

Arrival of Trains at Marion.
SOUTHERN RAILWAY (Eastern time)-No. 15, west, due 1:12 p. m. East No. 16, west, due 4:17 p. m. No. 12, east, due 4:12 p. m. Local freight (except passenger) east, due 12:20 p. m. west, due 4:12 p. m. N. & C. Railway passenger arrives 12:30 p. m. daily, leaves 2 p. m.

LOCAL NEWS.

Christmas two weeks from today.
Read over our advertisements for bargains for Christmas times.
Soon Father Time will ring out the old and ring in the new year.
After the cold snap, we have had some most ideal, lovely days this week.
Look for Miss Edwards' advertisement and get some of the bargains she offers.
A small drove of horses came in on Saturday from Tennessee, on the way to South Carolina.
Messrs. Chew & Morris dealers in lumber and export logs, have rented offices over the drug-store.
If you have not done so, arrange to open the new year by taking a county paper. See our cheap club rates.
We are very glad indeed to learn that Mr. Alfonso Avery, of Morganton, is recovering from the injury he lately received.
Messrs. Dysart and Blanton, trustees, have land advertised in this issue to be sold on the first Monday in January, 1897.
Rev. J. S. Corpening will occupy the same churches on the same days as did Rev. Dr. Landrum. He preaches at Bridgewater on next Sabbath.
Rumor tells us that we hear, or that we will hear, gently and lively the tinkling of distant marriage bells—that the sound will become more distinct about the ices of Xmas.
One hundred and two hogs were driven to town on Monday from Mitchell county, belonging to Mr. Calvin Wood, on Grassy Creek. They were penned for shipment to a distant market.
We regret to learn that Mrs. Reed, on Armstrong Creek, Turkey Cove, accidentally fell from a chair a few days since, breaking one of her arms. But she is doing well since it was reset by Dr. Cheek.
Quite a number of colored people came up on the O. R. & C. Road on Tuesday. They had been in attendance upon the conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church of Western North Carolina at Rutherfordton.
"Pointo," Mr. Ceph Blanton's most excellent black bird dog was run over by the train near Greenlee's switch on last Friday. He sustained a severe injury in the breaking of one of his legs. But he will be able to "set" birds soon.
We call attention to the change in the ad. of that most reliable shoe house, at 4 Court Square, Asheville—Mr. J. Schaunberger. Call on him when in the city for the best shoes and a variety at reasonable prices, too.
On the first day of December, the missionary, Mrs. W. P. McCormick, a sister, Mrs. G. F. Chaney, landed at Shanghai, China. Her work will be out in the interior from that city, among those just on the opposite of this earthly ball from us.
Drs. Morphew & White considerably enlarge their advertisement this week to suit their large holiday stock of goods—and the largest, most beautiful and appropriate stock of the kind ever brought to Marion. Go and see for yourself.
The grade on the Blue Ridge above Old Fort averages two feet and three-tenths of a foot to the hundred feet incline, while on the Saluda Mountain between Asheville and Spartanburg, the incline for each hundred feet in length, is four feet, six inches.
The papers gave accounts of more snow to the east and two miles or so to the south of us last week than we had here. It was too cold, and the clouds had dropped most of the "beautiful and pure" before it reached us. It was hardly two inches here, but unusually cold for Dec. 1st.
Concord Presbytery is called by the moderator to meet in the First Presbyterian church of Concord, on Friday, Dec. 18th, at 12 M., to consider the resignation of Rev. R. V. Lancaster, of the Rocky River church, and, if the way be clear, to grant him a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Wilmington.
The Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to within 300 miles of the starting point for two cents a mile each way—one-third less than the usual first-class rate, for the holidays. Tickets on sale at any office from Dec. 22nd to Dec. 25th, inclusive. Also, on sale from Dec. 30th to Jan. 1st, inclusive. Tickets good to return till Jan. 4th.
Soon Christmas times will be upon us. Two extremes should be guarded against: Let older persons consider that they were once young; that there are enjoyments that are innocent for the young; that these enjoyments, or they will not have so much ground for criticism of extremes in the young. On the other hand the young should be guided by prudence, by those of advanced age and experience whose duty it is to direct; to obey the powers that be; where permission is asked to shoot off Christmas guns and fire-crackers, if inside the corporate limits of the town, and if thought wise, such permission will likely be granted, when necessary.

Commissioners' Court.

About 10 o'clock on Monday morning the Commissioners elected were duly sworn in by Clerk B. B. Price, when they immediately applied themselves to the business of the county before them.
The county officers and constables lately elected were sworn in to the proper discharge of their duties. Their bonds were presented and accepted by the Commissioners as sufficient. Mr. G. C. Conley was elected chairman. Mr. Joe C. Brown, register, is clerk of the board by virtue of his office. D. E. Hodgins, Esq., was re-elected county attorney for the next two years.
A very interesting part of the proceedings was the presentation of a bond by Mr. W. C. McCall on which to discharge the duties of the office of county treasurer, as such an office was held to exist by the Republicans. He had received 699 votes for this office on Nov. 3. He gave a sufficient bond, but it was not accepted on the ground that the office did not exist to be filled. Mr. McCall was represented by J. L. C. Bird, Esq., and the Sheriff R. L. Nichols, Esq., of the case was represented by Esquires Hodgins and Justice. After the arguments were concluded, the Commissioners held the matter under private consideration and unanimously came to the conclusion that no such office existed in McDowell county to be filled as treasurer, this office having been abolished years ago by the county board of magistrates through the authority given them in the law. The matter does not come up again by way of appeal.
The duties that have usually devolved upon county treasurers in this county have heretofore been discharged by the Sheriffs of the county since the abolition of the office in 1878.
Sheriff Nichols' official bond is \$2,000. His bond as tax collector and Treasurer is \$29,000, making \$31,000 in all.
Register J. C. Bird's bond is \$5,000; clerk, B. B. Price, \$10,000; coroner, Dr. G. P. Reid, \$500. Each constable gave a \$500 bond. All of these bonds were acceptable to the board.
Claims to the amount of about \$100 were presented to the board on account of the new election law. Under the old law the cost was only about \$10 or \$15 a year for an election.
On Tuesday, J. L. C. Bird, Esq., representing Manly Mfg. Co., who built the jail, notified the commissioners that the company desired the board to issue \$1,145 in script at once for placing the two extra cages within the jail. But these cages were not ordered by the commissioners it is claimed. Permission against their patent was asked of them to place the cages within the jail, and now pay is asked for them, when no bargain was made by the commissioners to put them in the building. The \$1,145 would be payable in 1898, but the promises to pay this on script was desired now, which the board refused to grant. A suit may grow out of the matter.
The original cost of the bill in the Legislature was not to exceed \$3,000 for the jail, but the commissioners were asked for \$500 more, and here comes another \$1,145 from Manly Mfg. Co.
It could look to one outside as being a plain question. If Manly Mfg. Co. was duly promised pay by the county for the cages, pay them; if not, then they put them there at their own risk, if they should not be finally desired. And it appears that the commissioners do not want them. And we may say that McDowell has a most excellent board of commissioners without flattery.

PERSONAL.
Mr. John Newton came in on Tuesday to pay a visit to relatives in Marion.
Mr. J. M. Morphew, of Watauga, is visiting awhile at his brother's, Dr. Morphew's.
Col. J. F. Morphew has been very sick for some days but is much better now.
Rev. C. J. Wingate has been somewhat indisposed from a severe cold, and asthma, but he is out again.
Mr. T. W. Ellis, our photographer, will remove to Alexander county soon. We regret his going away.
The Grandest Remedy.
Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowee, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Morphew & White's Drugstore.
The biggest line and best values in jewelry, silverware and novelties ever in the city at Swindell's.
See the announcement of our clubbing rate with The Home and Farm, one of the best and most widely read papers of the kind in the South. The Home and Farm and THE MESSENGER a year for only \$1, or the Home and Farm free. \$1.50 for \$1.
In 1892 Mr. A. L. Goldwater, who owns 3 retail drug stores in New York City, having learned of the great value of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds, croup and whooping cough, ordered a supply for his customers. It met with so much favor that he soon found it necessary to order more, and during the winter sold over two gross of the remedy. He says it gives the best satisfaction of any cough cure he has ever handled. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle.
By Morphew & White.
Complete holiday stock open next week, Monday, the 14th, at Swindell's.
J. G. Nichols & Bro., are selling out for cash at cost.

"COIN CRACKER" AGAIN.

Cherry Mountain Now the Storm Centre of Matrimony and Law.—"Coin Cracker" Takes Part in the Law Cases of Cherry Mountain.
Correspondence of The Messenger.
This region is now the storm centre of matrimony and law. We have now concluded to accept McKinley as President after March 4th, 1897, and to swallow Old Dan Tucker Russell, hoofs and horsus. We sound money men more than pleased with the result. McKinley can carry out everything desired by our radical friend, Mr. Palmer, and then it was so ordered by the patriotic Mark Hanna.
As to weddings, it is reported on good authority that the rising and talented I. D. Harrell, of Lattimore, is to mount his own boss sham and swoop down on Hinton's Creek like a wolf on the fold. His object is to capture Miss Georgia Lattimore, a young lady indeed fair to look upon and every way worthy of a long and happy life together with all the good wishes of her many friends. The good wishes of this storm rent and battle-scarred pilgrim goes to both, and he is ready to rise up and say, "May heaven bless ye, my children!"
Other weddings are on tap, and if this evil-minded and depraved scribe could get the shoes and overcoat he was promised for making radical speeches, he would "shout to the wedding."
Republicans are ungrateful, and say they don't want any of my fiddling. That creating a discord and raising a disturbance is not music. Then some remarks have been made as to my apparel. They draw the line at my wearing a blue overcoat worn by one of Kirk's patriots during the Kirk and Holden war. In the first place, the coat is not mine, but one that I borrowed to wear during the political campaign. I expected a new overcoat. Constin Lunney and Jeter Pritchard do not even answer my letters. I wrote to my old friend Jno. G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, that a fellow Republican was in distress and wanted to borrow an overcoat. He said inasmuch as I was a Republican he would gladly grant my request, but his coat still carried a lingering odor of black number eggs and is not just the thing for a wedding occasion. I then wrote to Grover Cleveland for his coat, taking pains to remind him that if any man in the world ought to be willing to help a Republican he was the man. That I swore by everything that John Sherman, Bill McKinley, Dan Russell and Grover Cleveland believed in, and we should all have a fellow feeling for each other. Grover answered me, and said he didn't doubt my being as good a radical as himself—and he thought that was saying a good deal—but as to an overcoat, it was just out of the question. He said he had but one overcoat, and it was a present from the great and good Mark Hanna. He further said that he hoped it would be as the falling of Elijah's mantle, and would confer a double portion of the donor's spirit. He wound up by exhorting me to be strong in the radical faith, but said: "Go thy way for this time without an overcoat," or words to that effect. I wrote to Judge Russell, and he sent the same message back that Vanderbilt sent the public, but no overcoat.
But if I can't go to weddings I can take part in the law cases. Since the election Cherry Mountain and its environs have become a hot-bed and storm-centre of law. We have some seventy-five magistrates in chief and several non-commissioned 'squires.
Two men had a five days trial to establish the title to a board tree. I represented one of the parties, and made a five hours speech. One of the 'squires said he never "hearn" the like before in his life. The other magistrate said he never did "neither," and hoped he never would again. The case was dismissed at the cost of the county. I defended another man for robbing a dog. If I had said nothing, sympathy was with the dog and his owner. After my argument it took the Statute of North Carolina, a constable and a club to keep that infernal magistrate from sending that client of mine to the penitentiary five years. He said my client had robbed a dog, which was a "hay-noous" crime, and I had likewise made too long a speech. That robbing the dog and inflicting a dreary speech on the custodians of the law were both cruelty to animals, and, therefore, "hay-noous" crimes.
The next case where I got at the bat, was where a man had built a house and brought suit under a mechanics lien for his pay. Both parties wanted law, but agreed to arbitrate. They finally agreed not to arbitrate, because one of the parties to the action required each to give bond for costs. They then made a special venire of all the seventy-five magistrates in this bailiwick. The question was asked if either were related by blood or marriage to the parties. Twenty seven out of the seventy-five said they hoped not. Nineteen said they were related but were sorry of it, and it wasn't their fault. When the venire was about exhausted, they selected a pair who were not in the seventy-five. One litigant said he wanted it settled that evening. The other said he would not be ready till the 29th inst. One of the rejected magistrates then deposited, without being sworn, that the 29th came on Sunday. Some kicked on that because they wanted to go rabbit hunting on

that day. It was finally decided that the trial be on Saturday, Dec. 19, '96, and the day following we all go to Cherry Mountain and celebrate. Amos Queens, the general proprietor, says it will be a festive occasion. I am the artist that is to mix Thomas and Jeremiah egg-nog, mince slings and other refreshments. We are expecting Bill McKinley, Jim Young, col., of Raleigh, Geo. White, of color, and the widow and two sons of our departed idol—Fred Douglass. We regret that Judge Russell, Grover Cleveland and John G. Carlisle can't be with us.
COIN CRACKER.
Cherry Mountain, N. C., Dec. 7, '96.
The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick, N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for 5 months. In speaking of it, Mr. Robinson says: "Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle.
By Morphew & White.
Mr. E. L. Gaston has received a general line of China and iron stoneware, also, glass ware, and decorated lamps very suitable for Christmas presents. It would pay purchasers to look over these and his general stock before buying.
Books! Books!! Books!!!
From 5c. to \$1.50 at Swindell's.
Get your cash together from the different corners of the house and be ready to secure some of those bargains at A. Blanton & Co.'s from Dec. 15th to Dec. 25th. Twenty thousand dollars worth of goods will be offered at cost on those days.
Martin Bros. are selling out at and below cost.
In selecting wedding or Christmas presents, don't overlook the handsome line of silverware and lamps at Swindell's.
Headquarters for Family and Fancy Groceries and Fresh Loaf Bread—W. B. Ratliff's.
NOTICE—I would announce to my former patrons that I am prepared to repair watches and clocks; and as I have no shop rents to pay, I can afford to work cheap and will do it. Call on me at my residence. R. K. BROOKSHIRE.
Jack Corpening's for Fresh Fish every week. Good meals cheap.
Subscribe for THE HERALD—only \$100 a year.

Few Appreciate the Dangers
to which the expectant mother is exposed ere she presumes to bear her babe, and the dread danger to life of both mother and child is avoided, and she passes through the ordeal quickly and her recovery is rapid.
I know one lady, the mother of three children, who suffered greatly in the birth of each, who obtained a bottle of "Mother's Friend" before her fourth confinement, and was relieved quickly. All pains that her labor was shorter and less painful. JOHN G. FORTMILL, M.D., GA.
Searby Mail, on receipt of price, 5c. PER BOTTLE. BOTTLES TO BE KEPT IN THE HANDS OF THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.
DR. T. C. SMITH, Wholesale: Druggist, ASHEVILLE, N. C., Pays cash for Ginseng, Beeswax and Birch Oil in any quantity.
Thirty-eight years in Drugs
PERHAPS
In No Class of Goods is Experience More Necessary Than in Shoe Buying.
Haphazard, Chance and Job Lot Buying Won't Do!
There is as much difference in Shoes as there is between Crab Apples and Apples. We can't afford to keep the Crab Apples kind. While we have cheap shoes, as well as fine ones—heavy for farm and light weight for city.
There is a Place to Draw the Line. Some shoes are dear at the price! What with shoddy inner soles, poor heels and counter—some good shiner finishes them up. You can depend on good values here, as we make a specialty of them.
Goods exchanged, or money refunded, if not suited.—75
F. Spangenberg, 4 Court Square, ASHEVILLE, N. C. July 31-6m.
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BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WE OFFER
Home and Farm
In combination with our paper, for ONE DOLLAR A YEAR,
Being the price of our paper alone. That is for all new subscribers, or old subscribers renewing and paying in advance. We send!
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ONE YEAR FREE.
HOME AND FARM is a 16-page agricultural journal made by farmers for farmers. Its Home Department, conducted by Aunt Jane, is unequalled. Its Children's Department, conducted by Faith Lattimer, is entertaining and instructive.
RENEW now and get this great agricultural and home journal FREE!
Wanted—An Idea
Who can think of some simple time to publish the 20th issue of THE HOME AND FARM, Washington, D. C., for the \$1.00 price offer and list of two hundred invitations wanted.

Christmas Is Coming!
And Don't Forget to Call at
Morphew & White's
Most Complete Line of Christmas Goods.
Ever Brought to Marion, including:
A fine line of Colognes, all kinds and prices.
A fine line of Picture Frames and Mirrors, all kinds and prices.
A fine line of Christmas Cards, all kinds and prices.
A fine line of Candles, all kinds and prices.
A fine line of Fireworks, all kinds and prices.
A fine line of Confections, Raisins, Figs, Dates, Currants, Nuts (mixed), and Coconuts.
You will miss a treat if you fail to see our
Colognes, Mirrors, Picture Frames, Christmas Cards and Candles.
YOURS TO PLEASE,
Morphew & White.

W. B. WELSH.
The North Main Street Family Grocery Store.
A General Assortment of Groceries: Arbuckle's Coffee, Teas, Sugar, Canned Goods, Lard, Tobacco, Candles, Flour, Meal, Molasses, Soda and Sweet Crackers, Laundry Goods, Soap, Pearline, etc., etc. Yours for clever treatment and prices to suit the times.
W. B. WELSH, Marion, N. C.

MORE NEW GOODS---READ!
I have just gotten in a nice and stylish line of Dress Goods, Flannels, Plaids and other Fancy Goods, and some Very Elegant Waist Goods. Also, my stock of Underwear is complete, as well as a large line of Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Caps and Hats.
Call and give me a trial and convince yourself that I will treat you right.

H. L. Gaston.
Go to J. C. McCurry's for Great Bargains.
A much Larger Stock and a Greater Variety in my usual lines than ever before, especially in Men's and Boys' Ready-made Clothing, which I make a specialty in handling.
TO SPECIFY:
Men's All-wool Suits from \$3 to \$15.
Boys' All-wool Suits from \$1.25 to \$6.
Cook Stoves from \$7 to \$16. Be sure and see them.
A large variety of Trunks and Valises at Close Prices.
See our Shoes for \$1, and at higher prices.
We direct attention to our Macintoshes and Overcoats. Outings at 75c a yard; 32-inch umbrellas, 50c.
Examine the Variety and Quality of our Stock and see our Living Prices before buying elsewhere.
J. C. McCURRY.
Marion, N. C.

A TERRIBLE COLLISION!
Hard Times Struck Low Prices.
ONLY BARGAINS SURVIVE!
There has been an awful smash-up among manufacturers and importers lately, who, finding themselves suddenly in a tight squeeze, have been compelled to let go the lever of prices and jump for a place of safety. Some of them have landed right on our premises, and have begged us so hard to help them out of their difficulties, allowing us to name our own figures, that we haven't been able to resist, and now offer the same to the trade at 10 PER CENT. less than what other houses ask for the same goods. You have only yourselves to blame if you pay too much for your goods this fall. Here is a two-story building just chock full of new and desirable merchandise, waiting to be parceled out to sharp, shrewd, close buyers, who pride themselves on buying in the cheapest houses.
Our usual line of Fall and Winter Dry Goods, and Groceries, is larger and more varied than ever. We are pleased to show goods.
Yours for Low Prices and Small Profits.

McCALL & CONLEY.

WATCHES!
Gold Filled, Silver and Nickel.
A Big and Varied Line of Chains.
Our Stock for the Holiday trade is Complete in day trade is Complete in New and Late Designs.
JEWELRY!
Rings! Rings! Rings! Bracelets, Neck Chains, Scarf Pins, Lace Pins, Hair Pins, and Pins, Pins, Pins!
JAMES B. SWINDELL, Marion, N. C. JEWELER.

SILVERWARE!
Fruit Baskets, Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Sugar Dishes, Tea Pots, Berry Bowls, Butter Knives, Sugar Shells, etc., etc., etc.
We have the endorsement of Santa Claus and our Stock will suit old and young. Come and see it.
BOOKS!
Big Books and Little Books, in Board, Cloth and Leather. The Biggest, Best and Cheapest line we ever carried.
Also a few nice Ornamental Lamps in Brass, Nickel and Copper. Nickel with Silk Shades.

Miss Edwards
Is Giving Great Bargains.--Everything Going at Cost.
Now is Your Chance to Get a Fine Trimmed Hat for Just One-Half.
Fine Velvet Hats that were \$4.50 go for \$2.75.
Hats that were \$4.00 go for \$2.25.
Hats that were \$3.50 go for \$2.00.
Hats that were \$3.00 go for \$1.75.
Fine felt shapes from 35 cents and up.
Tam O'Shanta caps for 25 cents and up.
Fine Sailors for 25 cents and up.
Ostrich tips from 10 cents and up.
Baby caps from 15 cents and up.
Silk laces that were 35 cents for 20 cents.
Silk lace that was 20 cents for 12 cents.
Elegant ribbons that were 35 cents for 20 cents.
And everything else in proportion.
Come and see before buying.

MISS EDWARDS, OPPOSITE BLANTON'S.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
As usual, we are headquarters for Santa Claus. Our line of these goods will be complete in all kinds, suitable for a present both for old and young. By the time you read this, we expect to have in a full line of goods, in Dolls for the Girls and Toys for the Boys, and if you want to make some one happy this Christmas, you cannot afford to miss our store. We shall have in a large line of goods that has never been shown in this town before, and we intend that the Prices shall be Low Down. We will be glad to have you call in and inspect our goods, for we believe we can suit you in goods and prices. Besides these goods, we have a full line of Glassware, Crockery, Wood and Willow-ware, Clocks, Watches and a big line of Jewelry.
Special: Six Plated Teaspoons, 25 cents, or Six Plated Tablespoons, 50 cents.
We also have a large line of Silver-plated Novelties at 5 cents. Have you seen the Fine Parlor Lamp we are selling for 95 cents.
We will be glad to show you our goods. Remember your child can buy of us as cheap as you can—ONE PRICE TO ALL.
Respectfully,
Thomas Medd, Variety Store.
Marion, N. C.

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Silver, Gold and Currency
exchanged for a General Stock of Merchandise at
REASONABLE PRICES
We aim to be elected by a large majority on
QUALITY AND PRICE.
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queen's-Ware, Etc., Etc., Etc.
CLOTHING A SPECIALTY.
SEE THE
YELLOW FRONT.
J. G. NICHOLS & BROTHER.
TRAVELERS, LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST!
While at Bakersville, stop at the PENDLAND HOUSE—the best Hotel in the Mountains. The table is supplied the year round with the very best the country affords. Every comfort of guests looked after carefully. A good Feed Stable is run in connection with the Hotel.
REUBEN J. YOUNG, Proprietor.
Bakersville, Mitchell Co., N. C., Oct. 2, 1896.