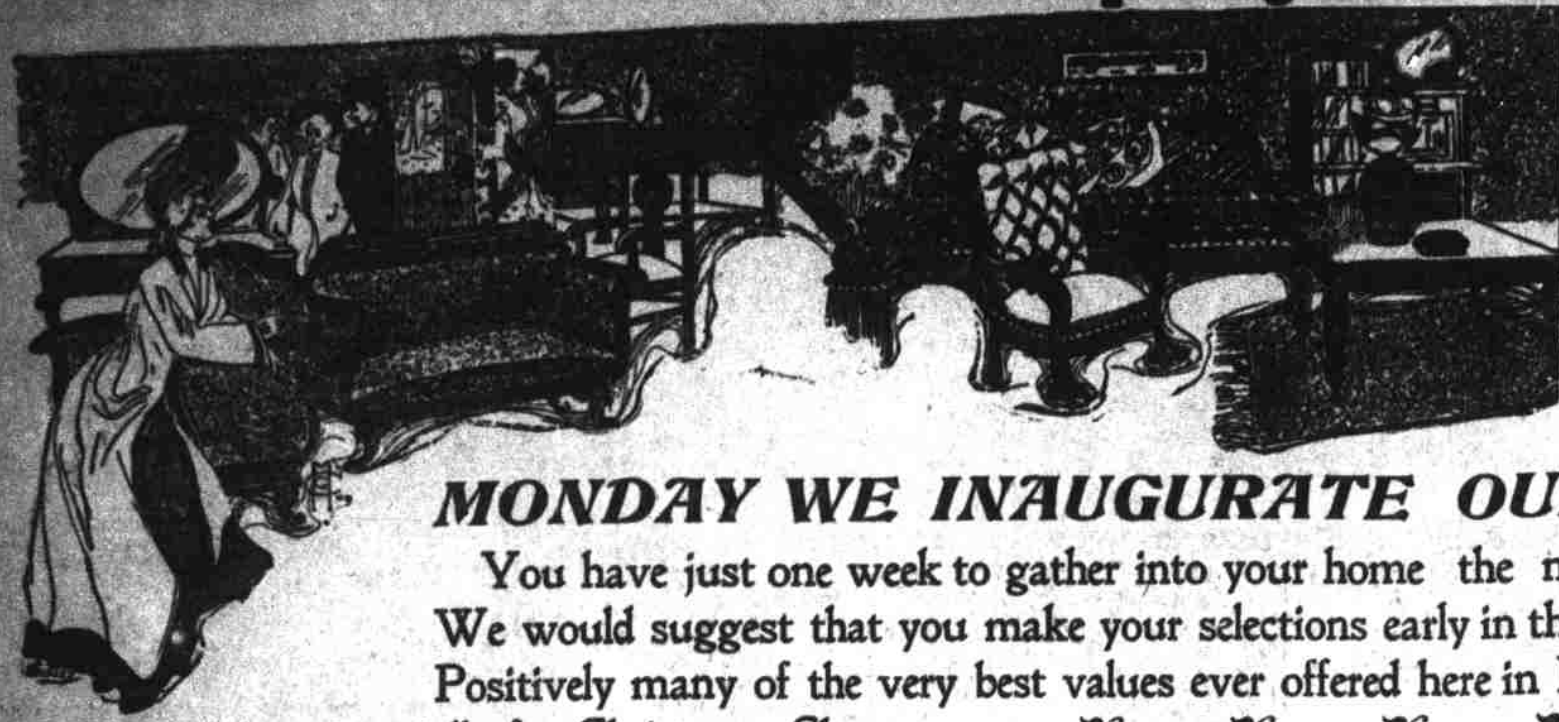


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A LREADY this season more furniture has been purchased from us by Holiday Shoppers than ever before one week before Christmas. Easily explained too, for there has been provided here not only the largest varieties but the handsomest and richest furniture creations produced today, numbering everything from a plain rocker to the finest Parlor Suit.

MONDAY WE INAUGURATE OUR GREAT ONE WEEK FURNITURE SALE

You have just one week to gather into your home the necessary comforts you have in mind bringing together at Christmas-time. We would suggest that you make your selections early in the week and avoid the tremendous holiday rush the last days of the Sale. Positively many of the very best values ever offered here in Furniture and Housefurnishing Goods will be the order of the grand wind-up Sale held here especially for Christmas Shoppers.



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Large Quarter Sawn Oak Boards — well finished, at \$32.50, \$36.00 \$41.00, 47.50, \$60.00

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- Golden Oak China Closets, worth \$14.00, at..... \$12.50
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- Golden Oak China Closets, worth \$22.00, at..... \$20.00
- Golden Oak China Closets, worth \$27.00, at..... \$24.00
- Golden Oak China Closets, worth \$35.00 at..... \$31.00

We are over-stocked with this quality China Closets, hence the big discount offered. Other good values in oak or mahogany China Closets... \$35.00, \$37.50, \$45.00, \$50.00, \$60.00

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Golden Oak Table—From the cheap 42-in Tables, at \$4.75 to a large pedestal Table, with 54-inch top, all quartered oak and highly polished, at..... \$45.00

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Ladies, Desks—Oak or Mahogany finish, ranging in price—\$5.00, \$6.50 \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10, \$13, \$15, \$21, \$25.00 Chairs to match Desk.

COUCHES

- Leather Couches \$25.00 to \$65.00
- Pantisote Couches \$13.50 to \$24.00
- Velour Couches \$6.75 to \$27.00

Some special values in Velour Couches at \$12.50, \$14, \$18, and \$21.00 New Style, Oak or Mahogany, embracing some of the latest styles, ranging in price—Oak \$12.50 to \$3.00 Mahogany \$16.50 to \$37.50

ROCKERS—We are beyond a doubt showing the strongest line of Oak and Mahogany Rockers, from \$4.50 to \$25 ever offered in Charlotte. Other Rockers, from 50c for a child's Rocker to a heavy Leather Rocker at \$25 to \$45.00

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS—See our new burnt wood Clocks, oak or mahogany pedestals; all styles in Mirrors and Pictures, Lamps, Rugs, Portiers, Lace Curtains

LIBRARY OR PARLOR TABLES—Parlor Tables in all woods, price 75c. to \$24. Library Tables, \$11.50 to \$40 **DINNER SETS**—Special on a 56-piece English Dinner Set, at \$5.50, to a 100-piece Haviland China Set at \$25



MORRIS CHAIRS.

Oak or Mahogany finish Morris Chairs; all the best styles in cushions; prices range from \$6.50 to \$18.00

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PLEASURES OF SOCIETY.

Mrs. C. L. Porter, of Birmingham, Ala. is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Smith.

Mrs. John C. Burrows returned last night from a visit to Asheville and the Sapphire country.

Invitations reading as follows have been issued:

Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter Ross request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Fay to Mr. Edward Charles Dwell, on the evening of Tuesday, the third of January, at seven o'clock, Second Presbyterian church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

This announcement will be received with interest by a most of friends. Charlotte has no more charming or popular young lady than the bride-elect. She numbers her friends and admirers by the score, and is gifted with a rare charm of manner and sweetness of disposition that has won and held all those who have come in contact with her, and there are many who wish her all happiness for the future.

The prospective groom is a native of Savannah, Ga., and came to this city as secretary of the Chadwick and Hawkins Mills. He is a young man of worth and sterling business qualities and has a business career of promise before him.

The following invitation has been received:

Mrs. James T. Montgomery invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Lina McCorkle to Dr. William Mason Strong, Tuesday evening December 27th, nineteen hundred and four, at nine o'clock, Grace Street Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Strong is a brother of Dr. C. M. Strong, of this city, and lives at Belmont.

Miss Lucy Davis Crowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Crowell, will be married to Mr. Charles Robert Price next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, No. 412 North College street, the Rev. Dr. F. M. Murr officiating. After the ceremony the couple will leave for a trip North.

SNOW AGAIN.

A Gentleman Notes That It Has Caused Traveling Men to Seek Their Homes Earlier Than Ordinarily They Would Do. Snow fell again yesterday, but not to any great extent. By afternoon there was the inevitable aftermath of it—slushy streets, so that the pedestrian was sorely impeded. And the little children, who had been so joyously using their sleds here and there about the city save on their sport with a sorrow that it was gone.

"Here's a strange thing," said a gentleman last night. "The traveling men are going to their homes in great numbers. Do you know why? The two snow storms this week have ruined a Christmas feeling, and men who had intended to leave off work for several days yet just couldn't stand it any longer when the snow fell. I met nine different men yesterday, who related wonderfully interesting stories of their home folks for the Christmas holidays."

PERSONALS.

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Mr. Joe Campbell spent yesterday in Fort Mill, S. C., on business.

Mr. E. M. Andrews, of Greensboro, was in town yesterday.

Mr. V. H. Cramer, of Concord, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. C. B. Skipper, of Lancaster, S. C., was in the city yesterday on business.

Deputy Marshal R. C. Chandley returned yesterday to his home, in Greensboro.

Mr. J. W. Earnhardt, of Lexington, was registered at the Central yesterday.

Mr. Manlius Orr returned yesterday from Chapel Hill, where he attended the State University.

Mr. W. H. Whindle, a prosperous farmer of Fort Mill, S. C., was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Col. Cecil Morgan is back from New York, where he spent a week on business.

Mr. C. H. Gattis, of Raleigh, traveling passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. T. L. Ross, superintendent of the Kestler Cotton Mills, at China Grove, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

INTERESTING CASES.

In the United States District Court—Trustee Avery Against Westhall and Others Will Go to the Jury Tuesday, Probably—Other Matters.

The United States District Court was concerned nearly all day yesterday with the case of A. C. Avery, Jr., trustee, against W. H. Westhall and others. There was considerable argument of counsel as to the rightful jurisdiction of the matter. The plaintiff rested his case yesterday at the adjournment of court and to-morrow the defense will put in their testimony. The case will probably reach the jury before Tuesday. It is an important civil action, growing out of the bankruptcy of J. A. Townsend & Company, lumber dealer of Hildebrand, and some \$15,000 is involved.

The defendant, Westhall, took a quantity of lumber under a deed of trust and Mr. Avery, as trustee in bankruptcy, is seeking to have the property turned over to him for distribution among the creditors of the bankrupt firm.

The case of Matthews against Levi has been set for hearing next Tuesday. The plaintiff is suing the prominent cotton mill man for the purchase price of nine tracts of land, which Mr. Levi has refused to pay, alleging defect of title.

At the Y. M. C. A.

A cordial invitation is extended by the Young Men's Christian Association to every man in the city to attend the service for men this afternoon in the lecture room of the association.

The meeting will begin at 5 o'clock and will be addressed by Rev. George W. Bell, pastor of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church, and one of the most popular speakers to men in Charlotte.

The musical feature of the meeting will be the soprano solo by Mrs. Adams, who will be accompanied by Miss Lottie Gray.

Mr. D. Anderson Dickey will have charge of the popular song service, which will last ten minutes and will be a most interesting and successful meeting proper.

AN EFFICIENT OFFICER.

Words of Commendation Heard for Mr. J. M. Millikan, United States Marshal for This District.

"I want to say that no more popular government official visits Charlotte than Mr. J. M. Millikan, the United States marshal for this district," said a lawyer in conversation with an Observer reporter down at the government building yesterday. "I have been practicing in the Federal Courts in this district for many years," added the lawyer, "and I have never known a marshal who has given more general satisfaction. Why, it is true that he is a loyal Republican, he has conducted the affairs of his office in such a way as to convince any intelligent man that he knows no politics in the performance of his official duties."

It is but truth to say that this is the candid opinion of every one who has business connected with the Federal Court or who has observed the business of that tribunal. Inasmuch as Mr. Millikan is serving his second term, his friends have been more or less concerned by the "third term" idea, reputedly advanced by the President, but even if this principle should apply, the opinion appears to be that an exception should be made in the case of the United States marshal for this district.

A gentleman who knows of what he is talking says in affairs military has been made against him nor has there been any complaint of the manner in which he conducts his office, one of the most important positions in the Federal service. It is a fact that, since organizing his office, after receiving his appointment from the late President McKinley, Marshal Millikan has never attended any term of court without having the money on hand with which to pay off jurors and witnesses, and defray the other expenses of the court. In order to do this, it is necessary for him to have his accounts approved and passed on promptly by the Treasury Department—and an official who can do this must possess considerable executive ability.

In addition to the fact that his record is perfectly clean, Mr. Millikan has never been mixed up in any of the factional fights in his party, and this, of itself, is something to his credit.

During the term of Federal Court now in session in this city, an Observer reporter has heard many commendations of the United States marshal for this district, and all of them were accompanied by an expression of the hope that he would be re-appointed at the expiration of his term, some 18 months hence.

Military Pictures.

In all modern times no more brilliant spectacle in affairs military has been given to us than the late manoeuvres of Bull Run and Manassas which for strategic cunning has eclipsed every other feat of armaments within our knowledge. Differing completely from the many so-called and prearranged "sham battles" this was not previously laid out in movements, but an effort unprepared to test the skill at strategy of the various officers in command. Over 100,000 soldiers participated the eventful day and under their opposing generals, Bell and Grant, gave to the people a stirring satisfaction of their study of war and its ways. Archie L. Shepard brings it to us in his unsurpassable picture just as if we had been there from the best obtainable point of observation, and shows the success-

sive movements with an exactness of detail that no word drawing or paper notices could illustrate. Especially remarkable was the brilliant work of the Virginia and North and South Carolina regiments, which are in the foreground of observation well before the eye. A great outlay of money was necessary for this subject, but its widespread interest insures with the rest of the rarest and best subjects to be had in this best of moving picture shows, that the demands of the people are more than met. At the Academy Tuesday, matinee and night. Reserved seat sale now on at Jordan's.

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Fire away, but don't fail to see R. E. Cochrane about my brand new home, corner Boulevard and Cleveland avenue, Dilworth. I am in need of funds and will sell THIS week at a great loss and on very liberal terms. If I cannot sell this week will rent same.

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H. P. Barstow,
My new house open to inspection.