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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, Table Delicacies, Fruits, Grain, Flour, etc. Respectfully,  
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### Local Briefs

Mr. W. E. Moore, of Webster, is in the city.  
A number of interesting articles are crowded out this issue.

Robert Price, a lad of twelve years, was drowned in the old run of Mud Creek at Hendersonville.

It is now Dr. Z. B. Vance, Dr. Fowle and Dr. J. S. Henderson, colleges of distinction having conferred the degree of LL. D. upon these gentlemen.

The R. and D. offers round trip tickets at 4 cts. per mile to the W. N. C. Teachers' Assembly at Waynesville, on July 14th and 15th, good returning to the 19th.

Messrs. F. N. Waddell and Wayne Ray have just returned from Kentucky with eighteen of the finest horses ever brought to Asheville. They can be seen at Ray's stables, South Main street.

Sheriff Leatherwood of Haywood, was in the city yesterday, and did THE DEMOCRAT the honor of a call. The sheriff proudly claims ten boys who are all Democratic voters.

The Morristown correspondent of the Knoxville Journal writes: "Mr. W. C. Carmichael and a party of friends came down from Asheville and went over to Tate Springs to spend a couple of weeks."

Hon. Garland S. Ferguson will address the Confederate veterans of Transylvania on the 4th of July. Hon. J. H. Merriam has also been invited to be present and make an address. He will attend if possible.

Madison county has a full democratic board of county commissioners. At the recent meeting of Justices Messrs. James Remond, Van Brown and Thomas J. Murray, all good citizens and of course good democrats, were chosen.

At a special meeting of the County Commissioners, held on Monday, a reconsideration was had of the application by W. O. Muller for license to retail liquor. The license was granted with the condition that any violation of law will work a forfeiture.

Mr. Richmond Pearson has arranged for a grand celebration of the 4th of July at Lake Marjorie. Free rides will be given from the city on the street railway and on the R. & D. Six hundred men will be at work upon the splendid improvements during the day.

The Republicans of Madison county held their county nominating convention on Tuesday. Mr. W. P. Jervis was nominated for the legislature; M. A. Chandley for clerk, Chas. Candler for sheriff, O. H. Holcombe for register. We failed to get the other nominees. There is walking ahead of these young men.

The Lenoir Topic says: "We have heard George Vanderbilt called the 'big Asheville railroad contractor.'" Mr. Vanderbilt is not only a "big railroad contractor," but he is a big Asheville developer. Everything he is doing is on a big scale, and has attracted and will attract the attention of many other gentlemen of wealth who can appreciate, as he has done, a good thing when they see it.

The past June has been the hottest ever known in the Mississippi Valley. In the South Atlantic States the temperature was also unusually high. Some damage to crops is feared unless a change occurs soon. In the Northern States of the Mississippi Valley the heat has been very severe, resulting in many deaths. In Western North Carolina, while warm and dry, there has been no suffering, and our nights are cool and delightful. Some rain is needed badly, however, for crops, man and beast.

### Waynesville Sulphur Springs.

We learn with pleasure that the Waynesville White Sulphur Springs has been opened with great success. A fine band of music has been engaged and guests are coming in rapidly from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Rooms have been engaged by large parties from Montgomery and Columbia, and many inquiries for board have been received from persons in Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. There will be a picnic of the Royal Arcanum of Haywood county at Waynesville on the 4th; also a meeting of the county alliance.

The North Carolina Horticultural Society will hold its eighth annual grape fair at Mount Holly from July 30 to August 1. Addresses will be made by a number of prominent speakers, and several successful grape growers will read papers. The aim of the society is to develop the fruit industry of North Carolina, and a considerable amount is offered in premiums. The society has already done good work, and the grape fair is one of the most attractive exhibits of the State.

### THE ANNUAL RE-UNION

Of the South Carolina Colony in Asheville June 27th.

Those residents of our city who are proud to claim South Carolina as their birth place, and who constitute the South Carolina Society of this city, held their annual reunion on the 27th ulto. A number of invited guests were also present, including Gov. R. L. Taylor of Tennessee, Lt. Gov. Mauldin, of South Carolina, Hon. T. F. Davidson, Attorney-General of North Carolina, Judge A. C. Avery, Supreme Court of this State, Gen. P. M. B. Young, of Georgia, Judge Fenner, of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, Mr. Capers of South Carolina, and a number of prominent citizens of this city.

The meeting was held in the spacious hall of the Swannanoa hotel, which had been handsomely and suitably decorated for the occasion. Hull's Band discoursed elegant music during the evening.

When the assembly had taken seats around the banquet board, President Breese called the meeting to order, stating its object in a brief address of welcome to the guests.

He then announced the first toast of the evening:

"The Day We Celebrate, and with it the State of South Carolina; 'Americus Opiusque Parati': A mother whose shield and cause her sons will ever uphold and maintain." Responded to by Hon. W. L. Mauldin, Lt. Governor of South Carolina.

Mr. E. H. Wright proposed a toast to "North Carolina," which was responded to by Attorney-General Davidson.

Mr. S. D. Pelham proposed a toast to "Tennessee," responded to by Gov. Taylor of that State.

Maj. W. W. Rollins proposed a toast to "Georgia," responded to by Gen. P. M. B. Young.

"The City of Asheville," proposed by Mr. C. T. Rawls and responded to by Mr. L. P. McLoud.

Mr. W. P. Chesborough proposed "The Army and Navy," responded to by Dr. S. Westray Battle, U. S. N.

Mr. T. C. White proposed "Woman, the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," responded to by Mr. J. P. Arthur.

We regret we cannot go into fuller details of the toasts, the excellent remarks with which they were proposed, and the eloquently interesting responses. Without exception the speeches made in response to the above were the finest we ever heard on a similar occasion. The last regular toast proposed by Dr. J. A. Watson, was to "The Press," responded to by Robt. M. Furman, who concluded by proposing the toast: "The South Carolina Society of Asheville. May it live long and prosper, for the love of the home of birth is the best guarantee of loyal fidelity to the home of adoption." President Breese, of the Society, was called on to respond, who, in turn, requested the veteran Col. L. M. Hatch to do so, and he did so, eloquently and instructively.

Judge Fenner of New Orleans, Capt. Natt Atkinson, Mr. Ellison Capers of Greenville, Judge Avery, Maj. H. T. King of Augusta, responded most handsomely to calls.

Thus the evening closed one of the most entertaining occasions we have ever attended anywhere.

The banquet, prepared by Messrs. Rawls, of the Swannanoa, was simply superb, and sustained well the reputation of that very popular hostelry.

Asheville has as much cause to be proud of her South Carolina colony as they have to be proud of their native State. May all live long and prosper.

### Attention, Old Comrades.

There will be a reunion of Company II, 25th North Carolina Volunteers at the Baptist church on Hoinny Creek upon the same spot where we organized 29 years ago. All surviving members of the company are commanded (requested) to attend. Come provided with three days rations, a blanket and cooking utensils. We will go into camp on Monday, the 21st day of July, 1890, and disband on Wednesday the 23rd. Colonel John McElroy will address the old soldiers on the 22nd and Parson P. R. Young will preach at night.

A. B. THRASH, Capt. Com'd'g.  
W. Y. MORGAN, Major.

### Can't Do Without The Democrat.

A prominent citizen of Yancey County, in a private letter to us, is kind enough to say: "I can't afford to be without THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT. I consider it the leading Democratic organ of Western North Carolina. May THE DEMOCRAT and its editors have long life, and continue to send forth pure Democratic truths, and thus convince the white Republicans of our beloved State that they, by their votes, are siding in all the Republican corruptions with which our country is cursed."

## Work Begun

On the French Broad Valley R. R.

### AMIDST GREAT REJOICINGS AND HUZZAHS!

The First Dirt is Thrown—A Pleasant Day in and for Old Henderson.

Tuesday morning we took the early train for Hendersonville, in company with Vice-President W. M. Cocke, Jr., of the French Broad Valley Railroad, Miss Nellie A. Cocke, Miss Cornelia Ramseur, Wm. J. Cocke, for the purpose of attending the formal beginning of work on the French Broad Valley Railroad, which road is to connect Asheville with the Carolina Central at Rutherfordton, and give us another line to South Carolina connections.

At Hendersonville we were joined by Chief Engineer H. M. Ramseur, Capt. S. V. Pickens, Col. David Stradley, Mr. Paul Jones of the Western Guide, Col. Charles Sunofsky, and with fine teams were soon rapidly speeding over a good road to the scene of action, the residence of Col. Willis Allen, near Horse Shoe, on the French Broad. A goodly company of ladies and gentlemen had already assembled.

After a good dinner at Col. Allen's, the party assembled at the point where work was to be begun. Chief Engineer Ramseur called attention to the object of the meeting, and stated that they desired to begin by asking Divine blessing upon the great enterprise about to be undertaken.

Rev. C. M. Greer then invoked, in a most fervent prayer, the blessings of God upon the great work and upon all the people.

Miss Cornelia, the little daughter of Chief Engineer Ramseur, and Miss Nellie A., daughter of Vice-President Cocke, then threw the first dirt, followed by Mr. Ramseur, Col. Cocke, Rev. Mr. Greer, R. M. Furman of THE DEMOCRAT, Wm. J. Cocke, Paul Jones of the Hendersonville Guide, Capt. Pickens who represented the Hendersonville Times, A. Cannon, Esq., William Meade Stone, Vernon Ramseur, W. B. Case, Silas Case, W. U. Corn, Gus. A. Sitton, Hon. Geo. Wilson of Transylvania, Burgin Fortune, Col. Willis Allen, Noble Clayton, and Henry Robinson colored.

There were also present Capt. T. C. Bowen, resident engineer of the road, and Mr. W. G. Stone, office engineer. Col. Charles Sunofsky was commissary general of the occasion. It is needless to say he distinguished himself.

After this we returned, meeting en route loads of tools for the active prosecution of the work.

It was a great day for Henderson, and for Western Carolina, and may the grand enterprise inaugurated there be rapidly pushed to completion.

Our thanks are due to many friends for courtesies, specially to Capt. Cocke, Maj. Ramseur, Col. Allen, Col. Pickens and others.

### Developing Our Ores.

Mr. W. B. Phillips, of Birmingham, Ala., a distinguished mining engineer has been employed by the North Carolina Bessemer Company, of which Julian S. Carr is President and a number of wealthy North Carolinians, including A. B. Andrews and S. H. Wiley, stockholders, to open up their iron beds on the North Fork of the Catawba River, in McDowell County, the said property lying along the line of the Three C's railroad.

We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. Phillips on Monday. He states that he has had for a week or ten days a corps of engineers at work on this property, Messrs. Nitze and McKenzie, of Alabama, being included. They have already developed a very fine quality of iron and have discovered, in addition, a fine deposit of black marble, which bids fair to prove a great source of wealth.

This work is to be prosecuted till all the mineral deposits of the property are thoroughly exploited. Enough has already been discovered to promise rich returns for development.

Speaking of Mr. Phillips, the engineer in charge of this work, he is a North Carolinian, a son of Dr. Charles Phillips, of Chapel Hill. Mr. Phillips was himself for several years connected with the scientific department of our University. He has made such fame for himself since he has lived in Birmingham, that he has been invited to the professorship of chemistry and metallurgy in the University of Alabama, and will assume the duties of that place in October next.

The First National Bank of Winston is to erect a building to cost \$30,000.

### WEAVERVILLE COLLEGE.

Very Interesting Closing Exercises at This Institution.

One of the most interesting occasions in the history of Weaverville College occurred recently, it being the annual commencement. Very large crowds of people of this and surrounding counties were in attendance.

There were about 150 pupils enrolled during the session, some from adjoining States. The examinations and exercises generally showed that President Yost and his co-laborers have worked faithfully.

Hon. H. A. Gudger, of Asheville, delivered the annual oration. As Mr. Gudger never fails to make a good speech, full of important truths, his address on this occasion was not an exception.

There were a number of medals awarded which were fully merited. Our young friend William Lee Baird, son of our neighbor I. V. Baird, won the oratorical medal over some strong competitors. We heard him several years ago and then predicted a bright future for him. May he go on, conquering and to conquer. To Mr. Reed, of Tennessee, was awarded the first declamation medal, and to Mr. Edwards, of Weaverville, the second declamation medal. Both proved, as indeed did all the contestants, excellent declaimers. Other medals, for success in various departments, were awarded, but the names of the lucky winners were not furnished us. Hon. R. B. Vance, Rev. R. N. Price, Rev. Mr. Stover, Mr. W. H. Hunter, Mr. Richard Weaver and Dr. Millard presented the medals, each presentation accompanied by very appropriate addresses to the recipients. Altogether it was a happy occasion, and greatly enjoyed.

An effort was made to secure subscriptions to erect additional buildings for the use of the college, and several hundred dollars were secured.

Real estate in Weaverville is advancing in value; and the good people, proud of their beautiful town, are anxious to have good citizens enjoy its advantages with them.

### LACHIN Y GAIR.

A New and More Suitable Name for Turnpike.

Our friend Mr. John Smathers remarked to us some time since that he would like to get a prettier name, one more suitable to the beautiful surroundings of his popular hotel than "Turnpike," which has now lost its significance. In mentioning this matter recently to our friend Hon. Geo. W. Blount, of Wilson, N. C., while passing the place, he immediately suggested the name of Lachin Y Gair, (pronounced Loch Na Garr.) Since reaching home Mr. Blount has kindly copied the following from Byron's "Hours of Idleness," from which the name was taken:

"Years have rolled on, Loch Na Garr, since I left you,  
Years must elapse ere I see you again.  
Nature of verdure and flowers has bereft you,  
Yet still are you dearer than Albion's plain.  
England! thy beauties are tame and domestic  
To one who has roved on the mountains afar,  
Oh for the crags that are wild and majestic,  
The steep frowning glories of dark Loch Na Garr."

The steep frowning mountains, the lock on the creek, make the name most suitable for the place; only Nature has been most lavish in her gift of verdure and flowers to the whole valley and mountains. Let Turnpike be henceforth known as Loch Na Garr. What say you, Mr. Smathers?

### Three C's Road.

We are glad to learn that Judge Bond, of the U. S. Circuit Court, has finally settled the question of the township bonds voted in several South Carolina counties to the three C's railroad. Judge Bond orders that the bonds be turned over to the railroad. They amount to some \$600,000.

The suit brought against the three C's by a citizen of Boston, referred to elsewhere, amounts to nothing, it is said.

The track of the three C's will be finished to Marion from Rutherfordton this summer, and trains direct from Charleston and Wilmington will connect at Marion with trains for Asheville.

### Merrimon for Congress.

Editors Democrat:—The friends of J. H. Merrimon will present his name to the next Congressional convention of this district with strong hopes of his nomination. 'Tis true he has not asked for or intimated that he would accept, but that will not prevent his friends from offering him the nomination if they can.

TRANSYLVANIA.  
June 30, 1890.

### Celluloid Lined Whip.

J. H. Woody & Co., of this city, have engaged from the Lay Whip Company the sole agency for Asheville of the celebrated celluloid lined whip. These whips guaranteed to give satisfaction with reasonable use.

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(Of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.)

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