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SECOND FALL STOCK,
 OF
BOOTS AND SHOES.
 OUR MR FORBES has just returned from the Northern Markets, and we are now carrying our Second Fall Stock of **BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER,** which is fully complete in every Department, and will be sold at prices that defy competition.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
 MERCHANTS are especially requested to examine our Stock before purchase.

WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD.
SMITH & FORBES,
 NEW IRON FRONT BUILDING, TRADE STREET,
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NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY!

WE OFFER OUR LARGE STOCK OF WELL SELECTED GOODS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES during the Holidays. Our Goods are fresh from the Manufacturer. No old stock or shoddy goods. We do strictly a

BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS,
 And will sell goods cheaper than any Dry Goods House in Charlotte. We keep no mixed stock, but do a legitimate business.
 A splendid Stock of Ladies' and Gents' Traveling Bags, at very low prices. Our Stock of

HAT AT COST TO CLOSE OUT.
 CALL AND EXAMINE THESE ELEGANT GOODS.

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 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

All accounts due us must be paid by January 1st. We need the money and hope those who owe us will call and settle.

Burgess Nichols & Co.,
WHOLESALE & RETAIL

DEALERS IN

FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c.,
 No. 5 West Trade Street,
 CHARLOTTE, N. C.

JUST RECEIVED.
 A FULL ASSORTMENT
 OF
 Parlor Suits, in Hair Cloth,
 Terry and Reps. Also a new
 Supply of Lounges, all grades
 Cofline on hand. A full assortment of Metallic Cases, Caskets and Wood

NEW GOODS,

JUST RECEIVED AT THE

CENTRAL HOTEL STORE!

MOTTO, NOTTO, NOTTO, ONLY 12 1/2 CENTS EACH: WHITE JAVA CANVAS,
 only 50 cents a yard; Gilt and Silver Card Boards; Black and White Berlin Worsteds,
 only 12 1/2 cents oz; All High Colors Berlin Worsteds, only 15 cents oz; Black and White
 Split Zephyr, at 18 cents oz; All High Colors Sp. in Zephyr, at 18 cents oz; Shaded Em-
 broidered Silks, 8 cents per skein; Large Stock Real Hair Switches, best quality, only
 \$1.50 each; New Stock of Combs, at very low prices; Large Stock of Latest Styles Pearl
 Hair Pins, Bands and Ladies' Necklaces.

Woolen Fringes for Dresses, Best Quality, Only Ten Cents a Yard.

PLAIN BLACK WATER PROOF GOODS, only One Dollar per yard; PLAIN NAVY
 BLUE WATER PROOF GOODS, only One Dollar and Fifteen cents per yard; An Im-
 mense Stock of Ladies' Silk Scarfs, at 10 cents each; a beautiful article of Kid Gloves,
 2 buttons, only 75 cents per pair; Fine Lace Handkerchiefs, from 90 cents to \$5 each;
 very fine Hemmed Stitched Handkerchiefs, only 25 cents each; a nice lot of
 Handkerchiefs, only 5 cents each; Embroidered Toilet Sets, only \$1 (a great bargain);
 Handsome Black Gros Grain Silks for Dresses, only \$1.50 per yard; Best Plaid Water
 Proof, only \$1.25 per yard; Latest Styles of Ladies' Linen Embroidered Collars, at 10
 cents each; new variety of Tucking Combs, at 6, 30 and 60 cents; Splendid Stock of
 Ladies' Hosiery, only 25 cents per pair; Ladies' all Wool Merino Yarns, at \$1 each; Large Stock of
 Gros Grain Ribbons, 10 cents per yard; very fine Real Ostrich Tails, only 25 cents;
 Beautiful Stock of French Flowers, only 90 cents; Spool Silk, all colors, 100 yards; at
 10 cents a spool; best 60 cents Alpaca in this town; large lot of Corsets, only 70 cents
 each; Silk Dress Buttons all colors, only 10 cents per dozen; a well assorted Stock
 of Ladies' and Miscellaneous Furs, at extremely low prices; and a great many other goods too
 numerous to mention, which I promise to sell lower than any other house in town.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,
M. KOPPEL.

THE CITY.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.
 December 23rd, 1875.

On and after this date, mails will open and close in this office as follows:
 Northern, delivered 8.30 a. m., close 9.00 pm
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 Statesville, " " " 5.30 " " 9.00 pm

Money Order and Register hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
 R. E. McDONALD, P. M.
 Dec 21st

CITY BULLETIN.

The Lutheran church yard has been enclosed with palings.
 Messrs Ludwig & Fischesser will close their beer saloon on Christmas day. That's a queer idea.
 The inevitable Christmas tin horn is beginning to appear on the streets in anything else than a newness.
 There was one application to the City Marshal last evening, by a tramp, for sleeping quarters for the night.
 The North Carolina train was about an hour behind time last night but caught its Air-Line connection.
 Mr O W Badger is making arrangements to open a bar and billiard saloon in the front part of the restaurant of Mrs H F Daniels.
 The platform is crowded with cotton, and there was hardly room on it for the five hundred and more bales which were added yesterday.
 The community seems to be getting on its good behavior for 'Christmas. There was a prevailing, plentiful lack, yesterday, of anything to write about.
 Windows were raised yesterday and last evening, with no sense of discomfort except that was produced by the dampness. Very remarkable month, this December.
 We hope our citizens will keep in mind the supper which is to be given to-night in the basement of Tryon Street; M E Church, and attend it in large numbers.
 Nelson Shipp, colored, raised in the sterile coating grounds of old Linkhorn, four bales of cotton on four acres and seven poles, without fertilizers except such as he made in his own stable. Bally for New!

Stealing a Show Case.
 Last evening a short time after dark, the show case of Mr Paul McKane, which was sitting in front of his boot and shoe shop on Tryon street, was stolen, with two pairs of boots, two pairs of shoes, a pair of gaiters and a pair of slippers which it contained. It was taken behind the shop and left, and the slippers with it, the thief making away with the boots, shoes, and gaiters. The stolen articles were not discovered last night, nor was the thief apprehended.

"Peach and Honey."
 Historic beverage! And on yesterday Messrs Elliott & Remley presented us with a quart of it. There are at least 30 songs in this quart, and not a single fight or headache. We never saw better peach brandy, and when it is good, it is about the best thing that the inventive genius of the children of men ever fell upon. Messrs E & R keep this and all other kinds of liquors in their purity, and therefore in better place in town to go to if you want to lay in a Christmas supply of the old enemy.

Society News.
 The next marriage of which Madam Rumor tells us, is to take place early in January.
 A party complimentary to Col and Mrs J M White, of Fort Mill, S. C., took place last evening at the hospitable residence of Col T H Breen.
 The first hop of the holiday season takes place to-morrow night at the residence of Col W E Myers, under the auspices of the Juvenile Hop Club.
 A number of young ladies from abroad, will spend the Christmas holidays in this city. *See also* hops.

The Race Yesterday Afternoon.
 There was not a very large crowd at Carolina Park, yesterday afternoon, to witness the race which had been advertised to take place, but enough were there to make the occasion interesting; and some money changed hands on the result. The contestants were Farris, b. m. Eliza Hyatt, by Bay Dick, dam by John Blount, and Walker's b. m. Idalia, by Red Dick, dam Regina. The race was 3 mile heats. Idalia was the favorite in the pools, but Hyatt won the first heat even after this, Idalia continued the favorite, but came in second on the second heat; also, time 58; first heat not timed. The race was for \$100 a side.

Attempt to Break Jail.
 We see from the Sun, that on Saturday night last, Randolph Sutton, the negro who was convicted of a burglary in this county and sentenced to be hanged on the 21st of January made an attempt to escape from jail at Concord. He succeeded in wrestling from its position one of the iron bars of the window to his cell and had another almost out, which would have given him liberty, when the quick ear of Deputy Sheriff Murr caught the sound of his work and Randolph was detected just as liberty seemed almost certain. He was removed to another cell where he was manacled and shackled he waits the dread doom of the broken law.

Musical Entertainment.
 We regret that business engagements prevented our accepting the kind invitation which had been tendered us to attend an entertainment, which was given on Tuesday night at the residence of J L Brothers, about three miles from the city, by the pupils composing Mrs Samuel Caldwell's music school. We understand that about 50 persons were present, several of these from the city. The scholars, we are told by a gentleman who was present, displayed great skill and rendered a delightful entertainment. We have heard Mrs Caldwell's musical abilities highly spoken of, and are prepared to believe all that is told us of the success of the entertainment of Tuesday night. We again express regret that the privilege of being present, was denied us.

Dispatch in the Delivery of Freight.
 In another column will be found an advertisement of the Carolina Central Dispatch Line, of which F W Clarke is general freight agent, and another of the "Clyde" Line of steamers, from Wilmington, of which A D Cazaux is the general agent. On Saturday the 18th, the Osceola had a lot of goods shipped at daylight, and the package, with that of some goods for several merchants in the city, was delivered in Charlotte inside of forty-eight hours, from New York. This freight was delivered quicker than has probably ever been known before, and the despatch of the line is worthy of the consideration of our merchants.

Business Yesterday.
 Yesterday was one of the best business days of the season. The receipts of cotton were very heavy, and business in other lines was correspondingly good. There was much more cotton brought to the city by wagon than has been during any previous day of the cotton year. At one time the line of loaded wagons extended from in front of the hardware store of Breen, Brown & Co., on Trade street, clear to the cotton platform. The cotton weighers were not able to see the end of the line until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Calme and Serenity.
 Charlotte was thronged with people on yesterday. There has not been such a crowd here since the last circus; and, strange to think it may seem, the reporter has not in 12 months experienced so much difficulty in gathering up items. There was absolutely nothing in the way of news. Business flowed on in its accustomed channels, and was voluminous, but aside from the general routine, there was nothing notable.

Burning of Gin Houses.
 The gin house of Messrs Nicholson and Porter, in Berryhill Township, about 4 miles from the city, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. Five bales of cotton, about 80 bushels of cotton seed, and a quantity of tools, were burned with the gin house. It was a public gin, and the fire is supposed to have originated from a match in the cotton. A new saw mill near by, came near sharing the fate of the gin house.
 On Tuesday, the gin house of Mr R J Kendrick, in the Steel Creek neighborhood, about 9 miles from the city was destroyed by fire. There were 20 bales of cotton in the gin house, and this was a total loss, as was also a quantity of lint cotton, cotton seed, &c. This fire is also supposed to have started from a match in the cotton, which was being ginned. We did not learn the probable loss in either case.

MARRIED.
 By Rev J F Butt, in the City of Charlotte on Wednesday, December 22, at 8 o'clock, P. M., Mr. George Holobough to Miss Harriet Besty, both of Charlotte.

SPECIAL NOTICES.
 "When the swallows homeward fly," then is the time when coughs and colds begin to appear. Dr Bull's Cough Syrup cures every case.

Nervous Debility.
VITAL WEAKNESS OR DEPRESSION:
 A weak exhausted feeling, no energy or courage; the result of mental over work, indiscretions or excesses, or some drain upon the system, is always cured by Humphreys' Homeopathic Specific No. 28. It tones up and invigorates the system, dispels the gloom and despondency, imparts strength and energy—stops the drain and rejuvenates the entire man. Been used twenty years with perfect success by thousands. Sold by dealers. Price \$1 per single vial, or \$5 per package of five vials and \$2 vial of powder. Sent by mail on receipt of price. Address: HUMPHREYS' HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE COMPANY, 563 Broadway, New York.
 See large Advertisement.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
 A regular meeting of Charlotte Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will be held in their Castle Hall, in the Temple Association Building, to-night. Prompt attendance of members desired. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order of the C. C., W. L. BOYD, K. R. & S.
 dec 23 1t

For Rent,
 A Small House in Mechanicsville, with four rooms, is for rent for the year 1876. Apply at once to W R BURWELL & CO.
 dec 23 1t

THESE ARE MILLIONS IN IT!
 In what? In buying of T Coleman & Son, who have just received another lot of those fine Richmond sausage, Sweet Florida Oranges. All kinds of Crackers, Oyster Crackers, Butter Crackers, Lemon Crackers, Sugar Jumbles, new crop Raisins, Fresh (these, &c., &c.)
 A few of those Dressed Turkeys left, also some live ones. Fresh Butter always on hand.
 T COLEMAN & SON.
 dec 23 4t

Boarders Wanted!
 THE undersigned would respectfully announce to the public that he is prepared to entertain transient, daily and permanent boarders with meals and lodging at very moderate figures.
 Liberal patronage solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed. MRS JOANNA BROWN, Over Crowell & Walker's, corner Church and Trade Streets.
 dec 23

THE CHEAPEST CLOAKS,
 AS THE UNITED STATES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL STORE

M. KOPPEL.

Ten Cent Column.
 Advertisements will be inserted in this column at the rate of ten (10) cents per line, for each insertion. No advertising matter taken for less than twenty-five cents. Eight words make a line.
 CARRIAGE—A good second hand two horse, close Carriage for sale cheap. A SHORTER CALDWELL.
 dec 23

SANTA CLAUS
 RESPECTFULLY informs the people of Charlotte that he is now at his old HEADQUARTERS,
 At Rebman's store on Tryon street, where can be found all sorts of good things for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
 Let old and young, rich and poor, come and get supplied while the good things last. I am determined to close out my entire stock by January 1st, and will sell goods regardless of cost for cash.
 F J REBMAN.
 dec 21

CLOSING OUT
 ACTUAL COST!
 HAVING determined to move on January 1st, and desirous of reducing my Stock of Goods (WHICH IS VERY LARGE), consisting of
CLOTHING,
 GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, DRY-GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES, I OFFER THEM AT
ACTUAL COST.
 This is NO HUMBUG, any one desiring to purchase can be convinced by calling on me. Respectfully,
 J MOYER,
 nov 24 Irwin's Corner, Trade St.

CHRISTMAS PRICES
 T. COLEMAN & SON,
 COLLEGE STREET, NEAR FOURTH.
 10 lbs Light Sugar, \$1.00
 Bacon, " " " 1.24
 Good Malted, " " " 50
 Coffee, 21.25
 Best Kerosene Oil, " " " 30
 Two boxes best Parlor Matches for 5
 Axes Grease, " " " 10
 Soda, " " " 10
 Candy, " " " 1.50
 Salt, (per sack) " " " 25
 Fresh Richmond Sausage always on hand.
 Tobacco, Pipes, Fresh, Salt and Sweet Snuff and everything to be found in the Grocery line, at prices which defy competition.
 Remember we mean what we say.
 T COLEMAN & SON.
 dec 17

We Mean What We Say!
 THE Proprietors of the OBSERVER will endeavor, within the next ten days, to collect all arrearages due them in the city. All those indebted to us are requested to call and settle or hand the funds promptly over to the collector, Mr W H A Brown, when he presents the bills.
 JONES & McDOWELL.
 dec 21

I Will Not Keep it Unless Good.
 YOU can buy from us "Peter Hanger" (pure goods) N. E. Kern, (the best and old) B. B. Brandy, Gin, Sherry, Port and other Wines—all pure as I can buy.
 J S WILLIAMSON.
 nov 21

TO THE PUBLIC.
 THE UNDERSIGNED ANNOUNCES TO the citizens of Charlotte and the public generally, that he has opened a
BOOT AND SHOE SHOP
 in the Springs Building, at D Austin's old stand, where he is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. Satisfaction guaranteed or no charge.
 S. M. GILBERT
 mar 6d

CHRISTMAS.

GOODS
 FOR THE
MILLION!!
SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.

PIGS FEET DRIED BEEF, BOLOGNA
 Sausage, Cream Cheese, all grades of Flour, Goshen Butter, Pickles in Barrels, Florida Oranges, Malaga Grapes, Fresh Lemons, large Coconuts, large Northern Apples, Nuts of every kind, Candies of all flavors, home made, California Peas, Prunes Canned Goods of every description, a large Stock of Groceries, Ground Peas at Wholesale and Retail, French Candies too numerous to mention, Miscellaneous Goods and Notions, Candy Toys, ORNAMENTED CAKES A SPECIALTY,
 Raisins, Currants, Citron, Figs, Shelled Almonds. We intend to offer Goods to suit the times. Our motto is quick sales and small profits. Come to

C. S. HOLTON & CO'S.
 dec 9

Fresh Cranberries.
FRESH CRANBERRIES, by the quart or bushel, at D M RIGLER'S.
 dec 22

Butter, Butter.
FRESH arrival of that Superior Virginia Butter, equal to any Goshen, at S S CARTER'S, Commission Store.
 dec 11

Ludwig & Fischesser's Saloon.
 THE PROPRIETOR establishment with their Select Stock RHINE WINE, & CHAMPAGNE, prices, Lianhawan for the Holidays, the customers open on Christmas
 dec 23

TOES OF THIS TO call attention to of Foreign WINES, SHERRY CLARET sold at Importers Oysters, expressly They wish to inform that they don't keep day.



cordially invited. By order of the C. C., W. L. BOYD, K. R. & S.
 dec 23 1t