He said in part. "We Methodists are a moving people. We have made prayer and praise keep pace with the woodman's axe. The birth of the new century is an appropriate time to begin this new educational movement. There is a positive decrease in membership of all evangelical denominations, which is another reason for reconsecration and

rededication.

"We'll never be one people until we speak one language and have one spirft, which is settled in the schools; the right education of our young people determines the religious and social conditions of our people in the future. The ethical character of the education of a people determines their civilization.

"Christianity is a sanctified imperial-

tism. Christianity has made this nation. All great victories are won where the training is done. Our sure defense is not in our armies and navies, but in our schools, homes and churches. "If you have a Christian teacher in your school, then your school is a Christian school. We'll have no church if we have no school to train our chil-

around the children is going to be the church of the future, and the same aprlies to nations."

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A LESSON FOR NORTH CAROLINA

A short time ago a meeting was held in the city of Louisville to produce against the methods employed by the against the methods employed by the board. Several democrats addressed the meeting, one of whom, by the way, had been an ardent Goebel supporter, and all denounced the action of the board. The board declared that the voters of Louisville were ninety young men of the city who evening, three hours after the polls had closed, and they did not puter into a single polling place in the city of Louisville, yet the election board insisted that these young men, sons and brothers of the voters of the city, had | intimidated Louisville, to such an extent as that the vote would not be | counted, and so the whole city was disfranchised for that election.

One of the speakers, in denouncing the act, used this strong language: "The crime of today if unrebuked becomes the precedent of tomorrow, and if there were no possible way of correcting the present state of affairs it would be the solemn duty of every citizen to take up arms and recover that civil liberty

which our granditathers won for us."
The upshot of the meeting was the passage of a series of resolutions demanding the repeal of the Goebel election law, but a few days after this meeting was held the legislature voted down a repeal bill that was offered, and the Goebel law stands as a menace to the liberties of the people, and the

peace of the state. law, as our readers well know, | is a copy of the Virginia election law, and all such laws are held in public contempt. Even if the elections under them are fair, outsiders do rot believe it, and it has come to pass that whenever a democrat is elected to congress from a doubtful district in Virginia and there is a contest before a republican congress for his seat, the election law is pleaded against the democrat as a prima facie evidence of fraud. It will continue to be so as long as such laws | 🏵 remain on the statute books of any southern state .- Richmond Times.

SOUTHERN EXPANSIONISTS.

The Hon. John Temple Graves of Atlanta, being interviewed by a reporter of the Chicago Times-Herald recently,

On the 4th day of July, 1898-the day after Cervera's destruction—I was the orator of the Jefferson celebration at | 🗞 Augusta, Ga., and expressed an earnest 🔳 opposition on moral grounds to the permanent holding of territory in the Philippines or Cuba. Why have I changed my opinion since that time. Because conditions have changed and the point of view is materially altered and enlarged. Among all the voices, great or small, that are demanding so loudly than we should not hold on in the Philuppines I have not heard one of them describe a reasonable, honorable and practical way in which we can let go. For the time being it is absolutely imperative that we should hold on, and no wise man can limit the time, the way or the conditions under which we could safely and dutifully withdraw to our own credit or to the real and permanent welfare of the fislands. I accept expansion as a fact—an accomplished fact. It is no longer a question. We have already expanded. In advance of the political action of the democracy. I project against the policy of antagonizing the great world movement new uner way. Whatever the agitators may declare, I have good reasons to believe, from wide travel and contact with the people all over the country, that the great body of American citizenship is in favor of expansion. I know that the native born Americans and the thoughtful men of the south hold this view. The democracy's chances of success for the coming campaign are not particularly radiant, anyway, and to assume a position of violent opposition to the Greater America is simply to hold open arms to

THE GEORGIA DEMOCRATS.

Atlanta, March 16.-The democratic state legislative committee met here at noon today and adjourned this evening, having accomplished all the business before it. It set May 24 as the date of the primary for the nomination of state officers and a United States 🐟 senator. All populists and republicans Who would pledge themselves to vote for the party nominees were invited to participate in the primary. June 14 is named as the convention date for the confirmation of nominations and the election of national convention delegates. Perhaps the most important action of the convention was the refusal to submit the question of state prohibithat the democratic party was committed to local option.

100 PATTERN HATS!

Grand Opening and Sale of Easter Hats!

Monday Evening, March 19, 7:30 to 10:30.

Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Goods, Table Linens, and Notions

Fine and Medium Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Ready Made Skirts.

Frank C. Mitchell Miss Carrie Davidson in charge.

At this counter (the first on D. G. side) you will find the cream of foreign and domestic Silks and Dress Goods of all kinds.

Special attention called to our very choice lot of black goods including all the novelties and staples at legitimate prices.

Foulard Silks all the rage for dress.

we have them 49c. yard to 98c. yard. Black Silks 50c. vard to \$2.00 yard. Taffetas, Peau De Soie, Armures,

Gros Grains and Satins.

Black Grenadine and Chiffon Stripe
Crepons for dresses, 89c. to \$2.50 yard.

Venetian Cloth Suitings, \$1.00 to \$2.00
yard.

Plain Black Serges, 50c. to \$1.50 yard.

(All wool.)
Silk Warp Gloria, Nun's Veiling,
Cashmeres, Albatros, and many other

lines we can't mention.

White PK, some choice goods in, and others coming, 29c., 39c., 45c., and up to

Colored PK, 15c. to 25c. yard. French Zephyrs, 36 inch, 15c. (Absolutely) fast colors.)

French Madras 36 inch, 15c. (Absolutely fast colors.)
French Percale, 36 inch, 12 1-2 c. up to 20c. (Absolutely fast colors.)

Domestic Percale, 3. inch. 8c. and 10c Good colors. White Duck Cotton 10c. to 20c. yard. White Duck Linen, 98c. yard, best

Best quality Domestic Ginghams, regular 15c kind, 10c. yard.
Good news for customers on fine Ginghams, silk mixed finest grade sold.
Our buyer, by chance, secured about 5,000 yards for us at nearly one half regular price. 60 cents is the regular price.
On sale Tuesday, 9 a. m., 36c. yard, 25-inch "Crepe de Chine." very fine,

evening shades. \$1.10 yard.
45-in. Striped Chiffons for dress, 75c., 89c. and \$1.50.
Special in all wool heavy "Homespuns" for suits and skirts, 50c. yard.
SILKS—Black China. Black India.

24 and 36 inches, 50c. to \$1.00 yard.
Very fine silk warp Henriettas, \$1.00
\$1.25, and \$1.65 yard.
One special lot of Corded Suitings, regular 69c. goods. Special values, 42c.

yard.
500 yards beautiful new lace stripe
Ribbons, all the leading shades. 50c.
kind, special for Tuesday, 29c yard.

Ready Made Muslin Underwear, Shirt Waists, Wrappers and Gauze

Vests

Miss Addie Fortune in Charge.

Special attention called to our opening sale and display of high grade Muslin Underwear. Cottom goods of all kinds much advanced in price. The prices quot dhere are less than the goods will cost you much less the making. Each garment well made and not skimped" as most ready made garments are.

Gowns at 49c., 69c., 89c., 99c., \$1.39.
\$1.69. Worth today 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50,

\$1.69. Worth today 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.25. Skirts at 49c., 69c., 99c., \$1.39 and \$1.69. Worth today 75c. \$1.00, \$1.50. \$1.98 and \$2.25. Pants at 29c., 49c. 69c., 89c., 99c. Worth 45c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25 \$1.50.

See the goods on display and examine them and you can readily see they are the best values ever offered the trade in ready made garments, a saving to you of one-third to one-half regular

Children's Gauze Vests (Infants') part wool and all wool Vests, 10c. to \$1.00

Ladies' Gauze Vests, 10c., to \$1.00 each. Shirt Waists, all the new shapes, styles, colors and effects, 49c. to \$3.50 each. Full line ready March 20th.

By comparing our prices and goods you will find it pays you to trade with us. If you have never traded in our house, we will be pleased at any time to show you goods and give prices. We will try and make it to your interest to share a part of your patronage with us. Special sale Linen Towels and House-keeping Goods, Tuesday, March 20.

Notions, Gloves, Belts and Laces and Neck-

wear.

Berry L. Scruggs, Mgr. Assisted by Miss Lizzie Fortune.

This is a great season for Gloves, Ladies' Neckwear, Laces and Belts. The new ribbon belt leads in the belt line—48c., 58c., 75c., 98c., and \$1.25 each. They are choice goods.

Our Celebrated Kid Gloves, at \$1.00,

Our Celebrated Kid Gloves, at \$1.00, have no equal in the state; every pair guaranteed.

Torchon Laces of all kinds.

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The Celebrated "Featherbone" Cor-

(All goods on sale Tuesday morning gone.)

Finest and largest and lowest priced Imported and Domestic Hats ever displayed in Asheville. Our head milliner, Miss Moore, has been in New York since February 1. After inspecting all the fine openings in the city she comes to us thoroughly familiar with all the leading styles and our stock is up to date and will please the most fastidious.

A Special Feature of our Opening Sale will be

50 Fine Pattern Hats.

Usual price \$10 and \$12. Tuesday, March 20, opening sale price \$5.00 each. Something unheard of in Asheville millinery business.

We Have the Goods. We Have the Styles.

We have the finest expert Trimmer that ever came south.

No better recommendation can be offered than the high-class customers we have who know and can tell when they get the best to be had.

Special sale of Ribbons Tuesday morning, commencing 9 a. m.

1,000 yards of 50c new Ribbons, all new shades, special sale price 29c yd. Special display for one week, each day 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Sailors, Ribbons, Shapes and Furnishings.

Table Linens, Towels and Domestics

Lyman A. Deal, Manager,

A special feature of our opening this Spring in this department will be the gigantic sale of high grade Table Linen and towels at about half price. In explanation, regarding this sale, which commences Tuesday, March 20th, for one solid week's selling, if the goods last. These goods were bought last August and September by our New York buyer at a big importer's sale of water damaged Linens which only colored the wrapping papers and did not affect the linen at all except to cause the importer to refuse to take it, hence the big sale, of which we bought heavily—over \$3,000 worth, and have been holding same. The price of this class of goods has advanced in the past four months something like 50 per cent. We can and will offer these goods at retail as low as the wholesale prices four months ago.

1st let. 79 inch imported Bleached Damask, closely woven, actual retail price 89c., our special price 57½c yard.

2nd lot. 72 inch Scotch Damask, elegant goods, closely woven, actual retail price \$1.00. Our special opening sale price 66c, yard.

3rd lot. 1,000 yards very fine imported Irish Damask, 72 inches wide, regular \$1 25 Linen. Our special opening sale price 73c yard.

Ath lot. 10 bolts, or about 500 yards, very soft. satin finish d, imported Damask. two yards wide. regular \$1.50 kind. Opening sale price 88c. yard. 5th lot. Two yards wide Cream Damask, elegant goods, worth 69c yard. Special öpening sale price 39c. yard.

There has not been and perhaps there will not be again such a sale of high grade linens at such low prices.

Towels.

Such barga as as these seldom come.

200 dozen plain, all linen Huckabuck Towels, 17x34 inches, nice for home use and boarding houses. Special sale 10c. each.

50 dozen German fringed Damask Towels, 17x34 inches, nice everyday size. Special, 10c. each.

The above goods 5c. to 8c each less than regular price.

100 dozen very large size German fringed towels, 22x47 inches, would be a cheap
towel at 25c. each. Special sale price 14c. each.

Bath Towels.

1st. Very heavy, closely woven, fine bleach, 20x44 inches, regular 25c. kind. 15c. each. 2nd. Very large, closely woven, fine bleach, 26x54 inches, regular 50c. kind. Special, 36c. each.

There will also be included in this sale a big line of ready made Sheets, Pillow Cases, Bed Spreads and Window Curtains of all kinds. Goods will be displayed on special tables, with cards and prices attached.

Every housekeeper in western North Carolina should attend this sale. We will save you more than the cost of your railroad ticket and at the same time show you the finest assortment of Spring Goods ever displayed in the city.

Special in Millinery Department Tuesday Morning. 500 yards choice 5oc. Ribbons, 29c, yard.

our stock of Chiffon and Lace Ties is the finest ever seen in the city—69c...

the finest ever seen in the city-69c., 79c., up to \$2.50 each.

The new Corded Silk Collars at 25c.

and 50c., each are beauties.

We keep a full line of Combs, Brushes, Pocketbooks, Hand Mirrors, Toilet Soaps. All over Laces, Handkerchiefs, Fine Hoisery 25c. to \$1.50 pair. Cheap Hose, 10c. to 19c. pair. Always the best goods for the least money is our aim; to please and satisfy every customer. our constant thought. No trouble to show goods and compare prices.

Plain Silk and Fancy Parasols. The best dollar 24-inch Parasol in the city. "Paragon" framed, natural wood handles, silver trimmed.

Stationery at less price than exclu-

Stationery at less price than exclusive dealers; very fine assistment.

Special sale each week of desirable goods by keeping our buyer in New York all the time. You will always find the latest novelties on our counters, and we guarantee our prices. We refund money if goods can be bought for less or are unsatisfactory in any

Don't fail to visit the largest and finest notion stock in the state. If you want to buy, polite and courteous salespeople will serve you; if you want to look you receive the same courtesy as if buying.

We cannot enumerate all the goods we keep; we call your attention to the special ines at special prices.

Grand Special in Milinery for Tuesday March 20th

day, March 20th.
Special Sale Linen Towels and
Housekeeping Goods, Tuesday, March
20th.

White Goods, Lawn, Lace and Net Curtains, Chenile and Silk Drapery Curtains

Walter Deal in charge.

You will find in this department an elegant assortment of White Goods, and at quick-selling prices.

White Sheer Lawns, 8c., 10c., 12 1-2c.,

15c., 19c., 23c. up to 50c. yard.
White Soft Finished Nainsook, 15c., 25c., 39c. up to 75c. yard.
French Organdie, 2 yards wide, 25c. to \$1.50 yard.

French Nainsook, 39c., 59c. up to 89c. yard.
French Cambric, 39c. and 69c. yard.

Lonsdale Cambric, yard wide, 10c., 15c., 19c. and 25c. yard.
Persian Lawns, colors and white, 25c. to 50c. yard, very sheer.

Art Linens and Pillow Case and Sheeting Linens, 25c. to \$1.50 yard.
Chenile and Silk Warp Drapery Curtains, \$2.50, \$3.00 and up to \$7.00 per pair.

A wonderful collection of Lace and Net Curtains, 75c. to \$9.00 per pair.

Some very choice Net Curtains, 3 1-2 yards long, at \$2.50 and \$2.98 pair.

"Satin Glace" and Mecanized Sating

"Satin Glace" and Mecerized Satins in plain colors, a great hing this season for waists linings, etc.; they look like silks and satins; they sell at 30c, 33c. and 50c. yard. We have a fell line. They are durable.

In our Lining Department, 3d coun-

ter, D. G. side, "Spun Glass" linings, all colors, 25c. yard. "Near Silk," all colors, 19c. yard.

Percalines, all colors, 15c. to 39c. yard.

Sheer colored lawns, all colors, Sc. to 19c. yard.

Lace Curtain Goods by the yard. One special lot, 1,000 yards, dotted swiss for

curtains, at 10c. yard. Also beautiful line at 121-2c., 19c. and 25c. yard, 36 and 45 inches wide.

Plain and Figured Demins, by the yard 121-2c., 15c., 20c. and 25c. yard. Some choice Oriental patterns, 36

inches wide, at 25c. yard.

At this counter you will find imported and domestic wash goods of all kinds. Percales, good cofors, 7c. to 20c. yard.

Quilts and Blankets at reduced prices. A thorough inspection of the

stock is solicited. Mr. Walter Deal will be pleased to show goods, whether you buy or not. Best Quality Domestic Chambray, 1t 10c., 121-2c. and up to 25c. yard. SHORT SKIRT SUITINGS.

Ome choice line Men's Suitings, 36 inch, at 55c.yard.

50 and 56 inch double fold Suitings and Homespuns, 89c., 99c., \$1.25 and up to \$1.98 ward.

Goods for unlined skirts-

We can only outline the stock; you must see the assortment to appreciate same.

Ready made Underskirts—a wonder-

ful, well made, nice looking, durable lot, at 98c., \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$5.00 each.

Our line of Shirt Waist Silks and

Waist Material is superb. Beautiful goods they are this season, and never sold for less money than we are cf-fering new, bright goods.

Corded Taffetas, beautiful line at 89c.

Double Corded Taffetas, plain a21 irridescent effects, 99c. and \$1.25.
Grand Opening Sale Tuesday morning, March 20. in all departments. See specials in Millinery and Linen departments.

You will find the goods you want.
The price will be acceptable.
The best of attention shown you.

SUMNER, DEAL & COMPANY.

Grand Opening Sale Tuesday morning, March 20th, in all departments. See Specials in Millinery and Linea Departments. 100 dozen pure Linea Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c each. Choice line of the finer goods, 10c to \$1.50 each. We call special attention to our line of Embroideries and all over Lace Nets and Chiffon for dress trimmings.