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A GRAND SUCCESS
Was the Ragamuffin Celebration.

Addresses Were Delivered by Capt. Jeremiah Blazes and Other Distinguished Members of the Order. A Great Crowd Present.

The parade of the Ancient Order of Ragamuffins on Christmas day far surpassed anything of the kind ever seen in Marion.

To attempt to portray on paper the splendor of the Grand Pageant would be as hopeless a task as to paint the lily, to add perfume to the violet or with taper light the beautiful eye of heaven to garnish.

It was one of those Grand Spectacular Displays which defy description and which to be appreciated must be seen.

The inventive genius displayed in the grotesqueness of attire, comic attitudes and the ensemble of ridiculous combinations, was, without doubt, of a very high order and reflected great credit on the management.

Heralded by musicians of the Orphanian type, the Grand Cavalcade entered town from the east with a gorgeousness of display resembling another Sun risen on mid-day. The sight was bewildering. As they approached the centre of the town, the gaping throng that filled the public square, that blocked the sidewalks, that crowded the porticos and balconies, of both public and private houses, gave vent to their feeling of wonder and astonishment by such unconscious ejaculations as "Oh, My!" "Holy Moses!" "Good Gracious!" "Look There!" "Let me go!" "Jeru-sa-lem!" "Heaven Defend me!" "Shades of Tucker!" (Daniel, I suppose, etc.) etc. The parade was fully one hour in passing a given point. It was a scene indeed, Caucasian, Mongolian, Malay, Ethiopian; representatives from Kamscatka, the Fiji Islands, Teradelfuigo, all in their native costumes. Westward along Main street the grand aggregation marched, followed by an admiring throng which it is in the bounds of truth to say, no man could number, until they came to a point where two ways meet, here the Grand Commander halted, seemingly perplexed to know which road led to glory and fame, and not being able to satisfy himself on so important a step, he gave the command, "about face."

The parade then retraced its steps to the public square where the Great High Secretary called the roll. In this procedure I noticed a certain long eared animal that seemed to take particular pleasure. At the call of almost every name by the Secretary he responded with a bray with varying intonations. But whether he was seriously answering to what he mistook to be the call of his name, or was jeocosely mimicking the voice of the High Secretary could not be clearly made out. After the roll-call was ended the Grand Cohorts of the Grand Order was addressed by the Great Grand Commander Geremiah Blazes, Professor Topheavy and Baron Shortwaist, in words and figures to the following effect:

Grand Comrades of the Eternal Order of Rag-muffins: When we received the retrospect of our Ancient Order, it is but natural to feel the ballaluh jubilation of the red corpuscles of the internal cavity mounting to the apex of hilarious conviviality. (Applause.)
 For the Whandoodle drooped his tail at the appearance of Pheton's flaming chariot—Before the cock, crowed in the morn that first cast far into dim night a glimmering dawn,—Before the red Comanche speared the roving Athletes, of the primal forest where you now sit encircled with all that adorns and embellishes civilized life, we were THERE. (Prolonged applause.)
 I say we were there, and to day in every city, town and hamlet, from the flaming Orient to the murky Occident, from the Artic to the Antarctic, wherever the conquering foot of man has prepared old Terra Cotta there may be found the representatives of the Rag-man's Order. (Much laughter, and cheer after cheer that well high split heaven's

conceals.) And to-day it is our sub-
 lary felicity to congregate from
 under the four shining constellations
 that give light to every creature on
 the earth or under the earth or in
 the air, to celebrate the 1005th
 anniversary of our reorganized con-
 stitutions; and by this display por-
 tend the concretion of the hepatic
 mechanism of our Ancient Order
 with the dominion of old Chaos and
 ancient night. (Howling applause,
 some minutes before the speaker
 could continue.) And while man-
 kind in all ages has vexed in vain
 the gray filament of their sensorium
 to electrify into being some substi-
 tution for the diversion and enter-
 tainment of man, our noble Order
 has held on its unapproachable way
 undimmed by the protoplasm of time
 and unaffected by microbes. (Here
 the applause became so vociferous
 and continuous as to render it im-
 possible to give a connected state-
 ment of what was afterwards said
 though I am told by those competent
 to judge, who were nearer the
 speaker's stand, that the perforation
 of the Baron in which he appealed
 to the ladies rivaled the famous
 speech of Edwin Burke impeaching
 Warner Hastings of high crimes
 against this famous Order in India.
 Though the effect was not precisely
 same. While in this as in that bot-
 tles were passed around, handkerchiefs
 were displayed, sobs and screams
 were heard, strong men were over-
 come (by the police) and were carried
 to the county asylum. I have not
 learned that on this occasion any
 lady fainted. This however may be
 accounted for by reason of the exer-
 cises being conducted in the open
 air, while Burke spoke in an over-
 crowded hall.)
 After the speaking and the ap-
 plause subsided, the procession re-
 sumed its march eastward, and finally
 disappearing in the direction from
 whence it came.

NOTES.

We take pleasure in mentioning those business men of our town who gave prominent and substantial aid to the splendid parade which was viewed by the admiring public on our streets Christmas day.

First, we call special attention to Mr. L. L. Scherer, the popular manager of the MARION COAL & WOOD CO. Luther was the leading spirit of the honored K. G. L., and he leads everybody else in furnishing good coal and wood to Marion and vicinity.

Jno. F. Painter, the enterprising and popular proprietor of the CITY MARKET, was there on his slow but sure steed. If the general public wants amusement John is always on hand. If the good people of Marion and surrounding country want the sweetest steak, the nicest roast, the choicest hams, the best sausage or anything in the meat line, call at the CITY MARKET and you will also find John on hand, pleasing and polite to all.

The great manufacturing plant of Look & Lincoln, which builds more wagons, sells more buggies, ships more plows handles, spokes, hubs and other wood materials than any other plant of the kind in Southwest Va., East Tenn., or Western N. C., was represented on that festive occasion in admirable and commensurate manner.

Groseclose Bros. & Co., one of our largest retail firms in dry goods, notions, etc., and one of the leading produce firms in the markets of the Southwest, had their flags floating to the breeze. They are located in the Seaver Block and everybody goes to see them.

C. B. McCready, the young and energetic groceryman, who keeps nice fresh goods, and Dr. R. J. Thornton, President of the Thornton Drug Co., formed a happy combination, and were well represented on that dramatic occasion.

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H. B. Sprinkle and his splendid dray were just behind his faithful old gray. If you want your baggage or goods brought home, Bas is always at the other end of the phone.

W. P. Bonham & Son. Well the son is the one you want to find. Sam is an all-round liverman. For a good horse or a splendid turnout, call on the red-headed man just in rear of the postoffice.

A prosperity has been immediately behind us, and a greater prosperity is evidently before us; so, at least, the financial and commercial reports from all over the country show. The West and the Northwest and the Pacific coast have demonstrated that the great backbone of the country in its natural development westward has sustained the United States in a year's decided advancement.

The railroads show a gratifying improvement over the conditions of last year, and there is a heavy falling off in the number of individual liabilities and in the liabilities of firms and corporations over those of last year.

The Western sections have been more fortunate than the Eastern States have been, but the general condition everywhere is encouraging as we go into a new year.

There has been a decrease in the number of failures for 1897 of 2009, as compared with those of 1896—a falling off of 15 per cent. from the "panic year" of 1893.

There has been an increase of more than \$30,000,000 in customs receipts as compared with those of last year. As showing our phase of the situation it is reported that the New York Post Office receipts were more than \$300,000 above those of 1896.

Big Fire at Farmville.

The disastrous fire which swept over Farmville, Va., last Sunday night is larger than first supposed. The press reports relative to the large conflagration state thirty-six buildings, including many dry goods, hardware, grocery furniture and jewelry stores and tobacco factories, were destroyed, causing a monetary loss of some \$150,000, with insurance of only about \$50,000. The terrific explosions of blasting powder sent the burning brands on many unprotected buildings, thus disconcerting and unnerving the firmen.

Respite for Murderer Jackson.

Bristol, Tenn., January 5.—Murderer John Jackson, who was sentenced to be hanged at Abingdon, Va., on Saturday, the 8th instant, was today granted a respite of ninety days by Governor Tyler, pending an application to have his sentence commuted.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one or two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment for other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention Marion News and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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Tragedy in Wytheville.

Wytheville, Va., Dec. 27.—Rachel Hale, colored, shot and dangerously wounded Will Miller also colored, on Main street to-day. It seems to have arisen from a quarrel which took place this morning.

The woman was seen coming down the street with a pistol concealed beneath her apron in company with a young colored man named Charlie Winston. When Winston saw Miller he immediately attacked the latter and while the two were fighting, the woman drew her weapon and fired. She shot into Miller's right side making a probably fatal wound.

It is said the woman and Winston were heard plotting as they went in search of Miller that Winston was to attack Miller and if the latter proved the stronger then the woman was to shoot him.

The program was carried out to the letter. Both of the assailants were committed to await the result of Miller's injuries. All three of the parties have for years been regarded by the police as desperate characters.

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Wednesday morning passenger train No. 5, westbound, on the Norfolk & Western railroad struck and instantly killed an old lady near Glade Spring, Va. The accident occurred at Snapp's Siding, two miles east of Glade Spring, and the old lady, Mrs. Bettie Callahan, who was killed, lived a mile or so from the station, and had come to the postoffice and store, and was starting home when in attempting to cross the railroad track, she was killed. She was 75 or 80 years old, and being very deaf and also having her head wrapped up in a handkerchief, did not hear the approaching train until it was within a short distance of her when looking around, it was too late to escape and the engine struck her, knocking her from the track, killing her instantly.—Bristol Times.

Beauty, Utility and Value

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Paid for Her Influence.

"I really wish I was a member of the Chicago Woman's club," said one woman to another as they stood chatting a little apart at a reception. "I have a friend," replied her companion, "who says she knows it is harder to get into the Woman's club than it will be to get into Heaven. Everyone has friends who are anxious to become members, so that it is difficult to get five signers. I have had my dues paid for the last four years by women who wanted me to present their names and help them get signers and offered to pay my dues if I would. At first it did not seem quite the thing, but as I thought of it I could see that it was quite just. I have been a member of the club a good many years, and it has altogether cost me both much time and money, and I can see no reason why I should not be paid when I give the result of that expense to those in whom I am not particularly interested." "Will you not let me pay your dues for the use of your name?" promptly asked the woman who was ambitious to be a member of the club. "I have used my name this year," said the club member. "I will help you next year." And the bargain was closed.

A case where repentance came too late was that of Elmore Cotterman, of Shelbyville, Ind. Six months ago he was left a comfortable fortune by an uncle who had just died. He was at the time engaged to Nellie Mason, but when he received the money he went to Indianapolis and began spending it in riotous living. Finally he came to his senses, repented of what he had done and started for home to fulfill his promise to his betrothed. She, with his relatives, was at the depot to meet his return, but when the train arrived Cotterman, in his haste to meet them, jumped before the train stopped, fell under the wheels and was crushed to death before he could speak to them. Strangely enough, in his pocket was found a will leaving to the girl he loved, in case of his death, what he had not spent of his fortune in his few weeks of dissipation.

Two East Delfast (Me.) ladies got a scare the other day. They were on the road to Swanville, when mysterious sounds began to come from somewhere under the buggy seat. Thoughts of ghosts, witches, and all sorts of other uncanny things fairly took the crimp out of their hair, and the old horse was surprised at the way he was hurried along. Arrived at their destination, an investigation was made, and from under the seat proudly stepped forth a peaceful old hen with the announcement of a newly-laid egg in the choicest of hen language.

A judge who was holding court here some time ago, says the Fayetteville (N. C.) Observer, being unable to see the city hall clock on account of a tree ordered a deputy sheriff to cut the limbs of the tree off. The officer obeyed the court's order, and in a few minutes a magnificent shade tree was transformed into a bare pole. The proprietors were naturally indignant, and only respect for the high office he held saved the judge from prosecution.

Gumbull Gimp, of Eureka, Cal., has built for himself what he calls a jughouse. It is a shed back of his dwelling, and is filled with cheap furniture. When he comes home in a contentious frame of mind he smashes things generally, and argues with a photograph which he has wound up for that purpose. Mr. Gimp, says a local informant, finds the luxury an expensive one, and eminently satisfactory to Mrs. Gimp.

The movement against the indiscriminate killing of birds has taken practical shape in the state of Massachusetts. The legislature has passed and Gov. Woodford has signed a bill imposing a severe penalty upon any person in whose possession is found the skins or feathers of birds, the destruction of which is prohibited by the laws of the state.
 According to the figures furnished by the department of the interior last year, Missouri has still 617,000 acres of public land subject to entry, a surprising quantity considering the age of the state and the price at which land is held in the more densely settled portions. The land offices for this state are located at Booneville, Ironton and Springfield.

The Hoosiers have the gift of biting epigram. If the Indianapolis Journal reports them correctly. "They may say what they like against him," said the convicted one's defender, "but his heart is in the right place." "Yes," assented the other, "and so is the rest of him, for a few years."

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White Rye, No. 2, Ohio,	2.00		
White Rye, No. 3, Ohio,	1.50		
Red Rye, low proof,	1.50		
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Mrs. Chas. A. Pruner and little daughter returned last Monday from Wytheville and Bluefield where they spent the holidays.

Mr. Elvin D. Wolfe, one of the highly respected young men of Ad-wolfe, left his native heath last Saturday for Hannibal, Mo., where he goes to seek a new home and make his fortune.

A. H. Henderson and John D. Shelton, capitalists from N. Y., were here during the holidays, stopping at Hotel Holston.

Mr. R. G. Davis, of Pleasant Hill, accompanied by his brother James, who went from this county to Texas about 18 years ago, paid our office a pleasant call yesterday.

I have not had fifteen years experience in a meat market, but I have served the good people of Marion and vicinity for the past seven years, and have left nothing undone to accommodate them and furnish what they wanted in my line during this time.

Dr. Palmer Sherer immigration agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company has requested Director Evans chief of the Virginia weather bureau to prepare an article on the advantages of Virginia's climate for a pamphlet he proposes publishing early this year in the interest of that Company.

The performance given by the Abingdon Amateur Dramatic Co., at Seaver Opera House, on the evening of the 27th Dec., for the benefit of the Presbyterian church of this place, was a success in every respect.

The Editors of THE NEWS desire to return their thanks to M. Weiler for handsome and substantial Christmas presents.

Messrs. Olin Francis and Arthur Vernon, two of our popular young gents, were quite seriously hurt on Xmas eve night.

The City Market in the Lead.

The Feji Islanders declared that they had been in many lands, that their Capt. General has led many parades, that they had been toasted and dined on land and sea.

Post Office Burglars Captured.

A few days before Christmas the postoffice at Broadford, this county, was robbed, and Mr. Kent's store in which it was kept lost a number of pocket knives, silk handkerchiefs and a few other light articles.

Hood's Pills

Should be in every family medicine chest and every traveler's grip. They are valuable when the stomach is out of order; cure headache, biliousness, and all liver troubles. Mild and efficient. 25 cents.

Odd Fellows Banquet.

Thompson Lodge No. 88, of I. O. O. F., gave its Annual Banquet on Monday night, Dec. 27th, at Hotel Holston.

R. A. Anderson acted as toast master and happy responses were made by Judge Geo. W. Richardson, Rev. J. J. Scherer and Prof. E. W. Copenhaver.

Lost.

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The 2nd term of Marion Female College will open Jan. 17.

A number of new classes will be organized and special attention will be paid, if so requested, to teachers in the public schools who desire to fit themselves for better work.

The Century Dictionary has been purchased and though the amount due on it has not been fully raised the dictionary is here and will be placed in the study hall.

The fixtures for having the building supplied with hot and cold water bath room have been purchased and as soon as the weather will permit will be adjusted.

The departments of music, art, elocution and physical culture are under special teachers and offer superior advantages.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c. 25c. 50c. 10c. C. C. C. Co. Catarrh, cure, druggists, refund money.

Go to the CITY MARKET for leaf-land. First class in every particular.

Notice of Settlement. WE INTEND TO RUN OUR BUSINESS AFTER JANUARY THE FIRST ON A STRICTLY CASH BASIS. ALL ACCOUNTS UNSETTLED BY THAT TIME WILL BE PLACED IN JUDGE GEORGE W. RICHARDSON'S HANDS FOR SETTLEMENT, WITH POSITIVE ORDERS TO COLLECT. WE ARE COMPELLED TO DO THIS IN JUSTICE TO OURSELVES. VENABLE & CO.

We are too busy taking stock and fixing up generally to write new adv. Watch this space next week for bargains. It will be of interest to the public. M. WEILER.

W. E. & F. W. LEONARD. Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Groceries, etc.

The Prospectus for Home for 1898. The excellent stories, for which The Home is noted, will be continued; the Fashion and Fancy Work departments will be kept up to a high standard.

Notice!

All parties are hereby notified not to trespass in any way upon the lands of Jno. P. Sheffey, near Marion, nor upon the lands of the said Sheffey in Smyth County known as the Mitchell Place, which are under my charge.

R. F. NICKELS

Is moving off with a splendid trade since he filled up his house with new and fresh Groceries. He understands just how to arrange his stock attractively as well as to make a price that will suit the times.

Report of the Condition of THE Merchants & Farmers Bank, At Marion, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, Dec. 15, 1897. RESOURCES: Loans and discounts, \$31,465 78; Overdrafts, 347 92; Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, 500 00; Due from national banks, 14,247 14; Due from state banks and bank'rs, 83 18; Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 1,000 00; Current expenses and taxes paid, 691 04; Checks and other cash items, 302 71; Bills of other banks, 600 00; Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies, 25 00; Specie, 1,825 00; Legal tender notes, 2,700 00. Total, \$53,227 83. LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in, \$18,000 00; Undivided profits, 2,194 99; Individual deposits subject to check, \$23,810 35; Demand certificates of deposit, 1,515 56; Time certificates of deposit, 3,599 89; Cashiers checks out standing, 2,000 00; Due to national banks, 167 13; Notes and bills re-discounted, 1,500 00; Bills payable, 500 00. Total, \$53,227 83.

Buy where you can get most for the least. Money. Compare these prices: Arbuckle's coffee 15c; Best Green Coffee, 15c; Granulated sugar, 6c; Best syrup on market, 30c; 3 cakes laundry soap, 10c; 4 cakes toilet soap, 10c; Flaked hominy, 3c; Best double thick tob., 25c; Pure Apple Vinegar, 20c; Grape Wine Vinegar, 30c; Best grade Choc. candy 30c; Clothes pins, 2c; Mason's fruit jars 1 gal. 85c; " " " 1 gal. 70c; Pure lard, 8c. Other goods in proportion. Come, see and be convinced. A. P. PICKLE. Just received a fine assortment of ladies and gents umbrellas at W. WE WANT TO BUY DRESS APPRES, EITHER QUARTER OR SLICED. GROSELOSE BROS. &

C. C. Lincoln went down the Norfolk & Western, as far as Abingdon, Wednesday on a business trip.

Mrs. J. W. Mort and two children, of Bristol, spent several days last week with relatives in this city.

Dr. R. J. Thornton went to Abingdon last Saturday to see his little son Robert who has been quite ill for several days.

Mr. Frank Hazlewood, who has been in Norfolk for the past six months removed his family from this place to that city yesterday.

Mr. Victor B. Copenhaver, of Bluefield, W. V., who came in to spend the holiday with homefolks, left last Monday for his place of business.

Mr. S. C. Johnson, formerly a resident of this county but now of Vernon, Texas, has been spending a few days in the city this week the guest of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. P. Hill.

Rev. R. E. Henderlite, who is located in Washington county, spent the holiday at the old homestead with his mother. He preached two excellent sermons while here in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Louis Pepper, of theatrical fame, came down from Rural Retreat and spent a few days with Marion friends last week. He spoke of returning to entertain the Marion public in the near future.

I buy nothing but good fat cattle and hogs, so you can buy nothing at my market but nice tender meats. I expect to satisfy my customers and will leave nothing undone that will accomplish this.

Yours to please, JNO. F. PAINTER.

Dr. Shields, an eminent physician of Tennessee, says: "I regard Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best blood-medicine on earth, and I know of many wonderful cures effected by its use."

For solid fun the entertainment given by the Marion Minstrels at Seaver Opera House last Tuesday night, eclipsed anything that has transpired in Marion for a long time.

We hereby return our thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed on us in the past and ask a continuance of the same, promising to sell you goods in the future fully as low and fair and square treatment to all. Wishing each and every one a happy New Year, we remain Yours truly, M. WEILER.

Judge R. C. Jackson, of Wythe, was nominated for Judge of the 15th judicial district by the democratic caucus Wednesday night.

The young ladies and gentlemen of our little city have been having an unusually enjoyable Christmas. Parties, sleighing and skating have occupied their entire time.

Mr. T. W. Copenhaver and wife of Cynara, Neb., arrived in Marion the 24th ult. They left the station immediately for the home of Mr. Copenhaver's father where they will spend several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

The Marion Copper Company has nearly completed the branch railroad from Mt. Carmel to their quarry on the Venable-Keller land.

Everybody Says So. Cascarets Candy Cathartic. The most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, clearing the entire system, driving out, cure headache, fever, influenza, 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.

Local Items.

Do you try to make the children happy? And now the days have begun to lengthen a little.

Darn the stockings—now that Christmas is all over.

W. V. Birchfield, Esq., went up to Rural Retreat Tuesday on business. This week has been a fine time for the new crop of good resolutions.

Mrs. Dr. R. J. Thornton has been spending the holiday in Abingdon.

J. F. Nickels, of Rural Retreat, spent a few days in the city Christmas week.

Col. Jno. Richardson, the genial Register of the Land office, spent the holiday with his family.

Miss Mary Blount is at home from Roanoke visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Blount.

Judge Porterfield, of the Abingdon Citizen, was up last week a day or two the guest of Hotel Holston.

Mr. Geo. A. Pruner and wife, of Rocky Mount, spent last week in the city with their relatives and friends.

Mr. Ben. T. Gollehon and friend, from Louisiana, are visiting Mr. J. H. Gollehon, our genial deputy clerk this week.

The mission of Hood's Sarsaparilla is to cure disease, and thousands of testimonials prove it fulfils its missions well.

We regret to chronicle the illness of Mrs. R. L. Copenhaver, who lives near Marion. She has been quite sick for several weeks.

Miss Mattie Buchanan, one of the popular lady teachers of the Public Graded School, spent Christmas and holiday at Farmville, Va.

W. P. Bonham, Esq., left last week for Illinois, where he will be gone about 10 days looking after some important business matters.

Capt. Jno. M. Gwyn, came over from Chatham Hill last Saturday, and left for Richmond the next day to resume his seat in the Legislature.

G. E. Goodell, who spent the holidays in Marion with his family left Tuesday for Washington to resume his duties as private secretary to Gen. Walker.

Prof. E. W. Copenhaver, Principal of Hawkins Chapel Institute, Rural Retreat, Va., spent the holiday in his county with home folks and other friends.

We will make big reductions in all millinery and fancy goods to close this stock. Season about over, and we do not want to carry over any of this fall's stock.

Joseph Killinger and Hugh Sheffield, students of Blacksburg college, came home to spend the holiday; they were accompanied by their friend W. R. Price of the same col.

The last assessment of property in State of Virginia shows the total taxable value of the personal property to be \$99,086,428. Of this the tax own \$95,974,022 and the col- \$3,112,404.

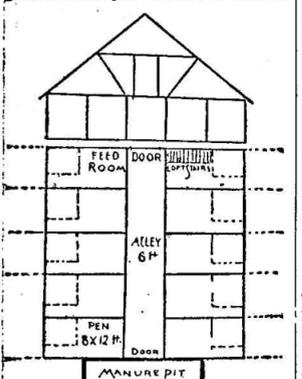
Prof. William Scott, of Sugar Hill, who is one of Smyth county's noted young men, and who holds a position as teacher at Blacksburg college, came home Christmas and a few days with homefolks.

January thaw is always more active of colds and coughs than any freeze. Then is the time of Cherry Pectoral is needed and so to extremely efficacious. Ask druggist for it, and also for Fry's Almanac, which is free to all.



PLAN FOR A PIGGERY.

It is Reasonable in Cost and Answers Every Purpose. The accompanying figure shows the ground plan of a one-story piggery 30 by 40 feet.



PLAN OF PIGGERY.

If not absorbed would run to the cemented alleyway under the trough, which should be raised from the floor slightly. The solid excrements should be wheeled to the receptacle provided for them.

The dotted lines within the pen show where a 2 by 4 scantling may be tacked to the floor to keep the bedding in place. The dotted lines on the outside of the building show where yards may be constructed.

The roof story may be used for storing corn, meal and straw, or if it is too much work to carry the heavier material to the loft, one of the pens, preferably the one under the stairway, might be used for storing food.

The building may be made somewhat narrower than shown, and as long as desired. In no case should pig-pen floors, in a cold climate, be up from the ground.

Ventilating Horse Stables. It takes a good deal of care to keep the horse stable sweet and fit for healthy living during the summer season.

HUMOROUS.

Fond Mother—"Oh, Peter, Peter, I thought I told you not to play with your soldiers on Sunday!" Peter—"But I call them the Salvation Army on Sunday."—Tit-Bits.

At the Club.—Dobson—"Jones hasn't been around to the club for two weeks. Wonder what the matter is?" Hobson—"Why, he folks are all away at the seaside, and he can rest just as well at home."—Judge.

Mocking the Wolf's Howl. Brutes Can Be Easily Lured from Their Retreat by a Bogus Noise. Lew Wilnot, who lives almost anywhere in the state of Washington, is a westerner of the old type.

Meat Eating and Baldness. Rustics who live on a bread and milk diet nearly always have heavy hair to an advanced age, while people who lunch and dine on meat rarely have after 25.

Good News from Missouri. Robert Cornwell, a Barton county (Mo.) farmer, living near Golden City, after numerous experiments, thinks he has succeeded in developing a potato that will grow without vines.

Condensed Fuel. One difficulty in the way of utilizing the great heat-beds of Germany for heating purposes has been the great bulkiness of the material.

Honesty and Virtue. There is more honesty and virtue contained in a bottle of Salvation Oil, than in any other liniment known.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK. I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher on every bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher wrapper.

Do Not Be Deceived. Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

WANDY CATHARTIC Cascarets CURE CONSTIPATION. ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Price 10¢, 25¢, 50¢.

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Corn responds readily to proper fertilization. Larger crops, fuller ears and larger grain are sure to result from a liberal use of fertilizers containing at least 7% actual Potash.

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H. C. JONES, Attorney-at-Law. Practices in the courts of Smyth and adjoining counties. Office—Richardson Building, Room No. 3.

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