

# THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT.

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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.

An oyster supper is to be given this evening at the residence of Col. A. T. Davidson, by the young ladies Parsonage Aid Society of the Central Methodist Church.

Mr. Anthony Robinson, formerly of Richmond, but for two years resident in Asheville, died last evening of consumption. He was the last of his family, all of whom were victims of this fell disease.

A meeting is called at the court house for Friday evening for the purpose of appointing delegates to the meeting at Leicester to consider a better road, either rail or dirt, from Leicester to Asheville.

The extension of the street railway along Oak and Woodfin streets necessitates their being widened. We hope the authorities will have this work done now. It is very inconvenient to have the streets torn up so often.

Edward Nix, a lad of fifteen, died on Sunday from injuries received in the shops of the Asheville Furniture Factory. His skull was ripped by a saw which touched the brain. He lived several days after the accident.

To-morrow night a musical and dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the Flower Mission, is to be given at Opera Hall. A most attractive programme has been arranged. The accomplished Miss Bowman will recite.

Mrs. Maggie Wright, wife of Mr. J. L. Wright, died at the home of her husband, at Richmond Hill, near this city, on Tuesday, after a short illness. She was buried yesterday. The family have the sincere sympathy of a large number of friends.

We are indebted to our old friend A. J. Gill, Esq., for some very fine sweet potatoes. Esq. Gill says the farmers have the best crops this year they have had for years. They certainly deserve prosperity, for they work hard, and have had bad luck for the past several years.

Our Scotch fellow citizens are requested to meet at the store of Mr. Frank, on North Main street, to-day at 2 p. m., to arrange for their annual social reunion to be held in January. There are a number of the sons of Old Scotia in Western Carolina, and these reunions are always most happy occasions.

The Federal Court draws itself along, convicting some of the boys for the handling of the cup when it is red, more generally white in this section, but extending mercy to those who have sinned the first time. Judge Dick and Attorney Price, while strict, are merciful. The grand jury was discharged yesterday. The court will be employed, however, for several days yet.

THE DEMOCRAT is just the paper the people of Western Carolina have wanted and it is praised on all sides," said a prominent gentleman from a western county to us. "The interest it takes in material interests is specially pleasing, while its general matter is very interesting to the family. It will have, as it will deserve, a very large circulation. Our people all like it."

Mr. G. S. McCannless, of Burnsville, exhibited last week in THE DEMOCRAT office a specimen of the Gloria Mundi apples measuring over 15 inches in circumference. When first plucked this apple weighed 3 pounds and 1 ounce. Mr. McCannless also showed some beautiful specimens of other varieties, Virginia beauties, ladies watermelon, etc. From one tree, 12 years old, Mr. McCannless has gathered 40 bushels of apples.

The Swain County Herald says the people of that county are opposed diametrically, latitudinally and unambiguously to the location of Geronimo's band, even with troops to guard them, in that county. Some of our eastern friends are also nervous about the matter, and have an involuntary inclination to slap their hands upon their capillary adornment. THE DEMOCRAT again suggests, however, that good quarters can be had in or near Asheville for the barracks and the band. The only man hereabouts who seems to have any misgivings on the subject is as bald as an onion. Those of us who are more fortunate are not at all alarmed. Bring them on, Mr. Secretary.

### LETTER FROM DAKOTA.

#### A Pleasant Letter From a Former Buncombeite.

SPRINGFIELD, Dakota, Nov., '89. EDITORS DEMOCRAT:—A copy of your paper was sent me by my son-in-law, and the seeing of so many familiar names constrained me to drop a line to my dear friends in Western North Carolina. Am I in the Indian service yet? you ask. No; I wear a Democratic coat that won't bear turning. In fact, I doubt the propriety of a man serving an administration that he antagonized at the polls. It would place him in a position that would be a severe test of his self-respect. What am I doing? Well, there are thousands of possibilities in this new and rapidly developing country. Towns are springing up as if by magic. Lands are to be had from the Government at \$1.25 per acre, and such lands! Hundreds of farms are here just as level as any land need be, and rich—nothing to do but put the plow in and make a crop. This opening would give work in many lines and I expect to make a living in some line or other. The great Sioux reservation will be soon opened and any man can have a home that wants it.

The health of the country is marvelous. A doctor stands a poor show here. The people are progressive, kind-hearted, and sharp. I sometimes want to rove over the hills of my old home and hear the babble of the brooks as they leap from rock to rock, I sometimes want to gaze on the mountain sides in their party dress of autumn leaves, I sometimes want to grasp the hand of dear old friends of other years, but the possibilities around me almost blind me here. There are objections to this country. The winters are sometimes fearful and the summers quite hot, but no malaria exists.

The Indian is fast putting on the white man's ways and in a few years will swear as eloquently as any white man. This high development, however, must be of slow growth. The Santee and Yankton Indians are exceptionally moral and well behaved. No stealing, no fighting, is known among them. They are shiftless, harmless and unprogressive, much like the Indians of North Carolina.

This little town on the Missouri river is not advancing. It is in the wrong place. The railroad left it out in the cold. Other towns are rapidly developing. Cattle are extremely low; so many are raised at so little cost. Beef can be bought at one and one-quarter cents per pound gross. Corn is high for this country, 25 cents per bushel. Hay is worth \$2.50 to \$3.00 per ton, delivered. Hogs are plentiful and low. A large minority of the white people are foreigners. Many other matters of interest might be written, but my "piece" is long enough. With kindest wishes for everybody, I close.

SAM. C. SHELTON.

### Kind Expressions.

We return thanks for the following kind notices:

"THE DEMOCRAT, started recently at Asheville by Messrs. Furman and Vance is an admirable sheet, both in matter and make up. It is all its name implies, a true-blue Democratic paper, and is just what has been needed in Asheville for a long time. We trust that the citizens of Asheville and Buncombe county in general, will give it that hearty support it so richly deserves."—Goldsboro Headlight.

"We have received THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT, published by Messrs. Furman and Vance, both of whom are well known to North Carolina journalism. It is a neat and well gotten up eight-page quarto, and we wish them all the success possible."—Weldon News.

"We are pleased to place on our exchange list THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT, a well-printed 6-column, 8-page journal published by Messrs. Bob Furman and Dave Vance. THE DEMOCRAT has our heartiest wishes for success."—Webster's Weekly.

### Washington, Asheville and Hot Springs Sleeping Car Line.

Mr. Winburn, D. P. A., announces the inauguration, beginning on the 9th inst., of an elegant daily line of Pullman buffet and drawing-room cars between Hot Springs, Asheville and Washington, D. C., making close connections at Washington with all lines east and north. The Pullman parlor car formerly operated between Salisbury and Knoxville was discontinued on the 9th. See schedule elsewhere.

### Good News.

The Washington correspondent of the Statesville Landmark says: "The plans for the court house at Asheville are nearing completion and the work will be advertised in a few days. The contract is to be let for the entire building."

### Personal.

Dr. W. L. Reagan is reported ill at his home in Weaverville.

Mr. Schreiber, a prominent mineralogist, of Jackson county, is in the city.

Attorney-General Davidson reached the city Monday to remain several days.

Senator Lewis H. Smith and J. C. Hall Esq., of Jackson, are in attendance upon Federal court.

E. S. Stokes, the famous proprietor of the Hoffman House, New York, was in the city last week.

Chief N. J. Smith and his son Richard, of the Cherokees, were in Asheville several days last week.

Dr. S. E. Boynton, one of Garfield's physicians, has been making a stay at the Battery Park.

Mr. Claude B. Hargrove of Rome, Ga., has been in Asheville with a view to going into business here.

Col. Paul F. Faison, of Raleigh, the able chairman of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Frederick Rutledge, son of Col. Henry Rutledge, of Charleston, is an employee of the First National Bank of this city.

John H. Inman, of Atlanta, Ga., one of the leading railroad men of the South, left the city last week after a stay of several days.

Mr. W. A. Hoke, of Lincolnton, is in the city attending the Federal Court. Mr. Hoke is the Representative of Lincoln in the Legislature.

We were pleased to meet our former fellow townsman, W. A. Weddin, Esq., in the city again. He was called home by the sad death of his son, Mr. Ed. Weddin.

Capt. Atkinson spent the last week in New York in the interest of the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore Railroad. The Captain returns highly elated over the prospects.

Mrs. W. H. Overman, of Salisbury, is visiting Mrs. E. R. Overman, of this city. Mrs. O. has many friends in Asheville, who will be pleased to have her with them again.

John Rockafeller, the Standard Oil magnate, whose income is said to be larger than that of any man in the United States, has engaged rooms at the Battery Park Hotel for this winter.

Mr. W. M. Davies, of Hendersonville, has received an appointment in the Census Bureau, at Washington, through the influence of Congressman Ewart. Mr. D. will make an efficient officer.

Dr. Chas. Hunter and Dr. E. D. Leflingwell, both prominently connected with the sanitarium at Danville, N. Y., have been in the city looking into the question of erecting a sanitarium here.

The Misses Brown gave a very delightful whist party to a large company of young people, at their home on Academy street, last Friday. Among the interesting features of the occasion was a recitation by Miss Bowman.

Hon. G. S. Ferguson, G. H. Smathers, Esq., of Haywood; R. L. Leatherwood, Esq., of Swain; B. F. Posey and R. H. Mauney, Esqs., of Murphy; A. E. Posey, Esq., of Henderson; Hon. Kope Elias, of Macon; J. M. Gudger, Jr., Jeter Pritchard, Esqs., of Madison; Mr. J. F. Morphew, of McDowell, are in attendance upon Federal court.

THE DEMOCRAT is pleased to learn that a change in the mail schedule on the Murphy line has been made, so as to give our Murphy friends their eastern mail from 12 to 14 hours earlier.

The first of a series of Bible readings at the Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday evening, conducted by Pastor Bryan, was largely attended and proved very interesting and instructive.

Gorton's Minstrels gave a very pleasing performance at the Opera House Tuesday evening. A large crowd witnessed and enjoyed the entire performance. The music and singing were very good, the dancing also, while the jugglery by the Japanese Prince was truly wonderful. Altogether it was an excellent performance.

### A Fire Alarm.

THE DEMOCRAT is pleased to know that the city authorities are contemplating the establishment of a fire alarm system throughout the city. No more useful step can be taken, and we hope some good system will be adopted. A few moments of time is most material in a fire, and facilities for promptly communicating both the alarm and the locality are most important. Our firemen do their duty on every occasion, and should be furnished every aid. Let an alarm system be established.

### Federal Court Victims.

Among the convictions by the Federal Court now in session is H. A. Hartsfield, who pleaded guilty to the charge of counterfeiting. He was arrested on the 16th of August last by officer Hampton, of the Asheville police force, for passing counterfeit silver dollars. On his person were found five counterfeit silver dollars and molds for making them. He was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary at Columbus, O. His father is a jeweler in Raleigh.

Among the convictions for illicit distilling are the following: Eli Bullard, four months, \$100 and costs; Wilson, four months, \$100 and costs; William Moody, three months, \$100 and costs; Owen, six months, \$100 and costs; Burt Cole, six months and costs; Levi Franklin, four months and costs; Geo. Rathbone, one year in the penitentiary; Will Rathbone, six months in the penitentiary; Chris. Rathbone, one year in the penitentiary. The Rathbones were convicted on the charge of resisting arrest.

True bills for illicit distilling have been found against the following: J. S. Morris, Clingan Owens, Jas. Beam, Jordan Hicks, Good Odum, Burt Cole, William Moody, Jos. Moore, Keenan Thomas, Most Ollis, Wm. Garland, John Roberson, Wm. Burchfield, Main Smith, Hugh Passmore, John Early, Wm. May, Elizabeth Wilson, Chris. Rathbone, Mitchell McKinney, Thomas Cooper, Willie Rogers, Rufus Young, James Nelson, A. P. Morgan and Ned Wilson. Chris. Rathbone was also held for releasing prisoners, and Richard Cannon for perjury.

Dock Carver was convicted of retailing liquor to Cherokee Indians and was sentenced to three months imprisonment and a fine \$100.

### Tribute to Capt. Alexander.

At a regular communication of Blackmer Lodge No. 170 A. F. & A. M., the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Great Architect of the Universe did on the 24th day of October see fit to call our beloved brother A. M. Alexander from labor to rest and while we bow submissively to His will knowing that He does all things right, yet we feel and know that masonry has lost a worthy and zealous member, society a useful and enterprising citizen, one who was ever ready to assist the worthy poor and minister to wants of the afflicted. He loved honor and truth and esteemed all who were good. Few men would be missed more in his community than he. Therefore

Resolved, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days in memory of the deceased;

Resolved, That we extend to his daughter and relatives our earnest condolence and ever sympathize with them in their great loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the secretary's book, a copy sent his daughter and one to the Asheville papers with the request that they publish the same.

J. A. REAGAN,  
C. P. WEAVER,  
J. A. GWALTNEY,  
Committee.

November 2, 1889.

### Alliance Picnics.

The Farmers Alliance of Sandy Mush township will hold a picnic at Sandy Mush Methodist Church on the fourth Saturday of this month, the 23d. D. M. Blackwell, T. B. Long, W. F. Tomlinson and R. B. Vance have been invited to speak. Mr. R. V. Wells, Secretary of the Alliance, says that a large attendance and most interesting time are expected.

There will also be Alliance speakings and picnics in this county at the following times and places: Hemphill, near Vanceville Post Office, Saturday, Nov. 16. Turkey Creek Brick Church, Friday, Nov. 22. Mt. Valley, on Big Ivy, Friday, Nov. 29. and Flat Creek Camp Ground, Saturday, Nov. 30. Messrs. Vance, Long, Blackwell, Harris and others will be present.

### Gone to His Post.

Rev. Dr. James Atkin, Jr., and family, left yesterday morning for Emory and Henry College, Va., their future home, Dr. A. to assume the presidency of that time-honored institution. We give our friends up with sincere regret, but wish them all the kindest blessings of Providence in their new home and new duties.

Gen. Mahone's idea of statesmanship is patronage. At least it would seem so from this remark made to the correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer: "No, would not have the vice-presidency even if I could get it. The Vice-President has no influence. He hasn't a vote except in case of a tie, and that doesn't happen often. And there is no patronage attached to the office. Why, d—n it, the Vice-President cannot even appoint a page."

### OUR TOBACCO MARKET.

#### Heavy Breaks and Big Prices During the Past Week.

THE DEMOCRAT still has the pleasure of announcing another week of good trading on our tobacco market. Supplies from Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Madison, Buncombe and East Tennessee have come in freely, East Tennessee being largely represented at each day's sales. Every warehouse has been crowded, both with tobacco and buyers. The grades, however, have been good average, but few lots above. Prices keep up well for the grades, indeed, a careful comparison with other markets show the Asheville market still ahead. We report sales as follows:

Farmers' Warehouse, Smith & Rollins, proprietors; E. B. Davis, auctioneer. Arrowwood and Henderson, 9 lots, 57, 44, 30, 27, 24, 29, 23.50, 11, 11.50; W. R. Shelton, a large quantity at over 30 per hundred average; A. N. Allen, 7 lots, 10.25, 7, 16.50, 21, 23.50, 28, 26; Mrs. Landers and T—, 6 lots, 8.25, 30, 43, 27, 33, 56; B. Tillery, 7 lots, 11.50, 33, 30, 38, 29, 34, 22.50; J. E. Herren, 7 lots, 4.10, 24.50, 6.75, 18, 10.50, 27, 25; J. H. Andrews, 7 lots, 22, 35, 6.90, 12.25, 13.50, 5, 26; Eller and Shuler, 9 lots, 6.75, 31, 16.50, 24, 11.50, 4.90, 20, 24.50, 40; J. Ramsey and Allen, 7 lots, 5, 12.75, 12.50, 24, 27, 28, 30; Allen and Guder, 10 lots, 28, 24.50, 23.50, 24, 9.25, 28, 16, 13.50, 20, 22.50; C. G. Candler, 11 lots, 5.90, 23, 28, 13.25, 5.80, 16.50, 24, 28, 22.50, 25, 18.50, 16; W. C. Eller, 5 lots, 46, 51, 31, 26, 27; Allen Grasty, 7 lots, 7.75, 13.75, 22.50, 30, 40, 13.25, 7.50.

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

Mrs. O. E. Sluder, 8 lots, 25, 26, 34, 34, 42, 49, 49, 51; Eller and Roberts, 5 lots, 5.50, 8.25, 11.25, 23, 23.50; Daniel and Penley, 7 lots, 4.90, 8.75, 17.50, 20.50, 40, 25, 50; Miller and Sams, 7 lots, 12, 13.25, 13, 22.50, 22.50, 20.50, 34; C. C. Miller, 6 lots, 9.25, 19, 24, 24, 27, 44; Garrett and Eilenbury, 17 lots, 8.25, 3.90, 11, 18, 18, 21.50, 39, 37, 55, 63, 33, 41, 51, 21.50, 39, 25, 50; Fore and Rogers, 11 lots, 8, 8.50, 22.50, 23.50, 25, 25, 28, 41, 38, 43, 63, (average of 41 for all); W. P. Owen, 7 lots, 6, 10.75, 18, 18, 21.50, 26, 33; Robt. Owen, 6 lots, 8.25, 9.75, 22, 29, 39, 40; G. F. Cathy, 9 lots, 13.50, 18, 18, 22.50, 26, 28, 31, 41, 43; N. Bonham, 6 lots, 12.25, 12.25, 23.50, 26, 28, 30; Mayner and Aiken, 6 lots, 10.25, 13, 24, 26, 28, 35; Randall and Davis, 7 lots, 9, 15, 17.50, 28, 38, 39, 51; C. B. Worley, 5 lots, 16, 23.50, 25, 34, 36; J. W. Reece, 10 lots, 9.50, 14.25, 12, 25, 22, 22, 21, 31, 27, 34, 41; A. M. Stokeley, 28 lots, 5.40, 9, 9.25, 18, 15, 11, 24, 50, 25, 11.50, 10.75, 19, 14, 21, 25, 20.50, 23, 17, 23, 22.50, 23.50, 13.75, 11, 9, 29, 28, 32, 26, 14.

ALLIANCE WAREHOUSE—Messrs. Ray & Robinson, managers; J. S. Ball, auctioneer:

M. F. Plemmons, 7 lots, 15, 16.50, 15, 19, 22.50, 23, 25; D. W. Shuford, 5 lots, 8.50, 12.25, 12.25, 21.50, 22; S. M. Carr, 5 lots, 7, 18.50, 19, 19.50, 30; W. E. Wright, 6 lots, 8, 15.50, 19.50, 24.50, 30, 31; J. B. Keener, 5 lots, 8.50, 8.75, 15, 21.50, 25; J. W. Gillespie, 5 lots, 9.75, 17.50, 25, 27, 31; Hipps and Price, 6 lots, 9.50, 13.50, 17.50, 17, 19.50, 27; J. M. Johnson, 5 lots, 6, 14, 14, 14.75, 23.50; W. F. Price, 5 lots, 7.25, 12.50, 13.75, 22.50, 33; R. T. Lindsey, 2 lots, 13.75, 22.50; M. F. Plemmons, 2 lots, 22.50, 25; Vone Hawkins, 5 lots, 9.50, 14, 14.25, 14.75, 22; A. M. Duckett, 4 lots, 9.75, 18, 23, 25; A. P. Duckett, 6 lots, 7, 13.50, 14.25, 15, 22, 34; J. R. Duckett, 5 lots, 11.75, 16.50, 21, 22, 22; A. E. Frisbee, 7 lots, 7.50, 9.25, 20, 24, 27, 28, 39; McFee and Milles, 7 lots, 9, 9.50, 17.50, 21.50, 28, 28, 28; A. C. Hall, 5 lots, 11, 11.50, 29, 29, 29; J. N. Ramsey, 6 lots, 7.25, 12.75, 13.75, 16.75, 29, 49; W. S. Black, 5 lots, 14, 14.75, 23.50, 30, 43; G. G. Roberts, 3 lots, 11.50, 15.50, 35; C. L. Sluder, 6 lots, 7, 12.50, 14.50, 19, 26, 31; E. D. Weaver, 4 lots, 12.25, 16, 24.50, 50; T. J. Jones, 6 lots, 17, 12.25, 18, 23.50, 36, 39; G. N. Penland, 4 lots, 21.50, 22.50, 29, 30; J. C. Green, 5 lots, 7, 14, 23, 25, 30; J. W. Robertson, 5 lots, 8.75, 19, 25, 27, 30; Mackey and Hall, 4 lots, 21, 22, 24, 28; W. R. Lockhart, 4 lots, 8, 14.25, 25, 30; W. R. White 5 lots, 7, 13.75, 16, 24.50, 34; J. A. Reeves, 8 lots, 8.75, 10.25, 10.25, 10.50, 16, 18.50, 21.50, 27.

### Death of Edward Weddin.

Mr. Ed. Weddin, one of the most popular and promising young men of Asheville, died Thursday last and was buried on Sunday, the funeral services being attended by as large a crowd as has been known on such an occasion before in Asheville. The Knights of Pythias, Uniform Rank, and the Carolina Athletic Club, of both of which the deceased was a member, attended the services in the Episcopal church, which were of a most impressive character.

Mr. Weddin was agent here of the Southern Express Company, and his untimely death is mourned by hosts of friends.

### Improvements.

The Presbyterian church has ordered a splendid new organ from the Roosevelt company of New York.

The electric light tower in the public square, blown down by the gale of several weeks ago is being put up again.

Mr. C. B. Benedict, of Jacksonville, Fla., has purchased from Mr. E. P. Davis seventy-five acres of land comprising what is known as Dr. Weaver's place; price \$7,500.

It has been thought for some time in Asheville that the proposed hotel on the old Roselle place overlooking the Swannanoa river had been abandoned. But this impression was unfounded. Dr. Walter C. Browning, of Philadelphia, owner of the property, which consists of 160 acres, has been in the city for several days and announces that work will be begun on the hotel in March next, and it will be opened for guests on January 1, 1891. The dimensions of the building will be 385 feet by 45.

The work of grading and improving the grounds of Geo. Vanderbilt's estate has been begun. Fourteen acres of land where the house is to be located is to be leveled. As has been announced one of the principal features of the improvements to be made will be the extensive forestry experiments and culture. Mr. Douglas, a forester employed by Mr. Vanderbilt is here and recently made a trip to Craggy to examine the varieties of rhododendron on that mountain with a view to transplanting in the park.

### Marriages.

In the Methodist church on Thursday last Mr. G. M. Mathis was married to Miss Maggie C. Harding, both of this city.

Miss Mamie Hatchett, editor of the Oxford Orphan's Friend and the Literary World, was married on the 5th inst., at Henderson, to Mr. A. I. Fairbrother, of Lincoln, Neb.

Married, at Dillsboro, Nov. 5th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. C. W. Garland and Rachel E. Thomas, Rev. A. B. Thomas, father to the bride, officiating.—Webster Herald.

Among marriage licenses recently issued are the following: Mr. F. S. Hensley and Miss Martha Ball, Mr. F. C. Watkins and Miss Mary Lance, Mr. Mack Brooks and Miss Nannie Taylor. They are all from Buncombe county.

News by letter announces the marriage of Capt. W. A. Enloe, last week, to a Mrs. Green, in Jacksonville, Florida. Capt. Enloe has the wishes of all his friends here for his future happiness and joy in his new relations.—Webster Herald.

Mr. B. C. Lankford, of Transylvania, and Foreman of the Grand Jury of this Federal Court, was married at the residence of Mr. Thos. Neill, in this city, on the 6th inst., to Miss Hattie E. Mackey, Rev. Mr. Austin officiating. Mr. L. is one of the best citizens of his county, and THE DEMOCRAT congratulates the happy parties.

### Growing Towns in Western Carolina.

On the sixth page of this issue of THE DEMOCRAT will be found an interesting article prepared especially by a representative of THE DEMOCRAT, descriptive of Hendersonville, Hickory and Flat Rock. We commend it to the careful perusal of our readers. They are representative of the whole section, its growth, industry and prosperity. THE DEMOCRAT, as promised, will spare no efforts to present fairly and correctly the splendid attractions of this whole section. People wanting homes for health, comfort or profit can do no better than read THE DEMOCRAT regularly, and then visit and examine the section. It will pay.

### Hard at Work.

Our countyman, W. G. Corpening, Esq., one of the best railroad workers in the South, has a good contract on the Three Cs, his work being in McDowell county. He writes he has made a good start on his work, having 100 hands hard at it. Work is going on on this line, from Rutherfordton to Johnston City, in good earnest. President Frank Cox says the line will be completed by 1891.

### The Democrat

Is one month old, but it is moving right along to the homes and business offices of the people of Western Carolina and East Tennessee like a veteran. Our circulation is constantly increasing, and all are pleased with it as a straightforward Democratic, family, home newspaper.

Friends of Samuel J. Randall report though his will power may enable him to attend the opening sessions of Congress, he is a very sick man, and there is no hope of his recovery.