

THE GAZETTE, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Published Every morning Except Mondays

THE ASHEVILLE GAZETTE PUBLISHING COMPANY.

James E. Norton ..... President.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION:

- Daily Gazette, one year..... \$4.00
Daily Gazette, twelve weeks..... 1.00
Daily Gazette, one month..... .40
Weekly Gazette, one year..... 1.00
Weekly Gazette, six months..... .60



Couches, Armchairs and Rockers Were Meant for Comfort, Pure and Simple.

The Couches, Armchairs and Rockers that we have made for us are built to afford you bodily comfort, and a feeling that you have received your money's worth.

Blair & Smathers 45 Patton Ave.

Asheville has not for years known a pleasanter December. While we read of snow storms and low temperatures in the north and west it has been like a genial spring in the Land of the Sky.

A "scientific gentleman" has now appeared with the theory that exercise is bad for the health after middle age is reached. This is a sort of "Weary Willie" doctrine that would speedily bring the world to a standstill.

Our pet friend Joey Daniels is certainly an "amusing cuss." As Artemus Ward remarked of his kangaroo, Joey's latest grievance is that Senator Pritchard will not support the Crum-packer bill to cut down North Carolina's representation in congress.

A "professional shopper" is suggested as a new profession for women. These days, however, when the shops are crammed with holiday goods every woman prefers to be her own shopper.

A writer in the Tribune quotes an English critic to the effect that "In the States it is only necessary to write one book to be paraphrased, photographed and forgotten." The same might be said of our heroes. They are not good for even a magazine article a year after date. It would seem that our "popularity" is about as fickle as the French.

Probably no city in the state has more narrowly restricted corporation limits than Asheville. They extend but one mile in each direction from the public square. This limit of the city's territory must be considered in considering the census figures.

Bryan and the silver cause are about to be attacked by a man who has been one of the strongest Bryanites and silver men in the country. This is ex-congressman A. J. Warner of Ohio.

FEATURES OF THE POPULAR VOTE.

It seems that the aggregate vote cast this year will be but a few thousand larger than that of 1896, which shows the greater feeling of doubt four years ago as to the result. In 1890, 1884, and 1892 the increase ranged between 678,000 and 835,000. In 1888 there was an exceptional increase in the total vote of 1,335,000. The increase in 1896 was no less than 1,864,000, so that to find the vote almost stationary in 1900, a year of foregone results, is no great surprise.

The South took but a languid interest in the election. As a rule a reduced vote was cast for both candidates, Bryan losing heavily. Though McKinley lost four Northern states, his percentage of gain there was enormous, amounting to 330 per cent in Idaho, 254.6 per cent in Colorado, 141.8 in Montana and 98.5 in Nevada.

THE HAZING AT WEST POINT. By reason of the recommendation made to congress by Commodore Worden, when the Superintendent of the Naval Academy, every form of hazing at that place was made a court martial offence punishable by dismissal.

"IMPERIALISM!" And now it is seriously proposed to coin a special silver dollar for use in the Philippines, with a provision that it shall be redeemable in gold.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—A schooner in tow on the Delaware river tonight struck the ferry boat Pennsylvania, plying between Philadelphia and Camden, smashing the paddle wheel.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—A schooner in tow on the Delaware river tonight struck the ferry boat Pennsylvania, plying between Philadelphia and Camden, smashing the paddle wheel.

KRUGER TRYING TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH SALISBURY

New York, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says: In well informed circles here, persons are inclined to give credence to private dispatches from London to the effect that the conclusion of peace in South Africa is much nearer than Boer reports would lead them to believe.

THE demand for Blue Ribbon lemon and vanilla extracts among ladies of refinement is the best evidence of true merit.

USE LOTUS SLICED PEACHES For your Desert FINE FOR ICE CREAM H. C. Johnson, 39 PATTON AVENUE.

MORE TREATY AMENDMENTS.

60 to 127. Mr. Barthold's amendment was defeated on a rising vote, 74 to 119. After a number of futile efforts to reduce the tax on beer the ways and means committee's proposition fixing the tax at \$1.60 a barrel was agreed to 139 to 68.

LI HUNG CHANG AND CHING READY TO NEGOTIATE

Pekin, Dec. 14.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have sent official notification to the ministers that they have received the promised documents authorizing them to act on behalf of China in the peace negotiations.

CAPTURE OF BANK ROBBERS.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—Three arrests were made before daylight yesterday in the vicinity of the sensational holdup on the Illinois Central last night, but none of these suspects has been identified.

INSURGENTS SWEAR ALLEGIANCE

Manila, Dec. 14.—At Calauang, province of Laguna, yesterday 432 insurgents swore allegiance to the American government. Since the arrival of a regiment of infantry at Iloilo and the arrest of a number of the most prominent residents of the island are fleeing into the garrisoned towns and offering to swear allegiance.

KRUGER DINES WITH THE QUEEN.

The Hague, Dec. 14.—Krugel and Dr. Leyds dined this evening at the royal palace with Queen Wilhelmina, and Dowager Queen Emma.

EX-PUGILIST RYAN DEAD.

Troy, Dec. 14.—Former champion pugilist Patrick Ryan died here today.

A benevolent man owns stock in the happiness of all mankind.

PERSONALS.

A. B. Conner, of Felton, Del., is a recent arrival. Mr. and Mrs. R. Moriant of New York are here. J. B. Smith of Atlanta arrived in Asheville yesterday.

SHOES.

For the little boys, made up like a man's shoe, with hooks, straight tops, heels or spring heels. Box calf or vici. Stylish, shapely, good fitters, and the wear is reliable like all the shoes sold by J. Spangenburg.

OSTEOPATHY. "The better way to health." Drs. Case & Woodhull. Tel. 683. 9-11 Drhumor Bldg.

Christmas 1900. Just received—some very beautiful novelties in Danish Glass-ware, Holland and Doulton Pottery. All kinds of Holiday Goods. Prices low. Bainbridge's, 47 Patton Ave. Late of San Antonio, Texas.

PATRICK MCINTYRE, 53 South Main Street. WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT. Sole Owner Beech Nut Rye Whiskey. Sole Agent Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association's Celebrated Budweiser Beer.

Ridd's Novelty Store, 35 South Main Street. Finest Assortment of Novelties in the City. NOVELTIES IN--Bric-a-brac, Asheville Views, Stereoscopic Views of Asheville, Hand Painted Sketches, Field Glasses, Clocks and Watches, Sterling Silver Pieces, Electric Toys, Mechanical Toys, Burnt Wood and Leather. Medallion Pictures, Asheville Souvenirs. Prices Very Reasonable.

Imported and Domestic Cigars Sold by the Box at Factory Prices at the Berkeley Cigar Stand

ARCHARENA COMBINATION GAME BOARD. 50 GAMES. WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR ARCHARENA BOARDS AND HOLIDAY GOODS. THE FRENCH BROAD PRESS, Fine and Commercial Printing and Stationery. 32-34 Patton Avenue.

Paragon Drug Company, EDWARD HOPKINS, President. L. B. WHEELER, Sec.-Treas. WE DESIRE to call your attention to the new management of this elegantly appointed Pharmacy. Their object is to conduct the business to meet the approval of the citizens of Asheville. Paragon Drug Company. Opposite Post Office. Asheville, Nor. Car.

Bon Marche. Now is the time to consider about the presents you are going to make for Christmas. We want at this time to call your attention to just one item. APRONS. On which we claim to be headquarters for variety in quantity and quality--We have them for children, maids, nurses, cooks, butchers, workmen, salesgirls. Bon Marche