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Looking Backward

Over the past eight years of our successful business life in Asheville, we have 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 tried practice of some dealers in cutting prices on a few leading articles, hoping to make 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.

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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.

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J. O. HOWELL, Manager.
No. 17 North Main Street.

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No. 5 Patton Avenue, (Down Stairs.)

Assets.	
National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.,	\$2,443,337.33
Merchants' Fire Insurance Co.,	1,554,658.37
Westchester Fire Insurance Co.,	1,521,706.53
Knoxville Fire Insurance Co.,	270,191.89

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 \$7.50. For sale by

J. H. McConnell & J. M. Crawford.

Local Briefs

Hon. I. N. Ebbs, of Madison, was in the city Monday.

Dr. J. H. Williams, of this city, will read a special paper at the Oxford meeting of the State Medical Society.

Miss Minnie Burkinbush, of Pekin, Ill., is spending the summer in this city, the guest of Mr. J. A. Marquardt.

The Asheville Light Infantry left last Tuesday for Richmond. Quite a number of old veterans from the city also went along.

We regret to learn that wheat is not so promising in this section now as it was thought to be some time back. Other crops, so far, are good.

Mr. A. F. Walton, whose nursery is a few miles east of the city, showed in the city on Monday as fine a lot of strawberries as we have seen anywhere.

Mr. Frank Loughran took time to run up from Hickory Inn last week and buy several of those beautiful lots on North Main street sold by Messrs. Starnes.

Chas. Gibson, colored, now in jail here for shooting Chas. Walker at Biltmore some time ago is said to have killed a railroad foreman in Georgia some time since. The case is being investigated.

The cathedral glass show stands at Hampton & Featherstone's wine and liquor store, are the finest in the State. They are elaborate in design and elegant in finish. This is one of the best equipped establishments in the country.

Rev. Joseph Branner died in this city last Thursday. He was the principal stockholder in the Asheville Female College, where he lived. He also founded a school at Mossy Creek, Tenn. In his death we lose a good citizen and a good man.

Another sale of suburban property last week realized twice as much as it cost three months ago. It then sold for \$2,000. On Friday last it brought \$4,015 at auction. The property was four acres near the Kimberly farm north east of the city.

Our friend, J. R. Powers, formerly of Buncombe, now of Clay county, desires us to inform Uncle Pleas Israel that among the other many good things produced in Clay, that county can beat the world on long blackberry vines. He recently measured one which was over 25 feet long.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the auction sale of 20 residence lots, in West End, on Haywood street, overlooking the French Broad river. The sale is announced to take place on Saturday, May 31st, at 3 o'clock p. m., on the premises. Some business lots on Roberts street will also be sold at the same time.

The Commissioners and Justices meet next Monday to fix the levy of taxes for next year, and to attend to any other matters which may come before them pertaining to county affairs. Commissioners are also to be elected for two years. We hope several good and much needed bridges, elsewhere alluded to, will be ordered by the authorities.

Still another sale of Asheville property at auction on Monday shows how real estate values are advanced and strengthened. The old J. M. Howell property on North Main street, consisting of thirteen acres, was bought less than three years ago by T. F. and Geo. Starnes for \$17,000. It was divided into lots and four acres thereof sold on Monday for \$23,400.

Some of the handsomest property in Northeast Asheville, and as handsome as any in the city, several of them rivaling Battery Park in their command of the view of the valley and surrounding mountains, will be put on the market in a few days. Parties desiring elegant property for homes, with most, pleasant surroundings, should look out for the bill of particulars.

The Lyceum, Vol. I, No. 1, published monthly by Tilmann R. Gaines, at Asheville, is at hand. It is a well gotten up and neatly printed pamphlet, containing numerous articles upon literary, scientific and general subjects. Matters of local interest are also treated in an interesting manner. Among the contributors are Col. Cameron and Col. L. M. Hatch. We hope The Lyceum much success.

Mr. W. W. Wooten, who in last week's DEMOCRAT was accused in a card by Mr. B. C. Lankford, of Brevard, of swindling him out of a board bill, says he intended to pay the bill but for Mr. Lankford's denunciation of him, and that he will do so if Mr. Lankford will withdraw that denunciation. He says he did not intend to swindle Mr. Lankford and told him no lies. We make this statement at Mr. Wooten's request. We shall have nothing further to say on the subject one way or the other.

ALLIANCE RALLY IN SWAIN.

Speeches by Gen. Vance, Col. Long and Others—A Big Dinner.

Last Saturday over 2,000 of the good people—members of the Alliance and their friends—assembled at Bryson City to enjoy a picnic and hear addresses from prominent speakers. Able addresses were delivered by Gen. Bob Vance, Editor Tomlinson, and Mr. Newby, of Bryson City. Col. Long did not reach the city until 2 p. m. that day, but had telegraphed the meeting to hold the fort that he was coming, and when he did reach the ground the immense throng was engaged in joyous singing. Col. L. said it was the prettiest music he ever heard in his life. Gen. Vance's speech was one of the best he ever made, showing to the people—especially the farmers, working and business men, that it is one-sided national legislation in the interest of monopolies which causes the depression and oppression of the people. On Sunday morning at 11 a. m. Gen. Vance addressed a very large congregation on the subject of Religion, and at 5 p. m. the same day delivered a like address at Whittier. Both days were greatly enjoyed by those present, and will long be remembered. There are no better people living than those of Swain, and we regret we could not accept an invitation to be with them on the occasion.

Our Buncombe Alliance is doing some good work now. The material interests of the farmers are receiving their best attention.

The Waynesville Courier advocates the nomination by the Democrats of the Hon. Thos. D. Johnston of Asheville, for Congress.

The population of Asheville will increase two or more thousand this year, according to estimates of some of our most careful statisticians.

Col. J. G. Martin, of the Morristown, Cumberland Gap and Asheville Railway, is in New York. Work on the road will begin very soon at Morristown.

Henry Hardwicke, Esq., left the city yesterday evening for a business trip to Washington, D. C., New York and other Northern cities. He expects to be absent about a month.

Mr. E. G. Carrier, Carrier's Springs, will soon offer for sale some very fine Hereford cattle. Our friends in Western Carolina who are interested in fine beef cattle should attend this sale.

We were in error two weeks ago in stating that the VanGilder property on College street, had been bought in by W. W. Barnard. It is to be sold as advertised on the 31st inst., next Saturday.

Mr. A. J. Lyman will offer for sale to-day (Thursday) 29th, at 11 a. m. the beautiful Catholic Hill property which has been divided into elegant residence and business lots. This property is well situated and will sell well.

Rev. D. B. Nelson preached the annual sermon, and Hon. Kope Elias delivered the literary address, before the Cullowhee High School, Jackson county, last Saturday. We hear both efforts spoken of in very high terms.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Ella May-Troy, daughter of ex-State Senator, and Mrs. W. C. Troy, of Asheville, to Mr. Horace Alexander Wyche. The marriage will take place at the Central M. E. Church, Thursday morning June 5th. Mr. Wyche is agent for the Western North Carolina Railroad Company at Waynesville.

Closing of Prof. King's School.

Last Friday evening a large crowd assembled at Beavertown school house to witness the closing exercises of this most excellent school. For seven years Prof. King has faithfully toiled in that community in the interest of education. In the beginning of his labors the school house consisted of a little log hut. Instead of this crude hut, an elegant and substantial, two-story frame building has been erected, and now that the community is increasing in population, a much larger school may be expected in the years to come. Prof. King is now a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and if elected will no doubt fill the office acceptably, as he is a successful teacher, and a popular gentleman. Those who have patronized him, as a teacher, heartily endorse him as an able educator.

Carpets.

Sawyer's carpet announcement should attract the attention of all readers of THE DEMOCRAT, but better still, the carpets themselves should be inspected. He has the largest and best stock we have ever seen in the State, and his prices are very low. He will have them nicely sewed and put down to suit customers. Call on him.

Cherokee Notes.

Cherokee Court was in session last week, and continues the present week. Judge Conner presides, and makes friends of everybody.

We were pained to hear of the death of Miss Alice, youngest daughter of Hon. and Mrs. J. W. Cooper, of Murphy, which occurred Thursday morning at Cleveland, where the young lady was at school. Her father and mother were with her at the time of death. The family were the recipients of sincere sympathy from all their friends.

Visitors to Murphy can find three good hotels to stop at, Mr. Hennessee's, Mr. Dickey's, and Mr. Phillips. Mr. Dickey, and Mr. Hennessee, who sustained his reputation in all things, except fish. A court of enquiry was ordered to look into this matter and to consider some very serious charges relating thereto.

After getting a good meal and a good rest, Mr. A. A. Campbell, the really live man of the town, will call on you and make you dizzy telling of the wonderful resources of Cherokee county. And he will not exaggerate, either. A ride with him to any point will convince the most skeptical of the truth of all he says. After going with him to the Kinsey Marble Works we were more in favor of the marble court house for Murphy, and convinced of the ability of the people to build it, than ever. When you can set down a few pieces of machinery almost in anybody's yard in the county, to say nothing of on almost every foot of the valleys and mountains, and go to lifting up blocks of marble, in every size and color, by the several car loads every day, the good people of Cherokee will lack in appreciation of their great resources if they fail to use them in the construction of their most important public building. And to show the spirit of at least one of the people, Mr. Messer Fain, who owns an immense deposit of fine marble near the town, says he will gladly give to any one, especially the contractor who agrees to build the new court house, all the marble he will need just for opening the quarry. What more can a people want to induce them to erect a public building which will be a source of pride to them and their children's children? Fifty cents tax on the hundred dollars of property per annum will pay for the building in less than ten, if not in six years. Build a marble court house, friends of Cherokee.

The terminus of the Western N. C. Road is now at Westfield, a beautiful section just beyond Red Marble Gap. Within three weeks it will be at Andrews, near Valley town; and by or during September will be at Murphy, a consummation devoutly to be wished. A company has begun working an iron mine a few miles east of Murphy, on Valley river, with orders to prepare for immediate shipment one thousand tons of the ore. This Cherokee ore is said to be very rich, and is wanted at various works South to mix with other ores for making steel. Another company in the same locality are preparing to begin work of getting out ores in large quantities at once. The Knoxville Southern Road, connecting Knoxville with the Marietta and North Georgia Road at Blue Ridge, 20 miles south of Murphy, will be completed by August; by September the connection with the same will be made by the W. N. C. Road at Murphy, thus giving transportation for the magnificent iron, marbles, talc, etc., of Cherokee. Within a very few years the improvements in this county will be astonishing.

Another enterprise, now being worked, we came near overlooking. It is the talc mine of Messrs. Davis & Graham, on Nolita river, five miles south of Murphy, on the M. and N. G. Road. Mr. C. A. Davis, of Murphy, is manager. Thousands of tons of the finest talc have already been taken out. THE DEMOCRAT heard and made many friends in Cherokee, and hopes to make many more. If THE DEMOCRAT can be of any service to this or any other section of Western Carolina it stands ready at all times to render it. Its highest mission is to do good, and one way it has to reach that end is to assist in the development of the material resources of this greatest section of our country.

Give the Clerks a Chance.

Why not close the stores and business houses at 7 p. m. daily except Saturdays, and at 9 p. m. on those days, so as to give clerks and employees, to say nothing of the employers, the evenings for rest? Nothing would be lost by it, but much gained in invigorated man and womanhood, and cheerfulness of employees. Let the day's work during the long summer days close at 7 p. m.

Hair Brushes.

Pelham, the Patton avenue druggist, has just received the largest and best stock of hair, tooth, coat and flesh brushes ever seen in Asheville.

COUNTY IMPROVEMENTS

More Bridges and Better Roads Wanted in Buncombe.

The County Commissioners meet next Monday, and among the matters which will come up for consideration will be probably the building of more bridges in the county. Two more bridges are wanted across the French Broad, one between Asheville and Alexanders, about half way, another above Asheville at Long's shoals. The citizens of Fairview are also demanding a bridge across Cane Creek at Jones' mill. It is much needed there. Another thing which needs attention is the public roads. We would call special attention in this regard to the roads leading north from Asheville. The old road down the French Broad is and has been for a long time in a wretched condition. It is almost impassable so that while there is a great deal of driving over almost all the other roads around the city this is hardly used at all. This drive down the river should by all means be opened up. The Beaver Dam road also needs looking after. A few miles out there are places of several hundred yards where the road is entirely too narrow for vehicles to pass. The country is thickly peopled on both sides and the travel on it is heavy.

The condition of these roads to the north has lost Asheville some tobacco trade. The country they reach is a large tobacco producing territory. All of it would come to Asheville if the roads were in good condition, but as it is much of it goes to Alexanders and Marshall and is shipped to other markets. Madison county is building a turnpike in the direction of this county and if Buncombe does not look alive we will get left on some of this tobacco trade which should be ours. And moreover, the county is amply able at this time to make all these improvements.

Back Home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sawyer have just returned home from a most pleasant trip to Northern cities. As a member of the State Board of Charities Mr. Sawyer was commissioned, while in New York, by Gov. Fowle, to attend the 17th annual meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, which met some ten days ago in Baltimore. So, after purchasing a large stock of carpets in Philadelphia, and an immense stock of clothing in New York, Mr. S. went to Baltimore in time to attend the conference. There were about 250 delegates, representing all the States, in attendance. The conference visited all the charitable and corrective institutions of Baltimore, besides doing much work pertaining to the object of the meeting. They were banquetted, given a trip down the bay, and otherwise made to enjoy themselves. By invitation to the conference, after adjournment, visited Washington, and were received by the Board of Trade and Commissioners of the city, shown the principal sights, given a reception by the President and Cabinet, and banquetted at Willard's Hotel. The session, which lasted eight days, was a most interesting as well as useful one, and the reports from the several States show great improvement in the care and treatment of the unfortunate and criminal classes. Mr. S. says he was more impressed than ever with the great importance of a State Board of Charities. It is a great work, done without salary, altogether for the alleviation of suffering humanity.

The Census.

The date for beginning the census is next Monday, June 2. The work in townships is required to be done within the month of June, and that in cities of over 10,000 population within the first 20 days of the month. Mr. Hardwicke, supervisor for this district, has not yet received from the census department at Washington the approval of the names recommended by him, which, considering the nature of the work and the limited time, is strange, to say the least. After receiving them Mr. H. will then have to send the commissions to a large district, which will cause delay. It will be impossible for these to reach all the enumerators in time to begin work on Monday next.

West Mills.

Our correspondent "Blue Jay," a West Mills, Macon county, informs us that crop prospects are generally very good, though the wheat is suffering with rust. W. J. Jenkins' new flouring mills, under the supervision of that prince of millwrights, Mr. R. A. Wood, is rapidly approaching completion, and when done will be one of the best in the State. [Other portions of our friend's letter were so complimentary to THE DEMOCRAT and its editors that our well known modesty compelled their omission.]

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 quinine,
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.

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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