

CHARLOTTE REAL ESTATE AGENCY.

Desiring to fill a long felt want in Charlotte, the undersigned have organized themselves into a

GENERAL LAND AGENCY,

For the purpose of buying, selling, leasing and renting real estate. Their operations will not be confined to the city of Charlotte, nor to the State of North Carolina, but all property placed within our management will be rented or sold, upon such terms, commissions and payments as may be agreed upon.

We will undertake to sell, lease or rent lands, houses and lots, make abstracts of titles, collect rents, make returns and pay taxes, effect mortgages, Ac., Ac., advertising all property placed under our management.

Free of Cost to the Seller,

For a stipulation previously agreed upon. Particular attention will be paid to the selling or leasing of mining property, which will be sold on commission only.

We are in correspondence now with a number of places in the North and West, who are seeking buyers in North Carolina, where the climate is moderate and the soil fertile. Persons having houses and lots or plantations for sale will serve their own interests by placing their business with

ROBT. E. COCHRANE, CHARLES R. JONES, B. E. COCHRANE, Manager, 107 N. 2nd Street, Charlotte, N. C.

The following described pieces of property are now for sale by the Charlotte Real Estate Agency, B. E. Cochrane, Manager, Office Trade Street, next Central, Charlotte, N. C.

(CITY.)

- 1 One dwelling house on B street, 7 rooms, closets in each room, well of good water, lot 9x100 feet, containing 1/2 acre. Price, \$2,500.
2 One dwelling on 5th street, 6 rooms, 1/2 acre, well of good water, lot 10x125, convenient to business. Price, \$1,700.
3 One dwelling on South Tryon street, adjoining Charles street, 6 rooms, 1/2 acre, well of good water, lot 10x125, convenient to business. Price, \$1,700.
4 One dwelling on corner of Myers and 3rd streets, 7 rooms, 2 room kitchen, bath room and closets, well of water; 2 lots, 1 fronting Myers street, 30x25, well of good water, well of good water, well of good water and stable on the latter. Price, \$2,200.
5 One dwelling on corner of Graham and 10th streets, 6 rooms, 1/2 acre, well of good water, lot 10x125, convenient to business. Price, \$1,700.
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LOOK ON OUR JOB COUNTER FOR CHEAP GOODS.

Ladies' and Children's Collars 5c. each. Ladies' and Misses' Linen Cuffs, 10c. per pair. Gents' Standing 4-Ply Linen Collars, 10c. Dress Goods from 5 to 11c., worth three times as much. We are having a big run on our

HAMBURGS AND TORCHONS.

Because they are cheap, and beautiful styles. Some Flannel Skirts and underwear very cheap. Ear Muffs at 25 cents per pair. A nice 44 Bleached Domestic, free of starch, at 8 1/2c. per yard. Big stock of Cotton Flannels very cheap,

Lace Curtains, Etc.

If you don't believe it come and see. A few pairs of Nice Blankets very cheap to close out.

HARGRAVES & ALEXANDER.

SMITH BUILDING.

Received To-day. Special Attraction. THIS FALL. Consisting of the Latest Styles.

TOILE DU NORDS, Boots and Shoes. Trunks, Valises, Traveling Bags.

Red Table Damask, Call Early, as the Stock is Limited.

An Elegant Stock. LACE CURTAINS. CURTAIN NETS, IN EVERY GRADE.

New Goods Arriving Almost Daily. Call and See Them. Very respectfully.

T. L. SEIGLE.

The Time Has Now Arrived.

When merchants desire to clean up stock and get ready for the spring trade. Those who have not supplied themselves with Wraps can get one from us and at low prices.

We have only a few left. Our stock of Fancy Dress Goods will be reduced to prices that ought to make them sell. A small lot of Water Proof Goods to be sold low down. Our small remnants of Fine Embroideries will be closed out cheap.

We have a very cheap lot of Kid Gloves to be closed out. Ask for bargains, we have them.

ALEXANDER & HARRIS.

W. KAUFMAN & CO. CENTRAL HOTEL CORNER.

Sound Advice to Buyers of Clothing.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, HATS CAPS, &c., &c., &c.

To those contemplating the purchase of a Suit or Overcoat for the Holders, we confidentially state we will sell you a finer quality, better fitting, more handsomely made, and at a smaller profit than any other house in the city.

Men's Long Sack Overcoat \$3.50; Former Price \$4.50. Men's Prince Charles Overcoat \$5.00; Former Price \$6.00. Boys' and Children's Overcoats \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.50, Reduced 25 to 50 Per Cent.

Men's Sack Cashmere Suits \$5.00; Former Price \$6.50. Men's Sack Cashmere Suits \$6.50; Former Price \$8.50.

A large line of latest novelties in Gents' Furnishing Goods, a Fine Line of Neckwear, Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps, handsome Walking Canes and Fine Umbrellas, for the Holders. A large lot of Gents' Jewelry, a full line of Gents' Fur Top Goggles, from \$7.50 each upwards. We are still getting away a fine Waterbury Watch to every cash purchaser of adult or Overcoat from \$12.50 up. Call at once and secure our good bargains.

W. KAUFMAN & CO., LEADING CLOTHIERS.

The Charlotte Observer.

STATE GEOLOGIST.

There is work enough in this State to keep a State geologist busy for several years to come, and with profit to the State, if the geologist were a competent man, and his researches were pursued with method. Owing to an impression which seems to have prevailed in the State that the office was a useless one, it was abolished several years ago, and since then whatever geological work that has been done has been done under direction of the department of agriculture, and by geologists employed especially for the work in hand. The trouble under the old system, when we had a State geologist, was his salary was small, and there was no fund set apart to pay travelling and other expenses incurred in visiting properties to be examined, in making analyses, &c., and when this was done it was frequently at the expense of the State geologist. Under these circumstances it could not be expected that his work would be as effective as if he had been equipped with the necessary means for that kind of work.

If a State geologist was ever needed in this State, he is needed now more than ever, for new interests have arisen and new developments are the order of the day. There is not a week that does not add something to the already discovered resources of North Carolina, but many of the people who make these discoveries, from want of information, are in the dark as to the actual value of the discoveries which they make. A new mineral is found, or specimens of some already known mineral. The finder is ignorant of its real nature, or of its value. He perhaps shows them to a neighbor, or perhaps when he goes to town he takes them along and shows them to the merchant he deals with, or some one else, but no one takes any special interest in them, and he carries them home knowing little more about them than before. Thus valuable properties have remained undeveloped for years, which, if properly investigated, might enrich not only the owners, but many others. There are two coal fields in this State, one in the Chatham section and one in the Dan region, but how little practical information we have of either. Neither of them has ever been developed to any extent, and yet the belief exists that there are inexhaustible quantities of coal in each. That from the Chatham mines is bituminous, that from the Dan is semibituminous. In Stokes county there are veins of immense proportions, a pound of which has never been dug for use. We know but little more of our iron deposits and of other minerals.

Within the past year phosphate discoveries have been made in some of the eastern counties, and the department of agriculture has done what it could to ascertain their extent and value. With a State geologist, a man of energy and ability, properly provided for, acting in connection with the department of agriculture, we could find not only what we have on but under the surface. These reports, if given publicity in the papers, would attract the attention of capitalists, and would lead to investment and development, adding to our prosperity, and laying the foundation for new enterprises.

The Wilmington Star remarks that backbone is in demand in Raleigh to tackle the dog, and mentions the fact that one gentleman in Wilmington had four goats killed Monday night and another ten by prowling dogs. The latter has forty more which he expects to get the same way.

The detectives are boasting that they have nipped in the bud a scheme to flood New Orleans with counterfeit money during the exposition. It is believed that many thousands of dollars will be shovled at New Orleans and throughout the South this spring notwithstanding what the detectives say.

It is said that General Longstreet will make some startling developments in a few days in regard to Emory Spear's nomination, and also in reference to Spear's testimony in the Springer committee.

There is said to be about \$400,000 in the United States treasury due people who do not call for it, because they do not know that it is there, or have lost the evidence of their claims.

A Mrs. Gordon, of California, has been admitted to practice as a lawyer in the Supreme court of the United States. She is the second woman so admitted, Mrs. Belva Lockwood being the first.

The Baltimore Sun is working vigorously for better mail facilities for Baltimore, and presents a striking array of figures in support of its claims.

According to the report of the Adjutant General of the army, the total number of militia in the United States available for military duty is 6,580,806.

Mr. Cleveland is what Bayard calls "an affirmatively honest man and not merely an abtainer from dishonesty."

Daughters, Wives and Mothers. We emphatically guarantee Dr. Marshall's Cathartic, a Female Remedy, to cure Female Biliousness, such as ovarian troubles, inflammation and ulceration, haling and displacement or bearing down, indigestion, nervousness, change of life, leucorrhoea, besides many weaknesses springing from the above. It is a powerful purgative, and its use is recommended by the highest medical authorities. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and its use is recommended by the highest medical authorities. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and its use is recommended by the highest medical authorities.

CARLISLE-CLEVELAND.

A DENIAL OF GOOD AUTHORITY OF FLOATING GOSSIP.

What was Talked About in the Famous Conference and What was Certainly not Done at the Carlisle Post of the Next House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Speaker Carlisle has returned from his very free and pleasant consultation with the President-elect on the men and measures of the incoming administration. Not only are the reports that Mr. Cleveland lectured him and his associates on horizontal reductions of the tariff untrue, but all rumors that the conference was not entirely and amply satisfactory to both the great conferees are mendacious and put out for a mischievous purpose. Those who know the gentleman concerned are aware of the falsity of these statements. The friends of Mr. Carlisle say this afternoon that he was delighted with his recent and highly impressed by the frankness of the chief executive's abilities of the President-elect. He is thought to be entirely in accord with the wise and moderate views on tariff matters of the Speaker, and while Mr. Carlisle and his friends, embracing the bulk of the party, would not care to claim Mr. Cleveland as approving this or that plan for lowering the tariff, they feel sure that his recommendations made will be such as the Democratic people of the country will cordially endorse. The speaker met the president-elect, as he suffered from a severe cold contracted during his absence.

The special friends of Mr. Carlisle have been anxiously polled at the next House and found that he lacks only fourteen votes now of having a majority over all, or in turf and political parlance the field. In their judgment this means that he is sure to be the Speaker of the 49th Congress. The showing is indeed excellent, because these side-show candidates now as in the last election are on the verge of being dropped. The question that are uppermost in the public mind are and are likely to turn over their strength to the leading candidate holding those views. The feeling all along has been that Mr. Carlisle would have no difficulty in succeeding himself. Some of the friends of Mr. Randall, however, have cherished the secret hope that Providence would smile on their man in some now unexpected manner.

The river and harbor bill is always ways antagonized. This year the New Orleans Exposition, and schemes serve to increase the opposition, especially the former. It is said that some of the uncompromising enemies of the measure may vote for the bill, but the hope of overloading the bill as to get it killed in the Senate or by conference and delay between the two houses, or failing that to make it out of the President's hands, and thus obtain his veto. It is not believed that it could pass over that veto. The Eads provision naming the proper person to continue the work of the river and harbor point made by the President in his veto message on the Fitz John Porter bill.

Mr. E. B. Burruss, president of the first national bank, Wilmington, is in the city on business.

Col. W. F. Bosley, of Oxford, arrived here this morning and left for Raleigh, via Baltimore and the night afternoon. He cracked a number of jokes on the way.

The Capital prints a historical tribute to Gen. W. R. Cox against his eleven glorious scars and his services at Appomattox.

Gen. Vanvor offers from most of his State colleagues in thinking that the education, and a few other measures stand a chance notwithstanding the near approach of the end of the Congress.

Later in the session Mrs. Bennett will join the Judge and be here at the inauguration. Mrs. Reid is now at the New Orleans Exposition.

Gen. Cox made an effort today by the introduction of a resolution to have the Washington monument erections delivered in the new person of both of the bills of the House of Representatives where only a few privileged persons can hear them.

Richard Lee, a colored preacher, or alleged preacher, from Edenton has been collecting money ostensibly for the benefit of St. John's colored Episcopal church of that town—the church that was destroyed last summer by a cyclone. On Friday he was arrested on the charge of obtaining an overcoat and \$15 in money from an avenue-tailor under false pretenses, and a number of checks and drafts, said to be bogus, were found on his person, together with a letter from his wife incriminating him on a charge of forgery in Chowan county. The authorities in North Carolina were notified of his detention and the charges against him.

Such North Carolinians as I have talked with appear to be pleased with the action of the State Bar Association respecting the judiciary, and also with the organization of the Association.

The Co-operative Plan.

Wall Street News.

An Ohio manufacturer, who started in business a year ago, called his employees around him and said: "Now, boys, this is a young business, and I can't pay big wages at the start. However, I mean to do the right thing by you. We'll work together, like. Whatever sum is left over at the end of the year, after making allowances for my interest, wear and tear and services, shall be divided pro rata."

The year being up the other day, the employees gathered to hear a statement read.

"Boys, I am happy to inform you," began the boss, "that there was \$600 left over to be divided among you, according to the old scheme."

"But grief compels me to add that I had to bribe the sum named by diamonds for my wife, so that nothing is left. Let us make a reduction in wages and start anew!"

Wentley of the Grant Packet, Chicago Times, (Ind.)

It would be a relief if there could be made some disposition of the Grant family by which all claims which they may have against the country may be liberally settled and they be permitted to retire to private life. The incessant bobbing up of some member of the family with a claim or a grievance is getting to be unpleasantly common.

LOVE LETTERS WORTH \$40,000.

How a Bonanza King's Estate Suffered in Spite of Numerous Precautions.

San Francisco Call.

W. S. O'Brien, the dead bonanza monarch thought he would save scandal and money, too, by arranging matters with all his cherishes before his death. "Uncle Billy" had been one of the boys in his earlier days, and later on, at the period of his influence, he had not forgotten the companions of his youth. He was ill for several months before he died, and during his illness took his partner and friend, Flood, into his confidence, and, between them, they provided for all the bonanza king's sweethearts in the handsomest manner. To each was deeded the beautiful house she dwelt in and a sufficient sum to support it; together with furniture, horses, carriages, &c. Rumor put the cost of all this to "Uncle Billy's" estate at \$600,000, but it was all done quietly and not a soul but Flood knew it. The woman who ladies was taken a cast-iron document, signed, sealed and delivered, releasing W. S. O'Brien and his estate from any claim whatsoever.

But, alas! Uncle Billy forgot one inamorata of the days of his poverty. A Mexican woman in humble life called one day at the Nevada Bank, not long after O'Brien's death, and asked to see Mr. Flood's papers. He sent for her and she at once. She had been a "friend" of Uncle Billy when Flood and O'Brien kept the "Auction Lunch" but Flood knew the woman, who seemed quite poor, asked if she had not left her some little keepsake. Flood said he had not. "He must have forgotten me," she said, and then pulled from her pocket a bundle of yellow, faded love-letters of Uncle Billy, written in a mixture of bad English and worse Spanish and said: "I used to think so much of me, I was greatly shocked to hear of his death."

The woman did not ask for anything, but the cool-headed Flood knew that he must get those letters, for an innocent-looking woman like that budget was two dangerous quantities to allow to run loose in a community filled with hungry and unscrupulous men. Flood's first thought was to allow to run loose in a community filled with hungry and unscrupulous men. Flood's first thought was to allow to run loose in a community filled with hungry and unscrupulous men.

The Sheep Fold.

Petersburg Index Appeal.

A sheep fold to be worth anything, must be one for the flock, not a common rail fence, or any fence will not turn a dog, is worthless for the purpose in view. It should be a strong picket fence, too close to allow the smallest dog to get in, and to make it safe for him to jump over. It should be at least five feet high, six would do better, and the pickets and poles should be drawn or sawed to a point at top, so as to make it dangerous for a dog to leap over it. This is about the only ordinary fence that will turn a cur. It is also one of the cheapest.

If then, as we believe, a flock of sheep is a necessary appendage to the farm, the sheep-fold or enclosure for their safe-keeping at night is equally so. As things now are in this southern country, the first cannot be made a success without the other, while with it every farmer could make it both profitable and pleasant to the up a respectable flock. It is folly to expect to make anything of sheep so long as they are turned upon the common to shift for themselves, and are seldom under the eye of the owner. They may be pastured near home and put in the fold at night.

The Color in Boston.

There is a controversy in progress over the color line in Boston. A colored citizen's meeting recently censured Dr. Tourje, the director of the Conservatory of Music, for making new distinctions, a charge which the directors denied. This has elicited a card from Miss Minnie Hayes, of Wilmington, Del., in which she says: "I came to Boston last September with the intention of entering the Conservatory of Music as pupil and also as a boarder. I was admitted as a day scholar, but on account of my color was not received as a boarder. My color was reason given by Dr. Tourje to my mother."

Did you Suppose?

Mustang Liniment only good for horses? It is for inflammation of all flesh.

A GREAT EARTHQUAKE.

HUNTERSVILLE, N. C.

And Charleston burst wide open, and the Guana will flow all over the country with guano agents as thick as June bugs, but

OLD MAN BARKER.

Still holds the fort, and will have on hand in due time a full line of guano and Acids of the best brands, and will sell as cheap as the cheap goods which are not worth having. Beware of cheap goods which are highest in the end. The locusts and frogs of Egypt will annoy you from now until April, but don't you see till you see me, as I will make prices as low and will offer you good goods as any other man in the country.

I remain, yours, respectfully, J. W. BARKER, Huntersville, N. C.

It is Nature's Great Restorer Vital Energy

System Renovator

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

The Great Sale Continues!

The bargains offered are more astonishing every day. This week a

SPECIAL SALE OF CARPETS.

Will take place, the prices of which must spread consternation among Carpet dealers, and act as a joy-giving meteor and guide-light to intending purchasers of Carpets. Extra Quality Five Frame Tapestry Brussels, worth \$1 per yard for \$0 and 50 cents. Best Five Frame Body Brussels in New and Elegant Colorings and Designs for \$1.25 and \$1.50 per yard, worth \$1.75.

WITKOWSKY & BARUCH.

Who have started this whole community by the crushing bargains now being offered at their

MONSTER CLEARING OUT SALE.

THE BROOM OF LOW PRICES MAKING A CLEAN SWEEP.

The Opening Day of this great sale was hailed with joy by hundreds of bargain seekers, who were loud in their praises of the admirable arrangement of stock and the unrivalled facilities for service. Nothing like it ever known in this section. Everything as advertised. Competition silenced by this

Avalanche of Low Prices!

15,000 Yards of New Style Hamburg Edgings form 1 cent to 12 1/2 cents per yard, worth from 5 to 25 cents.

ATTRACTIVE BARGAINS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. REASONABLE GOODS AT YOUR OWN PRICES.

Genuine Clearing Out Sale throughout the entire establishment. A matchless array of attractions

ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND.

The Wheels of Reduction Are in Motion. We'll Keep Them Moving. No Limit to the Bargains That

MUST BE CLOSED OUT.

WITKOWSKY & BARUCH, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

E. M. ANDREWS

THE ASH SUITS ARE NOW ABOUT ALL SOLD, BUT I STILL HAVE

40 Three Pound Feather Pillows 40

THAT ARE ABOUT AS GOOD AS NEW, WHICH I WILL SELL AT THE LOW PRICE OF

ONE DOLLAR APIECE.

BED-ROOM SUITS

From \$22.00 to \$35.00; 10 pieces.

PARLOR SUITS AT FROM \$32.00 UP, Seven pieces.

Houses Rented.

LAND FOR SALE.

MRS. JOE PERSON'S REMEDY

Restores Vital Energy