Get Ready for Another Christmas!

LOOK OUT FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY STOCK!

In a few days we will open the most desirable line of suitable gifts ever shown in Marion—Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, Novelties, Fine China, Lamps, Art Goods, Books, Christmas Cards, Etc. A stock full in Quality, Variety, Beauty, and Good Taste. Scores of the nicest presents imaginable for old and young. All at Popular Prices.

JAS. B. SWINDELL, Jeweler.

The Messenger.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1897.

Marion Directory.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. M. Martin.
Aldermen—J. R. Morgan, Wm. Sweeney, J. W. Garrett, W. W. Nichols, Jno. H. Finley.
Town Clerk—Wm. Sweeney.
Marshal—C. P. Bader.

County Government.

Sheriff—R. L. Nichols.
Clerk Superior Court—R. B. Price.
Register of Deeds—Jos. C. Brown.
Treasurer—Geo. C. McCall.
County Superintendent—Jos. H. Burgin.
Coroner—Dr. G. F. Reid.

Arrival of Trains.

R. & A. RAILWAY (Eastern time)—No. 11, passenger, east, due 11:35 p. m. No. 14, 11:12 p. m. No. 13, east, vestibule. No. 12, east, due 4:32 p. m. No. 10, mixed, carries passengers, east, due 11:10 a. m. No. 9, west, due 4:32 p. m.

N. & W. RAILWAY—Passenger arrives daily, leaves 3:30 p. m.

Lodges.

K. of P. meets every Thursday night in the K. of P. Hall, over Gaston's store. Wm. Sweeney, C. C.

I. O. O. F. meet on Friday night on or after full moon in the lodge room in Gaston's store, Lemon building. Jno. Tolley, W. M.

R. A. meets each Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in Masonic hall. J. H. Gorman, W. R.

F. & A. M. meets each Monday at 7:30 in Masonic hall. R. L. Lamberth, C.

Churches.

Baptist—Rev. R. K. Mason, pastor. Preaching first and third Sabbaths at 11 a. m. and in the evening. Sabbath school, Sabbath, 9:30 a. m. B. B. Price, supt. Ladies' missionary society meets on alternate Sabbath afternoon. Ladies' missionary society meets on Tuesday afternoon after each Sabbath. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Young people's society second Sabbath in each month. Prayer meeting after second Sabbath the pastor holds a prayer meeting every Friday night before the fourth Sabbath. Ladies' Aid Society, each Monday afternoon in each month. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

Methodist—Rev. T. J. Rodgers, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and in the evening on the fourth, when the pastor fills his appointment at Sugar Hill. Sabbath school, 10 a. m. every Sabbath. A. B. Coffey, supt. Missionary society meets every Monday evening after each Sabbath. Ladies' Aid Society, each Wednesday p. m., after first Sabbath. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

Episcopal—Rev. C. J. Wingate, rector. Preaching every first Sunday, morning and evening. Sunday school at 3 p. m. afternoon. Holy Communion every 2nd Sunday morning and every Sunday school at 10:00 morning.

Presbyterian—Rev. Wm. H. White, pastor. Preaching every second and fourth Sabbaths at 11 a. m. and evening. On first Sabbaths preaching at Siloam, 11 a. m. Old Fort in the afternoon. On second Sabbath at Old Fort, in the afternoon, 4 o'clock; Siloam in the evening. The Marion Sabbath school meets every Sabbath. J. R. Ratliff, supt. Ladies' Missionary Society meets Saturday before third Sabbath at 4 p. m. Young People's Missionary Society meets last Sabbath afternoon at 4. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

COLORED.

M. E. Zion church, Rev. A. McIver, pastor. Preaching every first and third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; at Old Fort on the same hours on the second and fourth Sundays. Sunday schools at 9 a. m.

A. M. E. church, Rev. W. R. Williams pastor. Preaching every second Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Bridgewater on the third and third Sabbaths, North Cove on the fourth Sabbath. Sabbath school at 9 a. m. each Sabbath.

LOCAL NEWS.

—Criminal court will convene on the third Monday.

—Ten cords of wood will be taken on subscription by THE MESSENGER.

—Next Monday will be the first Monday of the month—"commissioners' day."

—The Marion Hardware Co. has a local ad. in this number calling attention to numerous seasonable articles just received.

—Mr. Moore, the delivery man, is having the finishing work done on the outside of his dwelling next to the stable, having moved to his home a few days since.

—Mr. D. R. Roper, who lately purchased a saw mill outfit near Bynum's Cross Roads, will have it moved to the north side of the O. F. & C. railway, near Vein Mountain.

—On account of the poultry show to be held in Shelby from Dec. 7th to 10th inclusive, the Ohio River & Charleston Railway will sell round trip tickets at one first-class fare.

—Mr. Ab. Blanton, one of our hustlers, has a new ad. in this week's issue. He says "follow the crowd" to his store. He advertises some serviceable, pretty capes for winter wear.

—Engineer L. M. Bumgarner, who was shot by "Aus" Lambert while the latter was trying to steal a ride near Fletcher, died in Asheville. Lambert has been outlawed and a price put on his head.

—Mr. J. B. Swindell calls your attention to the fact that Christmas will soon be here and that in his stock of jewelry, stationery, etc., you can find many suitable articles for presents to friends.

—Mr. R. L. Smith, who has been living in one of Mr. Thos. Medd's cottages, moves out to Mr. J. S. Dysart's plantation near Halltown, and Mr. J. H. Beddingfield moves into the house vacated by Mr. Smith.

—There was a cakewalk in the Eagle hotel on last Thursday night. Mr. Sam Yancey and Mrs. E. A. Thomas won the cake for the best walking, the booby prize going to Mr. Steve Gruber and Miss Edith House.

—Marion will have a new photographer, we are informed. Mr. J. C. Howenstein will occupy the rooms now held by Dr. J. G. Reid, the dentist, in the Neil building, upstairs. Dr. Reid will move across the hall on the same floor.

—The former members of the Westminster League and those who would become members will please meet in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening, Dec. 6th, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of reorganizing and arranging for Christmas exercises.

—Mr. Walker James has moved temporarily to the house on the lot recently occupied by the old Hygeia store. The house he leaves from will in a few days be occupied by Mr. C. M. Corpening who has bought and will make some improvements to the house and lot.

—Next week Mr. James Walker will move into the house recently bought from Mr. B. B. Price.

—The coming week Mrs. Annie Nichols will move into the house being completed near the Baptist church.

—Mr. Charles Walsh, son of Mr. J. L. Walsh, who lives some four miles west of town, died on last Saturday. He had been sick since May with typhoid fever. He was about 25 years of age, and leaves a wife and two small children. He married a daughter of Mr. John C. Pool.

—Mr. Tom Jordon, who lives near Greenlee, brought to town recently some very large turnips and sold them to Mr. E. L. Gaston. Two of the largest of these turnips weighed 12½ pounds, and the larger of the two measured 29 inches in circumference. What farmer beats it?

—Mr. Bob Stamie, a married man about 30 years of age, has been working for the Marion Furniture Company. On Tuesday while he and another employee were working at one of the cut-off saws, the latter removing the lumber from the saw, a piece slipped from his hand, striking Mr. Stamie in the groin, and it is feared he has suffered an internal rupture, from which we hope for recovery.

Death of Miss Sallie Dover.

Miss Sallie Dover, who lived near Greenlee, had been visiting friends in Mitchell county for about a month, and started for McDowell county on Monday morning. About noon of that day she became so sick from riding she stopped at Mr. Van Lackey's, seven miles from town. Monday night she became speechless and died at 6 p. m. Tuesday. She had apparently been very strong, and, dying so quickly, her friends desired that a post mortem examination be held. Dr. G. P. Reid and Dr. B. A. Cheek held the examination. The following were summoned on the jury of inquest: Messrs. J. G. Nichols, T. B. Ray, T. J. Flemming, Amos Hensley, Irvin Patton, and Henry Gibson. After a thorough examination by the physicians the substance of the finding of the inquest was that the deceased came to her death by natural causes, mainly, it is supposed, from a disease of the heart.

Miss Dover was about 28 years of age, and had been for years a member of the church. Many gathered at the burying in the graveyard near Mr. J. M. Mashburn's, where the remains were laid to rest.

A Good Man Gone.

Mr. William Walter Nichols died on last Saturday morning about 5 o'clock. He had been sick with fever for some weeks, and it was supposed that he was recovering but hemorrhage of the bowels hastened the end.

He was born Aug. 25, 1859, and was therefore 38 years, 3 months 2 days old. He had been a member of the Baptist church about twenty-four years, first at Bethel, then in the Marion church, of which he had lately been elected a deacon.

He married Miss Annie Coffee, of Morganton. She is left with three children, a boy and two girls.

A large number of friends gathered at the home on Sunday afternoon at the funeral and at the cemetery. The Knights of Pythias, by whom he was buried, followed the remains from the home. He was a noble citizen, an upright christian man whom every one admired, and one of Marion's best men. He carried an insurance in the K. of P. for $1,000.

Old Fort News.

Correspondence of The Messenger.

On Friday evening, Dec. 10th, at Siloam Academy there will be given by the ladies of Siloam church, assisted by other local talent, an entertainment with an interesting programme of songs, charades, dialogues and tableaus vivant. The music, both vocal and instrumental, will be worth hearing, as the neighborhood has quite a reputation for sweet voices and performers. The object is to raise funds with which to purchase an organ for Siloam church. The low price of admission, 15 cents, should secure a full house by the hour the curtain rises, 7 o'clock.

Mr. James Davis, tank and pump inspector of the Southern Railway, has this week put in a large pump at the tank here of double the capacity of the former one. This change is made necessary by increased traffic on this busy road.

Our merchants are getting in the first lot of good things for the holidays and from the size of their stocks evidently anticipate a good Christmas trade.

Dec. 2, 1897.

Thanks Extended.

We desire to most sincerely thank our neighbors, friends, and the members of Mt. Ida and Burke lodges of the Knights of Pythias for the sympathy and kindness shown to us in the sickness and death of Mr. W. W. Nichols. May each one have such thoughtfulness shown them in times of sorrow that may come in life. May Heaven's blessings abide with and ever be theirs.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets candy cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Rev. Mr. Wingate has been sick for some days but is out again.

Mrs. J. L. C. Bird left for Lincolnton Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. John Yancey is expected o return from Lincolnton Monday.

Mrs. M. M. Greenlee, who has been very low, is now slightly better.

Mr. P. H. Mashburn, of Old Fort, came down to attend the funeral of Mr. W. W. Nichols.

Rev. R. D. Sherrill, the new Methodist pastor, has arrived and will preach Sunday at 11 a. m.

Mr. Du Brutz Cutler has been sick for some days at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. E. J. Justice.

Mrs. Morphew, the widow of the late, J. F. Morphew, Esq., and her little girl are on a visit to friends here.

Mrs. Margaret Grant, sister of Mrs. Hattie Reid and J. L. C. Bird, Esq., came back to the old home from Oregon for a visit recently.

Rev. T. J. Rogers returned from his visit to Rutherford county this week and he and his family moved to Waynesville Thursday.

Messrs. E. C. Nichols and H. M. Coffee, of Knoxville, Tenn., came to attend Mr. Nichols' burial. The latter was a brother, the former a brother-in law to the deceased.

Mrs. Hattie Reid, sister of J. L. C. Bird, Esq., was at his home this week. She was on her way to Baltimore to visit her son and four daughters. Mrs. Reid will probably visit her McDowell home next summer.

Lawyers E. J. Justice and P. J. Sinclair have been in attendance on the Supreme Court in Raleigh in connection with the hearing of the noted damage case of J. S. Bradley, administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Kanipe, who, with her daughter, was killed on the Ohio River & Charleston Railway.

Mr. B. R. Payne, chancelor commander, and 21 members of Burke Lodge, No. 64, Knights of Pythias, came up from Morganton on Sabbath afternoon to take part in the burial of Mr. W. W. Nichols. The lodge at Asheville telegraphed sympathy and regretted an inability to attend on account of the schedule on the road.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy cathartic cure constipation forever. 10c. If c. c. c. fail, druggists refund money.

☞Fresh fruits, family groceries and confections at Battle & Co's.

The Presbyterian denomination of North Carolina has lost one of its ablest and best known clergymen in the death of Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., at Greensboro last week. He leaves a wife, two daughters, Mrs. L. Richardson and Mrs. R. G. Vaughn, both residents of Greensboro, and five sons, Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church, Columbia, S. C.; Dr. Harry Louis Smith, of the Davidson College faculty; Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the Louisiana University faculty; Dr. Egbert W. Smith, junior pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Greensboro, and Rev. Hay Watson Smith.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try, and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c a box, cure guaranteed.

The North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is contemplating the establishment of a textile school in connection with the college. If there is a sufficient demand for such a department it would be well, for certainly a well educated and trained person can do more and better work in the manufacture of textile, or woven goods than otherwise. Skilled workmen are becoming more and more the order and need of the day.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25 cents.

Salisbury *World:* One day last week while the convicts were at work macadamizing Inniss street they unearthed a six foot vein of gold, just below the covered bridge. Mining Engineer Joseph J. Newman was asked to examine the ore and he pronounced it the genuine stuff. Some say this is the sixth vein discovered within the city limits.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take cascarets candy cathartic, 10c or 25c. If c. c. c. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

It is said that coal in large quantities exists in King's Mountain.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by G. I. White, Druggist.

☞Call at the Marion Hardware Company's store for Smith's feed cutters, farm bells, pumps, wagon rods and bolts, sausage mills, coffee mills, grindstones, grindstone fixtures, "Cecil" rope and tackle blocks, guns, powder, cartridges, shot and lead, corn-shellers, wheelbarrows, turpentine, paints and oils, hard oil and varnish, hollow ware, hunters' coats, leggings, etc., etc.

Written for The Messenger.

WHY TIMES ARE HARD.

CHAPTER III.

Gold and Silver as Metalic Money.

To say that gold or silver or paper as metalic substances has any more influence on our monetary or financial system than the same commercial value in wheat or iron or stone coal, would be ridiculous, and there is not a miller nor blacksmith nor coal digger who does not know this. Yet every body knows that gold, silver and paper, as money, have a tremendous influence on our financial system. God created gold and silver, but He did not create money. Man formulated that element. If the acts of man's legislation in all countries causing money to be stamped was repealed and all the stamps destroyed there would be no metalic money. There would be just as much gold and silver, yet it would not be money. So then money is an element of man's production, its power originated with him and so he of right should control the money element for his benefit. The people of the United States being sovereign, the Constitution says that Congress "shall coin money and regulate the value thereof," that is originate it and regulate its value, power and usefulness for the benefit of the people. The framers of that instrument never entertained that only a part of the people should control the coinage and regulate money for their special usefulness, yet that is precisely what has been going on for many years past.

Gold and silver money has two values—a market or commercial value, and the value imparted to it by being stamped as money by Congress. Some have said that gold and silver had intrinsic value, but that idea is exploded because intrinsic means inherent, self-existant and unchangeable, whereas value is always relative and changeable—for instance, wheat, 80 cents yesterday, 90 cents today, and $1.00 tomorrow. The natural law of supply and demand makes this value.

The commercial value of gold and silver does not control the value of other things nor interfere with man's "life, liberty or pursuit of happiness." Its commercial value is entirely innocent of making hard times, as much so as the substances coal, iron or lead. But gold and silver exert an influence in making hard times by being stamped as money and imparting to them power over other metals and substances. These propositions are now accepted by the highest authorities.

If, as we see, the power for good or evil exists in the law which places the money print on the metal and not in the metal itself, then it follows in reason that it is not necessary to discard either one or both metals from use as money in order to get rid of any evil they exert, but apply our genius to the law in which the evil exists and readjust and regulate the law so that good only shall result from the use of gold and silver as money.

The use of gold and silver as metalic money should be retained in the United States, mainly because they are used by all other great commercial nations, having been so used for ages, and because their intrinsic properties and quantity of both metals render them a most convenient commercial medium of exchange between products and property.

In the next chapter I will begin the investigation of the money laws of our country.

Mica, N. C. SAM'L ARCHER.

Bethel News.

Correspondence of The Messenger.

Mr. L. H. Clark, of Gaffney, S. C., was here on a visit last week.

Miss Lou Byrd, who has been very ill for some time, is slowly recovering.

Mr. G. W. Curtis is putting the finishing touch on Mr. J. L. Byrd's house with paint and brush.

Mr. R. M. Burgin and his son, Thomas, went to Marion Monday.

Prof. F. B. Noblitt visited our Sunday school last Sunday and made a short talk, which was enjoyed by all. LULA.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and $1.00 per bottle at John Tall's Drug Store.

Do You Want to Build?

Twenty thousand feet of culled lumber for sale CHEAP by the Marion Furniture Company. This is second grade, but good lumber for building fences, barns and out-houses. Description: Scantling 2x3, and plank from 1x6 up to 1x12. Call at the office of the Company, near Southern Railway depot. nov26-4t.

The President's message to Congress will present a plan for currency reform.

Beauty Is Bloody Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets candy cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking cascarets—beauty for 10 cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

PIEDMONT BANK CLOSED.

Morganton Meets With Severe Financial Misfortune.

"Inability to make collections rapidly enough to meet demands upon it has forced the bank to suspend.

"BY ORDER BOARD DIRECTORS."

The above notice was found posted on the door of the Piedmont Bank in Morganton Thursday morning. It being the only bank in that place, nearly every home and business place is more or less involved. There was considerable excitement among a number of the depositors early in the morning, but it soon became known that the assets will exceed the liabilities, and quiet and confidence are now restored. The deposits amount to about $35,000. Application for a receiver has been made.

No charge or suspicion of any irregularities or dishonesty on the part of the bank officials exists. The misfortune is attributed entirely to the prevailing business depression.

Hello, There!

We extend to one and all a cordial invitation to visit our display of *New and Beautiful Holiday Goods*, especially selected with a view to meeting all the requirements of the gift makers of this locality. Our magnificent stock includes innumerable attractions perfectly adapted to meet the requirements of people who are in search of gifts for old and young, *expensive or inexpensive.* In fact,

NOW IS THE TIME ∴ AND THIS IS THE PLACE

to get just what you want and just what will please the person you desire to remember. The PRICES ARE RIGHT on every single article in this entire stock and we will satisfy you in this respect as you were never satisfied before. *Be sure to call and see our goods.*

Besides Xmas Goods

we have a full line of Glassware, Crockery, Tinware, Buckets, Brooms, Dry Goods, Jewelry, and a new line of Lamps just in, suitable for the Kitchen, Dining Room or Parlor; also, the BEST BLACK STOCKINGS you ever had a chance to buy for only 10 cents a pair.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM.

Those Turkish Bath Towels, nearly 60 inches long, and only 12½c. each. EXTRA SPECIAL: An 18 piece Decorated Tea Set for only $1.15. *Don't fail to see this,* as I have only 19 sets left.

Do not fail to call and see our goods and get our prices.

Thomas Medd,

VARIETY STORE. MARION, N. C.

NOTICE.

BY VIRTUE of a chattel mortgage drawn in my favor, and dated the first day of May, 1897, and due the first day of November, 1897, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder some corn, fodder and shucks at my barn, where Steve Carson now lives, on the 20th day of December, 1897.

This the 29th day of November, 1897.

decl-3t. E. L. GREENLEE.

Come and Coming! What?

HARDWARE FOR FARMERS BUILDERS AND MILL MEN

Piping, Unions, Reducers, T's, L's, Bushing, Globe Valves, Check Valves, Rubber Packing, Hemp Packing, Asbestos Packing, Nails, Stove Piping, Stoves, Rubber Belting, Builders' Hardware, Bolts, Locks, Hinges, Tools of all kinds, Saddles, Harness, Whips, Halters, Check Lines, Bridles, White and Red Sole Leather, Harness Leather, and, in fact, everything usually kept in a First Class Hardware Store, from a paper of tacks to whatever else you may want.

All are cordially invited to come and examine our stock.

....YOURS TO PLEASE,....

Marion :-: Hardware :-: Company,

J. G. NICHOLS & BRO.'S OLD STAND, "YELLOW FRONT,"

Marion, - - - - - - - N. C.

SOMETHING NEW JUST OPENED.

AT E. L. GASTON'S are some beautiful designs in the Dress Goods Department. It will pay you before purchasing elsewhere to examine his Broadcloths, Dress Flannels, Cassimeres, Plaids, and Woolen Goods of all kinds. He can furnish you also Something New in the way of Skirt Binding, called

"BRUSH - BRAID."

I also have the Latest Thing in Dress Trimmings.

I especially invite you to to see my Thorough and Complete Stock of Clothing.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

.... E. L. Gaston.

DISOSWAY, THE DRUGGIST,

OLD FORT, N. C.,

Offers to his customers an absolutely correct stock of Drugs and Patent Medicines.....

Seasonable Goods Just In:

STOVE BRUSHES
STOVE POLISH
SCRUBBING BRUSHES AND SAPOLIOS.

Livery and Feed Stable.

GOOD TURNOUTS.

CAREFUL - DRIVERS.

A. B. GILKEY & SON,

Marion, N. C.

REWARD.

$50 REWARD will be paid for the arrest and delivery of Robt. Fleming to the Sheriff of McDowell.

DESCRIPTION: Five feet and nine inches high, light complexion and blue eyes, had dark coat, blue shirt, and light pants on when he escaped. His home is near Red Hill, Mitchell county. R. L. NICHOLS,

Nov. 19-4t. Sheriff.

Notice to Tax-Payers That They Will Be Indicted.

SEC. 52 of the Revenue Act of 1897 is as follows:

"That it shall be and it is hereby made the duty of the sheriff of each county in the State to make diligent inquiry and report to the judge at each term of the criminal court held in the county following the time when the license tax and taxes provided for in schedules A, B and C of this act should have been paid as to whether or not such license taxes and other taxes have been paid by all persons or corporations liable for the same, and to make out a list of all delinquents. And it shall be made the duty of the judge to submit the list of the delinquents to the solicitor to the end that such delinquents may be prosecuted for such defalcation in the manner provided in the next section of this act."

It will be a painful and disagreeable duty to comply with this law, as it is clear from its provisions that all persons who owe any tax whatever are required to be reported by me. Schedule A is the provision for property and poll tax, schedule B for license tax, etc., and schedule C for railroads, etc.

As this law is entirely new, being for the first time passed by the Legislature of 1897, I give below, for the information of the public, the penalty imposed by law for failure to pay taxes.

Sec. 53 of the Revenue Act of 1897 is as follows:

"That such person or corporations who are liable to pay the license tax or taxes provided for in schedules A, B and C of this Act and the Machinery Act, and shall fail to pay the same as provided by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding six months; and the sheriff shall be allowed by the judge such compensation for making such report as he may deem just and proper, to be paid by the county."

While I feel like it will be a great surprise and a great hardship to indict some of the citizens of McDowell county for failure to pay their taxes, where they are really unable to pay, still the law is explicit and I cannot do less, as a faithful officer, than to comply with its plain provisions. All persons owing me taxes and who do not settle will be reported to the judge at the coming term of the criminal court, and from the above quoted provisions of the law, it will be seen what the result must be. R. L. NICHOLS,

Sheriff of McDowell County.

Too busy to write advertisements —just follow the crowds to

BLANTON'S BIG BARGAIN HOUSE

and you'll be treated well. Fresh Goods arriving daily. New lot of Capes just in.

Respectfully,

... A. BLANTON.

"Money Saved is Money Made."

We can save you money when it comes to buying Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Spectacles. We keep only

THE VERY BEST

And Fully Guarantee every article we sell to give the BEST of SATISFACTION. We also do

WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRING,

Jewelry Repairing, and Engraving in the Finest Possible Manner. It CANNOT be excelled by any one in the South. Give us a trial.

Yours to please,

... J. H. GORMAN.

PROGRESSIVE MARION

And We Are In The Van

With Goods to suit the wants of all. We make a specialty of Gentlemen's Underwear. Cotton Shirts 25c. a pair to All-Wool $4 a pair. Blankets from $1.25 to $5 a pair; Quilts and Comforts from 50c. to $1.50. Macintoshes, Overcoats, Rubber Shoes, and Shawls for winter wear. See our Shoes for men and Shoes for all ages. Neckwear and Notion Specialties, from a paper of pins to a $1.50 silk handkerchief. We can but mention our stock of Groceries, Hardware, Ready-Made Clothing, etc., etc.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating," so come and see us.

SINCERELY,

McCALL & CONLEY.

If Dysart Sells It

You May Know It is Good and Not Too High.

DO YOU WANT TO DRESS WELL?

Then see our new line of Fall and Winter Goods Tamis cloth for evening dresses, Irish dress linen, lawns plaids, silks for any purpose, calicoes, dotted swiss and trimmings; general line of Gentlemen's Negligee Shirts.

Also, Shoes (the Douglass Shoes), Hardware, Farming Implements, Harness Goods and Saddles, Lime and Cement, and Groceries.

J. S. DYSART.

Marion, N. C., March 22, 1897.—1 f.

MEETING WITH DESTINY.

No man can tell when it will come along. Often it starts up before us in unexpected times and places. Even an afternoon stroll with a friend and a chance introduction may shape all the course of one's after life. To be always at your best and not ashamed of your destiny **you must dress like a true gentleman.** This can be done by ordering your Suits and Overcoats of

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Who are unrivalled Masters of the Tailoring Art.

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