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**One Hundred Dollars in Gold**  
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**The Bank of Lumberton**

We have decided to conduct a Corn Contest during the coming year and we cordially invite the farmers of Robeson county to enter and compete for the prizes.

If you wish to enter the contest, let us have your name on a postal card. Particulars will be gladly furnished on request.

C. V. BROWN, Cashier.

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LUMBERTON, N. C.

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Cut Glass, Toilet Sets, Photo Frames. Beautiful China Cake Plates, Salad Bowls, Shaving Cups, Vases, Cups and Saucers, etc. Dolls, Drums, Trumpets, Horns, Flutes, Balls, Tops and numerous other Toys.

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Candles, Christmas Snow, Velocipedes, Rocking Horses, Doll Carriages. Good assortment of Mechanical Toys, Apples, Oranges, Nuts, Raisins, Candies, etc. Christmas presents for all at prices that will please.

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**It Stands to Reason**

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**1 car load of Crescent Stoves and Ranges**  
No matter what you pay for it, you won't get anything better than a Crescent.

**2 car loads of Ellwood Hog and Cattle Fencing**  
in 26, 34, 42 and 50 inch heights. 1 car load of Plows and repairs

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One half car load Rubber Roofing ranging from 1 25 to 2 50 per square

**L. H. CALDWELL**  
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**Thompson Hospital!**

For the treatment of medical and surgical cases. Competent corps of trained nurses, steam heated building with electric light, hot bath, etc. - In fact, everything that is required to equip a modern hospital.

**DR. N. A. THOMPSON, Supt.**

**J. W. Murchison & Co**  
Importers and Jobbers

**Hardware, Tinware, Agricultural Implements, Stoves, Ranges, Etc. Etc.**

109 and 111 North Front Street  
WILMINGTON

Write for Prices.

**Red Cross Christmas Seals Offer Investment in Health.**

Mesdames R. D. Caldwell and E. K. Proctor, of the Civic Association, ordered 500 Red Cross Seals the other day and sold them out immediately and have ordered 10,000 more, which they expect to receive in a few days. They sell for one cent each and 75 per cent of the proceeds are to be used locally in fighting tuberculosis.

Red Cross Christmas Seals are the best investment in health any one can make. Science has demonstrated conclusively that tuberculosis, the world's greatest plague, of which we now have over 1,000,000 cases in the United States alone, can be prevented if these consumptives are properly cared for. In other words, every con-



sumptive properly cared for insures your life against tuberculosis by the prevention of further infection from that source. Red Cross Seals help to provide hospitals, day camps, sanatoria, dispensaries, open-air schools and visiting nurses for the care, cure and prevention of tuberculosis in this community. Every seal you buy, then, is a sound investment in your own health and in that of your family. Buy your Red Cross Seals now and help to protect your home from disease.

**China Suppressing the Opium Habit.**

The establishment of the Chinese Republic has led many occidentals to change their opinion as to the lethargy and inertia which they supposed characteristic of the inhabitants of the celestial empire. There is another story of accomplishment in China, however, during the past five years, which makes it even clearer than the recent revolution that there are undreamed of springs of energy in the Chinese people. About five years ago the Chinese government decided that opium smoking, which had become the national vice of China, even to a greater extent than alcoholism is of the Western nations, must stop, and that within ten years. It is scarcely to be wondered at that when this government edict was issued it was greeted with smiles everywhere; five years have passed and now the world knows that success in the great national crusade seems almost assured.

The method that China is pursuing is interesting. Five years ago China and Great Britain made what is known as "the ten years' agreement," by which the British government undertook to reduce the amount of opium sold in Calcutta on government account for export to China by 10 per cent. every year until the traffic had ceased. On her part China agreed to diminish her own production in a corresponding way. Measures were to be taken to reduce the growth of opium in China 10 per cent. each year until at the end of ten years no more would be raised. With supplies from India cut off and the home crop reduced and eventually suppressed altogether, the opium habit must necessarily disappear. The results accomplished thus far are promising. Travelers report that it is no longer common to see men smoking opium at their own doors. Even two years after the edict, those who smoked did so in secret. The edict is being enforced. The agricultural map of China shows after five years that there has been an actual reduction of 50 per cent. in the production of opium. There has been as great a reduction in its use. All the world will watch with interest this other awakening of China, and the oriental method of solving a great social question, says The Journal of the American Medical Association. In the West we have our social problems of a similar nature and China's example may prove illuminating and helpful.

**List of Letters.**

Following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Lumberton, N. C. for the week ending Dec. 5, 1912:

Mrs. Bowden Ward, Mrs. Bessie Thompson, Mr. Lester Thompson, Mr. H. M. Thomas, Mr. Dock Smith, Mr. J. E. Shepherd, Mr. Frank Stokes, Mr. Dallis Shore, Miss O. F. Horstoke, Mr. Percy Taylor, Miss Ella Robeson, Miss Della Royal, Mr. G. B. Povit, Mr. Charlie Pleasant, Miss Jane Party, Mr. J. C. Murry, Master Johnny Moore, Miss N. E. Monroe, Mr. Chas. H. Miller, Messrs. Myers & Scott, Miss Bessie McArthur, Miss H. B. McNeil, Mr. Luther McCall, Mr. J. O. Ivey, Mr. Alex. Hunt, Mr. Spencer Huggins, Mr. C. H. Harden, Mr. Jno. W. Hamilton, Mr. Joe Harrelson, Mr. J. S. Lockwood, Mr. Joda Jones, Miss Janie Lennon, Mr. Bard Keller, Mr. Lon Johnson, Miss Amanda Williams, Mr. Ernest Gaines, Miss Yerve Wilcox, Mrs. R. W. Hankton, Miss Lila Muse, Mr. Lessy McLaurin, Mr. Hubbard Hammon, Mr. Arthur D. Harvey, Mr. M. Harden.

Persons calling for any of the above will please call for "advertised letters."

**MRS. MAGGIE NORMENT,**  
Acting P. M.

Could Shout for Joy.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice, and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at all druggists.

**CRISTMAS GOODS!**

At our store we have endeavored to combine the useful with the ornamental. In purchasing our Christmas stock we have bought the class and quality of goods that will be a reminder of the giver for many Christmases to come. Such as

**Cut Glass, Silver and Plated Ware**

China, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Gent's and Ladies' Traveling Cases in Silver, Ebony and Persian Ivory, Eastman Kodaks, Waterman Fountain Pens. Pipes and Cigars in Christmas packages. Also a new line of

**Jewelry and Diamonds**

to select from. Last and best the prices are right.

**Lest You Forget "Huylers"**

When in doubt try us. Phone No. 26.

**The Lumberton Drug Co**

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**Christmas Presents!**

Let us settle it for you. Come and look at our line of jewelry, the finest and most attractive in Lumberton. We are jewelers by profession and expert training and not by chance. When we recommend a piece of jewelry to you, we know how it is made and what it is made of; is this not worth your consideration?

**For Him---**

A watch, chain, fob, cuff buttons, a ring, diamond, Parker fountain pen, stick pin, military set, shaving set, umbrella, etc.



**For Her---**

Silver comb, brush and mirror set, sterling silver desk and manicure sets, a gold locket and chain, a bracelet, watch, cameo brooch, gold waist sets, bracelets, eye glasses or spectacles.



It is easy to select presents here, we have so many beautiful things at such reasonable prices.

**Artistic Engraving Done FREE While You Wait**

For a small deposit, we will be pleased to lay any thing aside you may wish to call for later, so select early. Our phone No. 126

**W. W. PARKER,**  
Leading Jeweler and Optometrist.