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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.

## HOLD ON! Here I Am Again.

With the best stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Dress Goods, Gingham, Domestic, Jeans, Flannels, Blankets, Shoes, Boots, Hats, many of them bought for Less Than Cost Of Making.

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.

Call and see. Prices made in the store.

ASHEVILLE DRY GOODS CO.,  
J. O. HOWELL, Manager.  
No. 17 North Main Street.

FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY  
—OF—  
C. T. RAWLS.

No. 5 Patton Avenue, (Down Stairs.)  
Assets.  
National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., \$2,443,907.33  
Merchants' Fire Insurance Co., 1,554,658.37  
Westchester Fire Insurance Co., 1,521,706.53  
Knoxville Fire Insurance Co., 270,191.80

## INSTANTANEOUS Ice Cream Freezer.

Unsurpassed by anything now on the market, is now for sale by the county or single machine at Asheville, N. C. Price \$5.50. For sale by  
J. H. McConnell & J. M. Crawford.

### Local Briefs

Mr. Griffin, editor of the Marion Free Lance, did us the honor of a call on Tuesday.

Collins' Ice Factory in Biltmore will soon be completed. The factory will produce 15 tons per day.

Bob Raymond, of Richmond, Va., knocked out Harry Collins in a three round sparring match, in this place, on Friday last.

The Episcopal Convention at Tarboro referred the subject of the Ravenscroft school in this city to a committee which is to report at the next convention.

The will of Mrs. V. S. M. Chapman was to the effect that her remains be taken to Philadelphia to be cremated. This instruction will be carried out.

A new industry in Charlotte is a cider works which already has a good business in North and South Carolina and Georgia. It is just such enterprises as this which Asheville needs.

The seventy-fourth Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina met on the 14th at Tarboro. Rev. Jarvis Buxton of this city preached the opening sermon. Asheville was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Dr. Monteiro, surgeon of the famous Guerrilla Chief "Mosby," of Virginia, has written a most interesting volume of War Reminiscences, which is highly complimented by both Northern and Southern press. See advertisement in this issue.

Doran & Wright, of New York, who are proprietors of bucket shops all over the South, at Charlotte, Asheville, Spartanburg, Greenville, have failed with liabilities of \$300,000 and assets nothing to speak of. The losses by the failure are not large at this point.

Asheville should by all means neglect no opportunity to secure the Southern Presbyterian Theological Seminary, which it is proposed to establish by the Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Asheville and Augusta, Ga., seem to be the probable places, but the town which gets it will have to make a liberal bid.

Mr. John Hemphill who lives seven miles from Asheville on the Swannanoa a day or two ago killed a large wolf. He brought the skin and skull of the animal to town yesterday. It measured six and a half feet from tip to tip and its tusks were over an inch long. Mr. Hemphill says the wolf had been killing his sheep for some time and he had been hunting for it.

There was a special meeting of the General Assembly on Saturday night in the interest of work among seamen Dr. A. J. Witherspoon, of the Seamen's Bethel of New Orleans, conducted the meeting. Addresses were made by Rev. W. A. Carter, of Macon, Ga., Rev. C. Chicester, of Charleston, S. C., and Dr. Chas. S. Vedder, of Charleston. Rev. A. J. Witherspoon also made a short address.

We have received with the compliments of Capt. F. S. DeWolfe, formerly a citizen of Charlotte, a handsomely illustrated pamphlet of the metropolis of Washington, Seattle. It is gotten out by Crawford & Conover, real estate men, and it shows that since the fire a year ago Seattle is, like Chicago after her fire, converting herself into a city of magnificent business houses and homes. We are happy to know that Capt. DeWolfe has shared largely in Seattle's prosperity.

The University Centennial.  
We have received from W. T. Patterson, ours, a pamphlet giving the complete proceedings of the Centennial celebration last year by the Alumni of the University of North Carolina. It contains the original charter, an account of the Alumni banquet, the toasts and responses; the special exercises of the class of 1879, special exercises of the class of 1878, the Centennial Alumni reunion by classes in Memorial Hall with the speeches by the class representatives; a list of the alumni present. The edition is limited to 700 copies. Orders will be filled as received. Price in cloth \$1.00; paper 50 cents.

Mysterious Murder.  
RALEIGH, May 19.—News of a mysterious murder came to light here yesterday which has created profound sensation. A man named Lemuel Bryan was shot and killed Saturday night on the bank of Neuse river, about four miles east of this city, while standing fishing. The only person with him was a man named Bob Pulley who fled when the shot was fired and says he does not know who did the shooting. Bryan was found dead the next morning with a bullet through his heart. A coroner's inquest is in progress here to-day and the affair is so far completely involved in mystery.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Of the Southern Presbyterian Church in Session in this City.

The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church has been in session here since Thursday last. They were formally welcomed to the city on Thursday night by a banquet tendered them at the Battery Park Hotel by the First Presbyterian church of Asheville. Gov. Fowle welcomed the assembly to North Carolina in a short but delightful speech. Other speeches followed on behalf of Asheville, Mecklenburg Presbytery, etc., and Dr. C. R. Hemphill concluded in response to the sentiment, "The faith once delivered to the Saints." His views upon this subject and the warm response thereto of the commissioners of the assembly showed very clearly that there was no creed revision sentiment in the body.

The assembly has already accomplished a great deal of work. Reports of standing committees have been presented and discussed. All the reports show the general condition of the church and church work to be better than heretofore.

Rev. Mr. Houston's report on foreign missions shows that during the past year fourteen missionaries have been sent to foreign fields and an important mission has been established in the Congo Free State of Africa.

The report of the committee on the Sabbath regretted to say that there seemed to be less observance of the day. Resolutions were adopted condemning Sunday newspapers and pledging members of the assembly to discourage them.

Mr. J. J. Vance, of Bristol, Tenn., will introduce, it is understood, a motion looking to the relaxation of the rigid requirements of the Presbyterian church upon the subject of the classical attainments of the ministers. He does not think that one who is capable of preaching in good English, even though unacquainted with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, should be excluded from the ministry. This requirement of the Presbyterians is, however, as old and seems to have as strong a hold as the Westminster Confession itself, and it is hardly probable that a radical change will be made.

The sentiment upon the title question is divided. A few think that the old Hebrew law of tithes has still the force of divine injunction. Others do not go so far but think it is a good rule for Christians in their contributions to church work, while others hold that the guide is the conscience and means of the church member.

As to the question of revision there is hardly a division of views. Everybody is enthusiastic against such a step. It is suggested that if the Northern church should endorse such action there would be a probable re-union between the Northern anti-revisionists and the Southern church.

The action of the assembly upon its relation to the American Bible Society assures that society a stronger support than it has ever received before.

Dr. Parks, the new moderator presides with great satisfaction to the assembly. He is from Knoxville, where he has been pastor for twenty-five years.

Rev. C. R. Hemphill, of Louisville, who received the second vote for moderator, though quite a young man, is already a leader in the church. He is originally from South Carolina, a member of a family long prominent there—both in church and State. His brother is J. J. Hemphill, considered the ablest representative of South Carolina in Congress.

Dr. Hill, of Fayetteville, the retiring moderator, is one of the leading Presbyterian ministers of North Carolina. He was elected at Chattanooga last year.

The assembly has chosen Birmingham as the next place of meeting, Little Rock being the second place in the vote.

Among the ladies attending the assembly is Mrs. Thornwell, widow of the eloquent and famous Dr. Thornwell, of South Carolina.

The assembly will be in session for several days longer. Its proceedings have been fully reported by quite a number of newspaper men representing papers in Richmond, Charlotte and other points. The Citizen's report of this city has been especially full and accurate.

### Gen. Vance's Appointments.

Gen. Vance, by request, will speak to the farmers at Bryson City, May 24th; at Oak Grove, 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.

### Called Alliance Meeting.

There will be a called meeting of Buncombe County Farmers' Alliance, at the Court House in Asheville, on Friday, June 5th, at 9 o'clock a. m.

### For the Chair of History.

We clip the following from The Citizen. The writer we learn was Attorney General Davidson:

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 14.

Editor Citizen:—At the next meeting of the Trustees of the University a chair of history will be established and a professor chosen.

I venture to suggest to the Board that Col. Jno. D. Cameron be selected. He has been so long and well known to the people of North Carolina that any commendation may seem superfluous. He is an alumnus of the University, and has ever manifested the deepest interest in its welfare; he is a ripe soldier, and perhaps is more familiar with the history of the State than any man now living, except Col. Saunders; his style is peculiarly suited to historical composition, he is a thorough North Carolinian, conversant with her traditions and the genius of her citizens. He has been a participant in many of the most important events of the last quarter of a century, and a calm, thoughtful student of every epoch and phase of our political history.

To whom with greater confidence can we commit the guidance of the youth of our State in its history.

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W. B. Ferguson, Esq., for Solicitor.

We have been requested to announce that W. B. Ferguson, Esq., a prominent member of the bar of this district, will be a candidate before the Judicial District Convention for the office of Solicitor. Mr. Ferguson served during the entire war as an officer of Co. E, 29th Regiment N. C. State Troops, and sustained the reputation of being one of the best and most faithful soldiers of the South. After the war he devoted himself to the law, and for a number of years has practiced throughout the district, receiving and meriting the fullest confidence and respect of the people of all parties. If Mr. Ferguson be chosen by the Democratic Convention the banner of Democracy will be in loyal and faithful hands, who will carry it to victory, and when elected the district will have an efficient and honest official. If he is not chosen no one will render more earnest labor for the success of the nominee and of the party.

### Alliance Meeting.

The Buncombe County Farmers' Alliance held a very interesting call meeting last Friday. There was a large number of our best farmers in attendance and we learn that there were many questions of interest to the order discussed. The principle part of the day was taken up in reports from the various committees.

Prof. Britt, who was to have addressed the Alliance on that occasion, could not be here on account of sickness, but there was no disappointment when it was known that Rev. W. A. Robertson, president of Yancey County Alliance, was present, and was introduced as a substitute of the orator of the day. Another call or rather mass meeting of the Alliance of the county will be held in the court house on the first Friday in June to consider matters of importance, so we are authoritatively informed.

### Brand Him.

BREVARD, N. C., May 15.

Editors Democrat:—I wish to put the people of Asheville on their guard as to a young man who calls his name W. W. Wooten, a painter by trade. My friend J. A. Miller employed him to do some painting in our town. I boarded the young man while thus engaged and after a ten days stay he left without paying for his board, with a lie in his mouth. The amount is small but I wish the public to know him that they may not be deceived by him, and that the men of his profession may put a mark upon him, for I am well acquainted with some painters in Asheville that I know to be gentlemen.

B. C. LANFORD.

### Alliance Cannery.

The outfit of the Buncombe County Farmers' Alliance canning establishment has been received, and will be ready for operation as soon as tomatoes and fruits are ready. The factory will be under County Business Agent M. L. Reed, who is one of the leading stockholders, and will be located at his mills on the Swannanoa river, three miles above Biltmore. Only about 2,000 cans daily will be made during the first season. Mr. Reed and others in his section are planting very largely in tomatoes this spring.

### What a Young Democrat Says.

BARNARDVILLE, N. C., May 14.

Editor of Asheville Democrat Dear sir that little epay i sent to your paper has caught the Jack shore it has turned My pa out of the postoffice May 12, 1890 that is the thanks papy gets fur being a strong Republican

i am 12 year old an i am a Democrat i hav bin telling pa the Republicans was tricky i am afraid papy has given over to hard hart and Bad Mind he is still for H. G. Ewart.

GEO. LIDA WHITTEMORE.

### THE CONTRACTS LET.

French Broad Valley and Asheville and Bristol Railroads.

We were shown by Capt. W. M. Cocke on Monday a letter from President C. G. Dyott of the French Broad Valley and Asheville and Bristol railroads in which the writer states that the entire work on the two railroads in the State of North Carolina has been let. The contracts are from Henderson to Reedy Patch Gap where connection will be made with the Carolina Central; from Mills River to Asheville or Sulphur Springs and thence through Madison and Yancey to the Tennessee line. Free labor will be employed, no convicts. Local labor will also be given the preference. Henderson has voted \$50,000 to the road; Transylvania will give a like amount; Madison is expected to give \$75,000, and Yancey \$50,000. Buncombe will also be asked to subscribe. It is said that if Asheville gives nothing the main line of the road will be run by the Carrier Sulphur Springs. It is said that \$40,000 has been offered by people on that line. Asheville will be connected with the main line in this event by a spur. Subscriptions are to be voted to the French Broad Valley road and to the Asheville and Bristol.

Work is to be begun on June 1st, and the contracts call for completion by December, 1892.

Death of Mrs. Chapman.

The death on Sunday evening last of Mrs. V. S. M. Chapman, at her home on Bartlett street, removes a lady who has been long prominent in educational and religious circles in the State. She was the widow of Rev. Robert H. Chapman, who was at one time pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this city. He and his wife at one time conducted the college for young ladies in Charlotte. Mrs. Chapman (born Moore) was the daughter of an editor of New Berne, who published the Spectator and was known as a vigorous writer and an accomplished man. Mrs. Chapman inherited his literary capacity. She had a large circle of friends in Asheville and throughout the State. She was 74 years old at her death.

### Looking Southward.

THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT goes to subscribers, and is sent to others by friends throughout the Union, especially in the Northern States, who are seeking information concerning this section. A number have already been induced to come to Western North Carolina, most of them to locate. Last week we received a list of about 30 names of residents of Vermont who desired THE DEMOCRAT, all with a view of coming South, and to this section. They will be welcomed to any part of the South, but we would especially invite them to take in Western Carolina and "examine our attractions before purchasing elsewhere." A people who can live in Vermont can get rich in this section. Come on, gentlemen.

A Significant Sale.

Three years ago the seven acre property known as Cliveden Park, north of Melke's place in the western part of the city, overlooking the French Broad, was sold for \$3,000. That was the time when what is called the Asheville boom was at its height. Now to show that the so-called boom has not been followed by any depreciation, but that there has been a steady increase in values, there could be no better evidence than the history of this property. Three weeks ago it was bought in a body by Messrs. C. T. Rawls, C. D. Blanton and C. E. Graham, for \$5,000. It was laid out in 32 lots and sold on Saturday last for \$12,000. This is the way real estate is going in and around Asheville.

Death of J. J. Gudger.

Mr. J. J. Gudger, a well known citizen of Madison County, died on Monday morning, at his home on Sandy Mush, of kidney trouble. Mr. Gudger was the father of Hon. H. A. Gudger, of this city, and Mrs. W. W. Rollins. He was 74 years of age at death.

To Go to Richmond.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 8.—Governor Fowle will go to the Lee Unveiling at Richmond. The following companies up to date have consented to attend: Tarboro, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Warren, Elizabeth City, Clinton, Winston, Greensboro, Henderson, Durham, Oxford, Burlington, Reidsville's two companies, Statesville, Lincolnton, Waynesville, Monroe, Charlotte, Asheville, Concord and Dallas. The Fourth Regimental Band from Hickory will accompany North Carolina troops. The band will carry twenty-six pieces. Col. Gray, of the Third Regiment, will parade with field and staff, as will also Col. Anthony of the Fourth. The strength of the North Carolina troops will approximate 800 men.

## 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 quinin,  
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 quinin  
When you take the rye."

Remember the moral contained in the last two lines—that is don't forget to get the quinin, 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 charged 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.

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Use Buncombe Liver Pills, the best in the world for liver complaint, indigestion, etc.

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