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A NOTABLE EVENT.

The event of the coming week to the people of the Albemarle country as well as to many beyond our borders is the Murfreesboro Fair. It is this year to be of more than usual interest, and peculiarly the farmers' festival. There will be a full exposition of the resources and industries of our country and a provision of many other things from which the farmer, and the citizen of other calling as well, may gain profit and pleasure. There will be a larger and finer display this year than usual, and we have every reason to hope for the attendance of an unusually large number of our best and sturdiest citizens at this, their annual festival, the feast of ingathering of the fruits of the earth—the harvest home.

While farmers are amused and entertained by celebrations and exhibitions conducted by other classes and for other purposes, they should bear in mind that the agricultural fair is their own; it is for their benefit, and people have a right to expect that it will be supported by them. They should make it a combined celebration, exhibition and educational institution. It too often happens that some trivial affair keeps a farmer and his family away from the fair after they have planned all summer to attend it. The habit of staying at home and the seeming difficulty in arranging to leave, have too much influence just at the time of deciding whether to go or not.

When other inducements than cash premiums can be used to bring out articles for exhibition, a great advance will have been made, and the people at large who do not hope for premiums will be more interested.

Failures are as instructive as successes, but no premium is offered on them, consequently they are kept out of sight, and the observer is left to look upon the phenomenal results which take the prizes as being natural consequences, and to wonder why all farmers cannot do as well. Farmers should go to the fairs ready and determined to impart and to gather information, and to gather information, and to gather information. They should rise above this mercenary consideration of cash premiums, which too often induces deception and destroys the legitimate benefits of the whole affair. They should take to the fair that article about which they can give the most information, as well as the one about which they need more light, and let the scramble for cash be confined to those who can be reached by no other influence. Go, not to win, but to learn; not to deceive a committee, but to help bring out useful points. The world moves. Improvement is the order of the age, and agriculture has had its full share of benefits from the skill of inventors and manufacturers, and once a year in not too often for farmers to inform themselves in regard to the advances that have been made. If they let the opportunity pass this season they will work at a disadvantage and be behind the times next year. He should go and see and be convinced. It may rain a part of the time; it may be hard work to walk about and look all these things over, but when he gets home from a well-conducted and thoroughly examined fair, he will find himself climbing out of the old ruts. Some men try to excuse themselves for keeping their families away from the fair by saying that it is a money-making scheme, that the managers are getting rich out of it. Do they ever bring this up against a circus? No man should condemn

what he has not investigated; and fairs, if they are open to criticism in some cases, cannot be reformed by keeping the better elements of society away from them. It is the duty of every farmer to go to the fairs which are conducted under the name of the district in which he resides, whether town or county, and see and learn what he can. The citizens of Murfreesboro will do their utmost to make the stay of all visitors in the 'Boro pleasant profitable. They will in the spirit of hospitality, put the brightest face possible on the town of which they are proud and have a warm welcome awaiting all who may look in on them during next week.

G. W. Grimes,
 —PHOTOGRAPHER—
 —AND DEALER IN—
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 We call the attention of our friends and patrons to our new and select stock of
 DRY GOODS,
 DRESS GOODS,
 NOTIONS, HOSIERY,
 CORSETS, GLOVES,
 AND ALL KINDS OF FURNISHING GOODS, SHOES, HATS, &c.
READY MADE CLOTHING A SPECIALTY.

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 Drugs, Medicines, Paints
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 AT THE
Lowest Prices
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E. F. LAWRENCE & CO'S
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 MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS,
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 HARDWARE AND GLASSWARE A SPECIALTY.
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E. F. Rice & Co

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS.
 MURFREESBORO, N. C.

MERIT!

Concerning the "Point Lace," and "Orange Blossom" brands of flour which we are handling, we give the following correspondence by the manufacturers and consumers:

Read what the manufacturers say:

Mess. E. F. Rice & Co.,
 Murfreesboro, N. C.
 GENTLEMEN:—Please accept our thanks for your handsome order, and we want you to guarantee our "Point Lace" flour to your most particular trade in every respect. You can't guarantee it too high to please us. We will uphold all the good things you can say about it. We warrant every barrel of the "Point Lace" and "Orange Blossom" brands of flour to give entire satisfaction in every particular, and if it does not, we will refund you your money.
 Yours very truly
ANDERSON & SHAFER.

This is what the consumers say:

Como, N. C., Oct. 1st '87.
 Mess. E. F. Rice & Co.,
 Dear Sirs: Having used the grades of flour Orange Blossom and Point Lace, bought of you, I can without hesitation, say they are excellent. Best I have ever used for the price.
 G. A. Brett.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 R. F. Rice & Co.—The barrel of Orange Blossom flour which I have used has given me entire satisfaction. S. J. Holloman.

Woodland, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have been using your Orange Blossom flour and can say that I pronounce it a No 1 flour and don't want any better.
 Blake Bryant.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have used the Orange Blossom brand of flour for some months past and am pleased with it.
 Joseph T. Weede.

Como, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have used about eight barrels of your Orange Blossom flour this year, and do not hesitate to say that it is the best flour for the money that I ever used. My wife likes it well.
 S. D. Winborne.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have used one barrel of your Orange Blossom flour and don't want any better, and shall continue to use it as long as I can get it. I don't think there is any better flour.
 King Nelson.

St. Johns, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have been using your Orange Blossom flour for sometime and don't want any better.
 J. B. Sumner.

Potocasi, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have used several barrels of the Orange Blossom flour and have no hesitation in pronouncing it a No 1 flour.
 T. I. Lassiter.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have used three barrels of your Orange Blossom flour and pronounce it to the public to be No 1. When in need shall procure more of the same if possible.
 T. C. Carter.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have been using the Orange Blossom flour and find it just as good as I want.
 P. A. Johnson.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—Give me the Orange Blossom flour again. I think it the best for the money that I ever used.
 W. T. Bitton.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have been using the Point Lace flour and find it to be a No 1 article, and for much less price than a No 1 flour is sold for.
 H. C. Madhrey.

Potocasi, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—My flour is out, and I have been using the Orange Blossom brand, and find it a first class flour. I shall continue to use it as long as I can get it, and it holds up to the same standard.
 J. A. Martin.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I am using a barrel of your Point Lace flour and find it to be entirely satisfactory.
 G. W. Grimes.

Kirby, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—The Orange Blossom flour that I have been getting of you is superior to any that I have ever bought for the price. I hope you will continue to keep the same flour as I don't want any better.
 W. J. Liles.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—The Orange Blossom flour that I bought of you has given perfect satisfaction in all respects. I consider it a No 1 article.
 Wm. S. Nelson.

Creeville, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have used one barrel of your Orange Blossom flour and don't want any better. I consider it a No 1 article.
 J. A. Davis.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I pronounce your Orange Blossom flour the best that I ever bought for the price. It is a first class flour.
 W. D. Deans.

Como, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—The Orange Blossom flour, of which I have used several barrels has given perfect satisfaction, and I have no hesitation in pronouncing it a No 1 article.
 Tyrone Spiers.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have used one barrel of your Orange Blossom flour, and can say that it is the best flour that I ever bought in the town of Murfreesboro.
 H. B. Bryant.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have used five barrels of the Orange Blossom flour, and pronounce it a number one article. I don't want any better.
 Ellis Warren.

Murfreesboro, N. C.
 I have bought several barrels of Orange Blossom flour from E. F. Rice & Co., and find it to be first class.
 B. F. Chitty.

Kirby, N. C.
 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have bought one barrel of your Orange Blossom flour and myself and wife are highly pleased with it.
 Dock Stevens.

THE BEST
 BRANDIES, LIQUORS, WHISKIES, WINES, BEER, ALE,
 And everything of the kind that may be wanted.
 We make it a business to buy such goods as suit our trade. Parties buying the cheap grades of goods cannot expect to get goods of the best quality. We keep all grades from the lowest to the highest. We claim to have advantage over our would be competitors. Because we buy largely and from first hands, and pay CASH for our goods, when business will justify our doing so.
E. F. RICE & CO.

NEW STORE, NEW GOODS! WOODLAND, N. C. Harrell, Edwards and Co.

We announce to the public that we have the largest and most complete stock of
General Merchandise
 ever brought to Woodland, which we guarantee to sell at **BOTTOM PRICES.**
 We have just received our FALL and WINTER Stock consisting of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HATS, BOOTS and SHOES, READYMADE CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, HARDWARE, TINWARE, and
Groceries.
 Come direct to our store before buying and we will please you both in goods and prices.
Highest market price paid for COTTON in bales.
HARRELL, EDWARDS & CO.,
 Woodland, N. C.

New Millinery Goods.
 I have just returned from the NORTH where I employed Miss Stevens an experienced trimmer and dressmaker and purchased a well selected
Fall stock of Millinery, Dress Goods and NOTIONS.
 EMBRACING ALL THE LATEST NOVELTIES.
 I will be pleased to have the public call and examine my stock of goods.
Mrs. M. S. Lewis.

DAVID A. DAY,
 —WHOLESALE AND RETAIL—
 —DEALER IN—
Heavy and Fancy Groceries,
 MURFREESBORO, N. C.
Fine family flour a specialty.

My stock is larger, and my facilities for handling Heavy Groceries are better than ever before. I keep on hand a full stock of the best goods in the line, such as
 FLOUR, MEAT, LARD, SUGAR, AND COFFEE, CONFECTIONERIES, TEAS, WARNER'S SAFE YEAST, TOBACCO, SNUFF, AND CIGARS.
 I keep nothing but the best grade goods, and sell them as cheap as they can be sold on this market.
 Sept 16th '86.

J. W. PERRY & CO.
 COTTON FACTORS AND
 Commission Merchants,
 NORFOLK, VA.
 We offer for sale Arrow Ties at \$1.30 per bundle
 " " " 1 1/2 lbs Bagging (Ludlow make) at 7 1/2c per yard
 " " " 2 " " " " " 8 1/2c " "
 " " " 2 1/2 " " " " " 9 1/2c "
 And other brands sold at less price.
COTTON SOLD FOR 1 1/2 PER CENT. COMMISSION.
 (Sept 9th—1887)

THE PARLOR SALOON,
R. SEWELL, Proprietor,
 MURFREESBORO, N. C.
 Leading Saloon For Fine Liquors, Mixed Drinks, Lager Beer, Fine Cigars, and Family Groceries.

FIRES, FIRES
 ANNUALLY destroy many dwelling and they are caused not so often by incendiarism as they are by sparks falling on a dry wooden roof. Formerly the difference in the cost of wood and tin was so great that many felt that they could not afford the latter. Now this great inequality does not exist.
A TIN ROOF COSTS BUT LITTLE MORE THAN A SHINGLE ONE.
 So there is no excuse for losing one's house from sparks falling on the roof.
 Now is the season for
GUTTERING and TINNING
 and now is the time that you can have it done
VERY CHEAPLY, BY
R. EVANS,
 Murfreesboro, N. C.
 DEALER IN
 STOVES, TIN WARE, SHEET IRON
 WARE &c. Repairing a specialty.

W. F. NICHOLSON,
 Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
Staple and Fancy Groceries
 MURFREESBORO, N. C.
 Makes a specialty of MEAT, FLOUR SUGARS, and COFFEES.
 I pay CASH and SELL FOR CASH as low as the market affords.
 Call and examine my goods and I will give you a bargain.
A FARM FOR SALE.
 I offer for sale a desirable farm containing 150 acres, situated in Kirby township, Northampton county, and in three quarters of a mile of the R. & T. R. Railroad. About one third is cleared and well fenced. Has a lot of good pine timber and some original growth. The water is good. Has a good framed house, and it is in a healthy community near churches and schools. A splendid one horse farm. Any one desiring to see the land or know the terms can apply to W. H. Maddrey on an adjoining farm, or to
J. A. MADDEY,
 Murfreesboro, N. C.

RAILROAD! RAILROAD!

We haven't got the Railroad yet, but we have a BOAT three times a week, and I have been able by that means to receive a large and well selected
 STOCK OF
FALL AND WINTER GOODS
 and this is what I want to call your attention to to-day.
Calicoes.
 I am selling all calicoes at 6 cents per yard.
BLEACHINGS
 have advanced in price, but my prices are the same as they were before the advance. The celebrated "Fruit of the Loom" for only 10c a yard.

COTTON CLOTHS,
 CANTON FLANNELS,
 PLAID DOMESTICS,
 GINGHAMS &c.
 They also have advanced in price, but I am still selling them at old prices.
PANT GOODS
 CASSIMERES AND KERSEYS.
 My stock was never larger nor have I ever had better styles.
RED AND WHITE FLANNELS,
 DRESS GOODS.
 My line of dress goods is complete, embracing all styles and varying in price from 9c to \$1.00 per yard.

NOTIONS.
Boots and Shoes.
 My stock of BOOTS AND SHOES is larger than usual this fall. In fact I am a little over stocked I will guarantee to sell you cheaper than you can buy elsewhere.
HATS AND CAPS
 I can show you all the latest and noblest styles in both Soft and Stiff hats.

CLOTHING
 FOR
BOYS AND MEN.
OVERCOATS.



Readymade Clothing is something that I make a specialty of, and you will find it greatly to your advantage to examine my stock before buying.
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.
LADIES' CLOAKS AND SHAWLS.
 I have a complete line of Ladies' wraps comprising
 JACKETS, NEW-MARKETS and SHORT WRAPS.
BLANKETS AND QUILTS.
CROCKERY,
 GLASSWARE
 WOOD AND WILLOWWARE.
 Well, I won't mention anything else, but will just say that whenever you are in need of anything usually kept in a first class store, call on
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 Main St. Murfreesboro N. C.