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Looking Backward

For 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 making 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 all prices.

Our stock is now the largest ever offered in this market and embraces everything in the line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Choice Delicacies, Fruits, Grain, Flour, etc. Respectfully,

Powell & Snider.

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Here I Am Again.

With the best stock of Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Gingham, Dometics, Jeans, Flannels, Blankets, Shoes, 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 goods, all wool filled, for less than you can get them at any store in the State. Graham's home-made shoes, all styles, as good 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. Call and see. Prices made in the store.

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

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—OF—

C. T. RAWLS.
No. 5 Patton Avenue, (Down Stairs.)

Assets.	Assets.
National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., \$2,443,937.33	
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 \$50. For sale by

H. McConnell & J. M. Crawford.

Local Briefs

Col. Sam Tate, of Morganton, was in the city this week.

The mother of G. A. Mears, of this city, died at her home in Leicester Sunday. She was 80 years old.

Rev. R. N. Price, of Morristown, will dedicate the North Asheville Methodist church on Sunday, June 15.

W. R. Smith, who shot Deputy Sheriffs Penland and Taylor, has made good his escape. The Deputies are not dangerously hurt.

Dr. G. W. Purefoy, of this city, was elected by the Convention of State Doctors, at Oxford, to the position of one of the Board of Examiners.

D. S. Watson has purchased the residence of Maj. W. W. McDowell, on South Main street (Swannanoa road), for \$26,000. The grounds include 23 acres.

The ruthless hand of progress has fallen upon the "Old Buck" hotel and a portion of it is being torn away to admit of the widening and improvement of College street.

The stockholder of the proposed railway between Asheville and Weaverville have elected E. Baird, president; W. T. Reynolds, vice president; J. F. Austin, secretary; Jesse R. Starnes, treasurer.

The Asheville street railway is to be extended from the junction of Southside avenue and South Main street to Biltmore. The railway is also to be run up the hill from Patton avenue to Battery Park.

Mrs. H. C. Hunt, Mrs. S. E. Buchanan and E. Hunt have sold to J. A. Porter and R. P. Walker, five acres on Valley street, including "Hell's Half Acre," for \$6,750. The unsightly buildings will be torn away.

Our friend Mr. J. W. Fisher, of Webster, returned Friday from Richmond, where he attended the unveiling of the Lee monument. He was the only veteran in attendance from West of Waynesville. He enjoyed himself greatly and was delighted that he attended.

Mr. Will Aiken, formerly of Hickory, but for a long while a popular compositor on the Asheville press, was married on Tuesday to Miss Nannie E. Collins, at the home of the bride's parents on Depot street. After a trip to Hickory they will go to Knoxville, where Mr. Aiken has a position on the Journal.

And still the real estate market is booming. C. D. Blanton and C. T. Rawls sold twenty lots between Haywood street and Cliveden Park at an advance of 50 per cent. on what they paid for them three months ago, realizing \$4,205. C. S. Cooper sold four business lots on Roberts street for \$2,105, and C. E. Graham two lots on the same street to J. B. Cole for \$280.

Mr. J. Norris Myers late of Baltimore, and Newville, Pa., whose family has spent the winter in Asheville, has determined to locate permanently in our city, and has bought an interest in the well known shoe house of W. T. Weaver. We welcome Mr. Myers and family and congratulate Asheville upon the acquisition of a valuable citizen and a most agreeable addition to our society.

Booming Rutherfordton.

From Mr. J. C. Hester, of Raleigh, who is now in this city on a trip through the mountains on a lookout for a home, it is learned that Rutherfordton is on a grand boom. The 40 room hotel at that place will be opened on the 1st of July, on which occasion excursions will be run from Wilmington and Charleston.

An agricultural society has been formed called the Thermal Belt Association, in which Rutherford, Polk and adjoining counties will unite. The Golden Valley Hydraulic Mining Co., with headquarters at Golden, in Rutherford county, has 40 hands at work on their mine. The company is composed of Northern capitalists, and they have recently bought 13,000 acres of land, upon which they propose to erect saw mills and lumber manufacturing establishments of large dimensions.

Sale of the Alexander Place.

Special attention is directed to the notice in this issue of the sale of the Alexander estate, on the 20th of November next. This property is exceedingly valuable. Situated on the beautiful French Broad River, only 30 minutes by rail from Asheville, it furnishes a number of the most beautiful sites for country homes. It is in the very center of the bright tobacco belt, and is admirably adapted to stock raising. The tract, containing about 1,200 acres, has been subdivided into parcels suitable for purchasers. The celebrated Alexander Hotel is on the premises.

This is probably the most desirable country property in Western North Carolina.

ASHEVILLE'S IMPROVEMENTS.

There Never Was More Building in the City than at Present.

There is little room left to doubt the fact that some of the largest real estate transactions which have ever occurred in Asheville are about to be consummated. The report that Messrs. Geo. W. Vanderbilt, John H. Inman and Asheville real estate men are negotiating for purchases, amounting to \$150,000 to \$200,000, is generally believed, and that these purchases mean the erection of a large hotel and splendid improvements follows as a corollary. There are several other schemes by Northern and home capital which are also believed to have solid foundation, in fact which secure to Asheville the several large hotels which have been so long promised.

That Asheville and suburbs is to become the rendezvous and abiding place of people of wealth and taste, and that its glorious heights are to be capped by magnificent residences and ornamental grounds has long been conceded. The sixty miles of drives and the millions to be expended on the Vanderbilt property, work now actually in progress, a dozen other beautiful homes in Asheville's environment being built and projected by Northern, Southern and Western families of wealth and distinction, the steady and rapid advance in real estate, backed by a stronger demand than ever before known, leave little ground for croakers to stand upon.

The ridge which skirts the eastern part of the town, already ornamented by such splendid houses and grounds as Hazard's, Brown's, Mills' and others, is no doubt to become one wide extended park, commanding the Swannanoa-French Broad and Chunn's Cove views, the splendid western horizon of mountains, the beautiful and prosperous town of Asheville at its feet, the picturesque Battery Park Hotel crowning its most commanding elevation, the Oakland Inn, the beautiful homes of Victoria.

The Strawberry Hill property, overlooking the French Broad, three miles west of town, is to become one of the charming places of the suburbs. Mr. Heck, of Knoxville, is building a beautiful house on one of its sites and ornamenting the splendid grounds. Maj. Houghteling, of Chicago, has bought a site on the same hill and will build a mansion. The quaint "Bungalow" has been purchased by a family who will occupy it and ornament its lovely surroundings, and it is learned that two or three other houses are to be erected in the same locality.

Mr. Joe Adams has built a beautiful house and Mr. Frank Chapman is building near the spot in the neighborhood of Richmond Hill. The magnificent residence of Mr. Chas. McNamee, in Victoria, is nearing completion. The old Middleton place, in the same suburb, is being beautifully improved, and the old mansion enlarged, and that a great hotel will be built near Biltmore is most probable.

And the assured improvements on Woodfin Mountain, the property recently purchased by J. B. Bostic, should not be forgotten. This promises to be one of the most beautiful of our suburbs.

There was never more building in the town itself, which has tripled its population in 9 years, than at present, and the projected improvements ensure a continuance of this activity. The splendid improvements which Mr. Pearson's energetic action has assured in the district heretofore known as "Blue Ruin," will concentrate the business of the town, which it requires no stretch of the imagination to believe will be three times as great in ten years as it is now. The piedmont section to the east, the great mineral and lumber section of our own mountains, our growing tobacco business, the wonderful development of East Tennessee, North Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky, all within a few hours of Asheville, the future great resort of North and South, are sufficient to justify all that gives our people confidence and invites the enterprise of others.

Census Enumerators.

Messrs. C. W. Malone and G. S. Stancill have been appointed Census Enumerators for this city. These gentlemen began their work on Monday and must complete it in twenty days. It is hoped that all will facilitate this work, as it is a hard one, and thus aid in procuring a correct census of our city. There are some questions in the tables required to be asked which are not only unnecessary, but offensive, such as many of those pertaining to vital statistics, family diseases, etc. While these questions are required by the tables prepared to be put by the Enumerators, they will not be put in an offensive manner by them; and all parties can refuse to answer these particular questions if they desire, and have their refusal entered by the enumerators.

Rev. Jesse A. Cunningham.

This able minister of the North Carolina Conference, with Mrs. Cunningham, stopped over in this city the past week on his return from the recent General Conference at St. Louis, and were the guests of their friends Mr. and Mrs. Jos S. Adams. Sabbath morning Mr. C. occupied Dr. Rankin's pulpit, and preached to a large congregation. It was a splendid sermon, splendid in its earnestness, in its sympathy, in its heartfelt appeal to his hearers to do the best they can for their Master in this life, in order that they may enjoy a beautiful immortality in the world to come. The text was taken from the incident of Mary's anointment to the Saviour, and His rebuke to those who murmured thereat. It was a good sermon from a good man, or rather a sincerely delivered message from Christ Himself; and may the important lesson it teaches find an abiding home in the heart of every one who heard it. As Mr. Cunningham's home is in the new W. N. C. Conference, it is earnestly hoped he may cast his lot with the brethren and the work of the new field of work.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

No cooler place can be found to pass the time during the summer months than the reading room of the Y. M. C. A., which is supplied with all the leading periodicals and daily papers in addition to a library of over 2000 well selected books.

The bathing facilities were found entirely inadequate to supply the demand for baths, and to meet this want an additional copper bath has been put in with an enlarged heater and a 144 gallon hot water tank so that hot water will always be in readiness. To accommodate the clerks who work late Saturday night the bath rooms will be open Saturdays until 11.30 p. m.

The subject of the meeting for men, which will be held at the lecture hall of the association, Thursday night is "How to Keep Pure." II Tim. II: 22. All men are invited to attend.

The Pearson Land Sale.

The Pearson land sale for the past three days has been one of the biggest events of the kind which has ever occurred in Asheville. For property which a month or two ago Mr. Pearson paid \$30,000 he has realized between \$80,000 and \$90,000, and the promise is that a portion of the city which seemed to be going without improvement of any sort will become the field for future extension of business. Mr. Pearson has already made extensive improvements in opening and grading streets and he will also build several handsome houses on lots which he has retained. The diversity of interest secured by the sale of lots to various parties will further assure improvements. Among the purchasers are some of our most enterprising business men.

Commencement Exercises Of Asheville Female College, 1890.

Friday, June 6, from 3.30 to 6.30 p. m.—Art Levee.

8.30 p. m.—Entertainment by undergraduates in College chapel.

Sunday, June 8, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald at Central church.

8.30 p. m.—Sermon by Evangelist Pearson at Central church.

Monday, June 9, 8.30 p. m.—Annual concert in College chapel.

Tuesday, June 10, 8.30 p. m., in chapel. Annual address to the graduates by Rev. Bryan. Exercises by the class. Confering of medals and diplomas.

The public invited.

Epsom Springs Near Asheville.

Dr. J. H. Woodcock has recently had an analysis made of two mineral springs upon his property, five miles west of the city and adjoining the Carrier Sulphur Springs property. The analysis shows very much the same quality as the famous Tate Epsom Springs of East Tennessee, which have for a long time been a famous resort. Dr. Woodcock owns 125 acres around these Springs and is thinking of improving the property and making a resort of the place. There could be little doubt of the success of such an enterprise with such a location and such a character for the waters.

Now is the Time to Invest.

Every sale of real estate in this city now shows that Asheville dirt is daily enhancing in value. There can be no risk in buying city property now. Some prices may seem high at first glance, but the fact that they are constantly increasing, added to the conclusions an intelligent investigation of the advantages and growing attractions of the city must produce, sustain us in saying that now is the time to buy.

THE DEMOCRAT is a paper for the people and is being sustained by the people. Every family in Western Carolina ought to take and read it.

COUNTY BUSINESS.

More Bridges to be Built—C. B. Way Succeeds Jno. W. Starnes.

The county magistrates met Monday in the court house and among the business transacted was an order to have three bridges built in the county. They are two across the French Broad, one at Long Shoals and another between Asheville and Alexander; the third bridge is to be built across Cane Creek at Jones Mill. The magistrates elected the following board of county commissioners: J. E. Rankin, J. N. Morgan, Levi Plemons, R. C. Clayton and J. F. Wells. The Commissioners were authorized to do such work upon the county roads as was necessary and advisable.

The resignation of John W. Starnes as County Superintendent of public instruction was received and accepted with a resolution of thanks for his efficient service during his incumbency. Nominations to fill the vacancy were made as follows: Rev. G. H. Bell, E. L. Henry, H. L. King, C. B. Way and A. E. Brown. Mr. C. B. Way on Tuesday at a joint meeting of magistrates and commissioners was elected on the fifth ballot.

The county tax was laid as follows: County 4 1/2 cents on the 100; school 1 1/2 cents on the \$100; State, 28 cents on the \$100. A total of 83 cents on the \$100.

These are the same taxes as those levied last year.

After the joint meeting the board of commissioners met, and after allowing a small number of pauper claims, adjourned.

Fairview Items

THE DEMOCRAT is fast growing in favor among our people.

Wheat is much injured by rust. Rye, oats and corn, judging from present prospects, will be above the average.

Our community sustained the loss of a good citizen on May 31st, by the death of Mr. James Wheelden. He was a valiant soldier during the late civil war. He has been a staunch Democrat through life and will be much missed.

We have had some severe rains during the last week which has resulted in much damage to the tobacco fields. Some of our tobacco growers have set their entire crop. This year's crop will be the largest ever grown in the township; it is estimated at two hundred acres. Mr. R. C. Clayton, our most extensive grower, is very sanguine over the general prospects of a fine crop.

Many of our citizens had the pleasure of meeting in a Sunday-school mass meeting on June 1st, which was held at Pleasant Grove school house. Good addresses by several Sunday school workers were attentively listened to. The refreshments served after the morning service were bountiful. After the large crowd had satisfied the inner man several basketfuls were left. The domestic reputation that the Fairview township ladies have was well sustained on this occasion. L. H.

The Southern Methodists of this section are grieving to some extent over the action of the St. Louis General Conference in dividing the Holston conference. What is known as the Asheville and Franklin districts of the Holston Conference, were attached to the Western North Carolina Conference. The opposition to the division may have been only a matter of sentiment, but sentiment goes a long way sometimes and is not to be despised. The portion of North Carolina taken from it, has been a part of the Holston Conference so long that the association has become a very dear one, especially to the older members of the Conference. If they opposed the division for no other reason than these old associations they were justifiable. The church will not suffer any loss, perhaps we do not see how it can, but some strong ties are severed.—Knoxville Journal.

Justices Appointed.

The following have been appointed by Gov. Fowle as Justices of the Peace in this county: R. F. Drummond, John C. Reynolds, Asheville township; Jason Ashworth, G. W. Lynch, Jesse Williams, Fairview; Jas. M. Whitmore, J. H. Brittain, Ivy; Jas. Brigman, F. Weaver, Flat Creek; Caney Ellyson Black Mountain; Mark Shuford, Limestone, and Sims Owenby, Leicester.

These are to take the place of those appointed by the Legislature and who failed to qualify.

Dropped Dead in an Altercation.

Walter Taylor, an employe in Holmes & Miller's factory, dropped dead during an altercation with a negro boy. He had accused the negro of stealing a watch, and upon the negro's picking up a rock, Taylor struck him and immediately fell dead. The supposed cause of death was heart-failure.—Salisbury letter to Charlotte Chronicle.

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 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.

We have the largest assortment of Chamoin Skins in Asheville. Over 200 skins, all sizes, at the lowest prices.

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