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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. A call solicited by

LIPINSKY & ELLICK.

Local Briefs

The DEMOCRAT is read weekly by nearly eight thousand people.

The Governor has appointed Mr. Walter B. Gwyn, of this city, a notary public.

F. A. Sumner has purchased from C. C. McCarty two lots on Haywood street for \$2,000.

The Street Railway Company commenced running their open summer cars yesterday.

The Carolina Athletic Club has extended the privileges of its rooms to the ladies on Thursdays.

The Western Carolina Bank have moved into their handsome new quarters on West Court Place.

Jno. D. Rockefeller, whose family spent the winter here has given \$500 to the West End Baptist Mission Chapel.

The Knoxville Daily Journal has established a bureau in Asheville under the management of Mr. Wm. W. Goodman.

Mr. Fred E. Rolfe, formerly of The Citizen, now occupies the position of telegraph editor of The Wilmington Messenger.

At a meeting of the county board of education on Monday the time for the teachers institute was changed from July 1 to June 1.

Mr. Chas. L. Badger late of Charlotte, has taken the agency of the King Publishing Company of Chicago and has an office at No. 7 Patton avenue, McAfee building.

During the past week Asheville was the scene of a conference of Southern college students and Young Men's Christian Association deputations. Six Southern States were represented.

The Chicago and Alton railroad has the distinction of being the only road in Illinois that had no accident in which a passenger was injured during 1889. Capt. Ben Newland is the agent here of this company.

College street now presents an unsightly appearance, but when the improvements now in progress are completed it will be one of the handsomest avenues in the city and the envy of residents in other sections of the city.

The Christian Observer, of Louisville, will get out an edition illustrating Asheville. This is in view of the approaching meeting here of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church in May. Rev. W. S. Plumer Bryan has sent photographs for the edition.

Some evidence of the number of visitors in Asheville during March may be found in the fact that 16,500 telegraphic messages were handled in the Western Union office here during that month. Only 6,000 were handled in March of last year.

The charming weather of the past week has enticed many of our Northern visitors to prolong their stay in Asheville. The country is fast assuming her spring attire of green, fruit trees are in bloom, wild flowers abound and all nature is joyous over the prospect of continued balmy weather.

Work upon the Hendersonville street railway was begun last week, and President Pickens informed us would be pushed with energy. Hendersonville is one of the bright jewels of the mountains, and is determined to shine for all she is worth. Shine on, good neighbor, you merit all the success you can achieve.

Messrs. Chauncey Depew and Jno. H. Inman reached the city the latter part of last week. Mr. Inman and family remained for a week at the Battery Park. Mr. Depew was tendered a banquet on Friday by the Cosmopolitan Club which the illness of his wife prevented his accepting. In an interview Mr. Depew expressed the most flattering views of the South's future.

If the property owners of the city would plant shade trees along the streets they would receive the thanks of all pedestrians. Now that the warm weather is approaching everyone would appreciate the shelter of shade trees from the hot rays of the sun, but very few are to be found. Shade trees also add to the beauty of streets and we hope a general move will be made to thus add to the attractiveness of our city.

Dr. Ambler, of the Winyah Sanitarium, accompanied by some friends, ascended to the top of Mt. Pisgah on Sunday last. They were told that they were the first party who had accomplished that feat this spring. They were well repaid for their trouble by the charming view which they obtained. Wild flowers in profusion were found in sheltered nooks and several deer tracks were seen.

RESOLUTION OF SORROW.

For the Death of the Late Mrs. J. R. Patterson.

At a meeting of the board of managers of Mission Hospital, held on Saturday last, the following resolution were passed:

Death having made its first break in our ranks, it is with a profound sense of our own loss, as well as with humble submission to the Divine Will, that we place upon record the following:

Be it resolved, that in the death of Mrs. J. R. Patterson we have lost one whose wise counsels, faithful services, and gentle manners had endeared her to us as well as to those among whom she ministered. While feeling that the loss to the Hospital is well nigh irreparable, we pray that the example of her who so bravely went about doing her Master's service burdened with her own pain and weakness, may be to us an incentive to more faithfulness in the discharge of our duties and more forgetfulness of our own ease and comfort.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions, together with expressions of heartfelt sympathy, be sent to the bereaved husband and family, a copy placed upon our minutes, and also published in the city papers.

F. L. PATTON,
Sec. Mission Hospital.

April 7th, 1890.

Transylvania Court

Was held last week, Judge Conner presiding. There was nothing of general importance on the docket, and the court only had work for four days of the term.

The seasonable weather kept all the farmers who had no business at court at home, and the usual crowd incident to such occasions was missing.

There is evident improvement throughout the upper French Broad valley. The farms, and there are none better in the State, and farmer's homes show the people are not only at work, but prospering. The attractions of Transylvania, her mountains and her valleys, her hospitable homes and generous people have been told in song and story, so we need not repeat an oft told tale here.

The natural resources are now dividing the attention of visitors and capitalists. The broad valley farms are peculiarly adapted to stock raising, and this industry is improving. Mr. J. E. Duckworth told us that there were many very fine beef cattle still in the county, fat and ready for market, notwithstanding the large number already supplied the Asheville and Charleston markets. The mountains are full of the very finest timbers and valuable minerals, while it is claimed that the rich gold bearing quartz on Boilston and Davidson river will yet make a number of our people very rich if not millionaires. So mote it be!

Ex-sheriff McMinn keeps an excellent hostelry, and cared well for the visitor during the week.

Mr. C. E. Wilson, at Wilson's store, seven miles from Brevard, is conducting a very large business in one of the richest sections of the county. In addition to his merchandizing, he has a large and comfortable home of travellers and summer boarders where verily the "fat of the land" is supplied at very moderate rates. The view from his house is superb. Mr. W. informed us he contemplated enlarging his house; also that there was some valuable mineral deposits in his vicinity, of which he will inform us more definitely. There is a bright future for this grandly attractive and productive section, and THE DEMOCRAT will avail itself of every opportunity to aid in its improvement.

The Johnson City Boom.

Dr. W. W. Wing writes THE DEMOCRAT from Johnson City:

"There is a tremendous boom going on here. Four hundred lots were offered at public auction on Monday and Tuesday. But this is not a flea bite to what will take place when the Carnegie extension is put on the market. The people here are crazy with excitement. Men are coming in from all points of the compass. There are Buncombe men here, plenty of them. I hear that the contracts already made for brick are over 16,000,000."

Tobacco Sales.

The sales of tobacco in Asheville during March amounted to 385,490 pounds, bringing \$57,678.18. The sales since September have been 3,698,880 pounds, bringing \$559,165.09. The sales from October to April of last year were 3,207,971 pounds, showing a handsome increase.

Every Farmer

Should become a member of the Home Supply Association, it will save him many dollars in a year. For further information call on or address Chas. L. Badger, Asheville, N. C., No. 7 McAfee building.

To be Considered.

We would respectfully suggest to our city authorities, for consideration in connection with the proposition to sell the present City Hall property and locate a market house on Eagle street,

1st. Do we really need a market house?

2d. Have you authority, without further legislation, to sell?

3d. If a market house is needed, and only one can or is to be built, ought it not to be nearer the center of population than the proposed site on Eagle street?

We see no necessity for a market house in this day and generation. The selling of meats and market produce is now like trading in other commodities; convenience to purchasers is considered by the seller or vender, and hence the establishment of private markets all over the city which will be kept up regardless of the existence of a market house. Asheville does need a good city hall, city offices, and apartments for the fire department. The property now owned by the city is best located for such a purpose, and we insist should be kept and so used. If a market house is considered essential, and one must be on Eagle street, let the city purchase of Mr. Pearson a suitable lot for the purpose; but, as we suggest, if one is put in this part of the city, in all fairness and justice to more than half the city population, one should also be erected on Haywood street, near the Buttrick property. But we do not see the necessity for a market house. It would have to be an immense one, far beyond the present resources of the city, to accommodate half the people now engaged in vending meats and market produce. What would be done with those who could not obtain stalls in the market house? They could not be closed up, and with a market house out of the way of easy access, and these keeping their own stalls in more convenient localities, we fear the city investment would soon prove a losing one.

We have not recently examined the act authorizing the erection of a city hall, etc., and do not remember whether it authorizes the sale of the present city property or not. It may be worth looking into.

Give us a good city hall, good city offices, good fire apartments, and leave the market house to private enterprise. If it can be made a good thing there are those who will take hold of it, and put it where it will do most good.

A Story of Asheville.

The Atlanta Constitution of Sunday has a special from New York which it heads "Divorced by Climate." The body of the article is a pathetic little story of a New Haven gentleman who had married a belle of that city and who had later developed a pulmonary disease. The doctors advised him to go to Denver and he moved to that city with his family. There heart disease attacked his wife and the Denver physicians advised her that the high altitude of that city would kill her and that she must live on the coast. So man and wife who did not want a separation were forced to live apart by climate.

The article speaks of the probability of divorces being granted for that reason and ends with a case in which Asheville is made to figure. It is as follows:

"A similar case which resulted in the separation of two young Connecticut people about to be married is recently reported from that State. Christine Mansfield, of Birmingham, Conn., had for some time been the affianced wife of Albert Bersinger, a young German employed by the Derby Silver company. In the summer of 1889, young Bersinger developed an affection of the lungs, and an examination by doctors showed that consumption had made marked progress. He scraped up what funds he could and started for the pine forests of North Carolina, where he was told the disease processes would make least headway. Miss Mansfield could not marry and accompany him, as they would both have like her to do, on account of business and financial reasons. When his money run short, she sent him her saving, part of which had been intended to purchase her trousseau. He grew desperate, and in one of his letters hinted that rather than longer burden her he would put an end to himself. She at once took what was left of her funds and started to Asheville, bringing her lover home to die. Despairing of ever being able to wed him she pawned even her jewels to procure for him luxuries that would comfort his last moments, but he died shortly after his return to Birmingham."—Citizen.

Read This if You Wish to Know How to Save Money.

A new Family Sewing Machine for only \$15, and all other home supplies at wholesale rates. Secure a membership to the Home Supply Association at once. Tremendous benefit to every member. Many dollars saved every year. For particulars call on or address Chas. L. Badger, Room No. 7 McAfee Building, Asheville, N. C. apr10-10t

FAIRVIEW ITEMS.

An Enterprising Place—Marriages—A Good Citizen Gone.

In the past three years no place in Buncombe County without the advantage of a railroad has made greater improvements than Fairview. Her people are alive to all public as well as private enterprises. We can boast of a school building that cost about \$5,000. The school is under the control and management of Prof. W. A. G. Brown, whose name is a guarantee to all Western North Carolina as to its character. Space will not permit me to mention the many other enterprises in this communication.

Messrs. R. C. Clayton and Jason Ashworth returned a few days ago from a two weeks trip to Danville, Va. They claim that Danville is the best tobacco market they ever sold at. I guess it is for them, as they both speak of returning, and have a far-away look. I don't like to predict, but look out.

On Sunday, March 23d, Mr. R. H. Fite died of pneumonia. He was the miller at Fairview Mills. Our community has sustained a great loss by his death.

James Grant met with a severe accident a few days ago by cutting his leg with an axe.

Mr. J. H. Freeman, who recently moved from Henderson County among us, is setting a good example to some of our older citizens, by showing them the improvements that a little work and industry will add to a place.

Our business men are Jason Ashworth & Co., Jonathan Mooney, general merchandise; J. W. Heath, druggist; O. D. Buckner, groceries and confectionery; Walter Justus, blacksmith; J. E. Shuford, wheelwright; W. A. Merrell entertains the weary traveler who comes our way, and last, but not least, Jesse Williams, fisherman.

Wheat is damaged one-third. We are still hopeful about the fruit. A great many peaches are yet alive; apples injured more or less.

The health of the community is generally good.

J. L. Ashworth, after a three weeks trip to Texas, visiting his brother, returns well pleased with the Lone Star State.

B. L. Ashworth and J. V. Jay, who are students at one of the medical colleges of Baltimore, returned a few days ago.

Many of our young men are wearing pleasant smiles over the arrival of Miss Sallie Brown, who has been absent for some time teaching school.

Mr. Luther Brown is also with us again, and to him and his sister Fairview extends a hearty welcome.

On March 23d, at the residence of Mr. R. C. Clayton, Mr. W. J. Bright and Miss Lonie E. Laughter were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, J. Will Jones, J. P., officiating.

Also at the residence of Mr. R. C. Clayton, March 27th, Rev. A. B. Hunter and Miss Addie L. Smith were married, Rev. Mr. Kite officiating.

Two marriages in one week at Mr. Clayton's has aroused some superstitious ideas, and I understand that several bachelors have applied for board. Will let you hear more of us. L. H.

Suburban Improvements.

Mr. J. B. Bostic, at the head of a syndicate, has purchased 130 acres of land in Ramoth for \$30,000. The property was formerly owned by Dr. and Wilbur Burnett and C. S. Cooper. The property will be laid out in five and ten acre lots, sold to purchasers and improvements made. A prominent banker of the city, it is said, has already taken one of the lots and will build upon it. Two avenues will be built to the top of Woodfin Mountain, water will be forced up there from a spring at the base, a fountain and basin will be constructed, a dancing pavilion erected and other attractions added. The improvements will be completed in sixty days. Ramoth is already one of the most attractive suburbs of the city and this movement will make it doubly so.

Elder Letcher.

This venerable and respected colored man died at his home in this city Friday night last, and was buried on Sunday. He was 71 years, 7 months old. For years he was a zealous minister in the Methodist church, serving congregations faithfully and usefully, both in Tennessee and this State, many times as presiding elder. He was an honest man and a sincere Christian. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Pope of the M. E. Church, assisted by Elder Carter of the Zion M. E. Church. An immense congregation assembled to pay the last sad rites of respect to one who evidently had the confidence and affection of his people while living.

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 charred 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 Chamotte 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.

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