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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

Price 5 Cents.

Our store will be open every evening of this week.

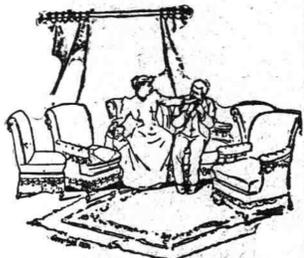
HOLIDAY GOODS.

The Christmas shopping and buying is now the order of the day. Very little time left for decision, but there is no need for hesitation about where to buy, because our's is the store to visit for the nicest goods, and last, but not least—bargain prices.

Holiday Specialties are Here in Great Profusion:

- Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, regular holiday styles;
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- Easel and Hand Mirrors, Fancy Garters, Perfumery, "Alexandre" French Kid Gloves,
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Is your house well furnished. If not, why not, when furniture is going so cheap? How about that bedroom suit that you have been thinking about so long? Nice oak suits going now at \$15.00. Industrial coupons taken on all cash purchases.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

Hereafter advertisements for the Gazette must be received at the Gazette office before noon, in order to receive publication in the issue of the following morning. An early edition of the Gazette is to be issued to go out on the midnight trains, east and west, and in order that all advertisements may be inserted in this edition which will have a large circulation in addition to that now possessed by the regular edition of the Gazette it will be necessary that advertising copy shall be in the hand of the type setter at an early hour.

I offer to sell sixteen acres of land (including top of Town mountain) at reduced price if purchased within next ten days; it is known as the Jersey lands. The top has the highest elevation in Asheville; from it there are grand mountain views on all sides.
B. COFFIN.
288-3 29 Haywood street.

CORNER STONE CEREMONIES

Vance Monument Properly Dedicated.

Honors Paid to the Great North Carolinian.

Eloquent Tribute to His Memory by Rev. Dr. Swope.

The Masonic Services of the Corner Stone Laying.

Pa's grand Master F. H. Busby's Address—The Symbolic Meaning of the Ceremony—Paquet at the Battery Park

The laying of the cornerstone of the Vance monument in Asheville's public square was attended with weather that rendered the out-of-door ceremonies not entirely agreeable. It was a gray day, clear and cold, with a breeze that was somewhat cutting. These unkindly features of the weather did not prevent the ceremonies from being so entirely successful as to reflect much credit on the local Masonic lodge that had charge of the arrangements. The attendance was large and thoroughly representative.

Shortly after the hour of ten the Masons convened at their Patton avenue hall, the following officers being present: Walter E. Moore, G. M.; Robert Bingham, as D. G. M.; Thos. J. Rickman as S. W. G.; H. I. Clark, J. G. W.; W. C. Sprinkle as G. Treas.; W. W. Wilson as G. Sec.; Rev. R. W. Swope, D.D., as Grand Chaplain; F. D. Winston, S. G. D.; T. J. Reed, J. G. D.; J. L. Currin, G. Marshal; J. F. Titson, G. S. B.; M. D. Kinsland, G. S.; M. D. Cowan, G. S.; R. H. Bradley, G. T.; James G. Colvin, Grand Architect; T. L. Parker, G. P.

The session of the order was made very pleasant by the presentation of a gavel to the grand master by Biltmore and Asheville lodges. The gavel is made from one of the chestnut logs of the house in which Senator Vance was born. At the request of Biltmore and Asheville lodge Hon. Locke Craig made the speech of presentation. It was a genuine, elevated, chaste and eloquent. Grand Master Moore accepted the gavel and used it during the public exercises.

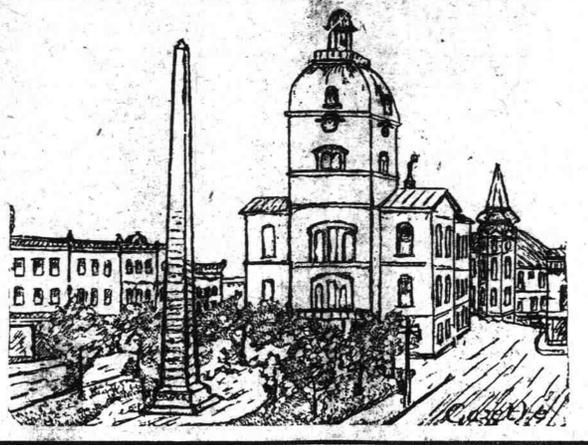
After some preparation they marched full dressed in paraphernalia. First came the tier with drawn swords, stewards with rods, master masons; No. 440, the Biltmore lodge, W. T. Hadlow, aid; next Asheville lodge, No. 410, H. C. Allen aid; then No. 118, Mt. Hermon lodge, J. T. Bynum aid; the visiting lodges, twenty-four having representatives, D. S. Hilderbrand aid; the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, escorted by the Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar.

The grand march was then begun, out Church street, through Willow street into South Main, thence to the court square. There the memorial services were led by Grand Master Walter E. Moore, who stated that by special request of the memorial committee, the Masons had taken the services in charge; that the school children would not take part in the exercises, because of the unpleasantness of the weather. He then read the Masonic ode, and Rev. R. W. Swope, Grand Chaplain, followed with prayer.

The copper box, full of articles, was then placed in the north east corner of the top stone step, by Grand Treasurer W. G. Sprinkle, and cemented over by Charles Smith.

The following is a list of the articles contained in the box:

- Holy Bible, program of the day, monument history, list of city officers, Year Book of the city of Asheville, charter of the city of Asheville, Code of the city of Asheville, roll of honor for November in the Asheville city schools, new silver coins of the United States, copy of the Asheville Daily Gazette of December 22, copy of the Asheville Daily Citizen of December 22, copy of the Asheville Register of December 17, copy of the Asheville News and News, copy of the Asheville College Monthly, copy of the Asheville Enterprise, muster roll of Senator Vance's old company, the Rough and Ready Guards; list of membership Zebulon Vance camp, United Confederate Veterans, proceedings of the grand lodge of North Carolina, proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, proceedings of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, list of officers of Alpha Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite.
- The coins in the box were secured by the committee from the Battery Park bank. Former United States Marshal Thomas J. Allison, of Statesville, a warm friend of Senator Vance, placed in the box a card on which was written: "Senator Vance, on my best friend. All North Carolina is lonely without you, Allison."



The stone was then lowered to its place and Architect Colvin presented the working tools to the grand master, who handed the square to the deputy grand master, the level to the senior grand warden, and the plumb to the junior grand warden; the grand master addressed the grand officer with questions regarding the performance of their duty. These satisfactorily answered, he said: "This cornerstone has been tested by the proper implements of masonry. I find that the craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I do declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid, according to the rules of our ancient craft. Let the elements of consecration now be presented."

Deputy master: "I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us and upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings, and insure the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude."

Response: "So mote it be."
Senior grand warden: "I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the universe bless and prosper our national state and city governments, preserve the union of the states, and may it be a bond of friendship and brotherly love that shall endure through all time."

Response: "So mote it be."
Junior grand warden: "I pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessings abide with us, and may the great Grand Master of Heaven and earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan, shield and defend them from trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow His mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted and the sorrowing, that they may know sorrow and trouble no more."

Response: "So mote it be."
The grand master then gave the invocation. Mr. Busbee was for two years the grand master of North Carolina, and has held the highest honor the order could bestow. He spoke briefly at the request of Hon. Walter E. Moore, grand master. Mr. Busbee's words of encomium on the building were full of pathos and in the crisp air, bringing a round of applause from the hundreds present. Avoiding all disputed points he dwelt with eloquent strength on those well known tenets of the order that all men admit. He did not give a history of the order, but he pointed out the fact that operative masonry was the beginning of the order. The guilds of masons, builders, and associations for mutual protection and adopted pass words and degrees. The most honorable and exalted men sought to be associated with the order as honorary members and the order soon lost its operative and practical character and became speculative and fraternal.

Mr. Busbee explained the use of the tools and elements of dedication—the wheat as an emblem of plenty and in its various forms of plant and growth as an emblem of the resurrection; wine as an emblem of joy and gladness, to be used with caution and sparingly, and oil as an emblem of peace and prosperity. Mr. Busbee closed his address with a short reference to Senator Vance. His delineation of his character was exquisite.

Long applause greeted his pointed reference and his closing words were the signal for a burst of hearty applause. Mr. Busbee spoke with great ease and facility of expression. He is a handsome man, and being a great admirer of Governor Vance, and one of his grand friends, it is not to be wondered at that he was able to deliver so admirable an address. When seventeen years old Mr. Busbee was an aide on the personal military staff of Governor Vance. The proceedings of the grand lodge are of course secret, but masons like every one else, occasionally give away a good thing.

At this stage the weather was so unfavorable that it was moved to conclude the exercises in the court house.

To a packed house Grand Master Moore introduced Dr. Swope, who spoke as follows: "Dr. Swope began his eloquent address with some introductory remarks on the character of illustrious men, in which he contrasted Jesus of Nazareth in his human aspect and Napoleon. He then gave this definition: "Greatness, then, is the thorough consecration of one's self, one's gifts, one's powers to the interests of one's fellow-men."

Dr. Swope applied this measure of greatness to Zebulon Vance, and spoke of the great senator's various relations in his life. He briefly sketched the course of his early years, and his rapid advance in a political career, and in this connection he paid the following tribute: "All unite in bearing testimony to the grand warmth of his character; to his considerate and often chivalrous treatment of others; to the sterling honesty and integrity of his every act. His self-esteem was not born of popular applause, but of the consciousness of right purpose. His ambition was to earn promotion by doing good and had nothing in it of avarice and cupidity. Not distasteful riches, he had nothing but unmeasurable contempt for that which was acquired by questionable methods or by extortion from the poor. He was careful of his personal credit and prompt to meet every pecuniary obligation. Again and again a fictitious partnership was offered him, in the great cities of the country, and again and again he put them aside without consideration. 'He knew,' said his biographer, 'from intuition as well as experience, that more congenial labors

and all the honors he desired would come to him here in North Carolina, which he loved with the ardor and constancy of a troubadour."
"He engaged the affections of the people by the uprightness of his personal and official conduct, by the blamelessness of his private life, the placability and gentleness of his disposition and by the warmth of his private and domestic attachments."

"No only had Senator Vance these qualities and virtues, but he joined to them that one without which no character can be said to be well rounded and perfect. He loved the God who had given him being with all his heart and soul and strength, and yielded himself to His service. Although he sometimes quoted Scripture in his speeches in a way that called out criticism, he was not irreverent, and would not tolerate in others anything that seemed suggestive of sacrilege, or mockery of divine things. After joining the church he became an earnest and consistent Christian, finding genuine pleasure in attending upon the ordinances of Divine worship; but moroseness and gloom never had place in his creed or practice. His religion was neither Puritanical or ascetic, and would not tolerate in him that he was such an one as 'Nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a man!'"

Of his career as a soldier Dr. Swope spoke at some length. In part he said: "Vance's statesman like presence forsook the inevitable result. He expressed himself in congress as opposed to secession, and excused all the warmth of his heart and soul."

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GAGE TO GOMPERS

A REPLY TO CRITICISMS OF HIS FINANCIAL BILL

The Secretary Again Expresses His Positive Adherence to the Gold Standard.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Gage has addressed a letter to Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation of Labor, replying to resolutions adopted at Nashville, criticising his financial policies. He says:

"If it is true that the gold standard is inimical to the interests of the laboring classes then I think it is inimical to all classes. In other words, I don't believe the exploitation of one class by another, either through false weights, partial laws or bad monetary system can be made to work for permanent benefit or the general weal. Granted, therefore, that the permanence of the gold standard, for which I argue, operates in this evil direction, then your resolutions of condemnation are well founded and I am justly charged with ignorance which constitutes me a foolish advisor, or with perversity of motive, which makes me an evil adviser. Let me say, through you, to the great body you so honorably represent, that if instead of denunciatory resolutions, which are not argument, you or anyone in your behalf, will show my views to be other than salutary to the great economic body, I will abandon them without hesitation. My present conviction, the honest fruit of sincere study and reflection, is that to break down our present money standard would be a most disastrous blow to all our commercial and industrial interests, and upon the wage workers, as a class, would be entailed the most serious effects of the disaster."

IT'S GENUINE

If on each imported piece of Stransky Steel Enamelled Ware appears the label with our name as Exclusive Agents. This was once tried is always used. It's cheaper than the cheapest. Costs a trifle more, but still adorns the kitchen when a dozen pieces of so-called "cheap" have been thrown away. The cheap and poor gets black and unsavory in a few weeks; the imported remains clean and sweet and lasts for years.—Boyce and Rich. Don't throw your money away on trifles. When you can get your lady friend a present which will give pleasure for years. 271-1

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.
Malaga Grapes 20c., Raisins 8c. and 12c., Currants 10c., Citron 15c., Dates and Prunes 75c., Mixed Nuts 12c., Bananas 10c. and 15c. per dozen.—S. H. Chadester, 22 Patton avenue.

THE PARTITION OF CHINA.

Russia Has Demanded the Dismissal of English Engineers.

London, Dec. 22.—A Peking dispatch today confirms the report that Russia has demanded the dismissal of the British engineers on the railroads in North China. The Chinese government hesitates to comply.

The Chinese are provisioning Port Arthur and will reconstruct forts there under Russian supervision, Russia furnishing the money. This indication of the wintering of the Russian fleet is preliminary to permanent occupation.

The necessity for safe-guarding the British position east increases. The Russo-Chinese bank, as agent of the Russian government, has offered to supply China with 120,000 Berdan rifles, on five years' credit. The offer has been accepted.

A despatch from Japan says the ministry is disturbed over the occupation of Port Arthur by the Russians. A long cabinet council was held today, attended by high military officials.

MISS HERBERT'S FUNERAL.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Services over the body of Lella Herbert, daughter of the secretary of the navy, who was killed by jumping from a third story window, while suffering from melancholia, were held at St. Andrew's Episcopal church this afternoon. Most of the naval officers in the city attended. The honorary pall bearers were Secretary Long, Senators Pettus and Morgan, Dr. G. L. M. Curry, Paymaster General Stewart, Chief Constructor Hitchborn, Admiral Ramsay and Captain O'Neill. The body remained in the church until taken to the train tonight for transportation to Montgomery, Ala., where it will be buried in the family lot.

THE BIG EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 22.—Assistant General Superintendent Leary, of the Southern Express company, said tonight that there were no developments in the ten thousand dollar robbery of Monday. He said he might have to remain here for a couple of weeks, but was confident of spotting the thief, who was one out of the seven employees of the office. Mr. Leary was chief witness twenty years ago in the only other great express loss in this state. Messenger Lynch, of this city, claimed that \$25,000 blew out of his car door. He was never convicted.

CLEVELAND SEES THE TOWN.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland spent about an hour here this afternoon between the arrival of the train in which he journeyed from his duck shooting trip in South Carolina and the departure of the train which took him to Princeton. Contrary to his custom while he was president, Cleveland took a walk through the business part of the town. He walked along F. street, the main retail thoroughfare, where the Christmas shoppers were out in force. Few recognized the once familiar form.

THE KINDERGARTENS.

Closing Exercises Yesterday of Sara Garrison—Others Today

The closing exercises of the Sara Garrison Kindergarten were held yesterday afternoon. The first part of the exercises consisted of a number of the Kindergarten songs, sung by the children and teachers. After this the marches and drills were gone through, and then came the giving of the presents. The presents worked by the children for their parents, were taken first from the tree; these consisted of little calendars and such like, very prettily worked by the little ones. The children's own presents of fruit and candy were then awarded.

The school has had a very successful year so far and the teachers are to be congratulated on the good work.

The Riverside Kindergarten will have their closing exercises this morning at 9 o'clock in the basement of the West End Baptist church. A feature of the entertainment will be the appearance of Santa Claus at 10 o'clock. The exercises will be in charge of Miss Gudgeon and Miss Stockton.

The closing exercises of the Bailey street Kindergarten will be held this morning at 9:30.

POLK MILLER COMING.

C. W. Cox, advance agent for the Polk Miller company, is here and has made a date for the 29th of December. The entertainment will be for the benefit of the Woman's Guild of Trinity parish, and will be under the supervision of Miss Fannie Patton. Tickets will be on sale shortly, by the ladies.

SPECIAL RATE TO ASHEVILLE.

On account of the Inter-state Poultry and Pet Stock show, to be held in Asheville, a special rate of one-fare for the round trip ticket is offered by the Southern railway.

Tickets are on sale from all points in North and South Carolina, also Danville, Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Licenses have been issued for the marriage of J. G. Walker and Meta Southern; J. P. Shaw and Pattie Conner.

J. H. Law announces that he will keep his store open every night this week until 10 o'clock.

MILL OWNERS COMING SOUTH

A Development of the New England Troubles.

Worcester Manufactures Induced to Migrate.

Fall River Employees Still Talking of a Strike.

Threats to Quit Work at Worcester if Wages go Down.

Other Mills Joining in the Prevailing Economy That Now Marks the Crest of the Wave Prosperity.

Fall River, Dec. 22.—The failure of the conference between the committees of the cotton manufacturers and operatives is a great disappointment to the business men of the city, who fear that the employees of the mills will refuse to accept the proposed reduction. Communications received from the labor union officials in other mill centers advise the Fall River operatives to accept the cut-down. A large percentage of the employees, however, favor a strike, and it will be difficult to change their views. A conference of all the unions will be held tomorrow.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—The employees of the Millbury cotton mills have decided to protest against the contemplated reduction in wages, notices of which have already been posted. The hands in several of the departments have declared their intention of leaving the mills if the reduction is made, but it is thought that they will change their minds by January 3.

A number of the local manufacturers have received inducements to go to Virginia. It is said that two or three will accept.

The wages of 200 employees in the Farnumville carpet mill at Whitesville will be cut December 27 ten per cent.

THE NEW BANK.

From private information we learn that Mr. J. W. Norwood of Wilmington, is much pleased with the success that has attended his efforts to establish a national bank in this city and that he will return here in a week or two to make definite arrangements for opening the bank. He will have associated with him some of the best business men in the city. The new bank will have the confidence of the community and be able to form important and valuable connections outside, through the wide acquaintance and influence of Mr. Norwood.

WHIPPING POST IN VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Dec. 22.—A bill was introduced today in the legislature for the re-establishment of the whipping post for petty larceny. Men over sixty are to be exempted and women are to elect whether they shall be flogged or go to jail. Guardians or parents of children under fourteen may decide whether the children shall be whipped or imprisoned.

We wish to take this opportunity of

thanking the public for their many kind ex-

pressions and also for making our opening

such a brilliant success. We wish to an-

ogize for not having our stock in better

shape, but the extra, unexpected rush just

at this time, both in town and from out-

logue 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 any

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 Pat-

ton avenue, Asheville, N. C.