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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.

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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. Call solicited by

LIPINSKY & ELLICK.

Local Briefs

The work of widening College street is now in progress.

Burglars and sneak thieves have been getting in their work in Asheville during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morgan left on the noon train for Winston, N. C., after a month's visit here.

The Christian congregation are still looking for a pastor and hope to finish up their house of worship this summer.

We regret to hear that Dr. T. C. Smith is still confined to his bed, with the illness which has held him for a number of weeks.

Major Van Zandt, of New York City, is making a stay in Asheville. He is stopping with Mrs. Van Zandt on Charlotte street.

In the superior court the jury in the case of Pinkney Bean against the Richmond and Danville railroad awarded the plaintiff \$1,500 for injuries received.

We have received another sample of iron ore from Mr. D. M. Wills, of Sandy Mush township. It comes from an immense bed and is a most promising looking specimen.

Mrs. Samuel Branch, wife of an employee of the Asheville Furniture and Lumber Company, died at her home in West Asheville Sunday at 2.30 p. m. She leaves a husband and four children.

Mrs. C. P. Myers, left on 28th ultimo for Fort Worth, Texas, her new home, much to the regret of her many friends, as this is her native place, a bad swap of countries, but her object is to join her children.

Capt. Nat Atkinson has sold his house and grounds on South French Broad avenue to Mr. J. B. Bostic, for \$9,500. Capt. Atkinson and family will move to his place in West Asheville, on the Sulphur Springs road.

The improvements which Mr. Richmond Pearson is making on the property recently purchased from Eagle street to the old jail has increased the value of adjoining property by from 75 to 100 per cent. A large force of hands is at work on the improvements.

Mrs. Rebecca Clegg, mother of Wm. E. Clegg of the Evening Journal, died at her home on Broad street, on Saturday night. The deceased was born in Ontario, Canada, and had been living in Asheville 18 months. The remains, accompanied by her son and daughter, were taken to Detroit, Mich.

The people of Weaverville are arranging for a mass meeting in the interest of the Audubon Society, which Dr. Wing writes will be held at an early day. Dr. Hurd, Col. J. D. Cameron and other friends of the movement are expected to deliver addresses on the importance of sparing the innocent birds of our beautiful mountain country.

Rev. Dr. Buxton preached a farewell sermon to the congregation of the Episcopal Church last Sunday. He has been rector of the church for near half a century. At the earnest solicitation of the congregation he retains his connection with the church for one year, the active duties of the charge being assumed by the Rev. McNeely DuBose, late of Union, S. C., who is the guest at the Swannanoa of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rawls until the house he has leased is ready for occupation by his family.

A New Railroad Scheme.

A correspondent of the Southport Leader, writing from Georgetown, S. C., says:

There is an effort being made in Charleston to build a shore line railroad from Mt. Pleasant to the Santee river and thence to Georgetown, and on to Wilmington, N. C., or Norfolk, Va. The direction of this road from Georgetown north is not positively fixed. Nor is it decided that the road will come to Georgetown. They have two routes under consideration; one from Mt. Pleasant along the shore, crossing the Santee river at South Ferry; and the Winyaw Bay at Fraser's Point, following Long Bay at shore to or near Shallotte, and thence to Wilmington, N. C., and on through Eastern North Carolina to Norfolk. This will make the distance from Charleston to Wilmington 144 miles against the present route of the Atlantic Coast Line via Florence, 212 miles. The other route is to make as near as possible an air line from Georgetown to Tarboro, N. C., this would pass Wilmington some forty miles westward.

The projectors of this road are E. D. Killian, of Lancaster, Penn., and Joseph H. Reall from Philadelphia. They have organized a company under the Mt. Pleasant and Little river charter, and have some subscriptions secured at Mt. Pleasant and on the route through Berkeley county. They are asking the right of way and subscriptions in land.

OVER A MILLION

To be Spent in Asheville Buildings and Improvements.

An interview by the Citizen with seven builders of Asheville shows that they have in hand at present buildings and contracts for houses amounting to \$255,000. This list does not include the proposed new hotels, the government building, nor the work on the Vanderbilt place. There are besides quite a number of houses building and proposed which are not included. A complete list of all private houses would in all probability reach \$300,000. To this should be added the government building at \$100,000, the three new hotels projected, at the least \$300,000 more. The fact that \$85,000 is being spent on the Biltmore railroad, to be used in the construction of the Vanderbilt mansion, and the improvement of the estate, gives some idea of how much money is to be expended there. It is said that the work will probably occupy five years.

It is safe to say that, all these items included, considerably over \$1,000,000 will be expended in Asheville for building and ornamentation during the year. The splendid improvements which Mr. Pearson is making in the southeastern part of the city, the \$20,000 market house to be built, the quarter mile of pavement to be laid by Gen. Young, all swell the amount.

There are many other improvements projected which are not yet definitely announced.

Two Important Enterprises.

The American Pine Fibre Company formally opened their factory at Cronly, seventeen miles from Wilmington, on Monday. Quite a number of people from Wilmington attended the opening exercises, going to the factory on a special train.

The company is utilizing the leaves of the long-leaf pine for commercial purposes, and the industry promises to become an important one. The origin of the company was in the operations of the jute trust. A substitute for jute became a necessity, and one of the substitutes discovered was pine fibre bagging. Bagging, matting, carpet-lining, etc., will be made out of the pine-leaves. The material is plentiful, and the demand for the product is great.

The officers of the American Pine Fibre Company are, Wm. Latimer, president; M. Frank, vice-president; G. H. Smith, secretary and treasurer; C. W. Dahlgren, manager, and A. Scott, superintendent.

Another enterprise of great value, and one that has excited wide interest, is the iron and steel works which it is proposed to locate at Greensboro. There seems now no doubt that the works will be located there.

The Greensboro Workman publishes some interesting facts from the company's prospectus. "The iron ores used by the company," says the Workman, "will be raised from mines in Chatham and Moore counties; the lime-stone from about Germantown, Stokes county. The fuel supply will be the Pocahontas coal field of Virginia, and the coal fields on Deep river and Dan river in North Carolina.

"It is proposed to build two furnaces, one for Bessemer pig, and the other for mill and foundry iron. The estimated daily capacity of the furnaces will be 75 tons per day. From various reports from high authority on such matters, it is seen that iron can be made cheaper at Greensboro than it can be bought elsewhere and delivered at Greensboro.

"The capital stock of the company is \$1,000,000 in shares of \$100 each. It will require an outlay of about \$400,000 in getting ready for operation. The remaining \$600,000 will be used in operating the furnaces and establishing such industries as the company may determine upon.—Charlotte Chronicle.

He Played With a Mule.

Hon. E. J. Aston is confined to his room for a few days, all on account of a little playfulness on the part of a mule.

Mr. F. Stikeleather, Judge Aston's son-in-law, purchased an old, decrepit, worn out mule several weeks ago, and had been feeding him at his stable in order to get him in a working condition. As the animal was so weak and inoffensive, he was allowed to roam around in the front yard and nibble the grass. This morning Judge Aston, seeing the mule in his yard proceeded to drive him out.

Picking up a small twig which lay near by, he walked up behind the mule and tapped him kindly upon the flank. The mule, however, had developed a playful nature, of which the judge was unaware, and resented this action. Gently raising his two rear legs he implanted them firmly but with great determination on the judge's breast. The blow knocked him over. Mr. Aston was not seriously hurt, but was badly bruised and will be laid up for several days.—Citizen.

Radicals on Big Jay.

THE DEMOCRAT has received the following:

BARNARDVILLE, N. C., March 28.—Editor of Asheville Democrat Will you please put this letter in your paper so the Radicals on Big Jay can Read it My father all Ways has bin a Republican, and My older Brother too My pa is coming Whites Man sid an a Number of old Radicals, My Brother is 13 years old I am 12 years I have had hard timse hear over my ticket but I am having a good time Now Radicals is turned as fast as they can be Marked sence Harrison is bin in the White House it takes a letter 10 days to go no Wherc Harrison Must an Ewart M.C. Must hav a school to lern the Radicals p.m. to Reed. Mr. Editor i gets my brother Now. he sed money would be plenty an elect Harrison an Ewart to Congress they did so an harder times We Never saw. What has become of little Ewart hant he quit put out good postmasters an putting in fools yet. mr. Editor i don't know what to write but I do feel like some good Democrat Must tell you the News from big jay. the old Radicals gets out on the corners here an they talks solom as death they say there party has played out shore. i am small they don't no when i am lisen at them. pa ses this Radical township will go Democrat this fall.

GEORGE LIDY WHITTEMORE.

North Carolina's Breathing Cave.

In the range of mountains in Western North Carolina known as the "Fork Range," a most singular phenomenon exists. It is the "Breathing Cave." In the summer months a current of air comes from it so strongly that a person cannot walk against it, while in the winter the rush of air inward is just as great.

The cool air from the cave in summer is felt sometimes for miles in a direct line from the mouth of the cave. At times a most unpleasant odor is emitted upon the current from dead animals sucked in and killed by coming in violent contact with the walls. The loss of cattle and other stock in that section during the winter months is always great, and is accounted for in this way. They range too near the mouth and the current carries them in.

At times, when the change from inhalation to exhalation begins, the air is filled with hairs of the various animals; not infrequently small dry bones have been carried over a mile from the mouth of the cave as though shot from an air gun. The air has been known to change quite suddenly during exhalation from cold to quite hot, accompanied by a terrible roaring and gurgling sound.

Many scientific men have visited the place, but the phenomenon still remains unexplained; the residents of that section fear a volcanic eruption. Something is wrong, sure.—Nashville American.

The Southern Exposition.

In a conversation yesterday with Mr. Patrick, Inter-State Immigration Agent, he informed us that the association is working along quietly but surely with all arrangements for the permanent exposition of Southern products which is to be held in 1891. Numerous Northern and Northwestern cities are competing for the exposition, and an offer has just been received from Boston, numerously signed by a number of prominent men of that city, with a request that the exposition be brought there. Mr. Patrick says that it is proposed to have an extensive department in the exposition showing the progress of the colored people in the South since the war. Mr. Patrick has received a letter from Charles Price, colored, of Salisbury, expressing on the part of the colored people their appreciation of this feature and their readiness to co-operate in it.—Ex.

The Edison Company claim a great advantage for what they call their Municipal system, as the greatest equality, and maximum economy in illumination is said always to be secured by a large number of units thickly scattered. We are told that no more mechanical power is used in running from nine to ten Edison lamps of twenty candles each, than is required for one Arc lamp, and from fifty to sixty of these lamps light a circuit of from five to ten or even twelve miles, according to necessity or light required. The weight of conductors is much lighter than is required in other systems.

Major Wilson, chief engineer and superintendent of the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and Louisville road, and his associates, deserve credit for the enterprise displayed in keeping that road in good order during the recent disturbances. It has been a trying time on new railroads; but the K. C. G. & L. has been running trains with slight interruptions for a few days. To keep the road in order has required a large outlay of labor and expense.—Knoxville Journal.

NORTH CAROLINA DEAD

In Virginia Cemeteries—Appeal for Headstones.

The Charlotte News contains the following:

"Mention was made in yesterday's News of the appeal of the Ladies of Memorial Association of Fredericksburg, Va., for contributions to secure marble headstones for the graves of North Carolina's Confederate dead in the cemetery there. The appeal is issued by Mrs. Capt. I. N. Barney, Secretary of the Association:

"The Ladies' Memorial Association of Fredericksburg, Va., respectfully call your attention to the fact that there lie buried in our Confederate Cemetery 1,800 Southern soldiers from the following States: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee.

"The wooden posts with their names on them are rapidly decaying, and it is necessary to replace them as soon as possible. Having no means at our disposal for this purpose, we are compelled to ask for aid, feeling sure that our appeal will not be in vain.

"Many of these graves, which we have lovingly cared for during so many years, contain the dear ones of Southern homes, where their memories are still cherished; and a throb of sympathy will go out to us in our efforts to rescue their names from oblivion. Mothers, widows, orphans, sisters and comrades, help us in our sacred work, and we believe that before another year we will have money enough to begin our work. If some responsible person in each city, town and village will offer to receive contributions for this cause, and will forward them to Chas. Wallace, Esq., President First National Bank, Fredericksburg, Va., we will be very grateful."

"Of the eighteen hundred graves, two hundred and forty cover the remains of North Carolinians. And of all the States mentioned above, Georgia alone has responded and sent suitable headstones to mark the places of her dead. This appeal cannot be resisted by Charlotte. Will not some of our noble ladies take the matter in hand and get up a contribution from this city? Wilmington is already at work raising a fund."

The Wilmington Star contains this additional:

"Ladies of the University of Virginia Memorial Association have also issued an appeal, for aid in keeping in order the graves of the Confederate dead at that place. Mrs. Anna Bledsoe Dinwiddie is President of the Association.

"In the cemetery at the University of Virginia are buried 1,007 Confederate soldiers. Of these 82 are from Alabama, 13 from Florida, 224 from Georgia, 84 from Louisiana, 4 from Maryland, 69 from Mississippi, 200 from North Carolina, 161 from South Carolina, 10 from Tennessee, 12 from Texas, 192 from Virginia, 29 whose States are uncertain, and 17 not known."

Biltmore.

The most astonishing progress is being made on Mr. Vanderbilt's Biltmore railroad. Work was begun only two weeks ago and already the grading is completed. The cost of this road it is thought will be about \$85,000, and from this fact some idea may be formed of the magnitude of the improvements which are to be made upon the estate of Biltmore. Large stables and comfortable farm houses are being erected on the estate. The railroad is built to facilitate the construction of the mansion, after the completion of which it is to be torn up.

The Asheville Postoffice.

Mr. J. H. Windrim, supervising architect, Washington, advertises for sealed proposals "for all the materials and labor required in the erection and completion of the U. S. Courthouse and Postoffice building at Asheville, N. C. (approaches and heating apparatus not included)" to be submitted not later than 2 p. m. April 22, 1890, to the architect, or the superintendent, Mr. J. A. Wagner, Asheville, N. C. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500.

A Big Combine Contemplated.

J. C. Brain, representing a large English syndicate, is in Danville for the purpose of buying eight of the largest tobacco factories in Danville, and organizing them into one stock company. He went there from Lynchburg, and it is said he obtained options on several large tobacco factories in that city.

Notice.

A special meeting of the County Board of Education of Buncombe County will be held on Monday, the 7th day of April next, for the transaction of any business pertaining to the office of said board. All persons having business for said board are requested to be present.

A. T. SUMMER, Chairman.

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.

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