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To the People.

We wish weekly information from every section of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee, of any or all manufacturing or mining enterprises established, or improvements to those existing, improvements in agriculture, especially results of new experiments in agriculture in this section; of schools, churches, Alliance and other orders or associations for the good and up-building of the people. Send us short, plain statements, as often as may be. **THE DEMOCRAT** desires to be the medium of announcing to the world the improvements in the social and material development of this section.

Senator Vance was in the city Tuesday. He is enjoying excellent health now.

A special term of the criminal court of this county will be held, commencing Monday November 18th inst.

A son of Rev. Dr. Carroll, of this city, has attained the high honor of a scholarship at John Hopkins University.

We are pleased to see Col. F. Randolph Curtis back home from an extended visit to friends and relatives in the North.

Mr. T. C. Starnes, of this city, was married at Timber Ridge, Tenn., to Miss Montgomery Campbell. After a tour of the northern cities they will return to Asheville.

Our energetic street committee is having some excellent improvements made on Patton avenue, Haywood and other streets. Superintendent Troy does his work well.

Mr. Thos. McCoy, the very popular Southern representative of Thurber, Whyland & Co., New York city, is in the city. He is a welcome visitor to any part of the State.

We venture to say that within two years a road from Asheville through Vance to Bristol, or Elizabethton, East Tenn., will not only be assured, but will be a partially accomplished thing.

The Grand Division Sons of Temperance for this district met in this city today. A goodly number of delegates from other sections were in attendance, and a most interesting, and we trust useful, meeting, was held.

Mr. Ed Weddin, the popular agent here of the Southern Express Co., who has been unwell for some time, has gone to Philadelphia with Dr. W. D. Hilliard to have an operation performed, from which it is hoped he will experience much relief.

Col. P. F. Faison, president board of directors State penitentiary, was in the city Monday looking after the convicts in this section. Col. F., by the way, reports that institution as rapidly approaching the point of self-support, a most encouraging thing for the people, who have been taxed quite an hundred thousand dollars, if not more, per annum, for the penitentiary.

The industrial enterprises of Asheville are not only improving, but are rapidly increasing. In addition to those recently entered upon, an extensive tannery will soon be established at or near Best's station by Mr. W. T. Werner. We presume an extensive shoe factory will be added, but of this we have not learned. The **DEMOCRAT** believes that factories for working the raw material should always be connected with the production of the raw material, and hence we suppose works for working up the leather will be connected with the tannery.

Rev. Dr. James Atkins, Jr., until recently the able president of the Asheville Female College, has been chosen by the Holston Conference to be President of Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and will accept. The **DEMOCRAT** sincerely congratulates the college and the conference upon this selection. We regard President Atkins as one of the best educators of the South, and his services in his new field will assuredly redound greatly to the good and increased usefulness of that time-honored institution.

Our Federal Building.

Our citizens are naturally curious to know when work upon the Federal building is to be begun. Hon. Thomas D. Johnston was assured by the authorities last winter that work should commence in the early spring, but soon thereafter Mr. Harrison stepped into power, and with him Dr. Mott, since which time nothing has been done save the appointment of a few of the faithful to certain positions in relation to the work when it shall be begun. As Dr. Mott seems to be running the matters of this section to suit himself, it might be well for our citizens to appoint a committee to petition that gentleman to let the work be begun and pushed to a finish. We would suggest Mr. Lusk as chairman of such committee, when appointed.

WE DO WANT GERONIMO.

The Secretary of War to Visit us and See for Himself.

Has not the proposition to remove Geronimo and his band to W. N. C. been condemned without sufficient knowledge of the case or consideration of the advantages which might accrue from it? Governor Fowle's neat hit in response to Secretary Proctor's inquiry at the decay of New England farms, seemed to tickle us so much as to divert attention from several important considerations. We are informed by Senator Vance, who has also had some correspondence with Secretary Proctor on the subject, that it is by no means proposed to turn loose a band of savage Indians upon an unprotected country, but, if placed in Western North Carolina, they are to be accompanied and guarded, as they are now at Mt. Vernon Barracks, near Mobile, Ala., by a detachment of United States troops. The Secretary of War says in his letter to Senator Vance that the requirement for troops on the Indian frontier is yearly growing less as the Indians grow fewer and more peaceful, and this fact involves the removal to the Atlantic States of large numbers of troops. Having heard so much of the charms of Western North Carolina, its health-giving climate and growing popularity, it naturally occurred to the Secretary to make a permanent barracks for troops in this section in connection with the removal of Geronimo from Alabama to a more healthful climate and suitable section. The Secretary disclaims any desire to place the Indians anywhere that would be disagreeable to the people. He is not fully persuaded, however, that the people of Western North Carolina would object to the establishment of a barracks in their midst, even when accompanied by Geronimo. He says that the sight and influence of civilization has a wonderfully taming effect upon the fierce savages of the plains, and that since Geronimo and his band have had this experience they have so far succumbed to the conditions which surround them, that they are even anxious for work. The Secretary wishes to know what the people of the extreme Western counties really think of this matter. He writes to Senator Vance that he desires personally to visit this section and learn for himself the desire of the people and the suitability of the country. If possible, he says, he will come out here himself between the 15th and 20th of the present month.

We are informed that the Hon. H. G. Ewart says the people of the Western counties are not at all averse to the proposition, and plenty of land will be gladly given for the purpose. But if the extreme Western counties don't want Geronimo and his band, together with a permanent United States barracks, and the money it would leave in the country, then we venture to say they can be accommodated somewhere in the neighborhood of Asheville. The Indian chief and his warriors would be a drawing card for the great Southern all-the-year-round resort, and the presence of the United States troops would be a great attraction to home folks and visitors.

The Marion Free Lance says that Capt. J. S. Brown raised a crop of wheat this year, on ten acres, which averaged 44.25 bushels per acre. His entire crop measured 1626 bushels. We ask to give publication to such records as this, says the Webster Herald, which adds: "Why may not splendid yields be the rule instead of the exception? The right kind of farming will produce them in any wheat growing region."

The average yield per acre for the State is about 8 bushels, for Buncombe, 10 bushels. Would it not be more profitable in all respects to so prepare one acre as to secure 40 bushels there from, than give the labor to four acres to obtain the same? Those who try it say it is, and it strikes us so. How many farmers West of the Blue Ridge—a section splendidly adapted to wheat growing—can say they raised even 30 bushels, much less 44, to the acre the past season? We would like to hear from all such.

Our Tobacco Market.

The planters of Western North Carolina and Tennessee have cause to be well satisfied with the arrangements made by the warehouses of this city for the sale of this season's crop. The quality of this crop is above the average, and we are assured that buyers on our market are better prepared this season than ever to pay full prices. The three warehouses the Farmers, the Banner and Ray's—the latter to be run under the auspices of the Alliance—have made special preparations for handling and selling the weed to the best advantage. So far prices have ranged satisfactorily, the prices ranging from \$9.00 to \$11.00 per hundred.

Our Advertisers.

The **DEMOCRAT** presents a handsome array of advertisers in its first issue. We invite attention to the following and cordially commend all:

DRUGGISTS.—J. S. Grant, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, 24 South Main street.

Hotels.—Grand Central, Patton avenue; Hickory Inn, Hickory, N. C.

Clothing, Gents' Furnishings.—C. D. Blanton & Co., 31 Patton avenue; Abraham Whitlock, 50 Eagle block; H. Redwood & Co., Patton avenue; J. P. Sawyey, Patton avenue; M. Swartzberg, 25 North Main street.

Paints, Wall Paper, Etc.—Fitzpatrick Bros. & Robinson, 30 North Main street.

Banks.—Western Carolina Bank; The National Bank of Asheville.

The "Big Racket."—Geo. T. Jones & Co.

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Etc.—Brown, Gudge & Co., 31 Patton avenue; S. R. Chedester & Son, Grand Central hotel.

Staple and Family Groceries.—S. R. Kepler, 53 South Main street; G. L. McDonald, 17 South Main street; Baird Bros., North Main street; Neilson Bros., Pine street.

Real Estate, Etc.—Gwyn & West, Southeast Court square; Cortland Bros., 50 South Main street, Eagle building.

Hard and Soft Coal.—F. N. Carrington, 8 North Court square; the Asheville Coal company (office, Patton avenue).

Wines, Liquors, Etc.—James H. Loughran, Eagle Block (down stairs); Frank O'Donnell, North Main street; the "Bonanza," 43 South Main street.

Boots, Shoes, Etc.—Herring & Weaver, 39 Patton avenue; J. P. Sawyer, 15 Patton avenue; H. Redwood & Co., 7 and 9 Patton avenue; C. D. Blanton & Co., 31 Patton avenue; S. R. Chedester & Son, Grand Central hotel.

Foundry and Machine Shops.—J. B. Cole, 8 Buttrick street.

Marble Works, Etc.—W. O. Wolfe, Jewellery, Etc.—B. H. Cosby Patton avenue.

Dental Surgery.—Dr. B. F. Arrington (office over C. D. Blanton & Co., Patton avenue).

Pinion Detective Agency.—W. H. Deaver, principal.

Photography, Etc.—Lindsey's Photographic Studio, South Main street.

Insurance, Life and Fire.—Pulliam & Co., National Bank of Asheville.

Books, Stationery, Etc.—J. N. Morgan, 3 North Main street, Barnard building.

Suburban Homes.—Richmond Pearson, Richmond Hill.

Job Printing, Etc.—Furman's job office, **DEMOCRAT** building.

The Little Tycoon.

Friday and Saturday evenings of this week will be memorable in Asheville. Willard Spencer's "comic opera," "The Little Tycoon," will be presented at the opera house by a company representing not only the best musical talent of the town but its finest spirits, brightest wit and fairest beauty. Miss Annie DeRoset of Wilmington will shine as the star, "Violet."

The rare modesty of Asheville's many charming singers in this deferring to one of another town is fully justified by the wide reputation which Miss DeRoset enjoys in amateur circles, not only for her voice and musical attainments, but for dramatic power and graceful presence. The rest of the cast are all well-known here and need no enconiums from a home paper.

Gen. Knickerbocker, one of the old time Knickerbockers, Mr. Herbert Price, Alvint Barry, a young Wall street broker, afterwards the Great Tycoon, Mr. Dwight W. Bissill.

Rufus Ready, Alvin's college friend, afterwards Gull Gull, interpreter to Great Tycoon, Mr. Thomas A. Jones.

Lord Dolphin, son to the Marchioness of Pulheimback, Dr. McKin.

Teddy, Lord Dolphin's valet, Mr. Arthur Child.

First and second custom house officers, elevated men, Mr. W. Talbot Penniman, Capt. Thos. W. Patton.

Montgomery, Gen'l Knickerbocker's footman, Mr. Herbert Child.

Miss Hurricane, chaperone to the touristic maidens, Miss Anoret B. Cameron.

Dolly Dimple, Violet's school friend, Miss Addie Davidson.

Lady Dolphin, Marchioness of Pulheimback, Mr. Herbert Child.

Violet, Miss Annie DeRoset. (Her first appearance in Asheville.)

Chorus of Japanese, Hobgoblins, Brigands, etc.—Misses C. K. Miller, J. W. Miller, E. B. Penniman, Mary Johnstone, Jean Cameron, Carrie Myers, S. Garrison, Dr. Chas. E. Hillard, Messrs. T. S. McBe, D. C. Waddell, Jr., Fred Hull, John A. Campbell, B. Jones, C. Murphey, John Child, Herbert S. Child.

THE BOYLE CASE.

The Raleigh Priest Found Guilty of Criminal Assault.

The trial at Raleigh of Father Boyle for criminal assault upon the organist of the Roman Catholic church in Raleigh, where Boyle officiated last May when the crime was committed, consumed most of last week. The verdict delivered on Saturday was "guilty." Judge Armfield presided, and there was a strong array of counsel on either side. The victim of the crime was Miss Geneva Whitaker, a girl of 15 years, frail, slender and not fully developed into womanhood. Her family occupies a good social position in Raleigh, and were parishioners of Boyle's church. Her assailant is represented as a powerful man of coarse though intelligent features, given to intemperate habits. He was more or less under the influence of liquor at the time of the crime. He was an Irishman by extraction, but a native of New York.

Much of the testimony necessarily remains unpublished. The defense set up the plea of consent on the part of the young girl. Her statement asserted intimidation and violence. The prisoner alleged consent at the time of, and immodest advances before, the assault. The case turned upon these respective statements. The girl's testimony was supported by the evidence of her friends and her physician that after the assault bruises were found upon her person which were incompatible with the theory of consent.

Boyle was sentenced to be hanged on the 20th of November next. The case goes to the Supreme Court in the meantime upon exceptions filed by the defense. One of the grounds of appeal is alleged prejudice against the Roman Catholic church.

After the verdict was delivered Boyle was asked what he had to say. A report telegraphed to the Durham Globe and Wilmington Messenger says:

Boyle at once arose in a most dramatic way and said he recognized that there was a prejudice against Roman Catholics; he said that one of the counsel for the prosecution has assumed the role of a prohibition lecturer in the West in condemning all who differed from him in faith or habits to eternal damnation. He frankly avowed to all the desires and passions of other men, and said that it was not for the solicitor to denounce any man for the habit of drunkenness. He then attacked another of the prosecuting counsel with bitter invective for attacking his chastity. He was here applauded for his bold and earnest words, but the applause was quickly suppressed by the Judge. Boyle used all his powers of voice and gestures in making his remarks and said he was ready for the sentence. It was the most sensational occurrence ever seen in a court house.

Raleigh, N. C., October 7.—It is the general opinion here that Father J. J. Boyle will be granted a new trial. The Supreme Court will probably not pass upon the case before next spring.

Is it Not Strange?

That in arranging the excursion for the Congress of All-Americans Mr. Blaine should have overlooked the entire South? According to this program the distinguished party will see nothing South of the Ohio or Potomac, the very section which will supply most of the articles or products which our South American neighbors will want if trade between this and their respective countries should ever be established upon any large scale. This is simply another attempt on the part of Mr. Harrison's administration and Mr. Blaine to belittle the South, and treat it before the eyes of All-Americans with contempt. And it is but another illustration of the strictly sectional character of the Republican party and of this Republican administration.

Important Meeting at Weaverville.

An important meeting is to be held at Weaverville, this county, on Saturday next, and the **DEMOCRAT** hopes that every citizen of the town and vicinity will be present. A number of the citizens of Asheville should be present also, for it involves a matter of much interest to our city as well as Weaverville. The object of the meeting is to take steps looking to the extension of the electric street railway to that point. The importance of this scheme is enhanced by its feasibility. The great results to follow its consummation can scarcely be estimated. We hope to hear that something tangible has been done at the Saturday meeting.

To Be Completed.

The Three C's railroad, Col. Frank Cox, president, has arranged to resume work at Rutherfordton and push it to Marion, Cranberry and Johnson City at once.

A Useful Enterprise.

The extensive establishment just completed at the thriving town of, Sylva, in Jackson county, by the Equitable Manufacturing company, will do an important part in the development of the resources of that section. These works are for mining and preparing for market the kaolin found in inexhaustible quantities near that place, and which is said to be of a very superior quality. The main building of the works is 160 feet long by 60 feet wide. The machinery is propelled by an engine of 300 horse-power. The machinery for mining, pulverizing and purifying is complete, and all of the very best. The capital already invested reaches the goodly sum of \$50,000. So far preparations for preparing the clay for the potteries only has been made; but the energetic owners, so satisfied are they of the excellence of the clay, are contemplating the early addition of pottery works on an enlarged scale. The above information we are pleased to obtain from our contemporary, the Sylva Democrat, and we unite with that paper in believing that the addition of pottery works will not only be an important but a necessary feature. The nearer the base of raw material the factories are the cheaper the production of the manufactured article, of course, an element of economy much considered in these days. The work so far done at Sylva is splendidly done, and we hope it will be completed as above suggested. The works, with the extensive lumber plants, and other similar enterprises in contemplation, give promise of great industrial activity in that section and will introduce a degree of prosperity not heretofore dreamed of by many of the people. It is a splendid country, rich in resources which only await the enterprise of such associations as the Equitable Manufacturing company to make it the home of prosperity and contentment.

Terrible Stabbing Affray.

We learn that a serious stabbing affray occurred on Walnut creek in North Carolina a few days ago. It seems that John Crane and another man had become involved in a drunken row, and Andy Bridget undertook to part them. They turned against him and succeeded in getting him to the earth both upon him, when he drew a knife and stabbed Crane fatally. Will Crane meanwhile in trying to assist his brother Andy, was also badly cut and may die. Bridget was arrested, had a preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace and was committed to jail, but it is thought that he will be released at court as his acts were wholly in self defense.—Erwin Un-akean.

Acknowledgments.

We are sincerely grateful to the people of Asheville and of this entire section for the very liberal encouragement extended **THE DEMOCRAT**. We start with a better advertising patronage than was ever before given a paper, and are assured of much more to follow. We can also confidently claim a larger circulation in this city and section than was ever enjoyed by any paper. We shall strive to make **THE DEMOCRAT** useful as well as interesting to its patrons. **THE DEMOCRAT** is here to stay and to work for the general good of the people of all this section.

Picnic.

Our farmers friends and good people of the West Chapel neighborhood of Asheville township will have a picnic at the Chapel on Saturday 12th inst. Col. Thos. B. Long, State Lecturer Farmer's Alliance, Richmond B. Hunter assistant State Lecturer, Hon. Robert B. Vance, Lecturer fore this district, and probably others, will attend and address the people. We acknowledge a kindly invitation to attend, and shall take pleasure in doing so.

Not Arranged to Suit us.

Owing to confusion incident to getting out the first issue of **THE DEMOCRAT** the advertisements have not been arranged and classified to suit us. In the next issue we hope to have all so arranged and classified as to insure satisfaction, to ourselves as well as patrons. Read every one of them, for they represent as good and reliable houses, in their respective lines, as this or any other State can boast.

An exchange says that every paper in the State should publish the fact that burnt corn is a sure cure for hog cholera, and adds: "It was first discovered by the burning of a pile of corn belonging to a distillery in Peoria, Ill. It was thrown to the hogs and eaten by them. Before that time a number had been dying each day with cholera, but the disease immediately disappeared. It is so simple a remedy that it can easily be tried."

ALLIANCE LECTURES.

Vance, Long and Hunter will Talk to the Farmers.

Thomas B. Long, State lecturer, Farmers' Alliance of North Carolina, and Richard B. Hunter, assistant State lecturer, will address the farmers of this district at the following times and places, on the beauties and purposes of the Farmers' Alliance of the State and nation: Gen. Robert B. Vance, lecturer for this district, will be present at all of these appointments that he can possibly attend.

Old Fort, McDowell county, Thursday October 10.

Black Mountain, Buncombe county, Friday October 11.

West's Chapel, Buncombe county, Saturday October 12.

Brevard, Transylvania county, Monday October 14.

Calhoun, Transylvania county, Tuesday October 15.

Fletcher's, Henderson county, Wednesday October 16.

Alexander, Buncombe county Saturday October 19.

Blue Ridge, Henderson county, Tuesday October 22.

Columbus, Polk county, Wednesday October 24.

Vance Academy, Rutherford county, Friday October 25.

Marble, Cherokee county, Tuesday October 29.

Valley River, Cherokee county, Wednesday October 30.

Robbinsville, Graham county, Thursday October 31.

Nantahala Church, Macon county, Saturday November 2.

Franklin, Macon county, Monday November 4.

Savannah, Jackson county, Tuesday November 5.

Mars Hill, Madison county, Thursday November 7.

Bull Creek Church, Madison county, Friday November 8.

Antioch Church, Madison county, Saturday November 9.

All officers and members of the Alliance are most respectfully requested to give publicity to these appointments and be present to take part in the speaking if they desire to do so. Public invited.

Good News.

President Atkinson, of the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore road, announces that New York capitalists have entered into a contract to construct this important air line connecting the Northeast with the South, and that a survey will be entered upon at once. This will be the most important line of road yet built in the South, and, from Atlanta to Roanoke, its termini, will open up the finest section of the South.

To Our Contemporaries.

We desire to make sincere acknowledgments to our contemporaries of this and other States for the very generous reception extended us. We shall endeavor to maintain the kindest relations with them, one and all, and co-operate with them in all things which may tend to the usefulness of journalism.

Our Streets and the Electric Railway Tracks.

Some complaint is made that the track of the street railway is not kept so as to admit of easy crossing for vehicles. We presume it is the duty of the company to see that such difficulty is obviated, and we further take it the company will at once remove any cause of complaint.

Right Again.

A joint stock company has been formed in Waynesville for the purpose of establishing at once a cheese and butter factory. This is an excellent move and **THE DEMOCRAT** feels it must result successfully. No better country on earth can be found for such an enterprise.

Rev. G. C. Rankin.

Who has so satisfactorily served the Central Methodist Church of this city as pastor the past three years, has been returned for another year. Not only the members of the church, but our community as well will welcome the able pastor back.

Flow It.

We ask everyone who receives this issue of **THE DEMOCRAT** to show it to his neighbor, and let all subscribe for it. We want Ten Thousand Subscribers by January next. It will do our section good to circulate it extensively.

Married.

CHAPMAN—REYNOLDS.—At the residence of the bride's mother, corner North Main and Woodfin street, this city on the 3d inst., Mr. S. P. Chapman and Miss Minnie Reynolds, all of this city. Rev. J. S. Burnett officiated.