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ASHEVILLE, N. C., SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 5, 1898.

Price 5 Cents.

## Oestreicher & Co.

28 S. Main St.

**Big Bargains in 10-4 Sheetings & Pillow Casings**

The attention of housekeepers is called to our special prices for 10-4 sheetings and pillowcasings for this week. The goods offered are of such well-established popularity that further remarks on our part are not necessary.

	Per Yd
10-4 Dover Sheetting Unbleached,	10c
10-4 Dover Sheetting Bleached,	12 1-2
10-4 Dallas Sheetting Bleached,	18c
10-4 Utica Sheetting Bleached,	20c
9-4 Utica Sheetting Bleached,	18c
8-4 Utica Sheetting Bleached,	16 1-2
7-4 Utica Sheetting Bleached,	15c
6-4 Utica pillow-casing,	12 1-2
5-4 Utica pillow-casing,	10c

## Ready-made Sheets

36x90 Heavy Sheets, hemmed,	45c
90x90 Heavy Sheets, hemmed,	50c
90x90 Heavy Sheets, hemmed stitched,	60c
These sheets were torn, not cut, nicely finished and ironed.	
36x36 Pillow Cases, 6 1-2	
36x45 "Defender" Pillow Cases, 12 1-2	
36x45 Utica Pillow Cases, 13 1-2	
"Rival" 36 inch 10c Bleached Cotton, 7c	
"Fruit of the Loom" 36 inch Bleached Cotton, 6 1-4	

**THIS WEEK ONLY.**

## The Canned Goods Season

is now here and goods are moving rapidly.

Remember there is NOT ONE can of OLD GOODS in our entire stock. All '97 Pack.

**G. A. GREER.**

## Home-Made

Grape and Peach

## BUTTER

That is strictly Home-made and only 20c per pound at

## BYARD'S PURE FOOD STORE

Phone 49 19 Merrimon Ave

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Good paying business for sale. For particulars address N. O. P., Gazette.

## BUSINESS

### IMPROVED

**Bradstreet's and Dun's Favorable Reports.**

**Especially so as They Relate to the South.**

**Remarkable Showing of Clearing House Records.**

**Gains in Most Departments of Manufacture and Trade.**

**Increased Railroad Earnings—Money Market Confident—Steadiness in Prices a Feature of the Week.**

New York, Feb. 4.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: "The tone of the cotton goods situation is, if anything, improved. Southern buyers are coming into St. Louis more numerous than usual at this time. All the south trade is reported improved at several important centres, and the total of January business is above the average. The light frosts did little damage to Florida truck farming interests. Steadiness in prices has been a feature of the week. Bank clearings for January in total for seventy-two cities aggregate \$5,974,000,000, a gain of one-sixth of one per cent. over December, 1897; of 33.7 per cent. over January of last year; of 37 per cent. over January, 1896, and of nearly 49 per cent. over January, 1894. Money is relatively easier here than in London."

Dun's Review will say to-morrow: "The actual payments through clearing houses in January made a remarkable showing, being much larger than in any previous month, 36.3 per cent. larger than the same month last year, and 71 per cent. larger than in 1892. The failures in January were smaller than in any previous year of which there is record, and probably smaller than in any other January since 1881. The statement by branches of business given this week shows a surprising gain in most departments of manufacture and trade. No failures appear in woolen manufacture, and in several branches only an insignificant aggregate compared with the failures of previous months.

Meanwhile, the money market is as confident as ever, gold does not come from Europe in large amounts only because bankers find it worth while to lend American money abroad, and commercial balances are heavily in favor of the United States as heretofore.

The spot price of cotton remains unchanged, but the fact that receipts continue larger than during the same week of 1897, after the heaviest crop ever known, checks speculative operations for an advance. There are many orders for women's shoes, and from the south much larger than last year. There is a better demand for cotton goods, since the general stoppage of the works at the east, but there is no indication as yet of material gain as respects unsold stocks on hand. Railway earnings show an increase for January, as far as reported, of 16.1 per cent. over last year, and 7.8 per cent. compared with 1897. Failures for the week 335, last year 311.

Water department, \$30.25; street department, \$54.85; sanitary department, \$68.20; police pay roll, \$745.00; city roll, \$9,950.90; Citizen Co., \$12.40; W. F. Seider, \$8.37; W. C. Stranley, 30c; W. C. Carmichael, \$1.20; J. P. Oates, \$3.00; J. G. Duckert, \$11.00; Mrs. V. J. Ball, \$19.40; B. M. Lee, \$17.50; A. S. R. Co., \$24.68; J. B. Sims, 25c; Brown, Northup & Co., \$1.05; W. C. Patton and W. H. Ramsey, \$3.80; D. A. Crawford, \$17.00; T. W. Patrick, 65c; Asheville Hardware Co., \$2.35; Asheville Electric Co., \$622.00; Asheville Printing Co., \$3.25; H. C. Johnson, \$8.78; R. E. Cleveland, \$10.00; Asheville Drug Co., \$1.25; J. R. Bennett, \$11.25; Geo. F. Scott & Co., \$18.00; Simpson, \$66.00; Standard Oil Co., \$7.20; McPherson & Clark, \$16.10; Asheville Hardware Co., \$11.05; Boyce & Rich, \$24.00.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

### PROCEEDINGS OF LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

**Proposed Macadamizing of French Broad Avenue—Waste of City Water.**

The board of aldermen met last night. A request for a two-block sidewalk on Egmont street from where the one now ends to Pine street, was granted.

The verbal offer of Mr. H. T. Collins to give the city 100 car-loads of fragment rock at the Pearson quarry, provided they would haul it and macadamize French Broad avenue between Patton avenue and Bartlett street, was submitted. After considerable discussion the matter was carried over.

Water Superintendent Robert's brought up the matter of means and states that the new automatic ones recently ordered were not giving satisfaction. He read a table made out, giving the increase that these meters made in water rates, especially in the hotels. Owing to the confusion caused by defective meters, Mr. Robert requested that he be allowed to collect water this quarter according to the old method.

Mr. Roberts and Capt. H. C. Page laid stress on the fact that a telephone was needed on the water flag to save the necessity of messengers being sent constantly to the water committee with power to act.

## IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The debate of bills on the calendar already considered at Friday night's meeting and recommended for passage, together with a two-hour discussion of the Kansas Pacific railroad foreclosure sale, kept the house busy all day with unfinished business, the result of it all being the passage of eighteen private pension bills.

Representative Hooker of New York, under a question of personal privilege, denied the truth of reports recently published that, in connection with the postoffice fight at Jamestown, he made a corrupt compact with a rival candidate for congressional position.

During a long discussion of the Pacific railroad bill the question of government ownership coming up, Mr. Terry of Arkansas, said, amid democratic applause, that government ownership of railroads was better than railroad ownership of government. Mr. Baynes of Texas, took occasion to deny that any one on his side of the chamber favored government ownership.

**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. D. Q. on each tablet.

## ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE

**Has Yielded None of Its Claims in China.**

**Positive Statement by the Government.**

**Will not Cease to Demand Open Chinese Ports.**

**Does not Desire any of the Oriental Territory.**

**India is a Sufficiency of That Kind of Conquest—Asks the British People to Wait Patiently the Outcome of the Controversy.**

London, Feb. 4.—General Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, speaking with authority of the Salisbury government at Leeds to-night, repeatedly declared with emphasis that the government had not receded in its demands for open ports in China and under no circumstances would it do so.

"It is not true," he said, "that the government, in the smallest particular has departed from their declared policy in the far east, or that they have in consequence of pressure from any other power, yielded any of our just claim."

He declared the government did not desire to possess any of China's territory, except such as was necessary for strategic purposes, the reason being that they did not desire to have a second India on their hands. He warned the English people to regard the report to the contrary and be content during the pendency of these necessarily delicate controversies. Loud cheers greeted Balfour's declarations.

## SLOSSON AND SHAEFER

**They Meet in New York Today to Contest for the Billiard Championship.**

New York, Feb. 4.—The billiard match between Champion George Slosson and Jacob Shaefer, which is announced to begin to-morrow at the Madison Square Garden is creating great interest among lovers of the game. Slosson recently defeated

## HANCOCK IN DANGER

**OF REMOVAL FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF N. C. ROAD.**

The Directors Considering the Charges Made Against Him by Misses Abbott.

Special to The Gazette.

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—There was almost a full meeting of the directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad this evening. Governor Russell told them that he placed the Hancock matter entirely in their hands. Hancock made a long statement, about as published. He was asked by one director if his action in removing Miss Gertrude Abbott from the public school of New Bern was not prior to the publicity of the charges against him. The latter said, "Yes."

Miss Gertrude Abbott has made charges against Hancock that he attempted to assault her. Her charges are similar to those made by her sister Annie, who remains all her accusations.

The board of directors then adjourned until to-morrow, but those of them who represent the state met in conference at 9 o'clock at the Governor's mansion. The governor is with them. Hancock is not present.

The overwhelming opinion to-night is that Hancock will lose his place.

## NORTH CAROLINA BANKS

**A Statement of Their Condition From the Treasury Department.**

The Gazette yesterday received from the state treasury department a statement of the resources and liabilities of the state, private and savings banks of North Carolina.

There are forty-five state banks in operation in the state, sixteen private banks and six savings banks. The total amount of the resources and liabilities of these state banks is \$10,246,049.43.

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## INDIAN RIGHTS IN ALASKA

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## MORE HEADS WILL DROP

**Collector Harkins Axes Only Temporarily Resting.**

Matters were quiet at Collector Harkins's office yesterday. Collectors were few and collections slim. The collector and Major Rollins entertained a Gazette reporter with a discussion of the civil service and especially the rights of the postoffice examining board which is soon to meet in Asheville. J. Wiley was present with a lengthy document, at the head of which was passed a telegram. He approached the table where the postmaster was sitting and presented it for his signature. The major replied, "Yes, with pleasure," and the autograph of W. W. Rollins was written immediately under that of H. S. Harkins.

The collector said that his axe was a little dull, but would be in good trim in a few days, and would do good work as fast as material could be found to work upon. The opinion of the Gazette is that many victims will soon be led to the slaughter.

## A STRICT MARRIAGE LAW.

Columbus, O., Feb. 4.—A bill has been introduced in the house proposing a radical change in the laws regulating marriage. It puts the power of granting marriage licenses in the hands of a board of three persons in each county. They are appointed by the probate judge and must be physicians, two of the of the same school of medicine. Applicants for license to marry must be examined by these boards, and if they are found to have dipomania, kleptomania, insanity (true, hereditary or caused by vice) or tuberculosis, license may be refused.

## A BOY HANGED

**FOR THE MURDER OF A WOMAN IN CANADA.**

He Met His Fate With Indifference, but Confessed That He Did the Killing out of Ill Will.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 4.—Jim Allison, the seventeen-year-old boy who shot and killed Mrs. Orr in August last, was hanged at Berlin to-day. When the ax came at 6 o'clock the fellow asked if he wanted anything. Allison replied: "Say, you people appear to be getting rattled over this thing."

Before he mounted the scaffold, the lower part of which was enclosed to conceal his death struggles, the boy handed his confession to the jailer: "I am sorry for my crime. I did it out of ill will. I hope those whom it injured will forgive me, and that no one will turn this up to my people. My sentence is just, and I hope God will have mercy upon me." He was indifferent to the last.

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## LINDSAY ANSWERS

**Those Who are Demanding His Resignation.**

**Says Legislature cannot Turn Him Out.**

**Question of Government Ownerships of Railroads.**

**Representative Hooker Denies Charges of Corruption.**

**The Hawaiian Treaty Considered in Senate Executive Session—Eighteen Private Pension Bills Passed.**

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator Lindsay made a lengthy speech in the senate today in reply to the resolution of the free silver majority in the Kentucky legislature demanding his resignation, the preamble to the resolution calls him "One William Lindsay," and denounces him for his hostile attitude to silver, "conceded," he said, "in language derogatory of the ordinary committee of the U. S. in a demand that I shall surrender any place in order to create a vacancy and make room for some one holding political views in harmony with the Auburn and supporters of the resolution. I protest against that usurpation of grand powers." His term of office was fixed by the constitution, he said, and could not be annulled by the action of the Kentucky legislature. Lindsay spoke in a contemptuous tone of Kentucky lawmakers.

The senate went into executive session to consider the Hawaiian treaty.

## SPAIN YIELDING

**WILL GRANT CONCESSIONS TO THE INSURGENTS**

**If They Ask for Them—The Cubans However Want no Degree of Autonomy.**

London, Feb. 4.—The Havana correspondent of the Times claims to have the highest authority for stating that the government is willing to reconsider the clauses of the autonomy measure objectionable to the insurgents and grant additional concessions on many other points, if the insurgents ask for them.

The correspondent confirms the statements regarding the uncompromising attitude of the insurgent leaders, who, he says, will not accept any scheme of autonomy, however liberal it may be. They are determined to achieve independence or die in the attempt.

## 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 from 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 163 gems at 75 cents each.

One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.

One lot of 22 gems at \$1.25 each.—Sold.

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.—Sold.

One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.

One gem for \$4.00.

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