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**Murfreesboro ahead, and
 Likely to Remain.**

Mr. Editor:—During the past six
 months especially, and back to the
 time "when the knowledge of man
 runneth not to the contrary," has
 there been much talk about a railroad
 to Murfreesboro. I learn that lawyers
 both pro and con, are now in Raleigh
 to ask the Supreme Court to definitely
 settle the question involved in the
 railroad election; and whether that
 point be for or against us, there is but
 little doubt that Murfreesboro will
 soon have a railroad, or something
 equally as good—perhaps cheaper and
 better—in the way of steam boat con-
 nections. I will not say anything fur-
 ther relative to steam-boat connec-
 tions, as the simple mention of it is a
 graye offence to many; and further
 more, let us be determined to act our
 full part, in good faith, to the pro-
 posed railroad, should it be built.
 The point I was getting at is, that let
 come what will, in this age of steam-
 boats and railroads, Murfreesboro is
 of sufficient importance to command
 better advantages, in this respect, in
 the near future. The fact that our
 sister towns and neighboring territory
 have them, is nothing against us, or
 our real interests. It is simply the
 natural law of progress, the "making
 of two sprigs of grass grow where one
 grew." We rejoice in their good for-
 tune, and expect to share their pros-
 perity. Railroads, when built, must
 be supported. The timber fields will
 not long exist, nor will it be long be-
 fore the Eldorado of many of the new
 investors and experimenters will be
 converted by sad experience, into
 mythical dreams and water will con-
 tinue to run down hill as usual. It
 will be then, if not sooner, that Mur-
 freesboro will receive the considera-
 tion of business men, and of railroads
 and steam-boats. A hundred years
 start, with or without a railroad, is no
 small advantage to a town. The gradual
 property accumulations of that
 time will enable its citizens to protect
 its interest, and require corporations
 to respect its wishes. Besides this,
 it is geographically fixed that there
 can be but one city, or town of impor-
 tance, within a radius of twenty five
 or fifty miles. No wheel, great or
 small, has but one hub; and Murfrees-
 boro, however unpleasing it may be to
 our neighbors to say it, is the hub of
 this wheel by geographical position.
 by age, by size, by wealth, by culture,
 by religious advantages and by mod-
 ern advancements. This after all,
 may not be saying much in its praise
 —and is surely not intended as any
 reflection on any of our neighbors—
 but still we believe it can not be de-
 nied.

Posessing these advantages then,
 what can be Murfreesboro's future?
 A general growth and prosperity
 awaits our section. It possesses many
 advantages, has ample resources, and
 is rapidly undergoing new develop-
 ments. M'boro will show them, and
 being ahead, will stay ahead. What
 matters it to us if our neighbors have
 new hopes of improvement and pros-
 perity? Their upbuilding is indirectly
 ours—painting the spokes, beautifies
 the wheel and gives more importance
 to the hub. The hub is necessary to
 the wheel; the spokes useful and nec-
 essary to the hub.

Murfreesboro, then, with its fine
 schools, good churches, elegant homes,
 and people, newspaper, bank, fair,
 telegraph, bakery, hotels, and in fact
 everything that constitutes a good,
 healthy and beautiful town is not only
 ahead, but will there remain, its ene-
 mies and the kickers and grumblers to
 the contrary, notwithstanding—rail-
 road or no railroad!

But Mr. Editor, I promise to give
 it to you in "broken doses" and I will
 stop. Next week I will tell you
 something of what a "dead town" is
 doing.

AXJX.

The Board of Agriculture will elect
 a State Chemist this month. The peo-
 ple of the State are anxious for a
 North Carolina'n to be chosen. Since
 the resignation of Dr. Dabney, Dr. H.
 B. Battle has been in charge of the
 Department, and the able manner in
 which he has conducted the busi-
 ness of the Station shows his superi-
 or ability and fitness for the office. If
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 the State will be safe in his hands.

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 good things you can say about it. We warrant every barrel of the "Point Lace"
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 lar, 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.,
 Murfreesboro, N. C.
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.
 E. 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 Or-
 ange 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 bar-
 rel 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.
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 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. B. Itton.

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. G. Mauldry.
 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 stand-
 ard.
 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 su-
 perior 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.
 Creeksville, 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. Deaus.

Murfreesboro, 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 Sifers.
 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 bar-
 rels 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.
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 E. F. Rice & Co.—I have bought one
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 myself and wife are highly pleased with it.
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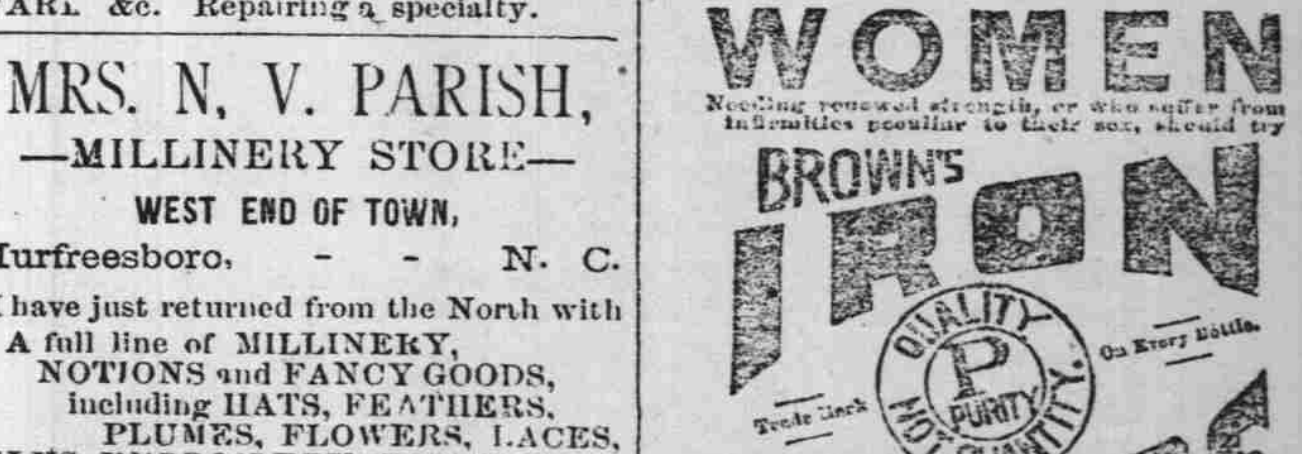
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 " " " 2 1/2 " " " 9c " "
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 the cost of wood and tin was so great that
 many felt that they could not afford the
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 So there is no excuse for losing one's house
 from sparks falling on the roof.
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**STOCK OF
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Calicoes.
 I am selling all calicoes at 6 cents per
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BLEACHINGS
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 the same as they were before the advance.
 The celebrated "Fruit of the Loom" for
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COTTON CLOTHS,
 CANTON FLANNELS,
 PLAID DOMESTICS,
 GINGHAMS, &c.
 They also have advanced in price, but
 I am still selling them at old prices.
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 CASSIMERS and KERSEYS.
 My stock was never larger nor have I
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RED AND WHITE FLANNELS,
 DRESS GOODS.
 My line of dress goods is complete, em-
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Boots and Shoes.
 My stock of **BOOTS AND SHOES** is
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 I can show you all the latest and mod-
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