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8-4 Utica Sheetting Bleached,	16 1/2
7-4 Utica Sheetting Bleached,	15c
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**BOARD OF TRADE GETS TO WORK**

**Interesting Reports at Last Night's Meeting.**

**Scandinavian Editors to be Entertained**

**Statistics of the City's Business Enterprises.**

**Improved Conditions Indicated in Asheville.**

**Many N. w. Members Added to the Organization.**

**President Morrison Urges the Necessity of an Automobile and Good Roads.**

The board of trade held its regular monthly meeting last evening in the K. P. hall.

Before the regular session the directors convened and elected the following members:

R. M. Jones, J. P. Howatt, James K. Cowan, A. E. Rankin, A. A. Theobald, E. Sluder, J. M. Johnson, L. P. McLeod, Francis S. Cox, W. D. Hilliard, Thomas B. Doe, C. V. Reynolds, J. M. Lorick, Walter Smathers, L. Joe Doughton, J. W. Foreman, Dr. Baldie, D. M. Luther, Thomas Wells, Haywood Parker, J. W. Summers, Fred Moore, J. G. Merrimon, Zebulon Weaver, A. D. Cooper, W. F. Snyder, E. W. Keith, W. R. Whitson.

President Morrison (calling the meeting to order, thanked them for the honor conferred upon him by electing him president. He said that it was with fear and trembling that he assumed the duties, but he was gratified that he had been surrounded with careful business men.

We have thrown ourselves together, he said, to utilize our resources and we should not be hasty. Our strength depends upon unity. As did New England, we must display our wares. Our great soil, pure air, and flowing streams offer every inducement to the manufacturer. We have many talents and we must not bury them in a napkin. We can do nothing better than entertain assemblies and conventions and show them our resources. We need an auditorium, we need good roads.

If we make our organization one full of energy and honesty, leaving off personal prejudices, the record will be no mean page in the history of Asheville.

The various committees were called on for reports and all of them reported ready for work.

Capt. Patton, as chairman of the committee on statistics, submitted the report which appears below. Upon motion this committee was thanked for its faithfulness.

George S. Powell, chairman of the immigration committee, stated that correspondence was being carried on with numerous parties desiring information concerning Western North Carolina. Mention was made of the lack of suitable printed matter setting forth the resources of this section.

The committee especially needs information concerning lands and things in connection with farming.

A letter from Mr. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern, relative to the body of Scandinavian editors from the northwest, who will arrive here today, was read, desiring that the board of trade show them the country and its resources.

The committee recommended that some action be taken to impress these men with Western North Carolina.

After various discussions, a committee consisting of George S. Powell, S. F. Chapman, C. T. Rawls, H. F. Grant, J. D. Ferguson, O. B. Wright and W. T. Mason, were appointed to meet these men, ascertain their interests and their plans and present as well as possible to them the resources and inducements this section offers.

The party, consisting of about fifteen, will arrive today and stop at Kenilworth, leaving tomorrow afternoon.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON STATISTICS.—February 3, 1893.**

The committee on statistics respectfully report:

That since their appointment they have held three meetings, to devise methods calculated to enable them to give a true representation of the situation of Asheville, in its several lines of business.

To this end they issued a circular letter, a copy of which is annexed to this report, and which they regret to say, has been only partially successful in eliciting replies. A lack of confidence in the committee, or a want of appreciation of the good which the board of trade hopes to accomplish, probably accounts for the small amount of interest manifested. The committee hopes that time will remove all of this feeling, as its removal is essential to true progress.

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY.**

While we are more directly concerned in the city, it is a fact that we comprise the larger part, financially, of the county, and anything that affects the county's welfare must ultimately interest the city. This

induces us to begin our report with the following statistics:

The assessed value of city property is \$4,753,801

The assessed value of county property is 4,333,539

Total of county \$9,127,341

On this a tax levy of ten cents on each \$100 will annually yield \$9,233, or enough to pay principal and interest of the county bonds, within twelve years or less. We respectfully represent the great importance that the board of trade, small take prompt measures to show our people how much better it will be, even from entirely business stand point that we submit to this tax, than that we avoid its payment on a mere legal technicality and endure all the host of evils that will surely attend this course, which is caught else than reputation.

**MERCHANTS.**

Replies have been received only from one-third of those to whom circulars were sent. Estimating that these answers are from those of average standing, the results are as follows:

**SALES FOR 1892.**

Family grocers	\$1,000,000
Fresh meats	500,000
China ware	25,000
Furniture	125,000
Jewelry and watches	75,000
Carpenters and wagon	50,000
Cigars, etc.	25,000
Miscellaneous	110,000
Dry goods	500,000

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**DISMEMBERED BODY**

**OF A MURDERED MAN FOUND IN NEW YORK.**

**Another Guldensuppe Mystery Confronts Detectives—No Clew to the Man's Identity.**

New York, Feb. 8.—The police have another Guldensuppe murder mystery to solve. The dismembered body of a man was found floating in the Roosevelt street slip today. It is almost certain the man was murdered and that the murderers endeavored to conceal his identity and the crime by destroying the body before they disposed of it in the river. Both arms are gone at the shoulders, the right leg is entirely gone, the left leg chopped off just above the knee. Two-thirds of the head is cut off, beginning at the throat under the chin and cutting upward, taking off the left ear, and leaving about one-half the right ear.

The backing manner of cutting the body showed that the mutilation had not been the work of medical students, and the police quickly came to the conclusion that the man had been murdered.

Around the man's neck was a complete circle where the flesh was discolored, warranting the assumption that the victim was choked to death.

The cutting was done with a very sharp knife, and probably by some one who did not know much about the body, because the cuts were not straight.

The coroner's physician said they believed from certain marks that the man was shot, then butchered and thrown in the water, probably three days ago. The arms, legs and face are gone.

It was impossible to tell who, what, station of life the man occupied, whether he was a millionaire or a tramp. A horde of detectives are at work on the case to-night, but the mystery is as deep as ever at a late hour.

**CUBA IN CONGRESS**

**RESOLUTIONS IN THE SENATE URGING INTERVENTION.**

**Discussion to be Taken up Today by Senator Cannon—To Put Republicans on Record.**

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Cannon of Utah, offered a resolution in the senate today, urging the president to notify Spain that if Spain shall fail to recognize the independence of Cuba on or before March 4 the United States will then recognize the belligerency of both the patriots and will within ninety days thereafter, assert the independence of the republic of Cuba. The resolution went over till to-morrow, when Cannon will address the senate upon it.

Senator Mason of Illinois, also offered a resolution of similar import, requiring the president to notify Spain that the war must at once cease. This also went over.

Mr. Allen, populist, Nebraska, gave notice of an amendment to the consular and diplomatic bill declaring the existence of a state of war in Cuba, and that the United States should maintain neutrality. Allen said he wanted the republican senators to go on record to show whether they are willing to live up to the platform of their party.

Senator Chandler made a speech on the Corbett election contest, and the senate then went into executive session on the Hawaiian treaty.

**WORTH READING.**

**O. H. Law's notice of clearing sale after stock taking. See page 2.**

**A SPANISH SENSATION**

**Alleged Letter From Minister De Lome.**

**Referring to McKinley in Insulting Terms.**

**Missive Given Out by the Cuban Junta in New York.**

**De Lome Quoted as Denying That He is its Author.**

**The Handwriting Recognized as His by Persons Familiar With His Penmanship—A Letter That Will Cause a Stir.**

New York, Feb. 8.—The Cuban junta tonight gave out the text of a letter written by Senator Dupuy De Lome in which he refers in the most insulting terms to President McKinley. The missive was addressed to Senor Canalejas, editor of the Madrid Herald, while that gentleman was making an investigation of the Cuban situation. The letter will undoubtedly create as great a sensation as the memorable missive written by the British minister, Sackville-West, counselling naturalized Britons to vote for Cleveland, and which Cleveland demanded and secured Sackville-West's recall.

The letter is written on paper of the Spanish legation at Washington and is undated, though the text shows it was written about New Year's day. It was received in Havana by Canalejas, but was stolen by a secret agent of the junta at the risk of his life and sent to the junta to do with it as they saw fit.

The original of the letter was shown to all who called at the junta headquarters today, and the Cubans are willing to have it examined by experts. Photographic copies were taken to-day by several persons and many persons who knew the handwriting of Senor De Lome came to the office attracted by curiosity to see the letter. All declared it absolutely genuine.

A despatch from Washington to-night quotes De Lome as denying that he was its author. The letter discusses the Cuban situation in a confidential way and dissects from the plan of sending Spanish emissaries among the rebels to try and win them over to Spain. Continuing, it says (referring to McKinley's message on Cuba): "The message has undeceived the insurgents who expected something else, and has paralyzed the action of congress, but I consider it bad. Besides the natural and inevitable concessions (groceries) which he repeats all that the press and the public opinion of Spain has said against Weayer. It shows once more what McKinley is weak and catering to the rabble, and besides, a low politician, who desires to leave the door open to me and stand well with the fingers of his party. Nevertheless as a matter of fact, it will only depend on ourselves whether he will prove bad or adverse to us. I agree entirely with you, without military success nothing will be accomplished there, and without military and political success there is here always danger that the insurgents will be encouraged if not by the government at least by a part of the public opinion."

The letter closes as follows: "Add returns your attention, and we wish you in the new year to be a messenger of peace and into this New Year's present to poor Spain. Always your admiring friend and secretary, who kisses your hand."

**"ENRIQUE DUPUY DE LOME."**

This is not the first time De Lome has denounced American and Americans. In 1878 he published a book after a trip through the United States full of indiscreet remarks about American women and American politicians, and soon after his appointment as minister to this country he made a speech in Havana, criticizing America and America's.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The publication of De Lome's letter to-morrow will undoubtedly cause the biggest sensation since the recall of Sackville-West for indiscreet remarks regarding President Cleveland. Though no official statement can be obtained at the White House, it is considered altogether probable that the president will demand an explanation from De Lome.

Mr. M. B. Ford, Russell's Bl., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation, and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Bile, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles.—C. A. Sawyer.

**PARLIAMENT OPENED**

**QUESTIONS ASKED REGARDING EASTERN SITUATION.**

**British Treaty Rights not Menaced by any European Power, Salisbury Says.**

London, Feb. 8.—Parliament formally opened to-day and the queen's speech was read. A resume of its features was contained in these dispatches yesterday. There was a full attendance of peers in the house of lords. The Prince of Wales and Duke of York were present. The galleries were crowded with magnificently dressed women. Criticizing the speech, Lord Kimberly, leader of the opposition, said, in reference to the far eastern situation, on which the speech failed to dwell, that when a responsible minister spoke of war the country ought to be informed of the circumstances which made the position so dangerous. Lord Salisbury, replying, said that the British treaty rights were not menaced by any European power. England knew her rights and intended to maintain them. European statesmen had not appeared to have any intention of interfering with those rights.

Replying to an criticism on the same subject in commons, Balfour, the government leader, said Salisbury had suggested the opening of the port of Lallenwan as a condition guaranteed the town by China, but China had objected, so the point was not pressed and the town negotiations were never in abeyance. The government, he added, was confident as regards commercial interests of the country in China.

**ZOLA'S TRIAL**

**HE MAKES A BITTER SPEECH IN THE COURT ROOM.**

**Attempt of a Mob to Seize Him as he Leaves the Building But he is Protected.**

Paris, Feb. 8.—At Zola's trial to-day the court decided that the military witnesses who refused to testify must appear, but refused Zola's demand that the Dreyfus feature of the case be reopened. Zola made a bitter speech and was repeatedly booed. The court refused to permit several important witnesses to testify, and it is apparent that Zola's case has been judged in advance.

When Zola left the court to-day a mob moved upon him and attempted to seize his person and throw him in the Seine. Several were wounded. The city is greatly excited, but signs are manifest of a growing sympathy for Zola.

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**FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA**

**Government Troops Drive Rebels From a Town.**

Washington, Feb. 8.—Commander Leites of the United States warship Alert, at the Pacific coast town of San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, called the department to-day that there was a fierce conflict between the government troops and rebels yesterday. The government troops, he said, the town. Leites, however, securing all the women and children and taking them on board the Alert before the firing commenced. He landed marines to guard the United States legation. After a hot engagement the rebels were defeated and fled in disorder, the government troops occupying the town.

**THE ATTORNEYS' BOND CONTRACT**

**Here is the Full Text of the Paper.**

**Nine Thousand Dollars go to the Lawyers!**

**Providing the Commissioners Succeed in Their Suit**

**And the Bonds are Finally Declared Null and Void.**

**The Attorneys to Divide the Fee Pro Rata, but Nothing is to be Paid Unless Prosecution is Successful—Expenses of Suit to be Deducted From the \$9,000.**

The contract entered into between the county commissioners and the attorneys who were retained to represent the county in the action to test the validity of the Spertburg and Asheville railroad bonds was made public yesterday afternoon. The attorneys' fees are contingent on the successful termination of the litigation. If the court shall, by its decree, declare the bonds illegal and void, the attorneys are to receive \$9,000, less all expenses. If the suit shall terminate unfavorably, the attorneys will receive nothing. The amount of fees allowed attorneys in the Buncombe case is less than that of either of the other suits of a like nature. Specially county contracted to pay the sum of \$12,000.

It is said that the attorneys have entered into an agreement to share the fees pro rata should they be successful in the prosecution of the action.

The commissioners passed the following resolution regarding the contract to be spread on the minutes of the board:

**THE CONTRACT.**

This memorandum of an agreement, made and entered into on this 4th day of January, 1893, between the board of commissioners for the county of Buncombe (T. C. Brown, chairman, and S. J. Ashworth and T. H. Weaver, commissioners), parties of the first part, and A. C. Avery, of Morganton, North Carolina, and Mark W. Brown and Moore & Moore, a firm composed of Charles A. Moore and Fred Moore, of Asheville, North Carolina, parties of the second part,

Witnesseth:—That whereas, the said parties of the second part, in pursuance of authority given them by said T. C. Brown, chairman, and S. J. Ashworth and T. H. Weaver, commissioners, acting for and on behalf of the board of commissioners for the county of Buncombe, did, on the 28th day of December, 1892, commence an action in the superior court of Buncombe county entitled, "The Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe, (T. C. Brown, chairman, and S. J. Ashworth and T. H. Weaver, commissioners,) and T. C. Brown vs. William R. Payne, Treasurer of Buncombe County," to test the validity of the one hundred thousand dollars in coupon bonds issued by the county of Buncombe in 1876, to pay its subscription of \$100,000.00 to the capital stock of the Spertburg and Asheville railroad company, and the bonds issued in lieu of them at maturity under the act of 1893; and whereas, the board of commissioners for the county of Buncombe now desire to enter into a contract with said parties of the second part,

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**NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.**

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have from time to time shows their appreciation of these Gems by using them in all kinds of adornment.

We have decided to close out some of these gems and offer them at prices that should make them all sell in a very few days.

**WE OFFER:**

One lot of 41 gems at 50 cents each.

One lot of 40 gems at 50 cents each.

One lot of 100 gems at 75 cents each.

One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.

One lot of 23 gems at \$1.25 each.—Sold.

One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.

One lot of 5 gems at \$2.00 each.

One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.—Sold.

One lot of 2 gems at \$4.00 each.

One gem for \$5.00.

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