

OUR CHANGED DRESS.

Our readers will readily note the change and improvement in our dress of type, which is opened with leads, making it appear larger and enabling it to be read with more ease. It presents a much prettier appearance, and we are sure all our patrons will like it. So many of our friends have said to us that they would like for us to use a larger type that we have concluded to try this experiment. If you like the change, tell us so.

WORKING FOR GOOD ROADS.

Committee Meets to Discuss Suitable Road Law for Cabarrus.

The committee appointed by the Cabarrus County Good Roads Association on May 31st, 1902, to draught a suitable road law for Cabarrus county met on this, December 11, 1902. On motion Mr. M. B. Stucky was elected chairman and J. D. Barriar was requested to act as secretary. Those present were: B. L. Unberger, J. L. Stafford, H. H. Blackwelder, G. E. Ritchie, J. H. Moore, W. M. Widenhouse, W. G. Newell, C. A. McDonald, G. T. Crowell, M. B. Stucky, D. T. Hartwell and J. L. Crowell. On motion Mr. H. Caldwell was elected advisory member and Jno. P. Allison was received as proxy for J. J. Cox. Mr. C. McDonald read a draught which being amended was adopted.

Winston Visited by a Hundred Thousand Dollar Fire Thursday Morning.

Four three story brick buildings on North Cherry street were burned. The fire started on the third floor of the Vaughan Knitting Mill and spread rapidly to the Whitaker-Harvey Co., a bacco manufacturers, building, occupied by Lippert, Scales & Co., and filled with leaf tobacco. The leaf was owned by Ogburn, Hill & Co., and was a total loss. The origin of the fire is not known.

Catarah Cannot be Cured.

With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood, and mucous surfaces. Halls Catarah Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients will produce such wonderful results in curing Catarah. Send for testimonials free.

Death of Mrs. Grant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, wife of President Grant, died at her residence in this city at 11:17 o'clock to-night. Death was due to heart failure. Mrs. Grant having suffered for some years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of death, the three sons who had been summoned here all being out of the city.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. Kings New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by P. B. Petzer Druggist. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Mr. John L. Cruse, formerly of Cabarrus, died at his home in Perkins, Oklahoma, November 26, aged 52 years.

He was a son of the late Mr. Peter Cruse, and left this county 15 or 20 years ago. His death was caused by consumption. He was a brother of Messrs. G. E. and M. M. Cruse, of No. 5 township. Mr. Cruse was unmarried. Mr. E. H. Johnson, of Rock Hill, was here yesterday.

STATE NEWS.

All the engineers of the Southern Railway system have been granted an increase of wages.

Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn is to be married this week in Washington. At the expiration of his term of service in congress he will locate in Greensboro for the practice of his profession.

The two girls, aged 13 and 14 respectively, who disappeared from their home in Asheville last week, are believed to be at Spencer. The girls came through Salisbury and went to Greensboro but no trace has been found of them.

A shooting affray, followed by a number of arrests, occurred Saturday in the centre of the business section of Asheville. Two negroes walked into a white restaurant and were at once ordered to remove their hats. One of the negroes reached for his gun, whereupon the proprietor and two white patrons began shooting. One of the negroes was shot four times, not, however, fatally.

The North Carolina Medical College, of Davidson, has purchased the private hospital at Charlotte owned by Drs. Gibbon, Misenheimer and Irwin. It will be enlarged and improved. Because of the purchase of the hospital by the medical college the graduating class of that institution will come to Charlotte, January 5th, and thereafter all graduating classes from the college will be located in Charlotte.

A Southern Railway fast passenger train ran into an open switch at High Point on the 12th and collided with the engine of a freight train. Both engines were wrecked. Two passengers were injured slightly. Engineer Rouselet, of the passenger train, had a leg broken and ankle so badly crushed that amputation may be necessary. Engineer Sweeney, of the freight, also had a leg broken. The two firemen were severely bruised.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A heavy snow storm prevailed throughout the Western states last Sunday.

Blizzard weather prevails in New York; the whole State is covered with snow.

It looks as if the protests of the Democrats of Charleston are to prove unavailing and that the President is to appoint Dr. W. P. Crum, colored, collector of that port.

Lutheran Items From Last Week's Lutheran Visitor. We are very glad to learn that Brother Steiky is improving in health, and we pray for his speedy recovery.

It is a source of great gratification to learn that our city churches are getting along so well. Rev. R. C. Holland and Rev. W. H. Hiller, of Concord, reported satisfactorily along this line. The former reported that St. Mark's, Charlotte, was entirely out of debt, and the latter reported that they hoped to be out by the first of January. Good!

Rev. C. B. Miller, of China Grove, has erected a handsome cottage in the town, at a cost of about \$1,600.

Rev. J. H. Wilson will be installed as pastor of St. John's church, Salisbury, on the third Sunday in December. Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., will deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. J. Q. Wertz the charge to the people.

Rev. Edward Fulewider, the energetic young pastor of the Cannonville Mission, Concord, N. C., is succeeding quite well in collecting money to rebuild the church which was destroyed by the cyclone in August.

Center Grove church, Rev. J. Q. Wertz, pastor, which has been undergoing repairs, is nearing completion. When completed the church will present altogether another appearance.

Warships Bombard Puerto Cabello.

The most warlike act yet committed by the British and German allies in their program of coercing Venezuela into the payment of claims is the bombardment of the fort and custom house at Puerto Cabello. The bombardment took place late Saturday afternoon, but news of it did not reach the outside world until yesterday.

An attack by a mob at Puerto Cabello Wednesday on the British merchant steamer Topaze led to the bombardment. The mob, it is stated, pillaged the ship, took down the British flag and imprisoned the captain and crew, but later released them.

The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta arrived at the city Saturday. The commander of the British ship sent a demand to the authorities for immediate satisfaction for the affront to the flag, threatening to bombard in two hours if satisfaction were not given. President Castro was consulted by telegraph and 15 minutes before the expiration of the two-hour limit sent a reply authorizing the chief Venezuelan official at Puerto Cabello to give "ample satisfaction."

Before this answer could be communicated the time expired and the ships opened fire. The fort replied, and was soon silenced and battered to pieces by shells. British marines were sent ashore to occupy it. It is believed that only a few Venezuelans were struck by the shells.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by M. L. Marsh.

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Call on us for anything giveable.

We've got it—Toys, China, something wearable, everything. Another holiday is upon us. Young minds are ablaze with anticipated pleasure. Christmas is a time for gift-giving and they know it. This is one of Concord's leading stores and everybody knows we have the largest Toy Department in the city. The crowds are growing greater each day. Trading this week will be more satisfactory than next. We have a large corps of well trained clerks and will make Christmas shopping easy, a pleasure and a comfort.

Every department in this store is bright with new goods.

TOY WONDERLAND

Presents for Old, Young and Everybody. In this department we show more Toys than all the rest of Concord. Dolls, Tin Toys, Bells, Rattles, Rubber Goods, Iron Toys, Friction

The China Department.

Does your mind run toward serviceable gifts or something really needed to complete the Christmas Table? Our ten cent counters contain nice Cups and Saucers, Butter Dishes, China plates, Vases, Pin Trays, Opal Ware China Bowls, Tooth Pick Holders, etc., etc. 10c

Beautifully decorated China Cups and Saucers per set 75c

The 50c white delf Cup and Saucers, per set 35c

200 fine China Cake Plates and Salads, value a third more, only 25c

All kinds of fine Shaving Mugs, Moustache Cups and Saucers, Vases, Cake Plates, Souvenir Goods, etc. Plain Glass Lamps for 25c

Fine Decorated Lamps with brass feet at \$1.25, 1.98 up to 5.00

Fine Perfumes. Everybody likes good Perfumes and good Soap—we have fourteen different odors of Eastman's Fine Perfumes, the very best that's made, at 50c per ounce. Special package goods for presents at 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle up to 2.50

Miscellaneous Goods for Gift Giving. Ladies' House Slippers, Gents' Slippers, Cuff Buttons, Neckwear, Silk Watch Fobs with sterling initial, Muffs, Fine Linen and Silk

If you have an overcoat to buy you should see our stock, as we are making some special prices.



CHRISTMAS AT THE RACKET STORE.

\$1500 Worth of Holiday Goods.

\$150.00 Worth of Dolls from 1c. to \$4 Each. China Limb Dolls, cloth body, 4 to 48c each. Patented Washable Heads and Limbs, Human Hair, undressed 15c to \$4.00. Dressed 20c to \$3.35 each.

Kid Body, Bisque Head, Human Hair, 25c to \$1.18. The above in both stationary and moving eyes.

Wood Toys. Doll Beds, 15c. Cradles, large size, 48c and 68 cents. Chairs, 10c. White enameled Tables, 15c. Doll Swings, 48c. Pianos, 48c to \$3.25. Rolling Pins 1 and 5c each. Painted Pop Guns, 5c. Guns 5c, 48c.

Musical Toys. Real Drums, 25c to \$1.25. Brass Tube Phones, large size, a good article, 98c. Sliding Trombones, 10c to 48c. Trumpets 5c to 25c.

Boys' Tools in Chest. Six sizes, from 25c to \$2.98.

Magic Lanterns. Sliding Pictures, \$1.25 to \$1.68. With Moving Pictures \$6.00 each.

Whips. Assorted plaited leather 5c to 25c.

Driving Reins. With Chimes, 10c.

Beef Markets. With beef, 25c.

Laundry Sets. Large Washer, 98c.

Mechanical Toys. Two Acting Clowns 25c. Rabbit driving rooster, 25c. Girl leading Goat, 48c. Locomobile, 25c. Clown riding donkey, 98c. Irishman beating drum and playing band, 98c. Dancing Girl, 75c. Man keeping up ball with his feet, 48c. Dog jumping rope, 48c. Walking Baboon, 48c. Jumping Clown, 48c. Roller Chimes, 48c. Rolling Animals, 10c. Tamboreen Clowns, 25c. Jumping Monkeys, 25c. Jumping Cloth Birds, 10c. Return Zephyr Balls, 15c.

Pistols. Nickel plated at 5c and 10c. Caps, per dozen, 5c and 10c.

Decorated Tin Toys. Sand Pails, 5c and 10c. Mugs, 5c. Waiters, 5c. Trumpets, 5c up. Clock Bank, 10c. Coin Holders, 10c. Sprinklers, 10c. Tops, 5 to 25c. Kitchens 10c and 18c.

Pewter Tea Sets. In Box, 10c and 25c.

Iron Toys. Nickel Banks, 5c to 98c. Nickled Stoves, 25c to 98c. Assorted Wagons, 25c to 98c. Cabs, 25c. Smoothing Irons, 10c, 25c. Hammers, 5c, 15c. Trains, 25 to 48c.

Rattlers. Nickel and Bone, 5c, 25c. Rubber, 5c, 10c. Zephyr, 10c, 18c.

Rubber Balls. Fancy Painted, 5c to 25c. Foot Balls, 35c to 68c.

Games and Blocks, Assorted. 5c to 68c.

Cloth and Fur Covered Animals. 25 to 98c.

Baskets. Work, 15c to 25c. Waste, 38c to 48c. Lunch 25c. Fancy Trinket and Candy, 10c to 20c. Satchel and Valise, 25c to 98c. Glove and Tie, 20c to 33c. Handkerchief, 20c to 33c.

Jewelry. Solid Gold Rings, assorted stone sets, \$1.25 to \$3.25. Brooches, 10c to 68c.

Belt Brooches, 15c to 68c. Bracelets, 25c up. Silk Watch Guards, 15c to 33c.

Watch Chains, 48c. Negligee Buttons, 15c set. Cuff Buttons, 15c to 25c. Collar Buttons, 5c to 18c.

Gold Fountain Pens. 68c to \$1.25. Aluminum Cups and Saucers, 25c. Aluminum Stamp Boxes, 10c. Silver Pencils and Blotters, 48c.

Ebonized Toilet Articles, 10c. Alarm Clocks, 95c. Ink Stands, 10c up, wrought iron.

Candelabras, 1 to 3 lights, at 25c to 68c. Flower Shades and Holders, 25c. Photo Frames, assorted. Fruit Knives, Porcelain handles, 10c.

Fruit Knives and Forks, 25c a pair. Nickel plated Nut Picks, 25c per set. Nickel plated Nut Crackers, 25c.

Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon, 25c to 98c.

\$150 Worth of Fancy Celluloid and Plush Boxes. Work, Toilet, Photo, Glove, Handkerchief, Tie, Fan, Manicure, Shaving, Collar and Cuff, well assorted from 25 cents to \$4.48 each.

Photo Albums. Plush and Celluloid Backs, 25c to \$2.48 each. Auto Albums 5c. Scrap Albums, 5 to 38c. Christmas Cards, assorted, 1c to 10c each. 1803 Calendars, assorted, 10 and 18c. Booklets 25c. Lap Writing Desks 68c.

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Books for Young Men and Women. Beautiful Hymnal Series, a superb line of Art Gift Books that will appeal to every one, 24 pages each, 8 pages in colored text, illuminated in colors and gold, dainty half white binding, and decorated floral covers, each in box, 28c.

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Pocket Books. Assorted, from a 5c Purse to a \$3.25 Book.

Cigar Case, 25c. Vest Pocket Toilet

Imported Fancy Goods. Splashes, Scarfs, Towels, Pillow Shams, Towels, ers, Dollies, Center Pieces, Printed Pillow Cases, Corals 5 and 7 1/2, Corals and Tassel 48c. Ball Fringe, 20c yard. Sofa Pillows, unlighted. Sofa Pillows, stuffed.

Neckwear. Scarfs, Ties, Rows, Handkerchiefs, etc. Fascinators, 25c up.

China ware. Salad Bowls, over 100 prices, ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.48. Chop Dishes, 48c to \$1.50. Oyster Dishes, per set \$1.50. Cake Plates, more than dozen kinds and prices, select from, at 15c to \$2.25. Olive Dishes, 15 and 25c. Tea Plates, per set \$1.48. Dinner Plates, per set \$1.25 to \$2.10. Bread and Butter Plates, per set 45 to 98c. Childs Single Plates, 10c to 15c. Childs Plate, Cup and Saucer Set (3 pieces) 25 to 55c. 7 piece Chocolate Sets, \$2.25 to \$4.25. Chocolate Cups and Saucers, per set 90c to 1.68. Chocolate Cups and Saucers, single, 15c. Chocolate Pots 25 to 75c. Single Tea Cup and Saucer, 5c to 48c. After Cups and Saucers, 10 to 25c. Ice Cream and Sauce Dishes, per set 65 to 98c. Oat Meal Dishes, per set 65 to 98c. Cream Pitchers, 5 to 18c. Milk Pitchers, 48c. Milk Pitchers, \$1.25. Tea Pots, 25c to 48c. Three-piece Cream, Sugar, and Tea Set, \$1.48 to \$1.75. Cracker Jars, 75c. Mustard Pots, 25c. Syrup Pitchers, 25 to 18c. Covered Butter Dishes, 50c to 50c. Three-piece Mash and Milk Sets, 50c. Spoon Trays, 48c. Celery Stands, 48c. Three-piece Pudding Set, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Individual Butter Plates, per set, 20c to 24c. Shaving Mugs, 15c to 25c. Drinking Mugs, 15c.

Bisque Figures. Per pair, 20c to \$1.25. Vases, 5c to 85c each. Jardiniere and Pele-stal, 15c to 48c. Jasper Puff Boxes, 25c. Match and Tooth Pick Holders, 10c to 35c. Cigar Holders, 25c to \$1.48. Ash Receivers, Japanese Figures, 25c. Candelabras, 1 light, 25c. 2 lights, \$1.25. Animal Figures, 10c to 50c. Flower Holders, 15c to 75c. Tobacco Boxes, 48c. Banks, 5c. Child's Tea Sets in box, 20c to 38c. Juvenile Tea Sets, large enough for actual use, per set, 98c to \$1.48. Cuspilores, \$1.18. Center Figures, 25c to \$1.18. Rose Jars, Japanese, \$1.38.

Glassware. Vases, 15c to 74c each. Powder box, gilt lid, 75c. Bohemian Glass Water Sets, \$1.48 to \$3.75. Hall Lamps, \$1.98. Hand Lamps, 45c to 75c. Flower Baskets, 15c. Engraved Blown Tumblers, per set, 50c. Fancy Tumblers, per set, 20c. Goblets, per set, 30c. Rose Bowls, 15c. Large assortment of Manicure and Pin Trays, Card Receivers, Vases, Salt and Pepper, Tooth Pick Stands, Puff Boxes, etc.

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