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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, commands 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.

## HOLD ON!

## Here I Am Again.

With the best stock of Dry Goods Notions, Dress Goods, Ginghams, Domestic, Jeans, Flannels, Blankets, Shoes, Boots, Hats, many of them bought for

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Agent for some of the largest factories in the South, and can sell home-made jeans, all wool filled, for less than you can get them at any store in the State. Graham's home-made shoes, all styles, as low as can be bought in the State. Every pair guaranteed.

A great many goods were bought at auction, late in season, and hence can be sold lower than any other house in the State can offer them.

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J. O. HOWELL, Manager.

No. 17 North Main Street.

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## C. T. RAWLS.

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### Intelligence, :: Employment

—AND—

### Real Estate Office.

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If you want Information of any kind; If you want Employ Help of any kind; If you want good Board at from \$4 to \$8 per week; If you want to Rent or Let a House or Rooms, Sell or Purchase Real Estate. If you take up any Stray Animal, or lose any, Register it here.

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H. C. HUNT, J. H. McCONNELL.

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### Local Briefs

Two more large hotels. Garden seeds are the order of the day now.

Now is the time to buy Asheville city property.

The circulation of THE DEMOCRAT increases every day now.

All drop letters require two cents postage. Make a note of this.

J. F. Isbell, of Asheville, is now express messenger on the Winston branch road.

The new Asheville Opera House is now a thing of beauty, and will soon be a joy forever—we hope.

Mr. Heston has opened his popular ice cream parlor for the season at his stove in the Eagle Block.

The railroad companies are contemplating the establishment of their freight and passenger depots near the centre of the city.

The Hickory Inn, Mr. Frank Loughran proprietor, has won a national reputation as being one of the best managed in the South. It is full nearly all the time.

Our visitors say they have enjoyed our winter climate more than that of any place they ever visited, but they think our spring weather even surpasses that.

Mr. Pearson's improvements on Eagle street and vicinity have enhanced the value of property in that section already over one hundred thousand dollars.

A syndicate of wealthy citizens has been formed for the purpose of constructing a railroad through North Asheville. It will develop some magnificent property.

Mr. J. Harvey Wilson and wife of Charlotte, have determined to locate in Buncombe, and will make their home at Biltmore. We cordially welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

The stocks of spring goods for the wholesale as well as retail trade, now in Asheville are the largest and most attractive ever brought to Asheville. And the stores are crowded daily with fair customers.

In altering and repairing sidewalks on a street would it not be as well to finish one side before tearing up and working upon the other? People ought to have one side free for use and not be compelled to "take the street."

We deeply regret to learn of the death of Dr. G. D. S. Allen, which occurred at his home in Waynesville a few days ago, after a lingering illness. He had been one of the most useful citizens of that town and county, and will be greatly missed.

### The Market House Again.

The City Aldermen having declined to accept the proposition first submitted by Mr. Pearson, to give to the city a lot on Eagle street and \$10,000 in cash for the city property on the Square, for a market house, City Hall, etc., that gentleman raised his bid \$10,000, and offers the lot and \$20,000 in exchange for the said city property. The city authorities decided, after an examination, that the location on Eagle street was not a suitable one for the purposes of the city, and Mayor Blanton properly remarked, in answer to Mr. Pearson's last proposition, that if the location was not suitable, and he did not think it was, no money consideration should be an inducement to locate the market house, city offices and fire department there.

The more we think of this matter the more we are satisfied that the city should not embark in the market house enterprise. It would either require an immense house, or three, at least, very good sized ones, to accommodate the present requirements of the city. This is clearly beyond the present purpose of the city to undertake. Another view: A number of our market men have gone to much expense in having constructed cold storage rooms, which, in this day, are essential to a good market. These could not be arranged in a market house of the dimensions proposed, and hence these dealers would remain where they are, as they would have a right to do. So we say, dispense with the market house, and build good city offices and fire apartments on the property, the best for the purpose, now owned and purchased for that purpose. After this is done, and market houses are deemed essential, and there are any funds to spare from street work, buy lots in good locations in the several sections of the city, and erect enough to answer the purposes and conveniences of the whole people.

In one light Mr. Pearson's proposition is a liberal one, as a simple transaction of the exchange of properties; but this is completely overshadowed in the purposes for which the property is wanted.

### ASHEVILLE'S OPPORTUNITY.

#### Let Us Make a Bid for the Davis School.

One of the greatest educational successes of the State is the Davis Military School of LaGrange on the Atlantic and North Carolina road. Within a very few years its enterprising principal, Col. Davis, succeeded in gathering together 200 students, representing 15 States. A threatened epidemic of meningitis a few months ago caused a suspension of this school and since that time overtures have been made to Col. Davis to remove the school to some larger place than LaGrange. Raleigh, Salisbury and Winston are all looking in this direction. Col. Davis has said that he would consider propositions as to removal.

Now here is an opportunity for Asheville. Our business and real estate men could make no better investment than a liberal offer which would bring the school to Asheville. This city is the ideal place for such an institution. Its climate, its natural beauties, its social attractions and easy access from all points of the South point it out as an educational centre. The example of Raleigh, Charlotte, Durham and other towns of the State in making liberal bids for educational institutions should incite Asheville to secure similar advantages. It would increase the number of our visitors wonderfully by drawing to this resort the parents and friends of the pupils, while the presence of the cadets would be a source of great edification and pleasure.

Let some enterprising real estate man lead off with the offer of a site. Our business men, no doubt, would follow with a bid which Col. Davis could not refuse.

#### A Brutal Murder.

A most brutal murder was committed in West Asheville on Saturday night. A colored woman named Harriet Williams, well known for a laborious and worthy person, was chopped to death with an axe, seven wounds being counted upon her head, body and limbs. She was found on Sunday morning not quite dead but speechless. The room showed signs of a desperate struggle. Two axes lay upon the floor of the woman's cabin, the door and staircase were hacked up. The woman had evidently fought in defense of her money, which was the object of the murder. The pocket of her dress was slit open but a search discovered her purse containing \$8 or \$9 under the mattress of her bed.

#### Death of Cadet Cowles.

The sympathies of everybody in the State are enlisted for the gallant Col. Billy Cowles in the misfortune which has befallen him. He had a very promising son in whom he took great pride. He was the orderly Sergeant of the Horner Military School at Oxford and stood high in the esteem of his comrades and his teachers. Monday a week ago he was found dead in his bed with a bullet hole through his head and a pistol by his side. The first announcement was to the effect that death was accidental, but later reports indicate suicide. It is said the young man was subject to fits of depression brought on by disappointment in a love affair.

#### A Beautiful Vision.

The Manufacturer's Record's interview with Chauncey Depew contains the following pleasant bit of reference to Asheville: With Asheville and the mountain region of North Carolina and Tennessee Mr. Depew was delighted. "They have a corner on the atmosphere there which no one can take from them," he said. In his judgment Asheville is the forerunner of what is to be; he thinks the time is coming when all the beautiful and health-restoring locations of the Unaka, the Blue Ridge and their various ranges and spurs will be dotted over with health and pleasure resorts, with the villas of the wealthy and the homes of a thrifty and well-to-do people.

#### Two at a Time.

Mr. A. A. Banks, formerly of Asheville and Hendersonville, and Mr. S. P. Brittain, formerly of Hendersonville and Franklin, have formed a copartnership for the management of hotels, and Mr. Banks announces he will have charge of the hotel Robinson at Tallulah Falls, Ga., while Mr. Brittain conducts the Mountain View Hotel at Clarksville, Ga. Both are experienced hotel managers, and will deserve success, which we trust they will fully enjoy.

#### Mr. Inman's Hotel.

Mr. John H. Inman, President of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, in an interview here last week, said that he would recommend to the directors of the road an expenditure of \$200,000 for a hotel in Asheville. He said that Asheville was growing to be very popular with New Yorkers, and more hotel accommodations were imperatively demanded.

### More Fine Iron Ore.

Our countryman W. H. Curtis, Esq., has brought to THE DEMOCRAT office some fine specimens of magnetic iron ore, taken from his lands in Upper Hominy township. He informed us that years ago the late Col. Jack Candler, grandfather of Col. W. G. Mr. Tom Candler, and Mrs. Lusk, established a forge on the vein, from which Mr. Curtis obtained these specimens and about three miles from it, and worked it successfully for a number of years. So satisfactory and beneficial was this enterprise of Col. Candler to this then thinly populated section, the State, in recognition thereof, granted him a very large body of land in this and now adjoining counties. The very best iron, for all farm purposes, was made at this forge. The site of the old forge is yet easily seen. It is about one-fourth mile from the present W. N. C. Road, and is now owned by the heirs of the late Sol. Luther. The deposit from which Mr. Curtis brings his specimens is about one mile from the railroad, and easily accessible. Here is a fortune for somebody, and liberal arrangements will be made with anyone desiring to work the same.

#### Give Them Protection.

In that portion of East Asheville occupied by our colored citizens much complaint is made of almost nightly disturbances and assaults upon persons and property, made by throwing stones at either the individual or his house. People have been assaulted while going peacefully to their homes, and their houses rocked afterwards, and we are informed that some of these assaults have been made by white people. As they occur at night they can easily elude recognition. This is an outrage, and the good people of that section ask and demand, as they have a right to do, protection, and it ought to be afforded. A very large majority of the residents of this section are orderly, peaceful citizens, and are entitled to be protected from such disturbances. If the city will not afford it, a double-barreled shotgun handled skillfully by the owner of the premises being rocked, come into play. We do not advise that neglect on the part of the authorities may lead to this. We advise the citizens of that place to organize a local police and arrest any violator of the law they may be able to apprehend, and bring them in.

#### Splendid Transylvania Cattle.

Mr. J. E. Duckworth, of Transylvania, sold last week to Messrs. McIntyre, of this city, 35 splendid, corn-fed Transylvania county beeves, each one averaging more than 1200 pounds. Some of this good beef will be at McIntyre's market, Court Square, to-day (Thursday). Mr. Duckworth is one of the oldest and most successful cattle raisers in this section, and will not put a beef or mutton on the market until it is in prime condition. And more than this, Mr. Duckworth, among others recently mentioned in THE DEMOCRAT, demonstrates that Western Carolina can produce as fine beef and mutton as Kansas or any other country, whenever our farmers go at it in the right way. There has been very considerable improvement of late, in this section, in this respect.

By the way, our friend A. J. Osborne, of Haywood, recently delivered in this city a superb Haywood raised beef which weighed over 1700 pounds on the city scales. Our people can equal the world in general, and beat it in many respects, when they try. Let us all try.

#### Hot Springs.

This popular resort has entered upon a new life. The Hot Springs Hotel property has just passed into the hands of The Mountain Park Improvement Company, who propose large additions to the hotel, and handsome improvement of the beautiful surrounding elevations. The hotel has been crowded all winter, and every room is engaged until after May.

The town is improving. A number of good buildings will be built this year, for good and residence purposes.

In the town there is one of the finest chalybeate springs which can be found anywhere, and is proving very beneficial to all who use it. It has been nicely fixed up and is free to all.

Dougherty Brothers are operating a baryta mill on an extensive scale. This is situated on Spring Creek, in the town, and the capacity is 5,000 tons, ground, per annum. This is shipped to New York city. The supply is inexhaustible and very pure.

A short distance this side of Hot Springs, at Sandy Bottom, are the very extensive lumber mills of Messrs. Fugate & Co. These are among the largest in Western North Carolina. Their shipments are very heavy, and go to New York and Boston.

The whole section has caught the improvement fever, and, to its attractions as a health and pleasure resort, Hot Springs is destined to add all the advantages of a thriving, prosperous, business community. The field is white unto the harvest, and, alas! the laborers are few.

### FINE CLAY.

#### A Discovery on the Spartanburg Road.

Messrs. Editors:—I have for a number

of years desired to find a number one brick and tile clay in North Carolina. In the last few days I have realized that desire, and that, too, far beyond my most sanguine hopes. There is on the Mud Creek farm of P. F. Patton, Esq., 15 miles south of Asheville, in Henderson county, the most remarkable bed of clay which it has ever been my lot to see. The bed crops out along the track of the Spartanburg Railroad for something like a mile. It shows on either side of the track, and extending off towards the creek underlies about 300 acres, as shown by the drain ditches. Its depth is unknown. It shows, however, in some gullies, a depth of from 6 to 8 feet, but the bottom has not been reached. The grounds along the railroad are admirably situated for brick and tile yards, with every advantage for side tracks. The clay is of different colors and is of fine plastic quality. Under pressure it will bring out sharp and well defined edges, as sharp, indeed, as well dressed lumber, and for the manufacture of superior finishing bricks there has not been found its equal in the State, or elsewhere for that matter. I place samples of it in your office for the inspection of any one interested in such an enterprise.

C. D. SMITH.

#### Haywood Court

Convened Monday of last week, Judge Conner presiding, and notwithstanding the term calls for two weeks, the Judge, officers and attorneys worked so well that the docket was cleared by last Saturday and court adjourned.

We were pleased to learn that the famous White Sulphur Springs Hotel would soon be improved by the addition of modern improvements, and prepared for summer business on the best scale. It is one of the finest properties in the South, most beautifully situated, in one of the most attractive sections of this grand country.

A fine, large hotel in the town (Waynesville) proper is spoken of; besides, Mr. A. J. Reeves, who already keeps an excellent hotel, will add largely to his building this season, including steam heating and all modern improvements.

The Waynesville Bank is one of the successful institutions of Western Carolina. Its management is excellent, and its success is not a surprise.

The woolen and the lumber mills at this point are doing an excellent business, indeed all that their capacity will justify. Wagon, spoke and handle factories are wanted, and enterprising citizens are ready to unite in their establishment.

Waynesville's future is a bright one. Its citizens are hospitable and progressive, and with the natural advantages and attractions of their town and surroundings, have every cause to be hopeful, and encouragement to be enterprising.

We heard good reports from the country, the farmers being, generally, well up with their work, and having enough of supplies from last year's crop, are in a comfortable position.

#### Married in Charlotte.

Mr. John Bixby, son of Capt. John Bixby, Chief of the City Fire Department, was married to-day to Miss Florence Jamison. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Robert Jamison, Esq., by Rev. C. E. Todd, of the Associate Reformed Church. The groom has been a resident of Asheville for some time past and will take his bride to his home in that place. The good wishes of their Charlotte friends will accompany them.—Charlotte News.

Mr. Bixby has made many friends since he has lived in Asheville, who welcome his wife to her new home. Mr. Bixby is Superintendent of the Telephone Exchange.

#### A Just Complaint.

Editors Democrat:—I see in your last issue a paragraph that I would like to have our City Fathers consider. You say: "If the property owners of the city would plant shade trees along the streets they would receive the thanks of the pedestrians," etc. Well, how about cutting down those that not only shaded the streets but made the home desirable for its shade—and leaving an unsightly bank to climb up into the yard? Is it just to thus mutilate one person's private property for the good of the city without a cent's remuneration, not even leaving the premises in comfortable order, and assess the individual "benefitted?"

#### ONE OF THE