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Comforts \$1.25 to \$3.50.
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Children's, Infants Mitts and
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Special prices on
Heavy Woolen Dress
Goods.

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We treat them just as well,
if not better, than grown folks.
Whatever they get here will be
just right. This is a careful
place. Only the best is good
enough for sick folks; nothing
but the best can be had here.
We make a specialty of pres-
criptions.

Pfafflin's Drug Store,
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Builder's Hardware,
Guns, Ammunition,
Mill Supplies,
Cutlery,
Scissors,
Carvers,
Heaters.

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Asheville Hardware Co.

On the Square
Phone 87 Asheville

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Be sure and look at our line of
Sweaters, Smoking Jackets,
Hats, Gloves, Neckwear,
Shirts, Suspenders,
Handkerchiefs, &c.

Suitable for Presents for Men and
Boys.

Whitlock's
41 Patton Avenue.

BIG WHISKEY ESTABLISHMENT IS SEIZED

Revenue Officers Take Posses-
sion of Largest Rectifying
House in the South

CASTRO COMPANY WILL GIVE BOND

Will Contest the Case in Court
—Great Mail Order Liquor
House

The plant of the Casper company, of
Winston-Salem, the largest rectifying
establishment in the south, was seized
on Saturday for alleged violation of
the internal revenue law. The concern
is the second most important that has
ever fallen under the heavy hand of
Uncle Sam's revenue officials, the largest
ever seized being that of Key &
Co. of Statesville two years ago.

The officers making the seizure of
Casper & company's establishment were
Messrs Sands and Kampe. The
company will bond all the detained
goods and resume business at an early
date. They will contest the case in
court—in fact they declare they will
fight it hotly. Several thousand dol-
lars are involved in the seizure.

The Casper company's establishment
has been in operation about a year.
They have done an immense mail order
business. Their advertisements are to
be found in many of the papers and
magazines, especially in the north and

THE OIL HEATER.

Buy the Banner and then
you are SURE you have the
best there is. J. H. Law,
35 Patton Ave.

Get a Nice Pair Opera Glasses

For use during the opera sea-
son.
We have some beauties at
\$1.50 to \$20.00
McKee The... Optician
54 Patton Avenue

GENTLEMEN

Sometimes take a practical view of
things and give their wives Christmas
presents of value. Boyce's Perfect
Steel Ranges are leaders in this line.
We also have Coal Vases, Fire Sets,
Andirons, etc., all very acceptable at
this season.

W. A. Boyce

11 South Court Square.

For Sale Or Exchange.

A beautiful modern country home
near Bingham school. House 9 rooms,
10 acres of land in high state of cul-
tivation. Will sell or exchange for city
property. We are offering splendid
value in two business properties on
Patton avenue and Main street. These
are all choice values.
Natt Atkinson & Sons Co.,
Real Estate Dealers.

Just Received

A car load of Flower Pots, and owing
to delay in shipment from factory will
sell at greatly reduced prices. If in-
terested call at once as they are bound
to go. The I X L Department Store, 23
Patton avenue. Phone 107.

west. They are preparing to open an
establishment similar to the one at
Winston-Salem at St. Louis at an
early date.

PLANS TO INVAD CANADA WERE MADE.

Declares General Pearson, the
Boer Leader, Now in
Mexico City.

Monterey, Mex., Dec. 29.—General
Pearson, the former Boer commander
who is here, says plans had been
made for an invasion of Canada with
an army of pro-Boer Americans when
the proceedings were stopped by the
death of the financial backer, Edward
Van Ness, a wealthy resident of New
York.

He declared that but for the death
of Van Ness an invasion would have
been made during March or April. The
Boer war did not end until May.

ANDIJAN HORROR IS NOT ENDED

Another Earthquake Shock Sat-
urday—Victims of Former
Earthquake Said to
Number 4,800.

Ashkabad, Sunday, Dec. 28.—An-
other violent earthquake shock oc-
curred at Andijan at 10 o'clock last
night. Passenger service on the And-
jan railroad, interrupted as a result
of the earthquake, has been restored.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Further ad-
vices from Andijan say the earth-
quake victims number 4,800, of which
1,600 were killed in the town of And-
jan and the rest in the adjacent coun-
try. About 1,000 square miles were af-
fected. The center was four miles
south of Andijan where there was a
cleft in the ground, whence sand,
water and mud were issuing.

The first shock lasted three seconds
it was repeated in half an hour when
buildings began tumbling, walls were
flung down and roofs collapsed, bury-
ing everyone within, and the groans
and shrieks filled the air. The shocks
were continued for fifteen minutes and
were accompanied by terrifying rum-
blings, "torrential rain" and a hurri-
cane. People in the streets were hur-
led to the ground repeatedly. No re-
fuge whatever was available. The
heart-rending appeals of friends and
relatives buried in the debris magni-
fied the horrors of the situation. The
natives worked splendidly alongside
the soldiers in disinterring the living
and the dead.

TRAY OF DIAMONDS STREWN IN STREET

New York, Dec. 29.—A man who
said his name was William Madison
of Boston broke into a show window
at Simpson's pawn office, on Forty-
second street, with a paving stone to
night, and in the presence of the pass-
ing crowd grabbed a tray of diamonds
worth \$10,000 dollars. He fled and
was pursued by a crowd. When cor-
nered he drew a pistol. He was se-
verely beaten and turned over to the
police.

He said he was broke and hungry
Only three of the diamonds were re-
covered.

COMMISSIONER HERMAN IS ASKED TO RESIGN

Friction Between Him and Secretary
Hitchcock.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary
Hitchcock today, after a consultation
with the president, called upon Blin-
ger Hermann, commissioner of the
general land office, for his resignation.
Hermann will tender it immediately,
to take effect February 1. The cause
is friction between the secretary and
the commissioner.

CUBAN COALING STATION NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEGUN

Havana, Dec. 29.—The American
minister has commenced negotiations
with Palma for a treaty deeding a
coaling station in Cuba to the United
States.

NEW YEARS' PRESENTS.

Reduction sale in my line of fine
pipes and sporting goods will continue
to Jan. 1st, 1903. Fireworks at cost.
L. Blomberg, Leading Clear and
Sporting Goods store, Patton avenue

Biltmore Firewood, Phone 700.

A FEW more left of those handsome HANDWORK DOLLS.

You get them only at
HESTON'S
Phone 123, 26 S. Main.

GORGEOUS SCENE OF EASTERN SPLENDOR; DURBAR'S OPENING

First Day of Pageant Celebra-
ting Edward's Accession
to India's Throne.

CURZON ENTERS DELHI IN STATE

The Pageant Was an Unusually
Magnificent One, Even for
the Pompous Orient.

Delhi, India, Dec. 29.—The viceroy,
Lord Curzon of Kedleston made his
state entry today into the capital of
the Moguls. This constituted the official
opening of the Durbar, held to
celebrate the accession of King Ed-
ward as emperor to India.

It was a splendid pageant, probably
unparalleled in its magnificence. At
the head of the elephant procession
rode Lord and Lady Curzon on the
state "Grand Tusker," twelve feet
high, the largest elephant in India.
Their hoydah was decked with gold
and silver and the elephant itself was
almost hidden beneath a gold worked
saddle cloth. Surrounding them were
footmen in scarlet and gold liveries
and bearing massive silver staves. The
Duke of Connaught, who represented
King Edward, and the Duchess of Con-
naught followed. Their elephant was
equally gorgeously decorated. Then in
order of precedence came the Miran
of Hyderabad, the Maharajah of Trav-
ancore and other ruling chiefs, seven-
ty in all, with their huge elephants
forming a line a mile in length. This
glittering procession started from the
railroad station preceded by dragoon
guards and artillery, the viceroy's es-
cort, and by heralds and trumpeters.
The route was entirely lined by British
and native troops.

From the saluting battery, posted at
the fort commanding the Lahore gate,
guns thundered out a royal salute as
the viceroy passed with the heralds and
trumpeters sounding at intervals spir-
ited fanfares. The cortege passed in
front of a line of 150 elephants carry-
ing the brilliantly dressed retainers of
the ruling chiefs. The colossal beasts
all saluted by trumpeting and throwing
their trunks in the air, presenting a
truly imposing sight, and afterward
fell in line behind the official proce-
sion. Huge crowds of onlookers wit-
nessed the spectacle, which, it is as-
serted, has never been surpassed in
magnificence even in this country of
oriental splendors.

The heralds, pursuivants and drum-
mers who followed the escort and
immediately preceded the vice regal
procession were conspicuous by the
splendor of their attire. They were
followed by the newly constituted im-
perial cadet corps comprising thirty
Maharajahs. The excitement was at
a fever heat as the first elephants, with
gold and silver howdahs of the staff
officers, came in view and commenced
to circle around the mohque. The finest
elephants in Asia passed in front of the
great jamma masjid, the steps of
which were thronged with distinguished
personages including the viceroys,
American and British guests and the
delegates from the colonies and from
other parts of the empire.

The enormous animals shuffled slowly
by, many of the massive howdahs of
quaint and rich dressing being sur-
mounted by magnificent canopies of
gold embroidered and bejeweled tape-
stry. The bodies of the animals were
almost hidden by their trapping of
crimson, purple and gold. Bands of
gold encircled their tusks, golden brace-
lets were on their ankles, gold and sil-
ver bells were hanging from their neck
chains and their heads were painted
and decorated in every conceivable
color. The mahouts were clad in the
brightest attire as were the attendant
spearmen who marched by the ele-
phants' sides.

In the rear of the procession rode
General Lord Kitchener, the command-
er-in-chief in India, surrounded by a
brilliant staff and followed by the
heads of provinces with escorts of In-
dian cavalry and the leaders from be-
yond the border line.

Down the main street moved the cor-

Choice Lots On Charlotte Street For Sale.

Opposite the Manor and Albemarle
Park property. The owner has hereto-
fore refused to sell these desirable
lots, but we can now name a very
reasonable price, either as a whole or
divided into four lots. Total frontage
252 feet; depth 194 feet.

Wanted

75 to 150 Acres Farm Lands
near Asheville.

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tege through lines of saluting soldiers
and excited, surging, salaming throngs
with the balconies and housetops alive
and through the gate into the open
part beyond. There, after a four mile
march, the elephants of the viceroy
and the Duke of Connaught halted side
by side, and the pageant was concluded
with the great princes filing by with
their elephants trumteting a salute.

NEGOTIATIONS NOW WAIT UPON CASTRO

Minister Bowen, Acting for Ven-
ezuela, Is Arranging
Protocol

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Venezue-
lian negotiations now wait upon Pres-
ident Castro. Minister Bowen has been
fully advised by the state department
of the result of its exchanges with the
foreign officers at London, Berlin and
Rome, and he has been charged to
take the case in hand himself and ar-
range the details of the protocol which
will precede the submission of the
foreign claims to the arbitration of
The Hague tribunal. In so doing Mr.
Bowen is acting, not as United States
minister, but as Venezuela's repre-
sentative. The officials here wish it
to be distinctly understood that their
functions ceased, so far as the Venezue-
lian difficulty was concerned, when
they brought the parties to the con-
troversy together.

ATLANTA THEATER BURNED THE LOSS IS \$3000

Atlanta, Dec. 29.—Fire broke out in
the Star theater, on Decatur street,
midway between Pryor and Ivy, at
11:30 o'clock this morning. The entire
fire department responded to a gener-
al alarm. In a few moments flames
shot through the roof. For a time the
whole block, bounded by Decatur,
Pryor, Edgewood avenue and Ivy street
was in danger.

The fire was confined to the Star
theater. The theater people lost every-
thing. The total loss will be about \$30,-
000 uninsured. The fire was caused by
a defective flue.

CHOLERA SCOURGE IS DEVASTATING MINDANAO ISLAND

Manila, Dec. 29.—Cholera is devas-
tating the country surrounding Lake
Lanao, Island of Mindanao. It is re-
ported that villages on the eastern
shore of the lake have been depopu-
lated by the disease. In Macu and
Bacolod the deaths average 50 daily.
The disease is unusually virulent, and
frequently persons working in the
fields are attacked and die before as-
sistance can reach them.

Three men engaged in collecting re-
cruits for Ladrone bands have been
captured in Samar. They carried let-
ters of recommendation from Aguin-
aldo. The latter denies all knowledge
of them.

A Handsome Set of Carvers

is one of the most elegant
New Year's gifts imaginable,
and certainly none could be
more useful.

Every Carver

would appreciate a handsome
Carving Set, and especially ours
which combines

Beauty and Worth

The prices are altogether rea-
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PARIS EXCITED OVER THE RETURN OF THE HUMBERTS

Members of Family Implicated
in Great Safe Frauds
Brought Back

ALL FRANCE TALKS OF THE AFFAIR

More Public Interest Is Aroused
Than by Any Occurrence
Since the Dreyfus
Trial.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The six members of
the Humbert family recently arrested
in Madrid for colossal swindling ar-
rived at Orleans railway station here
at 7:40 o'clock this morning. The
prisoners were conducted to the Con-
ciergerie prison.

The arrival of the fugitives was de-
void of sensational incidents, as the
French police had chosen an hour for
their return when Paris was only half
awake. A large force of police and
soldiers, mounted and on foot, was
drawn up in front of the station and
guarded all the street approaches in
order to prevent the possibility of a
popular demonstration. A number of
the chief functionaries of the perfecture
were on hand to personally superin-
tend the prisoners' arrival.

The men and women of the Hum-
bert party were separated during the
trip from Madrid to Paris, and they
were brought from the train in two
separate parties. The women came
leaning on the arms of officers. Mme.
Humbert was dressed in black and
wore a veil, but she was readily re-
cognized by her stout figure. Her
young daughter, Eva, was the most
pathetic looking of the women. Mme.
Humbert was followed by her sister,
Marie, who did not show the brava-
do she exhibited at Madrid, but was
pale and appeared disconsolate.

Frederick Humbert, Madame Hum-
bert
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The Handsomest Place

On Montford avenue can be bought
at a bargain on account of the own-
ers having decided to leave town. The
house has all modern improvements
and the grounds are the handsomest,
for their size, in the city. Let us
show it to you.

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Imported and Domestic Suitings
before buying elsewhere. Gen-
tlemen's Riding Breeches and
Liverly a Specialty.

The Satisfied Smokers

In Asheville this year—and
there were many of them—
smoked our

Pratt Five-Center

There are certainly none better.

MICHELSON'S ON THE SQUARE.

There are certainly none better.

COLD CREAM

Fresh cold cream, fine for skin and
complexion, 15 and 25c per jar.

HOLIDAY PERFUMES

We offer a choice assortment of holi-
day perfumes and sachet powders.
They are of the best quality, daintily
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