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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.

Rails are being laid on the Camp Patton extension of the street railway.

Our countyman, F. D. Polk, Esq., Elk Mountain, objects to hunters making wild game of his tame prize turkeys.

Rev. Carter Burnett, mayor of Rutherfordton, died Tuesday of heart failure. He was a resident of the town for 55 years.

THE DEMOCRAT is glad to note that Buncombe's handsome Temple of Justice has been nicely repaired and much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sluder have reached home, and welcomed sincerely by hosts of friends.

Mr. Frank Loughran, of the Hickory Inn was in the city yesterday. He reports prospects for winter guests most satisfactory.

Very excellent and substantial work is being done on Patton avenue. It will be a good street when completed, but oh! that it was wider!

Our friend S. T. Proffitt, of Yancey, was in the city last week with some superior apples, some of which he kindly placed upon our table.

Mrs. John Everett, formerly of Goldsboro, mother of Mrs. B. F. Arrington, of this city, died at Statesville on Saturday. She was 78 years of age.

As fine cabbage as we have ever seen are daily brought to our market now by our farmer friends. And other good vegetables in proportion.

The Little Ivy section of Madison, we are informed, is over-run with fat possums and partridges. Can't our friends down there send us up a few?

Pensions have been granted to the following: A. J. Bell, of Rutherford; Francis Blackwell, of Henderson; C. G. Bassett, of Madison, and Thomas S. Edwards, of Yancey.

Col. W. H. Yarboro, now connected with the R. & D. system, was in the city Tuesday investigating several accidents which recently happened on the road. We were pleased to have a call from him.

Mr. Louis Siggelkow, a Pole who has been living in this county for ten years and was universally liked, was thrown from his buggy on Friday last near Sulphur Springs, and died on Sunday without ever recovering consciousness.

Attorney-General Theo. F. Davidson was in the city Monday and expected to remain for several days but was summoned away by a telegram from Gov. Fowle desiring him to assist in the investigation of the Lexington lynching.

The palatial residence of Mr. Hunt, late of Cincinnati, at the corner of French Broad avenue and Haywood street, is rapidly assuming beautiful proportions. It will be one of the most elegant residences in this city when completed.

A fellow named Devere, alias Russell, alias something else, has been swindling druggists of Salisbury, Monroe and Winston by taking orders, with the cash, for soaps, claiming to represent Morgan & Co., New York. He is a fraud. Watch out for him.

"The Battery Park Hotel Construction and Banking Company has been organized at Asheville to build hotels."—Ex-The Louisville Times would be glad to have such a company cast their eyes in the direction of Louisville. And no better point could attract the attention of capitalists than the thriving old town of Louisville. A first-class hotel there would pay well.

In referring to the contract for the construction of the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore road, the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record says: "This is a very extensive enterprise, and if it should be carried out would open up a fine section of country." And it might have added would make the shortest direct line from Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston to the Central Southern and Southwestern States. It is a grand scheme, worthy the active encouragement of every section, from Roanoke, Va. to Atlanta, Ga.

IN BETTER QUARTERS.

Removal of the Asheville Postoffice to the Hendry Block.

Postmaster Cannon and the public are to be congratulated upon the move of the postoffice to No. 14 North Court Square, two doors east of THE DEMOCRAT building. More room, which was greatly needed, more light and more conveniences to the officers and public have been secured. In a day or two everything will be in first-class order.

The following are the "servants of the people" in charge of our postoffice:

Geo. W. Cannon, postmaster; E. E. Heston, assistant postmaster; J. W. C. Deake, mailing clerk; E. C. Westall, stamp clerk; V. O. Harkins, delivery clerk; H. B. Malone, collector of letters (from street boxes.)

These officers are prompt, courteous and faithful to their duty to the best of their ability. The force is not large enough, however, for the requirements of this office. Even to supply the above the postmaster, Mr. Cannon, has to draw heavily upon his own salary, which is by no means too much for himself.

In addition to the 14,000 or 15,000 people in and around this city served by this office, there are during the year, from 40,000 to 60,000 visitors who have also to be served; yet the allowances for this is upon the basis of a place of some 6,000 or 8,000 stationary population. In justice to the public as well as the hard working and faithful officers and employees we think allowances for the Asheville office should be largely increased. THE DEMOCRAT asks the attention of the department to this matter. If it is the duty of the government to afford prompt and efficient services, and it is able to do so. This city, under existing law, is entitled to free delivery; yet for want of sufficient force to do the work properly it cannot be established. Cast your visual orbs in this direction, Mr. Wanamaker, and correct a glaring defect in our postoffice facilities.

Mr. Z. V. Rogers, editor of the Waynesville Courier, has been in the city several days in attendance upon the Baptist convention and the young ladies. His many friends here were pleased to see him.

The pictures of Gov. Hill, of New York, as they appear in the Atlanta papers, show him to be an ugly likeness of the handsome Superintendent of the Asheville Street Railway Co., Mr. Arthur.

Mr. J. L. Anders, of Hillsboro, desires to sell his property in the eastern portion of the State with a view to moving to this section. Western North Carolina is attracting settlers from all points of the compass now.

Mr. George Peck, a good farmer of French Broad township, this county, gathered a little over 100 bushels of corn to the acre this season. The land was ridge land. What will our country not do if given a chance?

Mr. W. L. Hensley, a young farmer of Ivy, Madison county, sold tobacco on the floor of the Farmers' Warehouse a few days ago for 95 cents per pound. His whole crop averaged high. The Asheville market is doing better than any this season.

A most pleasant reception was given Wednesday evening at Riverside, the hospitable home of Gen. R. B. Vance, by Miss Mary Laura Vance, complimentary to her cousin, Miss Sallie McDonald, of Marion. A number of friends from this city were in attendance.

A legal notice sent from London has been published in the Charleston News and Courier in the nature of an advertisement for "Mahone Williams, late of Brooks, Buncombe County, N. C.," who is wanted to claim a fortune of £3,484 2s 9d of solid gold money of the British Empire.

The State Chronicle has the following from Buncombe county: "In about three miles of Cooper's Station, in the southeastern part of Buncombe county, on the top of a knob known as the Watch Knob, about 1,000 feet above the surrounding valley, solid volumes of smoke, black as tar smoke, are seen to rise fifty and a hundred feet above the tree tops and stand for some moments, then vanish away. This has been seen every fifteen or twenty minutes through the day for two weeks, by about thirty people. It has created some considerable degree of uneasiness and excitement among the people of the surrounding community. This phenomenon appears from 10 o'clock in the morning to 4 o'clock in the evening, on the brightest days."

A Good Opportunity.
While our country friends are in attendance upon court it is a good time for them to call at THE DEMOCRAT office, subscribe and pay up. Call in, friends.

Move in Time.

During the winter or early spring the executive committee of the North Carolina Agricultural Society will begin plans and arrangements for the next State Fair. If the plan of rotation, as suggested by Capt. Alexander, be adopted, steps to that end must be taken at once. The Fair ought to rotate; every consideration of interest suggests it. And the next Fair ought to be held in Asheville. We undertake to say that if the State Society will concentrate its efforts upon a State Exposition to be held in Asheville, the best exhibits, and the most varied, in all departments of enterprise, would be made, ever gathered together in the State. And the largest crowd, not only of the people of this State, but of the country, would attend.

But Asheville has no grounds and buildings for such purposes. Should not our business people consider this matter at once, and take steps to secure suitable grounds and erect suitable buildings. We ought to have these anyway; but with an opportunity of having the State Fair it becomes a necessity. As a business investment for Asheville nothing that can be suggested, of strictly a local character, could be so attractive. Think of the thousands upon thousands of people who would be drawn here, to spend a week, many a longer time. Think of the thousands of dollars which would be spent here in trade, etc. Cannot our Board of Trade, Tobacco Association, Street Railway Company, and others of like interest, hold a joint meeting, discuss the matter, and take steps towards securing grounds, erecting buildings and then securing the next State Fair? THE DEMOCRAT asks attention to this important matter. Now is Asheville's opportunity. Let our people prove equal to the occasion. It is an opportunity which cannot be ignored.

Is It Not a Shame?

A friend informed us that a few days ago a farmer from Hominy brought some nice beef cattle to this market, and the highest price he could get was only one and one-quarter cents per pound gross, equal to two and a-half cents dressed. He begged for one and a-half cents, but could only get the price mentioned. Yet consumers in Asheville have to pay from 8 to 12 cents per pound, the same that was paid when our farmers received satisfactory prices for their cattle. The prices for beef cattle have been run to the above prices, while consumers everywhere are made to pay the same old prices. THE DEMOCRAT insists that the farmers should receive more or the consumers pay less. THE DEMOCRAT suggests to cattle raisers of this section to hold a meeting, enter the number of beef cattle on hand ready for market, establish their own butchery, and deliver beef to consumers at reasonable prices and they pocket the profits. They will not only be able to sell cheaper, but realize fair prices for their cattle. It seems to us that the great farmers' organization throughout the country might be able to down Mr. Armour and his trust in their efforts to rob both the farmer and the consumer. And then let them down upon the party which has advocated and sustains the present tariff laws which create and sustain such trusts.

Kind Words.

The Salisbury Herald is kind enough to say: "The first number of THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT, Furman and Vance's new weekly, has been received. It is a handsome 8-page paper, neatly printed and ably edited. With such men at the helm as the veteran Furman and the talented Vance, both brainy and progressive, it would be surprising if THE DEMOCRAT was anything else than first-class. It easily takes first rank among North Carolina journals."

Bryson City Herald: "THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT has made its appearance as projected. The paper is all that was promised and expected, and reflects credit alike on Asheville and Messrs. Furman and Vance the editors and proprietors."

Mr. McNamee's elegant residence in Victoria, our southern suburb, is rapidly approaching completion. It occupies a beautiful eminence overlooking the Swannanoa and the French Broad valley.

The Hendersonville Times says: "Mr. Robert Corn, who resides about four miles from town, planted last spring a piece of ground 90 feet wide by 162 feet long in orange sugar cane, which, when harvested, made 108 gallons of fine molasses. A good showing for so small a piece of land."

Mr. H. P. Barnett, Jr., of this place, left last Monday for Asheville, where he has accepted a situation with the Asheville Milling Co., for the winter. Mr. Barnett is an honest, industrious young man, and we wish him much success in his new field of labor.—Hendersonville Times.

THE BEACH GLEN ALLIANCE

Enjoy a Picnic—Twelve Hundred or More People Present.

It was our pleasure to meet with the members of the Beach Glen Alliance at Littly Ivy, Madison county, last Friday. A large number of Alliance men, with their wives, cousins and sweethearts from Madison, Buncombe and Yancey were present. The meeting was held in a pretty valley, near Beach Glen school house. The crowd numbered a thousand or twelve hundred. Mr. McPeters is President of the local Alliance, and was master of ceremonies, with Mr. Gregory a first-rate assistant.

Col. Long, J. B. Freeman, Esq., Hon. T. D. Johnston and Rev. Dr. Fairchilds delivered addresses. Gen. Vance was expected, but was over in Rutherford putting in good work for the Alliance in that locality.

THE DEMOCRAT has already alluded to the subject-matter of these addresses. The objects of the Alliance, the need of it, its opportunities, were strongly presented. Messrs. Long and Freeman pointed out the burdens resting upon the farmer, the evil effects of trusts, combines, etc., all of which they attribute to bad legislation, and urged the farmers to organize and remove the one and overthrow the other. Mr. Johnston, in a short speech, presented statistics to show how the farmer class, once the wealthiest and most powerful, had fallen far behind in the race, and how wealth had been concentrated to the few; told them that the system of laws which had been fastened upon the country during and since the war, by which the many were taxed to enrich the few, while laws were maintained in force notwithstanding a majority of the voters of the country had voted to reform or repeal them, had brought about the very condition of affairs now so justly complained of. These laws are the present tariff and internal revenue laws fastened and kept upon the country by the Republican party, and now rigidly enforced by the republican administration. THE DEMOCRAT is glad to hear Messrs. Long and Freeman, who boast in their speeches of their republicanism, denounce the laws which cause all the burdens they so strongly denounce. If their speeches mean anything they mean these speakers were wrong last year in voting for Mr. Ewart who canvassed this district in support of these very tariff laws which are creating and sustaining the trusts and combines, ruining the farmers and laboring men of manufacturing Pennsylvania and New England while enriching the manufacturers. Col. Long and Mr. Freeman inveigh heavily against the Dressed Meat Trust, which has forced down the price of beef cattle. If we remember correctly Mr. Ewart, in his canvass, said if the tariff was reduced—the democrats only proposed to reduce it from 47 to 40 per cent at present—a cow and a calf would sell for a dollar and a half, or some such flippant expression. Mr. Ewart and the republicans were successful, and in one year after their success in maintaining this tariff burden upon the people, our beef cattle right here in Western Carolina have to be sold for ONE AND A-HALF CENTS PER POUND. Since the election of Messrs. Harrison and Ewart, trusts and combines have largely and defiantly multiplied, and the farmers are now reaping the effects, in having to sell beef cattle at one and one-half cents per pound. Gen. Vance hit the tariff some hard licks at Alexanders some days ago, while Mr. Johnston cuffs and kicks it unmercifully. The Alliance is on the right track, only let it go at its work with the same business methods that characterize those in other interests. Trusts and combines must go; and the principles waged by Mr. Cleveland and sustained by the democrats are the only agency by which they can be made to go and the farmer and laboring man get relief.

The dinner at Glen Beach was superb. A long table was spread, and literally loaded with excellent provisions excellently served. Among the products of that section which graced the table were a number of fat, splendidly barbecued possums. They were rich and rare, and had been racy. They bade farewell to the vain world in the locality of Beach Glen, and are now numbered among the pleasant memories of a very pleasant occasion.

THE DEMOCRAT is popular in that locality, enjoys already a large circulation, and is promised a much larger. Let the good work go on.

Now For Work.

The Knoxville Journal says: "P. P. Dickinson, of New York, has been awarded the contract as a substitute for building the C. C. & C. railroad from Johnston City to Rutherfordton, N. C., a distance of ninety miles. This is the heaviest work on the entire line and will cost from \$8,000 to \$10,000 per mile.

Good Roads.

One of the most important questions which can possibly receive the attention of the Alliance of Buncombe county is that of good roads. Every farmer in the county is interested in this matter; yes, every citizen of the county. And there are but two points for our people to consider, viz:

First, The advantages, as well as needs, of good roads; and

Secondly, That they can only be gotten by taxation.

The first all claim to know and to feel; the second seems to be the rock upon which they split, for, say what we will, there is lacking a unanimity of sentiment upon this question of taxation for roads. If all admit that good roads are an advantage and seriously needed, and recognizing that they can only be had by taxation, how they can hesitate to apply the only remedy known to an admitted disease we cannot understand. It is in the power of the magistrates, at least, to submit the question of an additional tax for road improvement, but they, believing the people do not want anything of the kind, refuse to even submit the question.

Let the Alliance, in every meeting, discuss this question, fully and frankly, and if they, representing as they do the farmers of the county, decide that good roads are necessary, and that they are willing to have a reasonable tax levied for the purpose, indicate as much to the county authorities and ask that the question of a levy be submitted to the voters of the county. Do something in this direction, fellow citizens, it will be for your direct good, and will pay you back far more than you will expend.

The recent article in the Daily Citizen, by Capt. Patton, pointing out the relative advantages of good roads over bad, suggested by his recent travels through Scotland, should be read by every farmer of this and every other county. With good roads two horses pulled with ease up steep mountains, what six horses would scarcely move on the level roads of this county. It ought not to be so. It can be otherwise if our people so will. Let them will to have it otherwise.

Criminal Court.

Buncombe Criminal court convened on Monday, Judge Charles A. Moore presiding. The following grand jury was empaneled: P. H. Folsom, foreman; Thos. F. Wilson, H. L. Frady, P. Israel, W. F. Ballew, J. A. Miller, M. I. Roberts, R. C. Morgan, R. L. Owenby, W. R. Goodson, W. E. Frisbee, T. M. Rymer, Geo. W. Penland, sr., M. L. Reed, J. M. Parham.

Judge Moore delivered an able charge to the jury. Among the true bills found were two for murder, one against John Bery for the murder of G. W. Bell, another against Wm. Fore for the murder of Amos Lunsford.

Among the cases disposed of up to Wednesday were the following: Harrison Wilson, guilty of assault causing serious injury, not yet sentenced. Henry Erwin, charged with bribery at elections was tried by a jury and found not guilty. Clinton Pritchard was acquitted of the charge of bigamy. James Morgan was fined \$50 and costs for an affray. Jno. Whitaker and B. C. Trexler were acquitted of assault with deadly weapons. J. B. Steele was found guilty of assault. A case against Jno. W. Torrence for seduction under promise of marriage was nol. prosed. Wm. Logan was found guilty of assault. Sandy Foster submitted on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Sentences not passed where not given.

The Vanderbilt Property.

The plan for the improvement of Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt's estate of 5,000 acres along the banks of the Swannanoa and French Broad rivers have been at last authoritatively stated. Richard M. Hunt, the highest priced architect in America has prepared the plan for what will be probably the finest private mansion in the United States. It will be a chateau in the French Renaissance style of buff Indiana limestone, over 300 feet long by 150 feet. The grounds are to be laid out and ornamented by Frederick Law Olmstead whose skill has done so much to beautify Central Park in New York City.

The lands cost about \$300,000. It is estimated that the improvements and the house will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

One of the handsomest pieces of furniture we have seen is an oak table made at the Furniture Emporium of W. E. Williamson & Co., this city, by Mr. Hammond, for the sanctum of THE DEMOCRAT. Handsomer work was never put up anywhere, or for a more reasonable price. The workmen of Asheville can do as elegant work as any in the Union, and do it as cheaply. There is no need for sending off for anything in the wood-work line now.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Proceedings of the Body in This City Last Week.

The convention of Western North Carolina Baptists sat in the First Baptist Church, this city, during last week. There were 175 messengers against 110 at the last meeting of the convention at Hominy Church, this county, last year. The visitors to the convention swelled the attendance to 300. These represented a total of 30,000 Baptists in Western North Carolina.

Rev. D. B. Nelson, of Asheville, was made President of the body; Revs. Jno. Ammons, of Madison, and J. M. Hilliard, of Macon, Vice-Presidents; Rev. R. Sentell, of Haywood, Secretary; A. A. Cobb, of Asheville, Treasurer; J. A. Porter, of Asheville, Auditor; Rev. D. B. Nelson, of Asheville, Historian.

Rev. Owl, a Cherokee Indian, was among the delegates.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Carroll, J. A. Porter, Rev. John Ammons, Rev. D. B. Nelson were elected delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention to be held at Fort Worth, Texas, in May, 1890.

Dr. J. L. Carroll was appointed to write an obituary of the Rev. J. E. Carter, deceased.

The convention pledged itself to raise \$1,200 for foreign missions during the coming year.

Bryson City, Swain Co., was selected as the place for the next convention, to be held on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday of October, Rev. J. C. Rockwell to preach the opening sermon.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Carroll, Dr. R. H. Lewis, Rev. G. S. Jones, W. A. Smith, W. C. Jones, J. A. Porter, Jno. W. Starnes, were appointed to take charge of the affairs of Judson College.

The services in the churches on Sunday were rendered especially attractive by the sermons of several distinguished divines, among them Rev. S. H. Harrington and J. William Jones, D. D., at the First Baptist, Rev. T. C. Rockwell at the First Methodist, Rev. G. S. Jones and P. J. M. Osborne at the French Broad Baptist.

Killed on the Track.

Last Saturday night the train ran over and killed an old colored woman named Priscilla Jones, who seemed to have been sitting or lying on the track. She was demented, and the testimony of her son before the coroner's jury was that she was in the habit of wandering off. She was 80 years old. The accident occurred about one mile this side of Long's station.

A man was killed on a trestle seven miles from this city a few nights ago by a passing train. We could not learn his name. Next to death and taxes there is nothing more certain than death to those who will loaf on a track, especially in the night time, when a train comes along. And it is surprising to us that people will walk or sit on a railroad track.

A little son of Captain Aderholdt, at Old Fort, while playing on a turntable near that place, slipped and had his leg badly crushed. Drs. W. D. Hilliard and Landis are endeavoring to save the limb, but fear they cannot. Next to a gun that is not loaded, we know of nothing more dangerous for boys to fool with than a turntable.

A Fatal Fall.

On Saturday, Messrs. A. L. Melton, architect and builder, Ollie White, David Glass and others, workmen, while at work upon a house on Penland street, were thrown to the ground by the giving way of the scaffold. Mr. Melton was painfully though not dangerously hurt, while Ollie White sustained such injuries as to cause his death, which resulted Sunday. David Glass was badly shaken up, but not otherwise injured.

Young White was a very clever, industrious lad, and was in the employment of J. R. Hill & Co., stove dealers and tinners, Patton Avenue. He was the son of Mr. H. H. White, formerly of Halifax, this State. The many friends of the family here deeply sympathize with them in their terrible and sudden affliction.

We are glad to state that Mr. Melton is improving.

A Good Idea.

A number of our subscribers tell us that so soon as they finish reading THE DEMOCRAT they mail it to some friend in other States. This is a good idea, and will do much toward attracting attention to this section. THE DEMOCRAT will have something in every issue relating to the resources of this section, and, to circulate it, especially in the North and Northwest, will do good. It will only cost a stamp to do this.

A Progressive Farmer.

Col. Polk is a man of magnificent personal appearance. His dress is faultless, and his magnetism and eloquence have procured for him numberless honors.—Atlanta Constitution.