

Some Impressions of Asheville.

Correspondence of the VISITOR.

I have been to Asheville and I can say partly in the language of the poet, that I have *veni, vidi* and been *vicu* or in plain English I have come, saw and been conquered.

A happier party never boarded a train than the writer and a few lion companions on last Monday morning, at 6 o'clock, bound for the "Land of the Sky." Our trip was devoid of incident until we reached Salisbury and branched off on the Western N. C. Railroad and began to enter the "mountain district." We couldn't help but note the vast improvements now going on in this part of our noble old State and Hickory, especially seemed to be on a genuine "boom;" but at Old Fort our pleasure mainly began. We were then right at the foot of the mountains, an extra large engine is attached to the locomotive that has been flying with us over this splendidly graded road and now we begin the ascent of the famous Blue Ridge range. A passenger train is directly ahead of us only a few hundred yards, and as we follow it around the mountain it looks like a race for life and presents a scene such as we never expect to see again at any other point. We pass almost directly over the same part of the road time and again, and pass directly in front of the Round Knob Hotel three times; at last after what we consider the most interesting ride of our life we find our elves on top of the Blue Ridge. Our trip up to the top of this mountain has been grand, glorious, and gorgeous. Our trip from this point to Asheville is through the loveliest part of the State and reminds the writer very much of the picturesque Erie Line from New York to Niagara Falls. We arrived at Asheville at 5 o'clock and find a warm welcome awaiting us by some genuine friends and relatives. On Tuesday morning our party consisting of Mrs. L. O. Lougee, Mrs. Thomas A. Jones and charming little daughters, Emma, and Miss Rosa Broughton and Messrs. Thomas A. Jones, Donie McCullers, John M. Womble, Ernest Lougee and Kim. W. Weathers procured two of Ingles' handsomest turnouts and we were off on our tour of observation. We first take in Beaumont mountain. This is a lovely spot; the views from here are extremely beautiful and no more prettier spot has our eyes ever beheld than this which we are now feasting upon, but we proceed and pass through the loveliest part of this section and soon find ourselves at Richmond Pearson's seat, from here we cross the beautiful French Broad river and soon we are nearing George Vanderbilt's grounds, the views from here are the finest of all. Asheville seems to nestle in a valley, and at our feet flows the beautiful Swannanox to its junction with the French Broad only a short distance from here. Mr. Vanderbilt has nearly one thousand men at work on his place and it presents a scene of great activity. Mr. Vanderbilt proposes to spend six million dollars on this place, and the writer proposes to spend six minutes of his valuable time at this place on its completion.

We drive around to Fernhurst the lovely residence of Rev. Mr. Connelly and another grand view lays out before us, and then a drive up the valley of the beautiful French Broad river for five miles and we are at Sulphur Springs, and then from there home to Asheville. A lovely day, with congenial companions, over the prettiest part of the world and we find our selves very happy.

Asheville has already gone to the top; we learn that its population has reached 15,000, and the writer believes that it will double its population in the next five years. We visited the Battery Park Hotel, without doubt the finest hotel in the South; it was filled to overflowing, mainly with wealthy northerners. We learn that Col. Frank Coxe, the proprietor, proposes to spend \$100,000 upon improvements this fall on this grand hotel; the situation is marvellously beautiful. While in Asheville we met several of its wealthy and influential citizens, but none impressed us more than Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McBrayer and her charming daughters, Kathleen and Agnes.

But we must bring this hurriedly

written sketch to a close as our train leaves for Raleigh in a few minutes, but we wish to thank the many warm friends we met for kind reception given us and hope that the time is not far off when we shall again visit this, the most delightful spot, and that our stay may be longer. We wish to say in closing that the writer has visited some of the finest spots in this country and in Europe, but we believe that Asheville is the prettiest and loveliest place we have ever visited without a single exception.

K. W. W.

Asheville Items.

Correspondence EVENING VISITOR.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Aug. 12th.

The Alliance is here in the strength of a giant. Last night we filled the court house and had an informal meeting, hand shaking and short speeches. This morning we filled the opera house and organized. This afternoon we filled the farmer's warehouse and had a big time. Hon. Thos. D. Johnston in behalf of Asheville and Buncombe counties welcomed the State Alliance to the "land of the sky." Mr. Sauderlin, State Auditor responded for the State Alliance in a manner that pleased everybody. He was followed by Gen. R. B. Vance and others.

A large number of carriages were then placed at our disposal for the purpose of seeing the sights. They were soon filled and away we went "over the hills and far away" to see this wonderful country. This evening at 8:30, Col. L. L. Polk, our National President, will address us. Tomorrow we will get down to business.

The Department of Agriculture, in August returns of the condition of the cotton crop, reports that the general average is 89.5; it was 91.4 last month. The average of North Carolina is 96, the highest of any of the States.

Vice President Morton and family are at Newport, R. I.

The Markets.

COTTON MARKET.
Corrected daily for the EVENING VISITOR by M. A. Parker Cotton Broker.

Good middling	11 1/2 @ 11 3/4
Strict middling	11 1/4
Middling	11 1/2 @ 11 3/4
Strict low middling	11 1/4
Tinges	11 @ 11 1/2
Stains	10 @ 11 1/2
Market nominal; nothing doing.	

TOBACCO MARKET.
Reported for the EVENING VISITOR by Parker & Harvey, Tobacco Manufacturers.

Smokers—Common	5 @ 8
Good	8 @ 15
Fillers—Common	5 @ 8
Good	8 @ 12
Cutters—Common	10 @ 14
Good	15 @ 26
Fancy	26 @ 31
Wrappers—Common	14 @ 22
Good	22 @ 40
Fine to fancy	40 @ 70
Market strong and active, with full prices. Buyers, both on orders and for speculation, anxious for stock.	

PRODUCE MARKET.
Corrected daily for the EVENING VISITOR by TERRELL & MOSELEY, Grocers.

Meats—Bulk Bacon	8
Shoulders	6 1/2
Sugar cured hams	14 a 16 1/2
Breakfast bacon	12
Lard	
Flour—Superfine	\$3 50
Good	2 75
Medium family	2 50
Sugars—Cut loaf	10
Powdered	10
Granulated	8
Standard A	7 1/2
Yellow	6 1/2 a 7 1/2
Coffee—Rio	20 a 25
Laguira	25 a 27 1/2
Java	33 a 33 1/2
Molasses—Black strap	25 a 30
P. R. Molasses	45 a 50
New Orleans	60 a 75
Bright syrup	50 a 65
Salt per sack	\$1 75
Vinegar per gal	30
Black pepper	30
Race ginger	20
Teas—Green	50 a 65
Black	50 a 65
Ginger snaps	20
Kerosene oil	15
Crackers	10 a 15
Cakes mixed	15 a 20
Pickles—Sour (per gal)	50
Sweet	90
Butter	18 a 22 1/2
Eggs	12 1/2
Chickens—Hens	30
Spring	15 a 22 1/2
Potatoes—Sweet	90
Irish	90 a 1 00
Dried apples	6 1/2 a 7
Dried peaches	8 a 10

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