

A DREAM IN THE MORNING

First Time He'd Been Called a Liar since He'd Been in the South—Looking for a Man With Whom He Had No Business—A Little Episode at the Southern Railway Station

The members of the troupe which presented "A Slave of Passion" at the Academy Thursday night did not like the notice of the performance in yesterday's paper. The strapping newspaper man who approached them at the station says he sold them a paper each, that they read the notice and tore it in small bits. There were several reporters knocking about the station. The leading lady evidently mistook a Chronicle man for an Observer man. She kept her eye so intently on him that he walked by her with the best of ease. She said she had bought the best newspaper in the country—"it" and about "44 a week reporters."

THE GALL OF A BOY

A Youngster Secures a Job by sheer Cheek and Takes Charge Immediately

A prominent machinery man of the city advertised in yesterday's Observer for an office boy. The name of the firm was not signed to the advertisement but in some mysterious way a messenger boy found out who it was that wanted a lad of parts and undertook to secure the position over the telephone. "Central, give me 4844," said the boy. "This is 4844," said the man at the other end of the line. "Yes, sir, I see by to-day's Observer that you are trying to get an office boy," announced the lad. "So I am," declared the machinery man. "Well, my name is Johnnie Jones, and I would like very much to have the job."

THE DOG TAX IDEA POPULAR

The Average Farmer in Favor of Fixing Such a Tax and the Next Legislature Will be Asked to Do It

"I am with you on that dog tax," said a well-to-do farmer to an Observer yesterday. "I'll do what I can to help to bring it about. I own a shepherd dog that I would gladly pay a dollar or whatever the tax happened to be, on. I think we ought to have a dog tax. There are several reasons for it. In the first place it would help our school fund, and then we could protect our dogs and game. There are dozens of old poor mongrels in my neighborhood, and they eat eggs, kill chickens, turkeys and destroy young partridges. Mecklenburg could levy such a tax whether other counties do so or not. The man who has a valuable dog would not mind paying the county something to protect him."

THE USES OF A SINGLE BUGGY

A Colored Farmer Marketed a Bale of Cotton in His Sunday Vehicle

"Did you ever note the uses to which the farmer puts his buggy?" asked an observant citizen of a newspaper man yesterday. "Well, I don't know that I have." "Just look down the street, yonder, and you will see what I mean." A colored tiller of the soil had a small bale of cotton in his single buggy and was mounted on top of it. "I stand here and watch the buggies go out in the afternoons and it is wonderful what they haul. I have seen everything from a sack of meal to 40-foot lightning rods. It is nothing out of the ordinary to see three young calves in one buggy, two tied behind and one held in front."

HE BLEW OUT THE GAS

A Visitor at One of the Hotels Expires With the Gas Jet Open—A Narrow Escape

Early yesterday morning when the bell boy of one of the hotels went up to a room to arouse a guest, he detected the unmistakable odor of escaping gas. The alarm was given at once. An investigation was made and the trouble was found to be in the chamber of a visitor from a neighboring town. The door was pushed open and the hotel officers at once made their way into the room. The occupant was in a best unconscious. The gas jet was open and but for the lowered window, the result would doubtless have been fatal. A physician was summoned and he pronounced the man in no immediate danger. The windows were raised, and the room thoroughly aired and the occupant was allowed to continue his sleep. When he awoke later in the morning he complained of a severe headache, for which he could assign no reason. He was not informed until later of the narrow escape that he had had.

NEW MASONIC LODGE

Installed at Monroe Last Night—Pythians Attend District Meeting in Concord

Quite a number of Charlotte Pythians left yesterday morning for Concord to attend the district meeting of the Knights of Pythias. The session was to be held yesterday afternoon and evening, an elaborate programme having been arranged for each meeting. A delegation of Charlotte Masons left yesterday morning for Monroe, where last night they participated in the installation of a new lodge of the Royal Arch Masons. Among those who went were Messrs. W. S. Liddell, E. L. Keener, G. H. King, James O. Walker, H. M. Day, Rev. George H. Page and Dr. F. M. Winchester.

FOR SALE

A bargain second hand 20 H. P. Swift Engine, with extra shafting and pulleys, in first class condition, now located in Statesville, N. C. Will exchange for number.

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The best on the market for only \$1.00.

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Laundress, Dyers, Cleaners, 29 South Tryon street.

PROF. GRAHAM'S GROUND HOG

Mr. Brevard McDowell Gets Off a Pun and Kills the Effect of a Joke

"Tootle, tootle," said Prof. Alexander Graham, yesterday, as he shook hands with an Observer man and Mr. F. B. McDowell all at one and the same time.

"I'm going to have some ground hogs. Fred Bird, the son of Joe Bird, is going to send them to me."

"I'm going to take them to The Observer office, where they will have plenty of company."

"What you mean sausage?" asked Mr. McDowell.

Everybody laughed but Prof. Graham, who had continued his song of "Tootle, tootle."

As a merry cackle went round Prof. Graham realized that he had lost the point of a good joke, so he turned, broke his time and asked, "What is that?"

"You said you were going to have some ground hogs, and I just asked if you meant sausage."

For a moment Prof. Graham was still in the dark but when the wholesaler and retail business of Mr. McDowell's pun struck him he turned away, laughing and mumbling: "Was it sausage?"

CHARTER FOR BURWELL & DUNN RETAIL STORE

The Burwell-Dunn Company has secured a separate charter for their retail store. Heretofore both the wholesale and retail business has been conducted under one charter, that of the Burwell & Dunn Company. The new charter is for the retail branch which in the future is to be operated distinct from the wholesale department. The capital stock under the new charter is given at \$25,000 with Messrs. A. Dunn, W. R. Burwell and Mr. Murphy named as incorporators. The business will be conducted at the same old stand. There are to be no other changes.

Poker Players Arrested

Police Sergeant John Farrington and his squad got busy yesterday afternoon and arrested five poker artists whose habit it was to meet in the woods just outside of the city Sundays and sling the cards. The men arrested were: El. Lethco, F. A. Brown, John Barrett, Mack Barrett and Tom Simpson. The bunch will receive a hearing before Recorder Shannon-house this morning.

A woman worries until she gets wrinkles, then worries because she has them.

It is almost certain that the next Log Cabin Mountain Tea she would have neither. Bright, smiling face follows its use. 25 cents, Tea or Tablets. R. H. Jordan & Co.

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If you happen to be in a hurry for your work, and want it returned at a certain time, we make it a point to see that you get it. We have the experience to do it right, and the business conscience to do it with care and fidelity.

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We Will Offer This Week

The best values ever offered on Extension Tables in Charlotte. Golden Oak 6-foot extension table, well made, worth \$6.00, for only \$4.95

Handsome Quarter Sawn Oak Pedestal Tables, 48-inch top, 8 feet long, worth \$27.50, for \$22.50

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Fisk Gloves for winter—Dress, Walking, Riding and Driving. Pique Kid \$1.50 to \$2.00. Reindeer \$2.50. Chevette \$2.00 to \$2.50. Driving \$1.50 to \$2.00. Evening Gloves \$1.25 to \$1.50.

A DAINY PARLOR

Almost anywhere in this thriving city is about certain to have one or more attractive pieces, bought from us, while there are many that we have fitted complete.

Is there anything missing in the Furniture line in your house? There is no need of it, if you will only visit our place and use your eyes a bit.

We shall look for you. When shall we expect you?

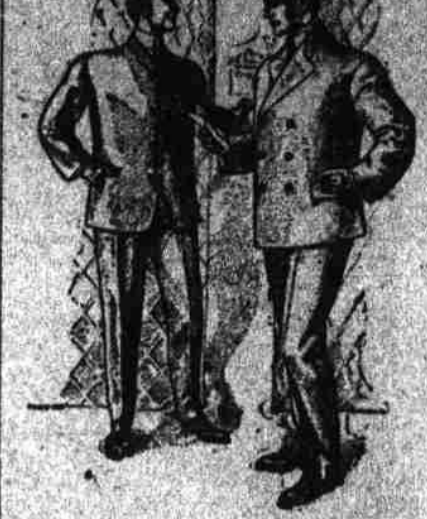
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Lubin Furniture Company

Long-Tate Clothing Co's.

Special Sale of Suits and Overcoats

25 per cent off on all Clothing, Overcoats and Pants



\$25.00 Suits	\$18.75	\$6.50 Suits	\$4.88
\$22.50	\$16.88	\$5.00	\$3.75
\$20.00	\$15.00	\$4.50	\$3.38
\$18.50	\$13.88	\$4.00	\$3.00
\$15.00	\$11.25	\$3.50	\$2.62
\$12.50	\$9.38	\$3.00	\$2.25
\$10.00	\$7.50		

You must be satisfied or your money back. No Goods Charged at this Sale.

Long-Tate Clothing Co.



SPECIAL REDUCTION!

REDUCED prices on certain stocks very often mean absolutely nothing at all, because the goods that are offered are put forth at a time when they are either out of season or out of date. Such is not the case in the reductions that are now in vogue at our store. Right now, while the weather is so fiercely rough, we are offering garments that are best suited at great reductions—all ODD SUITS, HEAVY OVERCOATS, MACKINTOSHES AT REDUCED PRICES.

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is a great comfort. One of our Stoves in your hall would stop those cold draughts and add materially in keeping you comfortable.

All sizes, for wood or coal.

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The Original "White Mahatma" and "Rosicrucian Somnolism" and her unique company of entertainers, including Kismet, the Greatest of all Magicians.

Fun and Excitement Galore. PRICES: 15, 25, 35 and 50c. Seats now on sale at Jordans.

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Leather Library Suits 45.00 to 75.00

Turkish Leather Rockers \$26 to 60.00

Leather Seat Rockers. 4.50 to 25.00

Leather Chairs..... 2.75 to 25.00

A great Variety of Styles and Prices in the Popular Mission Furniture, with Spanish Leather Cushions.

Our Spring Goods in Furniture, Carpets, Curtains Rugs and Mattings being received daily.

PARKER-GARDNER COMPANY

Auction Sale!

HORSES, MULES, MARES, slightly damaged by Southern Railway, will be sold regardless of cost, at Corl & Wadsworth's Co's stables, Concord N. C.

Saturday, February 10th at 11 O'Clock. Remember the Date THOMAS L. RITCH, Auctioneer.

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The weather man is giving us cold weather late in the season, and you will find our stock of

Heavy-Weight Clothing

to be all you could want or wish for. Our suit stock is somewhat broken; still we have all sizes made and at very attractive prices.

Overcoats

We will be glad to show you some new Coats that have just arrived for this cold wave.

Underwear

in any style or quality you want, at moderate prices.

Yorke Bros. & Rogers

Lubin Furniture Company

Old masts would be scarce and hard to find.

Outfit they made to see, and the beauty is combined by using Rocky Mountain Tea. R. H. Jordan & Co.