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### **PROGRESS** OF NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS IN 1905

### HENDERSON.

respondence of The Observer. enderson, Jan. 8.—During the year Hendersonville made rapid and ntial progress. The city coun- phrey.

for the first time made an approfor printing advertising matne lative to the city's advantages; number of summer visitors broke evious records; a new court house the finest in the State was comrated; a second bank has been ordired; a large number of handsome dings were erected; the appearance Main street was improved by the int sidewalk; the park and amuseent grounds were improved; and vigus steps taken to promote the Aplachian inter-urban railroad project. The action of the city council in making an appropriation for advertising the city was a very important step ard. A part of the money thus provided was romptly spent in publishing copies of an eight-page pamphlet. describing the climate of Henderson-This pamphlet was written by the local cooperative observer of the United States weather bureau and gave detailed facts and figures based upon the official records. Applications have heen received from such distant sec-tions as New England and the North-west, and Hendersonville is becoming better known as a health resort. Conervative estimates place the number or more, of whom there were 5,000 or

re here at one time. The building revival during the year was wide-spread. The most important edifice was the county court house, whose fame has already evtended be-yond the limits of the State. The build-ing is steam-heated and electric-lighted A new brick building was erected on Main street for the Commercial Bank. an institution which was organized in spring, opened in June, and before end of the year had nearly \$70,000 the stores deposit. Two other brick were erected in the same block: a brick store of four largestorigni etaolt brick klock of four large stores was completed on the other side of Main treet; several stores have been or are remodeled; and a large number handsome residences have been ted. The largest hotel bought by a will be fitted up nicely for offices. One well known hotel man from Creenville, C, and extensive improvements have for a building and loan association, made on it. Cement sidewalks been laid in front of the two banks, two of the hotels and a number

of stores. The Laurel Park street railroad was begin and the track was laid and cars operated to a point out side of the city limits. Though the completion of the road is postponed till this year. yet the laying of more than a mile of ck and the running of cars over the whole of that distance belong to 1905. Under the direction and with the co-operation of Hendersonville men, the Appalachian inter-urban Railroad Company was organized, and much work is being done with a view to building a railroad to connect Hendersonville with Chimney Rock and either Rutherfordton Gaffney or Spartanburg. Elections have been held and bonds voted in three townships in Henderson county, three townships in Polk county, one township in Buncombe and one in Rutherford. In other townships which were hostil to the project a strong sentiment has been created in its favor. nd this has been done mainly by Hen-

The Robeson County Loan &Trust Company has erected a large brick cotton storage warehouse. The Lumberton Novelty Works has begun busi-ness. It is managed by Mr. Hum-

Charters have been granted the Robesonian Publishing Company, the Eagle Furniture and Carpet Company and the Pope Drug Company. The Lumberton Telephone Company has rebuilt its lines and enlarged and imd; astreet railway was built and proved its exchange. A Jewish synagogue has been erected. Mr. H. C. Freeman, the cabinet

maker. Is building a large and convenient shop.

New residences have been built by M. Fuller, J. F. Prevatt, D. A. Prevatt, Dr. R. Vampill, A. E. White, Presbyterian congregation, D. B. Mc-Nelll, H. Floyd, Needham Thompson and many others.

### KING'S MT.

Correspondence of The Observer.

King's Mountain, Jan. 15 .- For push, vim and healthy growth, King's Mountain is second to no town in the State. Fifteen years ago the population was 400, to-day it is 5,000 or more and not a vacant house in the town. The past year was one of unusual prosperity in this section. The farmers made splendid crops, and received of visitors here last summer as 10,009 good prices for their cotton. The seven cotton mills and oil mills all made The Lula and Cora Mills money. doubled their capacity. Ground has lips; Among the concerns already gobeen bought upon which to erect two more cotton mills, and there is strong Lexington Grocery Company, from talk of a third mil being built this \$25,000 to \$50,000; Eureka Trouser Comsummer. One of the new mills will

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be located on the main line of the Southern, north of town. The other, also on the Southern, will be just of town. The third, if built, will be on the north side of town, between King's Mountain and Bessemer. Mauney Brothers have built three large three-story store houses opposite the depot. A stock company has bought the old Reidsville corner and

will erect on it a handsome \$10,000 building, the first floors of which will be used for stores. The upper storles of these will be used as headquarters soon to be organized by the same company that owns the building. This will proive a great help to the town. Being a mill town a large percentage of the population are wage earners. building and loan association may enable a great many of them to save their earnings and build their own houses. This enterprise, as the proposed new mills, is backed by the

town's best business men and their seccess is assured. Several new residences have been built and a number of the old ones painted, which gives the town a thriving appearance.

Of the new buildings one is worthy of especial notice, a new hotel built by Capt. H. N. Moss, one of the Southern's best and most popular conductors. It was put up to meet the demand for a good \$1 a day hotel, year, the Thomasville Chair Company Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allison conduct it and keep as good a hotelas can be found anywhere for the money. The different religious denomina- Allison. on are tearing down the old churches

tal \$12,000, incorporators J. W. Noell, A. C. Harris, W. M. Koonts; Lexington Real Estate and Trust Company, capital \$100,000, incorporators R. L. McCrary, G. F. Hankins, Z. I. Walser; R. Everhart & Son Company, wholesale grocers, capital \$10,000, incorpor-ators Riley Everhart, O. H. Everhart, J. L. Peacock; Piedmont Telephone Company, capital \$10,000 incorporators W. G. Finch, J. Q. Finch, P. D. Finch; Springer Hadware Company, capital Springs Hardware Company, capital \$10,000, incorporators H. H. Springs, R. C. Springs, F. E. Springs; Crowell Furniture Company, capital \$10,000, in-corporators John W. Crowell, J. T. Hedrick, E. J. Buchanan, W. M. Koonts; Merchants' and Farmers' Trust Company, capital \$25,000, incorp-

# orators R. L. Burkhead, J. W. Noell and others; Yadkin Knitting Mills Company, capital \$10,000, incorporators F. N. Patterson, Jno. D. Grimes, C. M. Thompson, G. W. Montcastle; Da-vidson County Development Company, capital \$10,000, incorporators J. W. Noell, R. L. Burkhead, Wade H. Phil-

ing to increase the capital stock, are: pany, from \$20,000 to \$25,000. THOMASVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer. Thomasville, Jan. 15.—The year 1905 marks one of the most prosperous years in the history of Thomasville for all classes. The manufacturer, merchant, professional man, carpen-ter, laborer, and in fact every body has felt this wave of prosperity. There are now 16 industrial enterprises in the town, consisting principally of chair factories, safe factories, odd dresser and chiffonier plants, table machinery, spoke and handle, furniture jobbers, and flour mill plants, The population of the town is 3,000. Thus it is seen that we have an industrial plant for every 200 inhabi-tants, a proportion, which, doubtless is unexcelled, if indeed equaled, by any other town in the State, possibly of the South. Of the 16 plants, seven of them are chair factories. These factories made in 1905, in round numbers, 1,000,000 chairs. The Standard Chair together with its branch Company. factory, the Thompson Chair Com-pany, made 280,000 of this number, more than a quarter of the entire output. The president of this plant is Mayor John W. Lambeth; vice president Chas. F. Lambeth; secretary and

treasurer, Frank S. Lambeth. To the unceasing effort of the last named is the success of the firm due. One new chair factory was built during the with a capital stock paid in of \$20,000 Its officers are: President, John T. Cramer; secretary and treasurer, G. A.

Several new and up-to-date residences have also gone up in the past year, notably those of Mr. John R. Myers, secretary and treasurer of the Cramer

As a whole, Waynesville is a grow-

ing town and promises to be one of prettiest little towns in western North Carolina. Land around the town sells for an enormous price and outside of the town farmers cannot get enough hands to carry on their work. Land sells from \$125 and \$400 per acre. Socially, politically and morally the people are on the boom and pushing nard for better things.

## NEWTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Newton, Jan. 15.-The past year as been one of remarkable growth and improvement for Newton. A be made the present year. There is handsome graded school building has one thing that draws the attention of been erected at a cost of \$10,000. Ca-tawba College has enlarged its build- is the fondness that the people have tawba College has enlarged its build-

rangements have been made to heat the entire building with steam. Cement sidewalks were laid throughout the business section of the town.

The Newton Hosiey Mill erected a large addition to its plant, has installed electricity throughout the mill and has increased the output to 1,800 dozen pairs of hosiery per day. Mr. J. H. McClellan has erected a

wooden store building on the northeast corner of the square. A building and loan association was

founded and during the year loaned \$11,000 for buildings and erected 24 dwelling houses. The Henkle Live Stock Company has established a branch office in Newton and has built a large sales stable in which to con-duct its business. E. H. Yount & Company have established a new business, The Newton Livery Co. has opened a new livery stable near the Newton Cotton Mills, The greatest growth, however, has been in the number of dwelling houses which have been built. Between 75 and 100 dwelling houses have been built, some of them very handsome homes.

### CHINA GROVE.

Correspondence of The Observer. China Grove, Jan. 15 .- Our town is steadily progressing. Last year a building and loan association of 430 shareholders was organized. Through this association several new residen-

Several other handsome homes have The bank been built this year also. is in a very prosperous condition. De- greet individually the thousand new posits have increased over 300 per cent over 1904. April the stockholders will since January 1905, than it is to meet and declare their regular divi- compute the increase of wealth in dend and add an equal amount to the weserve fund. The business of the bank speaks for itself. Some of our real estate dealers have been disposing of some valuable building lots and, King's Mountain can boast of as nice block of stores near the depot during in the near future, houses will be nouncement. erected. The directors of the Patterson Maning business within the last year is ufacturing Company met in November and decided to increase their plant Electric Light Company. In minature at this place, Manufacturing industries are the backbone of the country and no town or community can fail but Yankee capital and energy were to prosper when these industries are encouraged and propertly managed. It is hoped to see this new plant in beautiful gas and electric lights and operation this year. The town needs running cars upon as fine a track as more and diversified industries. China divides a North Carolina city. This Grove is surrounded by a good farmstreet railway will run between Chesting section and there is no reason why nut Hill a Salisbury suburb, our town should not continue to rise Spencer, three miles distant, and lat-Within its corporate limits there is a er there will be prolongations, at each macadam road which will add materiend, the Northern terminus being inally to its upbuilding. Over 2,000 bales tended to eventually reach the Yadof local cotton were marketed here.

one-horse plant the town is supplied Marion street; W. R. Newton, and Z. by a 15,000 horse power plant and the town now has a beautiful system of lights and the electric display in front of the hushese to be the street. In addition to these, of the business portion of the city is something grand. The town now has a perfect system of waterworks and sewerage. plete in all its appointments, at a cost of \$11,000.

During the year just past, the Blan ton Company opened a wholesale gro-cery, and have three men traveling in the interest of the business. During the year, the Cleveland Foundry and Machine Shops Company was incor-porated, with some of the leading citizens as stockholders. A two-story building, at a cost of \$10,000, is in course of construction, and they will be ready for business in the near future.

Cleveland county has never been known to be in so prosperous a condition; 21,000 bales of cotton were made in the county in 1905, and as many will be made the present year. There ing in such a way that its capacity for the paint brush. No houses are has been more than doubled. Ar- allowed to look old from the need of fresh paint,

The merchants here report the best Christmas business in the history of the town. Well-informed persons say that there was less drinking and rowdyism during the year of 1905 than has ever before.

### SALISBURY.

#### Correspondence of The Observer.

Salisbury, Jan. 15- Saliabury kas been a town for 153 years. It was settled by some English about 1753 and named for the cathedral city of Salisbury in the mother country. The charter was granted about 1755 and from that day to a very recent past this present city slumbered and slept.

For the five years just spent, there has been almost unbellevable growth. From a slumbering and repressive and most backward condition, it has risen like a rocket and is now regarded as one of the busiest cities of the State. with higher hopes and fairer promises than any. It is living, growing, every hour and the observing man is kept busy choosing lots for residences and marking them as they point em-blimatically toward the skles, striving for higher things.

There has been 35 houses erected in Salisbury since the year 1905 began. These mark an increase of wealth per of fully as many thousands for not only are these residences neat and this association several new residen-ces have been built. This, within it-and costly, two just finished costing self is a good thing for the town. \$25,000. comfortable, but some are beautiful

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capital stock from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The increase in taxable property was about \$500,000. Postoffice receipts show a gain of 25 per cent. The out-put of the various manufacturing in-dustries is variously estimated at from \$1,600,000 to \$2,000,00. The furni-ture factories declared larger divi-me Waynesville Wood Manufactur-put of than in any previous year. New enterprises with an aggregate capital of \$13,000, were chartered and are as follows: Lexington Mercantile. Company, capital \$500,000, incorporators B. G. Robbins, S. J. Coley, J. A. Fink; B. G. Robbins, S. J. Coley, J. A. Fink; Lexington Metal Bed Company, capital \$500,000, incorporators J. W. Nosh, tal \$12,000, incorporators J. W. Nosh, Leonard Jeweiry Company faces those on the opposite side of the strest and is a handsome addition to the town. The Evening Post, Salisbury's only daily, has just celebrated its first an-niversary. It has a splendid job plant and very recently its capital was tre-bled and modern machinery installed tracks will be said on this side of the fiver and that the land bought by the Southern will be offered as induce-ment for the location of manufacto-ries in and near this city. The Southern Bailway's determination to make Asneville a central point has resulted in the creation of the road, the appointment of Mr. Hayse, of Lake Toxiway, as agent and the making of Asheville headquarters. The establishment here of the land and industrial department of the Southern is also of note. though it is not just yet in working or-der. The Gabe Royal Frinting Com-pany has also organized within the past year and is a rapidly growing

The year of 1905 has likewiss seen the completion of the Meroney theatre, a play house that cost \$40,000 and is a genuine ornament to the town. This year, great in the world's history, witnessed the completion and the oc-cupancy, of the new graded school.

a \$22,500 structure, manned by the bes faculty and superintendent anywhere More than any other Salisbury Insti-tution is this one prized and loved by every citizen of this town, though this is more an aesthetic than a commer cial growth. It was the crystallization of a strong educational sentiment that marks the high ideals of State citizenship. The colored people have also done well. They are now building, on the Livingston College grounds, a Carnegie Library and the Hood Theological Seminary which will cost \$25, 000. The First Baptist church has been opened within the past ten months. It ts a \$20,000 house of prayer and graces

the city. The Southern Railway, whose busilesss not even an astrologer can find out, has grown equal to that of any Salisbury institution and has done vastly more in receipts than ever fore. However that road would not the appearance of the business part of tell its wife what it had done. Two the town. The Morris Telephone Exthings especially endear the Southern to Sallsbury people. A fine bridge spans the Innis street crossing and it is nearly fineshed. The city is promised a new station whose erection will be within some future January, most

likely the first month of 1907, All the foregoing improvements pre senting substantial though incalucable and intangible wealth, have the sanction of society and mark Salisbury a good town. The whiskey houses and the saloons have done: too

much to bringing, albeit a constant recital of this phase of Salisbury's activity creates almost the impression that our citizens are much the beast and little the gods. Within the last ery standpoint Rogboro enjoyed the year \$1,200,000 worth of business has most prosperous year in its history been done by the whiskey dealers, Of this amount \$900,000,three fourths, have gone to towns that have the traffic under ban. Comment is necessary The business goes on, Salisbury sins only in giving to the outside world just what it wants and pays for it

nurses its jags and pays court to jugs in private. People who come to Salisbury citizens, a baseball team grants. Were other cities dependent on Salisbury for citizens, a paseballteam could not be organized in a century Come to Salisbury. Real estate 4 not yet out of reach but has risen 50 cent. within a year. Come now

while the population is not large. A thousand new faces will soon put any man in the land of strangers. Fine of the gifts of a city are accesable

Correspondence of The Observer, Roxboro, Jan 15.-While there has been very little public improvement made during the past year in the way of streets, lights and school buildings which are very much needed, the citisenship of Roxbero enjoyed a most prosperous year and there were many private improvements made. A number of new residences have been built, several of them above the average. while others have made great improvements in their property, much paint having been used and premises made more sightly, convenient and comfortable in many ways. The old Methodist church has been replaced by a handsome brick structure that does great credit to the denomination. A handsome block of brick stores, erected by Mr. J. A. Long, greatly improves the appearance of the business part of change Company has improved its service and extended its lines until now almost every section of the county and all neighboring towns are Roxboro is a large leaf tobacco mar-ket, and handled many thousands of

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pounds in excess of any former year. It is also a great distributing point for all kinds of merchandlse and the merchants enjoyed a most prosperous year, while the banks make the showing in their history. The Rox-boro Cotton Mill made more money than in all its previous years together. It is highly probable that it will be greatly enlarged this year. From evmost prosperous year in its history and there is a feeling of confidence that the authorities will make many public improvements during this year, as the treasury now has a nice surplus and the proceeds from the dispensary will enable them to invest a great deal more than heretofore.

LINCOLNTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Lincolnton, Jan. 15,-Lincolnton has had a steady and healthful growth during the year just past, along all lines, and now stands in a better condition than one year ago. The year 1904 was a remarkable one for the growth of the town, and last year was spent in firmly fixing what had al-ready been accomplished and in prep-aration for greater strides next year. er strides this Last year saw the completion of the waterworks. This was accomplished at a cost of about \$40,000 and we boast of as fine a system as there is in any town. Instead of going to some dirty branch of muddy water for a water supply, we purchased a small farm near town and sunk wells on it, and as pure water as can be had anywhere

#### dersonville men.

The Choral Society, an roganization come a permanent and self sustaining body and has added much to the enjoyment of life in Hendersonville.

### MOCKSVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Mocksville, Jan. 8. - During the year our town has witnessed a steady and substantial growth. While the exact figures of the population at present are not obtainable, yet it is apparent that a good gain has been made during the year, from the fact that quite a number of dwelling houses have been built and none of them are vacant. A \$5,000 church has just been completed by the Presbyterians. Its work and erection was principally directed by its energetic pastor, Rev. F. M. Allen. The building is of modern design and does credit not only to the worthy cause, but to its members and our town as well. A handsome parsonage is under way of construction by the members the Bantist church. It is located where the old church stood before it was removed to a beautiful lot on the past side of Main street, recently purchased by the Bautist for the erection of a model new building, which will go up as soon as suitable arrangements can be made, it is expected that, under the direction of the efficient pastor, Rev. C S. Cashwell, rapid progress will be made.

The town now owns an up-to-date road machine which is expected to get in some good work on street improvement, Several more gasoline street lamps have been added, and the town is now well lighted on Main street.

ago, and has a splendid plant. The Davie Record has improved itself by putting in a new cylinder press. There are other miner improvements.

### LUMBERTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Lumberton, Jan. 15.-The growth of Lumberton during 1905 was been brightest and best year in the history steady, gradual and substantial. The demand for residences has been grater than the supply. The mercantile houses are in a flourishing condition. The schools are well attended and the town begins the new year under auscircumstances

The McLeod building, on Eim street, has been remodeled, making it the handsomest building in town. It furnishes elegant and commodious quarters for the postoffice and the First National Bank, with twelve nice offices on the second floor and two large municipal improvements, which were inaugurated during 1904, were com-

The work of laying granolithic pavements on Elm street is under way. ork has been temporarily suspended two years, and about all of this was but all will be resumed in the near used during 1905, for the following purfuture.

poses: The Lumberton Cotton Mill has plant, both of which are now finished and are owned by the town; sewerage erected an addition to its plant; insystem now being put in; granolithic using the number of spindles to CED A charter has been obtained for the pavements, five miles of which has been placed and completed during the

Tamberton Sanitarium and a \$10,000 ital will be built on a desirable lot. Plans for building have been aced and work will begin at once. The medical staff will consist of Drs. N. A. Thempson and R. G. Roster. Sing Lee, the Chinaman, has opened d is encountered by conducting a launlarge warehouse and have added an mense line of undertaker's supplies, cluding a bandsome hearse.

and building new ones. The Lutherans created by the board of trade, has be- have completed a handsome house at a cost of \$5,000 and installed a magnificent pipe organ at a cost of \$1,500. The Methodists are now building what will be one of the nicest churches in

town, to cost about \$8,000 or \$9,000. The Presbyterians have bought the old Methodist church and will remodel it. the State.

At a special election last April, bonds build a \$15,000 brick church in the near were voted for electric lights and graded school. The school began in September with eight teachers and four hundred students.

But the most important enterprise of all is the tin mine. There no longer remains a doubt that we have tin. and in paying quantities. Captain J. M. Foster and son, of Virginia, have bought and are operating a mine, and are building a large mill on the thousand dollars and will have to consummated, will cause Thomasville possible, but it wil be a month yet before all is completed. Mr. Foster then expects to work 65 or 70 tons of \$550 per ton. A few days ago a shaft was sunk 35 feet deep when the water became troublesome, so the superindent ordered a two inch pipe driven

down 10 or 12 feet deeper, and when withdrawn the ore it contained averaged 35 per cent tin. Ore from tin mines of England averages 11/2 to per cent tin. That from the mines of Australia and Tasmanta is a little The Mocksville Courier, a weekly richer, yielding 212 to 3 per cent the newspaper, was established six months Mr. J. M. Foster, Jr., is superintending the mine personally and is confideat they have, by all odds, the best mine in the world.

Furniture Company; Mr. John Mash. J. A. Greene, J. C. Kinney and others, The Baptist church is building a handsome parsonage on a lot donated to them by that most estimable gentleman and townsman, Mr. J. E. Wyche, Mr. Wyche has also bullt a handsome churches as any town of its size in the year, which are already occupied. Methodist church is planning to The

> future. The Presbyterian church has bought a lot in the center of town and will erect a costly church at an early date. Dr. Charles A. Julian contemplates building a new residence early this spring. The graded school is the pride of the town still. The attendance has been a record-breaker. Superintendent J.

a record-breaker. Supermeterfield and N. Hauss is a regular Chesterfield and gives satisfaction to all. He has a highly equipped force of assistants. Parker property, near the center of Two mammoth projects are now in the town. They have spent several contemplation, which, if the plans are

spend as much more before they can to grow as if by magic. One of these handle the ore properly. They are is a proposed three-mile belt-line from placing the machinery as rapidly as one end of the town to the other. The other plan is a large \$350,000 plant of some kind backed by Mr. Stuart W Cramer, of Charlotte, who is a staunch ore a day. He tells me the ore will friend of his native town and is doing average 10 per cent tin, which is worth great things for its development. \$550 per ton. A few days ago a shaft Thomasville is greatly indebted to him, her most liberal and richest son. The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. to which all look with joy and are exceedingly glad that it is in our midst. is still growing in wealth, thus extending the possibilities of greater and more deeds of kindness to the fatherones, Messrs, Kestler, Johnson and Averitt, with whom Thomasville have most to deal, have entrenched themselves so deeply among us that they have become three of the most popular, affable citizens of the town. They have the best wishes of all denominations, not only of Thmasville,

but of the entire State. WAYNESVILLE.

LEXINGTON. Correspondence of The Observer.

Waterworks and electric

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Correspondence of The Observer. Lexington, Jan. 15 .- The year 1905 has been, beyond all doubt, the Waynesville, Jan. 8.-The year 1905 has been a prosperous year in every of Lexington. The town has not been on a been. While its growth and prosperity have been unprecedented, it Waynesville has, at the same time, been consistent and conservative. Biessed with health the people are happy and contented vears. with the results of their labors during the year. Every business enterprise, merchant and manufacturer, employand employes everywhere-all have had a most successful year. The population of the town has grown,

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until the bonds will be paid and the numbering now about 5,000, while the last census records only 1,234. Many progressive times. inaugurated during 1904, were com-

000 bond issue was voted during the used. light

> is lighted by electricity. The Presbyterian church has been built at a

### LEAKSVILLE.

Correspondence of the Observer. Leaksville, Jan. 15 .- In the past year, has been steadily ad-Leaksville vancing. A handsome large store has been erected, half of which is occupied by the enterprising jeweler, Mr. C. T. Ross, and the other by Mr. J. Frank its quiet place on the Yadkin to every King, with his fancy groceries. On the second floor may be seen the sign city within a radius of 50 miles. Neverof H. P. Lane, attorney at law. Further down Main street, Mr. B. F. Ivle for the company whose vice-presihas erected two large stores, one a dent lives in a lovely place here and wholesale, the other a retail grocery within the past year the city store. In front of this building is an asphalt pavement. On the corner of Main and Henry streets, Mr. J. W. And this plaace received probobly Norman has constructed a nice twostory brick office. Mr. J. S. Williams as any other North Carolina town or has built two pretty new residences

on Church street. A large boarding house is in process of erection on Monroe street. Dr. G. A. Mebane's new home between Leaksville, and Spray is a thing of beauty with its four stories and its stately columns. But the pride and boast of our town are the two magnificent brick buildings of the Leaksville-Spray Institute is now on a boom and half of which is on Leaksville soil and the other half on Spray. These build-

ings sprang up, mush-room like, in a few months, urged on by the zeal of its founders, and opened with the fall term, bringing a score of new citizens and many pupils.

SHELBY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Shelby, Jan. 15 .- Owing to the num erous smaller towns, dotted all over the surrounding country, in every direction (some of them towns of no

small commercial note), Shelby does not advance with leaps and bounds as its work will have to speak for it might do, had it not so many rivals. Shelby, however, is anything but a dead town. In 1905, more handsome business houses were built than in any

previous year. S. A. Washburn & Co., have erected ous graded school building, finished at a cost of \$10,000. Aside from the municipal improve-ments, the town has grown in many other ways. A \$125,000 bond issue was carried as a subscription to the capi-tal slock of the Winston-Salem South-bound Raitway Company. The in-erease in bank deposits during the year was about 70 per cent. In order the Bank of Lexington increased its. The Bank of Lexington increased its.

upon the newly erected houses and to and the privelege of living in best city in the State is yours.

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# ASHEVILLE.

commercial Salisbury. So frequent are Correspondence of The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 8.—Asheville's pro-gress during 1905 was entirely satisthese many thousand dollar enterprises begun, that one loses sight of them factory, and those who have watched for years the steady growth of the is furnished our citizens. after reading the paper and thinks nothing more until another similar anare convinced that never before The largest one corporation beginhas Asheville enjoyed such prosperity

as last year. The summer tourist seathe Salisbury-Spencer Rallway and son taxed the capacity at times of the hotel and boarding house accommodations, while the winter season at the form and finance, a gas and electric close of December was all that could have been desired. The prosperity en-joyed by Asheville has been feit in the rural districts, and reports from light plant did exist prior to this time injected into it, and backed by \$350,000 this company is now giving Salisbury the country are to the effect that ronage. Buncombe county has steadily push- A nun

perous, happy and content. and kin river, seven miles from Chestnut Hill. Fulton Heights, a beautiful park is designed as the Southern end the line and resident lots at this lat-Asheville postoffice did a greater bus-Whitney is not a suburb of Salisiness during the past year than ever bury nor Salisbury of Whitney. This before. The permanent improvement of Asheville has gone steadily on ungreat power, with its contemplated factories aand every enterprise posder the wise and conservative man-agement of Mayor Barnard and those sible of erection, seems to belong to everybody. It has been removed from with him in authority. The streets of the city are now being paved with bitulithic composition and the total paytheless, Salisbury is leading quaters ing bill for 1905, paving contracted for, laid and work in course of completion. amounts to more than \$125,000. has dition to this great amount of street played a tremendous part in the devel-opment of this 46,000 horse power plant twice as much of the \$7,500,000 that it will take to develop the water power proved city of its size in the South. An enormous amount of building

has been done during the past twelve months. From July 1, 1905, until Jan-The Peoples, Bank is the latest purely financial concern. It began busimonths. From sury 5, 1800, until sen-uary 1, of this year, according to the report of Alderman R. L. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the public safety commit-tee of the baord of alderman, there was expended in the erection of resness in November with a capital of \$75,000, the largest which any city bank ever started. Half a dozen other loan

realty, and guaranty companies have either been inaugurated or rehabiliwas expended in the erection of res-idences and other buildings the sum of \$249,390. This amount of money has been expended on new structures within six months, while tated since the beginning of last year. The Salisbury Realty and Guaranty has been expended on new structures within six months, while reports of buildings erected during the six months prior to July 1, 1905, gave the amount expended at a little more shan \$200,000, making the grand total outlay for the twelve months prac-tically half a million dollars. During the year a number of busi-nesses have been sharted. The real state market was unusually active during the entire year and real estate men say that the price of Asheville dirt increased last year from 10 to 50 per cent. A number of large real sa-tate deals were made during the twelve months and several quick thanges at fundsome profits were no-tate deals were made during the twelve months and several quick thanges at fundsome profits were no-tate deals were made during the twelve months and several quick thanges at fundsome profits were no-tate deals were and this work of improvement and enlarge its shops and truckags here and this work of improvement and enlargement was undertaken early last fall. The com-pany has purchased a strip of land between fits present tracks and the French Broad river and his land will be used for track purposes. It is lastness from a high sources that the company contemplates the expendi-ture of \$240,000 in this work and that in addition to the building of more tracks, a new round house will be recuted and the present capacity of the shops doubled. In addition to this improvement to its freight depart-Company and the Guaranty Loan, Realty and Insurance Company have a capitalization of \$100,000 each and the Mutual Investment Company, an organization composed almost entirely of young men who invest there savings in real estate, rent and build it, has also the same authorized capital, The Taylor Mattress Company, organized in the fail, has also the features of the realty institution besides doing the work suggested by its name. The Dix-ie Novelty Company is s 450,000 af-fair, the only thing of its kind in the Souths It manufactures toys, small wagons, carriages and novelties, but self and your correspondent will relate this next January. The Dunne's Mountais Granite Company is a Salisbury business, though existing in the county it is the greatest of the Rowan guar-ries which turn, out the finest gran-

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The past year saw the beginning of the graded schools. The election was held in the early part of the year and the schools opened in September, now the two schools have an enrollement of nearly 500 pupils. Two more needed additions were an

A number of residences were built, ed forward and that the farmers and some of them being as handsome as others living outside the city are pros- can be found in any town of this size, while all were substantial dwellings. The business done by the banks of A conservative estimate of the cost of the city, a barometer of trade, was the new residences places it at \$30,000. better than ever before in their his- Besides these a number of business better than ever before in their the places have been improved in order to tory. It was stated as a fact that the places have been improved in order to three banks' net earnings for the year accomodate their increased business. 1905 were more than \$50,000, and that there was on deposit in these banks on January 1 of this year and subject to check more than \$2,000,000. The to check more than \$2,000,000. The electric light plant, and as soon as The beginning of this year is brightthe weather permits, work will begin on a large cotton mill, which will make four inside of the town, and twelve in the county. The new mill will be headed by Mr. John M. Rhodes an experienced cotton mill man, and will be the largest mill in the county. The Banner Roller Mills will build a large up-to-date plant here, work to begin at once. Plans for three new brick buildings have been made and work will begin at an early date, and arare an early date, and ar-paving many streets have been fur-ther improved by the faying of vit-tified brick sidewalks, until Asheville is reported that plans have been to-day claims the dictinction of being the most thoroughly paved and im-will be erected during this year. Tweewill be erected during this year. Twenty building lots have been purchased by individuals in one section of the town in the past two months, and all will be improved. The prospects for the coming year are indeed bright, and next year will witness many improvements. and a surface and

# WARRENTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Warrenton, Jan. 15.--In 1905 War-renton enjoyed great prosperity. The business was increased by adding two banks and a third tobacco warehous. Several new buildings were erected and others improved. The high school plant was improved by the addition of steam heat and water works. Pipe organs were put into the Baptist and Methodist churches, and Main street was macadamized. The outlook is encouraging. Several new brick stores and electric lights are in contempia-tion for 1906.



omical material known for plastering and imitation tile work.

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During the year the four leading roads have been graded and macadamized for about six miles every way. Bonds were issued for the building of the roads and, under the present conditions, it will be but a few years

country and town verging into more The streets of, Weynesville have pleted during the past year. A \$100 .- been paved and sidewalks of concrete put down. At least % of a mile of

paving and sidewalks are now being For buildings, the town has gone be yond itself. The new Baptist church has been built at a cost of \$10,000 The church is of modern construction and

past year; a handsome and commodicost of \$9,000 and is built of white

way. The conditions in western North Carolina are favorable for industry and progress. The town of has been for at least four or five