

# Our Thanks

are due the GOOD PEOPLE OF ASHEVILLE and vicinity who have contributed to our SUCCESS by their patronage.

Our business has continued to grow and our success has been due largely to the loyalty and friendly good will of our many patrons.

We are going to show our appreciation of your patronage in the future as we have in the past, by giving you the very best results that can be obtained from the highest grade materials combined with SKILL and Carefulness.

May the new Year bring all Prosperity and Happiness.

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## MARKET REPORTS

**NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.**  
New York, Dec. 31.—Equipments and allied specialties featured the firm opening of today's stock market. General Motors being most prominent at an advance of 3/8 points. Rails showed variable improvement over last week's final prices but the movement in that quarter soon became irregular. New York Central, Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific yielding from large fractions to a point. Steel and copper reacted moderately but hardened with the general list before the end of the first half hour. Liberty bonds were steady.

**CHICAGO GRAIN.**  
Chicago, Dec. 31.—Fresh strength developed in the corn market today owing more or less to scantiness of receipts and to further reports of difficulties in getting cars in which to pack shipments from country elevators. Opening prices which ranged from unchaned futures to a shade off with January 1.24 5-8 and May 1.25 1/2 were followed by a moderate, general advance.

Cattle advanced sharply as a result of offerings being meagre.

Hog quotations on hogs lifted quotations. On the bulge, however, price setting set in and a reaction followed.

**NOTICE OF SALE.**  
North Carolina, Buncombe County.—In the Superior Court, Carrie W. Cliff and Florence Cliff Coleman, plaintiffs vs. Charles L. Cliff, unmarried, E. D. Cliff and wife, Anna Cliff, H. G. Cliff, unmarried, C. M. Bending and wife Lily Bending, defendants; notice of sale.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Buncombe county, N. C., made by John Cathey, the clerk thereof, on the 25th day of December, 1917, decreeing a resale of the hereinafter described premises pursuant to chapter 19 of the Public Laws of 1913 I will, on Tuesday the 15th day of January, 1918, at 10 o'clock noon, at the front door of the Buncombe county Court House in the City of Asheville, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder upon the terms hereinafter mentioned, the following described tracts of land, situate, lying and being in the county of Buncombe and state of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of James Byrd, Andy Lance and others, bounded and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

**FIRST TRACT:** Beginning at a chestnut stump on the North bank of Flat Creek, at the mouth of the Running Branch, and runs down the meanders of the creek about a west course forty-five poles to a maple on

the North bank of the creek; then runs North eight degrees West one hundred and four poles to a stake on a short turn, marked as sycamore for pole; then runs up the river North thirty-two degrees East forty-two poles to a stake; then up the river North twenty-eight degrees East sixty poles to a stake at the red bank, corner of lot No. 8; then runs with a line of Lot No. 2 South nine degrees East one hundred and ninety-three poles to a stake on the bank of Flat Creek; then down the meanders of Flat Creek South thirty-four degrees West eight poles to a stake; then North 80 degrees West sixteen poles to the place of beginning, containing fifty-five acres, be the same, more or less, except a small tract conveyed to county Board of Education, deed registered in Book 134, page 121.

**SECOND TRACT:** Beginning on the railroad where the railroad crosses the Mill Cove branch, and runs with the railroad North sixty-two degrees East twenty-two poles to a stake; then South seventy-five degrees East fifty-two poles to a stake; then North fourteen degrees West thirteen and one-fourth poles to a stake; then sixty and three-fourths degrees East seventy-one poles to a small pine in the line of Lot No. 6; thence with said line North eighty-one poles to a small black oak on the bank of Flat Creek; then down said creek North sixty-three degrees West fourteen poles; then North thirty-six degrees West eighteen poles to the railroad; then with the railroad South sixty-two degrees West sixty-four poles to a stake, corner of No. 5; then North ten and one-half degrees West with the line of No. 5 sixty-one poles a maple on Flat Creek; near the mouth; then down said creek and Swannanoa River South sixty degrees West with the line of No. 5 sixty-one and one-half poles to a stake; then North seventy-five degrees East up said branch as it meanders to the beginning, containing sixty-one acres, more or less, except a small tract heretofore conveyed to R. S. Eskridge by deed registered in Book 146, page 52; they bear the same lands described in the petition in the above entitled action, said lands lying in Blue Mountain Township, about two miles from Black Mountain Station. The terms of sale, one-third cash and the balance to be paid in equal installments of one, two and three years, with interest thereon from the date of sale, title to said lands to be made by the undersigned as Commissioner when final payment is made.

This the 25th day of December, 1917.  
W. E. SHIFFERD,  
Commissioner.  
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### When Santa Visits the Soldier-Sentries on Guard



In this camp of the National Army Santa Claus overlooked no man. The sentries on guard received their gifts directly from him as well as did those within the camp houses. The sentries could not leave their work for the celebration because guard duty must be done even on Christmas.

## NO SUFFERING REPORTED ON ACCOUNT OF COAL

### Fuel Administration Spent Busy Sunday—Many Orders Received Today

Six carloads of coal and another snow arrived in the city last night. One of the first results was that the upper offices of the City Hall were filled as soon as the doors opened by those who wanted orders for a half ton from those cars before the supply was exhausted.

At the auxiliary coal yard near the woodyard, there was the same apparently endless procession of those who wanted coal, and an observer may verify the fact that good weight is given.

The woodyard is also doing its accustomed rushing business, and diligent inquiry failed to locate anybody who is actually suffering from the cold. Mrs. Grace Miller, secretary of the Associated Charities, stated this morning in response to inquiries that the greatest difficulty that the organization has to contend with is dryness facilities. Miss Miller yesterday delivered wood in her automobile to one or two families and Miss Allie Rymer, home demonstration agent for the county, used her Ford to do the same good effect. The Boy Scouts aided the charities in fuel distribution, also. The loan of an automobile or dray would be appreciated by the organization.

Miss Miller stated that Mr. Buckner, in charge of a woodyard in West Asheville, has done splendid work in promptly delivering orders to people who were badly in need of wood.

The fuel administration relieved some actual want yesterday. By 8 o'clock yesterday morning a woman appeared at the coal yard near the City Hall asking for coal, and she showed in her appearance that she had come from a cold house. Another case was reported at the same time, "the children are crying with cold," it was said. The police patrol wagon was sent out at once to supply these homes with coal.

Close to 200 orders were filled before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was a new experience for Asheville; one that seemed impossible last year as 1917 came into view. It was cold work, too, but those in charge had the satisfaction of knowing last night that they had lent somebody from suffering from cold.

The Citizens Transfer company lent one of its trucks to haul coal from the car bought from the Southern Railway company. J. H. McConnell and C. D. Allison helped to deliver coal to customers. Many came with their own drays or carried off small orders on their shoulders.

Commissioner Ramsey and Secretary Luther of the fuel administration were busy all morning and in the afternoon Mr. Luther spent some time helping to fill orders at the coal yard. J. H. Weaver, J. J. Worsley, Assistant Fire Chief, A. L. Duckett and Principal W. J. Barton of Orange street school volunteered their services and worked in shifts at the coal yard. The railway transportation situation is expected to improve with the new arrangements of all lines, and it is believed that there is now no great danger of a fuel famine here.

## RAILWAY WORKERS TO GET INCREASE IN PAY

Washington, Dec. 31.—Plans for raising the pay of the rank and file of railway workers and some of the very high salaries paid to executive officials, were discussed today at a conference between Director-General Meador and the federal board of mediation and conciliation. The board now has before it the pending demands for wage increases ranging as high as 40 per cent for the four great brotherhoods. It has been well known for some time that the government was disposed to grant some increase and the railroad men in turn have given their word they will not attempt a strike while the government is taking hold of the railroad situation.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box. 30c.

## CHURCH TO GIVE ITS COAL TO POOR

Boston, Dec. 31.—The parishioners of the First Methodist Episcopal church on Temple street in the west end, voted yesterday to accept the recommendation of the pastor, Rev. Wm. E. Gilbert, that services be suspended and the coal in the church bins be distributed among the poor of the district. "It is all right," said Mr. Gilbert, "for us to pray that the situation be bettered, but I feel that we should do something more for these people."

### False Alarm.

A false alarm turned in from Box 254, corner of Flint street and Starnes avenue yesterday morning at 10:39 o'clock caused the firemen to make the run.

## NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 31.—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 1/8 to 3/4 points. There appeared to be a good market over Sunday buying orders, attracted probably by the firmness of Saturday, and there was also trade buying on the advance. January was relatively easy at the start, but soon firming up to 30.75, or 15 points net higher. While later months reacted slightly under realizing with March selling off from 30.25 to 30.15 and May from 29.95 to 29.75 before the end of the first hour. Trading was fairly active, with orders pretty well divided after the call. Realizing for over the holiday was promoted by reports that southern holders were willing to sell freely around the 30c level, but selling over was seemed to be held in check by the continued presence of trade demand.

**Times Ads Build Business**  
Ask the Merchants

## THE OLD RELIABLE BLOOD BUILDER

Still retains its supremacy. People still take Hood's Sarsaparilla because it is an old family friend, has proved its merit to three generations—in purified blood, expelled humors, restored appetite, relieved rheumatism, banished tired feelings.

## REWARD FUND IS NOW BEYOND \$1,000 MARK

### Citizens Determined to Find Negro Who Attacked Young Woman

Additional contributions to the reward fund for the capture and conviction of the negro who attacked a young woman last Wednesday night now total more than \$1,000. As a full realization has spread of the desperate battle this young woman had with this scoundrel, the people appear to be willing to do anything to strike terror to such evildoers by the sureness and severity of the punishment meted out to this so far unknown man.

The sum of \$1,088 was reported last night, provided the county commissioners donate \$250 at their meeting today, and it is believed that they will. C. W. Means has given \$50, and a number of other men and women have contributed since Saturday.

The complete details of the attack remove whatever doubt there may have been that the assault was made with criminal intent, according to statements made by those who have talked to the young woman and seen her bruised and battered body. The TIMES said in its first story of the assault that it was made with the motive of robbery or worse. It is known now that the negro threatened the girl's life, drew a knife, beat her face and struggled with her for a quarter of an hour or more. The fact that the attack was made near dwelling houses and at an early hour in the evening make the people of that section all the more determined that such diabolical crimes shall not go unpunished.

## CIVIL WAR IN PROGRESS IN EASTERN SIBERIA

### Many Persons, Including Women and Children, Killed in Street Fighting

Peking, Dec. 31.—Civil war is in progress at Irkutsk, in eastern Siberia on the trans-Siberian railroad and in the surrounding districts. The town was set on fire by red guards after they had murdered the French consular agent and three other Frenchmen. Many persons, including women and children, are being murdered and street fighting is under way. The Bolsheviks continue to receive aid in arms and ammunition from Krasnoyarsk. The Cossacks are offering determined opposition to the red guards. The Siberian railway guards are outnumbered and are being killed or driven from their posts. Communication with Petrograd has been cut off.

## ARGENTINE STEAMER IS ASHORE OFF THE COAST

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 31.—The wrecking steamer, Rescue, left here today to aid the Argentine steamer, Pampa, ashore off the coast. The condition of the Pampa is not known here.

The Pampa was blown ashore Saturday night during a storm. She is light, but it could not be learned this morning whether she had passengers aboard. The Pampa was formerly the steamer Barcelona. She was built in Glasgow in 1895, is a steel screw ship of 4,218 gross and 2,761 net tonnage.

The Argentine steamer, Pampa, ashore on the coast, was erroneously reported yesterday as being the Argentine government steamer, Pinenito.

## MEANS' TRANSACTIONS WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Grand jury investigation of certain transactions of Gustav E. Means, business adviser for Mrs. Maud A. King, a wealthy Chicago widow, in connection with whose death Means was recently acquitted at Concord, N. C., has been asked by State Attorney Hoyne.

Documents bearing on the transactions under scrutiny, chiefly the so-called second will of James C. King, alleged to have been forged by Means, were presented to the grand jury.

To Prevent The Grip  
Colds cause Grip—LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine". E. W. GROVES' signature on box. 30c.

**Look up, and not down; look out, and not in; look forward, and not back; and lend a hand.**

This motto of a famous society, written by Edward Everett Hale, is a good one for us today.

"Happy New Year," with the world still burdened with war, may seem hard to say. It will be, if we look backward. But if we look forward, we can think and plan a happy new year; and "lend a hand" to make it so.

We extend this wish to all our friends, and customers, and everybody else—A Happy New Year.

Store Closed All Day Tomorrow—(New Year's Day)

**Anthony Bros**  
AND WOMEN  
35 Patton Ave.

**Hearings in Philadelphia.**  
Washington, Dec. 31.—The federal trade commission today announced that the open hearings on the packing industry would be continued on Thursday in Philadelphia with Commissioner Victor Murdock presiding.

**CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.**  
Chicago, Dec. 31.—Hogs receipts 29,000 strong. Bulk 16.60@16.90; light 15.80@16.75; mixed 16.30@17.00; heavy 16.25@17.00; rough 16.25@16.40; pigs 11.75@15.35.

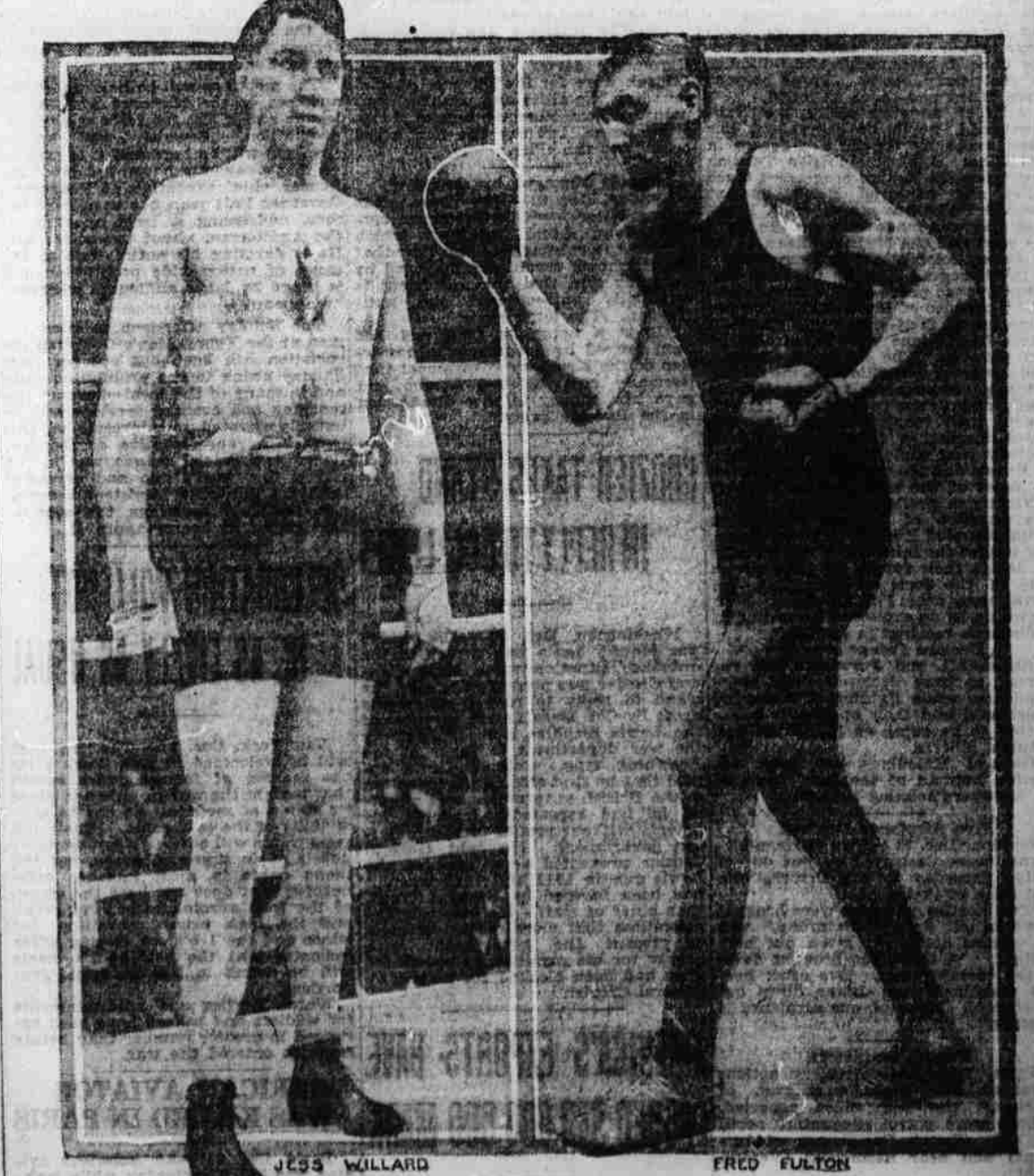
Cattle receipts 11,000, strong. Native steers 7.40@14.25; stockers and feeders 6.70@10.40; cows and heifers 5.35@11.35; calves 8.50@16.00.

Sheep receipts 9,000, firm. Wethers 9.25@13.15; lambs 12.00@18.80.

**Hendricks to Manage Cardinals.**  
St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis association team, today signed a contract to manage the St. Louis Nationals next season.

Those disgruntled trainmen must be brought to realize the priority of the Union over the unions—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

### Will Probably Fight for the Championship



Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, and Fred Fulton, foremost challenger for the title, will undoubtedly get together in a fight which may result in the change of the championship. Willard insists on a ten-round no-decision contest, in which he proposes to give the receipts to the Red Cross, and of course, Fulton, anxious to get a chance at him, will accept. So Fulton has just one chance of winning the title. He must knock out the champion. It is of no consequence that Willard may stipulate that the title is not at stake. It is at stake every time he sets into the ring in a contest which may go to a knockout and if Fulton can do the trick in ten rounds he will be hailed as the new title holder.