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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

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Local Briefs

Misses Belle and Anna Barnard, of Danville, are visiting their brother, W. W. Barnard, Esq., of this city.

The proposition for issuing \$75,000 of bonds for improving the streets of Charlotte has been adopted by a vote of 638 to 38.

Mr. D. F. Gudger, on Hominy, had the misfortune to lose a very fine horse last week. By accident it got its leg broke, which necessitated its being killed.

Messrs. M. J. O'Brien, general manager, Thos. N. Leary, secretary, and O. M. Sadler, Superintendent of the Southern Express Company were in the city the latter part of last week.

The next annual meeting of the North Carolina Tobacco Association will be held at Morehead City in August. All parties engaged in the tobacco trade will be considered and welcomed as delegates.

Mr. W. W. Barnard, having purchased the elegant Van Gilder building on College street, has taken charge of the same and is conducting a boarding house. It is needless to say it is one of the best in the South.

Our friend R. M. Stafford, Esq., was elected Mayor of Bakersville at the recent election. Outside of some very bad politics Mr. S. is a very clever citizen, and we have no doubt will make an efficient officer.

Mr. Harry Williams and sister, Miss Annie Williams, son and daughter of Dr. John Hey Williams, who have been visiting for some time in Southern California, have returned to their home, greatly to the pleasure of many friends.

Mr. B. E. Hamlin, of Scranton, Pa., was in the city last week, having been to Macon county looking after some valuable timber and mineral properties with a view of investing. He was more than pleased with Western Carolina and will return soon.

The man Brown who was tried for killing Roger Page, at Marion, has been charged with rape by a woman of McDowell, who alleges that the crime was committed upon her daughter. Brown's friends say the charge is made at the instigation of his enemies.

Our clever young friend, Mr. Will Aiken, of this city, for some time a compositor on The Citizen, left last Friday for Knoxville, where he goes to locate, having accepted a position on The Knoxville Journal. We regret to part with Will, but wish him success in his new home.

The Presbyterian General Assembly convenes to-day. It is composed of about 175 members from all over the South. A large number of visitors are expected to be in Asheville during the sittings. Dr. Hill, the Moderator, arrived yesterday. The Assembly will sit ten or twelve days.

R. L. Downs has been convicted by the Federal Court of mutilating Treasury notes and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at Columbus. William Henson, J. R. Johnston, Press Helton, Lige Conrad were sentenced to five months in prison and \$100 fine for violating the revenue laws.

The annual commencement and students' reunion at Rutherford College on June 20th and 21st will be one of the most noted events in the history of the college. Hon. R. B. Vance will deliver the address before the literary societies and Hon. S. E. Jones, of Virginia, will address the "Re-union."

The Christian Observer of Louisville, a Presbyterian church paper, in its issue of May 7, has an illustrated article upon Asheville apropos of the meeting here of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church. There are six illustrations of Asheville, and the suburbs and the article is a most complimentary one.

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

In a Lumber Plant at Dillsboro.

Messrs. Cummings and Buffin, two prominent Northern lumber capitalists, having visited Western Carolina, inspected the inexhaustible timber supplies of the section, and satisfied themselves that the field was a most inviting one, purchased a site near Dillsboro and are busily erecting a timber plant to cost at least \$50,000. They are putting in booms in the Tuckaseige River, and doing everything in strictly first-class style necessary to the conduct of a very large business. They have been busy for some time purchasing timber in Jackson and other contiguous counties, and will soon be shipping to Northern and European markets what they cannot get in any other section of the world. THE DEMOCRAT wishes the new enterprise abundant success.

THE CAROLINA CLAY COMPANY

An Important Enterprise at Dillsboro, N. C.

While in Dillsboro last week we took occasion to visit and examine the Carolina Clay Works. We were most cordially received by Mr. Theodore Harris, the Secretary and Treasurer of the company, who kindly showed us through the works and explained the modus operandi of converting Jackson county clay into material for the finest chinaware. We were not only pleased, but astonished at the magnitude of the works. All the needed machinery and facilities required are in operation, and fifteen tons per day is the capacity of the works. The company purchased a mountain of kaolin, about one-half mile from Webster. This is mined and hauled about three miles to the works at Dillsboro, and here it is made ready for the potter, to whom it is shipped in carload lots as rapidly as prepared.

This kaolin is said to be superior to anything Europe can afford, and cannot be surpassed anywhere. It is certainly very beautiful, and some were made from it by the Trenton (New Jersey) Pottery, which take very large quantities of this clay, is as fine as any we have seen. Mr. Harris informed us there were at least 2,000,000 tons of the clay in sight at the mines, and their orders on hand now to be shipped to works in New Jersey, Ohio and other points, amounted to more than one thousand tons.

Associated with this kaolin are deposits of feldspar and flint, the two other elements which united with kaolin, make the finest chinaware. Samples of this kaolin, flint and feldspar are in THE DEMOCRAT OFFICE, kindly furnished by Mr. Schrieber, of Webster, a noted mineralogist, who has done much to attract attention to the very rich mineral interests of Jackson County. Both Mr. Harris and Mr. Schrieber assured us that the clay supplied by the Dillsboro works would make chinaware equal to any that France or England could furnish, as had been already abundantly demonstrated.

This is a most important enterprise and is but the forerunner of other great and important works. This demonstrates what THE DEMOCRAT and others have claimed for Western North Carolina—the vast and varied mineral deposits cannot long be permitted to remain dormant, and, when properly worked, will pay. Jackson is rich in minerals, which THE DEMOCRAT will allude to as rapidly as it can.

BUILDING UP.

How Town and Suburbs are Growing.

Building in the city was never more active than at present. Seventy or eighty houses are in actual course of erection within the city, while others just completed and projected swell the number far beyond the hundred. Indeed the houses are finished up and occupied so rapidly that it is hard to keep the run of them, as nearly all the houses in Asheville are new. In the suburbs there is also the greatest improvement. Three or four beautiful country houses are building and projected at Strawberry Hill. Extensive improvements are in view on the late purchases of Mr. Bostic to the north and east of the city, the elegant mansion of Mr. Chas. McNamee overlooking the Swannanoa in Victoria is nearing completion, the old Middleton place is being vastly improved, and across the river the stupendous work upon the Vanderbilt mansion and estate is in full blast. The Government Building will soon be looming up at the foot of Battery Park Hill, South Main street will soon be paved with brick, the Pearson improvements on Eagle and Valley streets and vicinity are progressing rapidly. Several large business houses may be expected to adorn our streets soon, and reports of new hotels continue to circulate. What is actually doing though is ample proof of the assured prosperity of Asheville.

Many winter visitors still linger amongst us, keeping the streets and drives lively, while the anticipated summer invasion promises to be very large. Many have already engaged board.

Selling His Bank Stock.

CHARLOTTE, May 6.—No little surprise was created here to-day by Capt. Syd. B. Alexander, late president of the State Farmers' Alliance, resigning his directorship of the First National Bank of Charlotte, and selling his stock to his sister Capt. Alexander is the Alliance candidate for Congress in this district to succeed Hon. Alfred Rowland, sitting member. Alliance is opposed to national banks, and in face of approaching congressional campaign Alexander's conduct is considered significant. At the last election he requested the stockholders not to elect him director but the request was not heeded.

Macon Court

Convened last week, and concluded its work Thursday evening. Judge Conner and Solicitor Moody did their work well. Three parties were sentenced to the penitentiary. The other cases were comparatively trivial.

The Macon people are a working people, and only those were in attendance upon court who had business there, and those only staid long enough to attend to their business.

Col. Ingman and other good farmers informed us that crop prospects were very good; also that there was enough old corn in the county to last another year were none raised this year.

The people of Macon "live at home" more thoroughly than any we know of, and they live well, too. All their supplies, for man and beast, are made at home, in abundance, and of the best. Fine horses, fine mules, fine cattle, good people, abound and prevail.

Dr. Smith informed us he had entered into an engagement with some Atlanta gentlemen to go to that city at once, and make a geological survey of a route for a railroad from Atlanta to Clarksville, Georgia, thence through Rabun, Gap into the Tennessee Valley to Frankfort, and thence via Webster to Asheville. This is regarded as not only the most feasible route by the gentlemen interested, but as promising more returns by way of patronage for a railroad. All that Macon needs is railroad facilities to make it one of the most prosperous counties of the South. Her people are progressive, and her resources wonderfully rich, but isolated as they are they are cut off from those opportunities which less favored sections are growing rich upon.

We were pleased to find that Bro. Curtis, of the Press, was doing a good and an increasing business. The Press is a good paper and deserves even a larger measure of success than it is receiving. Macon has another excellent paper, just started at Highlands by Messrs. Coe, the Highlands Star. It is newsy, and devoted to the great material attractions of its locality and section. May it continue to shine and grow in brightness.

J. S. T. Baird for the Assembly.

Editors Asheville Democrat:—Many valued friends have recently expressed to me a desire that I should become a candidate this summer for re-election to a seat in the General Assembly. After much and careful deliberation I have yielded to their wishes, and will be before the people again this summer. I make this announcement thus early in order that the good people of Buncombe may have ample time to consider the matter, and to make such examination of my record and claims as they may wish. I am a Democrat of the original stamp, and while I am not a member of any class organization I am a friend to all classes of our citizens and desire to see the rights and interests of all classes equally protected and promoted, and will go as far as anyone to effect this end by any and all proper legislation. I believe that the Democratic party, when once fully invested with power in all departments of the government, State and National, will demonstrate not only its ability but its willingness and anxiety to redress all the grievances and right all the oppressions under which the great masses of our people are groaning and suffering, and to restore throughout all our borders that peace and prosperity, and contentment and happiness for which we all so devoutly pray. I believe that the liberties of our people and the perpetuity of our republican form of government can only be assured unto us through the honest and benign rule of the Democratic party, hence I shall stay with it "till death do us part."

J. S. T. BAIRD.

May 13, 1890.

Death of Prof. Mangum.

The painful intelligence of the death of Prof. Mangum at his home in Chapel Hill was received in this city on Monday and was communicated to his son, a promising young teacher in our graded schools. Prof. Mangum was one of the leading divines of the Methodist church when in 1875, upon the reorganization of the University of North Carolina he was called to the chair of English literature and belles letters. Since then he has continued to fill that professorship with distinguished honor. He was a man whose culture was enhanced by a magnetic and genial manner, a kindness of heart and gentleness of speech which his old pupils all remember with pleasure. His loss is a serious one to the cause of education and religion.

At Wake Forest College, the society medals for the greatest improvement in oratory during the session have been awarded, in the Euzalian Society to S. C. Welch, of Haywood county; in the Philomathean to O. H. Dockery, Jr., son of Hon. O. H. Dockery.

ALLIANCE MEETING.

The Farmers Turn Out at Black Mountain.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, May 10th.—On Saturday, May 10th, the Farmers' Alliance at this place gave a picnic and, although the weather was quite threatening, many turned out in "many ways" for the occasion.

The choir opened the exercises by singing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," followed by a prayer by Rev. Jas. Allison who besought God's blessing upon the Alliance.

The silver-tongued orators and the audience were then made welcome by Mr. T. R. Randolph, our popular and suave young teacher, who in a neat little speech made many spicy hits.

Mr. J. M. Stepp, President of the Alliance here, then introduced Gen. R. B. Vance, who kept the audience interested for two hours. His subject was purely the good of and for the Farmers' Alliance. His talk was doubly interesting by the scientific and indisputable data brought to bear out the fact that as things now are legislation exists for the favored few. He implored the Alliance to cling and work together and be no longer like "Issachar, who bared his shoulders to the burden," but to cast off the yoke in order to become freedmen. He did not enter into a political vein of this subject, only spoke purely as an Alliance man, and for and to the farmers and wage workers of the land, who for so many years have been at the mercy of capitalists. This address ended in a masterful manner and reached the tender depths of pathos by reciting that quaint Scotch poem, "John Anderson my Joe, John."

Gen. Vance's speech was followed by an address from Maj. D. A. Blackwell, the President of the County Alliance, who in a happy manner gave both valuable instruction and good advice, which it would be well for all interested to heed. He won many friends by his gallantry and tender reference to the fair sex and the bright jewels of happy childhood; and was presented with a bouquet from one of his many admirers among the ladies.

The choir sang, "Sowing the Seed," then Mr. Stepp introduced Mr. T. F. Reeves, who made quite an eloquent speech, fraught with both instruction and amusement, getting many a laugh from his interested audience by his reference to the only article of commerce upon which he knew no tax to exist, and this article was, of course, some lately discarded piece of feminine absurdity.

Our friend Mr. W. F. Tomlinson, of Country Homes, declined to "talk a good audience, to death," so the choir sang, "Toiling On," followed by an adjournment to the "good things" invitingly spread by the ladies.

Little Bertha Clements entertained the crowd after dinner by reciting, very sweetly, "Deliverance Will Come," by Rev. B. A. Clark.

In the afternoon there was a called meeting of the Alliance.

Mr. Geo. Clements, Vice-President of the Order, deserves much credit for the genial and masterful manner with which he administered to the comfort of all present.

Mr. D. C. Champlain, Secretary of the Order, led the choir and rendered the harmony of sweet sound a decided success.

An order presided over by such efficient officers as this, and instructed and urged on by such eloquent and able exponents of the cause, cannot fail to accomplish ultimate success.

The evening of the day ended very happily with a sociable for the young folks at the residence of the popular Mrs. A. E. Aldrich.

Very truly,
RITA.

The 20th of May in Charlotte.

The celebration at Charlotte on the 20th inst. of the Mecklenburg Declaration, promises to be one of the most brilliant occasions which have commemorated that event since the Centennial of '75. There will be a firemen's tournament, a prize company drill, street parade, a brilliant display of fireworks, ball and banquet. Reduced rates are given on the railroads and an immense attendance is assured. Senators Ransom and Vance will both be present and a distinguished speaker is looked for from some other State.

Gen. Vance's Appointments.

Gen. Vance, by request, will speak to the farmers at Bryson City, May 24th; at Oak Forest, Transylvania, May 31st; at Robinson's Church, Transylvania, June 2d. Also, by request, he will deliver a lecture at Bryson City, Sunday, May 25th, on "The World for Christ," and at Robinson's, Transylvania, Sunday, June 1st, on the same subject.

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