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Looking Backward

For 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, guaranteed weights and quality, and to make a small profit on every thing 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, Delicacies, Fruits, Grain, Flour, etc. Respectfully,
Powell & Snider.

NOTICE, FARMERS,

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

HOLD ON!

Here I Am Again.

With the best stock of Dry Goods, Hats, Dress Goods, Gingham, Dress, Jeans, Flannels, Blankets, Shoes, etc. 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 at any store in the State. As can be bought in the State, they are 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 city.

ASHEVILLE DRY GOODS CO.,
J. O. HOWELL, Manager.
No. 15 North Main Street.

FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY

—OF—

C. T. RAWLS.

No. 5 Patton Avenue, (Down Stairs.)

Assets.
Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., \$2,443,937.33
Fire Insurance Co., 1,554,658.37
Fire Insurance Co., 1,521,706.53
Fire Insurance Co., 270,191.89

Local Briefs
Hon. W. T. Crawford addressed the people of Transylvania, at Brevard, on Tuesday.

Hon. Thos. D. Johnston went to Transylvania Monday. He doubtless addressed the people during his stay. Mr. Johnston will make a thorough canvass of the district in the interest of Mr. Crawford.

The annual meeting of the Asheville Tobacco Association was held on the 1st inst. and the following officers were elected: President, J. A. Porter; Vice-President, F. A. Hull; Secretary and Treasurer, E. I. Holmes.

A prominent citizen told us Monday there was more enquiry now by people of wealth and energy from other States for investment in this section than ever before. The next twelve months will show astonishing improvements in this section.

Mr. Carrier, at Carrier's Springs, informs us that he still has some of his fine herd of blooded cattle—bulls, heifers and a few cows—for sale. Our farmer friends ought to look into such matters, and never lose an opportunity to improve their stock.

"It goes right to the spot," said an old gentleman, who found great benefit in Ayer's Sarsaparilla. He was right. Derangements of the stomach, liver and kidneys are more speedily remedied by this medicine than by any other. It reaches the trouble directly.

The Turkey creek camp-meeting, which ended yesterday, was one of the most enjoyable ever held at that famous old place. Immense crowds attended, splendid sermons were preached, and all enjoyed the good time spent in communion with their Lord and Master.

Gen. Vance, Col. Cox, Mr. Elias, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Guderger will be active in their support of Mr. Crawford in this campaign. Judge Merrimon's position on the bench only prevents his voice being heard in ringing tones in support of Mr. Crawford and of Democratic principles.

Report of County Superintendent.
To the Hon. County Board of Education for Buncombe county:

The county superintendent respectfully reports that schools in nearly all the districts, for both races, are now in progress. A portion of these have been visited, and most of them are doing fair work—some of them very good. Some of the colored schools exhibit a very creditable and interesting condition. They have good teachers and are making excellent progress—giving evidence of training in morals and manners, as well as in the text books. Some neighborhood troubles exist, but it is hoped that the united efforts of good citizens, committeemen and superintendents will succeed in removing them. No effort on my part is spared in this direction. I believe that the public interest in education is growing. Everywhere, the parents, teachers and committees are glad to have the Superintendent visit their schools, and talk about education and right living to them. I am making an honest, earnest effort to aid them in all this.

Respectfully,
C. B. WAY,
Co. Supt.

Asheville Tobacco Market.

The sales on Warehouse floors in Asheville from Sept. 1st, 1889, to Sept. 1st, 1890, amounted to 3,942,679 pounds, for \$595,235.50, an average of \$15.09 per hundred. Secretary Holmes informs us that this is the next highest average made on this market since 1884, when the average was \$19.03.

Mr. Holmes also kindly furnishes us sales and prices from October, 1883, to October, 1890. Total, 26,225,533 pounds, for \$3,280,547.42. This shows what one crop alone has brought to this section. And this only represents the amount sold on the floors of the Warehouses, leaving a very large amount shipped from the section during the time mentioned, also a large amount sold privately, and not therefore accounted for in the above sales. We hazard nothing in saying that during the past seven years from five to six millions of dollars have come into the counties west of the mountains for tobacco alone. And Asheville has proven to be the best average market on the continent. The prospects for this year's crop are very encouraging.

Farmer Bob Vance.

Our friend Gen. Bob Vance brought to our office Saturday some lug or ground leaves of tobacco which show the General is fortunate this season in securing some excellent tobacco. We were pleased to learn his crop was an excellent one, and we hope will result in a big pile of golden shekels in exchange for his golden leaves. No man deserves success more than our distinguished countyman.

THE BLUE RIDGE ROAD

Will Certainly be Extended to Knoxville at an Early Date.

The Atlanta Constitution of a recent date says: "Among the prominent visitors to Atlanta yesterday, was Judge W. Bailey Thomas, of Tallulah Falls. Judge Thomas is one of the most successful railroad men in Georgia, and is attracting the attention of the railroad world with his scheme to Knoxville. It is reduced to a certainty, now, that this extension will be made by Judge Thomas."

This road will go down the Tennessee river through Macon, Swain and Graham counties. THE DEMOCRAT sincerely hopes Judge Thomas will go to work soon.

The Knoxville Journal brings us also good news of the prospects of the completion of the Knoxville and Augusta road, that upon which so much has been done in Tennessee, South Carolina and in Haywood county. A new board of directors and officers were elected, and the Journal is informed all the difficulties which have embarrassed the work have been settled, and work may be expected to be resumed on a short while. It is to be earnestly hoped this true.

Doesn't Go Far Enough.

By an ordinance of our city fathers no one—druggist or hotel—can sell cigars on the Sabbath. It is construed to be a violation of the law for a druggist to sell even a cake of soap or a tooth-brush to a needy customer. We hold this law does not go far enough. If it be sinful to sell these articles of comfort and cleanliness, it ought to be sinful to use them, and the authorities should hasten to prohibit their use on the Sabbath. It is not, we understand, considered sinful to supply these and kindred things on Sunday, so they are not paid for on that day. This looks like straining at a gnat and letting the camel—the use of the articles, the real offence—go. So we think our authorities ought to do their full duty, prohibit cooking, and the use of tobacco, soap or any such thing on the Sabbath. If these things are not to be permitted to be done on the Sabbath, there will certainly be no sales either on the Sabbath, or for use on that day. We are surprised that our city fathers did not see that by one sweep of the pen as it were this whole community could be legislated into one of the strictest rectitudes.

The Dead Man in the River.

Editors Democrat:—Six miles below Asheville is the famous Candler Shoal. The French Broad roars and thunders through a narrow pass or canon, leaping from rock to rock, and dashing its spray and foam up the sides of the huge boulders on the eastern bank. The fall is from fifteen to twenty feet, and the waters then wheel in the direction of Olivet, the railroad station on the western bank. Perhaps since the days of Jeff Candler or George Tillery, two famous swimmers and divers in the long ago, no man in country could have made the passage of the cataract in safety. As one stands on the edge of the ragged cedar, below the pitch of the shoal, the roar of the flood is nearly sufficient to drown the voice. Here was Uncle Zack's renowned fish trap. The timbers were boited to the rocks in the river, or otherwise the pressure of the waters was too great to allow the trap to remain, especially when it had rained heavily in the Hog-back, or in Gloucester. Ah, the waters of the Tahkeestee, how they had skimmed in the air, glittered in the mountain stream, rushed in the river, and slumbered in the eddy, ere they passed the iron bridge, the successor of the immortal Smith bridge near the city of Asheville. Roll on sweet river, bearing on thy bosom the memory of peak and glen and cascade, left behind forever. Nay, not forever. When thou hast mingled with the Holston, embraced the Tennessee, coquetted with the Ohio, and swelled the magnitude of the father of waters, the gulf shall gather the mighty volume into its mysterious bosom, and the gulf stream, bearing the northward, shall feel the warm fingers of the cloud and the mist as they gently draw thee again to the Hog Back, to old Gray Beard and to Mitchell's lofty peak.

One mile above the shoal, the writer was sitting in his porch in the late afternoon, when he was startled by a shout in the river. On looking in the direction from whence he heard the sound, he discovered three young men in a bateau. The family residing at Riverside supposed that the occupants of the bateau were connected with the people working on the railroad below the mouth of Beaverdam, and paid no further attention. However, just as twilight was setting in, a man was observed coming up the road bareheaded and his clothes dripping with water, and he was also quite chilled. When he reached the house his story was soon told. The boat had capsized

in the shoal and the narrator had only saved himself, when nearly gone, by catching to the edge of the shelving rock at the blasted cedar. He caught hold of the limbs of the cedar and climbed up the rocks to the old Buncombe Turnpike, and made his way to the house. He could not tell of the fate of his companions, but saw a man's hat floating on the waters when he looked back from the shore. The men on the farm went at once with a light to the scene of the disaster, but, after several hours search failed to make any discovery of the other young men, or to obtain tidings of them. Later in the night parties came down from the city and made search, but all was vain. At the peep of dawn the writer hastened to the rugged pass. The first thing observed was a derby hat lodged in a rock about one hundred yards below the falls. A halt was made that attention might be called to the hat in the river, near which was also the broken boat turned with the bottom up. It was believed that the bodies might be near the spot. While discussing the question Mr. Mont Snider observed something white and shining lower down the river. "What is that?" he said. "Let us go down to a certain point and examine" was the answer. When they got there it was all plain. On a rock, near the middle of the river, was the form of a man, his head down the stream, one foot fastened in a fissure of the rock, his left hand open, with the palm upwards, the arm extended at full length, while the right arm was extended around the back of the head in the position that one sometimes takes in sleep. The face was turned up to heaven, as if in that awful and solemn hour when the soul passes from the body, it made its last appeal to the source of mercy and help. No one in that little company will ever forget the feeling of awe which came upon all as we gazed upon that mute appeal to the all merciful one. The poor boy did not rest as Dinah M. Mullock has so beautifully said:

"Two hands upon the breast
And labor is done;
Two pale feet crossed in rest,
The race is won."

for the rock, the waters, and the grim tyrant held him in icy fetters. For many days and weeks search was made for the body of the third comrade. The river was dragged; dynamite was exploded in the deep waters below the shoal; quicksilver was floated in envelopes on the current. Every effort was without success. The waters yet keep the secret. When will the secret be revealed? Perchance the bones of the young man rest under the spreading rock near the shore. They may be in the deep waters below the cascade. They may have floated with the river's motion. Who can tell? It matters not to the soul of the youth. Saint John, in the apocalypse says that "the sea shall give up its dead." If the shout of the Lord with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God shall make the sea give up the millions who are sleeping in its coral beds, thousands of fathoms down—those who are waiting in the rivers will surely not be forgotten.

Riverside, August 29.

Col. Cox's New Bank.

Col. Cox informs us that his new bank, recently alluded to in THE DEMOCRAT, will be established within a few weeks, as all arrangements are nearly complete for the opening. The rapid growth of not only Asheville but all Western Carolina necessitates larger banking facilities, and Col. Cox, with his associate capitalists, believe that this money can and will do more good here than if sent elsewhere. They have an abiding faith in the growth and development of this section; indeed, Col. Cox says that with reasonable assistance our people can, by developing the mineral, timber, and industrial resources of the section, make it the wealthiest and most prosperous in the country. It will be a special object of this new bank to encourage all enterprises of this character. With ample capital, added to the banks we already have, this new one will prove of great benefit to our section.

A Lawn Party To-night.

The members of Asheville Division No. 15, S. of T. will give a festival and lawn party at Strauss' pleasure grounds this (Thursday) evening. It will begin at 6 o'clock, so as to give the ladies and children an opportunity to attend. Admission free. Refreshments served at a moderate price. All are cordially invited to attend.

Tobacco Sales

Will begin this week at the several warehouses in this city, and our warehousemen have made extra efforts to ensure to planters the fullest satisfaction. The coming season promises to be one of the most successful in the history of Asheville.

VIA THE R. AND D. SYSTEM.

A New Train Between Washington and the South.

The constantly increasing travel over the Richmond & Danville system, which is popularly known as the great "Piedmont Air Line," is to be met by the establishment of the "Washington and Southwestern Vestibule Limited" train about 1st of October next, to run between Washington and Atlanta, via Lynchburg, Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte, Spartanburg and Greenville.

This magnificent train will leave Washington City every day at 11.15 a. m., arriving in Atlanta at 6 o'clock the following morning, and returning upon a similar schedule of hours of arrival and departure.

The equipment will consist of Pullman Palace, Buffet, Smoking and Library, and Sleeping, Dining and Drawing Room cars, which are being built expressly for this service, and will be masterpieces of art. The entire train will be vestibuled, steam-heated and gas-lighted, and in every detail equal to the best trains of this character on any line. All the comfort, convenience and luxury obtainable in railroad travel will be furnished on this train, and the Southern people will be provided facilities in no way inferior to the best enjoyed by any other section.

The liberal spirit of enterprise manifested in this contemplated action of the management of this great trunk line will be properly appreciated by the people for whose benefit it is designed, and the patronage extended to it will be the evidence that the traveling public knows how to value and enjoy the best facilities of speed, especially when had under circumstances of the highest refinement of modern travel.

It is not intended that this train shall be the temporary and transitory feature of a season, but an all-the-year-round, every-day-in-the-year connection between the great North and the New South by way of the National Capital—Washington Post.

Democratic Conventions.

To the Democratic voters of the several precincts of Asheville Township:

You are hereby requested to meet at the usual voting place of your respective precincts in Asheville township, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent such precincts in the County Convention, which will meet in Asheville to nominate candidates for the various county offices, and to appoint delegates to the Senatorial Convention of this District.

All Democrats are earnestly requested to attend the primaries, and to give full expression, by ballot or otherwise, as to their choice among the various candidates, so that your delegates may be fully informed.

Your committee would suggest the meetings to be held as follows:

East Ward Asheville, at Court House, 8 p. m.
West Ward Asheville, Buncombe Warehouse, 8 p. m.
Beaverdam, Haw Creek, Biltmore, Hazel, at the usual places of voting, at 8 p. m.

The several precincts will be entitled to the following votes respectively:
East Ward 13, West Ward 22, Beaverdam 3, Haw Creek 2, Biltmore 6, Hazel 4.

By the committee,
J. S. McLELLY,
CL'm'n Ex. Com. Asheville Township.

The Ravenscroft School.

An impression probably prevails to some extent that the recent death of Mrs. McDonald, the wife of the Principal of the above institution, will influence the movements of Mr. McDonald in connection with it. We are authorized to say that there will be no change in its management; and it will be continued as heretofore under present conditions. The loss of the matronly supervision of Mrs. McDonald will be appropriately supplied.

"Five years ago I had a constant cough, night sweats, was greatly reduced in flesh, and had been given up by my physicians. I began to take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and after using two bottles of this medicine, was completely cured."—Anga A. Lewis, Ricard, N. Y.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was greatly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by T. C. Smith & Co.

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.

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