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## Notice!

Under and by virtue of a deed of trust, with full power of sale therein, executed to me as trustee by Hamp Flack and Clarissa Flack, his wife, on the 1st day of January, 1889, to secure the sum of one hundred and seventy-eight dollars and fifty cents; default having been made in payment thereof by the said Flack and wife, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction on Saturday, 19th day of September, 1891, at 12 o'clock noon of said day at the court house door in the city of Asheville all that tract or parcel of land now occupied by the said Flack as a home and situated on the waters of Big Ivy, on the north fork thereof, in Ivy township, county of Buncombe, State of North Carolina. Terms cash. This 26th day of August, 1891. J. J. GREENWOOD, Trustee. 429-4c

Important Notice. Any parties having money to lend in large or small amounts can advertise the same in THE DEMOCRAT free of charge.

### MILLITIA!

POLICE!! POLICE!!! Another Ten Cent Fare.

The Citizen gives us the following information: "The cars to be used on the West Asheville and Sulphur Springs electric rail way have arrived, and the first trip will be made over the road tomorrow afternoon. A regular schedule will be put on the latter part of the week. The fare is to be 10 cents each way."

The announcement that our West Asheville and Sulphur Springs friends were ready to begin with their new electric line is gratifying to us all; but the last sentence, "The fare is to be 10 cents each way" paralyzed us. Can such things be—and overcome us like a summer's shower? What? Ten cents fare over an electric line in Asheville? We demand a blue-mass meeting at once.

The West Asheville and S. S. road is about four miles long. Fare each way 10 cents. All Right.

From the Deppo to Lookout Mountain on Asheville Street Railway is quite four miles. Fare thereon must be 5 cents very soon.

From Swannanoa Hotel to the Villa on Haywood street, via Asheville Street Railway and the very excellent Montford car line, fare 10 cents. Rigot again—From Camp Patton to the Deppo via Asheville Street Railway, fare must be 5 cents.

If the 5 cent fare will pay on any of the lines, it ought to be the price fixed for service.

If it will not pay, as the Asheville Street Railway Company show it does not, ought not this company, in all fairness and justice be permitted to charge up to the maximum allowed by its charter, 10 cents—for a ride from one terminus to another, when 10 cents is charged by another or by two of the other combined?

A citizen asked us this week if it could be possible that a purpose was entertained by some to break down the present Asheville Street Railway Company, in order that the owners may be compelled to sell out at a low price, and that the people and authorities are to be invoked to force such a result? Can such be possible?

We do not wish to believe any such thing. But whatever the purpose, if by acts of injustice, such a result follow, then good bye to any further investments in Asheville.

If such be the temper of our people and authorities, which we cannot believe with the present light before us, specially after they shall have thought seriously of the full consequences of such conduct, then farewell to any sale of city bonds or other securities for the upbuilding of our city.

These are serious matters? They involve a great deal, and our people should think before they go too far.

The interests of Asheville are too important, specially at this juncture of affairs, to be jeopardized by thoughtlessness, prejudice, or malice. Every enterprise in the city, every piece of real estate which parties may wish to sell, every enterprise which it is desired to see established, are involved in the way those, or any one, we now have, are treated. Those who labor and those who have money invested are seriously involved.

Let our people not be unreasonable, above all, unjust. There is far too much at stake for them to be so.

Some people are constantly troubled with boils—no sooner does one heal than another makes its appearance. A thorough course of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the best of blood purifiers, effectually puts an end to this annoyance. We recommend a trial.

### The Bechtler Coin.

[For the Democrat.] An interesting letter from Hon. Calvin J. Cowles, formerly manager of the mint at Charlotte, N. C.

WILKESBORO, N. C., Aug. 18, 1891.

SIR:—I notice in a recent issue of your paper you have an article on "The Bechtler Gold Coin," and as you have fallen into several errors respecting it I will endeavor to correct them.

These coins, or tokens more properly, were made, as stated in your article, at Rutherfordton, from native gold; not from 1837 to 1845 or 1850 as you say, but from 1830 to 1835—during the period of successful placer mining in the Carolinas and Georgia, when the yield per annum was not less than \$500,000, and when there being no railroads nor express companies—nothing but stage coaches for rapid travel, and no mint nearer than Philadelphia, when it was an actual necessity to put it in shape to divide it amongst copartners, to pay rents or tolls and to pay off hands—the necessity finally leading to the establishment of the branch mints at Charlotte, N. C., Dahlonega, Ga., and New Orleans, La., March 3d, 1835, the one at Charlotte being opened for business in 1837, first coinage of which I have any knowledge being in 1838.

When the branch mint was put in operation the occupation of the Bechtlers was gone and their coinage having become more or less worn, and the banks having begun to shave it 5 per cent, and the people distrusting it on account of some counterfeitings that were put in circulation, found its way into the melt pots of that institution, coming forth full fledged eagles, half eagles and quarter eagles. Yet some have lingered behind, and like the piece in the hands of Judge Aston, attract the attention of the curious. I have the largest collection of these pieces—the United States has the most perfect.

You state that these coins were issued bearing no date. This is mainly true, but I have one—a \$5 piece—dated Aug. 1834. It is rare. The ones (\$1), as far as observed, are all marked Carolina gold—some of the fives are marked Georgia gold. But the two Carolinas, each contributing raw material, are not distinguished. You are doubtless in error in saying that the \$2.50 piece in Judge Aston's hands is marked North Carolina gold. By the way, the \$2.50 Bechtler is scarce and rare. There were but few issued. The dollar seems to have been the favorite piece—some times it is marked with a figure 1, at others they spelled it, and it reads as follows: ONE—notice the N—it is upside down. Only a few of these awkwardly executed pieces were struck for they are very rare. The \$5's bear the name of the maker, the weight and fineness of the ps., and the State from which the gold was procured. In rare instances it divulges the date of coinage, as before stated. The Bechtlers, for there were two of them—Christian, the father, and Augustus, the son—did not attempt to bring their gold to the standard. If it was very fine, as the Georgia gold generally was, they put in less of it—if it was poor—too much silver—they gave more of it. This became a fruitful source of distrust—people noticing that one dollar was heavier than another, began to rail and say that these worthy silversmiths didn't know what they were about; but they did. A ps. (\$1) I have before me is marked 27 grains 21 carats—had it been 22 carats fine it would have been lighter—say 26 grains.

All of the Bechtlers look pale yellow like the older coinage of the United States, owing to the fact that the natural alloy, silver, has been permitted to remain. Coins made of late years are alloyed with copper, the silver being first extracted.

The Bechtlers were, as you say, skillful metal workers, for they not only handled the gold that was brought to them in a manner satisfactory to all, but they made their own dies and did their own engraving. And, to their honor be it said, that although the opportunity was not wanting, yet no suspicion of dishonesty attached to their names. They died poor but respected.

Respectfully, CALVIN J. COWLES.

### The Bechtler Coin Again.

The following was received by THE DEMOCRAT this week:

PASSAIC, N. J., Aug. 14, 1891.

GENTS:—I notice in the New Jersey Times, of to-day, an article taken from your paper in regard to the Bechtler coins. I have a \$5 piece which I have had in my possession for about twenty-five years. I communicate this as it is strange to me to see anything of the kind from about there. I have been all through that country. I once lived in Yanceyville and have had as much as \$60 in Bechtler's coins at a time.

Yours truly, P. N. JEWETT.

### WAYNESVILLE.

#### Hurrah For the Beautiful Old Town!

Waynesville has at last awakened from her long slumber. On next Tuesday there is to be an immense barbecue and mass meeting at which addresses will be delivered by Ex-Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, Ex-Governor Anderson, of Ohio, Hon. A. T. Davidson, of Asheville, and others. At the same time the Waynesville Land and Improvement Company will sell at auction some of the handsomest residence property in the South. The advertisement in another column describes it handsomely. There will be an immense crowd of people from all sections, and the Cherokee Indian Brass Band will supply excellent music. Don't forget the date, Sept. 1st, and let us all go. It will be a big time sure enough.

#### Mars Hill Wins Again.

MARS HILL, Aug. 17, 1891.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to announce the result of a game of base ball that took place Saturday, August 15th, near Mars Hill, between first nine of Oak Grove and first nine of Mars Hill. At close of game the score stood: Oak Grove 3, Mars Hill 4. The game was a very interesting one and for a long time the issue seemed doubtful, but after a hotly contested match victory perched once more upon the banner of the Mars Hill nine.

"With many a stiff thwack, many a bang. Hard crabtree and old iron rang; While none who saw them could divine To which side conquest would incline."

The Mars Hill nine are getting a little saucy, having played a number of games last season and this, coming off victorious in every instance. If any club west of the Ridge wishes to give them a call let them send in their card. After the contest had ended between the above named clubs, the first nine of Gabriel's Creek and the second nine of Oak Grove measured arms. The game was very interesting, and the large crowd that encircled the grounds showed they sympathized with the combatants by their loud cheering. The games passed off without any quarrelling or confusion, which is not very frequent on such occasions. If there are any clubs in the west that want to play a nice game let them inform the boys.

Respectfully, J. J. AMMONS.