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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 oft-tried practice of some dealers in cutting prices on a few leading articles, hoping to make it 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.**

## NOTICE, FARMERS.

**J. E. REED & CO.**

Will pay the highest market price for good cotton delivered at their market, No. 10, South Court Square, Asheville, N. C.

## HOLD ON!

**Here I Am Again.**

When you buy a pair of Dry Goods, such as Hats, Coats, Gingham, Dress, etc., be sure you buy them from the store that has the best quality of them bought for less than cost of making.

Agree for some of the largest factories in the south, and can sell home-made goods at a price lower than you can get them at any store in the State. We sell home-made shoes, all styles, as they can be bought in the State. They are guaranteed.

A great many goods were bought at a price 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. 5 North Main Street.

## FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY

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

Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.	\$2,443,667.38
Fire Insurance Co. of New York	1,554,658.37
Fire Insurance Co. of Philadelphia	1,521,706.53
Fire Insurance Co. of Savannah	270,191.29

## Local Briefs

Rev. Dr. Pritchard, of Raleigh, one of the leading Baptist divines of the State, is visiting the city.

Mr. Ewart's speech here on Monday night was largely taken up with a defence of his position on the Force bill.

Rev. Jno. B. Adger, D. D., of South Carolina, a famous Presbyterian divine, is at the Battery Park with his daughter.

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

We learn that the Hendersonville sales are realizing most excellent prices and that the Asheville Gun Club is making good scores.

Rev. Mr. Hunter and wife, of Raleigh, are recuperating in Asheville. They are stopping at Mrs. Van Zandt's, on Charlotte street.

Mr. Tom West, of Macon, Ga., who has been vacating in Asheville, has returned home. His wife will remain awhile longer.

We have received the first copy of the Hendersonville Daily Guide. It is a most creditable paper and we wish it every success.

The luxuriant potted plants with which Dr. T. C. Smith has ornamented the wide windows of his drug store are greatly admired.

The big land sale in Hendersonville began on Tuesday. Large crowds are in the town from all directions. Asheville is liberally represented.

Mr. J. L. C. Bird, of Marion, O. H. Blocker and Wm. Black, of Moxton, N. C., were in the city on Monday on matters connected with the N. C. Bessemer Co., of McDowell.

Superintendent V. E. McBee, of the W. N. C. R. R., will remove his office from the depot to the stand on South Main street recently vacated by the National Bank of Asheville.

The report of Prof. Claxton, of the city schools, has been issued. It makes a very favorable showing, but the Professor thinks the facilities are about two-thirds what they should be.

Mr. John Nichols, one of the prominent and most respected citizens of Marshall, died a few days ago after a lingering illness, aged 60 years. He was father of Mr. C. A. Nichols, of our city.

Gov. Holt has appointed our townsmen Messrs. F. N. Waddell and W. C. Troy delegates to represent the State at the annual meeting of the National Prison Reform Association, to be held in Cincinnati, Sept. 25th.

Mr. F. M. Stevens, of Biltmore, brought in two splendid specimens of his tomatoes, one weighing a pound and two ounces, the other one pound, both smooth and round. Mr. Stevens says he will soon have celery ready for the market.

Ayer's Hair Vigor restores color and vitality to weak and gray hair. Through its healing and cleansing qualities it prevents the accumulation of dandruff and cures all scalp diseases. The best hair dressing ever made, and by far the most economical.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla, by purifying and enriching the blood, improves the appetite, adds to the assimilative process, strengthens the nerves, and invigorates the system. It is, therefore, the best and most thoroughly reliable alternative that can be found for old and young.

The National Bank of Asheville has moved from its old stand on South Main street to the corner of Patton avenue and Court place. The fittings for the bank are of the most beautiful quality of oak raised in this section, and were made, including all the furniture of the bank, by the Asheville Furniture Co. It is equal to anything of the sort made anywhere.

Our farmer friends of Macon county will hold a farmers' institute and grand mass meeting, at Franklin, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 26th and 27th. We know they will have a good time, and regret the date conflicts with our Congressional Convention, which will keep us away. Otherwise we would be with our many friends in old Macon on that occasion.

Mrs. Maria W. Latimer, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., who came to Asheville about two months ago for her health, died at the residence of Mrs. Van Zandt, on Charlotte street, early Monday morning. Deceased was in her 75th year. Her daughter, Mrs. Daniel F. Tyler, was with her during all her stay in Asheville. The funeral services were held on Tuesday evening at Mrs. Van Zandt's residence, and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hunter, of Raleigh. The remains will be taken to Green Cove Springs for interment.

## TOWNSHIP PRIMARIES.

### JUBILANT MEETINGS OF BUNCOMBE DEMOCRACY.

#### Delegates Appointed to the County Convention Which Meets in this City Next Saturday.

Asheville Township, Biltmore Precinct—A large meeting of the Democratic voters of this precinct met at the Newton Academy Saturday, 16th, to appoint delegates to the county convention, which meets next Saturday. It was called to order by R. P. Walker, Esq., of the township executive committee. Mr. John Cheesborough was elected chairman, and Mr. J. B. Cain secretary.

It was moved and carried that 12 delegates be appointed.

On motion a committee composed of J. M. Jones, J. M. Brookshire and N. A. Penland was appointed to recommend the delegates. The committee reported the following who were unanimously endorsed:

D. S. Roberts, T. F. Wilson, W. C. Sales, R. P. Walker, J. H. Murphy, W. C. Pickens, J. M. Jones, B. J. Alexander, Robt. Taylor, F. M. Stevens, Robt. Sales, Jr., A. West.

Mr. R. P. Walker spoke for a short time on the subject of organizing a Democratic Club, and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested in favor of the proposition. After discussing the matter, on motion of J. M. Brookshire a meeting was called to be held at Newton Academy on Saturday, Sept. 20, for the purpose of organizing a Democratic Club, and all Democrats of the precinct were urged to attend. On motion of Mr. W. E. Breese a committee of six was appointed by the chair to notify all Democrats of the precinct and secure a large attendance at the meeting. The chair appointed as such committee W. E. Breese, B. J. Alexander, N. A. Penland, J. M. Jones, J. M. Brookshire and J. A. Wilson.

Mr. W. E. Breese offered a resolution of thanks to the chairman and secretaries, which was unanimously adopted.

The convention adjourned.

J. B. CAIN, Sec.

Haw Creek precinct appointed J. F. Stepp and M. L. Reed as delegates.

East Asheville precinct appointed the following delegates:

S. H. Reed, John Rich, C. B. Leonard, J. H. Gregg, J. H. Loughran, J. M. Davis, Geo. T. Jones, J. M. Westall, T. A. Jones, John Sevier, Wm. Jamison, N. P. Corn, H. C. Jones, H. A. Gudger, E. H. Wright, D. D. Suttle, W. D. Hilliard, Locke Craig, James Bostic, W. E. Williamson, Ed Greer, J. S. McElroy, R. L. Fitzpatrick, H. B. Carter, W. T. Reynolds, J. E. Dickerson, Howard Profit, W. W. West. Upon motion by T. A. Jones, Messrs. R. M. Furman and E. D. Carter were added to the list of delegates.

West Asheville precinct appointed the following delegates with a like number of alternates:

Delegates—C. B. Blanton, J. B. Bostic, J. H. Carter, E. W. Burkholder, R. L. Graham, T. J. Hagan, J. M. Campbell, W. T. Weaver, W. A. Boyce, B. L. Newland, J. M. Ingle, R. McBrayer, G. S. Powell, G. A. Shuford, F. C. Starnes, G. W. Tilson, J. M. Green, J. Y. Jordan, A. Featherston, T. C. McCoy.

Alternates—Carter Penland, A. P. LaBarbe, W. P. Whittington, H. B. Stevens, Gibson Merrimon, V. E. McBee, R. Foster, A. G. Ballyhutton, F. N. Carrington, Jesse Starnes, O. A. Mann, J. H. Harpison, C. E. Hilliard, Tom Piplett, H. E. Fulewider, W. S. Francis, Reuben Lee, T. H. Cobb, W. L. Hilliard, John W. Statnes.

The convention voted to ascertain the strength of each of the candidates for Congress with instructions that the vote for nomination of a candidate for Congress be divided accordingly.

The vote stood, Vance 28, Johnston 18, J. M. Gudger 15, Cox 14, Merrimon 3, Crawford 3.

Beaverdam precinct selected the following delegates: Horace Smith, H. L. King, S. A. Carter, J. H. Stradley, R. V. Wolfe.

R. V. Wolfe, S. A. Carter and W. L. Baird were elected executive committee. Prof. King offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Beaverdam precinct endorse Gen. R. B. Vance for Congress.

Gen. Vance, Dr. J. S. T. Baird, Prof. King, Capt. I. V. Baird and Mr. John Kimberly responded to calls and made good Democratic talks.

Reems Creek Township—The following delegates were chosen: R. R. Brittain, J. N. Rogers, Ezekiel Roberts, J. N. Gill, Capt. W. E. Weaver, T. Hale Weaver, J. K. Chambers, Wiley McDavis, J. R. DuBose, C. P. Weaver and W. W. Vandiver. On motion each Congressional candidate was allowed his strength as represented by the Democratic voters

present, and the vote resulted Vance 11-14 and Merrimon 3-14.

Limestone Township—Sent delegates as follows: J. E. Young, J. A. Frady, T. O. Lambert, Jr., D. P. Lamb, Mr. Kirkham and J. M. Case. Instructed unanimously for R. B. Vance.

Fairview Township—Appointed the following delegates: J. Will Jones, G. W. Lynch, T. J. Young, J. S. Williams, A. P. Sorrells, J. H. Tweed. Also elected the following township executive committee: R. C. Clayton, J. A. Wray, W. J. Melton, J. E. Williams, W. A. Merrell.

Black Mountain Township—T. P. Sutton, J. M. Stepp, M. L. Burnett and W. H. Burnett were appointed as delegates.

### CONVENTIONS CALLED.

#### CONGRESSIONAL AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

To the Democrats of Buncombe County and of the Ninth Congressional District.

A convention of the Democratic party of the Ninth Congressional District is hereby called to meet in the city of Asheville on Wednesday, 27th day of August, 1890, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent said district in the 52d Congress of the United States. The chairman of each county executive committee of the Democratic party in the district is requested to forward to these headquarters a list of delegates and alternates which may have been, or may yet be, appointed, at least four days in advance of said district convention in order to facilitate the proceedings of said convention.

By order of the committee.  
C. M. McLOUD, Ch'mn.  
Ex. Com. 9th Con. Dist.  
Asheville, Aug. 6, 1890.

#### Fairview Items.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]  
Mrs. Police and daughter, of Charleston, S. C., are guests of G. W. Lynch.

Miss Miller and a lady friend of hers, whose name we have not learned, from Reedyville, S. C., are boarding at Mrs. Sherrell's.

Mr. David Merrell and family, of Rutherfordton, N. C., are visiting our place.

Mr. R. C. Clayton, the largest tobacco grower in our township, has cured this season three barns, by the patent process, and claims the results obtained very satisfactory.

#### COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A convention of the Democratic party of Buncombe county will meet in the court house in Asheville, at 11 a. m. on Saturday, August 23, 1890, for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent the county in the congressional district convention which meets in this city on Wednesday, August 27th inst., to nominate a candidate for the 52d Congress of the United States. The several townships of the county and the several precincts of Asheville township are hereby requested to hold their respective meetings on Saturday, August 16th inst., to select delegates to the county convention. It is respectfully urged that the fullest notice of the time and place of these primaries be given so that all the people who desire to co-operate with the Democratic party and support the nominees of the convention may attend and have full voice in the selection of delegates. By order of the committee.  
C. M. McLOUD, Ch'mn.  
Ex. Com. Buncombe Co.  
Asheville, August 6, 1890.

#### LARGE TRANSFERS.

The Asheville and Craggy Mountain Dummy Road.

For the past few months Messrs. Gwyn & West have been negotiating some big trades in lands lying to the northeast of the city. Among other sales made by this firm they have sold to Cincinnati parties for Hon. Thos. D. Johnston, 170 acres at \$51,000, for D. D. Suttle, 133 acres at \$15,000; and for Capt. T. W. Patton, 108 acres at \$21,500. The Patton land all lies above Sunset Drive and its extreme limit is two and a half miles from the Court House on an air line, and 999 feet higher than the city.

Mr. W. B. Gwyn, of the firm, has bought out his co-owner, Mr. G. W. Swain, of Danville, Va., in 96 acres, at \$25,000. Just three years ago Mr. Gwyn and Mr. Swain bought this land at \$24,000, and the knowing ones held up their hands in astonishment, predicting that the purchase was a disastrous one. Mr. Swain congratulates himself upon 55 per cent. per annum.—Citizen.

We learn further that these purchases are made by parties who become members of the Sunset Land Company, and that the company will at once proceed to the improvement of its property. A survey is now being made for the Asheville and Craggy Mountain Railroad, to begin at Danke's, on Charlotte street, and wind up to the top of Sunset (Smith's) Mountain, and ultimately to be extended to Craggy Mountain. Stock in this enterprise has been largely taken by citizens of Asheville and others. Among the stockholders are Capt. V. E. McBee, Capt. T. W. Patton, D. C. Waddell, C. E. Graham, J. P. Bostic, J. A. Tennent. The name of Smith's Mountain has been changed to Sunset Mountain.

#### The Next State Fair.

The State Fair in 1889 was as good as anybody could have wished. It had a crowd of new features, it was conducted with a great deal of order and system; so much so that there was not a single arrest and nothing was stolen. It was meant to be a fair for the people, and the people recognized it as such, and gave it a very liberal patronage. The management proposes this year to make it superior in every way, to the last. It is to embrace new features of special interest to the farmer, the mechanic and the educator. At the same time, the means of proper amusement will not be neglected. Negotiations have already been completed for some of the best and most unique entertainments ever offered to the public, and the grounds will be crowded with shows and curiosities, equalling anything that has ever been seen in the country. The low rate of fare makes it possible for everybody to come, and the abundant crops which the season now promises, will make a matter of duty for our people to come together for a week's holiday and happiness.

#### An Old Divine Remembered.

The ladies of the Asheville Baptist Church have presented to Elder Thomas Stradley, Sr., the founder and for many years the pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, a splendid reclining chair. The aged minister was quite happy on receiving the present, and peering through his tears said, "I am so thankful that they remember me once more." The chair is worth \$25.00, and Mrs. Brand, who acted as agent, says she had several dollars left after paying for it. This money she tendered with the chair as gold for his royalty.

The old "father in Israel" is between 70 and 100 years old. THE DEMOCRAT wishes him a most comfortable recline on his easy chair.

## 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 Chamotte 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.

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