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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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### Local Briefs

Federal court next week.  
A company has been formed in Asheville to bore for natural gas.  
Some notes on Jackson county, its resources and industries, are crowded out this week.  
Mr. J. Wakefield Cortland, of this city, has been appointed a Notary Public by Gov. Fowle.  
Mr. Eugene P. Albee, of Winston, now representing Messrs. Keen & Hagerty, of Baltimore, gave us a pleasant call this week.  
Saturday night, near Biltmore, Jim Hall and a fellow traveller named Bradley, got into a difficulty, and Hall had his scalp almost cut off. Nothing more serious. Whiskey.  
Mr. F. A. Luck, editor of Sylva Democrat, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday. This is his first visit to Asheville in five years, and he says the city certainly has outgrown herself.  
Mr. H. B. Ray, formerly of Leicester, is now connected with the house of Mr. E. F. Hines, Pulliam street, where all his friends who want wagons, buggies, farmers machinery, etc., are invited to call.  
The Street improvements made on Mr. Pearson's property on Eagle street are the best yet made in this city. That section, heretofore an eyesore, is being converted into one of the most attractive business sections of the city.

At Jackson court last week, the case of State vs. R. W. Noland, of Haywood removed from Haywood, was tried, and Mr. Noland was acquitted of the charge whereof he was indicted. Mr. Noland was a very happy man over his victory.  
Call and see that splendid stock of general merchandise just received by Graves & Thrash. Mr. Graves says he never selected such a stock before, and the crowds who daily visit his store attest the good taste Mr. G. has exhibited.  
The Criminal court is in session this week, Judge Moore presiding. All officers are actively at work. No case of special public importance tried so far; and no true bill has, at this writing, (Wednesday) been found against the party who killed Harriet Vance.  
Hon. R. B. Vance addressed a large Alliance meeting in Madison county last Friday, and a school in Yancey on Saturday. He is doing good work now in the country in the interest of the Alliance, education, and religion, for he never loses an opportunity to address his fellow-men on either subject.

The marriage of Mr. Gaston Meares, formerly of Salisbury, now of New York, and Miss Fannie Hunt, one of Asheville's most popular young ladies, will take place to-night at Trinity Episcopal church. A reception will follow the ceremony at the hospitable home of the bride's parents in South Asheville.

Winston gets the Davis Military School. We heartily congratulate Winston. Her business men and people went at the matter directly, put their hands in their pockets, and the thing was done. They did not need to be urged, the suggestion of this opportunity was enough, and they embraced it. Good for Winston and her people. It is such pluck and enterprise as this which build up communities.

Tuesday night Hezekiah Luckey went to Emma Smith's castle in South Asheville and forced admittance against the wishes of Emma. Having gotten in the house he began a difficulty with another woman, whereupon he was ordered out. After leaving he returned, and Emma tried to prevent his again entering the house, whereupon he opened fire with his little pistol, putting five balls through her clothing, one taking effect just above the knee. All parties highly colored.

We have received from the Rev. A. J. Witherspoon, of New Orleans, a report of the workings of the New Orleans Seamen's Friends Society. Mr. Witherspoon is superintendent of the Seamen's Bethel of New Orleans, one of the most successful institutions of the sort in the United States. He will be in Asheville at the meeting this month of the Presbyterian General Assembly. He is of the well-known South Carolina family of Witherspoons and has many friends in North Carolina.

Rev. Sam Jones said in his first sermon at Charlotte that the first time he ever heard of North Carolina was some years ago when he met an old man driving a yoke of oxen to a covered wagon with a half-starved dog following along under the wagon. He asked him where he was from, and he replied, "From North Carolina, Buncombe county, Tare river." As Tar river is one of the eastern streams of the State and has not yet begun to run up hill, we fear some Georgia cracker imposed upon Rev. Sam.

### A CUP OF COLD WATER.

A Noted Spring Formally Thrown Open to the Public.  
We regretted our inability to be present at a most interesting meeting which occurred last Saturday evening on the place of Maj. W. E. Breeze on Swan nanao. On this place is a bold spring of excellent water, situated in a beautiful little grove, and quite near the public road. This spring is quite noted, as it has slaked the thirst of not only generations near by, but has furnished encampments of soldiers of both the revolutionary and the late civil war. Col. John S. Rice, a distinguished soldier of the late war, one of nature's noblemen, whose every thought is for the good of his fellow men, suggested to Maj. Breeze the propriety of having the spring properly enclosed, surroundings beautified, and comfortably arranged for public use, and consent being gladly given, Col. R. proceeded to do his work with a degree of skill and taste which stamp him an artist of real merit.  
The approach to the spring is through a semi-circular embankment built of solid masonry in which is set an armorial shield of Italian marble, with an engraved cup at its crest, encircled by a wreath on which is etched "A Cup of Cold Water."  
Beneath the crest is engraved these lines, which in epitome set forth Mr. Rice's salient virtues:  
Rein up, ye thirsty passer-by!  
As you are now, so once was I;  
Stop short, alight, you are not the first  
Who at this spring has quenched his thirst;  
Gird up your loins, drink once, drink twice;  
Pass on and think of JOHN S. RICE.  
For thirsty man he built this spring;  
And then for Heaven did plume his wing.  
He asks no thanks; his life's long span  
Proves that he loved his fellow-man.

On Saturday evening the spring was formally thrown open to the public, and a large gathering of friends of Col. Rice from this city as well as the surrounding locality, gathered to witness the interesting ceremony. Col. Rice was gorgeously attired in a regimental suit, being a combination of Federal and Confederate uniforms, and his bearing was quite majestic as he stood beneath the flags of the United States, and of North and South Carolina.  
Maj. Breeze, as host, opened the proceedings with a few well chosen words, formally tendered the spring to his neighbors and the public christening it "Rice's Spring."  
Hon. C. M. McLoud followed in a happy style, referring specially to the many and conspicuous virtues of his life-long friend Col. Rice.  
The Colonel was then introduced, and addressed the assembly, and it can truly be said his effort was the greatest of his life. It was historical, poetical, and just such a speech as can come directly from the heart of a good man, to go straight to the hearts of his hearers. This the speech and the good spring water did effectually. The only objection to his very appropriate address was it was too short. The shades of night were falling fast, and though Col. R. said he could, like the limpid waters which flow so freely, "go on forever," he felt constrained to close.  
The ceremonies closed with an earnest benediction by Rev. D. B. Nelson.  
"Rice's Spring" will be one of the attractions of Asheville.

An Elegant Improvement.  
THE DEMOCRAT has alluded to the new building to be erected by Hon. T. D. Johnston on the site of the Col. Pulliam residence, South Main street. It will be a double building, two stories high, and running back the extent of the lot. Mr. Straus, the popular restaurateur, has leased the entire building, and when completed will conduct his restaurant therein. The building will be arranged and equipped throughout especially for the use to which it is to be put, modeled after the very best in any city, and Mr. Straus' reputation guarantees that he will afford Asheville a restaurant equal to that any city can boast. Pending the erection of this new building Mr. Straus will occupy the Woodfin building on North Main street.

One Colored Man Shoots Another.  
Charles Walker owed George Gibson \$1.25. They met at Biltmore Saturday, and payment was demanded, it having been promised that day. Walker told Gibson he could not then pay him, and after some words Gibson got possession of Walker's watch and revolver and kept them. Walker then walked off, but soon returning demanded his articles, and, Gibson claims, advanced upon him in such a threatening manner that he thought he was going to assault him with a pistol, whereupon he fired, shooting Walker through the stomach. He is in a very precarious condition, and it is thought will certainly die. Gibson was arrested and put in jail.

### The Presbyterian General Assembly.

This, the highest court of the Presbyterian Church, will convene in Asheville on May 15. It represents the South from Maryland to Missouri and from Florida to Texas and Arkansas, and it will bring to Asheville a body of men, both ministers and laymen, that will honorably represent the intelligence, the culture and the piety of the Presbyterian Church.  
The assembly will meet in the First Presbyterian church and the lecture room, vestry, class-rooms, etc., will be used as committee rooms, while the Methodist church opposite and the large office buildings near by will furnish additional rooms.  
The opening sermon will be preached on Thursday, May 15, at 11 a. m., by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., of this State, who was Moderator last year at Chattanooga, and after this the new Moderator will be chosen. Any one of the 170 commissioners is eligible for this office for the Presbyterian church recognizes the ruling elder as of equal authority in church courts with the ministers. The committees will be appointed on Friday morning and the assembly will not begin its session work till these committees are ready to report. The debates which always attract so much attention will arise only as the subjects are brought in by the committee, and therefore there is no telling when a brilliant debate will arise.

Among the questions likely to arise are those relating to "Societies Within and Without the Church," the obligation upon Christians of to-day of the law of the tithe, the proposed directory of worship. The question of creed revision, so prominent in the North will not be likely to arise here, and the question of reunion with the Northern assembly is not expected to be taken up at this time.

We are gratified to learn that the personnel of this assembly is of a very high order. Some of the most distinguished orators of the Presbyterian church will be present and among the elders, judges, doctors, lawyers, merchants, etc., are numerous.

The committee of arrangements is hard at work assigning the commissioners to the homes of our citizens. It is a very gratifying fact that our people without regard to sect are offering homes to these visitors and are aiding the committee every way in their power. It is an occasion that will call out the hospitality of Asheville, and we are glad to learn that she is making ready to distinguish herself.

### Marriages.

Mr. Milton Harding and Miss Mamie E. Templeton were married in this city last week, Rev. Dr. G. C. Rankin officiating.  
Mr. R. L. Graham, one of Asheville's most promising young business men, was married in Caswell Co., on Wednesday of last week, to Miss Louisa Williamson, daughter of Col. George Williamson, of Caswell, and neice of Col. Williamson, of this city.

In this city, on Thursday, 17th ult., at the residence of the bride's brother, J. A. Marquardt, Esq., Rev. Dr. W. A. Nelson officiating, Mr. Logan Smith, of Asheville, and Miss Emma Marquardt, of Havana, Illinois. (Havana, Ill., Democrat please copy.)

### 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.

### 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. SPANN, Com'r Co. Vet.  
J. J. OSBORNE, Sec. Co. Ass'n.

### Let Asheville Do Likewise.

Wheeling, W. Va., owns its own gas works and furnishes gas at 75 cents per 1,000 feet. The cost of making and distributing the gas is 35 cents per 1,000 feet, and out of the profits of the business the city lights all the streets and public buildings, and turns \$27,000 into the treasury annually.

### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

#### A Novel Lecture to be Given Tuesday Evening, May 6.

The rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association are very cool and attractive, and are much visited during both day and evening.

The board of directors have ordered the enlargement of the bathing facilities which involves the addition of one bath tub and enlarged heater and tank, so that three times as much water can be heated as at present.

The religious meetings are very interesting.

The meeting on Thursday of this week at 8 p. m. will be on a missionary topic and will be addressed by Mr. H. A. Gudger.

The singing at the Sunday afternoon meeting is hearty and pleasant, and the interest in the Evangelical Bible study is growing. The subject for next Sunday will be "Great Faith and in a Heathen." Luke vii: 1-10.

The meeting will be held at 4.30 p. m., and all young men will be welcomed at this as well as at the Thursday night meeting.

The Bible study for both ladies and gentlemen, which is conducted by Rev. W. J. Erdman each Saturday is found helpful to those who attend. The subject is the Sunday school lesson of the following day. Although it is particularly helpful to Sunday school teachers it is also interesting to all others.

A Bible training class for Christian workers was organized last Thursday night and will meet for an hour each Thursday at 9 p. m. Mr. H. P. Andersen, the general secretary, will lead the class.

A novel lecture will be given in the Lecture Hall of the Association Tuesday, May 6th, on "Russia and its Government as told by a Russian." The lecture will be given by Mr. P. A. Demens, who was a Governor of one of the Russian provinces, and left his country on the accession of the present Czar because of his love of liberty. All are invited to attend the lecture which will be free.

Mrs. G. W. Pack has presented the Y. M. C. A. with a fine Chickering piano, which will be used in the lecture hall.

### The County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

We are informed, and regret to hear it, that Hon. J. W. Starnes, who has for several years been the earnest and influential Superintendent of Schools for this county, has determined to retire at the expiration of his present term. Prof. H. L. King, we have been informed, will be a candidate for the position. Prof. King has had long experience as a teacher, and has been one of the most successful as well as popular teachers in the county, earnest, faithful and attentive, and if chosen will prove an officer who will be eminently satisfactory to our people and the interests he will be called upon to serve.

### Paricide in Sampson County.

Edwin N. Butler, a well-known citizen of Clinton, Sampson county, was shot from ambush on the 12th of April last. Since then his son, Avery Butler, has confessed that he committed the crime. A special to the Wilmington Star from Clinton says that Avery refuses to tell why he killed his father, or whether he had an accomplice; but significantly remarked, that people will be surprised when the story is told on the witness stand. The boy's attorney waived an examination, and the lad was lodged in jail.

### Tired of Pulling Chestnuts out of the Fire.

The colored people of this vicinity are agitating the matter of holding a mass meeting some time in May, similar to those recently held at other points in the State, for the purpose of denouncing the republican party. Uncle Aleck Carson, who seems to be engineering the movement, says the negroes have been using the negroes' hands to pull chestnuts out of the fire long enough.—Statesville Landmark.

### His Customers Paid for the Dust.

"This infernal dust nuisance must damage you a great deal," he said to an Asheville grocer, as he dodged into the door to let a great cloud roll by.  
"Oh, no, sir. Anything added to maple sugar, prunes, evaporated apples, etc., is paid for by the public at so much per pound. I am not doing any kicking."

Asheville has in prospects the sensation of a prize fight somewhere in its vicinity. The principles are Harry Collins of Asheville who some time since issued a general defiance to Southern light weights for \$500 a side. "Professor" Layton of Spartanburg has accepted, and the fight, it is said, is to come off near Asheville at an early day.

## J. S. Grant, Ph. G.

(Of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.)

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

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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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