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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT MAY 11, 1890.
Trains leave Marion:

EASTWARD.		
No. 2.	No. 4.	No. 16.
1:37 A. M.	6:18 A. M.	3:15 P. M.

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No. 1.	No. 3.	No. 15.
11:21 A. M.	9:40 P. M.	2:27 P. M.

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Pudding, pies, and cakes,
All sorts of good dishes.
Christmas time again!
Gifts to suit all ages,
Toys for little folks,
Books for grown up sages.
Christmas time again!
And the New Year nearing,
Eighteen ninety-one,
May its reign be cheering!

Johnny Roach.

A Christmas Night in Turkey Creek Canyon.

I recruited him in '61. Twenty years of age, six feet one inch long, and the thinnest, loosest jointed, big-boned specimen of humanity I ever did see.

In our zouave uniform he was truly a "holy show," the gaudy dress had attracted him and, being hard and sound as a pine-knot, he mustered in.

Color-Sergeant John Roach twice shock "good-bye," with me in '65. He had hurried home to Maine, after muster-out, was hardly missed until he was back again, more quiet than ever—seemingly saddened.

He "flowed he'd go West," and he went. Nearly thirty years later I learned more of Johnny Roach's life and fortunes.

I'll try to tell it story-wise. It was Christmas eve, at Saw-Mill Gulch. Johnny lived near there. He had gone West to be a sheep-raiser, so he pre-empted a claim in Turkey creek canyon, built a cabin, and settled himself to "hold down" three hundred and twenty acres.

Here he lived with Tab as his only companion. Tab was a cat. He had taken her in one stormy night, a poor, starving creature; now she was fat and lazy.

It was Christmas eve, and Johnny was lonesome. Tab was asleep, so she was no company to speak of.

"Tab," said John, at last, "it takes a thunderin' lot of sleep to do you—but I don't know but as you're right."

Just then, above the roaring of the storm, arose a fearful cry, as of one calling for help. Once, twice, it rang out with awful clearness and then died away, as if in an agony of despair.

The cat waked, jumped toward her master and mewed as she looked up into his face.

John took down the old musket and fingered the lock, listening intently all the while.

Again that shrill, imperative yet imploring cry. It was a human voice.

The man swore as he thought how he had been deceived into thinking that call for help the shriek of a wild beast.

He drew on his fur cap and great coat, lighted his lantern and strode forth into the dreadful night. "You stay here, Tab, and keep house," he said, soothingly, to the cat, as he shut the door of his cabin.

Down the mountain he sprang, sure-footed as a chamois. The storm increased in intensity every moment, and it was very cold. He kept on doggedly—like himself—until he came to a narrow point in the canyon, where the wagon track was crowded into the creek and there was only room for a wagon to pass by closest driving.

He looked upon a strange scene. A "buck-board" was there, tured over, the horse attached to it lay, harness-tangled, in the water, and a woman sat bolt upright on a boulder near by, afraid to move for fear of plunging into the creek; and doing the only thing she could—using her lungs.

John put down his lantern, waded to the rock, lifted the woman in his strong arms and carried her back across the torrent to the narrow path.

"I reckon I can walk now," she then said, sharply.

"Don't be too sure about that," John answered, but he put her down, for she was tall, and heavy, and besides it was very embarrassing to have a woman so near him.

"Don't fear me," she said. "If I slip I'll catch hold your coat. Go on!"

So John rescued the horse and, leading the animal, with the woman close behind him, went on until the

light of his window streamed out upon them.

"La me! that looks comfortable," she said.

He flung the door open and she entered and stood before the fire. She was a wholesome healthy, tall woman, with a round, rosy, face, and sparkling, shrewd, yet kindly black eyes, and her dress, when outer wrappings were removed, was neat almost to primness.

John was speechless with admiration. He stood like a school-boy, blushing and awkward.

The woman turned and smiled. "If I was you," she said, "I'd sit down."

Soon, after the horse was provided for, they had tea; it put more life into the woman, and she told John that she had come to Turkey creek canyon to take up a claim. She had not been afraid to travel alone, but the storm had caught her, and, thanks to him, she was safe. She said she was a New Englander, but not from Maine. She was rather reticent about herself.

When the clock struck twelve both started and blushed. It was "sparkling time" in New England, and Christmas morning at that.

At first both looked grave. Then they laughed. "It's no use talking of bedtime," said she, "so we may as well prepare to sit here all night and talk."

I'm sorry to rob you of your rest, but you look strong, and I guess it won't hurt you."

Christmas morning broke. The storm had passed. The sun laughed in the heavens and the sky was blue as if it were June. They stood on the doorstep and viewed the splendid panorama.

Then they went into the house. John sat on the bed and whittled; the woman had insisted on getting breakfast. The exercise flushed her cheeks, and John stole furtive and admiring glances at her. She was vaguely like somebody he had seen before.

They sat down, one on each side of the table. She bent her plate, and then she leaned her head on her hand, and her face paled and her voice trembled.

"John Roach," she said (he had not told her his name), "What are you doing here? Why are you not at home with your people?"

The man started as if shot. His face turned white, through all the brown upon it.

"Who are you?" he said hoarsely. "that you know me? Who are you I say?"

The woman leaned forward, shading her eyes with her hand. "John, don't you know me?"

"Dotty Waters!" he said. "Oh! my God!"

Then he crossed quickly to her and lifted her up in his arms, trembling the while as if palsy-stricken.

"Why, Dorothy! Dotty!" he said, "they told me you had died of a fever in the marshes—that was ago—more than twenty years. Have you come back to life again, Dotty, like them folks in the Bible, and was it true that you said you'd never marry me?"

His eyes were misty; she drew herself from his embrace, drew her chair near his and took both his hands in hers. Her eyes were wet, too.

"No, John," she said, softly, "I did not die of fever, and I never loved any one but you, and—"

Then Dorothy Waters broke down, and was comforted like a child, and these two old lovers sobbed out their hearts' joy in that lonely cabin on Christmas morning.

It is needless to relate how John and Dotty had been lovers from childhood; how evil tongues had lied to him on his return from war, and his simple heart believed them. Why tell of the long anguish these two had suffered in that score of years. The world knows these stories too well.

It needed no explanation to make John understand that Dorothy had come on purpose to seek him. The story of the night before vanished into thin air, and was forgotten.

He took her as the best Christmas-gift God ever gave to man, and when he raised her face and kissed her, he registered a vow in his heart which he will keep until the breath leaves him. It was his marriage vow.

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Bristol is already a developed city. It has two systems of waterwork, capable of supplying 100,000 people; and electric lighting plant, four good banks, street cars, a belt railroad, churches of all denominations, first-class schools, the prettiest opera house in southwest Virginia or Eastern Tennessee, and a Y. M. C. A. building. The Bristol Iron and Steel company, capital \$300,000, is erecting one of the largest and best equipped blast furnaces in the south. The Pioneer Steel and Rolling Mill company, capital \$100,000, is now building a plant for the production of steel billets, merchants bar iron and horse-nail rods. Bristol has the best hotels of any city in this region, the Fairmont hotel and St. Lawrence hotel being first-class in every particular. Granolithic pavements and sidewalks are being put in at an expense of \$75,000. There are six strong land companies, with an aggregate capitalization of \$5,000,000, and here are located the general offices of the Doe Mountain Mining and Improvement company, capital \$250,000, as well as the offices and car shops of the South Atlantic and Ohio railroad.

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The Bristol Courier says of him: "He is a wild ass from the wilderness."

The Carlinville (Ill.) Democrat says: "W. A. R. Robertson is an enigma, a phenomenon."

The Tribune (Chicago) under the heading, "Mid Winter Madness," says: "W. A. R. Robertson is afflicted with a large-sized hole in the top of his head, and is trying to play a part of which he is not capable." (The Tribune was for Logan for United States senator; R. for Farwell.)

He favors the removal of the national capital to St. Louis. At Philadelphia in 1876 he commenced the agitation of the world's fair, to be held at Chicago, and has persistently encouraged every effort of whatever nature to secure that end, and is now rejoicing with Chicago in her victory.

"War" Robertson says that Hon. John M. Palmer, of Illinois, will be the next Democratic candidate for president, and that he is the only man in that party able to carry Illinois in 1892.

He favors the conquest of the British possessions in North America to a boundary line, 40° north of 50° north latitude.

He was born in Illinois, but says he is as much at home in the south as if he was born under the big chair in his real estate office at Bristol, Tenn. He believes in "free trade between the states," freedom of speech, press and conscience. His "war" cry is "540 40" or fight."

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NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS.

The commercial bodies of North Dakota report that they can take of the needy farmers in their State.

Col. R. WHITEHEAD has been appointed to serve two years longer as Commissioner of Agriculture for Virginia.

So far about \$20,000 has been subscribed to the hospital fund at Roanoke. The Norfolk and Western railroad contributed \$5,000.

At Unadella, N. Y., Thursday, Ex-Senator Frank B. Arnold shot himself through the head. Despondency over his defeat at the late election was the cause.

The body of Deputy U. S. Marshal Roper, who left Rolla, Mo., to arrest illicit distillers operating a still forty miles distant, was found in a lumber camp with the head cut off.

An unknown man died at Tennyson, Ind., a few days ago, after confessing that he killed John R. Boldbach twenty years ago, for which crime Thomas Camp was hanged.

The will of Daniel B. Fayerweather, the millionaire leather dealer, filed in New York Monday, gives \$100,000 to the University of Virginia, \$2,000,000 to other colleges, and \$95,000 to hospitals in New York.

TARIFF reduction means the transfer of American manufactures to Europe, where cheap labor may be employed, or the reduction of American labor to the European standard. A high tariff invites foreign capital to investment in American manufactures, and advances the demand for American labor.

JUDGE ELLIOTT, of Pine Bluff, Ark., in sentencing Charles Seward, a prominent farmer of Desha County, to death for murder, made the day Thursday, January 29. He then explained that Jesus Christ was crucified on Friday, and he would not insult His memory by sentencing a murderer to hang on that day.

It was Mrs. Emerson who said "the first wealth is health," and it was a wiser than the modern philosopher who said that "the blood is the life." The system, like the clock, runs down. It needs winding up. The blood gets poor and scores of diseases result. It needs a tonic to enrich it.

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Weather Prophets.

The very latest weather prophet states that last fall the trail of the ground—mole plainly marked the earth with a series of "W's." This indicated a warm winter, which followed. Now the unheavings of the restless mole trace the letter "C," and from this we are to be convinced that this will be a cold winter. A number of writers who profess to have the gift of forecasting the weather, have made prophesies. One asserts that December 27th and January 11th and March 6th, will be the coldest days of the coming winter. Still another believes that January 9th, 21st, and February 3rd will be marked by severe blizzards. A fourth puts down December 30th, January 18th and February 17th, as periods when the weather will exceed all former records of intense cold. The prophets are all credited with much experience in the matter on which they treat.

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M. WELLS, the leader of low prices. People will dress and when they want good and nice clothing, Max can supply them. Clever Sam Alexander is always on hand at this house and will meet you with a smile.

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UNCLE JNO. J. FOWLER, who has a nice line of confectionaries. He also will furnish oysters on very short notice and will prepare them in any manner desired.

During the holidays it is necessary that the time of day or night should be observed, and in order to get true time you should go to

J. H. MUSSELWHITE'S, who has a nice supply of watches and clocks of all kinds, and a beautiful line of jewelry.

Now proceed down street and cross over to

W. C. SEAVER & SONS' furniture rooms, where you will find a large supply of house furnishing goods. They are reliable and accommodating gentlemen.

Just continue your journey a few steps and you will find another large stock of general merchandise owned and kept by

J. L. GROSECLOSE, sometimes (and rightfully too) called "Honest Joe." His stock of ladies dress goods is especially attractive.

Continue east until you come to a "turning off" place, and there you will find

J. B. RIEA'S store-house, which is filled with a new and beautiful stock of goods. He is now offering and selling goods cheaper than ever. Call in and see him.

Your rounds are not yet completed, for just across the river you will find

VENABLE & CO.'S merchantile establishment. You will soon see that this concern is doing business on a big scale—selling goods cheap—and they have everything usually kept in a general merchantile store. Their stock of Christmas Goods is complete in every respect.

THE DICKY BROTHERS' BLOOD AND LIVER PILLS.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curran, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking ten bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at S. W. Dickinson's Drug Store, large bottles 50c. and \$1.

Musical Concert

One of the most interesting entertainments ever held in Marion was given at M. F. College Friday night conducted by the music teachers and the class. All the performers did exceedingly well, playing their pieces on the piano with perfect accord, and those who performed upon their guitars (four in number) charmed the large audience with soft and melodious music. The occasion was really a treat to all present and reflects great credit upon the musical department of M. F. College. For want of space we cannot give the names of all who were engaged in the exercises, but will name the principal participants. Mrs. Painter, Misses Fulkerson, Phlegar, Jewel, Gibboney, Scherer, Stone and Neif.

You are in a Bad Fix

But we will cure you if you will pay us. Men who are Weak, Nervous and Debilitated, suffering from Nervous Debility, Seminal Weakness, and all the effects of early Evil Habits, or later indiscretions, which lead to Premature Decay, Consumption or Insanity, should send for and read the "Book of Life," giving particulars of a Home Cure. Sent (sealed) free, by addressing Dr. Parker's Medical and Surgical Institute, 161 North Spruce St., Nashville, Tenn. They guarantee a cure or no pay.—The Sunday Morning.

Died

In this place on the night of 11th inst., Miss Nannie M. Scott, in the 44th year of her age. Miss Nannie had been in very feeble health for several months, resulting in dropsy, which was the immediate cause of her death. For several years she was engaged in the millinery and dress-making business in this place. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and took great interest in church work. On Friday, the 12th her remains were taken to Lynchburg in charge of Mr. M. M. Seavers, where they were buried by the side of her mother, who died in that city several years ago.

Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c. a bottle, at S. W. Dickinson's Drugstore.

Municipal.

Section 8 of Chapter 16 of the Ordinances of the town of Marion, in regard to pay and duties of the Sexton of Round Hill Cemetery, was repealed and the following ordinance was offered and passed in lieu thereof. There shall be no stated salary paid to the Sexton by authority of the Town Council for his care and attention of the Cemetery. He shall dig all graves except as hereinafter provided, in the sections as now laid off in said Cemetery, for which he may charge as follows:

For a child five years old or under \$1.50; for a child over five and under fifteen years of age \$2.00; and for all persons over the age of 16 years \$3.00; and for paupers, he may charge not exceeding one half the above rates, provided however, that when graves are dug by friends of the deceased without compensation, the Sexton shall permit said persons to enter said Cemetery for said purpose, but in all cases the Sexton shall go upon the grounds and lay off the graves to be dug that uniformity may be observed. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, either by receiving compensation or paying the same shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars for each offence.

A copy, Teste J. H. GOLLEHON, Recorder.

Dry Bones Wanted.

20,000 lbs. of dry bones wanted at once for which I will pay cash when delivered.

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We are all free American citizens, enjoying our personal liberty; but most of us are in physical slavery, suffering from scrofula, salt rheum or some other form of impure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the great blood purifier which dissolves the bonds of disease, gives health and perfect physical liberty.

VIRGINIA NOTES.

Two tobacco-planters of Amherst county, while waiting at one of the Lynchburg warehouses for their crops to be sold, became involved in a dispute in regard to the merits of their teams. The discussion finally became very warm, when one of the disputants struck the other a severe blow in the face. The assaulted party, who was a very powerful man, picked the other one up in his arms, carried him to a large pool of water in the yard, and gave him a good ducking, and then threw him into his wagon, where he told him to keep quiet and cool off. The affair created no end of amusement among the tobacco-buyers.

A United States naval apprentice named W. A. Hoffman, on the training-ship Portsmouth, was killed at the Norfolk navy-yard Tuesday morning. By some means the boy slipped and fell through an open hatchway from the spardeck to the half of the ship and died within half an hour.

Fletcher M. Doggett, son of Dr. Cyrus Doggett, of Fincastle, was killed by a runaway horse about midnight Tuesday evening. He had been hunting on horseback during the afternoon with some friends, and as he was calling up his dogs to close the day's chase his horse took fright and ran, throwing its rider with fatal result.

In the Loudoun county court the will of the late H. Grafton Dulaney was admitted to probate a few days ago. It disposes of about \$850,000 of personal property, besides a large amount of real estate.

The jury in the case of Carlton H. Marks, who has been on trial in the county court of Greensville, for the past two weeks for the murder of N. M. Bain, found the accused guilty and fixed his punishment at ten years and eight months in the penitentiary.

William Brown, who has been convicted of being one of the negroes who, on the night of October 7th, 1889, fired the town of Rocky Mount, in Franklin county, and sentenced to be hung, has been granted a new trial by the supreme court of appeals of the state.

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The importance of purifying the blood cannot be overestimated, for without pure blood you cannot enjoy good health. At this season nearly every one needs a good medicine to purify, vitalize, and enrich the blood, and we ask you to try Hood's Peculiar Sarsaparilla. It strengthens food, and builds up the system, creates an appetite, and tones the digestion, while it eradicates disease. The peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation of the vegetable remedies used give to Hood's Sarsaparilla a peculiar curative power. No other medicine has such a record of wonderful success. If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other instead. It is a Peculiar Medicine, and is worthy your confidence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Light Yellow Sugar 7c., or 15 lbs. for One Dollar.

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Worsted Dress Goods at 12c., worth 15c.

Worsted Dress Goods at 15c., worth 20c.

One piece dress goods 10c., cost 18c.

Note Paper at 5c., worth 15c.

Henrietta Tricots and Cashmeres at 5c.

Great Reduction.

Stamped Pillow Shams at 20c., former price 25c.

ABSOLUTELY CASH.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, CATARRH, BRONCHITIS and all throat and lung MALADIES. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Williamsburg, Kings county, N. Y.

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One Fact is Worth a Thousand Arguments—Science Prevails.

WHAT ROYAL GERMETUER HAS DONE.

The remarkable cures with "Royal Germetuer" are astonishing the world. Rev. T. C. Boykin's daughter of Atlanta, was cured of a protracted case of fever by the use of Royal Germetuer. Mrs. J. B. Hawthorne, of Atlanta, Ga. was cured of a long-standing case of debility, etc. A daughter of Mr. C. Jordan, of Atlanta, was cured of a serious case of stomach and bowel troubles. Mr. N. T. Johnson, of Atlanta, was cured of a long continued and severe case of catarrh which was sapping his life away. Mr. A. V. Jackson, of Summerville, Ga., after trying various physicians for 15 years, was cured of a violent case of rheumatism. Mrs. M. Farmer, west end, Atlanta, was completely cured of a ten years case of inflammatory rheumatism after all others had failed. Rev. A. B. Vaughn, Canton, Ga., was cured of facial neuralgia, also of a liver and kidney trouble of many years standing. Rev. M. H. Wells, of Louisville, Ky., has a daughter who was cured of neuralgia and rheumatism after all known medical and climatic remedies had been used.

Mr. T. V. Meddor, of Bab's Bridge La., was cured of liver complaint and kidney disease of five years standing. Mrs. Irenia Free, of Soque, Ga., was cured of chronic bronchitis of 30 years standing and hemorrhage of the lungs. Her recovery was deemed of, but Germetuer cured her.

Dr. O. P. Stark of Alexandria, La., was cured of asthma, which he had from his birth. Strange, but true, "Germetuer" cured him in one week.

Mrs. L. A. Sherman, Atlanta, Ga., was cured of pains in the back and hip, and says, "Germetuer" done more for me than \$100 of other medicines."

Mrs. J. G. Edwards, Alexandria, La., was cured of loss of appetite, nervousness, insomnia, melancholy, shortness of breath, weakness, pains, "terrible blotches," etc.

Mrs. Nicholson, of Martin, Texas, was prostrated for months—cause, female irregularity, expected, to die. Was cured with "Royal Germetuer."

These are only a few extracts from hundreds of certificates in the possession of the proprietors of "Royal Germetuer," and every mail brings others, voluntarily given, for the benefit of suffering humanity. If you are sick and have despaired of recovery, hope on—"Germetuer" it will cure you. It is as pleasant to take as lemonade without sugar; it is a scientific discovery, and cures disease by removing the cause. It builds up from the first dose. Price reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.50 per concentrated bottle, which will make, as per accompanying directions, one gallon of medicine. Send stamp for full particulars.

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These Glasses are not supplied to peddlers at any price.

A. K. Hawkes.

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Old Santa Claus is Coming!



See him loaded with Christmas presents for the dear little ones, which he is going to take down the chimney and put into stockings as presents for all good children. Old Santa Claus has made his headquarters at

C. M. WOLFE,

who keeps a large assortment of the finest

Christmas Presents

in Marion, which he will sell at low-down prices, some of which he desires to mention in this advertisement

Plain and French Candies, made into every shape and size; Toys of all kinds; Dates, Figs, Raisins, Currants, Citron, Prunes, Cocoanuts shredded and desiccated; Olives, Crackers of all kinds; Cakes, Nuts, Oranges, Lemons,

A big line of Plush Goods, Christmas Cards

—A beautiful line of—

New Style Jewelry, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Picture Frames,

Ornaments for Christmas Trees,

In fact any and everything for Holiday Presents for old men, young men, old ladies, young ladies, little boys, little girls. Come and get your supplies. You will be pleased with my stock.

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New Firm. New Goods

E. Reeves & Co., Successors to CRAGHEAD & WRIGHT, DEALERS IN

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DRESS GOODS, BOOTS & SHOES, HATS & CAPS, HARDWARE, TINWARE, QUEENSWARE, WOODENWARE. A full line of all kinds of NOTIONS & NOVELTIES, GROCERIES, and CANNED GOODS always on hand. They also keep Timothy, Blue Grass, Clover and Garden Seeds at proper seasons. They will exchange goods for all kinds of Country Produce for which they will allow the market prices. Give them a call, and examine their stock and prices. Store-house on South side Main St., op. Exchange hotel and Bank buildings.

From the above advertisement you will notice that we have sold our stock of General Merchandise to Messrs. Reeves, Buchanan and Wright, who will be pleased to have you give them encouragement. Give them a trial and you will be induced to purchase your goods from them

CRAGHEAD & WRIGHT.

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FURNITURE,

Chairs, Mattresses, Carpets, Rugs, Etc., Etc.

Undertaking a Specialty

We carry a full line of Rugs, Window Shades, and Plain, Fancy and Bronze Window Rods. The ladies are respectfully invited to visit our Ware room in the Opera House Building and examine our stock of Rockers, Easy Chairs, Sofas, Lounges Bric-a-Brac of all sorts.

Call and Examine Our Prices.

PLEASE READ THIS!

We started out to sell Goods cheaper than others; we do it; we can do it, and we intend to do it. We have been too busy to take time to write up what we wanted to say, but

WE WILL GIVE YOU A FEW PRICES AND ASK YOU TO COME AND SEE US.

Don't get alarmed if you find us busy. We are generally busy, but you shall be waited on. It is to the interest of the people to patronize us. We try to buy everything you have to sell, and we know we give you more and better Goods for your money and produce than you get any where else. We have some goods we want to sell and have reduced the prices to do so on many lines.

WE QUOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Gold head and Oxidized silver head Silk Umbrellas, only \$1.00.
 CHILD'S SUITS CLOTHES, 4 to 12 years of age, \$1.25 suit.
 MEN'S SUITS, guaranteed all wool filling, only \$4.50 suit.
 MEN'S HEAVY STORM ULSTER OVERCOATS, only \$3.00.
 LADIES' LONG CLOAKS worth \$6.00, will sell them for \$3.50.
 CHILDREN'S CLOAKS, worth \$4.00 to \$6.00, your choice now \$3.00.
 MEN'S OVERALLS 25c. per pair. TRUNKS all prices. Large fine buggy whips 15c. to \$1.
 Fancy Colored Tidy Towels, worth 25c., our price 10c.
 LADIES' SHOULDER CAPES, worth \$3.00, will sell for \$2.00.
 Silk Gimp, all colors, for trimming dresses, 10c. yard, worth 25c.
 Big Bargains in Napkins and Towels.
 BOYS' CLOTH HATS, 25c., NOBBY CAPS for boys. Very stylish.
 Silk Embroidery, all colors, 1c. spool.
 Brainard & Armstrong's best spool silk, 4c. spool.
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 Brown sugar 6c., White sugar 7c., Coffee 18c. lb.

We will next week call your especial attention to our beautiful line of PLUSH GOODS, TOYS, CANDLES, USEFUL AND FANCY GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS TIMES.
 We hope to have these Goods all opened up by the 1st of December. These Goods are arriving daily—will soon be on sale. Our stock of

CLOTHING, Shoes, BOOTS,

in fact every department is full of bargains. It is to your interest to buy from us. We have the stock. Our prices are the lowest.

VENABLE and COMPANY.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Briefs and Personals.
 Christmas gift.
 Fine line of Jewelry at Weiler's.
 Overcoats at cost price at Weiler's.
 Quite a large crowd in town Monday.
 Fresh cakes and crackers at C. M. Wolfe's.
 A nice line of stationery at C. M. Wolfe's.
LADIES' RUBBER BOOTS AT WEILER'S.
 E. Reeves & Co. have a lot of nice saddles, cheap.
 N. G. Knitting Cotton 20c. per lb. at J. L. Groseclose's.
 The best line of cigars and tobacco in town at C. M. Wolfe.
 Go to Marion Foundry for water pipe fixtures and repairs.
 Slaughtered prices on Kip Boots and Shoes at J. L. Groseclose's.

A handsome line of Jewelry at C. M. Wolfe's.
 Be sure and see the dolls at Venable & Co's.
 Plain and Fancy Candy, and nuts at J. L. Groseclose's.
 A fine lot of chewing and smoking tobacco at E. Reeves & Co.
 Call on C. M. Wolf for anything in the Grocery line.
 E. Reeves & Co. have a large stock of Liverpool suit.
 County court last Monday, but little business was transacted.
 By all means go to see the Musical Phonograph at Venable & Co's.
 Master Walter, son of C. W. Gillespie, is now quite sick with Pneumonia fever.
 If you want a good pair of eye glasses for little money go to C. M. Wolfe's.
 Miss H. C. Francis will leave for New York in a few days to spend Christmas holidays.
 A good many cattle are said to be dying in Washington county, cause unknown. Some think the disease is black-leg.

CHRISTMAS POEM.

[First Prize.]
 Though a diamond bracelet goes into Mabel's silken hose,
 Papa, who puts up the rocks,
 Ruts along in cotton socks.
 The snow at this place is about 20 inches deep.
 Don't forget Venable & Co. have lots Christmas Goods CHEAP.
 As is customary there will be no paper issued from this office next week.
 E. Reeves & Co. have just received a nice line of general Hardware, cutlery, nails, etc.
 Did you ever know one to use "A. B. C. Alternative" for Blood Taint without a cure?
 Remember you can buy the very best stick candy for 10 cents per lb. at C. M. Wolfe's.
 Beautiful China Tea Sets, 56 pieces, \$5.50. Silver-plated ware cheap, at J. L. Groseclose's.
 Abbot's East India Corn Paint removes quickly all corns, bunions and warts without pain.
 The best Christmas present you can make a friend is to have The News sent him or her for one year.
 The Methodist Sunday School at Zion Hill will have a large Christmas tree on the 24th inst at 1 p. m.
 Catarrh originates in scrofula taint. P. P. P. purifies the blood, and thus permanently cures Catarrh.
 The Philadelphia Press and the Southwestern News, one year, for \$1.50—cash in advance. Subscribe.
 We want all the dressed turkeys and chickens we can buy, bring us what you have to sell. Venable & Co.
 For the Holidays:—Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk and Cashmere Mufflers, Ties, Gloves, Suspenders, etc., at Weiler's.
 Simmons Liver Regulator is a most excellent appetizing tonic.—Saml. S. Pentz, Chap. to Bishop of North Carolina.
 To all our subscribers and friends we extend our Christmas greetings and wish that they may enjoy a pleasant holiday season.
 Call on E. Reeves & Co. if you want bargains in dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, etc. They have a large stock to select from.
 Those of our wood subscribers who promised us wood and have not hauled it will please bring us a few loads before the roads get too bad.
 Miss Naunie Poston, one of the interesting young ladies of Saltville, is visiting her sister Mrs. Jno. H. Muselwhite and other friends in town.
 Revs. T. N. Pippin and T. J. Crumley, will commence a series of meetings at Centenary commencing Dec. 19th at night, embracing the 3rd Sunday.
 A FULL LINE OF RUBBER SHOES, ALSO LINED OVERSHOES AND ARCTICS FOR CHILDREN, MISSES, LADIES AND GENTS AT WEILER'S.
 Circuit court is still in session and will continue through the week. Several cases against the N. & W. R. R. Company have been tried this week for the killing of stock, etc.
 The man who looks in our advertising columns and cannot find what he wants in this town is hard to suit. Every wide-awake business man in this place advertises in the News.
 Terrible blood poison, body covered with sores, and two bottles of P. P. P. (Prickly Ash, Poke Root and Potassium) cured the disease, making the patient lively as a ten-year-old.
 A new and simple remedy for sleeplessness is announced. It is to sip slowly a pint of hot water before going to bed. People who have tried it say the effect is prompt, and almost wondrous.

Popularity called the king of medicines—Hood's Sarsaparilla. It conquers scrofula, salt rheum and all other blood diseases.
 Owing to a professional call to Martha Washington College, I will not be in my office on Friday and Saturday, 19th and 20th, 1890.
 J. P. HILL, D. D. S.
 Go to Messrs. Venable & Co's store and hear the greatest invention of the age. They have one of Edison's Automatic Photograph Musical Machines in operation there now. It's a great curiosity.
 Dr. Allen has been in town several days holding free concerts at the Opera House and selling his medicines. He did well with his medicines and made many valuable presents to purchasers of them.
 We have three thousand dollars worth of clothing which must be sold. If you need anything in clothing, boots and shoes, now is your opportunity to buy cheap. Lots of it must be sold. Venable & Co.
 C. P. Lambert Esq., of Staunton, the indefatigable, clever and handsome general agent for the sale of agricultural machinery in Virginia, was in town Monday. Marion is filled with his friends.
 In looking into the new year, it is well not to expect too much of it—unless you intend to reform—for it will be pretty much as we make it. It will be full of sunshine and shadow, and you can often take your choice.
 Rheumatism was so bad that James Irvin of Savannah, could hardly walk from pain in his shoulders and joints of his legs. P. P. P. (Prickly Ash, Poke Root and Potassium) was resorted to and Irvin is well and happy.
 A large barn belonging to the Buena Vista Plaster Co. at Saltville, was destroyed by fire on last Thursday night. Three mules, 1 horse and 6 head of cattle perished in the flames. Loss estimated to be about \$4,000.
 Mr. V. S. Morgan and Miss Hannabelle Jackson left on the 2:27 train yesterday evening for Florida, where they will spend the winter. Mr. M. Jackson went to Florida several weeks ago and will remain during the winter.
 Our friend Rev. Geo. W. Miles has purchased the business interest in the Conservative Democrat office in this place and will in the future have the management of that paper. Mr. Miles is a fine business man and will attend to his duties well.
 We have just received a beautiful lot of Lace Ties, Lace Shams, Lace Curtains, Chamber Sets, and Household Furnishing Goods, which we will sell cheap. Come and see for yourselves, and you then will purchase.
 W. C. SEAVER & SONS.
 Dr. L. A. Copenhagen, formerly of this county, but now located at Bales Mills, Lee county, is visiting his relatives and friends near this place. The Dr. is a young man of excellent attainments and will make friends in the county of his adoption. We wish him great success in his profession.
JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER SUPPLY OF SUITS, OVERCOATS, BOOTS, SHOES, ETC. EVERYBODY SHOULD CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK. WE SELL GOODS CHEAPER THAN ANY HOUSE IN MARION. M. WEILER, THE CLOTHIER.
 M'lle Arne and her excellent company presented the ever popular play "The Two Orphans" at the Opera House last night. The play was presented in a very creditable manner to the charming and pretty little Star and her magnificent company of Actors and Actresses. The company will go from here to Abingdon and should be greeted with a large audience as they justly deserve.

GREAT SACRIFICE SALE!

GENUINE BARGAINS FOR ALL!

Determined to reduce our large stock of winter goods, we are offering for the next 80 days

ALL HEAVY GOODS AT UNHEARD OF PRICES:

For Cash Only.

Our stock is the best assorted in town, and styles are complete. We cannot go into details in naming our stock, as it is entirely too large.
 Children's overcoats from \$1.10 to \$4.00
 Large size boys' overcoats from \$2.15 to \$7.00
 mens overcoats from \$1.90 to \$18.00
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 Boys' pants from \$1 to \$2.50
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 Gent's undershirts from 35c a pair to the finest in town.
 Gloves from 15c to \$1.75 a pair,
 Handkerchiefs from 2c to \$1.25,
 Suspenders from 5c to 50c,
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 Ladies' button shoes worked button hole at \$1.
 Ladies' fine Dongolle Kid button at \$1.10 worth \$1.50.
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 Children's shoes from 25c to \$1,
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 Children's boots from 80c up,
 Boys' boots from \$1.10 to \$2,
 mens' Kip boots at \$1.55,
 mens' first quality tap sole boots at \$1.75,
 mens' fine veal calf boots at \$1.75,
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 Best quality oil grain at \$2.75 worth \$3.50
 Best French Kip boots at \$2.50, worth \$3.50
 mens' Oyster boots at \$2, worth \$3.75,
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For a Christmas present nothing could be more acceptable than a nice piano or organ. You cannot do better than consult The Hobbie Music Co., Lynchburg, Va., before purchasing an instrument, they have a new and handsome stock of goods for the holidays at lowest prices. Illustrated catalogue free.

Mr. Geo. A. Sullivan, formerly of this place, now editor of the Montgomery Democrat, was elected mayor of Radford by the city council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. M. Shertetz, Esq., and entered upon the duties of the office last Friday. We congratulate George upon his fortune to be the choice of the city council for the honorable and responsible position, and wish that his administration may be like his character, one without spot or blemish.

Last week the remains of Henry Pruner and wife, Jas. M. Pruner, Esq., their son, James C. and Eddie, sons of J. M. Pruner, Mrs. Polly Debusk, sister of Mr. W. C. Seaver and Mrs. Frances A. Pruner, and her infant, a little son of R. C. Vaughan and a little son of B. F. Mantz, were all removed from the old Presbyterian cemetery in this place to Roundhill cemetery, and buried in a section provided for them by relatives of the deceased. Mr. Lafayette Wolfe was the contractor to remove the bodies.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
 When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
 When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
 When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

We call especial attention to our Christmas stock of goods. If you expect to make any presents to your friends, or if you want any toys, etc., for the little folk, come and see us. You can buy a nice silk, gold-head umbrellas for \$1 from us. We have a beautiful line of motto, handkerchief and cologne goods, in endless variety. Plain and French Candy only 10 cts. lb. We have coconuts, raisins, gelleine, oranges, lemons, etc. Venable & Co.

The young ladies of the Palladian Literary and Musical Society will give an oyster and ice cream supper in connection with a literary and musical entertainment Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, 1890, at Marion Female College. The chief features of the entertainment will be the Mikado Fan and Tambourine drills. The supper room will be open from 5:30 until 7 p. m., when the entertainment will begin. After the entertainment the supper room will be again opened. Entertainment, 15c.; Oysters, 25c.; Ice-cream and Cake, 15c. Candy made by the young ladies of the Society will be sold at reasonable prices. The object of the entertainment is to ceil and carpet the Society hall, and the young ladies earnestly solicit the patronage of the people of Marion.

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 Respectfully,
 ELIZA TODD.

MARRIED
 At the Valley House, in this place, on Monday evening, the 15th inst., Miss Mollie Virginia, daughter of N. B. Dotson, of Olympia, this county, and Mr. C. C. Dathrage, of Bristol, Tenn., Rev. G. A. Maiden officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, in this place, Dec. 4th, Mr. M. C. Morris, of Chilhowie, this county, and Miss Mollie Morris, Rev. D. A. Glenn officiating.

Fine Horses Wanted.
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