

THE ASHEVILLE DEMOCRAT.

VOL. 1. ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1890. NO. 40.

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 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 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, 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 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.)

National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.	Assets.
Merchants Fire Insurance Co.	\$2,443,937.33
Westchester Fire Insurance Co.	1,554,638.37
Equitable Fire Insurance Co.	1,521,706.33
Edenboro' 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

Mr. W. S. Van Zandt and Miss Anna Higgins, of Flemington, N. J., are visiting in the city.

Mr. W. T. Clinton has been made superintendent of the county poor house. A good selection.

Black Mountain hotel is now open for the season, with the noted caterer, Capt. Sprague in command.

Mr. E. C. Hackney, the able editor of the Durham Recorder, gave us a pleasant call a few days ago.

Mrs. A. E. Hall, formerly of Asheville, now of Cumberland county, is visiting the city. She is stopping at Mrs. M. K. Erwin's.

Miss Mary Lyons Atkins, eldest daughter of Dr. James Atkins, late principal of the Asheville Female College, died on Tuesday at Emory, Va.

Cards are out announcing the marriage, at the residence of the bride's parents, on the 22d inst., of Miss Mamie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Summey, and Mr. C. L. Badger.

Mr. S. Whitlock, father of our townsman A. Whitlock, died at his home in Richmond on Tuesday. He was one of Richmond's prominent citizens. Mr. W. went to Richmond to attend the funeral.

The hot weather North and South is hastening the multitude to Asheville and to our mountain resorts. Here it is very delightful compared with all other places, and our nights are always cool and refreshing.

Mrs. John A. McDonald, president of the Shelby Female College, and one of the most noted educators in the State, is in the city, to spend the summer and attend the National Normal School which convenes in this city on Aug. 15.

The farmers of Jackson and surrounding counties enjoyed a grand picnic at Hillsboro on the 4th. Several thousand were present. Interesting speeches were made by Gen. Hampton, Dr. J. M. Candler, E. D. Davis, Esq., and others. The day was most pleasantly spent.

Over one thousand good people of Henderson County celebrated the 4th at the Blue House, seven miles east of Hendersonville. Col. T. F. Williams, Revs. J. B. Naugh and J. Frank Woodfin delivered patriotic addresses, and the multitude enjoyed a loyal and a royal good dinner.

Bob McPeters, while intoxicated, shot and killed an old man named William Cody, at the home of the latter, on Laurel, Madison county, last Saturday evening. McPeters insulted Miss Cody, who ordered him to leave, and upon old man Cody's attempting to make him leave McPeters shot him dead and fled. He will doubtless be captured.

We are informed that at the Swain County Democratic Convention, held last Monday at Bryson City, a majority of the vote of the county was directed to be cast for Hon. R. B. Vance for Congress, with Mr. Elias next highest, and Mr. Crawford the remainder. Mr. A. H. Hayes was endorsed for State Senator, and Mr. R. L. Leatherwood for Solicitor.

The Asheville Methodist pays the following highly appreciated compliment to Mr. Dick Furman: "This clever gentleman is doing a good business in commercial printing. He has recently favored this office in a manner that places him high in our esteem, and we shall not forget his favors. We want our friends to remember that they can get good printing done at Mr. Furman's office."

Mr. A. J. Blair, who had suffered long with paralysis, died at his home in this city on Sunday evening. He was 64 years old, a native of Jonesboro, Tenn., but a resident of Asheville for a long term of years. He was a prominent Mason, and, after funeral services conducted by Rev. G. C. Rankin, the interment was conducted by Cyrene Commandery, Knights Templar.

The Hendersonville Guide says that working material and tools for the prosecution of work on the French Broad Valley Road are arriving daily, and work is being pushed with earnestness. The route from Asheville up the river via Hendersonville through Reedy Patch Gap to Rutherfordton, is one of the most attractive and picturesque in the country. It will be a splendid line when completed.

John W. Starnes, the retiring superintendent of public instruction for Buncombe county made his report Monday. It shows that there are 99 school districts in the country for the white children and 21 for the colored; 88 white schools and 14 colored were held last year, 7,266 white and 1,057 colored children were enrolled. The value of the property owned by the school board in the county is \$51,419 for whites and \$9,325 for colored—a total of \$60,744.

THE 4TH OF JULY PICNIC.

How an Asheville Man Entertained the People of the Town.

Mr. Richmond Pearson's "go as you please" fourth of July celebration was a memorable occasion. The thousand men who were engaged to work for one hour at the close of day upon Lake Shore drive near Richmond Hill made a holiday and spent the morning in town. They were swollen by other large numbers of people taking a holiday on the Fourth. The stores were all closed and nearly the whole town turned out, taking the free electric and steam cars to the scene of the picnic. The 1,000 laborers marched off in procession at 4 o'clock. The Asheville band and the Zouave band of Atlanta made music for the throngs. Two huge trains at the R. and D. depots received a mass of humanity and drew them out four or five miles along the French Broad. Nearly every living and private team of the town was utilized and when all were united on the hills of Montford Park, where the work of improvement is going on, when the thousand workmen went to shovelling with songs and shouts, in full view of the great crowd, while the two bands played from opposite hill tops, the scene was one of the most exhilarating animation. This exhibition continued for two hours, the thirst of the crowd being allayed with lemonade and ice tea liberally served to all. As night closed in and the crowd began to disperse, the majority strolling off down to the railroad track along the banks of the French Broad, a brilliant display of fireworks was exhibited from the hill tops. A single huge train brought the crowd back to town, but not before eleven o'clock. Mr. Pearson bore the entire expense of the occasion and the crowd gave unmistakable evidences of their appreciation of his liberality. The occasion was enjoyed by everybody notwithstanding the lateness of the hour at which the main part of the crowd got home. The spirit and the enthusiasm with which Mr. Richmond Pearson goes into the improvement and the advertisement of his beautiful estate gives assurance that before many more fourths of July pass his faith will be justified in a suburb which will outrival in its ornamentation any in the beautiful environments of Asheville.

Mr. F. A. Sondley will build a four story brick house on the corner of Patton avenue and Church street.

Messrs. John O'Donnell & Co. have opened a wine, liquor and cigar store on South Main street, where their friends are invited to call.

Mr. Will London, of Pittsburgh, this State, was drowned at Suwanee College, Tenn., on the 4th. He was a nephew of Mr. Haughton, the popular express manager of this city, and was a most promising young man.

Mr. J. B. Hyatt, of Waynesville, now interested in the lumber business at Middleboro, Ky., passed through the city last week for a few days' recreation with friends at home. He says Middleboro is a growing burg.

We are indebted to our friend and former townsman, J. C. Brown, Esq., now of Glasgow, Scotland, for late copies of the Glasgow Herald. They print mammoth papers in the old country as well as the new.

Mr. A. A. Campbell, of the Murphy Bulletin, is in the city. He is stirring up some very important transactions in Cherokee's mineral and timber lands, and has interested a number of Asheville capitalists therein. Asheville has her eyes on all Western Carolina.

Another Good Sale.

Mr. J. B. Bostic, who recently purchased that portion of the Woodfin property just in the rear of the Woodfin mansion, on North Main street and Merrimon avenue, had it divided up into handsome lots, and sold it at auction on Monday. A large crowd was in attendance and the bidding was lively. The sale amounted to over \$32,000, the owner realizing a nice profit on his purchase. Just preceding the sale Mr. J. C. Hester, of Raleigh, and Mr. Peter Connally, of Kansas City, made remarks upon the advantages and future of Asheville. Mr. C. came to Asheville for his health some time ago, and became so impressed with our city that he bought a property near the city for \$10,000 cash, and a few days ago refused a clear profit of \$10,000 for it. Thus Asheville grows.

Let Them Come to Asheville.

The Southern Travellers' (or Drummers') Association recently in session decided upon steps to secure good hotels at various points in the South where they are called upon to stop. Let them all come to Asheville. Here they can be accommodated "the year round."

Important Meetings in Asheville.

On Aug 13th the State Farmers' Alliance meets in Asheville, and will sit several days. Representatives from every county in the State are expected, with many others, and many will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the mountain metropolis and bring their wives and others with them. This is a most important meeting, and Asheville will unite with our local farmers in giving the visiting friends a royal reception. It is estimated that several thousand will come to Asheville on this occasion, and every effort will be made to make the occasion a most delightful one for the farmers. Let all come and bring their sisters, their cousins and aunts.

On August 15th the National Normal School, composed of the most distinguished teachers in the Union, will meet in Asheville, and remain in session some days. Special arrangements will be made for the entertainment of all visiting teachers and their friends. We hope every teacher in Western Carolina especially will attend. Great subjects will be discussed, of vital importance to educational interests, and it will be an opportunity no one interested in this great matter should miss. Asheville will do her duty towards both distinguished organizations. Distinguished citizens of this and other States, not members of either order, are expected to be present.

Battery Park Addition.

The pressure upon the hotel accommodations of Asheville last winter, and the indications for this summer, impelled Col. Cox, the progressive proprietor of Battery Park to make a large addition to that popular resort, and on the 1st of May he called to his aid one of Asheville's most energetic contractors—a young man, too—Mr. James Westall, told him what he wanted and must have, and Mr. W. went to work. Without waiting for material he began work, ordering every piece of his material after he began. The contract involved the addition of two stories to a building two stories high, which will add about 40 elegant rooms, corridors, etc. On the 20th inst. Mr. Westall expects to turn over the job, complete, to Col. Cox. This work has been not only quickly, but well done, and reflects credit upon the contractor. Our friend, Col. Steele, the popular manager will not feel so distressed by having to turn off so many applicants for accommodation hereafter. All this room will be needed by the time it is finished.

Alliance Officers Elected.

The third quarterly meeting of the Buncombe county Farmers' Alliance was held in the court house Friday. There was a large attendance present. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: J. W. Nash, president; J. R. DuBose, vice president; W. F. Tomlinson, secretary; J. M. Brookshire, treasurer; Rev. George H. Bell, chaplain; Dr. C. Cliff, lecturer; L. N. Wells, associate lecturer; G. W. Mersell, doorkeeper; J. T. Spivy, assistant doorkeeper; J. M. Melton, sergeant-at-arms, and P. H. Folsom, business agent.

Ex-Com. D. A. Blackwell, T. H. Weaver and Rev. E. A. Poe, Maj. Blackwell and E. D. Weaver were elected delegates and alternates to the meeting of the State Alliance to be held in this city on the second Tuesday in August next.

A call meeting will be held here on the first Saturday in August.

Ridiculing the Farmers.

We learn privately that there was a large gathering at Bakersville last Friday, 4th inst. Congressman Fwart was on hand, and spoke. Gen. Bowman also spoke, and we are informed attacked Gen. Vance very heavily as the "farmers candidate," saying "most of these farmers couldn't tell a flax-break from a plow stock." The farmers and Democrats will teach Gen. Bowman, Mr. Ewart and their ilk that they can tell the difference between an honest representative and shameless demagogues whose principles are to speculate on the oppression and misfortunes of their fellowmen. Farmers will remember this insult in the sweet bye and bye.

One Million Dollars Profit.

A cablegram from London announces that the Okefenokee swamp in Georgia and Florida has been sold to an English syndicate. Col. Frank Cox, of this city, and Gen. P. M. B. Young purchased the property, containing 1,500,000 acres, a short time ago for 26 cents an acre, and it was sold by them for \$1 an acre, a profit of more than one million of dollars.—Citizen.

Nearing Murphy.

A. A. Campbell gives us the gratifying intelligence that the track-laying on the Murphy line of the W. N. C. Road has reached Mrs. Hayes' five miles from Murphy. The road will be completed to Murphy before October 1.

HIS EYES WERE OPENED.

Our People and Section as Observed by Rev. Mr. Woodring.

Some time ago Rev. Mr. Woodring and family, of Blairsville, Pa., came to Asheville for his health, and spent several months, stopping at the hospitable home of Col. J. M. Ray, at Ramoth. Mr. W. is a Methodist minister of ability, and very pleasing manners. It was his first trip South, and being a republican of the "straightest sect," entertained those opinions and even prejudices of the South and Southern people which is a surprise to Southern people to find entertained so frequently, and generally so bitterly, by those specially commissioned to preach and teach charity and love for our neighbors. While here Mr. W. observed many things, the characteristics of our people, the observance of law and order, the religious character of the community and such things as go to show the real state of society. Since returning home he has engaged in writing a series of letters for the Blairsville Enterprise of his town, the first of which is before us. This is devoted to the magnificent attractions of the Piedmont Line for travellers, and then concludes on Asheville as follows:

"Our destination is reached in due time; here we find electric street cars and omnibuses to take us anywhere we wish to go. We find Asheville an active, wide awake city of some 10,000 inhabitants, with attractions of many kinds; attractions for the business man, for the speculator; for the refined and educated, because it is a city of schools; for the religious, because it is a city of churches; for the lover of the fine arts, because here the aesthetic is not neglected; for the health-seeker, because there is healing in its salubrious climate, and that was what we were after. One of the great attractions of Asheville, and probably its greatest, is its healthful climate. Because of its latitude south, its elevation above tide water, its high mountains and its porous soil, the healthfulness of the country is phenomenal. The combination of latitude, altitude and surrounding mountains, producing a rare, dry and invigorating atmosphere makes the climate particularly helpful in pulmonary, bronchial and throat troubles. The Encyclopedia Britannica says this is one of the two areas where consumption is unknown among the natives. Because of this, Asheville and the surrounding country are popular resorts for the invalid during the entire year. The seekers after health that at any time may be found here are counted by the thousand. Asheville is truly a nice little city. Its citizens are large hearted and wish everybody to come and share the advantages. The Asheville citizen is very much like the citizen of Boston. He divides all the human family into two grand divisions. The first great division, and the one to be congratulated is made up of all people who have been in Asheville. The second grand division, and the one to be commiserated, is made up of all mankind that has not been to Asheville. We are among the lucky ones. We, soon after our arrival, found ourselves nicely domiciled in the comfortable and hospitable home of a 'Rebel colonel.'"

The Population of Asheville.

The enumerators are doing their best to conclude their work of taking the census of the city, but much complaint exists of failure to get names of citizens. We urge every person not seen, for the good of Asheville and the accommodation of the enumerators whom we believe have tried to do their duty, to write their place of residence and name on a card and leave it at the Supervisor's office, or over Capt. Natt. Atkinson's office, or at THE DEMOCRAT, Citizen or Journal office, so that no one, white or colored, man, woman or child, may be omitted. It is very important to Asheville, to every interest of the city, to have a full and correct enumeration. If this be done we believe Asheville will be the third city of the State, and run the second a close race. Let this be attended to.

Challenges the State at 74.

Uncle Pleas Israel is rapidly approaching his 75th birthday, yet he works hard every day on his excellent farm near Leicester, at the plow or other farm work. He says he will challenge the State for the best yield of good corn from one acre. He brought us last week a specimen half bushel of his Irish potatoes, and we have seen nothing like them for size and quality on the market. He is as sound a democrat as he is successful at farming, and, God bless him, may his tribe never cease.

It Was a Lamb.

Mr. J. E. Duckworth, of Transylvania, sold to McIntyre & Co. a few days ago a lamb, four months old, which weighed 120 pounds. Who says sheep raising, if attended to in this country, will not pay?

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 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, 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.

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

We are agents for Humphrey's Homoeopathic Medicines. A full supply, of his goods always on hand.

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

A thoroughly reliable remedy for all blood diseases is Buncombe Sarsaparilla. Try a bottle and you will take no other.

J. S. GRANT, Ph. G., Pharmacist, 24 S. Main St. Asheville, N. C.

W. A. BLAIR. J. V. BROWN

Furniture

—AND—

Undertaking.

No. 32 Patton Avenue,

McAfee Block, Opposite Blair's Old Stand.

We are now ready, and invite our friends and the public generally to call and examine our well selected stock of

Furniture,

Which we are offering at

Rock-Bottom Prices.

Undertaking A Special Feature.

Calls Attended Day or Night.

Telephone, Day 75, Night 65

Blair & Brown.