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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 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, Choice 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, Domes, 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 get them at any store in the State. Men'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 city can offer them.

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.	
National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.	\$2,443,367.33
Merchants' Fire Insurance Co.,	1,554,058.37
Westchester Fire Insurance Co.,	1,521,706.53
Asheville 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 \$200. For sale by

H. McConnell & J. M. Crawford.

Local Briefs

Wanted, a Job Pressman, at Furman's Job Office, No. 10 N. Court Square.

Capt. M. E. Carter left for Raleigh Tuesday, on important professional business.

Mr. Geo. Vanderbilt has bought twenty-eight acres in and around Biltmore from S. H. Reed for \$28,000.

We had the pleasure of a call last week from Mr. T. C. Williams, representing the State Chronicle of Raleigh.

It is reported that Geo. W. Vanderbilt has bought several more farms on the French Broad at a cost of \$150,000.

President Barker left for Abingdon Sunday night, having recovered from the shock sustained in the wreck of Saturday.

Eight pages—48 columns—of live reading matter for all. The ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT, only \$1.50 per annum in advance.

W. J. Cocke, son of Capt. W. M. Cocke, Jr., of this city, received the medal for the best original essay at Wofford College.

Elder Stancill, of the Christian church, is spending some time in Asheville with the members of that church who are at present without a pastor.

Hon. H. A. Gudger yesterday delivered the literary address at Weaverville College, where the commencement exercises are now in progress.

Capt. C. M. McLoud returned from New York Tuesday, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Irene, who has been attending school in that city.

Messrs. W. J. Reynolds and J. A. Spears are building a livery stable on the corner of Water and Pulliam streets. The stable will be run by Mr. Spears.

Mr. Robert V. Davidson and wife of Galveston, Texas, are in town. They are stopping with Mr. Davidson's father, Col. A. T. Davidson, in Camp Patton.

Maj. W. W. McDowell is engaged in building three handsome houses, two brick and one frame, on the hill opposite his place on the Swannanoa road which he recently sold.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Morgan, mother of our townsman Mr. J. N. Morgan, which occurred at her residence on Patton avenue Wednesday morning. We could not learn particulars before going to press.

Mr. W. D. Rowe who has been in the marble business in Asheville for some time has bought out his brother in Danville, in the same business, and will move there to live. We wish Mr. Rowe much success in his new field.

The North Asheville Methodist church in Doubleday was dedicated on Sunday night by the Rev. R. N. Price, D. D., of Morristown, Tenn. Dr. Price also preached the baccalaureate sermon at Weaverville on Sunday morning.

Mr. M. J. Bearden has bought from Messrs. F. W. and G. Taylor, the property on North Main street known as the Taylor property. The consideration is \$23,000 and the property is to be a part of the Asheville Loan, Construction and Improvement Co's plant.

Among the fourth class honor-men at West Point are Geo. P. Howell of North Carolina, in English, French and Mathematics and R. P. Johnston of North Carolina in English and Mathematics. The latter is a son of Mr. R. R. Johnston of this city. Mr. Howell is from Goldsboro.

The graduates of the Asheville Female College this year were Misses Eva Smith, Hattie L. Tate, H. Mary Sharp, Ida C. Holloway, Alice Anna Johnston, Ethel M. Lyons, of Tennessee; Misses Edith Wells, A. Mary Alexander, Sallie L. Alexander, Awa L. Orr, Annie Zachary, Addie Charles, of North Carolina; Misses Kate and Mary E. Luther, of South Carolina; Miss Carrie White, of Florida; Miss Ida K. Hopkins, Louisiana and Miss Ella Scales, of Mississippi.

Col. Thos. B. Long, State Lecturer of the Farmers' Alliance, left Wednesday for a six week's lecturing tour in the counties of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and adjoining counties. We commend the Colonel to the Alliance men of that section. He will tell them, as he has done in this section, many plain reasons of complaint against the national legislation which bears heavily upon the farmer. He may not have time to tell them it is republican legislation which now oppresses the farmer, but his remarks upon the heavy burdens imposed by the monopolists, trusts, and kindred institutions apply directly to the legislation of the republican party which keeps up high tariff taxes, internal revenue laws and such other methods which hurt the farmer and the laboring man.

SWAIN COUNTY.

Its County Town—New Hotel—And Other Attractions.

It was a great pleasure to us to note the great improvements in Bryson City, the capital of Swain county, since our last visit two years ago. We spent court week there, and spent most of the time looking into the new enterprises and improvements. The first to attract attention is the

SWAIN HOTEL.

situated on Everett street, midway between the Station and the Court House. Two years ago Mr. Geo. N. Blackburn and family, with several other families, all of Michigan, came to Western Carolina on a prospecting tour, and, spending some days in Swain county, became impressed with the belief that the future of that section was a very bright one, and the result was all purchased property in and near the town of Bryson City. Mr. Blackburn also became impressed with the necessity for a first-class hotel, and forthwith proceeded to build one. It is a two-story frame building, well designed, contains 40 large, airy, comfortable rooms, with wide halls, large office and dining room, all finished with native hard woods, and handsomely furnished throughout. Every appointment of the hotel is excellent, and the service admirable. Mr. Blackburn is greatly pleased with his new home, and more pleased with the prospects of growth and development apparent on every hand. Others who located in the same town and section are equally satisfied. Mr. B. is now erecting a store-room adjoining his hotel, the upper story of which will be fitted up for bedrooms. He anticipates a goodly number of summer boarders, and all who go may be assured of good accommodations at reasonable prices. Mr. B. says there is a good opening at this town for machine shops and foundry, and the establishment of a large tannery and chair factory is talked of.

There are already a large number engaged in getting out lumber, for saw mills or for shipment in the log, and the opening for all wood-working machinery is certainly an excellent one.

It is a good farming section, the grains, grasses, fruits, vegetables grow to perfection, and living is cheap. The Swain Hotel is headquarters for hunters and fishermen, as the mountains abound with deer, while the beautiful streams are full of trout. The Tuckaseegee River, which passes under the shadow of the hotel, affords fine bass fishing sport. Parties desiring sport or recreation, or wishing to make safe investments, can do no better than go to Swain.

We came near overlooking some of the special attractions mentioned by Messrs. Blackburn, W. D. Crisp and Cary Mendenhall. Mr. Blackburn says the little streams near the place contain much fine gold, he having obtained over sixty cents worth in a few moments with only an ordinary pan. There is fine magnetic iron within three miles of the town, while fine specimens of silver ore are found in many localities.

Messrs. Arthur & Lipscomb, of South Carolina, have a large steam plant, with necessary machinery, for making locust ship nails and insulator pins. Mr. E. C. Simpkins is the manager. The capacity of the plant is about 15,000 pins per day, and it is now run to its fullest capacity, as the company have a contract with a Northern firm to take all the pins they can make as fast as they can be made.

Messrs. McDonald & Penson, of Michigan, have just erected a \$30,000 saw and planing mills, and have constructed extensive dams across Tuckaseegee River and Deep Creek, near the town, for their uses.

Mr. B. B. Lake, of the Catawba Wood Works, Hickory, has his headquarters at Bryson City, and is engaged in getting and shipping to his works locust timber, for ship nails and insulator pins. This company also have large mills on Tennessee River.

A new Methodist Church has recently been completed; work is progressing on a handsome Baptist Church, and ground has just been broken for a commodious Presbyterian Church.

Some handsome stores have been erected within the past eighteen months, and several others are now under construction. The new two-story brick store of Mr. D. K. Collins is one of the handsomest in the State, and is equal, in structure and finish, to any of its size in Asheville. It is 30 feet wide, 100 feet deep, and 16 feet from floor to ceiling on first floor. Mr. Collins carries a very heavy stock of general merchandise, and is doing a large business. He deserves all the success he can achieve.

Messrs. J. S. Elmer, I. B. Conly and J. W. R. Kline have also erected handsome stores, while Messrs. R. L. Leatherwood, A. M. Fry, A. B. Allison, H. A. Hodge of the Swain County Herald, H. J. El-

more, and A. M. Bennett have erected handsome residences.

Mr. Hodge, formerly of Michigan, is now a live, active agent for the development of the resources of his adopted county, making his Herald a useful medium for such purpose. His office is a museum of specimens of the agricultural and mineral resources of the county. He can say nothing too good for his county, and THE DEMOCRAT will stand by him in all efforts in its behalf.

Lands are excellent and cheap in Swain county, and persons seeking good homes are wanted and cordially welcomed.

Robbinsville Notes.

At Graham Court we met many old and made a number of new friends. THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT is well received by a large number of the good people of Graham, and its list is rapidly increasing in that county.

Col. Green Phillips has given up the Junaluska House at Robbinsville, of which he was the noted proprietor for a number of years, to conduct a popular hotel at Blue Ridge, Ga. We were pleased to meet him again, however. The Junaluska is now well kept by Dr. and Mrs. Suddorth, who lose no opportunity to render their guests comfortable and pleasant. The Doctor was but recently married, and his happiness seemed to pervade the atmosphere of his home and impart itself to all his friends.

Col. Bill Cooper and his good family also conduct a popular hotel, and deserve a patent for being able to take good care of more people than they have room for, and do it well.

Mr. Manning, the popular Register of Deeds, suffers with the same complaint, for he, too, was crowded to overflowing, and all happy.

"Purd" Tatham, the "old clerk," keeps a "stag house" in the town, and when a visitor or friend finds all the hotels too full for one more, he only has to go to "Stag Hall," where the latching string is always out, walk in, make himself at home, much to his own comfort and Mr. Tatham's pleasure.

No man is allowed to go away from Robbinsville unfed—and well fed at that—and unslept.

Mr. G. B. Walker, the first man to represent Graham in the Legislature after the formation of the county, is a growing merchant of his place. Mr. R. L. Davis is also an energetic and successful young merchant, while Dr. Suddorth conducts the drug store and physics the sick. Sheriff Flemming, besides being a good officer, is also a successful farmer. All are good people, proud of their county, and anxious to welcome good people who will go in with them and help develop their rich country. We enjoyed our stay in Graham, and enjoyed meeting with our friends.

Go and See Them.

Those people who wish to see something of the immense resources of Western Carolina, without much expense or labor, should take a trip over the Murphy division from Asheville and inspect the marble, talc, iron and other valuable deposits over which the cars run from the mouth of Nantahala River to the terminus of the road in Cherokee. Of course they can go farther if they wish, and find something good as far as they go; but if they only wish to take the time allowed by keeping on the railroad in the section mentioned they can see valuables that will astonish them. Besides, the scenery along the road down over the Balsam, down Scott's Creek and Tuckaseegee River, up Turnpee River and thence up the grand canyon of the Nantahala, will more than repay for the trip. Our country and resources only need to be seen to be appreciated.

A Correction.

THE DEMOCRAT of June 5th, in its notice of the election of County Superintendent of Public Instruction, states that nominations were made on Monday, in the meeting of the Board of Magistrates, to fill a "vacancy" in that office, and that on Tuesday, at a joint meeting of Magistrates and Commissioners, C. B. Way was elected on the fifth ballot. The correct report is, that on Monday, at a joint meeting of Magistrates, Commissioners and Board of Education, C. B. Way was elected for a full term of two years, beginning July 1st, 1890, on the sixth ballot.

Judge Conner.

This able jurist concluded the work of this district last Saturday morning at Swain, and passed through Saturday evening en route home. No one has ever ridden this circuit with more satisfaction to bar and people; able, patient, courteous and firm withal, he commanded for himself and the bench that confidence which are his and its due. In returning to his eastern home he may be assured that he carries with him the highest admiration of those whom he has just served.

GRAHAM COUNTY.

Its Large and Varied Resources and Enterprises.

We availed ourselves of our attendance upon Graham county superior court to enquire into various enterprises which have been established since our last visit, a year or more ago. Of the magnificent and varied resources of the county we have written frequently. The county is one of the largest, territorially, in the State, and its timbers, minerals and agricultural resources and possibilities are inestimable. Only until recently have opportunities been afforded for utilizing these resources, but now capital and enterprise are being drawn there, and much work has been done. The future of the county for worth and prosperity is assured. Among the enterprises now in operation and which we inspected are the works of

THE BELDING LUMBER COMPANY.

This company is composed of the Messrs. Belding, of Cincinnati and New York, the great silk manufacturers of the United States, Hon. J. W. Cooper of Murphy and others. D. W. Belding is president, Louis Krohn treasurer, and John Swan, Jr., general manager. The office of the company is at Robbinsville, the county seat of Graham. The company owns over 50,000 acres of land on Snowbird, Santietla and Tennessee rivers in this county, every acre of which is covered with more or less of the valuable timbers, such as poplar, linn, ash, white and yellow pine, the oaks, hickory, chestnut, locust, cherry, etc. They have some 150 men employed getting out these timbers, which are floated in the log to Chattanooga and there prepared for the markets, not only of the United States, but of the world. They have already gotten out some 20,000 logs. Mr. Belding says it is estimated there are from three to four hundred million feet of merchantable timbers on this property. They have already expended in that county some fifty thousand dollars, and of course expect to spend much more. After the timbers shall have been taken off, Mr. Belding says that every foot of the territory which can possibly be available for anything—and there is but little that cannot be—is unsurpassed for grasses, fruits, vegetables, grains and tobacco, making it available for happy homes of a large population. He thinks stock raising should be, and will be, the principle business of Graham county, as it is specially adapted to the grasses, and hence for cattle, horses and sheep.

"Graham county ought to furnish the South with butter and cheese, for it is the best county for such products I have ever seen." He is also anxious for a railroad from Tennessee up the Tennessee river through Graham, Swain and Macon counties, on to Augusta, Savannah and Port Royal. "It would be the best paying road," said Mr. B., "in the South. It would cross all the mineral lands which run from northwest to southwest, open up the finest copper, iron, slate, marble, corundum, lard, kaolin, mica, specular iron, etc., etc., all of which abound in the very territory to be traversed by this road, from Tennessee to Georgia. And the supply of timber is simply inexhaustible. Should this road be built my company will build spurs running up into the mountains at different points to haul timbers out upon." A party is negotiating with the Belding company to locate a tannery upon the company's lands. The supplies here for such an enterprise are inexhaustible. The Belding company are doing a good work in Graham, and will increase their efforts as rapidly as facilities are increased for marketing the products of their labors. We are indebted to Messrs. Belding, Swan and Krohn for courtesies.

Messrs. W. C. Heyser & Co., of Chattanooga, also have a large force getting out timbers in Graham. They purchase the trees, however, without the land. Have purchased over 50,000 poplar, ash and cucumber trees, which they "float" to Chattanooga; where they have extensive mills. Mr. Ledru is their manager in Robbinsville. There are a number of others engaged in buying trees and getting them out, all of which go to Chattanooga.

The farming interest of the county are improving and must continue to improve. People who want farms, who have been used to such work, who have small means and who want good health, can do no better than go to Graham, buy a tract of land, clear it and go to work. Lands of this character, the very best, can be bought now for from two to five dollars per acre. Everything except cotton and tropical products can be raised here.

Situation Wanted.

A sober, industrious man desires a situation as Bookkeeper. Thoroughly competent. Good references given. Address "S," Box 408, City.

J. S. Grant, Ph. G.

(Of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.)

Apothecary, 24 South Main St.

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 Pharmacist, 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, even if we have to lose money by so doing. 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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