



FRUIT STORE OF N. S. TRAKAS

N. S. TRAKAS & COMPANY.
Wholesale Fruits.

It is by no means to be wondered at that the natives of classic and sunny Greece, should take naturally to the business of handling tropical and semi-tropical fruits, for theirs is a country which has from time immemorial been famous for its orchards and its vineyards, and a large portion of the population are engaged in cultivating them. Many of the Greeks who come to this country to make their home find dealing in fruit profitable, for they understand the business as do few other people. Gastonia has for several years been the center of a large wholesale as well as retail fruit trade, and no firm has done more to foster and encourage the trade than has the firm of N. S. Trakas & Company, whose wholesale establishment is located at 226 Main street. This business was only established in 1908, but the four years it has been in existence have been years of progress, and the firm now has one of the most extensive establishments in this part of the Carolinas. A trade has been built up in all the neighboring towns, such as Bessemer, Belmont, Kings Mountain, Lowell, and others, which is rapidly increasing and a wholesale house and three retail stores are also located at Spartanburg. A retail store is also maintained at 211 west Main street, opposite the postoffice. There is a branch at Asheville, and the firm is interested in the Southern Fruit Company at Charlotte. All kinds of tropical fruits, such as oranges, lemons, limes and grape fruit are handled in car load lots, and an immense trade is also carried on in grapes and domestic fruits. The firm also handles confectionery, cigars and tobacco, at retail. Mr. N. S. Trakas, the senior member of the firm, came to this country about 12 years ago, and has been in the business ever since with his brother, Mr. A. S. Trakas and E. O. Frierson.

as stationery and notions. He is a native of Beyruth, Syria, where he was born 25 years ago. Upon landing in New York he came directly to Charlotte, where his brother Ikiel was, and still is in business, and started on his own account. Four years ago he determined to locate here where he has been most successful.

R. W. EDWARDS.

Groceries, Shoes and Notions.

When a merchant has successfully conducted his business for the space



R. W. EDWARDS' STORE

of 13 years, no better evidence need be adduced to prove that his methods have been fair and square. This is the record held by Mr. R. W. Edwards, dealer in groceries, shoes and notions, at 115 South street, nearly opposite the city hall. Mr. Edwards has one

years, and during that brief time has made a great success. The establishment is the very best place of its kind in this part of North Carolina, and is 30x100 feet and covering 3,000 square feet of floor space, which is cooled by electric fans that generate a most delightful Coney Island breeze. The

METROPOLITAN CAFE

Charles Pritsolas, Prop.

"Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," is an old adage, and the motto of many who love the good things of life, and to such a person a well-furnished, homelike restaurant, where the cooking is of the best, the food fresh and pure, the service first-class, and the prices reasonable, is very attractive. As every one knows who has had any experience with restaurants, this is a combination hard to find; it takes a born restauranter to bring it about, and that is what Mr. Charles Pritsolas, the proprietor of the Metropolitan Cafe, has proved himself to be, to his regular patrons as well as to the traveling public. Mr. Pritsolas' establishment is at 127 Main avenue, and he has as customers the most discriminating people of this section. He gives his personal attention to every detail, and makes it a point to always have the very finest that can be bought; he has had long experience in the business, and knows when he is getting the best and will have nothing else. The first impression one has upon entering this restaurant is the air of cleanliness that pervades the whole place. The table cloths are snowy, the napery immaculate, the cutlery shines and the service leaves nothing to be desired. Mr. Pritsolas has conducted the restaurant for 3

a \$2.25 ticket for \$2.00; and a \$1.10 ticket for \$1.00. Mr. Pritsolas, the young and progressive proprietor, is a native of ancient Greece, which in the days of old was noted as the home of Cato and other great philosophers and its famous school of learning. Mr. Pritsolas, after spending a short time in Constantinople, set sail for the New World, and after landing in New York went to Lynchburg, Va., where he was employed in the cafe of his brother George. In his restaurant here Mr. Pritsolas is ably assisted by his cousin, Mr. James Kappas, a young man who thoroughly understands the business and is possessed of many sterling qualities.

CITY CAFE.

F. F. Rhyne, Proprietor.

Few cities of the size of Gastonia have a first-class restaurant where reasonable prices are charged, and food is served a la carte at any time during the day and until a reasonably late hour at night. Travelers have to depend on hotels and boarding houses where meals are served only at certain hours, and residents who are detained down town or families who do not wish to take the trouble to prepare a meal have either to go without or be content with a cold lunch bought at a grocery or delicatessen store. In this

CURRY'S STUDIO.

Artistic Photography.

Photography during the last decade has reached a stage of perfection that could scarcely have been dreamed of by Daguerre, the clever Frenchman, who invented the art so many years ago. It was never so popular as it is at the present time, probably because never before has it been possible to produce such artistic pictures as are now produced and at such reasonable cost. The people of this city and section are to be congratulated upon having here an institution equipped like Curry's Studio, located at 111 1/2 Main street, on the second floor. This studio produces pictures quite as good as those of many of the most celebrated photographers of the country who charge the most exorbitant prices. Much of the splendid work done there is reproduced in this issue of the Gaston Progress, but as good as it is the printed page can give but a faint idea of the original. The studio is equipped to do every class of high grade work, both indoor and out, including life size portraits, places of business, churches and private residences. It has as its patrons the most discriminating people of Gastonia and this entire section, and has a large patronage among the people of neighboring towns including Charlotte and Spartanburg. Mrs. M. H. Curry is the proprietress of the studio, having purchased it about 18 months ago from John Green, who conducted the establishment for a number of years. Mrs. Curry is a daughter of the late Capt. J. Q. Holland, a Confederate veteran, and one of the most prominent and respectful citizens of Gastonia. She is a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The assistant is Mr. John T. Gilbert, an expert with the camera, and a man who thoroughly understands his busi-



STORE OF W. T. ADAMS

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Groceries and Seed.

In the absence of any central market the people of Gastonia are dependent upon the grocers to supply them with both groceries, provisions and vegetables, and as a natural consequence stores of this kind are more numerous here than they are in many communities. There is also keen competition, and this serves to keep the standard high, all of which rebounds to the benefit of both the merchant and his customers. Among the leading grocers of the city none takes higher rank than does Mr. W. T. Adams, whose attractive establishment is located at 117 South street. His place is conveniently located near the center of the most popular section of Gastonia, but his trade is confined to no particular locality and extends throughout this city and section. Mr. Adams has only been in business since February, but during this short period he has built up a trade as that which other merchants have striven for a long time and yet failed to get. This is because his goods are always fresh and pure, coming from the best manufacturers only and his produce brought in directly from the neighboring farms without being handled by middlemen and commission merchants. Mr. Adams also has a hardware department in connection with his establishment which has proved to be popular with his customers and his stock of seeds is one of the largest and most select to be found in the city. His store at 117 South street, fronting 30 feet on that thoroughfare is clean, sanitary and well ventilated, a good illustration of which a high class, modern grocery establishment should be. Mr. Adams is a native of Gaston county.

as in many other things, Gastonia is in the lead, for located here is the City Cafe of which Mr. F. F. Rhyne is the popular and progressive proprietor. His restaurant under Lebowetz Department Store, is most modern in all its appointments, and would be a credit to any city many times the size of this. Here a good meal can always be ordered cooked to suit the palate of the most fastidious epicure. Anything from a couple of eggs to a delicious steak will be cooked to your order in a few minutes, or a cold luncheon can be procured more quickly. The only cheap thing about the place are the prices and the customer cannot wonder how excellent food served by polite and experienced waiters and prepared by a high-class chef, can be furnished at the low prices charged. The margin of profit must be small, but if the patronage is large, success is bound to come, and has in great measure. There is a large floating population in Gastonia, strangers who have heard of its phenomenal growth, who come here seeking employment or investment,



JOHN T. GILBERT

ness. He is daily producing work that will compare most favorably with that of any photographic artist in the country. He loves his work and his



J. NORMAN'S FRUIT STORE

J. NORMAN.

Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Cigars and Tobacco.

For some reason the native born American has never made a success in dealing in tropical fruits, and with few exceptions all their ventures have failed. They cannot adapt themselves to the business, but on the other hand the foreigner fresh from his native land, and in a strange country, among strange people, rarely makes a failure. This is illustrated in the case of Mr. Jim Norman, one of the most enterprising and successful fruit dealers in Gastonia. His store on Main street is patronized by the most particular and discriminating people of this city and section and during the four years he has been in business here he has succeeded by energy, industry and straightforward dealing in building up a splendid trade. His fruits are always fresh and well kept and the establishment is one of the most attractive in the city. Mr. Norman also carries a full line of the best cigars, cigarettes, chewing and smoking tobacco, and smokers supplies, as well

of the most popular and attractive stores in Gastonia and his trade is not confined to the city, but extends to a radius of many miles in the country, where he has a host of friends. Fronting 30 feet on South street near Main street, it runs back a distance of 90 feet, giving him a floor space of 2,700 square feet in which to display the immense stock of groceries, provisions, produce, shoes, crockery, glass ware, notions, and everything kept in a high class general store. He has in fact a department store in the making, and if his business continues to grow as it has been during the last few years, he will soon have to seek larger quarters. Mr. Edwards has been connected with a general store all his business life. He came here from Rock Hill, S. C., about 13 years ago to make his home.

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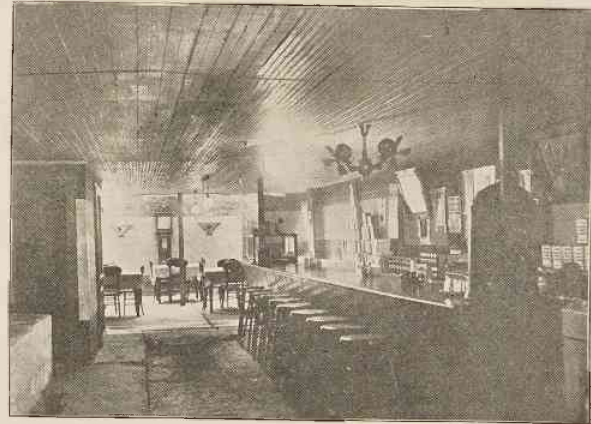
METROPOLITAN CAFE

best of everything in season can be had at short notice, and a specialty is made of quick lunches for busy people. Commutation tickets may be had at the following rate, which is most reasonable: A \$3.50 ticket for \$3.00;

Patronize the people whose writings you find in this edition, for they are the ones who have shown a desire to do something for the welfare and advancement of Gastonia.



INTERIOR METROPOLITAN CAFE



THE CITY CAFE

and these, of course, help to fill the tables, but even without these the City Cafe would be a success for Mr. Rhyne has, by giving the people their money's worth, already built up a large and constantly increasing trade. Mr. Rhyne is a native of Dallas, the old county seat of Gaston, and successfully run a restaurant at Spartanburg, S. C., before selling out and coming here to make his home about eight months ago. He thoroughly understands his business and has gathered about him an excellent staff who are loyal to his interests.

Dead men never advertise except on their tombstones.

Antiques

I have some excellent Antiques that I will sell at a great sacrifice—many from the former landed estates of the Old Dominion—Mahogany Tables, Sofas, Chairs, Etc.

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J. WILEY CARROLL, Chief of Police.