added to the inhabitants, and three more will be shortly. The Dr. tells us if all comes that have written, he don't know what he will do with them. We are satisfied from present outlook that next term will be the largest school ever known at this place. We bid it God speed. The good that has been and yet will be accomplished at this fount of knowledge, eternity alone will tell. The hundreds of young men who have received gratuitous education; the thirty odd who are standing in the sacred desk presenting truth and salvation to their flocks; the thousands of dollars given away for the benefit of education, are not taken as naught by Him who overrules all things. The day is coming when he who has so faithfully labored for the indigent, will be amply rewarded.

The societies are preparing for the winter commencement. The following were elected to represent the Platonic Society Dec. 18th: Messrs. T. F. Drury, Morganton, N. C.; L. S. Flow, Charlotte, N. C.; J. H. Shore, Winston, N. C.; L. A. Falls, Rutherford College, N. C.

The following marshals were elected: Messrs. C. M. Perrow, Lynchburg, Va.; W. C. Gibbs, Bridgewater, N. C.; W. M. Koons, Lexington, N. C.

Hope to see the STAR represented then.  
EEL.

H. B. Sprague having removed to opposite the postoffice invites his old customers and as many new ones as will favor him with a call. The goods he offers will be as low as can be offered for cash or barter. New goods just received.

We claim the nicest line of Toilet Soap ever offered on this market, and cheap at half the money.

R. B. BRITAIN & CO.  
Over five hundred of those Paton Cooking Stoves now in use in Burke and surrounding counties for sale by T. I. Gillam & Co.

There's no use talking about Clothing. We won't be undersold in any market.

R. B. BRITAIN & CO.  
If you want a stove for your parlor, dining-room, kitchen, school-house, or church, go to T. I. Gillam & Co.'s.

The biggest thing on Soap at R. B. Brittain & Co.'s. 6 large cakes for 25 cents and one thrown in. This offer is for cash only.

**IF YOU** want to trade with the best class of citizens in Burke and adjoining counties, put your advertisement in the STAR and let the people know where you are.

**Notice.**  
By virtue of a Ven. Ex. in my hands for collection, I will sell at the Court House door in Morganton, N. C., for cash, on Monday, 7th day of Dec., 1885, 50 acres of land lying in Silver Creek township adjoining lands of J. R. Byram and others. Sold as the property of Jacob M. Kesson, col., to satisfy the taxes on said land for the year 1884.  
J. A. LACKEY, SHERIFF.

**H. B. Sprague,**  
**GROCERIES & PROVISIONS,**  
at half ordinary price. Wash-Pans at 5 cents each. 2 quart covered buckets 10 cents, and other things in proportion.

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The standard works of the world's most noted authors, at prices never before heard of.

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—§§—  
**CLAYWELL BROS.**  
want all the dried fruit they can get. They will pay best prices for them and during the fruit season will offer special inducements in all kinds of goods.

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**A Lot of**  
**STYLISH CLOTHING**  
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LAWNS,  
DRESS GOODS,  
STRAW HATS,  
—and all kinds of—  
**Summer Goods!**  
—AT—  
**Reduced Prices.**  
—§§—  
**Tinware**  
at half ordinary price. Wash-Pans at 5 cents each. 2 quart covered buckets 10 cents, and other things in proportion.

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**THE NEW RAILROAD.**  
It is yet a question with the people of Burke whether or not they will vote a tax of Fifty or Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars to build or help along the new Railroad from Shelby to Morganton. But let things and issues go as they may we still continue to receive and open out

**NEW FALL GOODS.**  
One of our firm has just returned from the Northern markets. He caught the new impetus and bought a large and complete stock of goods.

**A GREAT TRADING BOOM**  
has opened up again in the North. The business men in the great centres of trade say things are much improved; business has opened with a rush and is working South, —with such prospects we have bought heavy, hoping the wave will reach our section by the time our goods are in.  
We call special attention to our

**Dry Goods and Notion Department.**  
the Latest Styles in Dress Goods and Fancy Notions; a complete assortment in Hosiery and Woolen Goods; Underwear for Ladies, Gentlemen, Girls, Boys, Children and Babies. We have all the nice Flannels, Shawls, Jerseys, Newmarkets,—in fact cloaks and wraps in variety; Dress Trimmings, handsome Silk Velvets—all the New Shades.

White Goods, Neckwear, Lace, Embroidery—Silk, Linen and Cotton, Rubber Goods, Gents' Rubber Coats, Shoes, Boots, Leggings, Ladies Rubbers in variety.

**CLOTHING.**  
In this department we defy competition. With twenty years' experience with spot cash we claim bottom.

**PIECE GOODS.**  
In this line we claim the cake. We handle the celebrated Salem Cassimeres and Jeans in quantities direct from the factory, knocking out all middle profits.  
Remember we are dealers in

**General Merchandise.**  
Groceries, Family Supplies, &c. A handsome line of Dinner and Tea Sets—all the new styles; a variety in Queensware, Tinware, Willowware, &c., &c.

**Hats**  
we get direct from the largest hat emporium in the U. S. made for us in all the new styles, cut and shined down by discount and hard pan cash, 'til they are the cheapest we have ever seen.  
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