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subscribers, and parties wanting it will
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Citizen Office, if you want it done neatly,
cheaply and with dispatch.Arrival and Departure of Passenger
Trains.

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10:55 a. m.
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5:15 p. m.
Spartanburg—Leaves Asheville 7:00 a. m.;
arrives at Spartanburg 8:15 a. m.; at
Spartanburg 4:00 p. m.; arrives at
Spartanburg 7:10 p. m.; at Asheville 8:15 p. m.

INTERESTING READING MATTER
ON FOURTH PAGE.R. R. Jones at the Pioneer No. 23
South Main street opens the season
Mixed Drinks to day. Milk Punches,
Big Yellow, Whiskey Punches, Sangre-
res, and other mixed drinks called for,
delivered free of charge, anywhere within
the limits of the city.A number of interesting communi-
cations received the past few days, which
will be used as space will permit.A meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be
held in the Methodist Church at 5 p. m.
to-day. All friends of the cause are in-
vited to attend.Property in this place and vicinity
continues to change hands rapidly, and
the best of the matter is it is passing into
the hands of outside capitalists.Our townsman, Mr. F. M. Johnston,
who has been severely indisposed for
some time past, is convalescing, and we
were pleased yesterday to again see him
on the streets.Capt. Sprague, of the famous Round
Knob Hotel, reports preparations for
the summer trade going on most satis-
factorily with the best encouragement for
full patronage.Dr. Jas. A. Burroughs, who was for a
week or more confined to his room from
severe indisposition, is again at his work.
The Doctor's many friends will be pleased
to know of his recovery.A few more old landmarks, in the
shape of old trees on Main street, have
been made to succumb to the march of
progress, and are now among the things
that were. A decided improvement to
the appearance of the street.Everything is moving smoothly with
the Asheville Thespian corps, and the
play of "Our Boys of 1776" will be rendered
next Thursday night, in the most
admirable manner. Secure your seats
at Sawyer's where they are all taken.Mr. W. J. Penland had a difficulty
Wednesday night with a negro, whose
name we could not get, which resulted
in the negro shooting Mr. Penland in the
law, breaking it. It came near being a
fatal shot. Mr. P. was doing well at last
accounts. The negro escaped.Our neighbor the Ruth-riford Ban-
ner celebrates its people upon the comple-
tion of the Three C's Railroad to that
attractive place. Ruth-riford is now
the terminus of two important railroad
systems, the Charleston, Cincinnati and
Chicago, and the Carolina Central.The publication of the interesting
letter from Asheville to the Atlanta
Constitution has occupied much of our
space for the past two days, but we are
willing to surrender the space to the re-
publication of what is calculated to do so
much good to our town and section.Mr. J. O. Howell left yesterday morn-
ing for New York, and will be absent for
two or more weeks laying in his usual
course of Spring and Summer goods. He
says he will leave the law and the most
varied stock he has ever handled, and
some of his goods may be looked for in
a few days.Some little excitement was created
yesterday, specially among the aspirants
by a statement that the city registration
books were not at the city.The books were produced and the
registrars, Mr. B. K. Davis et al., were
upon his duties. All not heretofore
registered came now to the law, and if
they desire to vote in the coming elec-
tion must do so. Mr. Davis can be
found daily in the Sheriff's office in the
court house. Let all interested take due
notice hereof, and be governed accordingly.CONVOCATION.
The Convocation of Morganton will
meet in Calvary Church, Henderson
county on Wednesday and Thursday A. P.
20th and 21st insts. Geo H. Bell,
Sec. Convocation.THE PINE STRAW MATTING.
The Citizen has already alluded to the
pine straw matting made in North Car-
olina and for sale at Sawyer's. It is very
unique, of different and pretty designs
and pronounced splendid by a number of
prominent people of Wilmington who have
used it for office and stair purposes. The
notice of the Citizen attracted the atten-
tion of a gentleman, and yesterday he
called at Sawyer's and bought 300 yards
for his own use. It is not only cheap,
but so it is to be very durable.NEW JAPANESE GOODS.
Fans in great variety from 25 cents
each up, for use and decorative purposes.
Novelties of all sorts, entirely new,
at Law's, on Main st.Lowest prices possible on Crochery,
Glass and Cultery, Lamps in greater
variety and at lower figures than ever
before, at Law's.LIME, LIME.
Plenty of time at depot for 25 cents
per bushel, or can be had at my house
by the barrel. Call promptly.
M. J. Fagg.Everybody and the rest of man-
kind are now engaged in garden-
ing.The Baltimore clothing house, on
Patton Avenue, is drawing a good
trade.The ice wagons were on the streets
yesterday for the first time. Surely
spring has arrived at last.Swiggood's street sprinkler is do-
ing good work in laying the dust on
the principal thoroughfares.Mr. John Woodhouse, editor Con-
cord Register, died suddenly Tues-
day evening of apoplexy. He was
a native of New Jersey, and a most
estimable man.Messrs. Murdoch and Colvin have
the contract for the masonry work
on the Graham cotton factory in
this place, and will commence work
on the same next week.AN ERROR.
We conclude in this issue the ad-
mirable letter of Mr. Logan which
appeared in Sunday's Atlanta
Constitution. One serious error oc-
curs in the letter. It states the capital
of Asheville as a city. Capt.
Wm. E. Breeze was asked:"What is the general financial
condition of Asheville?""Capital readily finds employ-
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backed by the stockholders. The
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and northwestern traveling public
are accustomed to, travel here would
be trebled, and the beauties and re-
sources of this country opened.""What is the condition, financial
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IN SKYLAND

AMONG THE CLOUDS AND
MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF
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(Special Correspondence Atlanta Constitution.)

[CONCLUDED FROM YESTERDAY.]

Public Sentiment.

HOW THE GOOD PEOPLE OF ASHEVILLE
STAND UP TO THEIR TOWN.It is seldom one finds more en-
thusiastic people than these in
Asheville. Every man in this com-
munity takes it upon himself as
a sworn duty to sweat by the town,
and the beauty of it all, they have
something to back them. It has
been my pleasure to have a number
of casual talks with leading citizens
here, and I herewith present them:

ASHEVILLE'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

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sons. We have no croakers. All
of us of every degree believe in
Asheville. We have a present, and
we will make a future."The universal favorable im-
pression that the place makes upon
all visitors. The general comment
is 'What a bustling, stirring, wide
awake town; I have seen nothing
like it south.'""The welcome given to stran-
gers, courtesy shown to all, club hos-
pitality extended, business and so-
cial ditto.""The steady and increasing
demand for real estate, the advance
in prices (no Birmingham inflation),
but actual sales for hardly earned
dollars. The continued soundness
of saw and hammer (over one hundred
dwellings are now in course of erec-
tion).""The establishment of a cotton
factory, a furniture factory, a shoe
factory: the daily inquiry of live
men seeking the further establish-
ment of smaller industries.""The resources of our surround-
ing country with its virgin forests
of walnut, chestnut, cherry, oak, ash,
hemlock, spruce, etc. The devel-
opment of minerals—gold, nickel,
manganese, iron, mica, and herby
producing capacity.""The ever increasing popula-
tion of both town and surrounding
country. The natural advantages
we possess as a distributing point.""The belief that we are the only
city west of the Blue Ridge able to
cope with Knoxville. The knowl-
edge that we are drawing from her
some of her trade, and the further
fact that we are encroaching daily
on Danville and other tobacco mar-
kets.""Asheville makes no step back-
ward. She dreams of no past; her
people are tenacious of the future;
they plant their pegs and work to
them. A foot laid insures a founda-
tion, and then they build and keep
on building."

REAL ESTATE IN ASHEVILLE.

During the past eighteen months
or two years real estate values have
been advancing rapidly.However, from what I have been
able to learn, there does not appear
to be any "inflation" prices ruling;
but the increase has been solid, and
based on what might be termed a
legitimate boom. There are no
"Birmingham fancies" in real estate
in Asheville, and I know no place
that promises to pay better on the
investment than this. I had a talk
with Mr. A. J. Lyman concerning
this subject, and I herewith present
his interview. I asked him:"How are prices in real estate
ruling in Asheville now?""Business lots \$125 to \$150 per
front foot and residence lots in the
desirable portion of our city from
\$10 to 25 per front foot.""What has been the per centage
of increase in prices within two
years?""I should say that average increase
in real estate within just with
out the corporate limits of our city
has been from 100 to 150 per cent.
and in some cases improved resi-
dence lots in a desirable part of Ashe-
ville, as well as lots for business
purposes, have appreciated 200 per
cent and more.""Is much capital coming to Ashe-
ville at present?""I regret to say that there is nothing
like the needed capital for the
proper development of our resources
and for business enterprises to be
had in Asheville. Money com-
mands a high rate of interest and
there are few places where capitalists
could find a better and safer field for
investment.""Give me some instances of in-
creased values lately.""One lot bought of me for \$1,700
cash, was sold one week after for
\$2,500. Two lots, which sold on
March 10 for \$600 a piece, found a
ready sale ten days after at \$1,000
each. The purchaser of a good,
unimproved farm, containing 134
acres, situated two and a half miles
from town, was offered a thousand
dollars for his bargain before he
received the deed to the property.""What is your candid opinion
about the growth and development
of Asheville?""The growth and development of
our city, though steady and healthy
during the past five years, is, in my
opinion, nothing to what it is likely
to be in the near future.""What are some of Asheville's
strong points for inviting people
and capital?""Its fine bracing climate, bringing
health and pleasure seekers from
all parts of our country, and the ex-
cellent opportunity for manufactur-
ing from wood, making cigars, cig-
arettes. Our water power is unex-
celled anywhere in the world. A
paper mill, for instance, would pay
handsomely."

ANOTHER REAL ESTATE TALK.

Mr. Walter B. Gwyn was in his
office when I called this morning.
He is one of the best posted men in
Asheville in real estate, and his word
may be taken as authority. I asked
him:"Mr. Gwyn, give me some ideas
on real estate in Asheville.""Get in my buggy with me and I
can show you more property in an
hour than I could describe to you
in double the time.""Thanks, but I have not the time
to spend today; I want general in-
formation on the subject. How are
prices ruling now, and what do you
think of the outlook?"

"Property is selling very well, the de-

mand is good, and prices, as compared
with any period of the past, are high."The outlook is all that could be de-
sired. With the inauguration and com-
pletion of several important enterprises
the prices of real estate have kept steady
pace.""It is fortunate, I think, for the city,
that there has been very little of what is
understood as a 'boom,' and I think
that investors may now count quite as
safely as in the past on a steady increase
in value.""You see, the irregular topography of
the place creates conditions very differ-
ent from those in flat places. You can
stand on land worth \$4,000 per acre and
throw a stone upon land dear at \$1,000.
Consequently the supply of first-class
building sites is limited, therefore invest-
ment in them is correspondingly safe.""Give me some instances of increase in
value here within two years.""I hardly know where to begin. I sold
eight lots October 10th, 1885, \$300 apiece,
an average one of which has just been
sold for \$1,000. Not one of the eight could
not be bought, I think, for less than \$500.
More have been offered for two of them. In
June, 1885, I urged a Cleveland capitalist
to buy four acres at \$2,200, but he would
only offer \$3,000. Seventeen months
thereafter he bought a portion of it for
\$4,500 cash, and offered \$2,000 cash for
another part of it. The same day the re-
mainder sold for \$2,500 cash, making the
cash value, December 1st, 1886, at least
\$9,000. He is now building a fine brick
house on the lot he bought. A business
lot 120 feet front sold January, 1886, for
\$13,325, 48 feet sold last fall for \$9,000,
and for the remainder \$300 per foot was
offered recently. I could multiply exam-
ples. The above are among the most
conspicuous. There are many others that
will approach them, but of course they
do not happen every day.""What do you think of Asheville's fu-
ture?""I think the town has just fairly begun
to grow, and I base my belief on the fact
that the influences which have been
counted upon to make the town have
just fairly begun to work. With, perhaps,
the very finest system of water works in
the South, electric lights, telephone ex-
changes, new sidewalks, new and better
hotel facilities, newly completed railroad
connections, we have here added a se-
ries of most essential elements of prog-
ress and prosperity, and for not only to
the great South, where genial sons and
daughters fly to our cool mountain breezes
for the summer, but to the north, and
the east, and the west, where refugees
from the blasts of winter find here a cli-
mate which is pronounced by people of
extensive travel the best all the year
round climate in the world." Therefore,
whatever we do or acquire to add to the
comfort and pleasure of life here, tends
to fix the determination of these people
to make their homes here."Ten years ago when I first set foot in
the queen city, old residents and curi-
ous onlookers assured me confidentially
that property had got as high as it could
go, but since that time I have witnessed
a steady and increasing rise in values. I
could have bought property then that
has advanced at least 100 per cent per
annum in value."

THE TOBACCO TRADE.

While Asheville is generally properly
classified among the older tobacco mar-
kets of North Carolina, she is, neverthe-
less, taking rapid rank in handling and
manufacturing the weed, and this year, as
will be seen from estimates given else-
where, will reach about 6,000,000 pounds.
I had a talk with Mr. Fred A. Hall, of the
Asheville tobacco works, and present from him
some interesting data concerning the
growth of the tobacco trade here, and asked
him:"How long has Asheville been handling
tobacco?""The Asheville Tobacco Association
was formed May 1st, 1882, but considerable
tobacco had been here previous to
that time.""What quality of leaf is mostly mar-
keted here?""The quality of leaf varies here, as in
other markets, but we have more good
than any other place in the United States.
We have the finest bright wrappers and
smokers grown in the world.""What has been the growth of the busi-
ness here within two or three years?""The growth of the business has been
very rapid in the past three years, and has
nearly doubled itself in that time.""What amount of capital is invested in
factories, prime rooms and warehouses?""This question is hard to answer, as
property is increasing in value so fast that
it would be difficult to make an estimate;
but I would say that \$2,000,000 would be
very low estimate. The amount of money
invested by individual buyers amounts to
millions, and if sales are good it runs higher
than I can count, but if the market drops
they claim that they had very little
money invested.""What is the manufactured product
worth yearly?"

"About \$200,000."

"What do you think of the tobacco out-
look here?""The present outlook is a very bright one
and we anticipate a large increase in the
business in the coming season.""What do you think of the future of
Asheville?""This is a question asked me nearly ev-
ery day and I will answer you as I do
nearly every one else, that I think Ashe-
ville will be on a steady boom for some
years to come. And from its geographical
position it must become the most noted re-
sort between the Atlantic ocean and the
Mississippi river."

THE NEW WATER WORKS.

Mr. E. D. Bolton, of Boston, the gen-
tleman in charge of the new system of
water works now building in Asheville,
was asked:"What system of water works are you
putting in here?""The water is taken from the Swanna-
no river about five miles outside of the
town at 'Patton's mill.' A heavy stone
dam has been built there, and the power
used to work a duplex pump driven by a
turbine wheel. The water is forced four
miles to an iron stand-pipe on Beaufort
four hundred and thirty feet above the
river at the mill race. The pump has a ca-
pacity of 300,000 gallons in ten hours.
The stand-pipe holds 700,000 gallons
and is two hundred and thirty feet
above the public square. The work will
be in full operation by May 1st. Its
cost will be between \$60,000 to \$70,000."

THE MAYOR'S VIEWS.

Judge E. J. Aston, the honorable may-
or of Asheville, sat in his insurance office
[CONCLUDED ON FOURTH PAGE.]

Now Has Faith.

I had been troubled all winter with
cold and pain in the chest and got no
relief from remedies recommended by
Druggists and Physicians. At the same
time I was afflicted with Dr. Bosank's
Cough and Lung Syrup. I had little
faith but thought to try it as a last resort.
Now I believe even more than I then
did of its curative qualities. [From the
News, Elizabethtown, Ky.] Sold by H.
H. Lyons, ap 13 dew1w