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JOTTINGS.

Butcher Weyler has cabled his government that his plan of campaign is to complete the pacification of the west end of the island of Cuba before commencing operations in the east. The trouble is the Cubans never know when the butcher has pacified them.

One night last week at Fair Bluff a crowd of indignant citizens burned the newly appointed postmaster, a negro, in effigy. But the negro is still doing business in the p. o.

Under the democrats, Eden had five J. Ps. Now it has eleven, additional ones having been made to reward the faithful. Hunger for office must be satisfied.

Senator Butler says Governor Russell is the greatest governor since Vance. Butler's paper says Butler is a great Senator.

The fact that Georgia may claim Chattanooga, brings to mind the fact that Danville, Va., ought to be in North Carolina. It is said that if the line between North Carolina and Virginia had been correctly run Danville would have been in North Carolina. A glance at the map showing the jump north at the Tennessee line will show the southern deviation of the N. C. and Va. line as it was run west.

The best place to find out something about a man and his standing socially, financially honorably is in the commercial agencies and we respectfully refer the appointing powers to those sources for revelations concerning the character of some of their prominent men. Bradstreet's and Dunn's agencies are irrespectors of persons, and McKinley might profit by consulting them. They are the best references.

We are glad to see that the sentiment in favor of a white man's fight next year is unanimous among good democrats. That is the only salvation for North Carolina. All white men must unite for good government self protection and redemption of the State from fusion's disgrace. Let the good work begin.

The Lincolnton Journal under Col Tipton has entered its third year. Col. Tipton is an able and practical newspaper man and the Journal is a good paper.

This is the WEEKLY. Doesn't it look strong? All it asks is the support of good people. Its effort is to hew to the line. Help it out.

BETHEL, N. C.

Another of Pitt County's Prosperous Towns.

ITS ADVANTAGES—ITS BUSINESS AND ITS PEOPLE.

Bethel is situated in the extreme northern neck of Pitt county sixteen miles north of Greenville. It is within about three miles of the Edgecombe and Martin lines. It is on the A & R branch of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, and has about 500 inhabitants. The surrounding country is noted for its good farming lands, which yield abundant crops. Before the completion of the A & R railroad, Bethel was a cross roads place. Since it has changed entirely, the business part being moved near the railroad and a great increase in both population and business having been made.

About two years ago, a fire destroyed half of the business portion of the town including some of its nicest stores. Rebuilding has commenced and soon nicer stores will take the place of those burned. Bethel has ten general merchandise and grocery stores, two millinery stores, one large saw mill with grist mill and cotton attached, two doctors an academy for male and female, some private schools and several other enterprises.

Among these are

J. C. TAYLOR & CO.

This firm has been in business but about two years, but the character, means and methods of the men who compose it has given it a guarantee of honor, credit and responsibility that has placed it second to none in commercial circles and among its people. It has ample means for any amount of business, the capacity for managing it and the country to sustain it. With such advantages its commercial progress is no wonder. Neither is the steady increase of their business. They occupy a nice wooden store, 24x75 feet, and have large ware rooms for storage purposes. They are general merchandise dealers and carry everything in that line. A general line of dry goods, notions, gents' furnishings, goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, clothing, crockery, glassware, provisions, heavy and fancy groceries, farm supplies, &c. Their stock is large and carefully selected with the view of meeting the demands of their customers whom they can suit in goods, price, style, quality and quantity at prices as low as the lowest. January next they will occupy a large brick store on Main street. The store will be built this fall by J. C. Taylor & Bro.

STATON, CHERRY & BUNTING.

Representative of Bethel's business energy and enterprise, attested by a great degree of success won by merit, is the firm of Staton, Cherry & Bunting, who for seven years have been thoroughly identified with every movement pertaining to the upbuilding of their town. This firm does an extensive business. They also occupy one of those handsome brick stores, 24x90 feet, under the hotel, with large ware room facilities outside. They are up to date and keep all the newest, latest and most fashionable goods and novelties. Dry goods, notions, fancy goods, furnishings, hats, clothing, shoes, hardware, crockery, glassware, heavy and fancy groceries and supplies, and much other goods comprise their stock. They carry a large stock of furniture, a large room being filled with it. They handle all kinds of country produce, buy or sell cheap for cash or barter. Cotton buyers, they are important factors in making it bring the best prices. They handle cotton seed, meal and hulls and standard fertilizers. Good reliable goods, low prices and fair dealings is the standard of their business.

S. T. CARSON.

On Main Street where but a year or so ago fire swept every thing before it, this gentleman has built a large, nice modern two story, 24x90 brick store and is again in business having opened but a few months ago with a complete stock of goods, including dry goods, notions, gents' furnishings, hats, clothing, shoes, groceries, furniture, supplies &c. His stock is all new and up with the time, containing a most select assortment of goods

in all those lines. Mr Carson is an old business man, having for many years been engaged in business in Bethel with the exception of a few months a short while ago. Again at it, he is at home, and is fast re-establishing his former prominence in business circles. Starting a new with many new advantage he can offer his customers more, and respectfully solicits their examination of his stock and prices. Over his store is one of the nicest halls in this section. It is well and conveniently fitted up with seats and conveniences for entertainments, balls and the like. It is used by the Odd Fellows once a week for their meetings and at all other times it is free for all other purposes.

BETHEL ACADEMY.

The preparatory school is the school that shapes the destiny of the boy. There the future man is developed and his life course outlined. The preparatory school is the practical school, and while preparing the boy or girl for collegiate courses, it first prepares them for the active duties of life, and so few ever go farther in schools, the preparatory schools train a vast majority of those who succeed in life. Bethel is fortunate in having such a good preparatory school under the management of so competent a man as Prof. B. F. Hassell, Jr. Prof Hassell is a native of Tyrrell county. He was educated at a teacher, graduating with high honors at Wake Forest College, since which he has devoted himself to his profession. He has had charge of Bethel Male and Female Academy several years, and has always had a large school. His course of instruction is thorough and comprehensive, and pupils are prepared for college or given a practical business course. His rates are reasonable, and good board can be had extremely low. Prof. Hassell is an educated, cultivated and refined gentleman, held in the highest esteem, and the prosperity and success of Bethel's Academy under his principalship attests all that may be said of him.

MRS. W. H. BULLOCK.

A pretty store and a large selection of the latest and most fashionable millinery is to be found at Mrs. W. H. Bullock's store in the Bethel Hotel. Four years of experience and business activity has given her a deep insight into the needs and demands of millinery patrons and her stock never fails to please in both goods and prices. A full line of fine goods, dress hats, sailors, trimmed and untrimmed hats, gloves, ribbons, veils, laces, veiling, combs, handkerchiefs, hosiery and everything in the line of millinery and notions for ladies are to be found in her stock. Mrs Bullock's experience has taught her when, where and how to buy and such advantage ways goes to the benefit of her customers in bargains. She enjoys a trade extending into three counties, built up by merit.

W. A. MANNING & CO.

Handling nearly everything in the line of supplies of food and raiment as most stores in small places have to, this firm follows suit, with a general line of staple merchandise. They have been in business four years and enjoy a good patronage. Their store on Main street is of wood, 25x80 feet and has ample room for a large stock of dry goods, notions, hats, caps, boots, shoes, clothing, crockery, glassware, groceries, hardware, &c., which they carry. They barter for all kinds of country produce, or sell cheap for cash

and do a satisfactory business. Their stock is carefully selected from the best and largest dealers and by so doing they are enabled to offer as good goods for so little money as any of their competitors.

MISS ALICE CARSON.

This lady is successor to Carson & Albritton which firm for two years were the leading milliners. Miss Alice Carson was the manager and buying out the interest of Miss Albritton is now sole proprietor of the business. Miss Carson is a practical milliner, and trimmer. Her stock of millinery is complete. It comprise the latest in hats trimmed, untrimmed, dress trimmings, laces, ribbons, blouses, fancy articles, &c., all of which are sold at the cheapest cash prices. Her stock is very complete and Miss Carson is a milliner of great experience, and her customers have learned that from her they get the best possible goods for the least possible money.

E. R. WHITEHURST.

Nicely located on Main street, convenient for business, is the store of E. R. Whitehurst another of Bethel's men who has in a short while ingratiated himself into the favor of his customers and the general public. Two years ago, he began business. Today he enjoys a large patronage and successful business. He handles principally groceries, but carries a line of staple notions and clothing. His store is a nice building, 20x60 feet. In it is to be found staple, heavy and fancy groceries, canned goods, case goods, provisions, meat flour, lard, butter, cheese and any and everything in his line. Handling those goods in large lots, he is enabled to offer rare bargains in many things.

KNOX & CO.

This firm is also conveniently located on Main street, where they do a satisfactory business, handling a line of dry goods, notions, general groceries and supplies demanded by a substantial patronage. For three years it has been one of Bethel's business houses and has become one of its fixtures. Besides a large cash business, it does a big business in handling country produce, bartering, &c. buying and selling whatever the farmer may want. They make their bargains tell and their straight dealing recommend them. One of the firm is agent for the Southern Express Co., and their Bethel office is in their store.

BETHEL HOTEL.

This elegant large brick hotel would be a credit to larger towns than Bethel. It was built for the traveling public and their care and comfort are well looked out for. Mr. McG. Bullock is clever accomodating and attentive. He has been running this hotel for several years, giving his undivided attention to it. It is very convenient to the railroad and business of the town. The rooms are well kept, nice and comfortable. The table is well supplied with the best the county and markets afford, and well served. His rates are reasonable and the Bethel Hotel is deservedly popular.

H. P. BUTLER.

This gentleman is doing one of the nicest small businesses in the country. Carrying an assortment of dry goods, notions, and general groceries, bought cheap, sold cheap and guaranteed, he is building up a good business the result of attention to business, giving bargains to customers and selling good goods. His store is a neat wood building on Main street, 20x22 feet, convenently arranged and nicely kept. He has been in business only a short while, having commenced a few months ago, but has made a reputation for himself and his goods that is bringing results.

BLOUNT & BRO.

Any notice of the business of Bethel would be incomplete without that of Blount & Bro, who rank among the largest and most successful merchants of Pitt county, having general merchandise and supply stores at Bethel, Jameville and Williamston, each of which carries a large and varied stock of staple and fancy goods. Their Bethel store, of which we now write, is one of those large elegant stores under the Bethel Hotel on railroad street. This general merchandise emporium carries a stock of several thousand dollars worth of the newest most stylish and best in staple and fancy dry goods, dress goods, notions, furnishings, novelties, clothing, hardware, crockery, tinware, crockery, general groceries sup-

plies, &c. Its comprehensive stocks, quality and general excellence denotes the ability, experience and care possessed by this firm. They are a successful business that merit the confidence and esteem in which they are held. Their record in their reputation and their word their bond. Men of means, honor and worth, they are then fitted with all that pertains to Bethel's industry and enterprise. They buy and sell grain, country produce, &c., and are large cotton buyers. They own much real estate, among which are several lots in their town, their stores, the Bethel Hotel and several hundred acres of good farming lands.

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