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Watch our Big Slaughter Sale! the coming week.

- 1000 ten quarter Hemmed Sheets, ready for use, standard quality, none better, each 37c.
- 1000 ready made Pillow Cases with 15c. worth of cloth in each one, for 10c.
- 2000 yards Lonsdale Cambric, worth 8c. and 10c., for 6c.
- 1000 yards English all wool Serges, 45 inches wide, worth 50c., for 30c.
- 500 pairs Ladies' Wool Hose, selling at 20 and 25 cents, for 10c.

Great Surprises.
You will see some great surprises in our store during the week commencing Monday, January 23. We are having a great lot of Domestic and Table Linens sent us to be sold exactly at New York cost.

SEE OUR SILK COUNTER ON MONDAY MORNING. It will set people to wondering what will come next. The answer is simply this; these goods are going to be closed out, and if they don't go at our price we will put them at yours.

The Greatest Bargains of our big Closing Out Sale are to be seen in this next week's sale.

See the big Slaughter in **MILLINERY.**

See the Great Sacrifice in **CAPES AND JACKETS.**

Don't miss the great **HOSIERY SALE.**

You lose if you don't buy Lace Curtains at our **BIG HALF PRICE SALE.**

SUMNER'S.

TRAGEDY ON TOWN MOUNTAIN

Workmen Killed and Injured In a Terrific Dynamite Explosion.

Caused by Attempt to Thaw Car Ridges Foreman Burgess Loses His Life; Calloway and Sweeney Severely Hurt—Concussion Felt in City.

Carelessness in handling dynamite claimed a life yesterday morning. Two victims of the accident are at the mission hospital suffering from injuries from which they may never recover. The blacksmith shop at the Town Mountain quarry is blown to atoms.

Work was commenced at the cit quarry as usual yesterday morning. At 9 o'clock Robert Burgess, the foreman of the force, James Sweeney, William Calloway and James Bumpass, the fate colored, went to the blacksmith shop. Calloway was dispatched to the magazine to procure a box of dynamite car bridges to be used in blasting. The box was carefully opened, when it was discovered that the dynamite had exploded during the night. Despite numerous cautions against drawing dynamite near a fire, Calloway placed a package containing twenty-one cartridges close to the fire on the forge. The wrapping paper was allowed to remain at the cap ends. Calloway was occupying him self at a little distance from the forge noticed that the paper around the cartridges had ignited. Burgess was standing near the forge, and Calloway shouted, "Bob! Look there! The dynamite's afire!"

Jim Bumpass dove for the door and succeeded in getting outside. Burgess apparently lost his head and commenced throwing the dynamite sticks from the forge to the floor. Both Sweeney and Calloway rushed forward to stop him. The next instant there was a terrific explosion that rattled glasses in windows of houses in the city and almost created a panic in the Orange school.

A huge burst of black smoke, filled with flying fragments and boards shot up from where the shop had stood. A few moments later the body of a man fell heavily on the ground. Superintendent Bessie and Jim Bumpass who had been thrown to the ground by the force of the explosion, ran to his assistance. It was Calloway. Sweeney was five through the sides of the shop and was picked up suffering intensely. Burgess was found a little distance from the shop unconscious.

Drs. E. B. Glenn and M. H. Fletche were hurriedly summoned and after dressing the wounds of the injured men had them removed to the hospital. An hour after reaching the hospital, Burgess breathed his last, without recovering consciousness.

Calloway and Sweeney are seriously hurt, but their injuries will not prove fatal should no complications arise. Both men vomited blood copiously, but they feel that this was caused by the concussion and not from internal injuries. A is generally supposed. The injured men were resting easily last night and Calloway expects to be removed to his home today.

Burgess was about thirty years of age and lived with his wife and five children near the Vance farm on French Broad. An examination of his body revealed that the explosion had produced a concussion of the brain and fracture of his skull.

Many curious people visited the scene of the catastrophe yesterday afternoon. Evidence of the terrible force of the explosion was everywhere visible. Pieces of broken board could be found anywhere within a radius of 500 yards. The forge is a complete wreck.

LAW MILL'S BUSY GRIND.

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North Carolina regiments in the civil war.

Senator Glenn introduced a bill to repeal section 3113 of the code, which prohibits the county commissioner shall on the petition of one fourth of the voters of any county, town or township, call a election on the fourth Monday in May to determine whether liquor shall be sold there. The temperance advocate should not misunderstand the Senator Glenn a strong temperance man—in fact it was urged against his election that he was and his bill is in some way in the interest of the cause.

The senate passed a bill to reorganize and incorporate the penitentiary. The vote stood 38 ayes, 5 noes.

AN ATTACK ON AN ASHEVILLE SCHOOL.

Senate Committee Considering Bill to Reduce Privileges of N. & C. Institute.

Special to the Gazette.
Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The senate committee on education will decide this afternoon a bill which takes from the Normal and Collegiate Institute at Asheville the right to grant to its graduates certificates which make them teachers in the public schools without standing their examinations. At the committee's session Tuesday evening an amendment that the bill also take the same right from the State Normal school at Greensboro was voted down. Dr. Lawrence of the Normal and Collegiate, is here looking after the interests of his college, and is considerably exercised over the bill.

Dr. McIver is also here, and favors the taking away of this right which was conferred on the Asheville school by the Legislature of '97. Several Western members have intimated that they will vote against the appropriation for the State Normal if the bill against the Asheville college is passed.

Hon. Locke Craig said to the Gazette today: "In my opinion there will be no Greater Asheville at present."

Now that the joint caucus of the democratic members of the senate and

SMOKE TRAYLOR'S MAGISTRATE CIGAR

House has approved the bill to increase the number of directors on the penitentiary board and the other details calculated to restore democratic control of the penitentiary. Various names are presented as members of the board of control. The board will have the selection of those who will manage the institution, and the latter will be good places. Capt. Day, the republican governor's democratic superintendent, seems undisturbed, and some are inclined to fear that the bill will not be sufficient to create the same office and that it will turn out like the republican effort to control the State Hospital. However, the majority are fully satisfied that it is sufficient.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE'S BILL'S FIRST VICTORY.

Favorable Report on the Measure; Discussing Governor's Action in Removing the Wilsons.

Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The senate committee on propositions today ordered a favorable report on the bill allowing local option elections any month instead of each two years as now.

The senate committee, on elections unseated White, populist, and seated Jones, democrat, from the Fourteenth district, Sampson, Harnett, and Bladen counties.

The joint railroad committee was addressed by R. O. Burton, who denounced the governor, Avery and Day contention for the governor that the committee should not limit itself to facts known to the governor at the time of removal of the Wilsons, but investigate thoroughly. The committee adjourned until tomorrow night. The governor today named new witnesses as follows: Thomas Murphy of Salisbury, and Arthur Frazer, conductors on the Southern; Horace Paynes, station agent at Morganton, and J. W. Egerton, Raleigh.

The senate committee on elections is still hearing evidence in the contest of Eaves and Lambert against Keeley and Souther.

It is now certain that Day will not contest the penitentiary bill that will remove him from office.

It was remarked in a committee room yesterday that Miss Emanuel, of Asheville, was one of the best stenographers in the state.

The senate treats the reports of its committees with great consideration, but the house is inclined to do as it please, regardless of favorable or adverse reports.

Senator Murray's bill, repealing the chain gang system has been reported favorably again. It is my belief the both houses have passed this bill several times, but every few days some committee reports it favorably and it is passed again.

The "Commonwealth Insurance Company" charter will not have smooth sailing, I fear. Several members say the consider, \$25,000, the amount with which the company is authorized to begin business, too small.

The citizens of Jackson county are sending letters to legislators about the proposed dispensary at Weeber. The details of the bill as introduced by prior court solicitors from the press, published in Sunday's Gazette. The passage of the measure is problematic.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Chairman S. R. Kepler, chairman of the mass meeting held on the propose city charter amendments, today appointed a committee to draft a bill embodying the amendments and to present them same to the legislature. The following form the committee: D. M. Luther chairman; J. C. Martin, W. R. Whitson, J. M. Gudger, jr., J. A. Nichols, A. Rankin.

FILIPINO COMMISSION STARTS.

Washington, Jan. 25.—President Schurman and Professor Worcester of the Philippines commission left New York today for Vancouver and sail on the Empress of China for Manila. The state department has supplied the commission with publications regarding the Philippines. Several large boxes containing books and maps were shipped to Vancouver today. Paymaster Sawyer of the army has been assigned to the commission as disbursing officer. Col. Denby expects to leave for Manila in about ten days. He will be accompanied by his son.

To Ladies: SUPER-FLOUS HAIR REMOVED



Dr. J. Van Dyck, of Philadelphia, Pa., was the first physician in this country to permanently destroy superfluous hair by the elastic needle. Mrs. Josephine Van Dyck, successor to Dr. Van Dyck, has devoted 20 years to this operation. She has been most successful in having never failed to destroy the coarsest hair from the most delicate skin, without leaving a mark, or giving pain. Testimonials from eminent physicians. Ladies taught.
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PERSONALS. ANTI-EXPANSIONISTS SAID TO BE GROWING

Chicago, Jan. 25.—A special despatch to the Chicago Record says: "The anti-expansionists in the senate are growing and are now circulating the personal pledges of senators willing to vote for an amendment declaring the policy of this government to be against permanent holding of the Philippines. At a late hour this afternoon the paper was said to show forty-seven names. The publication of the name was refused. Fifty-six votes are enough to carry such an amendment. Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, will not permit a vote if such a number of senators is pledged to the amendment. He prefers to withhold the treaty from action and wait for a special session of the senate of the next congress. The call for such a session can be issued near the end of February and the senate can be convened any time after March 1. The new senators will have the republican majority sufficient to make ratification of every matter. "No definite determination has been reached to carry the treaty over. But the opponents were given to understand today in no uncertain manner that ratification was considered decidedly preferable to amendment. The treaty will certainly go over if the anti-expansionists resist in their demands for an amendment. It seems now that only one thing will bring the senate majority to the issue of a vote on the treaty as it now stands, and that is force of public sentiment. Several of these senators who are holding out are from states the legislatures of which have declared for the treaty as a standstill. If the demand for ratification is made strong enough, the people's ratification will take place. If indifference is manifested over the situation senators will remain stubborn and there will be no vote by this congress. Senator Davis does not believe opposition has the strength claimed, but he will take no chances.

PECULIAR TO OUR SOIL.

Catarrh is an American disease.

Mrs. Greger, Bagby, Tex., says: "Pe-ru-na has done so much good for me that I am able to do my own work."

Mr. Jacob Griffin, Elmer, Mich., writes: "I was very nervous and unable to work. I have taken several bottles of Pe-ru-na and am entirely well."

Esther Luther, Franklinsville, N. C., says: "I took your Pe-ru-na for deafness can hear now as well as I ever could."

Aug. Tryloff, Mt. Clemens, Mich., writes: "I had a gripe and it left me with a terrible cough. I took Pe-ru-na and was cured."

Mrs. E. Guest, Kearney, Buffalo Co., Neb., writes: "I took your Pe-ru-na for catarrh, and can say that I am now entirely cured of it."

H. Walter Brady, Cascade, Ark., says: "I had running ears. It was so offensive I excluded myself from all society. After I had borne it fourteen years I read Dr. Hartman's book called 'The Ills of Life.' I took seventeen dollars' worth of his remedies and am entirely cured."

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