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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.

Marion is to have a bank soon.

Those who read the last issue of the Murphy Bulletin "saw stars." The paper was full of them.

Mr. W. V. Low informs us that Asheville local freights now are quite double what they were last year this season, which indicates how rapidly Asheville is growing.

While riding out on Tuesday Mrs. Jesse R. Starnes was thrown from her buggy by her horse running away, and though greatly shocked, we are pleased to know was not seriously injured. She was much better yesterday.

Mr. Samuel E. Wilson, of this county, brother of Mr. T. F. Wilson, died Oct. 25th, while at work on the Knoxville Southern Railroad in Tennessee. He was 38 years of age. His family were not aware of his death until last week.

John Scruggs and Tom Bostic, employees of Graham's shoe factory, accompanied by a boy, took a boat on Monday and went down the French Broad. The boat was upset in the rapids near Gen. Vance's place, and the two men were drowned. The boy returned alone.

Our northern visitors are astonishing their friends at home by their letters relative to the magnificent weather they are enjoying down here, while their friends are suffering severe snow and other storms. Cool, clear, frosty nights, followed by bright, balmy days, are strange experiences for our northern friends.

The young ladies of the Christian Church, through the kindness of Mr. F. L. Jacobs, druggist, corner of Patton avenue and Court Square, will have a display of their work during Christmas week in the windows of Mr. Jacobs store. All those who desire to buy Christmas presents and help the church at the same time, will have an opportunity to do so.

Mr. Sam. Pelham left Monday evening for Philadelphia, called inience by the serious illness of his brother Dr. Wardlaw Pelham, an assistant physician at Blockley Hospital, that city. While performing an autopsy, some blood touched a place on the hand of Dr. P., from which blood poisoning resulted. Mr. P. will bring Dr. P. to this place next week if he is able to travel.

In referring to the death of Mr. John G. Aston, the Rogersville Review, edited by Mr. W. T. Robinson, formerly of this place says: "It is with a sad and heavy heart that we read in the Asheville papers the announcement of the death of John G. Aston, which sad event occurred on Monday, the 22d inst. He was born in Rogersville, September 25, 1833. His father, Hon. E. J. Aston, moved to Asheville when John was very small. We have known John Aston since he was a boy, and we never knew a more genial, kind hearted young man. He was a true friend, and very generous, almost to a fault. In his death we feel that we have lost one of our best and truest friends. To his father (who has many old friends here) and mother all join us in the deepest sympathy in the death of their last boy."

## The Christmas Time.

It is less than a week till Christmas and we have been enjoying the most delightful weather. The well filled stores have been crowded with shoppers, the streets gay with the beauty and fashion of the city, improving the shining hours in anticipation of the generally severe weather which comes with Christmas. The exuberant feeling which always accompanies the season pervades the city, notwithstanding the spring-like temperature. The movement and bustle everywhere proclaim the one busy time of the year when the business partakes more of good fellowship than of selfishness. It is a fitting thing that the kindest and most genial recollections of our lives should cluster around the birthday of the Savior. The man who has and does not love to give at Christmas must indeed be beyond the pale of the saving graces. Who can remember the delight of his own childhood and withhold his hand. Who so mean that he would ignore the tradition of Santa Claus and leave the stockings unfilled.

## MRS. GEO. C. DUGAS.

### A Lady of Dashing Originality and Daring Heroism.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution in announcing the presence in that city of Mrs. Geo. C. Dugas, says: Mrs. Douscha Dugas, of Edgefield, S. C., is visiting friends in Atlanta. She is the daughter of Governor Pickens, of South Carolina, one of the most illustrious men that State has ever produced, and was born in the city of St. Petersburg, Russia, whilst her father was representing the United States as minister plenipotentiary at this brilliant capital. Mrs. Dugas is a lady of dashing originality and daring heroism. She rides with the fearless grace of an Indian. During the reign of terror in South Carolina a few years ago, when armed conflict between the races was imminent, she distinguished herself by an act of picturesque valor. Mounted on a splendid steed she led five hundred of the untried democrats of Edgefield county, known as the "Red Shirts," through a perilous charge. Like Joan D'Arc, she gave courage and enthusiasm to her followers. On this historic occasion she wore a red blouse, belted in, and at her waist hung a pair of pistols. On her head was a jaunty little cap, and her beautiful dark hair fell in glossy waves over her shoulders and almost down to her waist. Thus mounted and equipped, she made an inspiring leader. She was then Miss Douscha Pickens, a girl in her teens. All classes loved and respected her. She despised the shams and conventionalities of social life in the city, and loved the free, untrammelled life in the country. Most of her time was spent on horseback, following the chase or taking a pleasure ride. She was passionately fond of out-door sports, and could handle the rifle with dexterity. It is said that before her marriage, when she was about to quit the free, happy life of her girlhood, there was a pathetic scene as she took leave of the simple rustics who had delighted to do her bidding. Even the old hunters came to tell her good-bye, and they dashed away tears from their weather-beaten faces as the horny hands clasped the hand of the "bravest and fairest gal in all the land." Even the dogs who had so faithfully followed her in her wild rambles, whined piteously as she bent down and clasped each about its neck till tears trickled down on their soggy necks. That scene will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. It was a picture of a genuine child of nature, the daughter of an illustrious house who was loyal to the old home, loving the sweet, free life far better than the gilded social bondage which so many women crave.

Mrs. Dugas, formerly Miss Douscha Pickens, is well known in Asheville, where she spent several summers with her mother and made many friends. It was before the advent of the railroad, and when the stage, with four or six fine horses, connected this city with the outside world. Miss Pickens, then about fifteen, would frequently mount the box of the outgoing stage, take the reins and drive the stage with the skill of a veteran until she met the incoming stage, and then would handle the ribbons on her return. She made friends of all and is kindly remembered here by many.

## Messrs. Jenks & Jenks.

It is with pleasure THE DEMOCRAT announces the location in this city of the above gentlemen who have opened a Real Estate and Insurance office at 30 Patton avenue, up stairs. These gentlemen have large connections in Massachusetts, their former home, and New York, which they will use in directing attention to the vast attractions and resources of not only Asheville but of Western Carolina. There are already a number of gentlemen, with their families at Battery Park, induced to come here by these gentlemen. Their father was for years interested in the valuable corundum mines of Macon county, and is familiar with the opportunities offered in this section for investment. There are some New York capitalists here now under their advice, investigating the section. Mineral and timber lands, game preserves, etc., will receive special attention, as well as city property. THE DEMOCRAT extends a warm welcome to these gentlemen.

Some Democratic members of Congress called a caucus the other day to assess themselves enough to reimburse Republican members for their loss, caused by the defalcation of the financial officer of the House, Silcott. So soon as the object of the caucus was ascertained it was abandoned. Let Silcott be captured and put where he belongs, in the penitentiary. His bond ought to be sufficient to reimburse members, without individuals or the government making it up. We are glad to learn that representatives from this State were not losers.

## News Notes.

The Virginia legislature has formally asked that Richmond be selected as the last resting place of Mr. Davis.

Tazwell L. Hargrove, ex-attorney general of North Carolina, Republican, is dead. He lived in Granville county.

It is thought that the House of Representatives will provide for the reimbursement of congressmen whose salaries Silcott got away with.

Hon. Edward J. Gay, member of Congress from Louisiana is dead. Mr. Gay was a large sugar planter and one of the wealthiest men of the South.

The Cronin trial is at length concluded. Coughlin, Burke and O'Sullivan have been convicted for murder and sentenced to imprisonment for life. Kunze gets three years and Beggs is acquitted.

Mr. Brower, of North Carolina, has introduced a bill to repeal the tobacco tax. Mr. Brower was the only Republican who voted for the Mills bill. He did so because the bill provided for a repeal of the tobacco tax.

The Washington Post, of the 17th, gives the particulars of a panic in a theatre at Johnstown, Pa., in which twelve people were killed and thirty injured. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was being played, when some one cried fire, causing the panic.

Bishop Brewer, of Montana, says: "Our Montana men are honest, hard-working, independent fellows. They are not particularly religious, and they do not respect church offices, but they treat a bishop quite as well as they treat a cowboy, provided the bishop is a manly man."

James H. Jones, the body servant of Mr. Davis gives the Raleigh correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch a detailed account of Mr. Davis capture, Jones being with him at Irvinville, Ga. Jones has been an alderman of Raleigh for eight years. He was always much attacked to Mr. Davis.

One Grand Army post has been heard from. The mourning for Mr. Davis has stirred up the narrow souls of a few men in Pennsylvania who regard the demonstrations in the South as evidences of treason. Poor creatures, let them enjoy their malice and uncharitableness, they have not souls enough to feel other sensibilities. They can neither disturb the South, or trust the country.

Mr. Davis said to a correspondent two years ago: "It is curious that I never met Mr. Lincoln, nor do I remember ever having seen him. I resigned from the House to go to Mexico in 1864, and Mr. Lincoln did not make his seat in that body until later. When I returned to Washington, in 1867, as Senator from Mississippi, although frequently in the House, I do not remember to have seen Mr. Lincoln, whose term expired in 1869. Douglas, more than once after his opponent had become prominent, tried to recall him to my memory, but he never could succeed in doing so."

## Railroad Meeting in Yancey.

According to notice a large number of the citizens of Yancey met in Burnsville last Saturday to take action relative to securing a railroad through that good old county. Addresses were made by President Atkinson, of the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore; a representative of the three C's company; Messrs. G. D. Ray, J. S. McElroy, J. M. Gudger, and H. M. Ramsour, of the Asheville and Bristol road. The people of the county are in dead earnest in their desire for one or more roads, and a willingness to assist to the extent of their ability. The Three C's has determined to change their route and run from Johnston City, Tenn., through Yancey to McDowell, instead of going through Mitchell, Yancey offering the better and cheaper route. If this is done the line will come within 35 miles of Asheville, and it is proposed to connect this city with that road, either by the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore line, or the Asheville and Bristol line, or both. The question of subscription to one or more of the lines will be submitted to the people of Yancey in a short while. Push on the good work.

## Important Industry.

Some time ago Messrs. Thomas P. Sutton, James R. Many and D. C. Champion, of New York, purchased 2,800 acres of fine lands near Black Mountain, this county, and have gone to work to establish a sheep farm on a large scale. They have selected a fine locality for their purpose, and THE DEMOCRAT predicts for them success. We certainly wish they may realize their highest expectations. It is one of the most important ventures yet made in our county, and we trust may be the forerunner of many more such. Western North Carolina ought to produce and ship thousands of lambs and muttons every year.

## Attention, Railroad Men and Capitalists.

A railroad is wanted from Hot Springs, N. C., through Madison and Haywood counties, to intersect at Clyde, or to intersect below Clyde at the anticipated Pigeon River railroad, running from Knoxville, Tenn. to Spartanburg or Greenville, S. C. The distance from Hot Springs to Pigeon river, by way of Spring Creek or Meadow Fork, is about twenty-four miles, and either place it should pass through to Pigeon river likely would not exceed six miles below Clyde.

This line of road would pass through the centre of iron and timber lands. The citizens on both routes have mostly signed one half of their mineral interest property to any man or company that will build this road, giving three years from October 1, 1889, deeds of conveyance made when the road is completed. This locality mostly contains magnetic iron, passing near the noted Split mountain, assaying from 62 to 76 per cent, by competent chemists both of New York and London. Analysis showed when applied for by those meaning business. Remember there is scarcely a lot of land on each route void of iron through both counties. Specular iron is abundant, also manganese. Close to Hot Springs is red hematite. Iron through this favored route is also found, black lead bloom containing silver and roofing slate. This formation guarantees an ample sufficiency of what is claimed and also as to purity.

Much more could be said of interest to mineral men of this favored locality. The iron men also would do well to give this particular locality a thorough investigation. As regards the health and climate of the county that needs no comment as it is widely known to be of the best. Come and see. The timber is second to none in the State. Many thousands of poplar, ash, oak, hickory, locust, chestnut, birch, lynn, buckeye, gum, sugar tree, sugar maple, common maple, hemlock, cucumber, and amon scattering walnut and wild cherry, etc. Pine is more abundant closer to Hot Springs. Several hundred thousand dollars worth of lumber has been shipped from this locality during the past five years by wagons to railroad and some of the walnut and cherry has been exported and much more yet remains. It is now anticipated that a railroad will be built from Greenville, Tenn., to Hot Springs, N. C. This spany is respectfully requested to take into consideration the propriety of investigating this named route either to build or consolidate with this end of the line as it will give a direct route to the southern seacoast, a map of the country will show a saving of distance of from 150 to 200 miles by the Spartanburg route.

As the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company are operating lines of railroad in close proximity to the proposed route it is hoped that they will give this enterprise immediate consideration, likewise all others wishing to enter upon this enterprise.

For further particulars call on or address Plemons & Campbell, Lee, Madison county, N. C., ten miles south of Hot Springs, up Spring Creek.

## PLEMONS & CAMPBELL.

### Remarkable Incident.

Mr. G. W. Partin, dropping in to see us the other day mentioned an interesting incident. He said that when he was crossing the road in that splendid charge at Gettysburg, for he was in Company C, 47th Regiment, he saw his Lieutenant, Jim Norfleet shot down and he supposed that Lt. Norfleet was killed. He himself was wounded and taken prisoner and was not sent home until June, 1865, having long been regarded as dead. On last memorial day whom should he see but Lt. Norfleet, whom he had always thought was killed on the battlefield. Lt. Norfleet was taken to one hospital in Gettysburg and Mr. Partin to another, and they never had again heard of each other until they met here last May. It was quite an agreeable surprise to both.

—News-Observer.

### Away Up on Pie.

Those who doubt that President Harrison is devoted to civil service reform should take note of the fact that the new cook at the White House, Dollie Johnson, of Lexington, Ky., was recommended by Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt. How thorough an examination of Dollie's claims to gastronomic greatness was made by Mr. Roosevelt is not known but it is rumored that he gave her a mark at 99 1/2 per cent in pie.—New York World.

### Don't Do It.

Mr. A. M. Field does not desire the readers of THE DEMOCRAT to stand on their heads to read his new advertisement, but he does desire all should stand the paper on its head, read what he says and call.

## THE GROWING WEST.

### Newsy Items Culled from the Murphy Bulletin.

Col. J. V. Brown has been on a visit to his son, Rev. R. S. Brown of Murphy.

Mr. G. W. Hampton, a leading citizen of Cherokee, died suddenly at his home at Little Brasstown, last week, aged 86 years.

Prof. Beal told us Tuesday that a lady at his house gathered, last Saturday, a nice bunch of English violets from his yard and sent them to Michigan.

Mr. Edmund B. Norvell, a prominent young attorney of Murphy, and Miss Mary Hughes, of the same place, were married last evening at the M. E. Church South in Murphy.

Mr. Geo. M. Johnson, of Georgia, was married on last Thursday to Miss Eva Martin, of Clay county, Rev. R. S. Brown of Murphy, officiating. Miss Martin is the charming daughter of A. M. Martin, who lives on Tusquitee.

Mr. George LaDue, superintendent of the Hiser Lumber Company, of Graham county, who has been confined to his room for several days at the Henness House, we are glad to state, is much better and will soon be able to resume his duties.

Correspondence is invited for plans, specifications and material for new court house in the town of Murphy, Cherokee county, N. C. Communications addressed to J. M. Richardson, A. A. Campbell, S. W. Davidson, A. McD. Harshaw, R. B. Hyatt and F. P. Axley, or either of them, building committee, will receive attention. Committee will meet in Murphy on the first Monday in January, 1890.

### Mr. Davis and Aunt Abbey House.

The Raleigh papers have recalled the incident of Mr. Davis meeting his body servant, Jim Jones, in that city in 1870, the only visit he made to Raleigh after the war, he being the president of an insurance company. They have forgotten his encounter with another acquaintance and admirer, Aunt Abbey House, of Franklin, was a famous character during and for years after the war. She had no sons but sent eight nephews to swell the ranks of the army of northern Virginia. She kept a careful watch over them throughout the war, frequently visiting the army, intrusted time and time again by the people of Franklin, with large stores of provisions for their friends. She became widely known and firmly established her claims to free rides on the railroads. The conductors protested but the soldiers would always interfere in her favor. Whenever any of her numerous nephews were sick or unfit for duty she would insist on a furlough with such persistence that she frequently carried her appeals up to the headquarters and came to know both Gen. Lee and President Davis. She always pledged the prompt return of her nephew, and the pledge was always promptly fulfilled. Her energy and eccentricity of character together with her devotion to the Confederate cause and admiration for its leaders gave her a wide spread reputation. This was all the more remarkable from the fact that before the war she had figured extensively in the courts of Franklin as a desperate violator of the law.

She knew Jefferson Davis well and admired him extravagantly. She happened to be at the depot when Mr. Davis reached Raleigh. She had not seen him since the war. She evidently recognized him, stepping up and asking: "Aint this Jeff Davis?" Mr. Davis knelt and grasping her hand said: "How are you Aunt Abbey?" The old woman was completely overcome with emotion. She knelt and embraced Mr. Davis' knees, her eyes were filled with tears which had not yet ceased to fall when she joyfully announced his arrival in the streets of Raleigh.

### Royal Game.

Mr. Thos. Case, of Skylands, showed at this office yesterday an immense black eagle which he shot in the Balsam Mountains, in Transylvania county, on the 10th inst. The bird measured 7 feet from tip to tip of wings. His talons measured 7 1/2 inches. Mr. Case broke the eagle's wings with a shot gun at 100 yards distance, the bird flying at the time. The eagle fought the dogs viciously after he had fallen. Mr. Case is having the bird stuffed and mounted.

### Let Us Have the Names.

It is claimed by some of Congressman Ewart's friends that he has secured appointments for his district the salaries of which will aggregate nearly 30,000 per annum. A confiding public would be glad to see this list of appointments, and the salary attached to each. Will Mr. Ewart kindly furnish THE DEMOCRAT a list for publication?

## Knights of Honor.

An election of officers was held on Monday evening last by Swannanoa Lodge, No. 646, which resulted as follows: Past Dictator, I. B. Worsley; Dictator, E. L. Brown; Vice Dictator, J. W. Graham; Assistant Dictator, J. H. Woody; Reporter, P. A. Cummings; Finance Reporter, E. I. Holmes; Treasurer, H. C. Fagg; Captain, R. J. Stokeley; Guide, W. M. Jervis; Guardian, W. H. Cook; Sentinel, S. M. Gilbert; Trustees, W. M. Jervis, J. H. Woody and T. W. Branch; Representative to the Grand Lodge, T. W. Branch; Alternate, R. A. Long. The Lodge also adopted suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of the late W. L. Hunt, an esteemed member of the Order.

### Fine Celery.

Mr. Horace Smith has placed us under obligation for several bunches of his fine celery which were greatly enjoyed. He has a large quantity which he will supply to the public during the holidays, and all we can say is that it is as fine as we ever had from the northwest.

### Christmas Goods.

Asheville was never so well supplied as now with goods suitable for Christmas, for old and for young. Read carefully the advertisements in THE DEMOCRAT and go and examine.

### STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Maj. L. W. Peck, a prominent citizen of Raleigh, is dead.

The loss sustained by the people of this county by reason of short crops is estimated at \$800,000.—Tarboro South-erner.

The parties owning the Nags Head property have decided to build a new hotel, 156 feet long, 28 feet wide and three stories high.

A pleasant incident occurred at Greensboro when Mr. J. Van Lindley, proprietor of the Pomona Hill Nurseries, tendered his employees a banquet at the Benbow House. The utmost cordially prevailed.

We understand that North Carolina oysters are being shipped to Norfolk, and by Norfolk dealers sold to North Carolina customers who believe them to be superior to Virginia oysters. Will it ever be thus? When will we learn to value our own?—Edenton Fisherman and Farmer.

Mr. Fred E. Rolfe, who represents the Asheville Democrat, passed here Tuesday on his way to Franklin. He will be in Waynesville the last of this week. It seems that newspaper men are getting popular with our county, but it is one of the best in the State and the people are beginning to take right smart interest in the way of reading.—Waynesville Courier.

Mr. Edmond B. Norvel, our young friend of the legal profession, passed on Monday's train towards Asheville. He will return to Murphy where he will be married on the 18th, next Friday. We wish Mr. Edmond a happy wedded life and would say that there is no reason why he should not enjoy life better, judging from the noble woman he is going to marry.—Waynesville Courier.

"The Dixons continue to be in demand. The youngest of the three brothers, and for aught we know the best of them all, leaves Charleston, W. Va., the first Sunday in January to become pastor of the important church at Oakland, Cal." North Carolinians are familiar with the fact that Rev. A. C. Dixon is pastor of Immanuel Tabernacle, Baltimore. Rev. Thos. Dixon is pastor of a large and growing church in New York. Rev. Frank Dixon is the one referred to by the Examiner.—New York Examiner.

Col. W. L. Hardin returned from Charlotte Tuesday, where he has been to attend the December term of the United States court. His suit which was pending in that court against the R. & D. R. R. company for damages resulting from the sad accident to his son Edward some time ago while in the employ of the railroad company, was compromised, the plaintiff receiving \$2,500 damages, and the railroad paying all costs in both State and Federal courts.—Mountain Herald.

Mr. John W. Thompson, of Raleigh, has purchased for a stock company the Jackson Springs property in Moore county and has paid \$3,000 for it. The company will build a commodious hotel at the Springs and a tram way from West End, three miles away on the Aberdeen and West End railroad. The spring is most valuable for its medical properties. The water is a certain cure for indigestion and affections of the stomach and liver and this company will make this place accessible to the world and a fine resort. We think it is an important transaction for Moore county.