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Oestreicher and Company

28 S. MAIN ST.

Embroideries and White Goods. An advantageous purchase enables us to offer you better values in above goods than you are apt to get them after the season has advanced.

It is good advice to ask you to purchase now, as we are offering extra good values.

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There are no Satisfactory Substitutes

"MONARCH"

Canned Goods.

It is well to remember this.

G. A. GREER.

Busy as B's B's B's

My new goods purchased while in the east last week have arrived and being very anxious to have the larger part of them in shape for to-day's (Saturday) trade, am compelled to make this my first advertisement in my new home and new store a short one. The head line at the top gives the reason. We are never too busy, however, to show our goods and quote prices, in fact take pleasure in doing so. I am very anxious to meet the trade of Asheville and vicinity, and extend a hearty welcome to one and all if not to buy, come in and bother us—we like to be bothered, in fact we enjoy it, make a living by it.

A special for Saturday, January 22, and Monday, January 24, only—A California Lemon Cling Peach, good syrup and really worth 20c per can, for these two days, 15c per can.

P. L. Byard's PURE FOOD STORE
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E. Coffin will sell a lot of China Lamps and House Goods at 12:30 to-day on S. E. Court Square.

ON PATTON AVENUE, NO. EIGHTY EIGHT CORNER STORE FOR RENT. APPLY TO H. C. OBERDIER, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

Program for the Silver Payment Resolution.

Republican Defeat on Gold Bullion Transportation.

Vote to Pay Methodist Book Agents' Big War Claim.

Stir Over the Dismissal of a Woman Pension Clerk.

Senator Allen Attacks the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner Evans—Bill to Repeal Ten Per Cent. Tax on Circulating Notes.

Washington, Jan. 21.—In the senate today, in a personal explanation, said he voted yesterday for the consideration of the concurrent resolution in regard to the payment of United States bonds in gold or silver, at the option of the government, because he thought the resolution was for the benefit of the country and the republican party.

In regard to the joint action on the resolution, it was agreed that when the senate shall meet tomorrow that Stewart shall make his speech on the resolution immediately after the opening hour, the resolution shall be taken up on Tuesday, and a vote taken on all pending amendments Thursday.

The postmaster general, in replying to inquiries, sent to the senate a statement showing that the amount of the deficit in the free delivery account for the current month to be \$150,000. This deficiency, he says, is due to the appointment of additional carriers, made necessary by a heavy increase in the postal business during the past six months.

Senator Hoar thereupon offered an amendment to legislative bills appropriating \$163,000 to cover the deficiency, which is to become available immediately upon the passage of the bill.

The amendment was referred to the committee on appropriation.

Senator McLaurin introduced a bill repealing the ten per cent. tax now imposed on circulating notes and state bonds, and authorizing national banking associations to lend money on real estate security.

There was a little stir caused by the discussion of the resolution of Senator Allen of Nebraska, asking the secretary of the interior for papers concerning the dismissal from the pension office of Mrs. M. E. Roberts. Senator Gallinger moved to refer the resolution to the committee on civil service and retrenchment.

Mr. Allen said that he had learned that Mrs. Roberts was a friend of ex-Secretary Carlisle from Covington, Ky. She for years was a member of the family of James B. Beck, once senator from Kentucky, and her appointment was made through his influence. Mr. Allen declared that no self-respecting gentleman would treat a woman as this woman has been treated by the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of pensions.

"If this administration is willing," he said, "to injure itself in this way, I am willing. If it desires to hurry itself out of power, I am desirous of hastening its exit. But I hold, Mr. President, that it is not the inherent right of the secretary of the interior or the commissioner of pensions to be brutal in their treatment of clerks. If the commissioner desired the place of Mrs. Roberts for a hanger-on who did him a personal dirt at her. He must be a poltroon and a coward, indeed, who will make a covert charge against a woman, and refuse to state charges."

Allen referred to the position taken by Gallinger very sharply and was sharply challenged by Gallinger. Allen contended there was a hint of something vitally wrong in the moral character of Mrs. Roberts. He reviewed the case and discussed its application to the present agitation of the civil service question.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, chairman of the committee on civil service and retrenchment, said that the committee would carefully investigate the case should it be referred to his committee, and this resolution was so referred.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 21.—On consideration of the senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill in the house to-day the republican leaders were defeated in their efforts to insert the provision requiring the depositors of gold bullion to pay the cost of transporting it from the assay offices to the mints. The government has paid this since 1878, and the house inserted the provision referred to when the bill was discussed several days ago. The

senate struck it out, and the house, 144 to 112, to-day concurred in that action. Nineteen republicans voted with democrats, populists and silverites to sustain the senate action.

A worse defeat was administered later in the day when the house in committee of the whole on private calendar, by a vote of 127 to 37, voted to take up for consideration the bill to pay \$288,000 to the book agents of the Methodist church, South, for the seizure and use of their publication house at Nashville by General Rosecrans in the war. The democrats were aided in their movements in favor of the bill by a number of republicans under the lead of General Grosvenor, who believed the claim should be paid. The house adjourned at 4:55.

"THE DAZZLER."

Everybody who has seen Cosgrove and Grant's comedians in the Dazzler will recall the infectious humor of Whit West's tramp character, "Ezekiel Pipes," and be pleased to learn that he will again be seen in the same character this season. Mr. West has elaborated the character considerably, and made it even more humorous than it was last season. Although he has several new and taking songs, it seems to be impossible for him to get through an evening without singing his famous "Beer Song." For three years he has been singing it, and determined this year to give at least one verse of "Beer, Beer, Glorious Beer." The Dazzler will be seen at the Grand Opera House on Monday, January 24.

JUDGE DICK'S SUCCESSOR

CONTEST NOW LIES BETWEEN EWART AND LUSK

Changes in the Fortunes of Other Republicans That Would Follow the Choice of Either Man.

Interest in the question of the appointment of Judge Dick's successor was increased yesterday by direct information that the contest had narrowed down to Judge H. G. Ewart and Col. V. S. Lusk, both of whom have strong backing in Asheville. A petition, we are informed, favoring the appointment of Judge Ewart, signed by a large number of Asheville lawyers has been forwarded to Washington.

It is thought by some that the appointment will be made at once, by others that it will be postponed for some time. It is evident that political policy will govern the action of the president in making the appointment and that no step will be taken until after mature deliberation.

In the meantime the friends of the candidates are anxiously awaiting results. It was reported yesterday that Collector Harkins who has been in Washington for several days taking part in the fight had returned, but his arrival was not known at his office and the collector could not be found by a Gazette reporter who searched for him.

The appointment of either Lusk or Ewart would necessarily bring about several changes and this view of the matter is what interests republicans most. It is thought by some that in the event that Lusk should get the judgeship his commission as receiver of the First National bank would immediately be revoked, and E. D. Carter appointed in his stead, while others think that H. Lamar Gudgeon would be his successor.

On the other hand it is currently reported that if Judge Ewart is appointed that Solicitor McCall will be promoted to the bench and E. D. Carter appointed to take his place as presiding officer.

In an interview with a Gazette reporter last evening Solicitor McCall said that he was not a candidate for the judgeship in any event, and that he was content with the office he held and had no preference between the two most prominent candidates, but did think that either Lusk or Ewart should receive the appointment. Owing to the importance of the office and the great interest manifested by the friends of the applicants the decision of the president is awaited with much general interest.

NATIONAL ELECTION LEAGUE

ORGANIZED YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK.

To Arouse Public Sentiment and for the Encouragement and Regulation of Pure Ballot Legislation.

New York, Jan. 21.—The second day's session of the Primary Election League was characterized today by the perfection of a permanent national organization to be known as the Primary National Election League, and by reading papers and delivering addresses more to the point of practical reforms than is relished by theorists who are leading factors in the league's discussions.

The committee on regular organization reported this morning in favor of a national organization, having for its purpose the encouragement of legislation in several states, which shall properly regulate the conduct of enrollments, registrations, primaries, caucuses, conventions, nominations and elections, and securing and insuring voters their rights as such.

The executive committee of fifteen was authorized to prepare by-laws, organize auxiliary branches in the different states, arouse public sentiment and arrange annual meetings.

Cesar Brass of New York, was made president; Mayor Quincy of Boston, first vice-president; Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia, second vice-president; Mayor Flower, New Orleans, third vice-president; Ralph Basely of Chicago, secretary, and Darwin James, New York, treasurer.

TO OUST CUBA'S GOVERNMENT

Spaniard's Attack the Town of Esperanza.

Repulsed and Pursued by the Insurgents

After a Battle That Lasted Two Days.

Gen. Castellanos Driven Back to Puerto Principe.

Reinforcements Sent to Him From Vergara and Valladolid—Spanish Claim That the Rebel Government was Dislodged.

Havana, Jan. 21.—Just as this dispatch leaves for Key West, by special courier, news is spread here of an important battle, wherein the Spanish failed in an attempt to capture the seat of the Cuban government. The capital was moved, about a month ago, from the mountains of Cumbias to Esperanza, seventeen leagues from the Spanish capital of Puerto Principe. Two weeks ago Blanco ordered the Spanish commander of Puerto Principe, Gen. Jimenez Castellanos, to dislodge and capture the Cuban government.

No news was received from Castellanos until this morning when it was reported that after a battle, which lasted two whole days, he met defeat, and with a majority of his staff and over one hundred and fifty soldiers he retreated to Puerto Principe. The Cubans pursued him up to the Spanish fortifications.

The Spanish battalions of Vergara and Valladolid have started to reinforce Castellanos.

The official statement about the battle says the Cuban government with 2,500 men was ousted by Castellanos.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

THE PROCEEDINGS OF LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Reports on Street Improvements Building Permits—The Question of Prison Reform.

All members were present last evening at the meeting of the board of aldermen. Mr. Jones, representing the committee on prison reform, reported that he had conferred with the county authorities relative to boarding and working the prisoners, but no definite plans had been agreed upon. The report was carried over till the next meeting.

Mr. Scott stated that the pumps at the water works had been running regularly and there had been no need of coal to run the engine.

The Banner warehouse lot was discussed and Mr. Bostic was ordered to get material and close up the side next to Penland street.

Mr. Mears reported that the crossings ordered at the last meeting to be put in had been placed, and that the grading had been completed on Clayton street.

A broken place in the sidewalk on North Main street was ordered repaired.

Reference was made to the sidewalk at the entrance to the Farmers' warehouse, to the lack of sidewalk paving on West College street and Merrimon avenue where curbing had been placed, but no definite action was taken.

A petition that a sewerage line be placed on West Chestnut street, between Montford and Cumberland avenues, was referred to the water and sewer committee, as was a petition from citizens to make improvements on Grove street.

A building permit was granted to Frank Weaver to erect a seven room house on Cherry street, and H. A. Miller to erect an eleven room house on Montford avenue, provided each party would make sewerage connections.

Half a dozen tax exemptions were granted.

The Rev. Mr. McDuffy asked for crossings at the intersection of Sycamore with Market street and Valley with Beaumont streets for the benefit of his congregation. His request was granted. He also called water in his end of town to use in case of fire. This matter was referred to the water and sewer committee.

A petition for a crossing on Morgan avenue, near Bailey street, was referred to the street committee.

The following bills were ordered paid: Dr. Whitington, \$3.00; Buncombe Brick and Tile Co., \$40; B. F. Crossman, \$27.50; Carolina Coal Co., \$65.50; Penman and Kelly, \$14.18; H. Miller, Manufacturing Co., \$6; Asheville Printing Co., \$6.50; J. N. Morgan and Co., \$17.00; Dr. D. E. Sevier, \$5; Southern Railway Co., \$11.60; G. Duckett, \$10.00; R. E. Clevenger, \$10.00;

Mrs. V. J. Bell, 8.40; Mr. Ellis, \$1.50; Chas. Nelson, \$1.

Individual assessments for Clayton street paving:
W. H. Westall, \$24.46; Mrs. Williams, \$24.46; Jas. Sherrell, \$25.88; Miss S. Russell, \$27.00; Miss Annie Woodfin, \$26.45; Samuel H. Reed, \$25.95; W. E. Wolfe, \$39.13; J. A. Woody, \$22.28; Mrs. Justice, \$18.36; Terrell Justice, \$77.09.

It was ordered that this list be put in the hands of the tax collector.

Weekly cash statement, January 21st, 1898:

Cash on hand Jan. 14	\$3791 54
Collected by J. A. Campbell, T. C.	\$77 91
Collected by M. E. Roberts, water	\$61 01
Collected by W. H. Bird, sanitary	\$25 60
Collected by W. A. James, fines	5 20
Collected by Geo. H. Starnes, scales	7 31
	\$5208 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Street department	\$161 70
Water department	247 28
Fire department	60 11
Sanitary department	90 25
Police department	7 10
School department	1500 06
Miscellaneous	1 10
Interest	809 00
Market department	75 00
Cash on hand	\$2331 25
	2877 28
	\$5208 57

Coupons, \$300.00; pay roll, street department, \$112.83; pay roll water department, \$49.11; pay roll, sanitary department, \$82.45.

THE BRIBERY IN OHIO

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE WILL GO TO CINCINNATI

To Secure Testimony of Representative Otis and Attorney General Campbell

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—No witnesses in the senatorial bribery investigation were examined to-day. After a short executive session the committee decided to go to Cincinnati and secure the testimony of Representative Otis and Attorney General Campbell. Managers of the telephone and the two telegraph companies refuse to answer any questions or produce telegrams and records demanded. The combine claims this action is through the advice given by Hanna's attorneys, which tends to prove that the Hanna people are afraid to let the truth be known. To emphasize this view Charles Kurtz and Allen O. Meyers who conducted the fight against Hanna, and who are pushing this investigation, have addressed letters to Senator Burke, chairman of the investigation committee, in which they authorize him and through him telephone and telegraph companies to produce before the committee all telegrams received or sent by them pending the senatorial fight and records of all telecommunication held by them during the canvass.

SEEKS INVESTMENT HERE

Newport Man Who is Favorably Impressed With Asheville.

J. W. Fisher, superintendent of the Unaka tannery, Newport, Tenn., is stopping at the Swannanoa. Mr. Fisher is the gentleman who was knocked from the second story of his tannery by a leather truck striking him, as was reported in the Gazette some weeks ago, and who was severely injured. He is here recuperating from the effects of his fall.

Mr. Fisher is also connected with other enterprises in Newport, and is one of its most prominent citizens. He is much in love with Asheville as a place to live, and thinks it a fine place for his business. He says it is difficult to get a location suitable and states that he knows of five very large farms who have been here within the past four years but went away and located elsewhere. Here is a matter for the new board of trade to investigate.

TAYLOR CRAWLING UP

IN THE SENATORIAL CAUCUS AT NASHVILLE.

Fifteen Ballots Taken Last Night Taylor Receiving 23 Votes - Galleries Thronged With Spectators.

Nashville, Jan. 21.—The deadlock in the democratic caucus for nomination of candidate for United States senator remains unbroken. The caucus, after taking fifteen ballots tonight, adjourned until tomorrow. When the caucus assembled all members were present, and hundreds of people were in the galleries. The first ballot of the evening, the twenty-third, gave McMinn 39, Turley 30, Taylor, 19. The thirty-fifth ballot stood: McMinn 42, Turley 28, Taylor 18. On the next ballot, however, McMinn received 39, Turley 26, Taylor 23, the vote for Taylor being the highest yet received. A motion to adjourn was then carried.

McKENNA CONFIRMED.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The senate this afternoon confirmed the nomination of Joseph McKenna for the United States supreme court bench.

POSTMASTERS CONFIRMED.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The senate to-day confirmed the following postmastership nominations: Wm. H. Chadborn, Wilmington; and Tyne Glenn, Greensboro, N. C.

AS SEEN BY BRADSTREET

Activity in Business and Industrial Lines.

Very General Steadiness in Prices of Staples.

Bad Roads Check Retail Distribution of Seasonable Goods.

The Immense Current of Production of Pig Iron.

The Industrial Situation, Excepting in Cotton, Shows Exceptional Strength—The Strong Wool Market.

New York, Jan. 21.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: A large measure of activity in business and industrial lines with, in some instances, previous records surpassed, and very general steadiness in prices of staples is perhaps the most notable feature of the trade situation this week. The quality of cereals shows the most aggressive strength, while those of some sales of pig iron betray more decided weakness than a week ago. Mild weather is frequently mentioned as the influence to check retail distribution of seasonable goods, chiefly because of the effect on the country roads. Spring trade opens slowly as usual at this time of the year, but confidence is still unimpaired. The immense current production of pig iron, amounting to fully 1,000,000 tons this month, has begun to exert an influence upon the price of that staple, but decreases are reported still only fractional.

The outlook in the steel rail trade is reported as flattering. The large orders for railroad account already booked have been increased within the week, an example of this being furnished by sales of 15,000 tons reported from Chicago at full prices.

The higher prices for wool abroad, based mostly on short yield reports, are reflected in the firmness of domestic quotations, although the demand, while comparing well with most preceding years, is smaller than it was in 1897, when the tariff changes were anticipated.

The industrial situation, with a single exception—the cotton industry—shows exceptional strength. As yet the strikes in this branch of trade, however, are largely confined to Massachusetts.

DEMOCRAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following call has been issued by President Henry B. Stevens of the Central Democratic club:

"All members of the executive committee of the Central Democratic club are urgently requested to meet in my office, No. 14 and 15 Legal Building, on Saturday, the 22d inst., at 5 o'clock p. m."

"Let every member be present as matters of great importance to the club will come before the committee."

NORTH-CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have time to time shown their appreciation of these Gems by using them in all kinds of adornment.

We have decided to close out some of these gems and offer them at prices that should make them all sell in a very few days.

WE OFFER:

One lot of 41 gems at 50 cents each.
One lot of 40 gems at 60 cents each.
One lot of 169 gems at 75 cents each.
One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
One lot of 32 gems at \$1.25 each.
One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
One lot of 3 gems at \$2.00 each.
One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.
One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
One gem for \$5.00.

ARTHUR M. FIELD,

LEADING JEWELER,
Church Street and Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.