

but to return back down Main street and consult that young enterprising jeweler, R. Lee Stewart. This we did. While having our watch repaired we saw many useful things in the way of jewelry for the holidays. His store should not be ignored by the Christmas shopper. With a thought of happiness burning in our breast that we were armed with the correct time, away we went once more, this time landing at that attractive store of

Jefferson Furniture Company.
This is the place where the home is fitted out in the way of furniture, pictures, etc. They have a whirlwind of prices for these holiday times. Bedroom suites, brass beds, sofas, couches, toilet sets, all kinds of lovely pictures and other things. If you desire to make the old lady happy Christmas morning, don't fail to visit the Jefferson Furniture Company and see what they have with which you can accomplish this desire. Their store is a place of beauty, certainly one for which the managers should feel proud.

W. J. Rhodes.
Talk about good things to eat, such as fruits of all kinds, candies galore, you'll find them at Rhodes'. Here is where Old Santa makes his purchases of nuts, candies and fruits for the little folk stockings. He is also the proprietor of that well-known bakery, The Dixie, one whose reputation is unsurpassed for first-class light bread, cakes, pies, etc. The bread is baked fresh daily and served to the patrons in a style that is commendable. Mr. Rhodes is an old-timer, handling good things to tickle the palate, and each year his store shelves are full to overflowing. After sampling some of his excellent fruit cake we were again on the run landing into the well-known emporium of

T. W. Phillips & Co.
Here we discovered, as in so many places, many things just the thing for Christmas presents. This season the firm have done themselves proud in their choice of glass, crockeryware, toys, etc. They also handle millinery, dry goods and notions.

W. B. Harding.
Remembering the injunction of the "Devil" to secure him a picture frame for his "mug" to be presented to the "boss" Christmas, we found ourselves in the well appointed book store of that enterprising young merchant, Mr. Will B. Harding. Here, too, is to be seen many suggestions for the buyer, such as books, stationery, leather goods, every variety of picture, etc. We were much interested at the book store.

E. L. Archbell.
Just about this time we craved one of those elegant Havana cigars carried by our friend, E. L. Archbell, one of the city's new merchants. He may be young in the mercantile business, but he is old as a friend. At his store is to be found not only tobaccos of all kinds, but heavy and fancy groceries to appease the appe-

rite. Everything for Christmas cooking.
Walter Credle Company.
This is another up-to-date and prosperous trading point for many families in the city. Of course we could not pass them by on our march. They were certainly busy, sending out hither and thither the good things for Christmas. Sugar, raisins, nuts, fruits for the cake and a large quantity of the staff of life.
Dr. H. W. Carter.

We had looked and seen so much up Main street our eyes fairly ached; what were we to do but consult the oculist and specialist, Dr. H. W. Carter. He has been practicing here only a short while, but already has secured a large and lucrative practice. He is fast gaining the confidence and esteem of the people. With our "peepers" much improved after treatment we felt like a rollicking kid.

C. G. Morris & Co.
Talk about hustling, one certainly finds it at Morris & Co's. The proprietors are both young men of sterling worth and integrity, and are busy from early morn until late at night filling orders for their large and growing trade. They receive large consignments of meat, flour, grain, etc., weekly. No business in Washington has grown more in recent years. They are business from the word go.

Dr. H. Soell.
Facing that strong wind around on Gladden street made our old teeth throb with pain so much so that we had to hurry and consult that ideal practitioner of dentistry, Dr. Henderson Soell. His office is complete in every detail for the successful prosecution of his chosen profession. He has a large practice.

H. M. Jenkins & Co.
Again feeling as if life was worth living, we sauntered into the place of business of H. M. Jenkins & Co., the wholesale grocers. Here we found business brisk. This firm has just received another car of Elko brand pure apple vinegar, which is known the world over for its pureness and fine flavor. This firm also handles in car lots large quantities of heavy groceries.

W. M. Kear.
There comes a time in every fellow's makeup when he must give some thought to the future. Standing on the corner of Main and Gladden prospecting as to what we should do next, the thought flashed upon us why don't you see W. M. Kear, the Real Estate Man, and get him to secure a purchaser for your farm. He has had 30 years' experience in the business, and if he can't sell your property for you who can? This is one time when mind controlled the body. We acted on the suggestion, and today have seen the fruits of that decision. See Kear if you are interested in real estate. He can interest you.

Agricultural Lime Company.
After you have purchased your land through Kear be sure and see

cure some of that excellent lime now being manufactured by the Agricultural Lime Company. It makes every acre on the farm count and counts for your advantage.

E. R. Mixon & Co.
One of the largest and most enterprising firms in the city today is the wholesale firm of E. R. Mixon & Co., of which Mr. E. R. Mixon is the manager and prime mover. From a small beginning this firm has grown into large proportions and today stands at the very head of Washington's mercantile establishments. The amount of business this firm carries on in the run of a year is enormous. We doubt if there is a similar business anywhere in the State to surpass it. This has been accomplished by close application to duty, indefatigable effort and energy. It is always a pleasure to visit this mammoth store. They receive their goods in car load lots and by the schooner load, the schooner being owned by the firm, and distribute them to merchants in all the eastern counties. E. R. Mixon & Co. is a credit to the Washington business world.

A. C. Hathaway.
Thinking of purchasing a home sometime shortly we concluded to consult Mr. A. C. Hathaway at the Chamber of Commerce rooms about a lot at the "Homeite Beautiful," Washington Park. He will always interest you in the benefits to be derived from purchasing a lot at this ideal location. We have almost concluded to take his advice and purchase right away.

James E. Clark Company.
To pay a visit to Washington stores and not include the large emporium of James E. Clark Company would be a source of regret for years to come. They stand today a monument to "Printer's Ink." Energy and push and abreast of the times can here be seen on all sides. In this store can be seen everything suitable for man or woman. Elegant dress goods, nobby men suits, ladies' millinery and the very latest fads in men's headgear. Every device for the successful handling of business is seen and the way Mr. Thomas Clark and his clever assistants "do the trick" is a caution. Every customer entering this well known store receives every consideration. This year this store borders on the beautiful so far as decorations are concerned. A visitor from the entrance to the exit is charmed with the artistic and original designs in decoration. No city emporium can surpass it. Here one finds every want and desire easily gratified. Just ask for it. Clark Company does the rest. It is one of the attractions of the city. In calling be sure and don't leave without viewing the lovely hats and dress effects exhibited on second floor.

Southern Furniture Company.
We had our eyes on the sidewalks and feasted our eyes on the show windows of the Southern Furniture Co. Here one sees all the requisites for home comfort and home pleasure.

The firm carries everything needed from a carpet tack to a complete suit of furniture. In addition to being the leaders in furniture they have on display beautiful 'cut glass, bric-a-brac, brass novelties, curtains, porters and many other necessities space forbids us to mention. The Southern Furniture Company also place away your loved ones when death places its icy finger on them. No store in Washington has more pretty Christmas things arrayed than here. This concern sells you for cash or on time.

Dr. Hardy's Drug Store.
Feeling somewhat jaded as we had been perambulating for some hours; we took refuge in the well appointed drug store of Dr. Ira M. Hardy, where we quenched our thirst with a drink drawn from one of the prettiest fountains in the State. Here we saw many things to please as gifts.

J. H. Harris Plumbing & Supply Co.
Knowing that sooner or later we would be thinking of placing water in our home, we sought the firm of J. H. Harris Plumbing & Supply Co. to ascertain estimate and examine their well selected stock. Their store is a revelation and many would be surprised to visit it. Stoves of all kinds, ranges, hardware, cutlery, fittings of every kind and size and a large stock of plumbing supplies. The growth of this company during recent years has been almost phenomenal. They enjoy the confidence and esteem of their patrons. They have almost outgrown their present quarters.

Washington Light & Water Co.
We have decided to do away with wood in cooking; we have played the "old fogey" long enough. Cook with gas—gas made by the Washington Light & Water Co., is our slogan for the future. They are placing spigots on our premises now for water. Soon we'll be all O. K. along this line.

Electric Light Company.
Electricity is the light of the present, so after a short talk with Mr. Bryan, the superintendent of the city electric light company, we are soon to read our Daily News by a light and satisfactory and up-to-date, and in the near future we are in hopes of having day current to operate the machinery used by the News in grinding out the daily happenings. Use electric lights if you want to enjoy life. Christmas.

Washington Drug Company.
Washington can certainly boast of a pretty pharmacy in the Washington Drug Company. It was a pleasure to visit this store and see on display such a variety of pretty things. Not only do they carry drugs of every kind, but candy in various assortments and stationery to suit all. Prescriptions are compounded here. The shopper would do well to visit their store.

J. F. Taylor.
Christmas without candy, nuts, mince meat, fruit cake, is certainly not Christmas. Its like a ship at sea without rudder or compass. Of

course Joe was there when we suffered. He is a mighty busy man these times filling Christmas orders. He is always patriotic and up with the times. His store is attractively decorated with good things to eat. It almost makes one's mouth water to glance around in Taylor's model grocery. You should try some of his excellent mince meat, right fresh "from the vine." The genial proprietor loves to talk, and for once failed to mention politics.

Goldstein, the Tailor.
Now would you believe it? Here is where an accident happened to the writer. Without malice aforethought his pants came in contact with a nail so he had to rush posthaste to Goldstein, the tailor, and stand behind the door while they were repaired. While a little worse for wear, they are still doing service we are glad to state.

Pamlico Grocery Company.
Being a member of a committee to purchase nuts and confections for the Christmas tree we paid a visit to the Pamlico Grocery Company for prices. They sell either by wholesale or retail. Here we found a well selected stock, took prices, and will report to the committee without delay.

H. B. Mayo & Co.
Securing a price on eggs and turkeys for Christmas from H. B. Mayo & Co., we decided to appease the cravings of the inner man, so sought the well kept restaurant of the

Union Grocery Company.
We found Chef Ricard Bonner still at the helm. We ordered one of his famed oyster fries and condiments and then sauntered on.

Home Building and Loan Association.
We had been lighthearted and gay, with no thought of tomorrow up to this time, when without warning a thought serious commenced to get the better of us. Why don't you take stock in the Home Building and Loan Association, conscience said. We loitered. Why didn't we? There was no reason why, if we ever intended to own a home. We acted on

independence's advice and consulted Messrs. Charlie Fleming and Jess Ross and may feel more at ease. This institution has done and is doing a great work for the laboring class and all others as for that matter.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.
All women love to talk, and don't mind the telephone. Distance lends enchantment to the saying, so we had to see Mr. Bell and give orders for one of their late phones. How easy it is to talk and converse over them. Every home in Washington should be provided with one.

Fovle Memorial Hospital.
Here is an institution that is doing a noble work for the suffering. The hospital is presided over by a well trained corps of nurses and the visiting physicians and surgeons stand high in their profession.

Spencer Bros.
One of the attractive dry goods emporiums stands on the corner of Main and Market streets. Everybody in Washington knows where Spencer Bros. do business, and the class of stock they carry. Their line of dress goods, clothing, shoes, etc., has always been a matter of pride to them and the city. They sell at a close margin and enjoy a class of trade that is reliable. This firm is displaying many attractions for the purchaser. See their store when you begin your Christmas shopping.

J. H. Simmons Marble Co.
Not that we wanted to purchase a slab for any of our dead, but for weeks we had promised ourself to visit the yards of these well-known cutters. We found work here that for design and finish cannot be surpassed in larger cities.

J. F. Buckman & Son.
One of the handsomest stores in the city is that of J. F. Buckman & Son. Here one finds all that a first-class dry goods emporium carries. The store is bountifully stocked and the prices advertised are in keeping with the times. We found the entire force busy waiting on Christmas shoppers.

Paul & Cutler.
Hearing that Paul & Cutler had just received some fine turkeys it nothing more than natural for us to go and see. This we did, and found not only the American bird in all his glory, but poultry, eggs, etc., in abundance.

E. Peterson & Co.
Wending our way up Main street again we found ourselves entering that large place of business known to all as E. Peterson & Co. This wholesale concern is one of the largest in Eastern Carolina and is managed by Mr. Justus F. Randolph, who is business from head to foot. They occupy a building ample in every respect for their large trade.

G. A. Phillips & Bro.
As we had just ordered a plate glass front by direction of the "boss" for the office front, we had to consult G. A. Phillips & Bro., who assured us that we would be protected by them. They also are agents for fire insurance.

The Legal Profession.
Right at this point in our jaunt a serious proposition confronted us. Here we were in the mood town of

Stephen C. Bragaw, Collin H. Ing, Edward L. Stewart, H. C. Jers, Jr., Vaughan & Thompson, Bond & Simmons, Rodman & Rodman, W. D. Grimes, Small, MacLean & McMullen, Ward & Grimes, all of whom were in every way capable, we decided to rest easy. Washington is fortunate in having the strong and talented bar it does. They have all ways taken front rank.

Carl D. Parker.
Our mind again wanders on insurance—insurance against loss by fire and insurance for wife and children when a fellow pegs out. Yes, we must certainly have our life insured and right away. We packed sand, you bet, and in a few minutes were listening to the wisdom of insuring from the lips of that astute and energetic agent, Mr. Carl D. Parker. Not only can he talk life insurance, but is equally as persuasive on fire insurance. He represents only the very best companies.

J. & P. H. Myers.
One of the most enterprising insurance firms is that presided over by Messrs J. & P. H. Myers. A wishing risk in first-class company would do well to consult them.

Havens Grist and Flour Mill.
That is certainly a magnificent plant just completed by Mr. Jonathan Havens for the manufacture of corn meal and flour. It did us good clean down to our toes to go over this modern and late improved plant. Mr. Frank Rollins, the manager, was courteous itself.

E. K. Willis.
Talk about heavy and fancy groceries, they are to be found at E. K. Willis', that model grocer, corner of Main and Water streets. Everything is fresh and fine, fit to grace the festive board of a king. This store enjoys a large patronage.

Bailey Supply Company.
Here we found farm implements in all grades and designs of the latest pattern and make. This hustling firm now occupies a spacious three-story brick building that for attractiveness and convenience is not surpassed in the city. Mr. Bailey Jr., the manager, is a young man of excellent business acumen. He is one of the city's coming business men.

Morgan Williams.
Morgan Williams is an insurance man. He knows how to talk insurance and knows how to write in companies that are safe and reliable. He enjoys a lucrative business.

S. R. FOWLER & SON.
For beauty and modern equipment the firm of S. R. Fowler & Son, the oldest in the city, has a store that compares most favorably with those seen in larger cities. Here is to be found shoes for both ladies and gentlemen, ship chandlery, etc. No store visited by the News man was more of a revelation. This firm has had an established trade for years, and still retains the confidence of the people.

McKeel-Richardson Hardware Co.
This is one of the largest retail hardware and mill supply stores in Eastern Carolina. They are doing an enormous business, and each year are rapidly increasing their territory. Their place of business is always crowded with customers eager to partake of their bargains. Their shelves in all the country's contingents to this. It was a pleasure to visit this mammoth and growing store.

Fulford Hardware Co.
This firm is the only exclusive wholesale hardware store in Washington. They sell to merchants as far west as Raleigh and in all the Eastern counties. They employ and travel several representatives on the road all the while. They are doing an enormous business. We doubt if a concern in the State surpasses them in sales during the year.

Washington Coca-Cola Bottling Works.
This little story would be incomplete without telling you about that delicious, invigorating "Blue Seal" Ginger Ale the Washington Coca-Cola Bottling Company bottles. What a suitable present with which to grace the Christmas festive board. Here can be found Coca-Cola and all kinds of high grade soft drinks. The popular manager, Mr. Guy Hardy, is the right man in the right place. He is indebted the entire force of some of his famed drinks. The writer is deputed to thank him, socially, which we shall take pleasure in doing the first opportunity.

Garfield Clemmons.
After sampling some of those delicious bivalves handled by Garfield Clemmons at his restaurant Water street, with tired feet we solved to return back to the News sanctum and endeavor to what we saw and heard on our way. This we have done in an informal way, but we hope the reader of paper will find some aid in a Christmas shopping. It was a pleasant visit, one we shall ever remember.

A Little Advice.
Certainly no finer stocks have been presented for the approval of purchasers than are now shown in Washington. But every one should endeavor to show early and avoid the rush.
Do your shopping soon.
Lay your gifts away.
Then for Santa Claus be ready.

Insurance in Companies Safe and Tried

When you buy Real Estate you pay a lawyer to look up titles! When you buy INSURANCE do you ever think to look up the record of the company in which you are protecting that property?
Look into the records of The Liverpool & London & Globe, of Liverpool, England.
The Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn.
The Commercial Union Fire Insurance Co., of London, England.
The Glens Falls Fire Insurance Co., of Glens Falls, N. Y.
The Providence-Washington Fire Ins. Co., of Providence, R. I., and some more that have stood the test.
All of these companies went through the San Francisco Fire with heavy losses and still have money.
INSURANCE costs the same, why not get the best.
I also represent the NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO., of Montpelier, Vt. This company pays a dividend the end of the first year, which very few companies do. I have policyholders in Washington that have received an 18 per cent dividend the first year.
I also write EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE for the traveler. This company needs no introduction. I feel safe in saying that I wrote the largest liability policy ever written in Washington. This for the traveler.
When you want INSURANCE give me a chance. I please others, why not on?
Wishing you a merry Xmas and hoping the New Year will bring you as a customer, I remain,

CARL D. PARKER,
General Insurance, Four Years' Experience.

Better is a small gift, purchased at leisure, than a great treasure and trouble therewith. From the standpoint of the buyer, all the arguments favor the early shopping; but one must consider also the welfare and comfort of those who have to be so many hours behind the counter. Their Christmas will be bright