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OUR PAST AND FUTURE.

ASHEVILLE'S BUSINESS MEN INTERVIEWED.

The Results of the Year Now Ending and the Prospects for 1890—Just Enough Dependence on the Future Assured.

THE CITIZEN, ever anxious to give reliable information to its numerous readers and hosts of admiring friends, hesitates to base an opinion of the business of Asheville, past and future, upon its own judgment, because, although its judgment upon all practical matters is accepted generally as beyond question, this happy point of approximate perfection is reached by a careful compilation of facts; and as it confesses to some of the frailties of poor humanity, it must acknowledge its liability occasionally to err in separating facts from fancy.

Without the least doubt, THE CITIZEN is convinced that never heretofore has the outlook been so favorable; and the following opinions of some of our very best business men fully confirm this conviction. Never have we met with such absolute unanimity; the views are presented almost in the very language of our friends; we have not failed to give the opinions of the few who take a dissonant view of the future, as we think they only tend to establish the rule, as exceptions always do.

Our reporter rightly judged that he could not begin his delightful task more profitably than by asking the views of a firm who alone would carry conviction to all. If their report were unfavorable, he would prosecute his inquiry no farther. But on the contrary this is the opinion of that old, solid and well established firm of

BEARDEN, RANKIN & CO.

Reporter—Gentlemen, please tell me your candid opinion of the business of Asheville and state as nearly as possible on what facts you base this opinion.

Mr. Rankin—You are well aware that our business retains the character it has held for many years past, and that we deal chiefly in staple goods, suited to the country demand. While we command a very good trade in town, it is not in the line of fancy goods or notions, but rather in the necessities, and especially in such items as are called for by mechanics and laborers.

We carry a very large stock of building materials, such as lime, cement, paints, etc., etc., and the unprecedented number of buildings now in course of erection gives us a tremendous trade in these articles. We have handled one brand of paints and oil now for twenty years, and the demand just now for them exceeds anything in the past. You are already liberty to say that we consider the outlook most flattering.

We next wedged ourselves into a crowd of delighted children who thronged the store of

MR. J. M. HESTON

and found the busy, but courteous proprietor, ready to hear and answer our query as follows:

"My line is toys and confectioneries. I have been in Asheville for twelve years. My business has increased regularly and decidedly, until it has reached the immense volume, of which you can judge by the merry scenes around you. I find a decided change in the character of the goods required by my customers. The very best is the only kind I can sell. These candies are Huyler's, and those are Witman's, which, if you are familiar with such matters, you know are the choice of American manufacturers."

We were wise enough to plead ignorance, and a sample of each satisfied us that Mr. Heston was right, and we wended our way to

MR. S. R. KEPLER'S.

who said: "My experience in the grocery business of Asheville, extending through the last ten years and up to the present date, leads me to believe, from the steady increase in the volume of business up to this time from the time the railroad reached Asheville, that it will continue to grow and expand, and that the coming year will see no diminution, but rather largely increased prosperity."

The most notable phase of my business, upon which I want to lay particular stress, is the demand for best quality goods, that the Asheville families, whom I serve ask for and will have.

New York houses from whom I buy goods say that I get the best goods that come into the State, and that none better go anywhere; and as an illustration of the high quality goods the Asheville people demand, I will cite an instance of a little occurrence:

A gentleman passing through Asheville six weeks ago, on his way to Florida to spend the winter, ordered of me, after satisfactory trial, a sack of best O. G. Java coffee, and a caddy of fine Oolong tea, saying at the same time that these articles, of which I make a specialty, were better than he had been able to get of the world renowned retailers with whom we deal in New York.

Much encouraged thus far, we stopped a medical friend who was rapidly passing down street.

"Well, Doctor," said we, "how is business?"

"Oh, heavens, don't stop me now. Business! Indeed it is awful, awful. Nobody sick. I have just this minute heard of a man being hurt or shot, or something of the kind, and now you have stopped me with your blasted nonsense, and I will lose the only patient I have had a chance of for a month, for there goes that—Dr. B., and he will get there before me. Get out of the way, please. Good-bye, good-bye."

This was indeed a damper on our en-

thusiasm, and with fear and trembling, we entered the

SWANNANOA HOTEL.

"Why," exclaimed Mr. Rawls, "what's the matter with you? Business bad, indeed! I will tell you a different tale to that. From last January to the present day we have taken in twice as many people as ever before. Oh! I mean we have taken twice as much money, not people, of course. Our business is most encouraging, and every prospect of a crowded house all winter and spring."

This caused our countenance to assume once more its usual benignly satisfied expression, and we greeted on the sidewalk one of the firm of

GIRDWOOD & LEE.

"Have we any demand for brick? I am sorry to say we have not the brick to meet the demand. We began our business a few months ago with a capital of \$5,000. We have already increased it to \$15,000, and will begin to operate our new improved Chambers Bros. machine, the best in America, in a few days. We must make three million and a half of brick to meet the demand of our customers next year."

Such tidings cheered still more our drooping spirits, and we decided to steer clear of the medical fraternity, and next addressed our friend

MR. JAMES V. SEVIER.

"The lively business," said he, "is excellent, and has increased materially the past year. I observe each year a demand for better vehicles and horses, and we live men know that this demand must be met. Look in at my stock, as you are so near."

The invitation was accepted, and we glanced at twenty-five horses fat and sleek, and heard the telephone ringing continually with orders.

"Ah! here's a risky venture," thought we; "perhaps we had better not apply our question to

THE ASHEVILLE LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY."

"Am't you going to call on me?" said the polite Mr. B. M. Jones. "Walk in, walk in. Yes. Our receipts are gradually increasing; those for November are larger than any preceding month. The great difficulty is to meet the demand, especially for incandescent lamps. We must have another dynamo. We have orders for twice the number of lamps we can supply. We have added two thousand feet to our gas mains, and the demand for it is steadily growing larger and larger."

THE ASHEVILLE STREET RAILWAY," continued Mr. Jones, "is an entirely new business. It started on March 1, with three cars. We now have eleven. Our employees are most faithful, and quickly acquire efficiency. The freight business promises well. We get the hauling of almost all of the tobacco of this market. Altogether the prospect is bright and encouraging."

"Ah! here's a new line of business," thought we; "surely there cannot be much encouragement here. Yet anxious to know the whole truth, we applied the question of the day to

MR. H. A. LINDSEY.

"My business is to deal in minerals, gems, relics and curiosities collected exclusively in North Carolina. I have been engaged thus for five years, and am abundantly satisfied. My sales grow every year at rapid ratio. I came here an invalid, and began, more for recreation than for business, with a stock which I displayed on top of a couple of barrels. Now I occupy half of this store, and expect very soon to move into much larger quarters, which I have selected for their proximity to the postoffice and THE CITIZEN. My prospects never were so bright, nor my health so good, as now."

Wondering what the crowd meant across the street, and anxiously seeking an exciting local, we crossed over to see who had been shot, but no accident, nothing unusual had occurred; it was merely the throng which daily gathers and seeks admittance at

LAW'S.

Our amazement was soon quieted, because just at the door hangs a lovely misseltoe, and Mr. Law has the good taste to select the very nicest young ladies as saleswomen. So when they are passing under the misseltoe this Christmas season, the temptation is irresistible for other young ladies to enter, hence the crowd. We soon caught the proprietor's ear and cornered him in his cozy office, and he said:

"I came to Asheville eight years ago, and have met with steady encouragement. Beginning in a corner of a store, having only a few shelves and the end of a counter to myself. My trade rapidly demanded larger quarters, until as you see to-day, those large store-rooms and two basements are packed and still insufficient. I would likely have made more money had I been wisely selfish and looked only to my own interest, but I cannot resist my love for artistic goods, and now my customers will have no other kind of me. On these the profit is not so large as on cheaper grades, but I have every confidence both in my own future and that of Asheville."

Good morning Mr. Chambers. Aren't you of the firm of

CHAMBERS & WEAVER.

"Yes sir, I am, and very busy too. Our lively business is booming. Please do not consider me impolite, but really I have very little time for talk. My horses are kept going all the while, and I can scarcely manage to keep up my orders. Prospect! Prospect! Oh yes, it is splendid. Good morning."

MR. JAMES CARSON

Says: "I have dealt in stationery, books and newspapers, for two years. My

business is good and I expect in January to move into much more commodious quarters."

MESSRS. SARGENT & BOWWORTH Replied: "This, as you see, is something new in Asheville—a strictly 5 and 10 cent store. It is an experiment with us, and we are quite satisfied with results and outlook."

Being anxious to ornament Asheville with the handsome photograph of an eminently handsome man, we called next upon

MR. W. M. SMITH.

"Just take a seat for one minute, I cannot attend to you just now. Oh! don't go, this is the instantaneous process, I won't be long. Only three persons are ahead of you. Yes the demand for fine photographs and scenes is tremendous. The outlook is magnificent. Call back when you are ready for a sitting."

MR. A. WHITLOCK

Always knows how to treat a customer and a newspaper man, for he is one of the very best business men we have ever met. "Walk in, my dear sir," said Mr. W. "Yes, indeed, I am more than satisfied with the results of the past year. My clothing business especially pleases me. You see that I am even now ready to move into the adjoining room, so that my two stores will be next each other, and my space for clothing will be doubled. Thank you, thank you, for the great help THE CITIZEN has been to me. I appreciate it, I assure. Call again. Good morning." And thus our agreeable interview was cut short, because the two stores were thronged with customers, and their chief was wanted, as such a chief ever is.

MESSRS. A. H. JONES & SON.

"Our business is principally for country and laboring classes. We carry a good stock of solid, staple goods. Business on the whole is very fair, and we expect it to improve in the near future."

W. P. BLANTON & CO.

"We fully agree with all that you report from the other livey men. We are crowded with orders, and keep up good stock of vehicles and horses. None other will suit this place."

MR. A. R. COOLEY

Said: "I have now lived here six years, and am greatly encouraged with my business. I deal in meats, staple groceries, vegetables and other country produce. The amount of business in my store for the past year has far exceeded any preceding one."

MR. C. S. COOPER

Has been in business a year dealing in stoves, tinware and house furnishings. He said in very few words, because his time was otherwise occupied, "My business has been excellent, and I am greatly encouraged for the future."

Our good old friend from the Paderland

MR. A. FRECK

Next claimed our attention. "Busy? Yes, sir, I am busy. No time even to talk about Switzerland just now. I got this pair shoes to finish by noon. Next year, did you say? Yes, sir; I expect to have more work than I can do. You see, these Asheville pavements are just splendid for a shoemaker."

MR. G. A. MEARS

Is one of our best merchants, in some respects, but he does not advertise in THE CITIZEN, and consequently takes a dissonant view of matters surrounding him. "Business is overdone," said he. "No good outlook. Nobody can sell winter goods while this springlike weather continues. Most provokingly exasperating, ain't it?"

We could hardly be expected to agree with our excellent friend that this weather was "provoking," so we passed on and called next on one who took a more cheerful view of life,

MR. W. G. PERRY.

"This," said he, "is the City Bakery, and headquarters for fancy and first-class candies. We handle the goods of Royster, the famous manufacturer of Raleigh, which everyone knows is the very tip-top in quality of Southern makes."

"Yes, indeed, that is my title," said Mr. Lipinsky, "and we mean it, too; this is the place for bargains. We opened September 15, and our business has been excellent. Outlook splendid. We are busy now taking orders for the old reliable Staten Island dyeing establishment. We are making a point of this. Call back, when we have more time to chat."

MR. C. W. BARKER.

"Will you kindly tell us the name of this splendid orange?" "Yes, sir; that is the Noyel, a seedless variety. This is the Mandarin. I keep all of the best Florida oranges and tropical fruits and vegetables. Business is good and outlook satisfactory. My experience is not long enough to compare with past years, but I am much pleased, indeed."

"How is the restaurant business progressing?"

MR. STRAUSS?

"I have just put in a new range, doubling my cuisine capacity. I have constantly oysters on half shell, and in all other styles, also every kind of game." But we would not listen further, for we should have been drawn within, and this article would have ended right there; but with mouth watering for the good things of the great caterer, we called next upon

MRS. HERNDON.

"I have been in the millinery business for fourteen years. This year now closing has been far the best of all. Outlook I consider splendid. I sell a better class of goods each year, which indicates an improvement in the finances of Asheville people."

MR. A. M. FIELD.

"I have lived in Asheville less than a year, but have had experience in the jewelry business for fourteen years. Have been located in New York State, the

West, Northwest and Southwest, and never yet have I found a place to please me so well as this. I need more room, however. This is so limited that I will have to abandon all plated goods and confine myself to solid ware. This market demands the very best of all kinds."

MR. J. E. DICKERSON.

"There is twice as much building doing now as ever before, and consequently our sales of builders' hardware is utterly unprecedented. I hear that contractors are generally declining contracts far ahead, hoping to get better prices in the spring. They are all so crowded now that they can afford to decline new work."

MR. GEO. T. JONES.

The greatest Racket Store man of the world, said—but no matter what he said, every one can see his advertisements, and they are characterized by both truth and modesty. He did tell us, however, that during an experience of two and a half years no month nearly equaled the success of the present December. We saw that his force of clerks was largely increased, and everyone was busy. In short, Mr. Jones was as happy and prosperous as such a wise advertiser deserves to be and will ever be.

We were indeed rather embarrassed by our next call; the tidings we received were most extraordinary.

DR. T. C. SMITH

Said: "I carried on a wholesale business in drugs and chemicals in—, and during the past eighteen months in Asheville my sales have equaled those of as many years in my former home. Here is an advertisement for THE CITIZEN." Of course we blushed and bowed our acknowledgments.

Pride always goes before a fall, and we, beginning to be much puffed up with the above reports, tackled a legal friend. Perhaps as discretion is the better part of valor, we had better say he was

MR. B—

A name which belongs to the whole human family and means nobody in particular. "Oh, thunder!" said our friend, "don't talk to me about business. Why, we are doing absolutely nothing. Last week some excellent people from the country kindly occupied the court with a will case. It promised to be worth something, but bless you! all the lawyers in town came in for a divide of the verdict, and we couldn't charge our people more than twice what they recovered, and so each one did not get enough to buy a drink of water. Oh, hello, excuse me."

Astonished at the sudden disappearance of our vis-a-vis, we turned and discovered the cause. Two policemen, "the best the world ever saw," were dragging a poor drunken devil to the mayor's court. The attorney had spied the trio, and quickly reappeared with a mighty tome under each arm, and with eyes glistening, with sympathy, secured a client. We decided that our luck with professional men was not gratifying.

MESSRS. BALLARD, RICH & ROYCE. Showed very plainly that their extensive business was still expanding. "We have this year sold more stoves than ever before in the same length of time. We do an immense roofing business, for which we use a better class of plate tin than we formerly did. This fact is very noticeable. The outlook is splendid."

POWELL & SNIDER.

While carrying a good line of fine groceries, are an authority on staples, and do a considerable wholesale trade. They said: "We have sold less bacon this year than in 1888, probably because farmers are raising their own supplies, but our business generally is most flattering, and the outlook is very encouraging."

MESSRS. J. N. MORGAN & CO. Said: "Our business in staple stationery, books, etc., is very large. Especial increase is noted in sales of school books, both in country and town."

This we consider the best outlook yet.

MRS. N. LABARRE

Has a very attractive little millinery store, and we were surprised at her apparent despondency. She said: "It is true my orders are very gratifying, but I had best not say anything of the future that might induce other milliners to come here, for fear they may be disappointed."

At

MESSRS. BOSTIC BROS. & WRIGHT'S. We were so happy as to meet their excellent man of business, Mr. Morgan, who we knew would be well qualified to give an opinion, especially about the condition of the country. He said: "I have traveled all over this and adjoining counties, and find the people in far better condition than for the past six years. Their tobacco sells well, they owe nothing, they deal for cash, and, best of all, are sowing abundant crops of clover and grass."

MESSRS. PENNIMAN & CO.

Have never known Asheville, as they considered, in so flourishing a condition as now. Their business was encouraging.

MR. J. O. HOWELL

Was rather despondent. "Heavy winter goods won't sell in summer, and here we are having summer weather all through December. But I am laying in a large stock of clover and grass seed, which the farmers all want."

MESSRS. STARNES & DAVENPORT. Had the best country trade that has been in eleven years. All cash. Plenty of money in the country.

MR. J. C. MOORE.

"I won't speak from guess, but will show you my bank book. The deposits for November, 1889, amount to twice as much as those of 1888."

FALK'S PIANO HOUSE. Although a comparatively new business, has sold one hundred and fifty organs and twenty pianos during the year; now handles the Everett piano and those of the Lester Piano Company, of Philadelphia. Greatly encouraged.

MR. S. HAMMERSLAG. Always plain spoken, honest and candid,

has his two large stores filled with goods. The unusually pleasant season rather discourages the sale of heavy fabrics, but the country is in good condition, and all legitimate business is bound to be good next year.

MR. J. B. JENNINGS.

Representing Hancock, Momon & Co., of Lynchburg, says that more tobacco has been sold here than ever before, and prices are excellent.

MESSRS. CHILDS, MOORMAN & CO.

Were engaged in perfecting their arrangements for curing tobacco. Everything around them looks encouraging. They buy entirely for European markets, chiefly Liverpool and Glasgow. Their shipments will amount to 9,000 or 10,000 pounds per day.

BANNER WAREHOUSE.

Sales double those of last year. Average for 1888, 10 cents; average 1889, 15 1/2 cents; highest price 1 3/8, 80 cents.

MOORE ANON.

A Sudden Illness.

Mr. James Drummond, the son of Mr. F. P. Drummond, a tobacco dealer on Water street, who has his residence on the corner of Phillips and Grove street, was taken with a sudden attack of illness in the office of the Swannanoa hotel at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was immediately taken to a room, and Dr. Hilliard was sent for, and came immediately. Afterwards his father arrived and he was removed to his home. Although suffering greatly with pain, yet he is in no serious danger. Mr. Drummond is residing in Greenville, Tenn., and was showing Mr. Tower, of Chattanooga, the city, just before he became sick.

Free Delivery men's Uniform.

The uniforms to be worn by carriers under the free delivery system to be inaugurated in this city January 1st, arrived by express yesterday. The cloth is a handsome gray, very much like the old Confederate gray, and is of first-rate quality. The coats are lined throughout with the best of rubber cloth, thus being made impervious to the rain. The carriers will make a very fine appearance in their new suits.

Y. M. C. A. To-Morrow.

There will be a song service led by an orchestra at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Immediately after the song service the general secretary will teach an evangelistic bible class. Subject: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" Isaiah. LV: 2; Rev. III: 17-4. All young men are invited.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Charles S. Swain, of the Knoxville milling company, is at the Grand Central.

Mr. F. A. Barnes, a well known banker of Waynesville, is stopping at the Grand Central.

Mr. Geo. C. Williams, who represents a firm of wholesale clothiers in Baltimore, is at the Swannanoa.

Mr. G. H. Gallaher, who represents the Sweetwater flour mills, of Sweetwater, Tenn., has registered at the Grand Central.

Mrs. A. S. Williams and Miss Blessing, of Johnson City, who were stopping at the Swannanoa, have left for Columbia, S. C.

Among the guests at the Battery Park is Mr. Jas. W. Sifford of Attleboro, Mass., who is the owner of a large wholesale hardware house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lanning are stopping at the Swannanoa. Mr. Lanning is the private secretary of the general manager of the Grand Trunk line.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson Bright are now at the Battery Park with their three children and the maids. They have rented the Wigwag for the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harvey, of Saginaw, Mich., are at the Battery Park. Mr. Harvey has come to Asheville to visit his sister, who is stopping at Mr. McAbey's.

Mrs. Wm. H. Macy, second, of New York, is stopping at the Battery Park with her three children and their governess. Her husband has been at the hotel for some time.

Mr. Clarence M. Fincke and Mr. C. Louis Fincke are stopping at the Battery Park. They have come to join their father, Col. Fincke, of Brooklyn, who is now at the Battery Park.

Mr. W. B. Norfolk is at the Grand Central. He is the brother-in-law of Mr. Robinson, who came here five or six months ago from Detroit, where he was connected with the Detroit Free Press.

Mr. E. E. Brown, accompanied by his wife, left on the eastbound train last night for Virginia. Mr. Brown having yesterday received a telegram announcing the critical illness of his father, Mr. Isaiah Brown, in Rockingham county, in that State.

Mr. T. S. Clyde and Mr. J. P. Anderson were at the Grand Central yesterday. They are theological students at the Presbyterian seminary in Columbia, and are on their way to Bristol, where they will spend the holidays with their friends and relatives.

Holiday Excursion.

The Queen and Crescent route will make the usual holiday excursion rates between all points on its line. Tickets on sale December 21 to 25 inclusive, good for return until January 3. Also, December 29 to January 1, 1890, inclusive: good for return until January 5.

The business portion of the town of Franklin, N. C., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss about \$30,000.

BUSINESS RESUME.

Asheville's Industrial and Statistical Exhibit.

It is a wise custom of the best conducted newspapers at the end of each year to present a resume of the various lines of business in their respective cities, and to make such predictions of the future, as may be fairly predicated upon the experience of the past. We think a good plan in doing this is to take the opinions of various leading business men, and lay them before the public, but this course requires more space than we can give in any one issue. We therefore, today present only the first of a series of these articles, showing the answers made to our reporter in reply to the questions: "How have you prospered the past year? What think you of the future?" The opinions to-day are collected hastily from Main street; although, time has not sufficed to see all of its merchants. To-morrow the others will be heard from, and on Tuesday the third article will present the financial outlook as presented by our banks, the opinions of our manufacturers, the results of tobacco trade, and the amount as nearly as can be ascertained of buildings erected during the past year.

All three of these articles will then be republished in THE WEEKLY CITIZEN, and will afford the most valuable compilation of statistical information that has ever been made in Asheville. Extra numbers may be procured at a merely nominal price—and we cannot suggest a better plan than this, for advertising Asheville and Western North Carolina. Orders for extras should be made immediately, and they may be mailed direct from this office.

A Pretty Night.

Fruit, tropical fruit, with fragrance added to rich high color always fascinates, and in the foreign fruits there is something peculiarly vivifying and delightful as we realize by the senses of sight and smell, to go no farther, of the sensuous charms of the tropics, how rich in their color, how intoxicating in their odors, how exquisite in their taste. And we felt a new sensation when we dropped accidentally last night into Barker's little treasure house, and found ourselves in kind of fairy land under the magical radiance of the incandescent light, under which the oranges and the bananas, the grapefruit, the pears, the grapes and others made up a combination of charms in which all the senses had full enjoyment. There we found two novelties to us, the Mandarin orange, small, flat, but delicious, and the seedless orange, with the flower end opened and exposing the pulp within. This is a fine Florida variety. The whole stock and exhibit gives pleasant note of how near Christmas is, and what Barker is doing to add to its welcome.

Canned Fruit.

Mr. C. P. Whitson has proved what can be done here in successfully putting up canned fruits and vegetables. Yesterday he gave us samples of his peaches artistically put up and beautifully labeled, and on trial they proved as fine as they promised, being fully equal to any we have seen brought here from abroad. Last summer Mr. Whitson's work was only experimental, but he succeeded so well that he will export himself on Gash's creek, two or more miles from the city, and next season put up on a large scale fruits and vegetables of all kinds so treated. His success in preparing a fine article of canned goods is unmistakable, and he ought to find a home market for everything he prepares, for the use of them here is enormous. A large amount is annually sent away from home to pay for them. All that money may be kept here and should be.

Railroad Talk.

Some years ago a charter was granted by the Georgia legislature to a railroad company, whose line of route for the road proposed was from Atlanta to the North Carolina line, thence to be extended northward, which singularly enough, proves to coincide with the line afterwards adopted for the Atlanta, Asheville & Baltimore road. The charter for the two seemed to have been granted in ignorance of their respective purposes. Therefore, there was no antagonism, and is none now; so far from it, that in a letter shown to us by the president of the first named company, in which he expresses pleasure at the interest exhibited here, in the newspapers and in the public meetings; and invites Captain Atkinson to a personal conference in Atlanta, through which he thinks important results will follow; for he believes that the people of Atlanta will take active interest in the scheme when its advantages are properly presented to them. Captain Atkinson has accepted the invitation, and will go.

Hymeneal.

We acknowledge the receipt of a very pleasantly suggestive card of invitation bearing the following inscription:

Capt. and Mrs. M. J. Fogg, request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Bessie May, to Wallace F. Maxwell, at 7 o'clock, Thursday evening, December 26, at home, Asheville, North Carolina.

Asheville Library.

Arrangements have been made by which the books of the Asheville Library Association will be moved to the reading room of the Young Men's Christian Association as soon as possible. The books will continue to be in the hands of the Library Association and will be open to the use of the public on the same terms as heretofore.

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