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Fine Jackets and Capes at Cost.

To offer you goods at a certain figure, at which the same article can be had for at any time, but to call it "at half price" for special occasions, is that giving you a bargain?

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Fancy Rockers.

Just the thing for a Xmas present, and going very cheap.

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES.

The state superintendent has issued a call for a meeting of the county supervisors of schools at Raleigh, during Christmas week. Supervisor Ellis of Buncombe county, will discuss the topic "A Plan for Supervising the County Schools." The full program is not yet made out.

The supervisor has his annual report of the work of public schools of Buncombe county in course of preparation, in which he will show what every school in the county has done during the year. The report will be so circulated that nearly every family in the county will get a copy of it.

Nearly all the schools will close this week. The supervisor states that he had twenty invitations for yesterday, to be present at school closings, but could attend only one.

Most of the schools prepared some sort of public exercises and a picnic dinner. Large crowds have been present at all these public closings and much interest and enthusiasm have resulted from the occasions.

CENTRAL EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Central Epworth league held a business meeting last night. George L. Hackney was elected president, to fill the unexpired term of Harold Turner, and Charles J. Rite secretary for the unexpired term of A. W. Freeman. Arrangements are being made for a sociable at an early date.

SOME TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Money to be Returned to Carolina Bank Depositors,

Who Placed Funds in the Bank on October 11.

Decision Today in the Alleged Conspiracy Case.

Quarterly Prize Drill of the Asheville Light Infantry.

Medals Awarded to the Four Best Drilled Men—Apron Bazaar to be Held by the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church.

Yesterday's session of the superior court was an interesting one, although but one or two matters engaged the attention of the court and bar. The first case considered was that of the Battery Park bank vs. the Western Carolina bank. The matter came up on the report of Julius C. Martin, referee, which was filed a week ago, and out of which grew a motion to have the deposits made in the Western Carolina bank on the 11th day of October, the day preceding the closing of the doors, refunded to the depositors.

The argument considered the entire forenoon and was able on both sides. The motion was advocated by Thomas A. Jones and resisted by Donald Gillis, F. W. Thomas and Charles A. Webb.

After a patient hearing from both sides, Judge Norwood decided to instruct the receivers of the bank to return all the deposits made on October 11 to the depositors. The amount of check and cash deposited on that day aggregate about \$6,000.

The following is a list of the persons who will be reimbursed after the signing of the order by the judge, which will probably be done today: Asheville Milling company, Asheville Paint and Paper company, H. D. Baker, Blittmore estate, Blittmore Lumber company, Charles Van Bergen, N. P. Chedester, Chambers, Weaver and company, H. J. Chapman, Anna E. Doyle, Sam Fleasch, T. D. Fisher & Co., Miss C. M. Gano, John Glasco, Mrs. A. A. Grabau, treasurer, H. Lamar Gudger, S. Lipsky, Frank Loughran, J. B. Morris, C. B. Moore, Mustin, Robertson & Co., H. P. Pearson, W. T. Penniman, J. H. Smith, A. Shenbaum, Slayden, Rakes & Co., Whitehead & Britt, C. C. Willis, agent, W. Lynch hotel and sanitarium company Battery Park bank, National Bank of Asheville, H. R. Grant, W. P. Haney & Co., Commercial Bank of Raleigh and Co. Allen.

The report of Referee Martin was confirmed as to facts, and the order will be presented to the court today that those who are entitled under the decision may draw their money.

The motion to remove L. P. McCloud, one of the receivers of the Western Carolina bank, is set for hearing today. On account of the sudden illness of a material witness a mistrial was had in the ejectment suit of Candler vs. Sawyer. This is the second time this case has come up for trial and a mistrial had each time. No jury trials will be had today.

THAT ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

Arguments of Counsel in the Case—Decision Today.

The case against the Indian doctor and John Randall was again brought up before Justice Van Gilder yesterday afternoon for argument. Solicitor McCall was present to take the place of Judge Shuford and Mr. Brown, who withdrew the previous day, and the case proceeded. Judging from the crowd present, there was considerable interest in the proceedings. W. H. Bird, Mrs. Hill, Rhodie Allison and Morris Meyers were the witnesses examined, all being introduced by the defense.

Mr. McCall stressed the point that Hill, Randall and Hensley were all bound together in harboring these plots to kill Roberts, commit perjury, etc. That their drive to the country and their many and lengthy meetings were for no good. From this charge of conspiracy to murder, Mr. McCall descended to eaves dropping, which he prosecuted vigorously. He also endeavored to strengthen the force of the testimony of Hensley by showing that these same statements were made before Hensley became involved in his trouble, and that he had not been swearing them to save himself.

On the other hand, the Messrs. Carter claimed that Hensley, by pretending to be the friend of both Keith and Hill, was able to keep himself supplied with whiskey for the doctor and house sent from Keith. Stress was laid on the fact that all testimony brought up by the state was on the words of Hensley, nothing having come to them directly from Hill.

APRON BAZAAR.

On December 17th and 18th the Ladies Aid society of the Christian church will have an Apron Bazaar in the store room, corner Patton avenue and Main street, formerly occupied by Powell & Snider. There will be aprons galore at very reasonable prices, also nuts and household goods. Oysters and ice cream will be served from one until eleven o'clock p. m.

A. L. I. MEDALS.

Awarded Last Evening at the Quarterly Prize Drill.

The regular quarterly prize drill of the A. L. I. was held last evening in the armory and medals were awarded as follows: First prize (Chadwick medal)—W. H. Shippe, second sergeant. Second prize (Williams medal)—E. M. Israel, fifth sergeant. Third prize (Field medal)—A. E. Barger, private. Fourth prize (Kienle medal)—R. O. Patterson, Jr., fourth corporal.

With the exception of the first prize, which has been held by Mr. Shippe, the remaining prizes were won by new men. Captain Bookhart presented the medals. The company made an excellent showing and the drill was enjoyed by a number of spectators, mostly ladies.

PROF. BOWMAN'S LECTURE.

Last of the Series in This City Delivered Last Night.

A large sized audience, including many ladies, was present at the court house last evening to hear Prof. Bowman's last lecture.

A brief summary of the speaker's remarks is as follows: "Why do those evils over which we have no control exist, those natural evils which give us such sorrow, etc. * * * Were it not for the darkness of the night our eyes would never have beheld the glories of the heavens. * * * Those evils which come from human conduct, which come from human purpose are the real evils, why are they so? It is because they are not sanctified and are degrading to the human soul. There is but one source of evil in this world and that is the human will. * * * Those evils which come upon us by constitutional development and over which we have no control and do not bring upon ourselves, are imaginary evils. * * * The natural and apparent evils come from the definite purpose of duty, and is a part of the infinitely wise plan. * * * Universe means unit, and it would not be a universe unless it was for this unit, and right here is the most rational theory of a great universal spirit. * * * This unity is a splendid thought for the uplifting of the human soul. * * * Extend this thought of unity and the human mind in its most rational theory will reach the great infinite and in these two we have the great evolutionary system of the whole universe." At the close of the lecture a resolution was taken and Mr. E. D. Carter spoke in behalf of Prof. Bowman's work and asked that a liberal contribution be given.

Prof. Bowman made a few brief remarks concerning his stay here, and stated that it had been extremely pleasant. He said that he particularly wanted to thank the newspapers of Asheville for giving such correct reports of his lectures and without attempt to misrepresent him.

THE TWELVE TEMPTATIONS.

This well known attraction which comes to the Grand opera house Monday evening, is thus spoken of by the Chicago Tribune: "At the Haymarket last evening a production of spectacular, very pretentious, was given to the patrons of this west side theatre. It was the fifth edition of Chas. H. Yale's dramatic, pantomimic and ballet spectacle. Since presented here last, the piece has undergone such a thorough rejuvenation that one can scarcely recognize it in its new dress. The story has been changed, as also the pantomimic characters, the ballets, the specialties and the scenery. The costumes were rich and tasteful; the songs original and catchy, while the machinery and mechanical contrivances were very effective. There is no question but what the Haymarket is in for one of its largest weeks of the season."

CHRISTMAS NOTES.

Bainbridge has issued a convenient and pretty "Annual Circular," for 1897-8, "being a guide and help through the mazes of holiday shopping." It mentions briefly the variety of merchandise in his store, 18 South Main street, in books, stationery, etc.

One of the handsomest decorated windows in the city may be seen at the popular and well stocked Bon Marche. The window was decorated by Mr. B. Friedman the well known and obliging salesman, who shows himself to be quite an artistic as well as a renowned baritone singer. The pretty decorations consist of an evergreen tree on which is suspended fine handkerchiefs, flags, etc. A variety of Christmas novelties is displayed among which is a number of pretty jewelry boxes, baskets, crayon and water colored pictures and fine linen goods. A pretty decorated table is in the center of the window, around which is a profusion of flowers arranged to great advantage.

GIBBS-BLACKWELDER.

Invitations are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Willie Wilton Blackwelder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackwelder, Catawba, to Mr. John Breckenridge Gibbs, to take place at the home of the bride on Wednesday evening December 22, at half past five o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal church.

MANSFIELD ARRESTED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Richard Mansfield, the well known actor, was arrested here this afternoon, charged with assault. He was playing here in Bernard Shaw's new play, "The Devil's Disciple." Bail was furnished by the manager.

SCHOOL AT AVERY'S CREEK.

The public school at Avery's creek closed its session yesterday. Ex-County Supervisor John W. Starnes delivered an address on the subject, "What would you give to know?"

The funeral of the late Col. John D. Cameron occurred yesterday afternoon at one o'clock in Trinity church, conducted by the rector, Rev. McNeely DuBose. The body was sent on the afternoon train to Hillsboro, N. C., for burial.

BISHOP DUDLEY.

His Lecture Next Monday Night at the Court House.

When the Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago, in 1893, some of the Christian people of that city conceived the idea that an exposition of the progress of the world since the discovery of America would not be complete unless there should be some exhibition of the advance made in spiritual things as well as in those that are material, and with this conviction they organized what is known as the Parliament of Religions.

To this great assembly were invited representatives of every religion practiced in the world, and some representatives of all the various denominations of Christians. A great number came from all parts of the world, and for many days the great hall of Columbus was crowded by thousands of men and women to hear from these various speakers what they believed and why they believed it.

We remember that on the part of some American Christians, and notably of the churchmen of England, there was opposition to the whole enterprise, and almost a refusal to take any part in it. Yet, Christianity was represented, ably represented, by Roman Catholic bishops and priests, and by different divines of other Christian communities.

Bishop Dudley of Kentucky, was invited to deliver an address upon "The Historic Christ," and in spite of the opposition of many of his brethren, fell constrained to do it.

This address Bishop Dudley is to deliver in the court house next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, and we understand will precede it with some account of the Parliament and of the reasons which compelled his attendance.

We believe that our citizens will be interested and profited by attending, and they can at the same time do good work, as the proceeds of the lecture are to be given to the Woman's Guild of Trinity parish.

Tickets may be had at J. H. Law's, 35 Patton avenue; Carmichael's drug store; Miss Chapman's studio, Haywood street, and the Woman's Exchange, church street.

THE ALDERMEN.

HYDRANTS MUST HAVE UNDERGROUND CUT-OFFS.

Exempted Tax Payers—Proposed Re-pairs in the Market House—City's Finances.

Mayor Rankin presided last evening at the meeting of the board of aldermen, all members being present.

The clerk Mr. Robertson, read communications, one from Mr. W. B. Troy, who desires to furnish the city with estimates and samples of stone paving; one from the Young People's society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church, who petition to have the saloons closed earlier, and one from J. A. Campbell, tax collector, who requests \$30.00 to be refunded to B. T. Reeves, his property having been listed twice, and that the following persons be exempt from poll tax: J. W. Williams, exempt by county commissioners \$3.60, J. E. Atkins, Julius Robertson, Mark Lytle, George Brooks, all for physical disability; Robert Barr and W. L. Bagwell, charged with poll tax and are not residents. The requests were granted.

J. H. Lamb was granted a permit to build an eight room house on Burxon street, if it would connect with the sewerage.

All persons were allowed the privilege of voting six days to pay their poll tax. The plumbing inspector stated that at many places the people allowed their hydrants to run all the time when the water was cold, to prevent the pipes freezing. An ordinance was passed that all parties having such hydrants should be given 30 days to get an underground "cut off."

Frank Carter, representing C. R. Moore, presented a claim for \$14.00, for ninety-six feet of sewer Mr. Moore had put down on Cumberland avenue. The matter was referred to the street committee and Mr. Lee, Alderman Burnett stated for the market house committee that the market house needed repainting and a sky light put in. Referred to the committee with power to act.

A complaint was made of the last bridge down on Southside avenue. Mr. Boston was authorized to fix it temporarily, and as certain the cost of a new one.

The financial statement was as follows: Receipts \$320 66 Collected by J. A. Campbell, T. C., 1219 45 Collected by W. H. Bird, Sr., 61 40 Collected by M. W. Robertson, sundries 53 97 Collected by James Hines, 46 50 Collected by George H. Starnes, scales 13 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid street department \$ 442 07 Paid water department 1197 41 Paid fire department 688 86 Paid sanitary department 260 21 Paid police department 867 37 Paid market department 101 00 Paid school department 1500 00 Paid miscellaneous department 238 33 Paid city hall department 2 33 Paid salary department 83 33 Paid street lighting 427 82

Total \$5809 39 Cash on hand 4906 03

BILLS PAID.

Sanitary department \$70 70 E. W. Morgan 25 81 Street Dept. pay roll 84 81 Water Dept. pay roll 87 61 E. Sevier 7 75 R. L. Mears 2 00 Citizens company 11 53 McPherson and Clark 5 85 Mrs. J. V. Ball 8 80 Stempel Fire Ext. Co. 10 95 Telephone exchange 10 00 Southern R. R. Co. 37 94 Powell & Snider 10 24

Try our peanut brittle, made fresh every day.—The Alcazar, 82 Patton avenue.

Stable for rent near Hotel Berkeley. Also one set of hand-made double harness at \$10.00.—A. H. Chapperson.

FRUIT INDUSTRY.

Its Growing Importance in Western North Carolina.

One of the industries of Western North Carolina which is destined in the near future to receive deserved attention, is that of fruit growing. No section of the south is better adapted to the growth of fine fruits than this.

Some years ago the late Capt. Natt Atkinson of this county and Riley Neil of Yancey county, realizing the advantages of Western North Carolina for the growth of apples and other fruits, took the initiative step in the growth of the finest varieties of apples, peaches and grapes. Their effort in North Carolina is furnishing the southern markets with an abundant supply of the choicest shipping apples.

In Asheville there are several shippers, and not less than 50,000 bushels have been shipped from this locality to Georgia, Florida and other southern points. One firm alone in Asheville, McConnell Bros., shipped about twenty thousand bushels and have large orders ahead.

From every shipping point in Haywood, Hendersonville, Transylvania and McDowell counties large orders are being filled to supply the holiday trade.

Wagon loads are being received daily in Asheville and find ready sale to shippers, purchasable prices ranging from 30 cents to 75 cents per bushel.

The following varieties are choice and best adapted to shipment: The Spitzbergen, limbertwig, winessap, Ben Davis, buff, Saline, hoover, pippin, bell flower and greening.

The adapting of this section for the growth of fruit is fast being realized and the day is not far distant when Western North Carolina fruits will occupy the most prominent place in the markets of the south.

FIXING THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Congressman Pearson's Proposed Amendment to the Law.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative of North Carolina, has introduced and had referred to the civil service committee, of which he is a member, a bill to amend the civil service law. It makes the following additions:

In all cases to which the regulations of this act have been or hereafter may be such branch of the civil service who may be holding office or employment without examination, shall be required to stand the same examination as is prescribed for persons applying to enter such service.

Examinations shall be confined to such subjects as the applicant is obliged to know in the actual discharge of the duties of the service into which he seeks to be appointed, and all questions propounded in any such examination shall be approved by the head of the department or branch of the service into which the applicant is seeking admission.

The provisions of this act shall not be construed to include any officer or employee, for whose act or default a superior officer is responsible on his official bond.

It is believed that the first of the proposed amendments will receive the support of the committee. The third amendment will also find much favor, as it removes a new common cause of complaint and especially concerns deputy internal revenue collectors in the south.—Washington Post.

TOBACCO MARKET.

Yesterday's Sales the Largest of the Season.

Yesterday's tobacco sales were the largest of the season. The first sale was at the Banner and begun at 9 o'clock and lasted until 10 o'clock, immediately after which the sales began at the Farmers' and waxed warm until one o'clock, when there was a suspension of two hours for dinner. At the Banner, there were many pretty lots which brought fancy prices, and the common grades sold well. At the Farmers' the floor was also filled, 483 piles being sold. The two houses sold about 65,000 pounds.

The Tennessee farmers were well pleased with prices, expressed themselves well pleased with our market and the treatment they received. They will return with larger bulks in a few days. The sales of today will be equally as large if not larger than those of yesterday.

NORTHERN PACIFIC DIVIDED.

New York, Dec. 10.—The directors of the Northern Pacific were in session at the company's office this afternoon to act upon the first dividend upon preferred stock since the reorganization of the company. Wall street is greatly interested in the meeting. One cent was declared on preferred stock.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The following call was issued this afternoon: "A caucus of the democratic members and delegates of the house of representatives is hereby called to meet in the hall of the house on Tuesday evening next, at 7:30 o'clock. Signed, James D. Richardson, chairman."

CURRENCY TO MOVE COTTON.

New York, Dec. 10.—Currency transfers amounting to \$100,000 were made to New Orleans today by the United States treasury. The transfers are due to the movement of cotton, which was delayed by yellow fever, as well as the sugar crop from Louisiana.

ACCIDENT ON A STEEP GRADE.

Allahganey, Dec. 10.—While descending a steep grade on Spring Hill today a carriage, returning from a funeral, was upset, causing a runaway. The driver and the five occupants were seriously injured and the carriage was wrecked.

THE UNION PACIFIC SALE.

Omaha, Dec. 10.—The protest of the London stockholders of the Union Pacific will not effect the recent sale of the property, it was announced today by the Union Pacific legal department.

The meeting of the shareholders of the National bank, held yesterday afternoon, adjourned until this afternoon.

CLEANINGS OF STATE NEWS

Report of the Raleigh Insane Asylum.

Surprising Message From Gov. Russell as to Admissions.

Populists Who Are Weary of Republican Prosperity.

Republican Tri-Weekly to be Started January 15.

Cotton Growers Will Not Submit to Limitation of Acreage—De Wolf Hopper at the Academy of Music.

Special to the Gazette: Raleigh, Dec. 10.—At the meeting of the Board of trustees of the insane asylum here yesterday, Dr. Kirby made a full report. He said that during the year 181 patients had been received at the hospital; that 99 had been discharged as cured; as improved 10, and as incurable 1. There were 28 deaths with a death ratio to number treated 5 per cent. The per capita cost for maintenance had decreased from 1893 to the present time from \$192 to \$142; a brick smokestack had been erected, costing \$2,000. That there was a debt on the institution of \$7,900 in round numbers, incurred to heat, light and furnish the new small annex, as the legislature made no appropriation for that at all. J. C. L. Harris came before the board and stated that Governor Russell asked that the authorities should receive all meritorious cases of insanity even though the appropriation be inadequate; that he did not wish it said that during his administration any one had been refused admission to the asylum who was a worthy applicant. Dr. Kirby said that if he admitted all meritorious cases that he would have an average daily attendance of 410 patients, and with the low rate per capita of maintenance it was not reasonable to expect 410 to be cared for on \$55,450. This message of the governor's will provoke comment. There was no change made in the officers of the institution. The improvement of the grounds and the fine yield of the garden and farm were commented upon.

When the United States court adjourns on Monday it will be to meet again the 3rd of January and finish up the cases that will not have been reached this week. Clerk Fortune took charge of the books and records of the circuit court yesterday afternoon.

Inspector General Royster today examined the state arsenal where all the camp equipments for 2,000 men are kept. There are but five Hessian Yarn mills in the state. Kinston is going to start one.

The populists through the county are so disgusted with 5-cent cotton and the present state administration that many of them say they expect to back up the democrats in the next election stand.

The republicans here say that their paper, which is to be a tri-weekly, will be started by January 15th.

The cotton growers over the cotton section of the state are indignant at the proposed plan to limit the acreage of the plant, and say they will not submit to it. Dr. Ellis, the county coroner, at the meeting of the county commissioners, resigned his position on account of his health.

There is to be a meeting of the state association of city school superintendents at Greensboro December 28th.

Complaint has been filed with the railroad commissioner that the Seaboard Air Line is violating the new fixed freight rates.

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A Grand Illuminated Display of Jewelry and Silverware.

Thursday evening, Dec. 9th, from 8:00 to 11:00 o'clock.

In making the announcement for our opening at the beginning of this year's joyous season, when it is the beautiful custom of all to give substantial tokens of love and esteem, we wish to say that never before, in the history of the jewelry business, have prices been so low, and the beauty of design so simple, and yet so elegant, as at the present period.

Prices have never been so low as they are this year, and we believe that \$1.00 will buy as much, on the average, as \$3.00 would five years ago.

We have many beautiful things, ranging in price from twenty-five cents upwards, and if you will give us the honor of a call, we will be pleased to show you hundreds of things, exquisite in design, and at prices that will astonish you.

Our first illuminated display will occur on the evening of Thursday, December 9th, from 8:00 to 11:00, and we hope that you will favor us with your presence.

ARTHUR M. FIELD,
Leading Jeweler, Cor. Church St. and Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.