

# Western Carolina News

## INDUSTRIES FOR MURPHY.

If Murphy would ever become a city which will be the rival of any in the Old North State, she must become so through an independent diversity of industries.

The possibilities for the development of these industries, with which Murphy is so generously blessed, are continually awakening the interest and establishing the desire of foreign capitalists, and propositions relative to the foundation of good and substantial industries, are continually being brought to the consideration of our people.

Why, you may ask, have not these propositions resulted in the establishment of these industries, and why to-day is Murphy not alive with the buzz of spindles and the incessant clanking of busy machinery? Why do not the promoters of these propositions push the matter further and not let it die in its embryonic state? The answer will come as readily as the question. It is because they do not receive the proper support and encouragement from our people.

In order for foreign capitalists to invest money in a place like Murphy or Cherokee county, they must receive the support and co-operation of her people. In short, some local capitalists must join them in their enterprise and thus insure local support.

Public spirit? Yes, that is what it takes, and that is just what is lacking in Murphy. What we need is public spirit, and when our people manifest the public spirit which they should, our town will at once take on a new lease of life, the cry of hard times will cease and prosperity will revive the hope which now seems dead.

Look at Asheville and you see the most enterprising city in our state; a city alive with life and industry; a city of substantial enterprises and wealth, and a city whose citizens are characterized by their public spirit. Let our citizens emulate this virtue of the citizens of Asheville, and like them, have the interest of their town and county always first at heart.—Cherokee Scout.

## N. C. LEASE CASE

Mr. F. H. Busbee, of counsel for the Southern railway, has notified Special Master Kerr Craigie that the plaintiffs in the lease case will offer evidence, in regard to the issue of fraud in the making of the lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern, before him at Salisbury on the 6th and 7th of January, 1898. It will be remembered that the plaintiffs in the litigation over the lease are of the Central Trust company, of New York. The Southern Railway company and the old board of directors of the North Carolina railroad, and that the defendants are D. L. Russell, Z. V. Waiser, and the new board of directors of the North Carolina railroad, the proving of the allegation of fraud being upon the defendants. The defendants had sixty days in which to offer evidence before Master Craigie in proving their charge of fraud. This time which was extended by Judge Charles H. Simonton, of the circuit court, expired October 15th, and the plaintiffs then had sixty days in which to offer their evidence. However, the sixty days for plaintiffs' hearing has been extended by Judge Simonton so as to commence November 15th instead of October 15th. Inasmuch as it is believed that the counsel for the state has about exhausted the money allotted for their fees it is not likely that the defendants will have much of

an array of lawyers at the hearing here next month, when the plaintiffs' sixty days expire, the defendants have twenty-five days in which to rebut their evidence.

## INJURED IN A RUNAWAY.

Hendersonville, Dec. 22.—Fred Shuford, son of D. M. Shuford, of Grange, sustained painful injuries here this morning by a runaway team crashing into his buggy and throwing him violently under the vehicle. The runaways were hitched to a buggy in front of Ray's store when they became frightened and started down the street at a rapid rate. Shuford was sitting in his buggy near the sidewalk when the frightened animals came tearing down the street and crashed into his vehicle throwing him violently in the street.

Shuford sustained painful injuries which are not thought to be of a serious nature. He is a cousin of W. E. Shuford, of Asheville.

## DISTILLERY RAIDED.

The revenue officials, Aiken, Israel, Patterson and Jackson, visited the Hooper's Creek section last Wednesday, and captured Pink Byers, William Nix, and Mark Allen, destroyed ten stands of beer and seized five gallons of whiskey, says the French Broad Hustler. The men were brought to Brevard, but there is no clue to the whereabouts of the spirits. Byers and Nix gave bond and Allen, in default of bond, was committed.

## FLAT ROCK ITEMS.

Flat Rock, Dec. 22.—Dr. Arthur R. Guernard, of New York, is expected to arrive at his home here tomorrow. Miss Massey, one of the teachers in Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., arrived to-day at Mrs. Guernard's, where she will spend Christmas. Misses Amy and Netta Guernard, who are attending Converse College, returned to their home yesterday.

## SEVERAL TOWNS

John Suratt, of Flat Rock, claims the Henderson county championship in hog raising, says the French Broad Hustler. He killed two pigs fifteen months old, last Friday which weighed when dressed, 390 and 411 pounds. They were of the Poland China-Berkshire variety and Mr. Suratt challenges the county to beat them.

We made a trip to Warme last Friday and found everything booming, writes a Bellview correspondent to the Cherokee Scout. The warme mines have been sold to a Chicago man and he has gone to work in earnest. We are glad to see our old home place progressing so nicely. A new stamp mill is going up and a ditch is being dug from the Hunt mills to the mines to convey Brasstown creek to the machinery.

Cherokee Scout: Several car-loads of cattle and sheep were shipped last week, and chickens and turkeys are in these parts, while eggs are a luxury at any price. Our merchants ship them off as fast as they are brought to market.

At his chambers, at Lenoir, day before yesterday, Judge Green signed a decree perpetually enjoining A. D. Cowles from interfering with W. E. Walton, receiver of the defunct Piedmont Bank of Morganton.

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## DISMAL SWAMP CANAL.

Rapid progress is being made in the reconstruction of the old Dismal Swamp canal, and this famous old waterway of antebellum days will become an important link in reopening inside navigation to eastern North Carolina. Baltimore capital is chiefly interested in this work, which is being carried on by the Lake Drummond Canal and Water company, of which Mr. Walter B. Brooks is president.

The present status of the work shows that the dam and lock in Deep Creek, Va., with a waste weir, is nearly completed. There is also a lock at Lake Drummond, which is about finished. This lock controls the flow of water from Lake Drummond into the canal by a feeder, which is being dredged to the required depth of the new level of the canal.

There is also a waste weir at South Mills, N. C., which is nearly finished, and is now in use. The large lock at South Mills is about half completed. Work has not yet been started on a similar lock at Deep Creek, Va. The dredging for a channel between Deep Creek and South Mills is about one third finished.—Baltimore Sun.

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house, if it cost \$5.00 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do and more.—J. R. Wallace, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at W. C. Carmichael's drug store.

## THE FLOWER OF BILTMORE PALACE.

Of all the flowers on nature's soil, trained by art, or nursed by toil, The "BILTMORE BRAND" is queen by right— The bread it makes is feathery light.

'Tis pure as snow and soft as dew, Its creamy substance through and through; 'Twill feed the babe, the athlete keep, And plant the rose in every cheek.

The busy housewife, up-to-date, Must now prepare her Christmas cake, No other flour she dare compress With fruit, nut and spice, a sugary mess.

The "BILTMORE BRAND" no might keeps down, It rises by its own renown, A cake so mellow, soft and rich, Would tempt a mummy from his niche.

And as to muffins, gems and wafers, Crackers, cookies, rolls, pop-overs, If such things were in days of old, When stood the Sphinx, a statue cold.

And known to me was BILTMORE PRO-CESSED, The odor wafted to her senses, Would have caused her woman heart to sigh, "Pray, what's the receipt you make them by?"

Not strange that by yon rolling stream, A palace lovely as a dream, Is built by one who his home could buy In any land beneath the sky.

For nowhere else can flour so good Be falling nature's daily food; Be failing nature's southing wheat To have BILTMORE bread so fresh and sweet.

Long life rewards such wisdom rare, For good digestion kills all care, And prince and peasant can procure

## A Merry Xmas The Holiday Spirit

Has taken possession of our store. Everything has on an air of gaiety. Our prices are the airiest of all. They are light enough to float old Kris Kringle into any home. We present a beautiful assortment of Men's Furnishings for inspection. All of them are suitable for gifts; some particularly so, such as Ties, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Gloves, Umbrellas, etc. You ought to see our holiday neckwear, specially before buying. The prices on these will be found as attractive as the goods. Ladies will find this a good place to buy.

## Shirts to Give Away

For half their real worth. We offer our entire line of cosmopolitan Shirts, in negligence, both with and without collars, also both with attached and detached cuffs, fancy bosoms, both plain and plaid, in fact any way you want them, at following prices:

- All \$2.50 and 2.00 grades for \$1.10.
- All \$1.50 and \$1.25 grades for 90c.
- All \$1.00 grades for 65c, or two for \$1.25.

## OVERCOATS, Cut 'Em Down.

What's nicer than an overcoat in winter time? The overcoat season has come in earnest, and in order to give our friends and patrons a chance to get an ulster or overcoat for Xmas we offer a big out this week.

One lot very heavy Chinchilla Ulsters, cut from \$15.00 to \$12.50.

One lot heavy Irish Frieze brown with large velvet collars, cut from \$15.00 to \$12.50.

One lot half-box Overcoats, black and dark grey, cut from \$9.00 to \$6.50.

One lot Regular Overcoats, blue and black, cut from \$10.00 to \$7.00.

Big line of Youth's and Young Men's Overcoats and Ulsters, in blacks, blues, gray and browns, ranging in price from \$3.00 to \$10.00.

All going this week at TWENTY PER CENT OFF.

Will continue to cut Boy's Overcoats and Ulsters per last week's schedule. Only a few left.

## Something Nice

You can't find a better or larger assortment than this line. For Xmas, don't you think your husband, father, brother, son or best fellow would be delighted to receive one of our Bath Robes, Dressing Gowns, Smoking Jackets or fancy Vests? Certainly they would. You couldn't please them better, and then they are useful as well as ornamental.

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## THINGS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Some of the Novelties Provided by the Storekeepers

In spite of the balmy weather of the last week, suggesting spring rather than winter, the Christmas spirit is in the air, and the crowds of shoppers on the streets grow greater day by day. The merchants have displayed their wares in the most tempting manner and are watching daily diminution of their large stocks with no small amount of satisfaction. They expect a tremendous business this week, for they and their customers realize that the December days are slipping away, and unless Santa Claus' pack is quickly filled, somebody's stocking must go empty.

There are all sorts of things that might go into the pack. Of course the first place must be given to the toys for the children, and of these there is no lack of variety. Almost every thing of use to grown-ups finds its counterpart in miniature in the toy stores. For a little housekeeper may be bought a house, furniture, pictures, curtains, china and even a toy Christmas dinner, and the dignity of the establishment may be added to by the purchase of a carriage and a pair. If instead of a taste for housekeeping there happens to be a taste for farming, it is easy enough to satisfy that. The small boy whose mind runs on fire and police cars would have his heart delighted by the possession of a fire engine and a patrol wagon.

There are all sorts and conditions of dolls—fair-weather dolls in all kinds of costumes, rainy-day dolls with mackintoshes, umbrellas and overshoes, bicycle dolls, and even Indian dolls for the little ladies who love to have some interesting individual at their afternoon teas. In some of the stores the dolls are so much headed that in the morning before the store is opened for customers they, miniature men and women have to be taken from their boxes or shelves and have their faces washed and their hair combed and curled before they are fit to be seen by the general public.

The fad to be seen in the way of jewelry is a chatelaine, either in gold finish, studded with jewels, or of oxidized silver, and the greater the number of pendants which hang from it, the merrier. A very stylish one has attached to it by gold chains of different lengths, a small tablet, a vinaigrette, a tiny mirror, a pencil, a bonnet box, and whistle with which to call the pet dog which shall accompany his mistress on her daily walk. Brooches are shown in fleur de lis, wreath, sunburst and in a bewildering variety of other designs. Pearls and diamonds always hold their own. Of the less valuable stones the amethyst and topaz are much used. A dainty amethyst brooch has the stone surrounded by a wreath of miniature grapes, the leaves in enameled gold and the grapes of small pearls. Opals, with diamonds, are noticeable in the rings, especially in the betrothal rings, which come in duchess, marquise and combination styles.

Silver novelties are particularly attractive this season because of the low prices at which they are sold. There is nothing very new in spoons, but there is great variety both in size and design, from the enameled coffee spoon up to the soup ladle. Cut glass jars for crackers or for tobacco are of recent introduction. They have silver tops, studded with jewels, or are decorated with enameled miniatures. The latest thing for the writing desk is a stamp-moistener, a small sponge fastened

in a silver handle. Hat pins, in silver and gold, the newest of which are studded with jewels, watch fobs, stick pins, buckles of every size, are seen in the jeweler's tray. Among the leather novelties are shopping bags of elephant skin or of monkey skin, in dull red and green unglazed leather, or ornamented with conventional designs or with little gold cupids. The stylish color for pocket-books and card cases is still green. Some of the newest ones are mounted in gold or silver; others are unmounted. Gun metal, made up into jewel boxes, chatelaines and stamp boxes, decorated with gold fleur de lis, is considered very chic. The boxes are just the color of the barrel of a gun.

Russian enamel plays a large part in many of the novelties. It appears in candle sticks, frames for single photographs, in chatelaines, in belts, such as are used exclusively with velvet houses, and even as the mounting of some kinds of porcelain. The designs of the enamel are conventional and are suited to any purpose.

Among the lamps Dresden designs are still in vogue, but some of the latest are in the ware known as Louwelsa, a recent imitation of rookwood, the figures in underglaze in this newer pottery being more distinct than in the rookwood, and the green tones being remarkable, even as much so as the characteristic golden brown of the rookwood pieces. Gas screens, or lamp screens, with wrought-iron frames, covered with embroidery or painted bolting cloth are new this season. The newest lamp shades are in the simple empire pattern, the material used being silk or chiffon.

Cut glass, china and porcelain are seen also in new designs. The Tiffany glass, an American invention, resembles that imported from the Island of Cyprus. It is iridescent, is delicately tinted and decorated with figures in gilt. Jeweled picture frames are among the novelties. They are round or square, all the finest having the empire crown at the top. They are set with imitation rubies, emeralds, turquoise and pearls.

Work baskets and work bags, to suit every kind of taste and all purposes, are shown, from the substantial looking basket for darning to the frivolous looking box for a bit of embroidery. Rope baskets are used as scrap baskets, and the colors preferred in these are sealing wax, red and violet.

Applique scarfs in white and green are shown for the bureau, and so are those of organdie, lined with some white shade and trimmed with lace. The newest thing in the way of sachet is a padded coat frame, the bag attached to the frame being filled with the favorite sachet powder of the wear of the coat. Mouchoir, glove and necktie case are of applique linen, joined with a flower design. Table embroideries show a preference for naturisms, orchids and roses. Letter cases, writing tablets, letter files, photograph cases, traveling clock cases are all displayed in great variety.

For the lover of books there is no nursery rhyme to the edition of luxes, the black and white Copley prints, with grey mats, framed in broad black frames, are artistic; so are the less expensive, but equally effective, platinotype reproductions of the old masters. For those whose interest in pictures is limited neither to old masters to modern frescoes, who prefer to take their own "snap," nothing less than the possibility of greater pleasure than a camera, and surely the making of these there is no end.

But the real Christmas spirit does not need to be expressed by an expensive gift. Some of the happiest faces to be seen on the streets or in the stores are those of the penniless and the penniless children who have been putting aside their pennies for weeks.—Baltimore Sun.

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