

IN THE HOTEL LOBBIES.

A lawyer at the Central last night was laughing about a member of the profession in his town whose practice consists largely of collections. He says this brother has invented a circular letter printed on rose colored paper, and in the most polite language...

REJUVENATING GASTONIA BANK.

The Capital Stock of the First National Bank of Gastonia, S. C., is to be increased to \$100,000. Additional to the Board of Directors...

MARRIAGE AT DUNN.

Miss Clyde Johnson and Mr. John Wilson the Contracting Parties—Special to the Observer. Dunn, Dec. 15.—Wednesday night at 10 p. m., at the residence of Mr. John H. Ballance...

Accident at Concord.

Special to the Observer. Concord, Dec. 17.—A very serious accident occurred near the Gibson Mill to-day, when a young white man named Mr. Mortimer Brooks...

THE WEATHER.

North Carolina—Fair and colder Sunday; Monday fair; fresh westerly winds. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 17, 1904.

F. D. A.

Tending property is like nursing a baby, inasmuch as both are problems if not understood. Best results in either from experienced nurses. Let me nurse your property during 1905. I'll collect all dues, insure, pay taxes and prevent ownership discouragements. Phone, write or speak.

F. D. Alexander

215 South Tryon Street, Phone 29.

December City Personals and News Items.

Special to the Observer. Bessemer City, Dec. 17.—Miss Jennie Hinsaw Howe, of Carrollton, Ky., is visiting Mrs. D. A. Garrison...

TO THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Bananas, on turn and green stock; extra fancy Jamaica fruit, by the bunch, 60c, 75c, 80c, 90c and 1.00; Josin figs, two dozen 50c, one dozen 25c...

FOR RENT—STORE WITH LARGE HITCHING POST.

25 S. Church street, with or without warehouse; store, Belmont and Pogram streets, three stories, 12, 20, 22 W. Fifth street (Jan. 1, 1905), 7-room house, 116 S. Caldwell street; 5-room house, 314 E. Ninth street.

OUR MILL FEED IS GOOD FOR HORSES AND COWS.

3000 lbs. of cotton-seed hulls and meal. THE "STAR MILLS".

YOUR FRIENDS WOULD APPRECIATE A PACKAGE OF HOLIDAY NABISCO WAFERS.

There is nothing that would perpetuate your friendship with others so much as a box of these dainty little sugar wafers.

PALACE CONFECTIONERY CO.

Under Presbyterian Hospital. Free city delivery. Phone 94. Wholesale.

HOLIDAY GOODS

At Holiday time we have always shown exceptionally attractive lines of gifts for Ladies and Gentlemen; and this season we are keeping abreast of our usual custom of offering the handsomest goods obtainable, such as...

- MANICURE SETS, MIRRORS, MILITARY BRUSHES, TRAVELING SETS, COLLAPSING CUPS, SCISSORS CASES, STAR RAZORS, SHAVING SETS, CARD CASES.

In fact everything new, novel and desirable for presents.



Dr. C. L. Alexander, DENTIST. Carson Building, Corner of Fourth and...

Special Notices

WHEN YOU BUY CANNED GOODS think of "Sunbeam." Every can guaranteed to be the best. Fresh Florida vegetables every morning. We give automobiles tickets. COCHRANE & ROSS, 25 N. Tryon St. Phone 251.

WE HAVE THE SWEETEST FLORIDA strawberries money can buy. Ask any one who has tried them. They are delicious. Can save you 5c to 10c on the dozen. Box lots 12 1/2 lbs. 19c; table raisins, 10 and 15c; box lots of 20 pounds \$1.60; good apples, 20c peck; Malaga grapes, 25c barrel; candy, 4c up. We have a carload of the above goods and can undersell any house.

PRE-LAND-EAT ALL YOU WANT—Pri-land will do the rest. DILWORTH DRUG STORE. Phone 27. B. S. DAVIS.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE GREAT DISPLAY of pipes and cigars at the Charlotte Cigar Co. store? It is a mammoth showing of the handsomest pipes it is possible to muster together. Nothing so desirable to present gentlemen for a gift as a pipe, cigar-holder or cigar case. We are also displaying all that is best in cigars. Box trade for the holidays is made a specialty. CHARLOTTE CIGAR CO.

THE ONLY GENUINE IMPORTED Cigars bearing the government's importation stamp is sold at my cigar stand, as well as every other brand of cigars popular with the trade. Box trade is made a specialty. We are most abundantly stocked for the holiday trade with all supplies for smokers. IKE HIRSHBERG, Central Hotel Cigar Stand.

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CANDY—The best made, fresh as the dew at 8 a. m. Big special stock of NUNNALLY'S for the holidays in any quantity you wish. Sixty cents per package. WOODALL & SHEPPARD, Sole Agents.

WE CALL ATTENTION TO DAY TO AN elegant assortment of Vantine's china, just received. No duplicates. Everything entirely new. Prices 25 per cent. under regular. If you need a holiday gift we have it. WHEELER WALL PAPER CO.

FRUIT CAKE, MINCE PIES, and such like disarrange the bowels. Prepare your digestive organs by drinking Minnie's Water to handle the indigestibles, and insure you a Merry Christmas. J. W. SAMPLE, Mgr., Phone 831, 29 1/2 S. Tryon.

WE HAVE A FULL STOCK OF CAHILL Wafers, which is the best grade sold. We also handle tins and mauls, both hardware and native pine. Lumber, shingles, laths and all kinds of house finish. CAROLINA MFG. Co., Jas. A. Fore, Mgr.

Special Notices

DO YOU NEED ANYTHING TO MANICURE your finger nails with? If so, give us a call. We can supply your wants. MAYER'S, Druggist, Sixth and Tryon Sts. Phone 22.

HAVE YOU TOOK A PEEP AT OUR fine candies? Everything that's nice in chocolate, chocolate chips, wafer chips, buttercups, cream bon bon, marshmallows—all absolutely pure goods and at a low price for good goods. A few fine fruit cakes left and plenty of plain cake to be in by Monday. Let us give you prices of strictly fancy Florida oranges, bright, sweet fruit, and our connection in Florida is the best of any house in Charlotte. SARRATT & BLAKELY.

ORANGES! ORANGES! ORANGES!—Finest Florida russet, juicy and sweet. We have a very large stock of all sizes and will make special box prices. Don't buy oranges until you see ours and get our prices. Fancy Malaga grapes, extra large bunches; also large supply of fancy table apples. USHER BROS. Phone 34 and 414.

MANAGERS OF CHRISTMAS PARTIES and those wishing delightful meals served can do better than talk the matter over with Crewell, at the Gem Restaurant. The Gem has an abundance of seating capacity and certainly the most delightful meals it is possible for expert cooks to provide are served there.

MEAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS—Those preparing for Christmas dinners should not lose sight of the big showing of fresh meats we are providing for our mammoth holiday trade. Leave your orders with us and you'll get only nice, well selected roasts, steaks, veal cutlets, mutton, etc. With all purchases we give liberal voting tickets. T. H. AUSTIN, N. Tryon St.

CLOSING OUT!—Having leased our building for a term of years, we offer our entire stock at invoice cost. This is a rare opportunity for retail merchants, hotels, boarding houses, etc., to secure real bargains. JOHN WOLESALE Grocers, Cor. Third and College Sts.

REMEMBER BEFORE YOU COME TO Charlotte, that our rates are only \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day for transients. New house and furniture, with modern conveniences. A good many of our customers tell us that the Queen City Hotel is the best place for the money in the United States. Go there and be convinced.

TO LET—Five-room brick house, close in, \$12.50; 4-room frame house, E. Sixth street, near Myers, \$6.00; houses for colored tenants from \$5c to \$1.00 per week. Houses for sale, \$120, \$150, \$1.00, \$1.75 to \$10.00. E. L. KEESLER, 25 S. Tryon St.

THE CROWELL SANITARIUM. For the treatment of WHERKEY, MORPHINE and other Drug Addictions. Special apartments and nurses for lady patients. B. M. Crowell, M. D., Medical Director, No. 8 West Third street, Charlotte, N. C.

WE EXCHANGE THE \$30.00 DISC OR Columbia Graphophones for the \$5.00 graphophones and allow \$25.00 for your second-hand graphophone. This is not a new offer for we have made this exchange for years. We also offer to exchange graphophones for second-hand bicycles. QUEEN CITY CYCLE CO.

AT ROOM 8, HUNT BUILDING YOU will find lots of pretty fancy things altered ready made up for Christmas, such as pin cushions, handkerchief cases, collars, calendars, shaving pads and any number of pretty handkerchiefs. MINNIE A. COCHRANE.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING and we want to remind you that we are still doing business at No. 5 West Fifth street. Books, Bibles and Testaments our specialties. C. H. ROBINSON & CO.

What Will Please Your Wife Better

Than the purchase of a cozy home for a Christmas present or the purchase of a choice lot for the erection of a home in the future, as circumstances will permit? How about one of those choice Lots at Elizabeth Heights? You want to keep your eye on that section. See plot and prices at our office.

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Oil Mill Farm of 160 Acres

surrounding the plant of the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Works, now owned by the Southern Cotton Oil Company. This fine property has large possibilities for industrial and suburban development, having a frontage on South Tryon street, this side of the Oil Mill, also about 2,000 feet frontage on a cross-road parallel with Oil Mill, and fully 1,000 feet frontage on C. C. & A. Railroad just below the Oil Mill, giving a fine opportunity for new industries on the railroad, close to the city and very near Catawba Power line and cheap electric power. A fine investment for somebody at \$150 per acre. F. C. Abbott & Company, Trust Building. Everything in Real Estate.

THE TATE BROWN CO.

Fine Furnishing Goods, Hatters and Merchant Tailors

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Christmas buying is now at its best. This store is crowded daily and all previous sales records are broken. Our preparation for this condition has been well made. Stocks fuller and more extra given to holiday goods than ever before. The week will be one of remarkable activity in Christmas gift buying. Only six more shopping days and the extremely low prices we are making on our merchandise should make this store...

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An unusual opportunity for the purchase of Men's Fine Cravats at extremely low prices. We have purchased from a prominent New York manufacturer far below their value: Fifty dozen fine Cravats made to retail at 50, 75 cents, \$1.00 and \$1.50, which we will place on sale MONDAY MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK at 35 cents each or three for \$1.00. These are fresh new goods and represent the latest New York Styles.

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