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Price 5 Cents.

Oestreicher & Co.

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?

In our store a \$15 garment is a \$15 garment—marked in plain figures for comparison against any and all competitors.

If now we reduce this same garment to \$9.25 don't you actually save \$5.75?

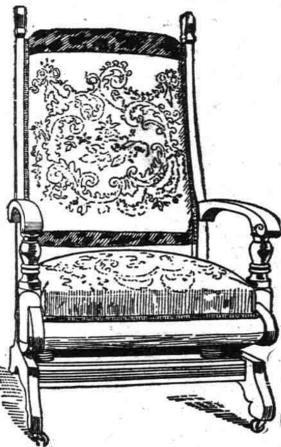
Or \$4.25 on a \$12.50 garment at \$8.25? Do you see the point? That's exactly the way it is.

The assortment is superior to any. Rather a little too good;—one of the reasons why we have to sell these cloaks at a sacrifice. But you are welcome. We positively will carry none over for next season.

Children's Jackets and Infants' Cloaks have been reduced to be closed out during the next few days.

OESTREICHER & CO.

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Fancy Rockers.

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

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BIG FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Dobson's carpet store on Chestnut street, was destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is half a million dollars. The Sharpless department store adjoining was damaged \$150,000.

KEITH-HILL CASE.

Justice T. I. Van Gilder rendered his decision yesterday in the Keith-Hill case, binding Randal over to court under the sum of \$100. He deemed the bond Hill was already under sufficient for his appearance.

TO ATTEND SUPREME COURT.

Many of the Asheville lawyers will leave today for Raleigh to attend the supreme court. They will be joined by a number of lawyers from the western counties. There are many cases of great interest from this section to be argued before the court.

AT LAW'S.

Many new things in Sterling Silver, all good weight, but prices are as low as they can be, at 35 Patton avenue. 262-2

AT LAW'S.

A ten cent table, with lots of nice goods on it. 262-2

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

MILLER WON THE GREAT RACE

Beat the World's Record by 182 Miles.

Those Who Finished Were in a Terrible Condition.

Brutal Exhibition of Cruelty by the Trainers.

Enormous Crowd Witness the Closing Scenes.

The Three Leaders Strike for Bigger Prizes in View of the Vast Receipts, But Are Persuaded to Resume the Contest.

New York, Dec. 11.—The great six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden ended at 10:15 to-night when Charles Miller, the phenomenal rider from Chicago, won, making a world's record of 2,093 miles and four laps, beating the world's record made by Hale last year by 182 miles and one lap.

Rice, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., was second with 2,026 miles and 5 laps to his credit. Schinnerer, of Chicago, was third. Hale, the winner of last year's race, came in fourth, with 1,920 miles and two laps. Weller, Pierce and nine others also finished. Gray, the last man, going 1,229 miles.

Nearly 100,000 people have visited the garden during the week, each night the place being packed by wildly enthusiastic mobs, who yelled themselves hoarse as the jaded men, rendered half insane by the terrific pace, fatigue and loss of sleep, rode around the track. Ten thousand saw the finish to-night.

Miller finished the journey as if he had only been travelling for a few hours. He showed practically no signs of his terrible ordeal. Since he first mounted the wheel last Sunday night he had enjoyed only eight hours of sleep, and had been off the track a total of nine hours and forty-five minutes.

A hard struggle was in progress last night and this morning for second place. Rice, despite the fact that he has been in great pain and was by no means himself for the last twenty-four hours, rode on, with Schinnerer pursuing him like a shadow. Between 4 and 5 a. m. Rice and Schinnerer came into collision. Both fell from their wheels, but neither was seriously hurt.

About an hour later the two men stopped once more, and it looked as if neither could continue. Their trainers and a crowd rushed toward the rail where the two men lay. The trainers had to fight their way through to get to the men. They placed the riders on their wheels, and again started them. A few minutes later Rice slid off the wheel and rolled down an incline, crashing into Enterman's wheel. Enterman was thrown headlong. Rice's wheel was bent and broken, but another was quickly procured and the Wilkesbarre boy, with an idiotic stare on his drawn face, wobbled around the track once more.

After Schinnerer and Rice had once more fallen they were dragged from the track and given a short rest.

Hale, who has been gradually gaining upon Schinnerer, was in good shape, and showed few signs of the strain he had undergone. The three leaders went on strike to-night and refused to return to the track, declaring that with the vast sums the management was making, prizes of \$1,300 to the winner, \$800 and \$500 each to the next two, were poor rewards for their hard work. They stayed in the dressing room two hours and then withdrew their demands, coming out and riding to the finish amid a cry of applause.

Hale and Miller, winners of last year's and this year's races, locked arms and walked round the track while the band played "Hail to the Chief." Rice also came out and the crowd almost went mad with joy, and sought to get at the riders to pat them on their heads.

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BRYAN IN MEXICO.

Entertained at a Reception—Visits a Silver Smelting Works.

Monterey, Mex., Dec. 11.—William J. Bryan was entertained at a reception given this afternoon by the American Colony. He visited a large silver smelter's establishment during the day. He is taking copious notes of his observations.

SUICIDE OF MR. REMPLER.

Paris, Dec. 11.—M. Rempler, the judge of instruction who had charge of the Panama canal scandal investigation, committed suicide in a sudden attack of insanity today by throwing himself from a window in the Palais de Justice.

WEEK OF ACTIVITY

Throughout Business Circles Generally in Asheville.

Last night ended a week of unusual activity in every line of trade in the city. The tobacco market has enjoyed its full share, the sales during the week being uncommonly large with very satisfactory results. Since the opening sale Monday morning and the closing sales yesterday, not less than 200,000 pounds were sold. Prices realized were such as to please every farmer, many of whom were from Tennessee and the western counties of this state. Yesterday's breaks at the two warehouses the offerings were above the average both in point of quality and prices.

The presence of so many farmers in the city had the effect to make trade lively in every line, and merchants especially were gratified with their sales. At the market last night every stall was crowded with buyers and sales kept up until the hour of closing. Almost every article desired could be obtained. The meat market stalls were filled to repletion with all kinds of meats, such as beef, mutton, venison, sausage, wild game, etc. The vegetable stalls contained quantities of cabbage, turnips, potatoes, apples, celery and almost everything else in the line of vegetables. Birds, rabbits and squirrels were in abundance, and sold well. The market house was well filled up to the hour of closing.

MOTHER MCKINLEY.

SHE WAS STILL ALIVE AT A LATE HOUR LAST NIGHT.

The End Evidently Near at Hand—The President Constantly at Her Bedside.

Canton, O., Dec. 11.—To-day was the tenth since Mother McKinley was stricken, but she was alive at a late hour to-night. Though she has taken liquid food in the smallest quantity but twice since she was stricken, she shows no signs of emaciation. The muscles of her arms and face are full and well rounded as before she was stricken. Her physician noticed a decided change for the worse to-night and said he did not think it possible she would survive more than a few hours longer. The president has not relaxed his vigil at her bedside and has only stepped out on the porch a few minutes to-day for a breath of fresh air.

HISTORY SCANDAL.

Committee Recommend the Expulsion of J. N. Stubbs.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—The committee holding the investigation of the Virginia history scandal today recommended that J. N. Stubbs be expelled from the office of chairman of the Grand Camp history committee, and requested the resignation of the grand commander of the United Confederate Veterans of Virginia.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

NATIONAL BANK OF ASHEVILLE METHOD OF SETTLEMENT.

Money on Hand to Pay Depositors and a Prompt Settlement Will Be Made With Them

At a meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Asheville held yesterday afternoon it was decided that the bank go into voluntary liquidation at once.

The money for paying depositors has been received and all claims will be settled within a few weeks, in which time the amount of \$150,000 will be paid.

This speedy and satisfactory method of winding up the bank's affairs is attributed to the earnest efforts of the officials, Messrs. W. B. Williamson, W. T. Weaver, E. Sluder, T. F. Davidson and W. J. Cooke.

The following resolution offered by Judge T. A. Jones was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the thanks of the shareholders of the National Bank of Asheville, N. C., be and are hereby given to Col. Wm. H. T. Burgwyn, the national bank examiner, for the faithful, patient and beneficial services rendered by him in the discharge of his duties as bank examiner in charge."

Col. Burgwyn expects to return at once to his home.

FEARED HE WOULD BE LYNCHED.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 11.—The governor this afternoon honored the requisition of Governor Stephens, of Missouri, for Johnson, colored, who is wanted for kidnapping the daughter of Dr. Neel, a prominent citizen of Saline county, Mo. The governor has been overwhelmed with letters and telegrams from Missourians urging him not to grant the requisition as the object to get Johnson into Missouri was to lynch him. The governor would not grant it till he secured assurances from Governor Stephens that the prisoner would be protected.

GUARDING A JAIL.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 11.—Advices this evening from Longview state that it is believed that an attempt will be made to rescue from jail W. J. Knight, charged with the robbery of the Longview bank and killing one of its officials. The local military company is guarding the jail. There are a large number of suspicious characters in town who are believed to be friends of the prisoner.

BAGSTER BIBLES AT COST.

I desire to sell out what I have. They were bought at a low price and I have them at cost. \$1.00 per copy. H. H. Xmas—J. H. Law, 35 Patton avenue. 262-2

CUBAN TOBACCO EMBARGO ENDS

Blanco Releases a New York Firm's Purchases.

Weyler's Prohibition Terminated by His Successor.

McKinley's Language Mildly Interpreted by Sagasta.

For the Benefit of the Spanish People.

Some Flattering Words from the Politic Premier—The Country May Take a Different View of the Message.

Washington, Dec. 11.—General Lee telegraphed the state department to-day from Havana that General Blanco had removed the embargo against the exportation of 645 bales of leaf tobacco owned by a New York firm. Another big lot will be released soon. Then Weyler's prohibition, though still in force, will cease.

Spain has shown no disposition to revoke the embargo so that Spanish subjects can send their tobacco out.

POLITIC SAGASTA.

Madrid, Dec. 11.—The Sagasta ministry has made extraordinary efforts to impress the mildest possible interpretation of the language of McKinley's message as far as it relates to Cuba upon Spanish minds. Sagasta himself has done this publicly and privately in the most assiduous way. This is a sample of his language:

"I did not expect so much from President McKinley. The question of the rights of nations is dealt with in an excellent manner. As regards the president's utterances in respect to the work achieved by the Spanish government we can find no fault with them. They do us justice. It is necessary that we know the effect of the message on the United States Congress. We shall see very soon. The terms employed by Mr. McKinley have given the liveliest satisfaction to the whole corps diplomatique in Madrid and all its members have congratulated me."

It is by no means certain that the country will look at the situation through the premier's spectacles.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

A Great Increase in the Bulk of Cotton but a Loss in Revenues.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The statement of the principal articles of domestic export, about 98 per cent. of the whole month of November, issued by the bureau of statistics to-day, shows a total of \$82,823,639, an increase over October of more than \$5,000,000.

The exports of cotton for the eleven months ending with November were 100,000,000 pounds in excess of the exports for the corresponding period of '96, but notwithstanding this increase in the quantity, the low price of cotton resulted in a decrease as compared with the same period last year of over \$17,000,000 in value. The export price per pound for the three months ending November, 1896, was 7.6 cents, and for same period this year 6.1 cents.

RESCUED BY THE ETRURIA.

Queenstown, Dec. 11.—The Cunard line steamer, Etruria, arrived to-day bringing the captain and crew of the British steamer Millfield, from Baltimore bound for Belfast. The Millfield's decks were swept, her funnel washed away and her boats smashed in a terrific hurricane on Wednesday. She was abandoned in a sinking condition yesterday. The Etruria took all the crew off soon afterwards.

MADISON COUNTY CRIME.

JOHN KILPATRICK FATALLY STABBED AT STACKHOUSE.

His Assistant William Pressley Escapes With the Sheriff in Pursuit.

Special To The Gazette: Marshall, N. C., Dec. 11.—John Kilpatrick, of this county, was fatally stabbed with a knife in the hands of William Pressley this afternoon at Stackhouse, N. C.

No motive is assigned for the deed as the two men had been good friends up to the time of the difficulty. It is thought Kilpatrick will die.

Pressley escaped with the sheriff close on his track.

BANK STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 11.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease, \$3,235,525; loans, increase, \$9,981,300; specie, decrease, \$609,900; legal tenders, decrease, \$402,800; deposits, increase, \$8,891,300; circulation, decrease, \$91,800. The banks now hold \$18,857,425 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

McDOWELL COURT.

A Murder Case to be Tried This Week.

McDowell county circuit court will open tomorrow with Judge Ewart on the bench. Solicitor McCall, who will leave for Marion today, informs us that the docket is not unusually large, and although there is one homicide case to be tried, he thinks the court will not last longer than one week. The capital case to be tried is the state vs. John P. Hall, charged with the murder of David Jarrett some six months ago, the particulars of which were published in the Gazette. Another serious case on the docket is a charge against two young men for rocking a train.

SUPERIOR COURT.

A Large Number of Motions Heard Yesterday.

Yesterday was motion day in the superior court and almost the entire day was consumed in the argument of motions in the Western Carolina bank case, in which many members of the bar engaged. Such questions as making parties, giving notice and priorities of claims were discussed. The motion for the removal of Lawrence P. McLeod as receiver of the Western Carolina bank was continued to be heard at Waynesville on the 22nd inst.

SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY.

The usually quiet little town of Bryson City, in Swain county, was the scene of a bloody and perhaps fatal cutting affray night before last. John Everett, a prominent merchant of the town, and a carpenter by the name of Summer became involved in a fight in the store of Everett in which Summers received nine different cuts with a knife in the hands of Everett. The cut which is thought to be fatal is on the right side. The other wounds are on the face and different parts of the body. Our informant, who passed through the city yesterday, informs us that Summer's chances for recovery are very slim.

AVERY'S CREEK SCHOOLS.

The public schools of this county closed Friday night after a successful session in each district. In district number one (Avery's Creek) the closing exercises were largely attended by both parents and pupils. The school room was elaborately decorated with flowers and the program was one creditable to the school. John W. Starnes, ex-superintendent of Bryson combe county, delivered an address on the subject, "One thing we would like to know is, who is my friend?" The address was well received by the large audience present, and the speaker was congratulated upon his eloquent and interesting discourse.

THE FIRST NATIONAL.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE BANK'S CONDITION.

The Worthless Assets Amount to \$259,747—Those That Are Good \$21,514.

The first official statement of the condition of the First National bank of this city that has been made public appears in the annual report of the comptroller of the currency, dated December 6, 1897, and a copy of which reached the Gazette yesterday. In this report the estimated value of the assets and the liabilities are given. These appear in the following table:

ESTIMATED ASSETS.	
Capital	\$100,000
Good	\$21,514
Doubtful	52,969
Worthless	259,747
Total	\$334,230
Liabilities	215,428

The worthless assets—"accommodation notes," etc.—are within a very few thousand dollars of what the Gazette reported them two months ago. The capital stock is nil.

TRAGEDY IN JACKSON.

There was a sad tragedy enacted on Scott's Creek in Jackson county, day before yesterday. Two young girls by the name of Barnes, while at play in the house, picked up what was supposed to be an unloaded pistol lying on the dressing case. The elder said to the other, "I will kill you." The pistol fired and the ball penetrated the brain of the 15 year old sister, causing instant death.

BISHOP DUDLEY'S LECTURE.

To enable everyone to hear Bishop Dudley's lecture, "The Historic Christ," tomorrow evening, the ladies have decided to admit school children at half price. The issue of tickets being exhausted, the doorkeeper will be instructed to admit such upon these terms.

MARTIN G. HUBBARD DEAD.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Martin G. Hubbard, director in the Bell Telephone company and well known to public men, scientists and financiers, died at "Twin Oaks" his suburban residence at an early hour this morning. He was in his 76th year.

MASS MEETING.

There will be a mass meeting tonight in the First Baptist church at eight o'clock, in the interest of the prison reform. Bishop Dudley, Dr. Byrd and Captain Patton will talk. All are cordially invited.

FACTORY TO BE ERECTED.

J. B. Bostie sold yesterday for C. S. Barless to F. M. White a lot on Market street for \$1,200. Mr. White will erect a factory building at once.

THE SMALL POX IN GEORGIA

Now Prevalent in 30 Counties of the State.

Quarantining Against Atlanta, Where the Disease is Epidemic.

Immense Loss to the Business Interests of the City.

Country People Frightened Away by Compulsory Vaccination.

La Grange Citizens Not Permitted to Visit Atlanta Except by Permission of the Mayor of the Smaller Town.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—Small-pox prevails in thirty counties of Georgia. It is epidemic in Atlanta and will cost the commercial interest of the city over a million dollars during the holiday season alone.

Compulsory vaccination has had the effect of frightening country people away from Atlanta, many fearing they will be hunted down on the streets and vaccinated upon the highways.

Towns adjacent to Atlanta believe the disease is imported from Atlanta and have quarantined against this city. In La Grange citizens can not visit Atlanta without getting a permit from the mayor of their city.

SALE OF JAPANESE PICTURES

By the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A.

An art exhibit will be given in the Paragon building, corner Haywood and College streets, on Thursday, December 16, from 3 to 10 p. m. and on Friday, December 17, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

This exhibit will be under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., which has won for itself a reputation for its high class entertainments.

The pictures are exquisitely tinted water colors of scenes in Japan, and ladies in Japanese costumes will have charge of the sale.

The Ladies' Home Journal pictures, have arrived and will be on sale at this exhibit.

These engravings are especially fine, being copies from Gibson and other recognized artists of the day. There will be no admission charged.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Whitsett Resignation Again Up and Voted Down.

Special to The Gazette.

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—There was a warm debate in the Baptist state convention at Oxford to-day on the resolution calling for the resignation of Dr. Whitsett as president of the Southern Theological seminary. It was defeated by eleven votes. The convention will be held at Greensboro next year.

RECEIVER FOR PIEDMONT BANK.

Special to The Gazette.

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—At Goldsboro to-day Judge Robinson appointed A. D. Cowles permanent receiver of the Piedmont bank at Morganton. It is adjudged that his appointment had priority of that of W. E. Walton, and it is ordered that the latter deliver the bank's assets to Mr. Cowles. Judge Green to-day at Boone, appointed Walton permanent receiver. The case now goes to the supreme court.

GOOD, established, paying business for sale. For particulars address Box 705, City.

"We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the public for their many kind expressions and also for making our opening such a brilliant success. We wish to apologize for not having our stock in better shape, but the extra, unexpected rush just at this time, both in town and from catalogue orders, made it impossible for us to be better prepared.

We have endeavored this year to put on the market our usual high grade of goods, at prices much lower than ever before, and we can safely say that we are now selling goods as low if not lower than any other jewelry house in the country, who handle a high class of goods.

ARTHUR M. FIELD,

Leading Jeweler, Cor. Church St. and Patton avenue, Asheville, N. C.