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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.

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J. H. McCONNELL.

Local Briefs

Col. Cox has determined to put a 100 room addition to the Battery Park hotel.

The revival held in Waynesville from March 23 to April 8, by the Quaker evangelist, Rev. John Kittrell, resulted in 75 or 80 conversions.

The Progressive Farmer well says, the safe rule we must repeat for the hundredth time, is for the average farmer to raise his own bread and meat and then he will have it.

Propositions have been made to the Board of Aldermen by Capt. Cocke, of the French Broad Valley Road, Capt. Atkinson, of the A., A. and B. Road, and others, for the right to build railroad tracks up Valley street.

The supervisor for the census of this district desires us to say to those who have made applications for appointment as enumerators and who have not heard from their applications that they will all in due time be carefully considered.

Leah Foreman, daughter of Harriet Williams the negro woman murdered in West Asheville last Saturday a week ago, is in jail charged with the murder of her mother. There is some strong circumstantial evidence against her.

Asheville's Growth.

The intelligent Asheville correspondent of the Knoxville Journal writes that paper under recent date the following facts concerning the rapid growth and business and industrial development of Asheville:

"As evidence of Asheville's growth some interesting facts may be recorded, which, while giving outsiders an idea of what is on here at present, will also show what will be done in the future.

"Asheville has a number of brick yards, and all of them are doing a good business, and turn out as fine brick as can be found anywhere, yet they cannot supply the demand. Orders are sent out by contractors every day to various points in North Carolina and Tennessee, and car loads of brick are coming in constantly. This is true also in regard to lumber and other building material, though manufacturers here are doing an immense business. What better proof of the steady growth of a town would be required? In many 'cities' of the South, of several thousand inhabitants, one brick or lumber yard is considered sufficient, and the proprietors of these seldom make fortunes, yet their newspapers sometimes assert that 'the town is on a boom.' New buildings are going up all over Asheville, and there are very few small ones included in the list. As a general thing, they are homes of millionaires, or large business houses and manufactories. It is stated that Vanderbilt will establish a large brick yard near Biltmore, and will make the brick for his palace instead of having them shipped here from other points. The syndicate proposing to build large hotels here will doubtless do likewise.

"If Asheville is not on a boom, no town ever was, and it is a boom that will last. It is surrounded by mines of great wealth—not 'salted,' as many are found to be, but rich and extensive. Ultimately the resources of this country will be developed, and the attention of the whole world will be directed to the old North State, and to its gem city—Asheville. The people here have 'lifted a corner of the veil' and see in the future a great and beautiful city—what Asheville will be. They know that as long as nature smiles upon this fair country Asheville will continue to grow in importance, and all that can be done to hasten her progress is being accomplished."

More Iron Ores.

Mr. S. Walker, postmaster at Crabtree, brought us on Tuesday a fine specimen of magnetic iron ore from a bed which has been recently discovered on the mill tract place of Mr. W. C. Hill, on Fines' Creek, in Haywood County. The indications are that there is an abundant supply of ore. Mr. Hill also owns the well known magnetic iron and copper ore bed on Wilkin's Creek, not far from the above named discovery. The Wilkin's Creek ore is said to be the richest find of that character of ore ever discovered in Western North Carolina. A shaft has been sunk upon it and it has been pronounced very rich by experts.

Notice to Confederate Veterans.

All veterans are invited to attend the unveiling of the Lee Monument at Richmond, Va., on the 29th of May prox., and all veterans of Henderson county desiring and expecting to attend said occasion will please report at once to either of the undersigned, so that the names and number may be reported to headquarters. It is hoped that railroad fare will be reduced to one cent a mile.

J. J. SPANX, Com'r Co. Vet.

J. J. OSBORNE, Sec. Co. Ass'n.

THE CITY PARK QUESTION.

An Admirable Place—The Murdock Property in Northeast Asheville.

The attention of the city council's committee on a Public Park is called to the Murdock property in the northeastern suburbs of the city. This large tract is an ideal place for a park. Two bold streams run through it affording ample opportunity for most picturesque improvements in the shape of lakes, serpentine, etc. The property is grandly wooded with a great variety of forest trees, the surroundings are most beautiful and the lay of the land is all that could be desired.

No doubt the owners would demand a large price for the tract, but it strikes THE DEMOCRAT that an advantageous contract for both city and owners could be made if an agreement was made whereby the city would improve and establish the park leaving the owners the title to building sites along the ridges. These later would be greatly enhanced by the ornamentation of the park while the sites could be so laid out as not to interfere in the least with the freedom of the park. Houses upon the ridges and available sites would increase the charms of the park.

Can any objection be urged to this plan. It strikes us as a most admirable one.

The street car line is also to be extended out by the property.

Rutherfordton.

Rutherfordton is taking on new life. In addition to the new hotel Rutherfordton is building a splendid high school building, which will be ready for Capt. W. T. R. Bell, who has been engaged as principal, by the 1st of July.

Parties from Buncombe have erected a steam power fellow factory at the Carolina Central depot, at Rutherfordton. The building is a large two story structure, covered with sheet iron. They will commence operations soon. Many new buildings are going up in the incorporation and there is a great demand for houses just now.

The C. C. and C., C and C. railroads will soon build a union depot, near the C. C. depot, and the citizens of the town will grade a splendid drive-way "Over the Hills to the Courthouse."

Track laying on the 3 C's from Rutherfordton to Marion will be commenced in a very short time. All the grading of the roadbed is about completed. The trestle work is not yet finished, but is being pushed rapidly forward. With the railroad completed to Marion, we will then be connected by rail with the western world.

An Old Town Waking Up.

Louisburg, the county seat of Franklin county, this State, one of the best little communities in this or any other State, has entered upon a new life, and bids fair to become an important and prosperous business community. Tobacco warehouses have proven profitable, and now large tobacco factories are to be established; a bank has recently been established, and a large, first-class hotel is soon to be erected. The good people of the busy town, realizing their advantages, and having faith in them, have gone to work in the right way to induce population and enterprise. They have given, and propose yet to give, suitable sites for these various establishments, and by these means have secured several of their best establishments. This course on the part of the people indicating their own confidence, established confidence in others, and, the result is, the good old burg is on a genuine boom. May it go on to grow and to prosper, for all the improvement that it can enjoy will be a source of sincere pleasure to the writer, who "first saw the light" within its sacred precincts.

Railroads Through the Town.

A company with a capital of \$150,000 has been organized to build a standard gauge railroad from the Western North Carolina depot, up Southside avenue and Valley street, across College and Woodfin, down the valley of the branch crossing North Main to Pearson's bridge on the French Broad. The length of the line will be five miles. A depot for freight distribution will be placed on Valley street. The company already has a charter from the State Legislature. The officers of the road are: Nat. Atkinson, president; M. J. Fagg, vice-president; W. T. Penniman, secretary and treasurer. Directors, Nat. Atkinson, M. J. Fagg, W. F. Penniman, Richmond Pearson, C. M. McLeod, W. T. Reynolds.

It is said work is to be begun at once with the force now constructing the Biltmore Railroad.

Gen. P. M. B. Young also announces the organization of a company of Northern capitalists to build a similar road, a dummy line, to make a circuit of the city and extend into the country.

Fair View Items.

J. E. Shuford is out again after a two weeks seige of the gripe.

Miss Sallie Brown has taken charge of the primary department of the school at this place.

While our public roads have been much improved the last two years, there is still great improvement that could be made with small expense.

We had some ice and considerable frost Monday morning, the 21st inst., which doubtless has hurt the fruit to some extent.

Rev. J. W. Anderson resigned as pastor of the Cane Creek Baptist Church a short time since, and the church called Rev. J. M. Hilliard, who will take charge of the church and will preach next Saturday and Sunday.

The Methodists are contemplating building a church. Mr. W. R. Freenan donates the lot. The parsonage is located here and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Galaspie, and wife have made many friends since they came among us.

The farmers have been busy for the past two weeks preparing corn and tobacco land. Some corn has been planted and more oats sown than has been for several years. Most of our farmers are going to try tobacco raising this year. There is general complaint that bugs are destroying the plants. Our planters are steadily advancing in prosperity.

We frequently hear the question asked if the County Commissioners are not to be elected in June, and if it is not time for Fair View to present her claims for a representation in the Board. We not only have an available man in Mr. A. P. Sorrels, but a thorough business man and one who will work for the good of the entire county. As Fair View township has not been represented for many years our people appeal to the Board of Magistrates to give them a representative by electing Mr. A. P. Sorrels.

L. H.

A Very Important Matter.

A State exchange calls attention to a very important matter as follows: "The examination being made by the special agents of the census department of the mortgage indebtedness of the country reveals the fact that in many counties in this State there has been a failure to cancel—that the records show that many mortgages recorded during the past ten years and paid, remain uncanceled. Now this is all wrong. Suppose the original document is lost and the parties to the transaction die, the record shows an unsatisfied lien. Again, for prudential reasons, persons desire to ascertain the financial status of a party. They go to the Register's office to see if aught is entered against them. Though paid, if not cancelled, the record don't show it, and the party is rated accordingly. In some States a penalty of \$50 is imposed on failure to cancel within six months. This state of affairs should be remedied before it adds another weight to the burden which is oppressing the farmers of North Carolina.

Death of Capt. J. A. Irvine.

Capt. J. A. Irvine, of Columbia, Tenn., died Saturday, April 11th. Mrs. Irvine, accompanied by Mr. G. W. Wooten, of Philadelphia, a friend and associate in business of Capt. Irvine, reached his bedside Wednesday previous to his death. Capt. Irvine was well and favorably known in this section, particularly in Asheville and in the counties west of Asheville, having spent a greater part of the last eight or ten years here, first in the lumber trade and more recently in operations in mineral lands. The remains were taken to Columbia, Tenn., for interment.—Tuckaseige Democrat.

A Called Alliance Meeting.

We are authorized by the President and Secretary to state that there will be a call meeting of the Buncombe County Farmers' Alliance, in the Court House, on Friday, May 16th, to consider several important business matters, especially the work of the committees on getting under way the work of holding a fair this fall, and preparing to give the State delegates a grand reception at the annual meeting in August. The manufacturing, business with the State Alliance, and other important matters will be considered. A full attendance is desired, not only of delegates but committees.

Vestibule Trains on the W. N. C.

A solid train of vestibuled Pullman cars passed down the Western North Carolina railroad one evening last week. There is a rumor in railroad circles to the effect that, through vestibuled trains will soon be run regularly between Washington and Asheville. Certainly, the wonderful increase in travel over this road both summer and winter demands increased facilities.

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Maj. J. C. Winder Becomes General Manager of the Entire System.

According to rumor current in well-informed railroad circles some important changes will be made shortly in the organization of the Seaboard Air Line, of which Mr. John M. Robinson, of Baltimore, is president. It is said that Maj. John C. Winder, of this city, who has for some ten or fifteen years past been general manager of the various roads of the line south of Weldon, will have his jurisdiction extended to Portsmouth, and in future, will be charged with the general management of the entire Seaboard Air Line system of roads, embracing the Seaboard and Roanoke, Roanoke and Tar River, Raleigh and Gaston, Louisburg, Raleigh and Augusta Air Line, Pittsboro, Carthage and Carolina Central railroads, and the Durham and Northern, and Georgia, Carolina and Northern railways. The same rumor has it that Mr. L. T. Myers, at present superintendent of transportation of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, will be promoted to a position embracing the whole line, and that Mr. John H. Winder, of this city, will succeed Mr. Myers as superintendent of the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad. It is also understood that as soon as the Georgia, Carolina and Northern is completed from Monroe, Major Winder will be the general manager of the entire line from Norfolk to Atlanta.

We congratulate this excellent gentleman and efficient officer on his larger field of usefulness. His well-known ability as a railroad manager leaves no room for surprise at the extension of his jurisdiction.—News-Observer.

Cherokee County.

Several important lines of railway are projected to connect Cartersville, Ga., Chattanooga and Cleveland, Tenn., with Murphy, N. C., so we learn from the Murphy Bulletin.

Mr. J. T. Williams, of the firm of C. K. Williams & Co., of Eastern Pennsylvania, who are manufacturers of mineral pulp, American talc and clays, slate flour and ochre, has been examining Cherokee county the past week, in company with Mr. A. A. Campbell, of The Bulletin, with an eye strictly to business in his line.

Upon being asked as to how he was impressed with Murphy and vicinity, Mr. Williams replied in these words:

"This is the first time I have ever had the pleasure of visiting the State of North Carolina. I find the mountain town of Murphy the most beautifully located of any I have seen on my trip from Philadelphia to this healthful and beautiful Southwestern North Carolina. No town seems to be as desirable and as well calculated to please and charm the pleasure tourist, and its surrounding mineral wealth has and will continue to attract the enterprising capitalist. The three Indian rivers that approach it are bound to give the section valuable and inexhaustible water power, and the rolling country bordering them elicits the admiration of visitors. Your town and county certainly has a most glorious and early future."

The Kirkpatrick-Gus Patterson Case.

The Statesville landmark says: "The grand jury of the recent term of Orange superior court found a true bill for murder against S. Kirkpatrick, A. C. Patterson, L. M. Cates, A. J. Dodson and W. J. Dickson, revenue officers, for the killing of Henry McMannen, colored, whom they had chased into his own house with horses and pistols and whom they shot and killed after he had shot one of them, having himself been first shot by one of the party. As a practical matter the finding of this bill is of no consequence, since the federal court has taken the case out of the State courts and into its own hands, but there is nothing like keeping the record all right, and acquittal in the federal court will not obliterate the brand which the grand jury of Orange county has put upon these men.

Patton Avenue and Church Street.

It looks as though some arrangement should be made by which Church street, the approach to four of the leading churches of the city, should be made of uniform width, or at least that the street at the corner of Patton avenue should be as wide as elsewhere. But the pavement on the east side of the street, at the corner, adjoining Mr. Sondley's lot, has been laid on the old lines as though the city had abandoned the idea. Undoubtedly Mr. Sondley would be damaged by taking five feet off his already narrow lot facing on Patton avenue, but he is willing to make a reasonable settlement of the matter and it should be settled if possible. It disfigures the street to have it narrower at the corner than elsewhere, while it is not broad enough there to accommodate the throngs on Sundays.

J. S. Grant, Ph. G.

(Of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.)

Apothecary, 24 South Main St.

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