

## Oestreicher & Co.,

28 S. Main St.

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

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

**Ready-made Sheets**

81 x 90 Heavy Sheets, hemmed,	45c
90 x 90 Heavy Sheets, hemmed,	50c
90 x 90 Heavy Sheets, hemmed, stitched,	60c

These sheets were torn, not cut, nicely finished and ironed.

36 x 36 Pillow Cases, 6 1-2
36 x 45 "Defender" Pillow Cases, 12 1-2
36 x 45 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.**

## DELOME MUST GO

**If not Recalled by Spain he Will be Given His Passports Today.**

**He Acknowledges the Authenticity of the Letter to Canalejas.**

Gen. Woodford Directed to Demand His Immediate Recall.

DeLome Twice Cables His Resignation to Madrid.

Assistant Secretary Day Calls on the Envoy and is Told by DeLome That He is the Author of the Letter Criticising President McKinley, but That He Wrote it in His Personal Capacity.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The state department has demanded the recall of the Spanish minister, Senor De Lome, for his vulgar criticisms of President McKinley in the letter written to Canalejas. Unless this demand has been complied with by tomorrow the minister will be handed his passports.

De Lome, when called on officially to explain whether he had written the letter, declined to deny its authenticity, which later he acknowledged to Assistant Secretary Day. He twice cabled his resignation to Madrid and hopes it will be accepted before the United States can direct him to leave the country.

This official statement was made by Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Day, tonight: "Minister De Lome does not deny the letter. This department has communicated with General Woodford on the subject. Until that communication has reached the Spanish government it would not be proper to more fully state the contents of the message to General Woodford."

After conferring with the president this morning, Assistant Secretary Day wrote to Minister De Lome, asking if the letter was authentic. He immediately answered, declining to deny the authenticity. This was taken by Day as a confession. He prepared a despatch to Woodford directing him to demand the immediate recall of the Spanish envoy.

Meanwhile the state department had come into possession of the original letter, written by De Lome to Canalejas. It was furnished by the state department with the autograph communications from De Lome at the state department proved its authenticity. To be doubly sure Mr. Day adopted the usual course of calling at the Spanish legation. Senor DeLome frankly acknowledged the letter as genuine, but said it was written in his personal capacity. Day then produced the original letter which the minister acknowledged. Day pocketed the letter and bid a frigid farewell.

Realizing all was up De Lome sent another cable begging recall. General Woodford was directed in case an answer came to his demand by midnight tonight to inform the department, whereupon De Lome will be handed his passports tomorrow.

### MISERY IN IRELAND.

London, Feb. 9.—The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed in the house of commons to-day, Michael Davitt moving an amendment calling attention to the distress in Ireland and the failure of the potato crop. The motion was seconded by John P. Haydon and was supported by John Dillon, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, who said the misery in Ireland was a scandal to the government. Mr. Dillon added that the distress was aggravated by evictions of the starving, and he called upon the government for immediate comprehensive proposals for the relief of the sufferers.

### NEGRO IN THE WOOD PILE.

Night watchman J. P. Quinn, assisted by Police Captain Fitzpatrick and Patrolman Harris, arrested five colored boys about 11:30 this morning for stealing wood from the new building being erected on Patton avenue opposite the postoffice. Each boy had his arms full of wood when apprehended. They were arrested near the Chenery and Weaver Avery streets and were taken, with the wood, to the city lock-up.

### TO WASHINGTON.

W. D. Gibbs and Christy Gibbs, brothers, from the forks of Ivy, left yesterday for Seattle, whence they will go to the Klondike.

### GREAT FIRE IN PITTSBURG

#### A POLICE LIEUTENANT AND FOUR FIREMEN KILLED.

Losses on the Buildings and Their Contents That Were Burning at Midnight Estimated \$2,000,000.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—By an explosion of 2,000 barrels of whisky during a fire at 11:30 to-night Police Lieutenant Terry and four firemen were buried under tons of debris, and instantly killed.

The immense Union storage warehouse, containing more than \$1,000,000 worth of goods is doomed.

About twenty persons were wounded by flying bricks.

Hooveker's warehouse, containing about \$200,000 worth of furniture, caught fire at midnight. Small houses in the neighborhood were attacked by the flames. The tenants moved out.

It is estimated that the loss will be \$2,000,000 on the buildings that were aflame at midnight.

## MASON STIRS THE GALLERIES

**With a Vehement Cuban Speech in the Senate.**

**Hale Says the Resolution is Dangerous.**

**Threatening to Involve the Country in an Armed Conflict.**

Mason Denies That His Object is to Bring War.

Resolutions Referred to Foreign Relations Committee—Cannon's Speech a Polished and Rhetorical Effort.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Friends of Cuba assembled in great numbers in the senate galleries to-day to hear and applaud the speeches of Messrs. Cannon and Mason, in favor of the resolutions offered by them yesterday looking to immediate recognition of the belligerent rights of the insurgents and to acknowledgment and maintenance of Cuban independence.

Cannon's speech was polished and rhetorical, Mason's forcible and vehement to such an extent as to stir up the galleries into frequent violation of the proprieties of the occasion with outbursts of applause.

At the close of each speech the resolution to which it applied was, on motion of Senator Hale, referred to the committee on foreign relations.

In making the first of these motions, Hale expressed the opinion that the object of the resolution was to "put the insurgents into leading strings." The intention, he said, was to drive the administration into a course fraught with danger, probably involving the country in armed conflict with a now friendly nation.

He did not believe the American people wanted war and it was intolerable it should be driven into war at a time when its industries were reviving.

Mason took up these points and discussed them animatedly, asserting over and over again that his resolution did not mean war, but peace.

Senator Pettus of Alabama, presented his individual views, which were in effect those of the majority of the committee, against the sending of Corbett to Oregon. When he concluded, at 5 o'clock, the senate adjourned.

### TO END CUBAN WAR.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A memorial by New York bankers and merchants, asking the president to end the Cuban war, was presented to the president to-day. The memorial represents that the war has already cost American commerce \$300,000,000 and is now costing not less than \$100,000,000 a year.

This important petition is signed by many banking and commercial firms of the highest standing in New York, and is considered one of the most serious expressions of public feeling regarding Cuba.

August Belmont is among the signers, who exceed one hundred.

### GREENSBORO CORPORATIONS.

Greensboro, Feb. 9.—The secretary of state has granted letters patent to two new corporations in Greensboro, as follows:

The Guilford Roller Mill company with a capital stock of \$50,000, with privilege of increasing to \$100,000. The incorporators are John A. Howell, S. E. Hudson and James H. Davis. The business proposed to be carried on is general milling and merchandise business—dealing in all kinds of grain and grinding the same and preparing it for market.

The Greensboro Novelty and Manufacturing company with capital stock of \$10,000 and privilege of increasing to \$25,000. C. N. McAdoo, J. C. Brown and R. J. Allen are the incorporators. The business of the corporation is to buy and sell furniture, spring beds, coils, wire coops, crates and such other novelties as may be deemed profitable.

### BARRIOS ASSASSINATED

#### THE NEWS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

Result of the Enmity Excited Against Him When He Assumed the Dictatorship in Guatemala.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Guatemalan legation received news this afternoon of the assassination of President Barrios. It was said that Manuel Estrada Cabrera, first vice-president, had assumed the presidency.

The assassination was the culmination of the enmity Barrios excited throughout his usurpation of a dictatorship on the question of the revolution last year. Several previous attempts had been made to kill him.

### THE BOND SUIT.

As formerly announced in the Gazette, the case instituted by the commissioners of Stunty county to test the validity of the Stunty county bonds has been carried into the federal courts by the attorneys who represent the bond holders. The case will come up at an early date and it is believed that the decision of the North Carolina supreme court will be sustained, as it is a universal rule of the United States courts to follow the state decisions when no federal question is involved. The same attorneys who represented Stunty county in the state courts will appear in the federal courts.

Mark W. Brown, one of the county attorneys in the Buncombe bond suit was asked yesterday whether the contract signed by the commissioners was intended to embrace both the state and federal courts, or whether the attorneys would only appear for the county in the state courts.

"Most assuredly," said Mr. Brown, "the county attorneys will appear in any action that may be instituted, as was stipulated in the contract, and unless the bonds should be finally declared void, nothing whatsoever will be received by them as compensation. It is possible that the bondholders will not prosecute the case any further should the decision of the supreme court of this state be adverse to them."

Chief Frank Moore has seen and endorsed what had been said by Mr. Brown.

## DISORDER AT ZOLA'S TRIAL

### Disgraceful Scene in the Court Room.

### The Crowd Siezed With Sudden Fury.

### Driven From the Room at the Point of the Bayonet.

### Suppression of Efforts to Reopen the Dreyfus Matter.

### Former Government Officials Make Contrary Declarations Regarding the Guilt of the Convicted Soldier.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Yesterday's riotous episode in the trial of Zola is taking place, was yesterday transferred to the court room itself. Pandemonium reigned. Spectators, lawyers and officers of the court were seized with sudden fury and fought like lunatics. Order was not restored until the whole mass of struggling madmen were driven out at the point of the bayonet. The sole cause of the miserable scene was a repetition of the government's resolve to suppress the truth at all hazards.

Another proof of the impossibility of suppressing this great scandal was given when the cabinet minister who held office at the time Dreyfus was condemned affirmed the latter's guilt, but refused his reasons for the statement, and his former associates, who was at the head of the department of justice, with equal positiveness, affirmed Dreyfus' innocence. The president of the court nevertheless calmly repeated his refusal to allow the question of Dreyfus' guilt to be reopened, although this is the sole issue underlying this so-called trial. Zola made no secret of his expectations that he will be condemned.

The police to-day smuggled Zola out of the palace of justice through a side entrance. There was a great crowd in front of the building waiting to repeat yesterday's insult, but they were disappointed, as they did not see Zola.

### ALDRICH SEATED.

Washington, Feb. 9.—W. F. Aldrich, who ran for congress in the Fourth Alabama district, was seated to-day for the second time in the house, on a strict party vote, the democrats, populists and silverites supporting Thomas Plowman, the sitting member. Before the election case was taken up the house passed a bill appropriating \$375,000 for the payment of witness and jurors' fees in the United States courts, to supply a deficiency.

### SHERWOOD CONCERT COMPANY.

Three hundred tickets are now on sale at Herndon and Reagan's for the Sherwood concert to be given at the Asheville College on February 12. Requests from out of town are already coming in asking that seats be reserved. The number of tickets, however, will be limited to 300.

### NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day to 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 189 gems at 75 cents each.
One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
One lot of 32 gems at \$1.25 each.—Sold.
One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
One lot of 5 gems at \$2.00 each.
One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each.—Sold.
One lot of 3 gems at \$3.00 each.
One gem for \$4.00.

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of goods stands without a peer. No old stock, all '97 pack.

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**Byard's :**

special price of 30c per dozen for good sweet oranges should be of special interest to all lovers of that delicious fruit. They are chock full of juice and goodness without the pesky seed to contend with, which makes them very desirable indeed. We have only five boxes to offer and at the extremely low price will not last long, so we advise you to send your order early. By the way, when you are giving your order for the oranges and saving five cents a dozen, why not buy your next week's grocery bill from us and we will save you money on it also. Will you try it?

## BYARD'S

PURE FOOD STORE

Phone 49 19 Merrimon Ave

**CORNER STORE FOR RENT.** APPLY TO E. C. CHEMISTERS, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

### WANTS A DUEL.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—A political sensation is caused by the publication of a letter from Col. Thomas E. Moore, of Bourbon county, a leading silver democrat, denouncing Debra Brockbridge, "son of the father," editor of the Herald, and suggesting a duel to settle their differences. Col. Moore is an ex-Confederate and is paralyzed in his right arm. He suggests that both use left arms. The feeling between the men was engendered in the Brockbridge-Owen congressional contest four years ago.

### TO HYPOTRIZATE A MURDERER.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 9.—Dr. Edward H. Hase, a young dentist, proposes to hypnotize John Smith, 4747 avenue to lead in Minneapolis March 18, and send him to the gallows in that condition. He will do it if the governor's permission can be secured.

### PURE FLOUR BILL.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The extensive milling industry of the Northwest is organizing to secure favorable action on the pure flour bill introduced by Representative C. Pearce of Missouri. Representative Tawney of Minnesota today received a despatch from some of the millers stating their purpose to urge the bill and to come to Washington at an early date for a hearing before the ways and means committee. The measure is on the floor of the clearinghouse and filled cheese laws. It defines mixed flour, regulates its sale and importation and requires packages of flour to be conspicuously marked so as to disclose the true contents, weight, etc.

### LOUTGERT GUILTY

#### BUT HE ESCAPES WITH LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

#### End of the Sausage Maker's Second Trial For the Murder of his Wife.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The jury in the case of Adolph Loutgert returned a verdict tonight of guilty. Loutgert was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Three jury was out but a short time. The judge's charge was unfavorable to the prisoner.

### COMMITTEE MADE NO REPORT.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—The secretary of state has received a request from Washington, D. C., for a report of the committee that was appointed by the legislature to investigate the charges of fraud in the election of Senator Fritchard. After an examination of all the reports it was found that no report had been made. The house journal shows that a decision was adopted to the effect that unless a report was made by a certain date in February the committee was to be discharged. The committee of which Senator W. W. Hunter was chairman allowed the time to go by without making a report.

### SUPPLIES FOR THE MAINE.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Orders have been sent to Capt. Sampson in command of the North Atlantic squadron off Key West to send the troops from Oahu to Hawaii with stores for the use of the Maine. She will leave in a few days and will return as soon as the stores are delivered.

### SPAIN'S ATTITUDE.

Havana, Feb. 9.—Despatches from Madrid to-day say that Premier Sagasta declared that the greatest enmity exists in the relations between Spain and the United States, the nations having never been so friendly as now. The premier added, however, that if a change should occur the cabinet would energetically maintain Spain's rights.

### SPANISH WARSHIP COMING.

Madrid, Feb. 9.—The armored cruiser Almirante Oquendo left for Havana to-day. From Havana she will visit several ports of the United States.

It is stated that the number of insurgents submitting to Spanish authority has decreased since the arrival of the American warship in Cuba.

### DEATH VERDICT ACCEPTED

#### No Appeal for the Murderer of Barlow Lloyd.

Greenville, Ala., Feb. 9.—After nearly four days' deliberation the jury in the case of Joseph Gafford, tried for the murder of Barlow Lloyd, a well known southern writer, returned a verdict of guilty at 1:45 this afternoon and fixed the punishment at death. The verdict is received with approval. There will be no appeal.

### FOR AN INCOME TAX.

Washington, Feb. 9.—In the senate to-day Butler of North Carolina, introduced an amendment to the constitution giving congress power to lay and collect an income tax.

### KEUGER REELECTED.

Proctor, Feb. 9.—Keuger has been re-elected president of the South African republic.

### WORTH REWARDING.

J. H. Lane's notice of clearing sale after watch taking. See page 5.

## PIN MONEY

## PICKLES

Are a novelty even to epicures. They are the most dainty and delicious pickle made. A fresh shipment just received at

## SNIDER'S

6 Court Sq.  
Arch Frost.

**GREENING OUT.**  
Read J. H. Lane's notice on second page.

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