

# THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT.

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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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To obtain desirable goods below their value, during the few days remaining of our  
**SACRIFICE SALE!**  
H. Redwood & Co.,  
CLOTHING, DRY GOODS, HATS, SHOES, FANCY GOODS, CARPETS, ETC.  
7 and 9 Patton Avenue.

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Calls particular attention to the splendid stock of Ladies' and Children's wraps, Ladies' and Children's Underwear; real good and real cheap. Infants long Cloaks and Caps. Art embroidery materials and wools of every description a specialty. P. D., R. & G. Thompson's Glove Fitting and Warner's Corsets. Ladies can find articles here not found in any other establishment in the city. A call solicited by

LIPINSKY & ELLICK.

### Local Briefs

Dr. Agnew, of Philadelphia, is wintering at the Swannanoa.

Hon. and Mrs. H. A. Gudger have returned from a visit to Raleigh.

Mr. McGinty reached the city in full force Monday, "dressed in his best Sunday clothes."

Gen. James Grant, a North Carolinian, but for years a prominent citizen of Iowa, is in the city.

Read the advertisements in THE DEMOCRAT. They represent good, reliable houses and business men.

THE DEMOCRAT gives more attention to industrial and material development than any paper in the State.

Mr. C. H. Maddox and family, of California, are spending the winter in Asheville. They are more than charmed with our city, section and climate.

Col. McElroy returned Monday from Burnsville, where he had been to attend an important reference case. Capt. J. M. Gudger accompanied him.

Our hotels and boarding houses are rapidly filling up for the remainder of the winter and early spring, large numbers engaging rooms until April and May.

President Powell, of the Asheville Board of Trade, is arranging a report on the increase of Asheville's business, in all branches, during the past ten years. It will be a valuable paper.

Messrs. Fitch and Sanders will begin the erection at once of large wood-working and machine shops on South Side avenue. These are excellent mechanics and will do a large business in our rapidly growing city.

The committee appointed by the city authorities to visit certain cities and inspect various pavement systems, left last Thursday. They will visit Chattanooga, Birmingham, Cincinnati, Washington and Greensboro before returning.

Mrs. Shackelford, widow of the late George Shackelford, died at her residence, at Best Station, on Sunday. She was a sister of our townsman, J. M. Alexander, Esq. The remains were interred at Newton Academy cemetery.

Dr. Chas. F. Campbell and wife of Cooperstown, New York, are stopping with Dr. R. H. Reeves, on Spruce street. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell will visit Hot Springs, Bryson City and other points in Western North Carolina before their return home.

We have never known such a winter for out-door work as we have experienced so far. Our contractors have had specially good luck and are greatly pleased thereat. Our mechanics have had all the work they could do, and the spring promises much more.

Our countryman Hillery Plemmons, Esq., killed two hogs a few days ago which weighed 410 and 340 pounds respectively. He does not depend on the Northwest for his bacon this year. THE DEMOCRAT wishes it could say the same for every farmer in the State.

Messrs. J. P. O'Conner, Archibald McDonnell, large railroad contractors of Michigan; Capt. W. G. Corpening, one of the most successful contractors in the South, were in the city Tuesday to bid on the work of constructing the French Broad Valley Road. This looks like business.

Capt. Atkinson went to Brevard Monday to attend a meeting of the Commissioners of Transylvania county, called to consider the question of submitting the matter of subscribing to the Atlanta-Asheville and Baltimore road. After full discussion, the Commissioners determined to postpone action until the first Monday in February.

Mr. Jno. A. Dowe, late of Yonkers, N. Y., has rented a house on Bailey street, and will make his home in Asheville, having found the climate highly beneficial to his much enfeebled health. Mr. Dowe was for 22 years the financial manager of Smith & Sons' carpet factory of Yonkers, an establishment which employs 4,500 hands.

Mr. James R. Justice, formerly a newspaper man, now one of the progressive young merchants of Waynesville, was married on the 7th inst., to Miss Nora Norwood, the ceremony taking place at Johnson City, Tenn. Mr. Justice has many friends in Asheville who wish him and his long life and happiness.

Mr. Asa Loomis, known so favorably as the Chief Clerk at Battery Park Hotel, this city, for the past several years, informs the Knoxville Journal that the new hotel at Middleborough, the new town near Cumberland Gap, Ky., of which he will be manager, will be opened about February 1st. Mr. Loomis' many friends here and elsewhere will wish him great success.

### ABOUT TOBACCO.

#### Sales of the Present Season and the Outlook Ahead.

The sales of tobacco on the Asheville market during the present season have been nearly one and a half million pounds greater than for any season yet known to the trade. At the Farmers', Banner and Alliance warehouses breaks have been unusually heavy since Christmas and in no instance, at either of these places, have the planters failed to receive the very highest market prices for all grades offered. Fine cutters and wrappers have been conspicuous by reason of the very superior quality as well as the immense quantity placed upon the floors. Lugs, smokers and leaf, in all grades, are much above the average this season, and sellers have had no reason to complain on account of realizations. On the other hand they have great reason to feel proud of the stand Asheville is taking in the tobacco world—both as to facilities offered for handling the "weed" and the uniform high prices always obtained upon her warehouse floors. Asheville is destined to be the Danville of North Carolina, and it only remains for the planters to hasten its full development as the leading tobacco market of the Old North State by a united purpose to stand by its warehouses and warehousesmen.

Over five millions of pounds of tobacco will be sold on the Asheville market this season, and prominent dealers are enthusiastic in their belief that the crop next year will exceed seven millions of pounds, provided frost or other disasters do not overtake the plants before they are matured and gotten ready for market. The outlook is very bright and warehousemen are in high glee over the prospects ahead.

Hon. Kope Elias passed through Asheville Monday, en route to Raleigh on important professional business.

We regret to learn from our neighbor The Baptist, that our friend Mills Shook, Esq., of Clyde, Haywood county, has been stricken with paralysis, losing the use of one side. Mr. Shook is a good citizen, and we trust may soon recover.

Yesterday, at New Orleans, Mr. W. W. Gordon, a prominent young gentleman of Huntsville, Ala., was married to Miss Susie Richardson, the millionaire heiress of the South. Miss Richardson's father is a native of this State, and has relatives in this city.

Mr. W. T. Clinton has been put in charge of the Buncombe county poor house. This is a most excellent selection, and we are sure Mr. C. will so manage it, that while doing full justice to those unfortunates committed to his care, will look well after the interest of the tax-payers of the county.

Alfred McElrath and Charlie Rickett, two colored youths employed at Battery Park, got into a quarrel Tuesday evening, which resulted in a fight, when McElrath stabbed Rickett just above the heart, death ensuing in a few minutes. McElrath escaped. Coroner Hilliard held an inquest yesterday, and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

Mr. C. G. Dyott, of New York, President of the French Broad Valley Railroad, has been in this city and section several days of this week, and is not only pleased with this city and section, but declares the purpose of his company to begin work soon and push it rapidly. The lines proposed to be built will certainly be of very great advantage to our city and section. Let them all come.

Messrs. Jenks & Jenks, the enterprising real estate and insurance agents, located at 30 Patton avenue, have made arrangements with Pierre de P. Ricketts, and John N. Banks, Metallurgists, Chemists and Mining Engineers, of New York, to sample, assay and report upon all mineral products submitted by them. Messrs. Jenks will forward all samples left at their office. Look out for their announcement next week.

#### Our Section and Hotels.

The Boston Home Journal, a leading New England society journal, thus alludes to our section and hotels: "The hotels at Asheville and Hot Springs, N. C., are among the finest in the land. They contain all the requisites for the comfort and luxury of guests, and are located in a section of our country which for pleasure and health-giving qualities cannot be excelled. The water is pure and abundant. Springs bubble from every mountain side and clear crystal streams run musically through every valley. The pure air, water and climate hold out a hopeful helpfulness to invalids from every land. This locality can be reached in 32 hours from Boston by the Piedmont Air Line. Excursion tickets can be had at 228 Washington street."

### Death of Mrs. W. W. Jones.

The sympathies of the entire community are enlisted for Mr. W. W. Jones from the bereavement which he and his children suffered in the death on Sunday last of his wife. She was a lady of the most amiable character and during her residence in Asheville made many friends. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Chas. E. Johnston, of Raleigh, a leading physician of the State. The remains of Mrs. Jones were taken to Raleigh for interment.

The Raleigh News-Observer of Tuesday morning says: "Mrs. Jones remains were brought here on the noon train yesterday, and were at once conveyed to Christ Church, where the funeral services were held, Rev. Dr. Marshall and Rev. Benet Smedes officiating. The following were the pall bearers: Hon. A. S. Merrimon, S. F. Mordecai, A. Syme, Wm. Boylan, S. A. Ashe, C. M. Busbee, Dr. F. J. Haywood, T. N. Richardson, P. Cowper, John Devereux. The hymns Rock of Ages and Nearer My God to Thee were impressively sung. The remains were interred in Oakwood cemetery."

#### A Triumph in Music.

Miss Flora Whitlock, the accomplished daughter of our townsman, A. Whitlock, Esq., whose return from a pleasant visit to Richmond we announced last week, was the subject of distinguished consideration in the best musical circles of that city. She graduated with high honors at a noted music school in that city a few years ago, and soon thereafter rendered one of Mendelssohn's most difficult pieces at the Mozart musicale with such admirable skill as to make her a musical pet of that city and its music loving citizens ever since. Several times since she has appeared at the Mozart, winning new laurels with each appearance. During her recent visit she performed on several occasions at the Mozart and at social gatherings, and the press of that city was lavish in its compliments. Asheville is proud of her fair young musician.

#### For the People.

At a period when corporations and combinations of capital are arrayed against the people it is gratifying to reflect that popular rights are not left without determined and able champions. The Baltimore Sun has always been peculiarly the people's paper, but during the last few years it has become more than ever entitled to be regarded as their special friend. It was one of the very first, if not absolutely the first, to see the dangers to popular rights and interests from trusts and monopolies, and to raise its voice in warning against them. It has thrown great light on these subjects by the series of articles which it has published from time to time, and it is still keeping up the fight with undiminished vigor.

#### An Offense Between Them.

The Statesville Landmark alludes to rumor as prevailing in that section to the effect that a coldness has recently grown up between the Iron Duke Dr. Mott and his proxy collector Mr. Eaves, the same to which THE DEMOCRAT painfully alluded some time back. We can see the respective friends of the two statesmen walking the streets of Statesville with tears of anxiety coursing down their cheeks, in apprehension of the misfortune to follow this "coldness." We presume that they were somewhat relieved by a telegram in the same Landmark stating that Collector Eaves would doubtless "pull through." When he does, peace and sunshine will reign again at headquarters.

#### We Had Slipped Back.

Col. Tom Long tells us a good one on one of his Swannanoa neighbors. Some days ago while the weather was so warm and balmy, several neighbors were sitting together discussing the extraordinary weather, when one, very seriously, ventured to explain it by saying that the earth had so moved in its course as to place Western Carolina in the latitude formerly occupied by Augusta, Ga. Early in the morning, a few days thereafter, while the ground was covered with a white frost, Col. Long met his neighbor, and, pointing to the frost, enquired, "Do you think we are in the neighborhood of Augusta now?" "No," replied his friend, "I believe we have slipped back."

#### Swain County.

In the write-up of the above county in the last issue of THE DEMOCRAT it was stated that Swain was formed before the war. This is erroneous. It was formed by act of Legislature of 1868, Col. Bryson, then a member for Jackson, introduced the bill and secured its passage; and Dr. Levi Love, then Senator for the Jackson district, had the county seat named Charleston, after his little son Charles. The county was taken from Jackson and Macon counties.

### COMING TO NORTH CAROLINA.

#### A Million Dollar Purchase of Eastern Timber Lands.

The Philadelphia Record informs us that Mr. John W. Branning, formerly of Camden, N. J., President of the Branning Manufacturing Co., has purchased from James A. Church, of New York, 125,000,000 feet of pine timber in Bertie county, N. C. Included in the sale is the Cashie and Roanoke Railroad, extending from Austin to Lewistown, a distance of thirty-three miles, a steam tug, barges and rafting gear. The consideration was \$1,850,000. The timber is all standing and covers 50,000 acres.

In connection with this purchase the Branning Manufacturing Company has sold to the Chicago Lumber Company 60,000,000 feet of manufactured timber, to be delivered in three years, and in addition has leased to the Chicago company a large planing mill, at Edenton, Chowan county, N. C., the consideration being \$1,000,000.

By this purchase from Mr. Church the Branning Manufacturing Company now owns altogether 250,000,000 feet of timber, 75,000,000 feet being located in Washington county, 25,000,000 feet in Beaufort county and 25,000,000 feet in Pitt county, on the Roanoke River, North Carolina. The Branning Company's saw mills at Edenton are manufacturing 100,000 feet of timber per day.

#### Timber Culture at Asheville, N. C.

Mr. George Vanderbilt is reported to have a thousand acres of his land at Asheville, N. C., planted in coniferous trees, mostly white pines, three hundred acres of which, at the rate of twelve hundred trees to the acre, are to be done in two years. This is the most extensive attempt at timber culture that has been undertaken in the South, and it must ultimately result in great good in many ways. It will draw attention to timber culture and to the more careful preservation of forests, and at the same time add to the beauty of the scenery and the health-giving qualities of the atmosphere at Asheville. By systematically laying out a forest in this manner, Mr. Vanderbilt will ultimately possess one of the most charming, healthful and famous resorts of the continent. So far, every important step that he has taken has benefited not only his own immediate purchase, but the town of Asheville, the State of North Carolina and the entire South.—Baltimore Manufacturers' Record.

#### Sugar on Pine Leaves.

Our countryman M. F. Stevens, Esq., brought to our office last week several pine limbs and called our attention to the honey-dew upon them. Each leaf was loaded with the dew, and it looked, when held up to the light, as if it had been dipped in thick syrup. The dew also tasted very sweet. Mr. Stevens said he had seen the honey dew in the fall, but never before at this season, and never on pine leaves before.

Since writing the above a similar report was made to the Raleigh News-Observer by Mr. T. A. Ratliff, of Wentworth, Rockingham county. Can any one explain this?

#### An Election.

An election on the question of subscribing \$100,000 to the French Broad Valley Railroad was held in Henderson county on Tuesday, and Vice President Cooke informed us yesterday that he heard Hendersonville had given 430 votes for the proposition. At the hour of going to press we could not hear from the county. It is believed, however, that the proposition carried.

#### Coming Back to His Old Beat.

Mr. A. S. Sayre, of Montgomery, Ala., is in the city, and wishes to buy a farm near Asheville. He attended school in Asheville 28 years ago, under Col. Steven Lee, the able and learned instructor here for years. Mr. S. has never forgotten this country, and now wishes to reside here the remainder of his days. His friends of former years welcome him back.

#### Almost a Fire.

At 5 a. m. yesterday morning the fire alarm sounded, and the department proceeded at once to Demens wood-working factory, near the depot. Some shavings in one of the rooms became ignited, and, for a few minutes, looked very threatening. Good work soon put out the fire. But little damage was sustained.

#### Board of Trade Meeting.

President Powell has called a meeting of the Board of Trade, to be held in the Court House, on Monday, Jan. 30th, at 7.30 p. m. Let every member and every business man of the city be present. It is an important meeting.

Judge Womack was sworn in Saturday, and is holding Northampton court this week.



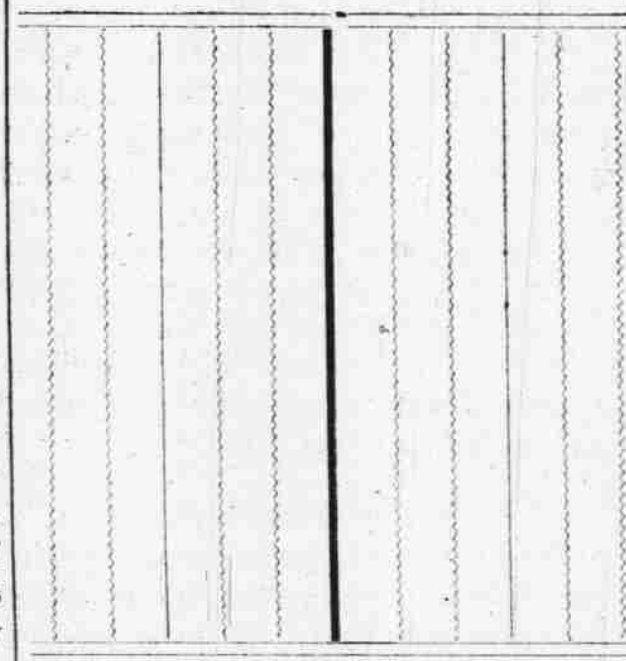
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(Of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.)

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### PRESCRIPTIONS

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