

# The Asheville Democrat.

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**LOCAL DOTS.**

**News Concerning Asheville and Vicinity Placed in Convenient Form for Busy Readers.**

The perpetual calendars distributed by the Asheville Cigar Co. are gems of beauty.

Mr. J. W. Harriss, a prominent citizen of Macon county, died in that county on the 4th.

Cummings & Mott will remove their office to No. 4 North Court Square about January 1st.

The Southern Express Office has removed to the new Reynolds' building, opposite the Swannanoa.

The Epworth League of Central M. E. Church will watch the old year out and the new one in, at the church.

Jim Turner, stabbed Schofield Harshaw, both colored, at a dance beyond Mounton Heights Saturday night.

Remember the orphans today, not only in your prayers, but with your purse. And remember those, too, in prison.

The Celts and Caledonia football teams will play a match game on the Kenilworth grounds on the afternoon of Christmas day.

We would be pleased to have all those who receive New Year's calls to inform us of that fact for publication in next Sunday's DEMOCRAT.

The arrangements for the Nye Banquet on the 29th are about completed. A very enjoyable time is anticipated. The DEMOCRAT will contain a full account of the event next week.

As a Christmas gift to the public, Manager Martin has fixed the fare on the Asheville Street Railway at five cents, giving transfers, this to last during the holiday week. Now the festive nickel can do its part in having a good time.

The Supreme Court sustains Judge J. H. Merrimon's decision restraining the city of Asheville from interfering with the extension of the Valley street action of the Asheville Street Railway. As a matter of law the supreme court argues with the DEMOCRAT.

The second art loan exhibition is now open to the public at the rooms of the art club, No. 8 North Court Square, upstairs. The pictures now on exhibition are nearly all new ones, that is, they were not seen at the last exhibit. The collection is worthy of inspection.

Mrs. W. H. Lewis died of peritonitis at her residence on Cherry street, Monday afternoon, aged about 22. Her husband is a member of the law-firm of Sumner & Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was a daughter of Dr. A. P. Campbell of Clover, S. C.

Dr. Browning, of the advertising committee appointed by the low rate committee, estimates that it will cost \$954 to properly advertise Asheville in the leading papers and magazines of the country, and for 10,000 circulars. We hope that the money can be raised and the scheme carried out.

Large quantities of mistletoe and holly have been displayed for sale on our streets the past week, and nearly every residence in town will be decorated. The young men will eagerly watch to catch their sweethearts under the mistletoe that they may claim a kiss for their watchfulness.

We were pleased to have a call Tuesday from our esteemed friend, State Senator J. T. Reed, of McDowell. Dr. Reed has accepted an invitation to visit Commodore Lucas, of the North Carolina Oyster Fleet, and enjoy a ride on the sounds, catching ducks and shooting oysters and oyster pirates if any appear. We know he will have a good time.

A young barrister of Buncombe got his first case a few days ago. The client tendered him a \$5 bill, his conscience hurting him at the same time, fearing he was swindling his attorney. The attorney paralyzed him, however, by handing back two dollars, and apologized for keeping three dollars. But this is just like our Asheville attorneys, they never like to take all a man has.

New Year resolutions are now in order.

Mr. Muir, of Middlesborough, Ky., is visiting his brother at Mrs. J. A. Lee's.

Miss Nellie Cocke has returned from school at Staunton, Va., for the holidays.

Mr. Crump, of the firm of Wingo, Elliott & Crump, Richmond, Va., spent Sunday in the city.

The large candle of the Asheville Cigar Co., in Raysor & Smith's window, was lighted this afternoon.

Theo. Kuker, South Main street, is selling a large stock of elegant family groceries at cost. Don't lose a chance.

It would be a good plan for all our delinquents to resolve to pay up on the first of the year. Who will be the first to do so.

Condy O'Donnell, who has resided two years in Asheville, will leave next Monday for a visit to his old home in County Donegal, Ireland.

Mr. C. F. Frank, an old and respected citizen of Asheville, died at his residence on College street this morning after a lingering illness. Funeral tomorrow at 10 a. m. at the house.

Don't forget the voting for the most popular railroad man, and the most popular school teacher in Buncombe, at Master E. L. Brown, Jr.'s store, No. 19 South Main street.

Capt. Atkinson has been showing a number of visitors from New England, New York and Philadelphia the many attractions in and around Asheville, all desirous of locating here.

Policeman Palmer scratched one of his fingers about ten days ago, and a few days ago blood poisoning set in, and Wednesday Dr. Weaver had to amputate the finger. It is hoped the worst is over.

The pupils of the Southside Presbyterian Sunday-school will be treated to a Christmas tree to-morrow night in the Presbyterian church on Church street. Col. Martin furnishes them free transportation in the street cars.

An alarm of fire from box 235 took the fire department out on Monday afternoon. The fire was found to be and out. house at J. C. Sevier's residence. The ladies of the house had extinguished the flames by the time the firemen arrived. The damage was slight.

We call attention to the advertisement of Dr. VanDiver, the noted seedsman of Weaverville, Buncombe county, N. C. His seeds are wonderfully popular, he gives special attention to cultivating and sorting them at reasonable prices. Being acclimated renders them desirable for Southern use.

The beautiful oil painting exhibited in the window of Dr. Carmichael is one of the handsomest we have seen. It is a wreath of elegant roses, of various kinds, and looks as natural as life. It is the work of Miss Rose Chapman, one of our most successful local artists. It is certainly a work of high merit.

Messrs. Noland and (Riley) Ferguson, of Crabtree, Haywood county, sold on floors of Lee's Warehouse, (T. J. Corbin & Co., proprietors,) Danville, Va., one barn of 669 pounds of brights last week, for \$117.42. This was a very good sale, and Mr. Ferguson was very much pleased with it. Messrs. Corbin & Co. advertise in THE DEMOCRAT.

Mr. F. P. Love, the "huntingst." (as the late Mr. Artemus Ward would say) of Asheville, challenges the country on the biggest gobbler and 'possum. If he has not the largest of both that can be produced he will give a good meal of either, or both, and one dollar besides. Gen'l Vance and Col. Williamson will be sure to beat him, the General with the Turkey and the Colonel with the 'possum.

Mr. J. A. Wagner returned Tuesday from Morganton, where he has been to inspect the material now delivered on the site for the State Deaf and Dumb Institute to be erected there. Mr. W. was chosen by the trustees to be inspector of all material for this splendid work of State charity, and this service has been committed to good hands. Mr. W. says he contracted for 800,000 brick. Work will be begun in April next.

**AT LAW'S**  
**\$10,000 WORTH OF XMAS PRESENTS.**

Four (4) store rooms full of new goods; all carefully selected; all very reasonable in price. We claim to have the most complete stock in each of the following lines, and to offer prices that cannot be approached: Sterling Silver Novelties and Souvenirs, Art Pottery and Glass, China Dinner and Toilet Sets, Chinese and Japanese Wares, Framed Pictures, (all new) Christmas Books and Booklets.

**FIFTY-FIVE KINDS OF DOLLS, ALL PRETTY.**

THE BASEMENT DEPARTMENT—More nice articles in it at from 5c to 50c than ever before. THERE ARE BARGAINS ALL OVER THE STORES AT J. H. LAW'S,  
**57, 59 and 61 SOUTH MAIN STREET, ASHEVILLE.**

Miss L. Crawford, of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Ella Mears.

The Governor has appointed Mr. D. C. Waddell, Jr., as notary public.

Miss Mabel Reeves will entertain a number of her friends on Christmas.

The children of Central M. E. church will enjoy a Christmas tree to-morrow night.

Who will get that beautiful watch to be given away at Pelham's? Look after it.

Miss Dollie Sevier will celebrate New Year's by giving a party to her friends on that evening.

It is a crush at Bon Marche these days, and the stock of goods to be seen there is simply crushing.

The rumor that Mr. John P. Arthur is to be married during the holidays is denied by that gentleman.

L. A. Hendricks was the nearest guesser on the jar of peas in Barnum & Co's window, he coming within nine of the correct number—23,409.

Hogmaney Feast and Festival will be observed on Thursday night, Dec. 31st, by our Scottish-American fellow-citizens. It promises to be a very brilliant affair.

Miss Lottie Patterson, daughter of Criminal Court Clerk Patterson, Miss Sallie Jarvis and Miss Carrie Rollins are home from Salem Academy for the holidays.

Mrs. D. M. McCannless died at her home on Hill street Sunday of cancer. The funeral services were held at the house on Monday afternoon. Interment at Riverside.

Mimnaugh, No. 11 Patton avenue, has a rush on his hands daily now. His superb stock of goods so attractively announced in THE DEMOCRAT, is the cause of this rush.

We are pleased to welcome to Asheville, Mr. Geo. L. Marshall, of St. Paul, Minn., who with his family, have located in Asheville. They occupy a residence on Bailey street.

Master Frank Mears has opened a fire-cracker, fruit and confectionery store on South Main street, and solicits a share of trade. We hope to see the little merchants in the city encouraged.

Mr. Claude Prescott left Wednesday for a trip to Boston, thence to London. He will be absent about three months, when he will return to Asheville. His many friends wish him a safe and happy voyage.

There never were such stocks of all kinds of goods as are now in Asheville, and we don't believe they ever were so cheap, and they are the prettiest, too, we have ever seen. Every show window is now certainly a thing of beauty, and the taste exhibited in the arrangements is very excellent.

**IMPORTANT.**

**The National Editorial Convention Must Be Brought to Asheville—A Timely Suggestion.**

To the Editor of THE DEMOCRAT.

I understand that the committee of the National Editorial Convention to fix upon a time and place for the next annual meeting of the association will sit in Cincinnati on Jan. 20th prox. Now if Asheville wishes to secure this meeting our people must begin in time. We should send a large delegation of the right men. I would suggest that we send some who, now residents of Asheville, came of other States, so they can use their influence on the committee-men from their respective States to vote for Asheville. A number of the committee have promised to vote for Asheville, and a good delegation, such as I have suggested, I believe can secure the convention. The competition from other places will be great, and if we want it we must begin work in time and in earnest.

Respectfully, H. C. HUNT.

**"An Idyl To Christian Reid,"**

Is the title of a very beautiful poem, just issued, by a Buncombe author. They are for sale at J. N. Morgan & Co's Court Square, 25 cents per copy. The poem itself, the distinguished authoress to whom it is ascribed, who has endeared herself specially to Western Carolinians, combine to make this a modest but elegant production, worthy of the attention of our people. Only a limited number have been printed and were the author known, several editions would doubtless be required. It will be a neat Christmas present to add to the library of any intelligent person, specially those of Western N. Carolina.

**Had Better Heard Him at First.**

Capt. McLoud tells a good one on our friend Mr. E. T. Clemmons. Mr. Clemmons has the misfortune to be very deaf, and at times he gets very deaf, which is greatly to his annoyance, and loss as in this instance. He was standing on the street the other day, when a friend walked up to him and the following, as reported by Capt. McLoud, occurred: The friend, putting his mouth close to Mr. Clemmons's ear, said, in a loud voice, "Mr. Clemmons, my wife is sick and I come to town to get some medicine, and I lack a half-dollar of having money enough and want you to lend it to me until I come again."

"Ump-humph," said Mr. Clemmons, clearing up his throat with unusual emphasis, "I am very deaf, and you will have to talk louder."

The friend again began, raising his voice to a pitch that lifted Mr. Clemmons's hat off his head, said, "My wife is s-i-c-k and I c-a-m-e to g-e-t s-o-m-e m-e-d-i-c-i-n-e and I l-a-c-k O-N-E D-O-L-L-A-R and a-h-a-l-l!"

Just at this point, running his hand into his pocket and giving another "Ump-humph," Mr. Clemmons said, "Well I had better heard you at first."

**Mimnaugh.**

The DEMOCRAT points with pride to its splendid array of the leading business houses of Asheville represented in its columns; but to no one more than to Mimnaugh's Complete Dry Goods store. Mr. Mimnaugh confines himself strictly to one line, deals only in one line, and is deservedly building up a wonderful business. Visitors are surprised, and residents are delighted with the enormity of his stock. Mr. Mimnaugh informs us his business has doubled in the last year. With his tireless energy he is making preparations to run his sales into the hundreds of thousands of dollars the coming year. He has just added the Lanson cash carrier system, a novel arrangement for carrying the cash to the cashier; also a telephone for his suburban customers. He spares no expense that will add to the convenience or comfort, or increase his customers. The DEMOCRAT congratulates Mr. Mimnaugh upon his success, congratulates Asheville upon having such energetic liberal merchants, and wish him and all such continued prosperity.

**Leap-Year Ball.**

On the night of New Year's day, Battery Park will be the scene of one of the most brilliant gatherings that has ever taken place in Asheville. Elaborate preparations are being made for a Leap-Year Ball. The committee on invitations consists of Misses Maitland, Brown and Penniman, Chaperones, Messrs. A. J. Lyman, S. Westray Battle, Chas. W. Woolsey, Charles McNamee, O. W. Budd, Richmond Pearson and J. G. Martin.

Under such auspices the young gentleman usually denominated the "New Year" will have a most brilliant reception.

**At Last.**

Mr. Geo. W. Young, of Coopers, will marry Miss Alice Davison, of the same place, in a few days.

There is still a chance for our friend Maj. Porter.

**Christmas!**

It is Christmas today. Let us all thank God that we are spared to see and enjoy another. May all be happy and content and prosperous.

**Got the Mitten Every Time.**

"I can marry any girl I please," was his exclamation, but unfortunately then he did not please any; and there was a plain reason for it. He had contracted catarrh of the worst form, and although a wealthy, educated, attractive person every other way, he was positively repulsive to his lady friends, a number of whom rejected his offers of marriage. A friend advised him to use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. He took his advice, and now is the most popular beau in town, and he really can "marry any girl he pleases" to ask. It made his breath pure and sweet, he has no headache, no offensive discharge from the nose, is in perfect health, and all from using a few bottles of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

General Scales is very low at his home in Greensboro, and cannot live long.

**PROMINENT PEOPLE.**

**The Doings of Ashevilleans and Visitors to Our City.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sellers have gone to New York.

Mr. C. C. McCarty is confined to his house with an attack of la grippe.

Capt. Atkinson left for his oyster plantation Wednesday, via Raleigh.

Capt. and Mrs. O. W. Budd now occupy their elegant home on Liberty street.

Dr. R. H. Reeves will spend the holidays with friends in Virginia and Tennessee.

Mr. Hugh Atkinson is at home from the University, and Misses Atkinson from Peace Institute.

Dr. J. H. Woodcock, who has been attending the Louisville Medical College, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. Thor. R. Ransom has returned from a pleasant trip to Washington whither he went on business.

We are pleased to see Mr. Will Aiken the clever localizer of the CITIZEN out again after several days confinement with the grippe.

Messrs. Tom Rollins, and Tom Newland, from the University and Davis' School respectively, are at home for the holidays.

Mrs. and Miss Jordan, of New York City, who have been visiting at Mrs. J. A. Lee's on Flint street, started for Bennettsville, S. C. on Monday.

Mrs. Harrison and two little daughters, of Somerset, Ky., are visiting in the city. Mrs. H. is a sister of Alderman Brevard's wife and Mrs. J. A. Lee.

Mr. H. S. Williams, who has been attending the Medical Chirurgical college of Philadelphia, is at home spending the holidays with his family and friends.

Senator and Mrs. Vance are now on the briny deep, enroute home, having sailed from Liverpool on Saturday. They will reach New York probably Saturday next.

Hon. Kope Elias, Mrs. Elias and children spent several days in this city, visiting relatives. They have just returned from Georgia, Charleston and Florida. They left for their home in Macon yesterday morning.

As intimated in the DEMOCRAT a few days ago, Mr. Julius C. Martin, one of Asheville's prominent young attorneys, will be married on the 29th inst. These cold, Christmas days are having a moving effect upon the young men of this city.

Mr. M. Garland, formerly of Buncombe, but for 17 years a resident of Laurel county, Ky., is on a visit to relatives in Beavertown. This is his first visit to his old home since leaving it, and is greatly pleased with the improvements. His many friends are glad to see him again.

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**J. N. Morgan & Co.**

**Don't Waste Your Money These Hard Times**

Buying trifling gifts for your friends, but invest in some good substantial article of wearing apparel which will do the recipient some good and make the gift appreciated. We keep everything lady wares, and a few things for gentlemen also. We have received an unusually large assortment of holiday goods. Handkerchiefs from the plain 5 cent quality up to \$25.00 a piece. An extra quantity of our famous Kid Gloves, Ties, Hosiery, Laces, Furs, Reefers, French Coats, Medica Collars, Hats, Bonnets, Baby Caps, Children's Cloaks, Dress Goods and Silks of every description. Our Housekeeping Department is full up with Carpets, Rugs, Blankets, Comforts, Sheeting, Table Damask, Towels and Counterpanes. Every thing at prices to suit the hard times. Out of our \$50,000 stock we think you can select a present for any of your friends. We are overstocked on Ladies' and Children's Wraps. They were all bought within the last month and are the very newest and most fashionable garments made. We offer the entire stock at cost from now 'till Christmas. We have a weakness for selling goods cheap, and our patrons have illustrated their appreciation by swelling our sales 50 per cent. ahead of any season since we opened. We will have special sales on different lines of goods each day and rare bargains may be expected from now 'till Xmas

**AT MIMNAUGH'S.**