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Asheville Letter

Items of Interest from the Mountain Metropolis

A Weekly Report for Readers of the News.

By our regular correspondent.

It is stated on good authority that the Southern railway will install the Block system on the Knoxville and Asheville division and also double track their road from Knoxville to this city. The work of laying an additional track is already in progress between Knoxville and Morristown, Tenn., and it is understood that it will be extended as far as this point. With a double tracked road and the safety devices of the Block system in operation better schedules could be maintained with less danger to the traveling public.

The remodeling of the interior of the Battery Park bank has been completed and that institution is now equipped with all modern banking conveniences. The new fixtures are of marble and mahogany and present a very attractive appearance. Owing to the growth of business of this bank the second story is also being utilized for office rooms to better facilitate the rapidly increasing voluminous business of the clerical force.

The Red Light district of this city which was raided last week has been practically deserted and all of the houses remain closed. The inmates have forsaken their former haunts and have left for parts unknown. The owners of the houses who rented their property to these women were all arrested and tried before Police Judge Jones for immoral purposes and several heavy fines were imposed.

The spring work of the Warren Brothers paving company is now under headway and the work of laying the bitulithic paving is rapidly progressing. South Side avenue, Vance street, Central avenue, Liberty and Phillips streets all are to be paved which will take the workmen nearly all summer to finish. With the completion of this work Asheville will have all of its principal streets in the residential section of the city paved, which will greatly improve the looks of the city.

With the appointment of a city building inspector by the Board of Aldermen, Asheville's new buildings will be constructed in a safer manner and they will only be allowed to be built according to law governing such matters. Certain thickness of walls will have to be conformed to, otherwise the houses will be condemned and the owners will be compelled to tear them down as the city will not allow them to be occupied. William Francis is the new building inspector and he is already engaged in inspecting and condemning all old buildings that are not properly constructed.

E. C. Chambers, who at present is at the head of the Good Roads Association of this county, is being urged by his friends to offer himself as a candidate for chairman of the county commissioners. Mr. Chambers was alderman from the 4th ward for four years and acted in the capacity of mayor for a long time during the illness of

former Mayor Rawls, and would prove himself a valuable man on the county board.

The Piedmont Supply and Foundry Company is the latest thing in the line of industries for this city. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000 with the privilege of increasing to \$25,000. The machinery has been ordered and they will open up business shortly. The incorporators are W. H. Clark, David Kimberly, C. H. Hopkins and William Farr of the Piedmont Electric Company.

The privilege tax of \$500 on all wrestling matches which was voted by the board of aldermen has been boiled down to \$50. This means matches a plenty as heretofore. Some people are puzzled over the action of the board, as their first move was stated to be based on the improvement of the morals of the younger element of the city. The \$500 tax would have been prohibitive to matches in the future. This \$500 tax must have been a weighty subject for our esteemed board to wrestle with, so they concluded to let the other fellows do the wrestling. It's plain to be seen that the "Missing Link" is still missing.

The adjourned session of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will be held in Asheville again this year, May 21st. Cases for argument from the Western District of Virginia, Eastern and Western North Carolina and South Carolina will be placed on the docket for hearing.

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, of the public schools of North Carolina, will make a tour of inspection of the Buncombe county schools in April and will speak at Camper Cabi April 20th and address a gathering of teachers here at the court house the following day. He will also speak at Arden. The elections held in a number of school districts on special school taxes have been carried in every district up to the present writing. The people of this county are greatly interested in improving the schools of Buncombe, and with few exceptions have voted for the special tax.

The remains of Louis Van Sande, who was found dead in his room at 107 Ashland avenue, have been interred at Riverside cemetery. Van Sande was originally from New Jersey and had lived in this city for a number of years. It was at first thought that the deceased had not died from natural causes, but on investigation by Coroner Morris and Sheriff Reed it was found that Van Sande had met death in a natural way.

As the result of a fire at Arden a \$5,000 loss has been incurred by Rickman & Rickman, Charles Pressley, R. L. Garvin and R. P. Youngblood. The family of R. L. Garvin is reported to have had a narrow escape as the building was burning fiercely when the family was awakened and were compelled to flee for their lives without having time to don their clothes. The origin of the fire is unknown. Several stores and dwellings were completely destroyed with all their contents.

Wiley Black, ex-distiller and saloonist of this city, has entered suit against Collector Harkins for \$10,000. Mr. Black also files suits against four insurance companies, aggregating \$4,100, and the Asheville Electric Company comes in for a \$20,000 suit for alleged personal injuries. The first named suit is for the recovery of damages for seizure of his distillery and the sale

of liquors confiscated. The insurance companies have held up the payment of policies although the Black distillery was destroyed by fire several months ago, this being the basis of the \$4,100 suit.

L. R. D.

What's The Matter?

For a time it was said, and said truthfully as far as anybody knew, that the epidemic of graft prevailing over a large part of the country had not invaded North Carolina. Accordingly, all North Carolinians took great pride in the fact. But the "time's up," now. Although the Tarheel State is exempt from graft as to her State government, she has taken her place in the "graft" column by reason of the official rottenness now shown up among the federal office-holders. Behold the old State, with one of her Congressmen indicted, charges made against a leading federal attorney, postmaster after postmaster within the shadow of the jail and scores of revenue officers ripe for the chain-gang and the penitentiary—provided the law is enforced. It must needs be a sharp Republican editor nowadays to keep up his end of the log. Yet they all do it, some how or other, mainly by prating of Democratic rascality. That, however, doesn't excuse nor hide one iota of the mud that is clinging to the skirts of the G. O. P.—Lexington Dispatch.

These are halcyon days days in Georgia journalism. Three editors are running for the Democratic nomination for governor—Colonel Esbill of the Savannah News, Clark Howell of the Atlanta Constitution, and Hoke Smith of the Atlanta Journal. The race began early, and they are now getting up their highest speed. Another Georgia editor, John Temple Graves of the Atlanta News, is a candidate for United States senator, and the trenchant pens of these four gentlemen are giving the State a picturesque and sensational campaign which staggers the memory of the oldest Georgia colonel.—Ex.

Torture By Savages.

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It is about time to wonder how Nick likes Alice's cooking.

The Czar ought to think twice before delivering Russia into the hands of John D. Rockefeller.

The railroads may be pardoned for being suspicious of a square deal, when Senator Tillman plays the President's hand.

A man at Richmond Va., has found his third wife by advertising. He may decide later on that it does not pay to advertise.

A quarrel over a mule resulted in two Georgia men killing each other in a pistol duel. The mule in the case did not lose its temper.

It is only a year ago that Congress voted itself the mileage steal. Yet the majority of people have forgotten all about it, no doubt.

Latest advices from the Philippines are to the effect that Dr. Leonard Wood's "leaden pills" are very efficacious in Moro disorders.

As we understand the controversy, if all the saloons in Chicago should go out of business, the city could not maintain a police force at all.

New York Sun: "Senator LaFollette has succeeded in breaking the ice in the Senate." We didn't know he had done anything to Fairbanks.

Perhaps some of the Senators who are talking about the canal know what policy they favor, but their learned remarks do not show what it is.

If the House doesn't kill it entirely, the President may now also have a chance to sign a somewhat damaged statehood bill with great hesitation.

Students of an Ohio college hazed a freshman by giving him a bath. There are persons to whom a real bath would be almost as severe as a hanging.

Dowie's Zion is in financial straits. It doesn't speak well for the Dowie brand of faith if he is unable to settle with the mortgage holder with stage money.

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