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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.

Wm. E. Waldrop has been appointed postmaster at Sandy Mush.

Mayor Blanton had quite a levee at his court Tuesday, adding \$68 to the city treasury.

Read all the advertisements in THE DEMOCRAT. They represent as good, reliable business men as can be found in the Union.

Mr. T. L. Clayton had two fingers very severely injured last Saturday in a shap machine at his shop west of the French Broad.

All advertisers in THE DEMOCRAT are doing a good business. They sell on the closest margins and give the money's worth every time.

Mr. Leslie Campbell, editor of the Murphy Bulletin, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday. He was enroute home from a visit to Atlanta and Raleigh.

Extensive improvements are soon to be made on the old Woodfin place, on North Main street, now the property of Dr. Burroughs, but occupied at present by Dr. Weaver.

Every citizen of Western Carolina is interested in giving THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT the largest circulation. It will do good work for this country, and we hope to have ten thousand subscribers by the first of January.

The Raleigh Chronicle has completed its fourth year, and entered upon its fifth under most favorable auspices. It is ably, forcibly edited, and combines to a high degree the admirable characteristics of a useful paper. May it continue to prosper.

Mr. A. C. Davis, the popular North Court Square grocer, and agent for Garrett's popular No. 11 5-cent cigar, informs us that over one thousand bushels of chestnuts have been shipped from this city to Philadelphia and New York this season. And the demand for them is still good.

Mr. W. C. Erwin, a whilom quill driver on our State press, has purchased the Morganton Star and will begin the publication this week of the Morganton Herald. Mr. Erwin is an accomplished writer, a most agreeable gentleman, and will make the Herald a valuable addition to the press of the State. We wish him much success.

Our old friend "Big Tom" Wilson, the bear hunter of the Black, was in the city last week with a bear cub. He said to us he had killed over 100 of these exhilarating mountain animals during his stay on the Black, and that they were more plentiful now than usual. Mr. Wilson was of the party who first found the body of the lamented Dr. Mitchell. And God never put an honest heart in a body than in that of "Big Tom" Wilson.

Our merchants are enjoying excellent trade this week. The farmers, generally, have good crops, are comparatively out of debt, and most products—all save beef cattle, we believe—command fair prices. And the Asheville market is said by those who have examined other markets, to be the best and most active in the South. Whatever prices may be here, parties may be sure that they are just a little better than elsewhere. Come to Asheville with your produce, and buy your supplies here. You can do no better anywhere, and, in general, not so well.

The Republican Revenue officers are at their work again, as the immense crowd of people brought here to the Federal Court fully indicates. We understand one party has been brought here for selling Electric Bitters, a patent medicine. Of course all such cases will be dismissed by Judge Dick, as has been his custom, but the poor fellows will have to make good the costs, which go to the officers, and which will prove no little burden of themselves. The largest crowd has been brought here for years, and go where you will in the district there is apparently less dealing in whiskey than ever before. The officers, however, must be paid, the "boys" must be taken care of, and the Republican machine was established to do this and they are doing it. Let them make the most of it now, the people will set down on the whole concern at the next election.

OUR TOBACCO MARKET.

Heavy Breaks and Big Prices During the Past Week.

The word busy does not convey a proper idea of the state of affairs around the several warehouses the past week. Saturday they all had to lay off, to give the buyers a chance to pack away their heavy purchases. Each sales day the floors were literally covered with the bright golden leaves, leaving scarcely room for the large crowd of buyers, a larger number being on the market than ever before. And prices throughout have been splendidly sustained, all grades fetching their value. Monday and Tuesday there was a constant rush all the day, and buying was brisk. The aggregate sales at the Banner on Monday reached 26,149 pounds, going for \$4,066.96, a splendid day's work. There were no sales at this house on Tuesday, as the heavy sales at the Farmers' and the Alliance houses occupied the entire day. The immense floor was covered, however, and things were lively there yesterday.

Tuesday was the regular opening day at the Alliance though several sales have already taken place there.

Tuesday's break was a heavy one, over 400 piles being on the floor; prices elsewhere give the result of the sale.

The Farmers' was crowded with tobacco and buyers and the sales were enormous. Our report closes with Tuesday's sales, but breaks yesterday were very heavy, and prices were fully sustained. Our Asheville market is doing itself full credit this season, and the planters of Western Carolina and Tennessee are fully appreciating it.

The following are some of the prices taken at random:

BANNER WAREHOUSE—Chambers & Perry, proprietors: Charlie Davis, auctioneer:

John Murray, 5 lots, 19.50, 23, 27, 29, 42; Lou and Lizzie Robinson, 7 lots, 4.40, 6, 12.25, 15.50, 20.50, 29, 36; A. T. Austin, 5 lots, 4.80, 12, 13, 24.50, 32; W. J. Sluder, 7 lots, 3.90, 9.25, 12, 14, 29, 32, 43; Jim Price, 6 lots, 8.25, 10.50, 21, 22, 25, 29; Giles & Robinson, 6 lots, 7.50, 14, 16, 19, 34, 38; Hemphill & Sherin, 5 lots, 6.25, 11, 14, 30, 40; Hemphill & Rhen, 5 lots, 8.25, 14, 21, 34, 34; J. H. Hemphill, 6 lots, 11.75, 12, 16.50, 25, 26, 37; T. J. Lee, 7 lots, 11.75, 14, 20, 21, 23.50, 24.50, 24.50, 33; R. L. Lowe, 6 lots, 9, 12.50, 20.50, 22.50, 25, 28; S. L. James, 6 lots, 7.50, 16, 20, 22, 27, 33; T. J. Black, 7 lots, 13.25, 22.50, 25, 26, 28, 32, 35; J. P. Black, 7 lots, 14, 20.50, 23, 33, 35, 47, 60; J. H. Williams 5 lots, 12, 21.50, 22.50, 30, 30; Ward and McMahon, 10 lots, 10.50, 14, 20, 25, 26, 35, 40, 45, 48, 50; W. M. Johnson, 5 lots, 4.60, 20, 20.50, 30, 35; Stokeley & Lee, 7 lots, 5.20, 11.25, 14.75, 22, 24, 28, 31; Daniel Price, 3 lots, 21.50, 28, 32; W. N. Horton, 4 lots, 11, 22.50, 15.50, 28; Moore & West, 7 lots, 6.85, 12.10, 12.25, 21, 23.50, 32, 35.

FARMERS' WAREHOUSE—Smith & Rollins, proprietors: E. B. Davis, auctioneer:

(The clerks were so busy at this warehouse that we could not get access to their books in time for this week; but we did learn that the sales for Monday aggregated 23,000 pounds at an average of a little over \$20.00 per hundred. Mr. Lee Henderson, of Madison, sold 1,600 pounds at an average of \$38 per hundred. This was certainly splendid.)

THE ALLIANCE WAREHOUSE—J. M. Ray and Sons and Geo. Robinson, managers, Mr. Ball, auctioneer:

W. E. Worley, 6 lots, 6, 16, 25, 14, 23, 24.50, 26; C. E. Hawkins, 4 lots, 14, 17, 29, 34; Rev. A. B. Hawkins, 5 lots, 13, 14, 16.50, 20.50, 35; H. E. Hawkins, 4 lots, 13, 13.50, 22.50, 30; Blackwell & Rives, 7 lots, 12, 20, 21.50, 19.50, 23, 24.50, 35; Martha McElrath, 5 lots, 15, 22, 22, 25, 28; Arrowsood & Chandler, 7 lots, 9.50, 13, 13.25, 17.50, 24.50, 25, 25; R. L. Plummer, 5 lots, 9.50, 14.75, 21, 24.50, 27; C. P. Black, 6 lots, 8.75, 15.50, 17.50, 22.50, 24.50, 28; Reeves & Miller, 6 lots, 10.25, 17, 15, 23, 25; Bell & Chambers, 5 lots, 9.75, 10, 15, 23.50, 29; Caney Brown, 4 lots, 17, 22, 22, 23; J. R. Gentry, 5 lots, 13, 16, 27, 29, 41 (average 24); B. P. Green, 5 lots, 10.50, 14.25, 17.50, 22, 29; Miss E. E. Green, 4 lots, 12, 24, 24, 27; D. S. Sprinkle, 5 lots, 12, 22, 24.50, 26, 20; C. F. Glance, 5 lots, 11, 13, 25, 23, 26; Glance, 7 lots, 7, 16.50, 21.50, 28, 34, 34, 30; R. C. Wells, 3 lots, 16.50, 18, 25; J. S. 51, average 25; W. A. Sprinkle, 6 lots, 18.50, 18.50, 25, 27, 29, 29; J. P. Eller, 4 lots, 11.50, 21, 23.50, 28; G. W. Chandler, 5 lots, 8, 20, 20.50, 23.50, 25; B. F. Gordon, 4 lots, 7.50, 16, 23, 27; W. A. Moore, 6 lots, 6, 8, 19.50, 22, 25, 30; Chandler & Hopson, 4 lots, 15, 15, 20, 22; John Clontz, 3 lots, 8.50, 23, 26; W. B. Farmer, 12 lots, 10, 10.75, 11.25, 11.75, 13.25, 15, 17, 17.50, 20, 22, 22.50, 23, 29.

The sales at the Alliance aggregated 20,000 pounds, at an average of \$17.50 per hundred.

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in Greensboro on November 28.

Can't We Have It?

Cannot our business organizations get together and take steps toward securing grounds and erecting suitable buildings for Fair and Exposition purposes? If a joint stock company could be organized and do this, it would not only pay the company, but pay this community handsomely. Grounds suitable, convenient to the city, are rapidly being taken up for residence and other purposes, and enhancing in value. The sooner a move is made the less it will cost to provide suitable quarters. The location ought to be within reach of the street railway, or where a track could be built to it.

Asheville must do something to afford out-door amusements and attractions not only for our rapidly increasing resident population, but for the thousands of strangers constantly within our gates. Such attractions would not only induce many to come, but all who come to stay longer. We know of nothing which could prove more beneficial than handsome grounds, where games, trials of speed, exhibitions, etc., etc., could be had, summer, fall and during good weather even in winter.

Atlanta's Park Association has done as much to attract visitors to that city as any other one agency. Such would prove doubly attractive here, as the season for its use would be so extended.

If we had suitable grounds and buildings we could, we think, have the State Fair held here. What a splendid opportunity this would afford the producers, artisans and farmers of Western Carolina to show what this section can do, and is doing! And what hosts of people would be induced to come here, not attracted to other places, to see for themselves the climate and productions and resources we boast of.

THE DEMOCRAT earnestly commends this matter to our enterprising people. The trouble with our people is that while sympathizing with a proposition each waits for the other to move in the matter. Let us all move together, and let us move at once for Asheville and Western Carolina. Now is the opportunity, and our people will live to regret not taking advantage of it, if they do nothing now.

Want Information.

We are receiving letters from New York and other States for THE DEMOCRAT, from parties wanting information of our section. The larger the circulation of THE DEMOCRAT the better it will be for all concerned. We say to all our readers that we represent a section rich in opportunities and resources most partially touched as yet. The field is a most inviting one for the capitalist, the artisan, the farmer, the manufacturer, the miner, the home and the health-seeker. Come, friends, and see for yourselves. Numbers of people from the North and Northwest have settled in this city and section, many for health and the enjoyments of our superior climate, very many to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded here to better their fortunes. All good citizens are heartily welcomed, regardless of their religion or politics. All who see THE DEMOCRAT should induce their friends to send for it; and all should come and spend a while and see the country and people for themselves. Most of them will settle, surely.

Corn From an Old Field.

Mr. F. M. Stevens who lives five miles South of Asheville gives THE DEMOCRAT the result of a very successful experiment in corn growing upon wornout ground. On the 25th of May last Mr. Stevens planted a piece of old sedge field in corn from which he took at the rate of 63 bushels to the acre. Adjoining land yielded only 8 bushels to the acre. Mr. Stevens gives the following account of its cultivation. He bedded the ground up with a turning plow, between the beds in the subsoil he ran four furrows leaving a furrow in the middle. In that he strewed exhausted manure, previously used in a hot bed, at the rate of thirty one horse loads to the acre. He thinks he could have gotten at least 75 bushels to the acre if he had used fresh manure. He plowed the corn twice with a cultivator.

Among Farmers and Workmen.

THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT is rapidly working its way to the homes of the farmers, workmen and business men of Western North Carolina. Columns would not contain the pleasant things said of it to us, but the best assurances are the rapid additions to the subscription list. THE DEMOCRAT is working for our home and country, and we shall earnestly endeavor to make it useful to our people. Let us have the largest circulation ever given a paper in this State—the larger it is the greater the good. Call in and subscribe, or send your name with cash, and get your neighbor to do the same.

THE ELECTIONS.

MAHONE MASHED

BUT ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING HIS MAN.

Democrats Win Everywhere Expected and Make Large Gains Elsewhere.

This morning's telegrams give assurance that both Governor and Legislature in Ohio is Democratic. This assures a Democratic Senator.

VIRGINIA.

Latest returns indicate Mahone's defeat by from 17,000 to 40,000. Richmond Democratic by 5,400, Petersburg (Mahone's home and heretofore Republican), 446, Norfolk city about 1,500 (a gain of 2,000), Portsmouth 831, Augusta county and Staunton 2,000, Pittsylvania county (including Danville) 2,200, Lynchburg 839, Winchester county 1,300.

In every city and section the Democrats made large gains. The Legislature will be two-thirds Democratic. The negroes in very large numbers refused to vote, many openly voting the Democratic ticket. Mahone's treatment of the negro was not forgotten, evidently. His defeat is overwhelming.

Mahone was arrested in Petersburg at night for shooting a man named Herbert Harrison.

OHIO.

The vote in this State is close, sufficiently so to give the Democrats a chance for the State. Hamilton county (including Cincinnati) gives Campbell, Dem., about 5,000 majority. Democratic gains elsewhere in the State make the result interestingly doubtful. No indications concerning the Legislature have been given. Heretofore, however, when Hamilton county went Democratic, it generally meant a Democratic Legislature.

New York State goes Democratic by from 8,000 to 10,000.

Pennsylvania polls a light vote, showing about 60,000 plurality for the Republican candidate—an increased majority on a much smaller vote than in 1887.

New Jersey, Maryland and Colorado have gone Democratic.

Massachusetts is Republican. The Republicans gained in Boston, but lost in the State.

An election for county officers in Chicago indicates a Democratic victory. The Democrats have certainly elected the Board of County Commissioners.

The municipal election at Nashua, New Hampshire, C. H. Burke, Dem., was elected Mayor, with a Democratic Council on joint ballot.

Mississippi goes Democratic, Iowa and Nebraska Republican. Light vote in all these States.

Maryland reports the only disturbances. A Democrat, Driscoll by name, killed a fusion ticket-holder. He was arrested for murder. In Woodsboro district, Frederick county, a County Constable was shot, the Judges were driven from the room, and the ballot box was taken. Opposite factions arrayed themselves on each side of the road, and fired on each other. The Sheriff and posse went to the scene of trouble.

The Burke Pottery Works.

The Raleigh State Chronicle in its interesting "Echoes from the Fair" in last week's issue, has the following to say about a thriving Burke county industry: "At Eldridge, in Burke county, Mr. Eldridge, a Northern man who has been in the State about a year, has the North Carolina Pottery Works. It is flourishing and he has a constant demand for his hundred different varieties of jugs, jars, churns, vases, etc., chiefly at the North. The vases and ornamental jugs, etc., were beautiful and attracted much attention. In nearly the same line where only useful jugs and jars were made was the tent of Mr. Alex. Teague, of Richmond, Chatham county. He had his apparatus with him and was constantly busy making jugs and jars. There was not a more interesting sight at the Fair. We have in North Carolina the best clay in the world for this work, and we are glad that it is being utilized more every year. The Eldridge Pottery Company also make the celebrated Sally Michael pipes of Burke county. Col. Tom Fuller doesn't think any other pipe is worth smoking.

Tobacco Sales for October.

Mr. E. I. Holmes, Secretary of the Asheville Tobacco Association, gives the following report of tobacco sales on this market during October: 232,123 pounds brought \$52,317.93, an average of \$15.75.

Criminal Court.

Below is the business transacted by the criminal court from Thursday last to Monday when it adjourned till the 18th of November:

Harrison Wilson, assault, causing serious injury; motion for new trial continued.

Robert Ramsey and Wiley Martin, disturbing religious congregation; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Sandy Foster, assault with deadly weapon; county jail for six months.

J. B. Steele, assault; \$10 and costs.

Thos. Peake and Joseph Carter, affray; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Mike Kelly, charged with bribery at elections, was bound over to the special term of court on Nov. 18.

T. J. Fowler, assault with deadly weapon and malicious injury to personal property; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

J. R. Cole, assault with deadly weapon; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Robert Jackson and Chas. Parker, larceny and receiving, leave to Solicitor to send a new bill.

Josep Carter, et al., affray; judgment for cost.

Mat Goodson was acquitted of a charge of obstructing a road.

C. L. Miller, Eugene Moss, Dow Meadows, Zach Plemons and Wm. Meadows were convicted of destroying a fence. Miller was fined \$10 and the defendants pay cost.

Jas. W. Torrence, seduction under promise of marriage; judgment for costs.

David Swartzell and Thos. J. Wright, horse stealing, nol. pros. with leave on motion of solicitor.

A fine of \$100 and costs was imposed upon Wm. Logan.

T. F. Fowler and Riley Taylor submitted to an affray. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Frank Lynch was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for larceny.

Wm. David Simmons received the same sentence for the same offence.

Wade Fulenwider was sentenced to jail for six months and Will Roberts four months for an affray.

Federal Court.

This tribunal convened on Tuesday, Judge Dick presiding. District Attorney Price, Assistant District Attorney Mott, and all the other officers were promptly on hand.

The following grand jury was drawn: B. C. Lankford, foreman; D. C. Allen, Waites Goodman, W. J. Worley, J. J. Colvard, J. A. Reeves, J. M. Lyda, D. M. Connally, B. B. Jones, W. F. Davis, A. B. Welch, A. J. Roberts, James Parks, J. R. Abels, Geo. Jacobs, John Haverick, Geo. Clements, John L. Cook, Stanley Forney, R. E. Williams, W. P. Moore, T. K. Davis, officer in charge.

Judge Dick delivered an able charge, as he always does, this time calling special attention to frauds in elections. We are glad His Honor denounced this rapidly increasing crime. The frauds believed to have been committed by the republicans in Mitchell and Madison counties at the last election have not ceased to smelt badly yet, and must have suggested this special feature of His Honor's charge. The Judge was justly severe upon such outrages, and THE DEMOCRAT sincerely wishes he could "turn all the rascals".

An unusually large number of members of the bar, representing nearly every county in this district, is in attendance. And there is also an unusually large number of defendants and witnesses. The "red legged grasshoppers" have been getting in their work with patriotic energy the past six months. The court and the district attorney will smash many of these as too trivial for consideration; but the red legged "get there" with their fees, nevertheless.

Another Bear Hunter.

Big Tom Wilson is not the only "bar" hunter in this country. Peg-Legged Bob Graham, of Mecklenburg, has been making a reputation as a bear hunter and fighter amongst our mountains. His latest exploit occurred a few days ago while hunting over in Yancey. He had wounded a large black bear and it turned upon him in a fierce rush. Bob stood his ground and extended his wooden leg. The bear seized it greedily, and while it was chewing away on the wood Bob reloaded his rifle and dispatched the bear.

Graham County.

Our old friend, Capt. Slaughter, U. S. commissioner for Graham, gives us the gratifying information that his county is improving rapidly. Several large lumber companies are busily at work getting out lumber, others are there with a view of engaging in the business, while the farmers have splendid crops generally. It is one of the richest counties, in resources, in the State, and we are glad to know it is improving.

A Busy People.

No better indication of the prosperity and rapid growth of a place can be had than that all the mechanics and working people are at steady work. A gentleman who is having a handsome building erected, said to us a few days ago that he was delayed for the want of sufficient workmen, that they were not to be had, there was so much work going on and all were employed. THE DEMOCRAT is pleased to make such a statement as this; it is encouraging for the community, and guarantees comfort for the very foundation class of a city's prosperity.

When working people of a community can get work steadily, that community is prosperous. Just so is it the case with Asheville. And our builders and contractors inform us that the prospects for winter and next spring were never so good before. Let us all work to keep up the improvement. Let additional attraction for people, by way of enterprises and amusements, be entered upon. It will pay.

To Advertisers.

The large and rapidly increasing circulation of THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT in the counties of Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Burke, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, Madison, Buncombe, Haywood, Transylvania, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay, Cherokee and Graham, North Carolina, and the counties of East Tennessee, among merchants, farmers, mechanics, miners, lumbermen, indeed all classes of our industrial population, makes it the best medium for advertising. It also goes largely to people of other States, especially North, who desire information concerning the resources and attractions of this section. Its usefulness in this particular is one of its special objects. Advertisements in THE DEMOCRAT are therefore assured an extensive circulation among the best class of readers in a large, improving and extending territory. We solicit advertising patronage at reasonable rates.

A Chance for Wiley.

As Lige Halford, the private secretary of President Harrison, has broken down under the burden of statesmanship devolved upon him by the administration, he threatens to resign. Here is a chance for our friend J. Wiley Shook, of Clyde. Mr. Shook wanted Mr. Harrison to appoint him consul-general or something of the sort, to Japan; but his vigorous English was thought to be more useful in this country, so the President would not send him away. The office of private secretary would just suit him. He would keep things lively around the White House, and would keep posted on the front gate "No Coon Need Apply." And it would afford him a happy opportunity, of which he would avail himself promptly, to sit down upon those republican leaders in this State who are hefty on promises but sadly short in performances. We nominate J. Wiley Shook, Esq., for successor to Lige.

Like Old Times.

Yesterday a large drove of fine, fat hogs, from Tennessee, came to this city. It looked like old times, when such things were of daily occurrence. The number which used to pass this city during the winter, from Tennessee and Kentucky to the South, reached frequently over half a million. The railroads get all this now, greatly to the convenience of the drovers, if not the hogs.

Gorton's Minstrels.

Gorton's famous New Orleans Minstrels, an organization that is highly endorsed by some of the leading journals of this country will appear at the opera house in this city on Tuesday evening, Nov. 12. This company is composed of strictly high class artists, including the marvelous Japanese artist, Prince Tanaka who comes direct from Japan, where he was a member of the Tycoon's Royal Troupe of Jugglers. The minstrels will parade about noon time accompanied by Gorton's unrivaled gold band. Reserved seats are now on sale at Sawyer's.

The Asheville Opera House now approaching completion will without doubt be the handsomest and largest theatre in the State. Two galleries above the parquette, and a lofty vaulted roof, a broad and deep stage, dressing rooms, proscenium boxes and all appointments in the most approved style ensure an auditorium and appliances which will prove highly satisfactory to both audience and actors.

The Hickory Opera House will be ready for business Christmas week. It will have a seating capacity of 800 and its appointments will be complete in every respect.

General Vance will address the Alliance at Mars Hill to-day, and at Antioch, Hot Springs, on Saturday. The General will give the farmers some very useful information.