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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,

Powell & Snider.

ASHEVILLE

HARDWARE CO.

Has bought out the

STOVE AND CROCKERY STOCK

Formerly owned by J. R. Hill, and are selling the goods at

LOW FIGURES

To change the stock into Hardware. Do not forget the store,

NO. 12 PATTON AVENUE.

Second door from Powell & Snider's.

T. I. VanGILDER, Manager.

BON MARCHE

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.

To Our Readers.

Since the first issue of THE DEMOCRAT over five months ago it has been sent regularly to upward of 1500 persons. A fair proportion of these have either paid their subscriptions or given their personal assurance that they desired the paper and would pay for it at an early day. Others who did not wish the paper have very properly returned it to the postmaster whose duty it is to inform the proprietors of its refusal. Of those who continue to receive the paper and have not paid or personally intimated to us their intention to pay, we would respectfully ask that they either discontinue the paper by returning it to the postmaster; intimate to us their desire for its continuance by remittance of the whole or part of their subscription; or if not prepared to pay immediately, let us know if they desire it continued till they are able to pay. The law and the custom is that those who regularly receive a paper at the postoffice become liable as subscribers, but we are not disposed to insist upon this against any of those who have so received our paper up to this time and who were not thoroughly aware of this custom and acquiescing therein while they so received it. As it is impossible for us to see all our readers personally we ask that they will promptly respond to this appeal in one of the ways indicated.

Remittance may be made by registered letter, postal order, postal note or stamps.

The Asheville Female College Leased for Ten Years.

We are gratified to learn that Prof. Ben. E. Atkins has leased the Asheville Female College for a term of ten years, and will assume full control at the expiration of the present session. Prof. A. has been connected with the College for eleven years, and is recognized as one of the strongest influences which has given the College its high reputation. As an earnest, conscientious, painstaking instructor he has no superior. Under his administration we are very confident of the success of the institution, and we congratulate our citizens and the patrons of the school on this arrangement.

Y. M. C. A.

The State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, in session last week at Goldsboro, was a most interesting one. There were 250 delegates in attendance. Three thousand and seventy-seven dollars were raised for State work. Rev. W. J. Erdman, of Asheville, gave daily readings, which proved one of the most interesting features of the occasion. The reports show the most gratifying progress of the Association in the State. Mr. L. A. Coulter, who for some time has been employed as Secretary for North and South Carolina, was made State Secretary, and will devote his whole time to North Carolina. His headquarters will be at Charlotte. The State Committee is as follows: Chairman: Geo. C. Worth, Chapel Hill; Secretary: E. L. Harris, Winston; Treasurer: Committeemen—A. G. Brenizer, Charlotte; W. A. Blair, Winston; J. Y. Joyner, Goldsboro; G. T. Adams, New Bern; Mr. Andrews, Charlotte.

LAST NOTICE.

Large Stock of Clothing

AT COST.

We give our friends and customers notice that we are now closing out our entire stock, consisting of a very large stock of Clothing, Hats, Gents' Furnishings and valises at cost. We are anxious to close out the entire stock by the first of May. Hereafter we shall confine ourselves strictly to wholesale business. All Alliance Clubs in Western North Carolina will save money by calling on us as we will sell them goods AT COST.

S. BRAFMAN,

No. 10 Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.

Local Briefs

Dr. Wells, of Clyde, Haywood county, was in the city this week.

Twenty-five thousand dollars' worth of Asheville real estate changed hands Saturday.

The guests at Battery Park now represent over four hundred millions of wealth.

Our merchants are receiving their stocks of Spring goods, and beautiful stocks they are.

Mr. J. I. McRee, traveling correspondent of the Raleigh News-Observer, paid us a visit last week.

The past few days of cold weather have had a very moving effect on the clothing and shoe trade.

Our people are getting ready for Spring gardening. If the Spring time would only come, gentle Annie.

Mr. Joe Craigmiles, editor Murphy Advance, is in the city on business. We were pleased to have a call from him.

The cold weather which prevailed on Saturday and Sunday is said to have killed one-third of the tobacco plants in beds.

Messrs. Hamilton & Co., family grocers, Big 22, Patton avenue, invite attention to their excellent list of goods. See advertisement.

John Ganoway, colored, cut the throat of Lula Covington, on Grove street, Tuesday morning, with a razor. The wound is not fatal. Jealousy was the cause.

Messrs. Jenks & Jenks, real estate dealers, are expecting a number of their friends from the North down in a short time on an inspection tour. They have placed themselves in good hands.

We would advise visitors to take in Sunset Drive in their drives and walks, and, if possible, to walk along the ridge of the mountain from Campbell's residence to Hazzard's. They will then get a truly enchanting view of this beautiful French Broad basin.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season was the four o'clock tea given by Mrs. W. S. P. Bryan on Tuesday, at the Presbyterian parsonage. It was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all who participated. Mrs. Bryan is a charming hostess.

We expect soon to give some revelations "from the record" of the workings of the Internal Revenue gang put over the people by Boss Mott and Mr. Ewart, since Harrison began his administration, that will astonish the people. It is the worst record for many years.

Mr. Pearson will proceed at once to make good streets through his eleven acres just purchased on Eagle street, immediately in the rear of the old Eagle Hotel property, and will erect on some of the lots handsome residences, and sell others to those who wish to improve them.

G. W. Payne and Capt. V. E. McBee have taken a contract to build three miles of railroad from Best to Biltmore, Mr. Vanderbilt's place. The road will be three miles long and is to be completed in 60 days at a cost of \$15,000. It is for use while Mr. Vanderbilt is building his house.

Maj. John Evans Brown's handsome battlemented residence, on the mountain east of the city, is rapidly approaching completion. Its comfortable appointments and pleasant surroundings will only be surpassed by the hospitality which will abound there when the Major and his family take possession.

An esteemed lady friend, in calling to pay her subscription to THE DEMOCRAT, was kind enough to say, "I enjoy THE DEMOCRAT more than any paper I read, and regard it as the best agency for the upbuilding of Asheville we have. I have sent a number of copies to friends, and know already of much good done by it."

The National Summer Normal School for Teachers and Superintendents will meet in Asheville on July 28, and sit two weeks. A large number of teachers who have won distinction in their special departments will be in attendance. We hope every teacher and superintendent in Western Carolina will attend promptly.

All the members of the Buncombe Co Teachers' Council, and teachers generally, are respectfully and earnestly solicited to attend the next meeting of the Council, at the office of the County Supt. of Public Instruction, the first Saturday in April, at 11 a. m. It is proposed to enliven the meeting by relating school room incidents and experiences—to have a genuine social love feast.

Winston-Salem has agreed to give the New York World \$2,000 for a series of eight letters about the twin towns. Mrs.

Marie Wright is the correspondent. We advise Winston-Salem that she keep a sharp look-out to get the worth of her money. Asheville made a very unsatisfactory deal with the World through this same correspondent some time since.

A distressing accident is reported from Madison county. A twelve-year-old son of Mr. S. D. Chambers, a highly respected farmer, found a pistol in his father's valise and while handling it a cartridge was discharged. The ball struck Mrs. Chambers in the breast, and she died with the exclamation, "Oh, Lord! you have killed me!"

Mr. W. B. Wall, formerly of East Tennessee, but well known in Asheville and Buncombe as a hog drover in days gone by when the old French Broad turnpike was the highway for Western porkers, is in the city. Mr. Wall lives now in Lewis county, Washington, and represents the Northern Pacific Railroad. He will return to Washington next month, taking with him several families from Cooke Co., Tenn., and this section. He says there are a great many North Carolinians in Washington.

W. H. Deaver, of the Pinion Detective Agency in this city, thinks he has traced Walter Bingham, the deaf and dumb murderer of a school mistress in the Asylum at Raleigh, to Paragay. The reward of \$400 for Bingham's arrest is still outstanding and Gov. Fowle thinks the State would defray the expense of his arrest, if, indeed, Bingham is still living. But the Governor is of opinion that Bingham is the man who left an Asylum near New York and going to Niagara committed suicide by leaping from the Suspension Bridge.

Mrs. W. S. Van Zandt, a Northern lady who has spent the past several weeks in Asheville, is so pleased with the place that she has decided to locate here, and has leased the Patton house, at No. 77 Charlotte street, where she will open a boarding house on April 1st. Mrs. Van Zandt has gone to New York to attend to some business affairs, and will return in a few days with a first-class white cook. The Patton house is pleasantly located, is modern built, and admirably adapted for a first-class boarding house. It will undoubtedly be filled in a short time.

In Quest of His Family.

Mr. Daniel Coleman, of Logansport, Indiana, was in to see us last week. He left this section in 1865 and went to Indiana, since which time he has heard nothing of his father, Charles Coleman, who was a tailor in this place before and during the war, or of his mother, or sisters. His sisters were named respectively Mary, Louisa, Sarah and Annie. He finds in the records of the county that Mary Coleman married T. D. Redmon in this county in 1881, Rev. B. H. Merrimon officiating; and that Lou married Isaac Branck in this county in 1884, Esq. N. A. Penland officiating. He would be glad to know whether or not these were sisters of his. Any information concerning the family will be gratefully received by Mr. Daniel Coleman, 215 Market st., Logansport, Indiana.

Important to Asheville.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad, extending from Norfolk, Va., via Petersburg and Lynchburg to Bristol, Tenn., will at once be extended from Elk Horn, W. Va., to Ironton, on the Ohio river. When the proposed road from Asheville to Bristol is completed, this extension of the Norfolk and Western will give a short and very direct route from this section to the Ohio river. It will open up a country very rich in minerals, timbers, etc., which will afford the shortest route via Asheville to the southern seaboard. All the short cuts we can get now to the North and Northeast and Northwest will add greatly to the rapid development of Western Carolina.

An Up Town Office Needed.

On Tuesday we noticed a number of ladies making enquiries as to the time of arrival and departure of trains, others wishing to know about the connections made by different routes. They were politely told they must go down to the depot to get the information. We call Supt. McBee's attention to this. There ought to be a place in the city, convenient to the hotels and boarding houses, where this information can be had. We know Capt. McBee will do everything for the convenience of the public, and we ask his attention to this matter.

Believes in City Property.

Mr. Richmond Pearson bought a few elegant lots on Eagle street last week, paying \$32,000 cash therefor. Mr. Pearson is very judicious in his investments, and knows that city property is worth all that is asked for it.

THE DEMOCRAT is a paper for the people and is being sustained by the people. Every family in Western Carolina ought to take and read it.

He Meets the "Boys."

It has been whispered for some days that as Boss Mott could not get his man Eaves confirmed as collector for this district that Mr. Eaves would be withdrawn and Mr. R. O. Patterson substituted in his place. Last Thursday Mr. Patterson turned up in Asheville, and, some how, or somehow else, "boys" from all over the district, those whom Mr. Eaves and Mr. Mott had put in, turned up also, and a general consultation was held. Of course all danced attendance upon Mr. Patterson, and declared their readiness to "serve him" as "faithfully" as they had served or promised to serve Bosses Mott and Eaves; and we are informed a "delegation" went on to Washington to help "boost Bob." Whether it be Eaves or Bob it is all the same to Boss Mott; he will still be the Boss of the party in this State, and things will be run to suit him. Those republicans not willing to wear their yoke, and there are many of them, can stand from under, or "go to thunder" which ever they prefer. Boss Mott and Mr. Ewart and Mr. Eaves and Mr. Patterson have gotten things in a pretty mess in this district.

A "Protracted" Meeting.

For the third time the Superior Court of Buncombe has tackled the case of Cornelia C. Henry vs. L. M. Welch, W. W. Rollins, heirs at law of Pinckney Rollins, and Falls of Neuse Manufacturing Company. It is a suit for the specific performance of a contract, involving sixty acres of the old Sulphur Springs property, West Asheville, including the mill site on Hominy Creek. The case occupied about ten days of the last term of court, and has occupied about the same time this. Heretofore mistrials have occurred, owing to failure of juries to agree. Counsel for the plaintiff were Messrs. Cobb & Merrimon, Jones & Shuford, T. A. Jones and Henry Hardwick; for the defense Messrs. M. E. Carter, C. A. Moore and P. A. Cummins. The jury brought in a verdict for the defense. The case has been ably managed on both sides.

Every Tub Stands on Its Own Bottom.

We suggested to those towns, Greensboro, Durham and Oxford, to use the great means at their command and which they have so freely offered to committees, in building up schools of their own. The \$50,000 or \$100,000 which the town of Durham would give to these committees, would build up a great school, and could be owned by Durham; so of Greensboro and Oxford, and we say that there are no better places for schools, and each one of those places have a great future before them. They are bound to be centres of prosperity and intelligence.

Floods on the Lower Mississippi.

The lower Mississippi Valley is again threatened with a disastrous flood. Numerous crevasses have occurred between Memphis and New Orleans. The water has risen above the high water mark of 1874, and the streets of New Orleans are flooded. The Texas Basin of Louisiana, including four parishes, will probably be overflooded. All of this occurs notwithstanding that the general condition of the levees is better than ever before. The city of New Orleans has voted \$50,000 for protecting the front of the city. The Louisiana Lottery Company has given the city that amount.

Wishes to Come to Asheville.

An elderly lady in New York State subscribed for THE DEMOCRAT some weeks ago with a view of obtaining information of Asheville and vicinity. A few days ago we received a letter from her saying she was so well pleased that she had determined to come to Asheville and locate permanently, and desired for the present to obtain "good board in a Protestant family, convenient to churches, for \$20 per month." Any one who can accommodate the lady will please notify us at once.

Why the Delay?

Some weeks ago Congressman Ewart had published a letter from the government architect at Washington, stating that the plans and specifications for the Asheville Court House and Post Office being completed, advertisement for bids would be made in March and that work would probably be begun in April. As yet no advertising has been done, and of course no work will be done in April; and the Lord and this Republican administration only can know when it will be.

Maj. John A. McDonald.

We are pleased to announce that our old friend has come to Asheville to stay, and has accepted a position with Messrs. Bostic Bros. & Wright, the popular merchants on West Court Place. Mr. McD. is one of the best salesmen in the State, and we congratulate this firm on securing his services.

Sweet sugar-cured hams at Martin's market.

J. S. Grant, Ph. G.

(Of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.)

Apothecary, 24 South Main St.

Bill Nye, who has had LaGrippe, sends the following to Grant's Pharmacy:

"Little grains of quinine, Little drinks of rye, Make LaGrippe that's got you Drop its hold and fly. This may quickly help you, If you'll only try; But don't forget the quinine When you take the rye."

Remember the moral contained in the last two lines—that is don't forget to get the quinine, and get it at Grant's Pharmacy.

If your prescriptions are prepared at Grant's Pharmacy you can positively depend upon these facts: First, that only the purest and best drugs and chemicals will be used; second, they will be compounded carefully and accurately by an experienced Prescriptionist, and third, you will not be charged an exorbitant price. You will receive the best goods at a very reasonable profit. Don't forget the place—Grant's Pharmacy, 24 South Main street.

Prescriptions filled at all hours, night or day, and delivered free of charge to any part of the city. The night bell will be answered promptly. Grant's Pharmacy, 24 South Main street.

At Grant's Pharmacy you can buy any Patent Medicine at the lowest price quoted by any other drug house in the city. We are determined to sell as low as the lowest. We will sell all Patent Medicines at first cost, and below that if necessary, to meet the price of any competitor.

We have the largest assortment of Chamote Skins in Asheville. Over 200 skins, all sizes, at the lowest prices.

We are agents for Humphrey's Homoeopathic Medicines. A full supply of his goods always on hand.

Use Buncombe Liver Pills, the best in the world for liver complaint, indigestion, etc.

A thoroughly reliable remedy for all blood diseases is Buncombe Sarsaparilla. Try a bottle and you will take no other.

J. S. GRANT, Ph. G., Pharmacist, 24 S. Main St. Asheville, N. C.

W. A. BLAIR. J. V. BROWN.

Furniture

Undertaking.

No. 32 Patton Avenue,

McAfee Block, Opposite Blair's Old Stand.

We are now ready, and invite our friends and the public generally to call and examine our well selected stock of

Furniture,

Which we are offering at

Rock-Bottom Prices.

Undertaking A Special Feature.

Calls Attended Day or Night.

Telephone, Day 75, Night 65.

Blair & Brown.