

THE BIG FEBRUARY SALE

At The Davis Stores

Will Positively Close Saturday night, March 2nd, at 12 o'clock.

During this, our last week, we are going to bury the price-cutting knife still deeper into the prices of all goods remaining in our stores---We are selling cotton goods cheaper than the manufacturer's cost price today--but we bought these goods before the great advance in prices and are selling them cheaper than we can buy them today. We positively sell you cotton goods at your own price.

We are having one of the best sales we have ever had--Why? Because we are undoubtedly selling goods cheaper than any merchant in this section can buy them.

Hundreds Have Taken Advantage of This Marvelous Price Cutting Sale

Now we are looking for the biggest week this week in the history of our sale--We are anxious for you to visit us during this great event--We want you to have your share of the bargains--Come today--Don't Delay--The Sale is now going on--But next week will be too late. Come!

The Davis Department Stores

SMITHFIELD, N. C.

Look For the Big Banner in Front of Our Stores.

FORTY-FOUR PERSONS WERE SAVED FROM THE FLORIZEL.

New York, Feb. 25.—Seventeen passengers and 27 members of the crew of the Red Cross line steamship Florizel, wrecked near Camp Race, have been taken off by rescue ships. They are the sole survivors out of the 136 on board when the ship struck the rocks. The Florizel carried 77 passengers and a crew of 59, according to official advices received here by Browning and company, agents of the line. If these figures are correct the death list would stand at 92.

Wheatless Weeks.

And now they are talking of wheatless weeks instead of wheatless days. Well, why not? If the allies across the sea are suffering for want of flour it is manifestly up to those of us who are not going to the trenches to give up all the wheat we can. Flour bread is not essential to our lives—because we have other things in abundance. It may be a little out of the ordinary to cut out flour, but it is also out of the ordinary for an American citizen to go to foreign lands to fight. It is a world war, and all of us must help win it. Cut out anything and everything to win the day. The folks at home can subsist on corn pone and should gladly cut out their wheat if it will bring health and comfort to those enlisted in battle.—Fairbrother's Everything.

2,500,000 Draft Reserves.

Washington, February 21.—Nearly 2,500,000 perfectly fit men will form America's first line of draft reserves, Provost Marshal General Crowder's office estimated today.

This represents the approximate number of draft registrants of Class 1 that will be found fit for military duty as a result of the questionnaire system. It is about 500,000 more than the original estimate of General Crowder.

Although the exact figures are not yet available, officials stated the total number of Class 1 men will be approximately 3,116,000. The percentage of physical disqualification is estimated at not more than 20 per cent and probably less because of the recent lowering of physical requirements. The percentage of 20 per cent would mean that about 620,000 would be rejected, thus bringing the number of available men down to 2,496,000.

Wheat and the Farmer.

New York World. Bills pending in Congress exempt farmers from the draft, as they are already exempted from laws against the hoarding of food, and fix the price of wheat in primary markets variously at \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3 a bushel. Yet many of our statesmen who assume to speak for the yeomanry talk very glibly against profiteering.

When government undertakes to set a price upon coal, steel or sugar it hears the arguments of the producers of these commodities, but it makes them show their books. In this way actual costs are made known and reasonable profits are established. Whoever heard of such a test as applied to agriculture?

For more than a generation antedating this war dollar wheat in his bins was the ideal of the American farmer. By an executive order authorized by Congress last year the price of wheat in the Chicago market was fixed until July 1 next at \$2.20 a bushel. This means \$3 wheat, approximately, for the principal grain-growers of the West, provided they produce a grade that will pass inspection, which many of them do not.

During all the years of Civil War, when greenback inflation was rampant, wheat only occasionally brought more than \$2 a bushel in the Chicago market. Why should it command a higher price in gold today?

Smart Boys.

The schoolmaster was giving the boys a lecture on thrift and pointed out how the squirrels stored up nuts for the winter. Then he asked for another illustration of thrift in animals, and on boy cried out:

"A dog!"

"A dog! In what way does a dog practice economy?"

"Please, sir, when he runs after his tail he makes both ends meet."

The master laughed, and another boy said:

"A bear."

"Well, what does the bear do?"

"He makes one coat last him for a lifetime."—Minneapolis Tribune.

During the last few weeks Maurice and Augustus Tapley, ages seven and eight, of Jackson, Me., have sawed four cords of wood.

POTASH—WE HAVE IT. COME quick. Austin-Stephenson Co.

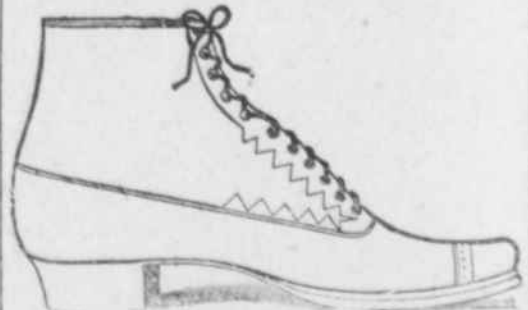
No Price Fixing on Farm Products.

Washington, Feb. 25.—General price fixing on agricultural products is not a part of the policy of the food administration and will not be attempted, Food Administrator Hoover said tonight, in a statement designed to reassure farmers apprehensive that the government might set maximum prices on what they have to sell.

Cosmopolitan America.

When the roll of the new draft army is called the sergeants will shout the names of Schmidt, Schmitz and Smith; of McGinty, O'Connell, Murphy and O'Neill; of Swanson, Hanson, Peterson and Rasmussen; of Lissckattos, Gourass and Popadopoulos; of Sorloff, Dhematioff and Sosnowski; of Carlesi, Bianchi, Anguilli and Depaoli; of Simbalbenko, Serresegue, Muhoberac and Kanase, as well as of Hay, Allen, Culter, Robinson and Butler. Every civilized nation in the world has contributed to this feast of names. Could each one be traced to its roots half the history of the common people of the world would be in it. Each one, somewhere, is the homeliest and most familiar of syllables. The Slav may hesitate over the proper pronunciation of Jones, but he makes Kommenovich sound more musical than Boggs. These names are the signature of cosmopolitan America. In them is her history and her hope.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Smithfield Shoe HOSPITAL



J. W. PHILLIPS, Manager.

I am ready now to serve the public who have sick shoes on short order. I will have with me this week a first class shoe man from Salisbury. Bring your shoes to me and have them repaired with the best leather and with the best workmanship.

J. W. Phillips, Smithfield, N. C.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

SHOES AND DRY GOODS AT Selma Supply Company.

SEVERAL VOLUMES OF RILEY'S Poems just received. Herald Book Store.

SEE US FOR YOUR POULTRY wire to fence that garden. Selma Supply Co.

800 SACKS RED DOG. COME quick. Austin-Stephenson Co.

MULES. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a shipment of nice, good-weighted, well-broke mules. Come look them over. Roberts-Atkinson Company, Selma, N. C.

IF YOU WANT CEMENT SEE THE Smithfield Hardware Company.

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FERTILIZER FOR ALL CROPS Now on hand. Get our prices. Roberts-Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

THE BUYER FOR THE DAVIS Stores is now on the Northern markets, buying a large stock of early spring and summer millinery for The Davis Stores, Smithfield, N. C.

EGGS FOR HATCHING FROM Prize Winning Buff Orpington—13 for one dollar. See or write J. W. Setzer, Smithfield, N. C.

FRESH JERSEY COWS FOR SALE. E. F. Boyett, Smithfield, N. C.

WANTED—TWO GOOD HANDS for saw mill and team driving. Good wages. House rent free with one acre of ground and use of team to plow same. Call on or write W. E. Parker, Atkinson's Mill—Luneford, N. C.

SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY YOUR farm implements and harness. Smithfield Hardware Company.

TWO CAR LOADS OF ASPHALT roofing just received. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.

THE SMITHFIELD BUILDING & Loan Association has helped a number of people to build homes. It will help others, and maybe you. New series of shares now open. See Mr. J. J. Broadhurst.

A FEW LITTLE DUTCH SULKY Plows that we can save you money on. Austin-Stephenson Company.

FOR SALE—THOROUGH BRED Barred Plymouth Rock Hens and Cockerels, also Ekks for setting. Mrs. W. L. Woodall.

JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOAD OF good Mattresses. Austin-Stephenson Company.

BUY YOUR ACID AND COTTON seed meal from the Cotter-Underwood Company, Smithfield. Full supply now on hand.

TWO CAR LOADS POCAHONTAS lump coal just received. W. M. Sanders, Smithfield, N. C.

COTTON, CORN, PEAS OR ANY other country produce you have for sale we will pay you top prices cash or in trade. Roberts-Atkinson Co., Inc., Selma, N. C.

KEROSENE ENGINES—CHEAPEST power to be had. We can furnish you any horse power, to run your mill, gin or anything where power is required. Roberts-Atkinson Co., Inc., Selma, N. C.

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WE SELL THE NEW WAY AIR Cooled Gasoline Engine. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield.

LABOR IS SCARCE AND HIGHLY improved farm machinery overcomes these, infact, with the laborers taken away, its the only possible chance to supply the demand for farm product. Come see our lines and let us show you what can be done with them. Roberts-Atkinson Co., Inc., Selma, N. C.

ANOTHER CAR HEART CEDAR Shingles just received. Cotter Hardware Co.

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I LOST RECENTLY A MEDAL locket marked on one side F. W. B. T. S., May 22nd, 1913, and on the other side S. H. S. Reward will be paid for information leading to its recovery. (Rev.) S. H. Styrone, Pine Level, N. C.

WANTED.

White men between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one to operate machines in Tobacco Factory. Good wages. Come at once.

BLACKWELL'S DURHAM BRANCH, Durham, N. C.

MULE STRAYED.

On Saturday, February 16, we had four mules to arrive at Kenly, shipped from Fayetteville. In unloading one of them got away—A mare mule four years old, color between a bay and red, with shipping shoes on and a halter. Will weigh about 800 pounds. Liberal reward to any one letting us know as to her whereabouts. Wiley Narron & Sons Co., Kenly, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

WANTED.

Young colored men and women for work in Tobacco Factory. Good wages. Pleasant surroundings. Come at once.

BLACKWELL'S DURHAM BRANCH, Durham, N. C.

NOTICE—SALE OF TOWN LOT.

By virtue of authority contained in a mortgage deed executed by James A. Pierce and Ora Pierce to the undersigned on February 26th, 1917 and recorded in Book No. 37, page 205 of Johnston County, I will on March 29th, 1918, expose for sale to the highest bidder a lot of land situate in the town of Kenly, N. C., and described as follows:

Being lot No. 8 in block No. 2 in the J. T. Revell plot. Size of lot 50 feet by 150 feet, fronting 50 feet on Tilghmon Street, and further known as part of the Jesse Kirby land. This Feb. 25th, 1918.

WILEY H. HOWELL, Mortgagee.