

The Ladies Store **BON TON** The Ladies Store

Our Great February Clearance Sale Starts Thursday, Feb. 1st, at 9:00 A. M.

Offering our entire stock of Suits, Coats, Dresses---400 Dresses, 100 Coat Suits, 250 Long Coats---in desirable and fashionable styles; all new goods, bought this season---latest styles and best materials.

All Goods Will be Marked at One-Half the Original Price !!!

Children's Goods

Everything in Children's Ready-to-Wear will be sold at slaughtering prices. A lot of Children's School and Wash Dresses, all kinds of House Dresses for Ladies will be sold for less than you can buy the cloth and make them at home.

\$1.00---Think Of It!

Any Hat in our Store will be sold for \$1.00. These Hats sold from \$3.00 to \$15.00. Any lady, after examining these Hats, saying that they are not worth the price will be given one free.

All Goods will be sold for CASH ONLY during this sale.

Ladies' Goods

Anything wanted in Ladies' Goods---such as Hose, Summer Underwear, Muslin Underwear, white Underwear, etc., can be found on the sale.

Ladies' Waists

in Silk, Crepe de Chine and other good materials from 98 cents up.

Don't Forget

the day and date---THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, and will last TEN DAYS ONLY.

Look! Look!!

Whether you intend to buy or not it will pay you to visit this Store and see how goods can be slaughtered. We do this to make room for our Big Spring and Summer Stock, which will be coming in soon.

Don't Buy

your Spring and Summer Goods until you see the line of the BON TON---the recognized Style Center for ladies' Ready-to-Wear and Millinery.

Hundreds of other articles not mentioned in this ad will be put on sale.

BON TON, THE LADIES STORE Smithfield, N. C.

TOM LAWSON IS "ROMANCING."

Witness White Says He Never Told Lawson That Fisk Could Call McAdoo From Bed at 1:30 A. M.

New York, Jan. 29.—Some of the most sensational charges Thomas W. Lawson made in testifying recently in the house rules committee "leak" investigation were vehemently denied today by Pliny Fisk and Archibald S. White, two widely known New York financiers, when they appeared here before the congressional inquirers.

Fisk, named by Lawson as the banker member of an alleged trio composed of a cabinet member, Secretary McAdoo, a member of Congress, known as "Senator O," and a in Wall street, declared emphatically that no such combination ever existed.

White, who was declared by Lawson to have told him that Fisk had boasted to him that he controlled Secretary McAdoo, and had offered to call the secretary from his bed by telephone at 1:30 o'clock in the morning to prove his assertion, insisted that Lawson was "romancing."

As a result of these denials, committee members tonight expressed belief that the length of the hearings here had been shortened materially. Some said they would close within three or four days, if unexpected developments do not arise. Examination of certain stock exchange records for 13 days preceding the sending of the President's peace note, of several bankers and brokers regarding general financial conditions during this period, and further examination of Barney Baruch, a heavy "short" seller, "and a few minor witnesses," is expected to bring the end here. The committee now is intent on bringing the inquiry to a close with an investigation only of the alleged peace note "leak."

The name of Count von Bernstorff was again brought into the inquiry today in questions put to White, but with what purpose was not made known. Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the committee, wanted to know if just prior to the publication of the President's note, White had arranged a meeting between the German ambassador and Lawson. White after saying that he had frequently entertained von Bernstorff at his home here, and they were friends of long standing, testified that Lawson had sought to have him arrange a meet-

ing with the ambassador, but that the request had been made at least a year and a half ago. White said he did not arrange the meeting and did not know whether it ever took place.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OFFICERS.

Chosen at the Annual Meeting of N. C. Methodist Women in Wilmington.

(Wilmington Star, 26.)

Officers for the ensuing year were elected yesterday afternoon by the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, which is in session at Grace church in Wilmington. The annual convention of the organization will adjourn tonight.

The society unanimously adopted the report of the committee on nominations yesterday afternoon for the officers of the organization for the ensuing year. They are as follows: President—Miss Nettie Allen, of Henderson.

First Vice President—Miss Elizabeth Lamb, of Fayetteville.

Second Vice President—Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, of Louisburg.

Superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity—Mrs. T. A. Person, Greenville.

Superintendent of Social Service—Mrs. Walter Patten, of Chapel Hill.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. J. Boney, of Rose Hill.

Recording Secretary—Miss May Edla Smith, of Gatesville.

Treasurer—Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, of Selma.

Superintendent of Supplies—Mrs. I. T. Wilkins, of Weldon.

Superintendent of Literature—Mrs. E. L. Hart, of Wilmington.

Editor of Advocate Page—Mrs. V. Royster, of Raleigh.

Agricultural Extension Service.

County Agents of the Agricultural Extension Service held 2,239 meetings of their own during the past year. They addressed over 3,272, with a total of 1,838,352 people in attendance. They held 644 meetings in the fields, with an attendance of 13,733 people. They visited 30,017 demonstrators, 10,275 co-operators, 23,493 other farmers, 5,324 business men, and 16,323 boys' and girls' club members.

—Farm Extension News.
By a vote of 45 to 15 the Senate has refused to abolish the nine United States Sub Treasuries.

COTTON SHOWS UPWARD TREND

After Recent Sharp Break, Rally Seemed Natural. Expansion In Exports.

Having declined rapidly, and with little interruption, for about a fortnight, it was not strange that cotton should have displayed rallying tendencies this week. Yet before the recovery set in prices had dropped back to practically the low levels touched on the December slump, which means that there has recently been a loss of approximately \$12 a bale. The liquidating movement was still in evidence on Monday, following the further sharp break of last Saturday, and the pressure was sufficiently heavy to uncover more stop orders, selling by the bearish contingent accentuating the depression. Nervousness and uncertainty regarding foreign affairs, intensified by early developments at Washington, did not help the market, and before the decline was arrested the May delivery had fallen to 16.55 cents and July to 16.50 cents. These about represent the figures reached on the drastic shakedown during December and traders were wary of following the short side further, especially as the recent setback obviously strengthened the technical position. No one, therefore, found the subsequent improvement surprising and larger exports than expected helped in the recovery, which carried quotations over \$3 above the bottom point on Monday.

Temporary support was derived in the early trading from the report of the Census Bureau on the ginning to January 16. This showed a total of 11,147,118 bales, which was smaller than some people had forecasted, and the ginning from January 1 to January 16 was the lightest in many years, being only 101,767 bales. A year ago it was 115,212 bales for the same period; in 1915 the amount was 472,404 and in 1914 it was 234,315 bales. In 1909, when the crop was only about 10,500,000 bales, the quantity ginned from January 1 to January 16 was 141,000 bales. The aggregate thus far reported this season, 11,147,118 bales, compares with 10,751,990 in the previous year, 14,915,850 in 1915 and 13,582,036 in 1914, and some now think that the government rather overestimated the probable yield in December, when it placed it at 11,511,000 bales, excluding linters.—Dun's Review, 27th.

MRS. R. W. GRIMES TESTIFIES.

Robersonville, N. C., January 22nd, 1917. Person Remedy Company, Charlotte, N. C.

Gentlemen: Some time ago I was attacked with a serious spell of Typhoid Fever, which left me in a very weak condition and effected by limbs. We decided it had resulted in white swelling. Every remedy we could think of was used, but to no effect. My suffering was great and I had to go on crutches. At last we were induced to try Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy, after suffering for two years, and the result was marvelous. After taking eight bottles I was entirely cured, and have never had a symptom of trouble since. My faith in Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy is great and I would advise all sufferers to give it a trial and be convinced as I have.

(Signed) MRS. R. W. GRIMES. Among the best anywhere as a blood tonic and general tonic. Ask your druggist—CREECH DRUG CO., or HOOD BROS. Advt.

FARM FOR RENT.

At the Waddell place near the Ivanhoe Cotton Mills, at Smithfield, we have for rent a good one-horse farm. Good four-room house and outhouses. Besides this farm, we have some land to rent to farmers living near there who need more land. On Smithfield and Selma road. See ALBERT NOBLE or J. M. BEATY. Smithfield, N. C.

FOR SALE—I HAVE A SOW AND

pigs and 18 nice shoats. Call on or write, J. H. Whitley, Smithfield N. C., Route No. 1.

WOMAN ALL RUN DOWN

Made Strong and Well By Vinol
Waynesboro, Pa.—"I was all run down after a hard spell of bronchitis so it was hard for me to keep about. I had pains in my chest and took cold easily. A friend asked me to try Vinol. I did, and it built me up so I am strong and well and I am able to do my housework which I had not done for three months before taking Vinol."—Mrs. Y. R. Hornbourn, Waynesboro, Pa.
Vinol creates an appetite, aids digestion, makes pure blood and creates strength. Your money back if it fails.

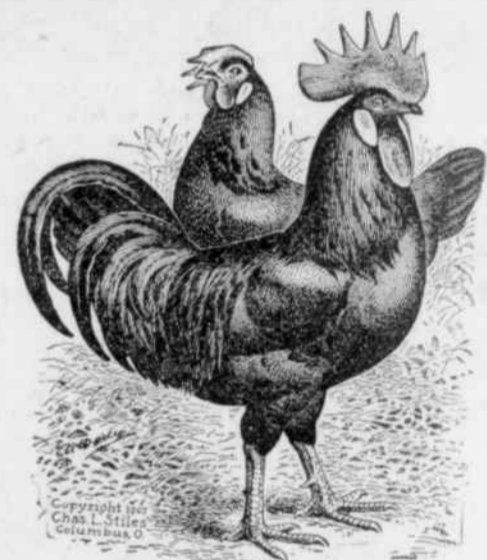
HOOD BROS., Druggists, Smithfield, N. C.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Johnston County in a special proceeding entitled J. E. Lee, Lucy Adams, et als, vs. N. E. Lee, et als, said judgment entered on January 29, 1917, the undersigned will sell at public auction for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Smithfield, N. C., at 12:00 M., on Monday, the 5th day of March, 1917, the following described tract of land, to-wit: That tract of land lying in Ingrams township, Johnston County, N. C., adjoining the lands of W. R. Tool and others. It being the 40 acres of land left by Martha E. Lee, on the South side of Hannah's Creek. The timber will be first sold with 6 months to remove same, then land sold, then the land and timber will all be sold together and the sale that brings the most money will be the sale which will be accepted. This 29th day of January, 1917. CHAS. C. LEE, Commissioner.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Wiley Batten, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 26th day of January, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 26th day of January, 1917. M. P. BATTEN, Administrator.



If it is the heavy layers of large white-shelled Eggs the year around you wish, then secure Single Comb Black Minorcas.

My birds won first prize at Johnston County Fair.

Eggs per 13,..... \$1.25

H. E. EARP

Selma, N. C.

AT OUR PLANTATION THREE miles northeast of Princeton, we have two two-horse farms for rent. Tobacco barns, pack-houses and good farm implements. Will furnish team or rent to parties having team. J. T. Edgerton & Brother, Kenly, N. C.

Maud Powell

LISTEN to MAUD POWELL'S violin. If you want to be transported to a heaven of delight by the pathos of a simple sweet song,—if you want to feel the uplift which an evening of aesthetic enjoyment gives,—or if you want to feel a thrill of patriotism because a great, modest, unaffected, true and vibrant talent has been born in the Western Hemisphere, in short, if you want to find out how much can be got out of a fiddle, go—listen to MAUDE POWELL, World-Famed Violinist at the

Raleigh Auditorium, Tuesday Feb. 6th, 8:30 P. M.

Auspices the Raleigh Public School Teachers.

PRICES:
Arena \$1.50 and \$1.00 Dress Circle 75c and \$1.00 Balcony 50c
Mail orders accompanied by money orders or national bank check may be addressed to R. H. MERRITT, Raleigh, N. C.