

THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT.

VOL. 1.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1890.

NO. 14.

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, 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.

THE DEMOCRAT is read weekly by nearly eight thousand people.

See two important court notices in this issue of THE DEMOCRAT.

Mr. F. P. Minnaugh returned from a pleasant trip to his old home, Greenville, S. C., Monday.

We invite attention to the advertisement of that veteran, and accomplished, druggist, Dr. W. C. Carmichael. It is the oldest establishment of its kind in the city, and one of the best in the country.

Mr. W. W. Vandiver of this city was in a train smash-up on the E. T. V. and G. road below Dalton, Ga., on the 3d, and we are pleased to learn escaped uninjured. One or two passengers were hurt, but not seriously.

Married, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Letitia Baird, this city, on Wednesday, 8th inst., Mr. Gaston W. Ward, a prominent druggist of Greensboro, N. C., and Miss Mollie E. Baird, Rev. Dr. Rankin, officiating.

Policeman Bradley showed us a nearly white partridge caught in this county a few days ago. The Chatham Record reports a full white one having been shot in that county recently, and also says there was a black one in the same covey.

Mr. Woolesey has rented his elegant home to a gentleman from Rhode Island for the ensuing year; and Mr. W. and family will, in a short while, go abroad and spend the year in Europe. His many friends here will wish him and his a most pleasant and safe trip.

Messrs. Smith & Rollins have been so busy handling and selling the immense consignments of tobacco at the Farmers' warehouse the past week that they have not even had time to smile. They could only say, "My friends we are selling tobacco and it is bringing big prices."

Rev. Will H. Osborne, formerly of this city, now the popular Baptist minister at Johnson City, Tenn., reached the city with his young bride a few days ago. His many friends here were very glad to congratulate him upon the good fortune he has won, and so thoroughly merits.

That was a happy stroke of good luck on the part of Mr. S. R. Chedester & Son, of the Grand Central, when they secured the services of Capt. Sprague, who won fame at the Round Knob Hotel, as steward of this popular hostelry. He is one of the best caterers in the South.

Mr. E. H. Fullenwider's many Asheville friends were glad to greet him Tuesday, just back from Greenville, S. C., whither he went to look after his extensive cotton mill interests. He reported business at his mill in splendid condition, orders being full up to the present capacity of the works, and the outlook for a continuation entirely satisfactory.

Capt. Atkinson informs us that advice received Tuesday from Brevard informed him that the authorities of that county, on Monday, rescinded the order for an election to subscribe to a railroad, recently made, and that he had been invited to go up and consult with them as to the prospects of his enterprise. Also said that the Justices and Commissioners of Madison would meet soon to order an election in two townships of that county in the interest of his line, and Yancey is ready to vote heavily for the proposition.

Our colored citizens, of all ages, sexes, sizes and previous condition of servitude, enjoyed Emancipation Day greatly. The famous Statesville Band, colored, discoursed music, a large number paraded the streets on horseback, in carriages and on foot, rigged out in all the gorgeous paraphernalia of a highly colored holiday parade. After the parade all gathered in the Court House, where music and appropriate addresses were delivered, Elder Carter reading the emancipation proclamation, and Elder Witherspoon delivering the oration, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The participants enjoyed themselves and the white people were glad to see them do so. Nothing occurred to disturb the harmony of the occasion.

COUNTY ALLIANCE MEETING.

Report on Education—Manufacturing Enterprise, Etc.

The meeting last week of the Buncombe Farmers Alliance proved a most interesting one. A proposition was made for the establishment at Asheville of a manufactory for agricultural implements. A committee, with J. M. Bookshire as Chairman, was appointed to solicit stock and to call a general meeting of stockholders when \$10,000 shall have been raised. Shares were fixed at \$10. Alliances of adjoining counties will cooperate.

The better education of the Agricultural classes was discussed. The agreement of the County Commissioners to improve the roads leading into Asheville was acknowledged.

M. L. Reed was elected County Business Agent in place of N. Plumadore, resigned on account of ill health.

Farish H. Folsom, of Swannanoa, lately of Washington City, was elected Secretary and Correspondent of the Alliance Exchange, for live stock, produce, etc.

The following is the full text of the able report of the Committee on Education:

TO THE COUNTY ALLIANCE OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY:

Your Committee on Education respectfully report that they have given the great subject such consideration as the limited time allowed them would permit them to do. This has yet more deeply impressed them with the vital importance of the subject. They are fully convinced that the general education of all our people is vital to the well-being, yea, the very existence, of good society and government. It is not doubted that this Alliance fully concurs in that. It cannot be denied that such general education does not exist in the country—and our own home, Buncombe county, is not an exception to this statement. It is a truth all must admit, that all is not being done that ought to and could be done for the education of the children of Buncombe county. The State is not doing all it could do; the county is not doing all it could do, with power delegated to it by the State laws; worst of all, the parents are not doing all they could do. So, then, we believe we ought to have more school tax levied by the State. If the State fails to levy it and gives the counties the power, then the counties ought to levy it.

Then we are fully persuaded that the parents of the country ought to rouse up from an ignominious dependence on the State to educate the children God has committed to their care, and make double effort and double sacrifice to educate their children. But, while we can see so plainly what ought to be done that is not done in this cause, it is by no means so easy to see how this Alliance can have it done. We are bound by declaration of principles, as well as by our love of country and fellow men, to aid, if we can, this important cause. How? We want more State aid. Let every member of the Alliance in North Carolina sign a petition to the next session of the Legislature to increase the school tax. If the Legislature is afraid and puts the responsibility on the counties, let every Alliance go to the county authorities and ask it. We want the parents aroused to a sense of duty, simple duty. Let every Sub-Alliance in the county form a partnership, or coalition, or alliance with the school committee of the district and those parents who are converted and at work, and go into the education business. Let them preach and practice education. Put all the children of Alliance parents in school anyway. Insist on the committees, working parents and the Alliance having a good eight or ten months school every year in every neighborhood. A very few years will bring nearly all the children in.

Your committee cannot see any other way at this time for the Alliance to aid in this cause. They suggest the propriety of this Alliance having a standing committee on this subject, and that it be recommended to every Sub-Alliance to have a like committee. These local committees might render good service in cooperation with the school committees, and acting as missionaries among those parents who are neither convicted or converted on the subject of education. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. That the members of the Farmers Alliance in Buncombe county pledge themselves to do all in their power, as individuals, to aid, encourage and further the cause of education in their respective neighborhoods.

2d. That this Alliance respectfully request the State Alliance to prepare a memorial, to be presented to the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina at its next session, praying that honorable body to levy more taxes for the purpose of public instruction in the pub-

lic schools of the State, and have such memorial printed and fully circulated among all the County and Sub-Alliances for obtaining signatures thereto.

3d. That a special committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing an industrial school in Buncombe county, with instructions to report at our next quarterly meeting.

4th. That the County Lecturer be requested to make the subject of education prominent in all his lectures.

C. B. WAY,
H. B. RAY,
W. P. CHEESEBOROUGH,
A. I. JUSTICE,
E. A. POE,
J. H. SLAGLE,
Committee.

A committee has also been appointed by the President of the Buncombe County Teachers Council to co-operate with this Alliance Committee on this great subject of education.

Our Streets.

A most important matter was considered by the city authorities at their meeting last Friday night. It was the question of street paving. Gen. P. M. B. Young, of Memphis, submitted a proposition for putting down a vitrified brick pavement. The matter was fully discussed, and the Aldermen finally decided to appoint a committee of two Aldermen and a citizen to visit several points where this brick pavement is in use, and others where block pavements are used, and investigate the subject thoroughly and report. The committee appointed consists of Aldermen Pulliam and Fitzpatrick, and Capt. T. W. Patton.

There is no disguising the matter, our principal streets must be paved with something substantial and that can be kept clean. The direct, dollar-and-cent interest of every citizen of Asheville, be he capitalist or laboring man, demands this. We believe that a mile or more of street can be thus paved out of the present tax levy. We shall await the report of the committee with interest. Asheville must be up and doing—must keep at it until our city is made as agreeable and comfortable as it is attractive in other respects. We have more to boast of, for our population and resources, than any other place in the Union; but we are lacking in some respects wherein other places get ahead of us. We must not stop until Asheville, in ALL respects, shall be made the most attractive and pleasant place to live in on the continent.

NEW YEAR CHANGES.

Business Establishments Getting Into New Quarters.

Mr. C. A. Raynor, for three years chief prescription clerk at Carmichael's pharmacy on South Main street, has purchased the entire stock of fine drugs, chemicals, toilet articles, paints, oils, etc., of Fred L. Jacobs, corner of North Main street and Patton avenue. In assuming control of so large a business Mr. Raynor is not without that experience or fine business qualifications that are necessary for the successful management of the same, and THE DEMOCRAT takes special pleasure in commending him to the citizens of Asheville and the public generally. He will occupy his present stand during the next three months, and will then remove to 31 Patton avenue, where he intends establishing one of the finest prescription stores in the city. His friends are invited to call and see him. He guarantees prices and quality of drugs and medicines.

The National Bank of Asheville will remove from its present quarters immediately upon the removal of Mr. Raynor to the Barnard building, occupying the same floor now used as a drug store. Handsome fixtures, of the latest style, fine fresco work, private offices, etc., will make the interior of the new bank one of the most magnificent in the city, in point of comfort, beauty and artistic skill and taste. President Waddell is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of so handsome and imposing a structure as the Barnard building for the permanent location of his most excellent bank.

Another change of base is that of C. D. Blanton & Co., the Patton avenue clothiers, who will occupy the building now tenanted by Hampton & Featherston, liquor dealers, at 9 West Court Square, as soon as the latter firm removes to its new place of business on North Main street. This removal will take place in about two months.

The Western Carolina Bank has already begun the work of remodeling the premises at 7 West Court Square, preparatory to its occupancy at an early day. A solid glass front, new office fixtures, etc., are among the improvements contemplated by President Maddux.

Subscribe for the ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT. Only \$1.50 per annum, in advance.

MORE RAILROADS.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Four Hundred Thousand Dollars for Two More Railroads to Pass Through Asheville.

The meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday was not only an interesting, at times exciting, one of itself, but of much importance to the people of Buncombe county. Proposals were submitted to the board asking the question of subscribing to certain railroads to be submitted to the voters of the county.

Col. Stobo Farrar, of Gaffney City, S. C., asked that a subscription of two hundred thousand dollars be made to the Atlantic, Asheville and Knoxville railroad. Col. F. urged this in a very forcible speech. The road is intended to connect Knoxville with Charleston, S. C., by way of Asheville, Hickory Nut Gap, Columbus, Polk county, Gaffney City and so on, making a direct air line between the two points. It would traverse the townships of Sandy Mush, Leicester, Asheville and Fairview, Buncombe county.

Capt. Atkinson asked a subscription of two hundred thousand dollars for the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore road. This line has been so often described in THE DEMOCRAT it is not necessary to do so here.

Capt. W. M. Cocke asked for a subscription of fifty thousand dollars for the French Broad Valley road, (to run from Asheville south through Henderson and Transylvania counties to the South Carolina line) and fifty thousand dollars for the Asheville and Bristol (Tenn.) road.

This proposition from Capt. Cocke elicited from Capt. Atkinson an excited address, in which he denounced the proposition as a trick to defeat his, Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore road; said that he had information to show that the parties backing Capt. Cocke's proposition had no financial or other standing in New York, and it was all a move on the part of the Richmond and Danville Company to defeat his efforts.

Capt. Cocke here retorted that Capt. A. was telling what was not the truth.

Capt. A. repeated the statement and said that he knew Capt. C. had nothing to build with nor did those he represented have any more.

Capt. Cocke replied that he was in the utmost good faith; that he represented gentlemen of known good character, and if Capt. A. had any information as to their want of standing why did he not give his sources of information "instead of buttonholing men on the streets and telling them so and so." "I will dare him," said Capt. Cocke, excitedly, "to read the letter I am informed he received concerning this matter from his cousin Swann, of New York City."

The letter was not read.

Messrs. Jos. S. Adams, Jason Ashworth and other gentlemen from Fairview, and Maj. T. C. Westall urged the question might be submitted. Capt. Atkinson had said that he would file a good bond to defray all the expenses of the election, and if this be so, the people should be given the opportunity to vote on the proposition; if the people did not want to give the money they could and would say so at the polls. Later a large number of business men of the city went before the board and asked that the people be given a chance to vote on it; the matter could only be decided by a vote, and that was all that was asked, if the proposition was defeated the county would be at no expense whatever for holding the election.

Commissioner Curtis said he was in an embarrassing position, the people of the section he lived in were almost unanimously opposed to the submission of the proposition, that every man he had met recently had said to him not to vote to submit the question.

Commissioner Plemmons said his township, Leicester, was opposed to voting the subscription by a large majority and he believed would so vote.

Commissioner Reagan said his end of the county, the three townships of Reems Creek, Flat Creek and Ivy favored having the matter submitted.

Commissioner Reagan then made the following motion:

That an election be held on Tuesday, 8th day of April, 1890, submitting a proposition to the voters of Buncombe county to subscribe to the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore road \$200,000; to the Atlantic, Asheville and Knoxville road \$200,000, upon condition that a bond with good security be filed for the payment of all costs incident to said election.

Before the vote was taken Capt. Cocke said: "Gentlemen, if you will subscribe \$100,000 to the two roads I represent I will enter into good bond to

have a road running from the Tennessee State line to South Carolina within fifteen months."

The vote being taken Commissioner Reagan's motion was adopted.

The board also heard the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the board to suggest plans for indigent children. It was approved, and the following committee was appointed to take charge of the matter in connection with the chairman of the Board of Commissioners, viz: Mrs. W. C. Carmichael, Mrs. C. E. Graham, Mrs. M. E. Child, Mr. J. P. Sawyer, Mr. Geo. F. Scott and Dr. D. T. Millard.

Locating Geronimo.

Gen. Geo. Crook, of the United States Army, the veteran Indian fighter and frontiersman, with his aid, Lt. Kennan, accompanied, at the request of Secretary of War Proctor, by Senator Z. B. Vance, visited Bryson City, Swain county, the early part of last week to look into the feasibility of purchasing lands in that county for the Apaches of Geronimo's band, recently removed from New Mexico and settled temporarily in Florida and Alabama.

It was found that Geronimo's settlement there has been opposed by the majority of the people, though not by all. This opposition arises, in great measure, from the reports of Geronimo's fierce character. Gen. Crook says that however fierce he may have been among his own people on the plains of the West, that that spirit has completely died out both in himself and his band since they have been introduced into the civilization of the East. They show not only not the slightest disposition to warfare, but all anxiety to work, and some of them make excellent farmers, as they were in their own country. Gen. Crook expressed himself as delighted with the lands offered for sale in Swain county and pronounces them much finer than other lands offered in North Georgia for the same purpose, but which will probably be accepted, in view of the opposition existing in Swain.

It was also learned that there was not such opposition in the county of Jackson, though the desired lands there were not available.

Wherever the Indians are to be located they are to be accompanied by a strong guard of the United States Army, ensuring the advantages of a permanent barracks for that community. It would be a good idea if the lands were available in the neighborhood of Asheville to locate them here.

What Gen. Crook's official report will be could not be ascertained.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Education for Young Men—Work for Boys.

The Young Men's Christian Association has undertaken a very important work in planning evening educational classes for young men, by which they may improve themselves in the branches which they need directly in their business life. If at least ten men make application in each class, evening classes will commence Monday, January 13, in the following studies:

Commercial Arithmetic, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Chas. A. Webb, teacher.

Penmanship, at 8:30 o'clock, Mr. J. L. Rich, teacher.

German, 8:30 o'clock, Prof. P. P. Claxton, teacher.

The classes will be held one hour each Monday and Friday night. Any limited or full member of the Association may join these classes by paying 50 cents each per month in advance. Any young man of moral character may become a limited member for one year for \$2, or a full member for \$7 per year.

The work for boys will commence on Monday, Jan. 13. The boys reading room will be open each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 3:30 to 6:30 p. m. The gymnasium will be open the same days for the use of the boys from 4 to 5 p. m., and will be in charge of Mr. E. B. Lewis, who will lead the gymnasium class. The boys may use the bath rooms during this hour. Any boy between 10 and 16 years of age may become a member. Terms—For boy's reading room, gymnasium and baths, \$2 per year.

The Thursday night prayer meeting for young men will be omitted this week on account of the week of prayer in the churches.

Leaf by leaf the roses fall,
Drop by drop the brooks run dry.

Our esteemed friend S. L. Rogers, Esq., the popular clerk of the court of Macon county, was married in Franklin, N. C., on Wednesday, 1st inst., to Miss Mamie Addington, of that town. Both are largely connected in this and Macon counties, and have the warm wishes of many friends for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

SENATOR VANCE.

What He Thinks Congress May Do With Certain Measures.

Senator Vance while here last week said to a DEMOCRAT representative that he thought the Blair bill would meet with more opposition this year in both Houses of Congress than it had heretofore, and this notwithstanding the fact that it has been materially modified to meet the objections which have been urged against it. The present bill, for instance, does not require the State to make a report to the Secretary of the Interior; the old bill provided that money refused by a State should go to swell the aggregate appropriation under the bill and be distributed pro rata among the other States. The present bill provides that such sum shall revert to the Treasury.

The Senator said he knew positively of two Southern Senators who had voted for it before who would not do so again, and a third, he thought, would take the same position. There was also more opposition to the bill in the North in both Houses. He himself had voted for the bill twice under instructions of the Legislature, but the resolution of the last Legislature on the subject had been much modified in the stringency of the instruction.

There are 17 contested cases in the House of Representatives. In every case the contestee is a Democrat. A large majority of the cases are from the South. Senator Vance thinks the Republican majority will push these cases through, if possible, before the new rules are adopted.

Of the John Sherman election supervision bill the Senator said he felt not the slightest apprehension that it would be passed. It proposes to take the election of Congressmen entirely out of the hands of the State and place it in the hands of a Federal Returning Board holding for a long series of years. There is a great deal of opposition to it in the North and there is little fear that the Republican party can force its majority by caucus action into supporting it.

Of the tariff, Senator Vance said the Republican party, whatever their pretenses as to reform, were pledged to the manufacturers to maintain the present protective establishment. The manufacturers had bought this assurance and paid for it in the last campaign.

The Board of Trade.

THE DEMOCRAT cannot say too much for the usefulness of this institution to Asheville. The annual meeting, at which an election of officers will take place, is required under the constitution to be held the second Monday in January, and we presume the meeting for this purpose will be held next Monday night. Every business man in Asheville, interested in the business welfare of the city, is eligible to membership, and THE DEMOCRAT sincerely trusts that the next meeting will be a very full one. It has been an agency for vast good to Asheville, and, as important questions are pressing it is hoped the business community will maintain its organization in full force, and with full energy and vitality. President Powell will doubtless announce later the time and place for the annual meeting.

Asheville Male Academy.

For twelve years past this well-known institution of learning, presided over by our able and scholarly friend Capt. S. F. Venable, has been regarded as the leading school for the education of boys and young men in this city and section. This success has been marked, and the number of young men now filling important positions in business life, and those are reaping honors at other institutions, bear ample testimony to the thoroughness and high standard of training received at Capt. Venable's academy. The prospects for the successful continuance of the Asheville Male Academy are of the brightest character we are glad to note, and we recommend it heartily to parents having boys whom they desire to fit for the active business of life in all professions.

S. R. Chedester & Son.

One of the most astonishing successes made by any firm engaged in business in this city, has been attained in the past few years by our friend S. R. Chedester & Son, proprietors of the famous Grand Central Hotel on Patton avenue, also very extensive dealer in general merchandise. Their business has absolutely been worked up from nothing, but today the firm of Chedester & Son stands among the most prominent business combinations in Western North Carolina. They have deserved the success they have attained, and THE DEMOCRAT wishes for them continued prosperity. Call in and see our old friend Chedester when in want of anything in his line, and give his hotel a trial when you come to the city.