

(For the Asheville Citizen.)
WESTERN N. C. RAILROAD.
Dear Citizens—As your valuable paper has been a warm friend to us in the past, we naturally expect you to continue these laudable efforts in behalf of our Railroad interests.

I have quite recently traveled along the line of this road from Waynesville to the Tennessee river in Macon county, and I must say that I was agreeably surprised at the splendid natural route marked out for this road. I have not before me the estimates for grading, bridges, etc., but I am satisfied the cost can be but little, if any more for an equal number of miles, anywhere between Asheville and Salisbury, leaving out the costly work on the Blue Ridge tunnel.

Unfortunately for us in more respects than one, very much harm has been done by writers who attempt to describe our country. They dwell entirely too much upon the altitude and rugged features of our mountains and too little upon the beauty and fertility of our valleys, and upon the fertility of our very mountains themselves—their uses for timber, water power, cattle grazing, etc. It is well known that this Railroad of ours is the nearest practicable route between the Atlantic coast and the great Mississippi Valley—Norfolk and Memphis. It runs through a country, once made acceptable, is bound to be one of if not the finest mountain regions in America.

The great health resort of the South, by all means push forward the broad gauge full fledged Railroad, and let the iron horse arouse the now latent energy in our people.

The public are unaware of the vast amount of work already done between Asheville and Balsom mountain—fully one-third of the grade completed.

There is also much heavy work done on Scott's Creek. When once down into Scott's Creek Valley, the heavy work of the whole line is done. The work down Scott's Creek, down Tuckasee, up Nantahala and down Valley River, excepting a few miles of rough work—is all comparatively light work; at least thirty miles of it can be made by simply leveling up from 6 to 12 inches with the spade and shovel.

Push forward the work to Asheville and thence down French Broad and out here and a new era of prosperity will dawn upon our whole country.

Let the glorious work go forward, and as our respective counties are reached, let our people all manfully lay hold and help.

Truly,
 W. W. STRINGFIELD.

Result of the Late Elections.

The Philadelphia Times, a thoroughly independent paper, gives the following summary of the result of the recent State elections:

Ohio has settled down to a Republican majority on the State ticket of from 5,000 to 7,000, and 11 Democrats and 9 Republicans elected to Congress. The present Ohio delegation contains 12 Republicans and 8 Democrats, and the Democrats have gained 3 members for the next Congress. The National vote will be somewhere from 25,000 to 40,000, instead of the 80,000 or 100,000, so confidently claimed by its leaders. It is evident that the Democrats have lost the State by their Congressional gerrymander. It aroused and united the Republicans, and Democratic divisions in a dozen districts summoned the indignant Republicans to hopeful and exhaustive effort for their State ticket. As Ohio is fairly Republican on a full vote according to old party lines, it is a safe assumption that the Nationals have drawn about equally from both parties.

Indiana is climbing up high in the Democratic column. The majority for the State ticket is from 16,000 to 18,000; five Congressional districts have gained, and a Democratic Legislature elected in the face of what was supposed to be an iron-clad Republican gerrymander of the Legislative districts. Hendricks steps well to the front in the Presidential show and Voorhees

will take Morton's seat in the Senate for a full term.

Iowa has stood to her Republican guns bravely against the Democratic and National fusion on the State ticket and several Congressional districts. The Republican majority is, of course, greatly reduced—probably to less than half that of last year, but that is of little moment. The Republican candidates for State and Congress are all elected, and that is doing well where nine districts are to elect in the present general campaign that prevails.

West Virginia is Democratic all over as usual, and sends only three Democratic members to Congress because the State isn't allowed to elect any more.

The political currents as exhibited by the October election are of the jerkiest sort and present the most sublime contradictions. They show that every State is inclined to go it a gang by itself, and elect or defeat any ticket it chooses without caring a button what other States have done.

An "Independent's" View.
 From the Philadelphia Times, 11th.

The battle for the control of the next House is ended; and as Democratic ascendancy in the Senate has long since been assured, the next Congress will be Democratic in both branches, for the first time during the last quarter of a century. The States that have already chosen Congressmen have 39 Republican and 16 Democrats in the present House. The same States have elected 26 Republicans, 23 Democrats and 5 Nationals to the next Congress, with one vacancy in Vermont that will be filled by Barlow, National. On the square issue between Republicans and Democrats the Republicans have lost 13 and the Democrats have gained 7, thus adding 14 to the present Democratic majority of the body, and reducing the Republican strength 5 more than the Democrats gain, by National triumphs. The Republicans would have to gain 23 Congressmen to secure a clear majority in the House, and that is so far beyond the pale of possibility that they won't attempt it. At the most, they can't gain more than one or two in New England, and as many more in New York. In Pennsylvania they must surpass all present expectations to hold their present 17 to 10, and in the South and West they can make no material inroads upon the Democracy. The next House will certainly be distinctly Democratic, over both Republicans and Nationals, by a majority of 20 or more, and the Republicans will be in a minority of from 25 to 30. The success of the Democrats in the Indiana Legislature secures the election of Voorhees, and allowing Pennsylvania, New York, Nevada and Connecticut to elect Republican Senators, the Democratic control of the Senate couldn't be endangered. Henceforth the Republicans will direct their campaign to elect State officers and Legislatures, and Congressional candidates will be allowed to paddle their own canoes.

A CHILD'S HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA.—We are truly glad to be able to state that Mr. R. B. Creecy, of Elizabeth City, the accomplished editor of *The Economist* of that place, contemplates publishing a Child's History of North Carolina. The manuscript has been prepared for several years, and extracts published in the *University Magazine* before the war, as will be remembered by the readers of that interesting periodical of former days. The Child's History will be published as soon as the manuscript can be brought down to a recent date. It is needless for us to say a word to the people of North Carolina, who know him, as Mr. Creecy's competency for the task he has undertaken. His Child's History will be a labor of love, and the fruit of a life devoted to literary pursuits. To those who do not know him we need only point to the resolution of the Legislature of 1872-73, requesting him to undertake the completion of Hawks' unfinished history of the State. Let us have the Child's History first and the one for grown people afterwards.—*Raleigh Observer.*

Buy furniture at rock bottom prices at VanGilder & Haunson's.
 Bedsteads, bureaus and washstands at VanGilder & Haunson's.

Cold piercing winds and driving rains seldom fail to bring on a cough cold or hoarseness at this season, and Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup should be kept in every house. For sale by all Druggists.

Unusual Changes of Temperature.
 The variation in temperature each day for the last few days has been about thirty degrees, counting from the point of greatest heat, as shown by the thermometer, to the point of greatest cold in the same twenty-four hours. Such sudden and marked changes are sure to bring colds, unless the system is fortified against them. The bowels should be kept open by the use of Dr. Hart's Pills. If care has not been exercised and a cough is contracted, use Symphyx.

B. F. Butler is a candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, with a fair prospect of being elected.

Purcell, Ladd & Co.

WHOLESALE
DRUGGISTS,
 1216 Main, cor. 13th st., Richmond, Va.
 DEALERS IN
Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Window Glass, Varnishes, etc.
 Our stock is large, and embraces every article in our line of business. In KEROSENE AND LUBRICATING OILS we deal extensively and sell at lowest market rates.
 We invite a call, and will sell very low for cash or prompt paying customers. Orders promptly attended to.
 oct17-3m

THOS. I. VAN GILDER.]

Important Announcement.

The Hardware Store lately conducted by DeVault, Pulliam & Co. has passed into the hands of

PENNIMAN BROTHERS & PULLIAM,

Mr. DeVault having retired.

The business will hereafter be on an enlarged scale, with greatly

improved facilities, one partner to reside in New York, attending to purchasing and shipping goods. The attention of

Merchants, Farmers and Mechanics

is respectfully invited to this important change, and observe that their wants can be

Supplied on Terms not Hitherto Approached.

It is our aim to keep a supply of goods sufficient to meet every demand, large or small, for every variety of

HARDWARE.

TERMS CASH, or such Produce as will readily sell on the market.

Asheville, N. C., July 1, 1878.

PENNIMAN BROS. & PULLIAM.

New Hardware House.

[J. T. HAUNSON.]

VanGILDER & HAUNSON,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

BUILDERS' HARDWARE, IRON, NAILS AND BLACKSMITH'S TOOLS.

Wagon Wood Work a Specialty.

Agents for "Henry Diston's Saws," Sinclair Straw Cutters, Havens' Cider Mills, Dexter Corn Shellers, Avery's and Farmer's Friend Plows.

Wholesale Agents for the Howe Sewing Machine Company.

We have decided to add to our Hardware business a full line of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. COUNTRY PRODUCE TAKEN IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.
 Asheville, N. C., Oct. 15th, 1878.—t Jan. 1st.

New Store. New Goods.

I take pleasure to announce to my old Friends and Customers of Buncombe and adjoining Counties that I am now opening in the

Store House of B. H. Merrimon, opposite the Old Buck Hotel,
(NOW CENTRAL HOTEL.)

A new and well-selected Stock of Goods, selected expressly for this market,

At Prices that will Defy Competition,

Consisting of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions,

FANCY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c.,

I shall take in exchange all kinds of Country Produce, such as Grain, Flour, Bacon, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Feathers, Beeswax, Wool, Dried Fruit of every description; also all kinds of Furs, Botanical Roots, Herbs, Barks, Leaves, of which I give below a partial Price List for the year annexed.

I shall be pleased to have my old friends and customers call on me, examine my stock, and convince themselves that I intend to do all that can be done by fair dealings, to get a fair share of your patronage.

PRICE-LIST OF A FEW OF THE LEADING GOODS.

Ready-Made Pants at 85 cts., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.	Ladies' White and Striped Hose 10 cts. upwards.
Whole Suits, Coats, Pants, Vests, at \$6.50 worth \$10	Gent's White Shirts from 85 cents to \$2.00.
do. do. do. 7.50 " 12	All Silk Ribbons, 4 inches wide, 15 cents.
do. do. do. 10.00 " 15	All Silk Sash-Ribbon, 7 inches wide, 25 and 35 cts.
do. do. do. 15.00 " 20	Pine French Flowers from 10 cents upwards.
do. do. do. 20.00 " 30	Hamburg Edging from 5 cents yard upwards.
Black Wool Hats from 25 cents upwards.	Silk and Pearl Dress Buttons, in great variety, from 10 cents dozen up.
Heavy Undershirts from 60 cents upwards.	

Wanted, Either for Cash or Goods, 5000 Dozen Rabbit Skins and all Other Kinds of Furs.

5000 Bushel Dried Fruit, also Wool, Feathers, &c.,

For all of which I am willing to pay New York Prices, less freight and commission.

S. HAMMERSLAG.

Asheville, Sept. 8, 1878.

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