



# Opening of Toyland

## Toy Town is Ready

This simple phrase means much to you and us. To us it signifies an exhaustive search of the markets of the world and the evolution of plans that have been fermenting for a year. To you it means the opportunity of choosing from the most wonderful collection of high-class Toys ever brought to this city. We extend you a hearty welcome into the realm of Santa Claus.

Bring the children in and let them roam at will and delight in the sights of our Toyland. Childhood is but once to all of us, therefore let your boy and girl make the best of it to-day—their childhood.

Something in our Toy stock to please every childish fancy. Little novelties to be had for 5 and 10c., up to fascinating, almost real Toys for the strenuous American of six.

### SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE THAT SANTA CLAUS MUST CARRY

A splendid small Jointed Doll, wavy hair; perfect beauties; "Our Leader," 10c.  
 35c. value Dressed Doll, put up one in box, 25c.  
 Real Kid Body Dolls, undressed, wavy hair, perfect features, 25c.  
 Special bargains in larger Dressed Kid-Body and Jointed Dolls, at 48, 75, 98c., \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.98 and \$2.50.  
 Single Doll Cradles, Tables, Chairs, Dressers, etc., 10 and 25c. each.  
 Doll Trunks, 25, 48, 98c., \$1.48.  
 Doll Carriages and Go-Carts, 25, 48c., \$1.25 to \$3.50.  
 Children's Sho-Flys, 75, 98c. and \$1.48.  
 Toy Stoves and Ranges, 25, 48c. to \$5.00.  
 Toy Hay Carts, 10, 15 and 25c.  
 Assorted Animal Tin Toys, 5 and 10c.

Tea Sets, prettily decorated China, 5, 10, 25, 48, 98c., \$1.48 set.  
 Tin Tea and Kitchen Sets, 5 and 10c.  
 Splendid assortment loud-blowing Tin and Paper Horns, 5, 10 and 25c.  
 Canary Bird Horns, 5c.  
 "Zobo Horns," something new and popular, 5c.  
 E. Z. Blow Horns, especially nice for the little folks, 5c.  
 Decorated Bucket and Spade, two sizes, 5 and 10c.  
 Toy Sprinklers, 5 and 10c.  
 Assorted Stuffed Animals, 5, 10 and 25c.  
 Mechanical Butterfly Push Cart, 25c.  
 "Topsy," "Old Glory" and "Never Stop" Spring Tops, 5 and 10c.  
 Juvenile Automobiles, the ones made by the best manufacturer in the country, \$6.50, \$8.50 and \$12.50.  
 Automobile Horns, 48c.

Express Wagons, \$1.25, \$1.48 and \$1.98.  
 Rubber-tired Velocipedes, \$3.50.  
 "Rocky" and Swing Horses, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$8.50.  
 Toy Pianos, 25c. to \$2.50.  
 Toy Drums, 10 and 25c.  
 Jumping-Jacks, 5 and 10c.  
 Rattles, Trumpets, Watches, Gav Toys and Novelty Toys, 5 and 10c.  
 Splendid assortment of a number of new freak Mechanical Toys, 25 and 48c.  
 Magic Lanterns, 48, 75, 98c., \$1.48.  
 Return Balls, Rubber Balls and Squeeze Balls, 5 and 10c.  
 "Horrible" False-Faces, 5 and 10c.  
 "Santa Claus" Faces and Hoods, 10 and 25c.  
 Funny Nodding Figures, 10c.

WE MAKE SPECIAL PRICES TO COMMITTEES PURCHASING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS OR CHURCHES. MERCHANTS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT OUR LINES.

Wholesale

# BELK BROTHERS

Retail

### SECRET ORDERS CELEBRATE

Damon Lodge, E. of P., Elects Officers and Holds Social Service—Rebeckah Lodge, I. O. O. F., Celebrates Third Anniversary. Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 8.—Damon Lodge, K. of P., held a most delightful social session after the lodge had disposed of the regular order of business Thursday night. Officers for the ensuing term of six months were elected as follows: Chancellor commander, T. W. Hanes; vice chancellor, George G. Green; master of works, J. P. Nelson; prelate, E. K. Huff; keeper of records and seals, T. W. Blackwell; master of finance, Wood Richmond; master of exchequer, A. W. Shamm; master at arms, J. H. Brunner; inner guard, J. J. Kennedy; outer guard, T. G. Foy; organist, W. S. Sheperd. The attendance was large and the gathering was one of interest and delight. The program of the social session included brief but inspiring addresses by State Grand Chancellor W. C. Crist, District Deputy O. B. Eaton and Past Supreme Representative E. A. Ebert; solos by Messrs. A. B. Bynum and T. W. Blackwell and a trio by Messrs. Bynum, Blackwell and Sheperd. At the conclusion of the exercises refreshments and cigars were served.

Evangeline Rebeckah Lodge, No. 127, I. O. O. F., celebrated its third anniversary Thursday night with a social session. There was a large attendance of the members, besides a number of invited guests, and the occasion was one of delight to everyone present. The principal address of the evening was made by Mr. Hill C. Litchfield, of Durham, who discussed, entertainingly, the principles of the order and the work it had accomplished. Mr. Litchfield also made a brief but pleasing address. The remainder of the program included a solo by Miss Daisy Cherry; recitations by Misses McInosh and Perryman, and dainty refreshments served by the Rebeckahs. The souvenirs of the occasion were holly leaves, tied with pink ribbons.

### WENT TO MARRY COUPLE

Two Young People of Charleston Returned to Trying Place to Wed—Gaston County Teachers Meet—Other Notes.

Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Dec. 8.—Rev. R. C. Anderson went to Montreat Tuesday to marry a young couple from Charleston, S. C. There was a large attendance to the affair. While spending some time at Montreat last summer, Mr. Anderson met the young couple, who were spending the summer there also. When the minister was ready to return home the young lady remarked that when there was a wedding on hand they would send for him. He was somewhat surprised to receive a summons the first of the week to come and perform the ceremony. The marriage ceremony, which was a quiet home affair, took place in the Green cottage yesterday at noon. The contracting parties were Miss Emma Lee Mayo and Mr. G. J. Cherry, the latter a wealthy lumber dealer of Charleston.

Dr. Henry Louis Smith and Rev. J. B. Durham were the principal speakers on the programme for the meeting of the Gaston County Teachers' Association at Dallas to-day. All of the teachers in the county are expected to be present. A special feature of the occasion was a dinner, given at the Hoffman House and the White House by the citizens of Dallas complimentary to the teachers.

### ONE MORE APPEAL

Another Effort to be Made to Induce Governor Glenn to Commute the Sentence of Freeman Jones. Special to The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 8.—One other appeal is to be made to Governor Glenn to save the life of Freeman Jones, who is now under sentence of death and is to die to-day week unless something is done to save him. These appeals are not intended to monopolize the time of the Chief Executive or to worry him, but were those who feel that it will be an injustice to take the life of Jones for this crime and his attorneys are anxious that the Governor should get all the facts.

This case is unusual in that the jurors, before they left the jury room with the verdict, decided to appeal to the Governor to save the life of the negro. Under the evidence and the charge of the court they say that there was nothing to be done but to return a verdict of guilty of burglary. All this was discussed. The jurors then asked the court what effect a recommendation for mercy would have and the court said none so far as the court was concerned, but it would be a fact to go to the Governor if an appeal for executive clemency was made. Then it was agreed to return the verdict and to ask for this clemency. Yesterday one of the jurors, who was one of the leading men on that jury made an affidavit that it was generally supposed by the jurors that a recommendation of this kind would have the effect to get a change in the sentence. He says further that if this had not been the general supposition of the jurors that Durham county would have been against such a course, that there were those on the jury who would never have agreed to be engaged in the business of signing a verdict which would result in the execution of a man.

These facts and others are to be laid before the Governor to-morrow and a final and last effort will be made in behalf of the negro man.

This is the nearest that Durham county has ever come to a hanging. It naturally arouses a great deal of interest. There are those who say the negro man who lays his hand in violence upon a white woman should die. There are a great many who do not believe that this negro should die, believing that he went to the home where the husband of the woman had been engaged in the business of selling whiskey illegally for the purpose of getting whiskey. He was evidently drunk at the time. Freeman Jones is not a vicious looking negro. He has never been in crime here so far as I can learn. He is meek and submissive and contends now that if he did the crime charged that he has no recollection of it. On these grounds others believe the final appeal will be made.

### Send Negro Infantrymen to a Desert Island.

To the Editor of The Observer:

There is one suggestion I have not seen made regarding the disbanded of the negro soldiers from the army because they were too bad to be turned loose upon the community. Why could not these three companies have been sent as a punishment to some island, where they could have been kept under disagreeable conditions as to drills, roll calls, etc., and be entirely isolated from other people and under extra strict discipline?

The officers and non-commissioned officers cannot be entirely free from blame. It was their duty to know the character of each man in the battalion, and to have an especial watch on hard subjects under their authority. They should share

### Shen in the punishment is not unjust.

It seems likely that a year of this rigorous discipline would induce some of the more guilty men to give clues which might lead to the conviction of the men guilty of the outrage.

Suppose that the duration of this punishment depended on the discovery of the criminals. Would not this in time break up the bad "esprit de corps" which now causes good men to screen the bad men?

In the French army there are disciplinary regiments for the purpose above indicated. D. E. E.

### NATURAL DETECTIVE FORCE

Why Men Who Commit Crime in Alaska Cannot Escape. Washington Post.

"We have a better detective force in the cold country than there is in the States," remarked Governor H. P. Hoggart, of Alaska.

"That detective force is nature. When a man commits a crime in the States he has many places to hide, and he often manages to evade the authorities forever. If one of our people who does something wrong believes the climate of some other country will better suit his health and he makes for that country he undertakes the impossible. All we have to do is to sit and wait. There is only one way out of Alaska, and that is by coming to the coast, and when the criminal comes to the coast he is sure to be caught.

"So well has the United States Signal Corps done its work in Alaska that we have a telegraph line to every mining camp of importance, and when a man takes leg ball all there is to do is to telegraph to the coast towns, and the authorities wait for the man. It would be impossible for the poor fellow to try to get away by any other route than the coast, because he would never live to retrace his experience, and the authorities are on the coast range of mountains are vast plains, stretching for many hundreds of miles, wholly uninhabited. On account of the haste with which criminals generally leave there is no time in which to provide an adequate outfit. If such a thing were possible.

"But it is seldom that it is necessary to make use of this natural detective force to track wrongdoers. I will venture to say that there is no country in the world where the people are as orderly as they are in Alaska. All the tales of lawlessness of the mining camps of the forty-niners are not repeated in Alaska. From the very first people have been orderly, and they make it so uncomfortable for the criminal who comes among them that he is glad to leave.

### Manchuria After the War.

Pekin correspondence to The London Times.

With the exception of the railway guards, all the Russian forces in north Manchuria have been withdrawn. Chita, in Transbaikalia, will be the most important military depot of the Siberian Railway west of Manchuria.

Many problems yet require solution in Manchuria. The most important are the opening of Mukden and other cities to foreign trade, which the Chinese opposed; the railway question, especially the redemption of the railway from Hsin-min-tum to Mukden, joining the Chinese and Japanese systems; the question of jurisdiction over the Chinese within the Japanese railway area; the question of the Yalu timber, and the question of the customs at Dalny.

The rights of the Russian Railway having passed to the Japanese Railway, it is now proposed that the Japanese South Manchuria Railway Company should act as agents of the Board of Revenue, levy and collect customs duties at Dalny, and remit them to Peking. This will be strongly opposed by the other powers, because the railway is owned by Japanese merchants and manufacturers, whose goods would thus be handled by customs under their own control.

The question of the withdrawal of the Japanese military administration at Newchwang has been settled in principle, but the details are still incomplete. China agrees to recognize the Japanese statement of accounts showing that all native customs revenues collected during the Japanese occupation have been expended in local public improvements, and Japan will restore the marine customs revenues. China undertakes to continue various public works, such as road-making, sanitation, etc., and agrees, pending the establishment of a branch of the Board of Revenue, that all customs moneys shall continue to be paid to the Yokohama Specie Bank. The military administration will end about December 1, when the port is closed by ice.

### Doings of Winston Aldermen.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 8.—Upon the recommendation of the street committee, the Winston aldermen Thursday night decided to buy the gravel pit west of the city, the price asked being \$3,500. According to the city engineer it contains 600,000 tons of good stone and that is a class of material for which market is now paying in freight alone, besides the cost of material itself, 55 cents per ton. Mr. K. S. Pulk was elected a member of the police force, succeeding Mr. Frank Martin, the new constable of Winston township. The salaries of the fire department drivers were increased from \$35 to \$40 per month. The salary of T. L. Rawley, clerk in the city engineer's office, was increased to \$10 per month. The question of reducing pool room license was discussed and a committee was appointed to confer with other towns. The work of the committee is not to be confined to pool room business, but to determine if the city has not the right to levy a tax independent of the State.

The finance committee was authorized to pay the volunteer firemen their annual gift from the city—fifteen dollars each.

### A Hot Air Expedition Only.

Wilmington Star.

Walter Wellman seems to continue to receive some attention and notoriety because of his proposed expedition to the North Pole in a balloon. Some people do not realize yet that Wellman's expedition was of the hot air variety.

### What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

COSTS NOTHING TO TRY.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and, mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

Nowadays we get all the beneficial effect of sulphur in a palatable concentrated form, so that a single grain is far more effective than a table-spoonful of the crude sulphur.

In recent years research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. They are small chocolate coated pellets and contain the active medicinal principle of sulphur in a highly concentrated, effective form.

Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver and excretory organs and purifies and enriches the blood by the prompt elimination of waste material.

Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every spring and fall, but the credulity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium Wafers is undoubtedly the best and most widely used.

They are the natural antidote for the liver and kidney troubles and cur constipation and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patient and physician alike.

Dr. H. M. Wilkins, while experimenting with sulphur remedies, soon found that the sulphur from Calcium was superior to any other form. He says: "For liver, kidney and blood troubles, especially when resulting from constipation and malaria, I have repeatedly seen them dry up and disappear in four or five days, leaving the skin clear and smooth. Although Stuart's Calcium Wafers is a proprietary article and sold by druggists and for that reason taboed by many physicians, yet I know of nothing so safe and reliable for constipation, liver and kidney troubles and especially in all forms of skin diseases as this remedy."

At any rate people who are tired of pills, cathartics and so-called blood "purifiers" will find in Stuart's Calcium Wafers a far safer, more palatable and effective preparation.

Send your name and address to-day for a free trial package and see for yourself.

F. A. Stuart Co., 57 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

### WHALE IGNORES BULLETS.

Capt. Adkins, of Fishing Steamer, Fires at Monster Whale Thrice With Springfield Rifle, But Leviathan Treats Performance With Silent Contempt. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Dec. 8.—While fishing steamer Nellie B. Dey, Capt. E. H. Adkins, was on its way to Frying Pan Lightship on Tuesday of this week a monster whale was encountered just off Frying Pan. Capt. Adkins fired into the whale three times

with a Springfield rifle, but the big creature paid no attention whatever to the well directed bullets and followed the steamer for some distance as if by sheer curiosity. Capt. Adkins says the whale was quite 75 feet long and as wide as the little fishing steamer which he commanded. New Hanover Superior Court, which has been in session a week for the trial of civil causes, has completed its business and Judge E. B. Jones, who has been presiding, has gone to Kinston, where he holds court next week. Only a few unimportant cases were tried at this term of the court here.

## A Great Shoe Opportunity

On next Saturday morning at 8 o'clock there will be something doing at our store.

We will commence the greatest slaughter of Men's and Women's Shoes ever witnessed in Charlotte. It will be worth coming miles to enjoy. We will make the bargain-lovers' hearts fairly leap and dance with joy. We are not showing our hand quite yet, but just you wait and see. If we don't turn a trick that will set 'em on fire, then we'll never ask you for another dollar's worth of business.

We've got some prices up our sleeve that will make you think we've lost our wits. You think you have heard of bargains before, but you don't know what a real bargain is. Just wait for our Friday morning's announcement. We wish we could tell you all about this sale to-day, but the time is not quite ripe. We haven't got through "marking down" our goods yet. Maybe before next Saturday morning we will decide to cut a little deeper yet. We are going down after them good and hard, and we will come up with something that will make you long remember SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 1906. Fine goods bought at 20 to 40 per cent. less than it actually cost the factories to make them. \$2.00 and \$3.00 to be saved on well-known, popular, advertised, guaranteed brands. But we are telling. Just wait for Friday's announcement in the newspapers.

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