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Looking Backward

Over the past eight years of our successful business life in Asheville has demonstrated to us the fact that our determination to sell only pure goods, guaranteeing weights and quality, and asking a small profit on everything sold, commends itself to the good sense of purchasers.

Second, That desirable customers cannot be gained by the oft-tried practice of some dealers in cutting prices on a few leading articles, hoping to make it up on something else.

That hard work and close application to business is the price of success.

That our business for 1889 shows an increase over the previous year of 20 per cent., which is very gratifying, and for which we wish to thank our many friends in Asheville and Western North Carolina.

Looking Forward

We are encouraged to enter upon the year before us with renewed energy and a determination to give our customers the benefit of our increased facilities for buying and selling the very finest goods to be had, at small profits.

Our stock is now the largest ever offered in this market and embraces everything in the line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Table Delicacies, Fruits, Grain, Flour, etc. Respectfully,

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LIPINSKY & ELLICK.

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 agricultural, 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.

Dr. P. C. Gaston and Clerk S. L. Rogers and bride, of Franklin, were in the city Tuesday.

Miss Bertie Patton, of this city, was on a visit to Mrs. R. B. Alexander, of Charlotte last week.

Dr. E. M. Scruggs, of Swain, Mr. J. H. Thomas, of Jackson and Dr. H. N. Wells, of Haywood, were in the city Tuesday.

Business is looking up in our city. The people of Western Carolina are, generally, in a better condition than are those of most sections.

Uncle Pleas Israel sold some good tobacco Tuesday at the Farmers' warehouse, for which he obtained good prices. Uncle Pleas deserves to have only the good things of this life.

Messrs. Ray, of the Alliance warehouse, informs us that Tuesday's sales at their warehouse were the heaviest of the season, the entire sales of the day averaging more than \$20.00 per hundred.

Gov. Fowle has appointed Mr. Jas. P. Sawyer of this city a director of the W. N. C. Insane Asylum, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. C. Harper. No better selection could have been made.

We are indebted to our countyman, Dr. J. W. Vandiver, Weaverville, N. C., for a catalogue of Garden and Farm Seeds for 1890. Dr. V.'s seeds have won an established reputation throughout the country, and we advise all to send to him for a catalogue.

Some very important real estate transfers, in and around Asheville, are more than probable in the early future. Western Carolina is attracting the far-seeing capitalists of the country. The developments in the next five years, bid fair to far outstrip those of the past ten.

The stockholders of the National Bank of Asheville, and The First National Bank of Asheville, held annual meetings at their respective banks on Tuesday, and elected directors. The directors subsequently met and re-elected the old officers. Both banks show very excellent and faithful management.

The winter in Asheville has been superb—bright, genial, sunny days, with enough frost to give the air a most delightful effect. Our visitors are increasing daily now, and all who are here are enjoying themselves. Asheville sustains its reputation as the finest climate on the continent, the year round.

Miss Flora Whitlock, daughter of our townsman Mr. A. Whitlock, returned home Tuesday from a most pleasant visit to relatives and friends in Richmond. She was the recipient of marked attention from those who could, and do, appreciate charming manners and high musical attainments. She is welcomed back by a host of friends.

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NORTHERNERS IN THE SOUTH.

Ex-Postmaster Gordon of New Castle, Pa., Talks About Asheville and its Winter Population.

From the New Castle Pa., News, January 3. The following interesting letter was received yesterday by a business man of this city, from Ex-Postmaster Gordon, who, with his family, is spending the winter at Asheville, North Carolina.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 31st, 1889.

Some days before I left home you requested me to write you a line from this point, which I promised you I would do. I have been rather slow about writing, but it is better late than never. We reached this place two weeks ago last Saturday after spending a very pleasant week in Washington, D. C. The week we were in Washington the weather was most delightful, which gave us a fine opportunity to see the sights. As to Asheville it is the county seat of Buncombe county, and a beautiful little city of about 10,000 inhabitants situated high up in the pine covered mountains, at the confluence of the Swannanoa and French Broad rivers. Previous to 1880, Asheville was a small town of 2,500 people, and known only as a summer resort for a few wealthy Southerners, many of whom had built summer residence here. Little attention was given to Asheville throughout the North until Col. Frank Cox built Battery Park Hotel on a hill 300 feet high almost in the center of the town. This hotel accommodates 400 people; rates, \$5 per day. Since then Asheville has been a greater winter resort for Northerners than it ever was a summer resort for the Southerners. Now the advantage of the climate has become so well known that the town is crowded with visitors the year round. Asheville is not only a beautiful place but a live town. Some very wealthy men have turned their attention to Asheville, and are buying property here. Mr. George Vanderbilt, of New York city, has purchased some 5,000 acres within two miles of this city, and is having it improved and laid out preparatory to building his fine residence. They have sixteen churches here, representing almost every denomination. Business houses all closed on Sunday and the morals of the place excellent. They have good public schools, a large female college and several private schools. Asheville has four banks, three large hotels and any amount of smaller ones. Its industries comprise an ice factory, cigar factory, three planing mills, two shoe factories, a carriage factory, machine shop and foundry, a first-class flouring mill, a furniture factory, a large cotton factory (which employs 300 hands), three large tobacco warehouses. It has a city water works and is lighted by electric lights, and has one of the most complete systems of electric street railway to be found anywhere. They have artificial gas also. There are now four railroads running into the city. The residences are the finest I ever saw in a town of this size. The Government has appropriated \$100,000 to build a court house and postoffice at this place, which will soon be built. Two daily and several weekly papers are published here. The drives around Asheville are beautiful, and from the amount of driving people do here, I suppose they are appreciated. A good two-horse carriage with a driver in full livery can be had for \$2.50 from 1 o'clock p. m. to 8 p. m. Boarding ranges in price from \$20 per month and upwards. Good board in a private family costs from \$30 to \$40 per month. Almost every other house is a boarding house. As a resort for lung troubles its reputation is well known, and I think the warm climate and pure air must be very beneficial to anyone not enjoying good health. The weather has been delightful ever since I came here—Christmas 72° in the shade, but this is unusual here. I am feeling some better than when I left home.

I will close by making a suggestion and that is when you feel that your brain is becoming exhausted from excessive work in "budding" and "bearing" real estate in New Castle, pack up your carpet sack for Asheville, N. C. Remember me to my friend Hiram. Tell him to keep political matters in good shape until I return. Your friend,

WM. GORDON.

Late News Notes.

Mr. S. B. Boyd, a prominent citizen of Knoxville, died suddenly in that city on the 9th.

Eleven people killed and over fifty wounded by the storm at Clinton, Ky., Sunday night.

Jack Ramey, an outlaw of Scott county, Va., was killed last week by a detective, while resisting arrest.

Hon. C. S. Brice was elected to the U. S. Senate by the democrats of Ohio to succeed Hon. H. B. Payne.

Very heavy floods prevailed throughout large sections of Indiana last week, doing very serious damage to crops and other property.

One case of yellow fever reported at Key West, Fla., last week. The city was promptly quarantined by the State Board of Health.

Congressman Ewart has introduced a bill to exempt from the operations of the civil service law the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war.

The severe blizzard of Sunday extended from the lakes to the gulf. The thermometer dropped below the freezing point in Louisiana and Texas.

Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Rochester, Oswego, Utica, and many other localities suffered seriously from the great storm Sunday night.

Work on the Knoxville and North-eastern Railroad, to run from Knoxville through Jefferson, Sevier and Cocke counties towards Bristol has been begun.

The faculty of the Tennessee Medical College, Knoxville, were arrested last week for "body snatching." The corpse of a young man, but recently buried, was found in the dissecting room of the college.

In Pennsylvania flowers are in blossom, while the Delaware peach trees are in full bloom, ready to be killed by the first breath of winter. Truly this is a great country.

A Presbyterian church in Brooklyn was blown down Thursday night last, and the walls falling upon an adjoining tenement house, crushed it, killing several and wounding several others fatally.

A very severe blizzard prevailed throughout Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska Sunday; four feet of snow in Omaha; severe wind and rain in Memphis; terrific and fatal cyclone visits St. Louis and Kentucky.

The Northern Central grain elevator No. 3, Baltimore, was consumed by fire, with 750,000 bushels corn, Sunday night. The British steamship Sacrobosco, anchored near by, was also consumed. Loss several hundred thousand dollars, covered by insurance.

Secretary Proctor has sent a communication to Congress in reference to the disposition of Geronimo's band. He recommends the adoption of one of two propositions. 1st, that lands be purchased in North Carolina and they be located thereon, or 2nd, that they be located near Ft. Sill, Indian Territory, till arrangements with the Comanche and Apache Indians in Indian Territory can be made for the final location of the band on the reservation of those Indians.

In the Massachusetts supreme court recently, in the case of Asahel Quimby versus The Boston and Maine Railroad, in which plaintiff obtained a verdict of \$6,000 in the superior court, the supreme court has sustained the exceptions of defendant. Quimby was riding on a pass when the accident occurred, and one of the conditions of the pass was that the holder released the company from liability in case of accident. The court says: "We are of the opinion that where one accepts as a gratuity a free pass upon a railroad train upon the agreement that he will assume all risk of accident which may happen to him, no rule of public policy requires us to declare such contract invalid and without binding force." This is the first decision from the supreme court where a railroad is not held responsible.

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Proposed Railroad Schemes.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in the proposed railroad schemes met in this city on Monday. Messrs. M. E. Carter, J. M. Gudger and J. S. Adams were requested to draw up the order of election. Gentlemen from Fair View, Aversy Creek, Leicester and some other townships said with proper safeguards their respective communities would sustain the proposition. Some of them requested, however, that a condition be incorporated in the order of election which we fear will not be legal; that is if the amount voted to a certain railroad shall not be used within a reasonable time in the construction of the railroad that the amount so designated be applied to the construction of a tram-road, or improving the county highway through their township or townships. Able lawyers hold that this will not be legal, that moneys must be voted for a specific single purpose, and cannot be diverted to other purposes. The order should also provide that the county shall have the right to redeem or retire any or all of these bonds after five years from date of issue, and, in the face of the fact that good municipal securities, North and South, bearing only from two and a half to four per cent interest sell readily for more than par, it does occur to us that bonds regularly issued by the county of Buncombe should not bear more interest than four per cent. On the four hundred thousand dollars, the amount proposed to be issued, a four per cent bond would save to the county eight thousand dollars per annum, which the county may as well save. We suggest these two matters to the county authorities and the able lawyers who are charged with preparing the order of election.

Getting Ready for Work.

Our countyman J. P. Gaston, Esq., has just returned from a visit to Florida. Mr. G. is associated with Mr. E. G. Carrier in the ownership of that splendid property just west of the French Broad river and known as West Asheville. They own a large tract of beautiful land, which is being sub-divided into elegant resident properties, with wide and well-graded streets, parks, etc. They are building a fine, substantial iron bridge across the French Broad, to connect this city with their new town. This bridge will have a good trackway for vehicles, and a trackway for an electric railway to run from the city to the famous White Sulphur Springs hotel, which latter is to be much enlarged and occupied by Dr. Karl von Ruck as a sanitarium. The roadway from the bridge to the hotel will be well paved, and when completed, will afford one of the most attractive drives in this whole section. The bridge will be completed by spring, when the other improvements, street and others, will be rapidly pushed. Mr. Carrier is still in Florida, but will return soon to push work. The company, regularly incorporated by the laws of the State as the West Asheville Improvement Company, have recently added several valuable tracts of land to their already splendid domain, paying cash therefor. In a short while we expect to see West Asheville one of the most attractive and delightful places in Western Carolina. So mote it be.

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