

Ladies fur coats and sets from 75c to \$25.00 each. Fur turbans to match coats and muffs; Marabou boas and turbans to match. Neck Wear, Gloves, Hair Goods, Handkerchiefs. Warranted all pure linen hemstitched handkerchiefs 5c each. Grand collection extra long fancy hat pins from 5c to \$1.50 each.

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China Grove, N. C.

Only a few coat suits left to go at a low price. Large lot of ladies' and children's coats to go at a sacrifice. All felt and pressed shapes in hats going at cost, children's caps at a sacrifice, baby caps at greatly reduced prices.

CENSUS BUREAU'S REPORT ON COTTON.

According to Government Figures 9,372,222 Bales of Cotton Has Been Ginned.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A census reports 9,382,222 bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909, to December 18, compared with 11,900,565 bales for 1908.

The proportion of crops ginned to December 18, 1909 is 90.9 per cent of the crop for the same day of 1908.

Round bales included this year are 189,967, compared with 215,059 for 1909; 80,816 in 1908.

The number of bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909 in the following states compared with corresponding date in 1908 is as follows:

States.	1909	1908
Florida,	59,247	94,181
Georgia,	1,785,819	1,807,938
N. Carolina	582,084	615,786
S. Carolina	1,068,058	1,184,168

Distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1909, by states is:

Florida	26,871
Georgia	47,589
South Carolina	10,727

Elliott and Coble on Trial for Murder.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—In the murder trial against Hiram Elliott, and Dan Coble for killing Simpson Coble, son and brother-in-law of the defendants, Hiram Elliott, on the stand, stated that Coble was assaulting him down, but he knew nothing more of the extent of the injury, not thinking it was fatal; that Coble, the father,

was innocent of complicity or knowledge of the assault.

The state had introduced many witnesses showing threats made by Elliott, and of finding Coble's body lying near his house in a deep gully all night until found the next morning, Elliott denying all knowledge of any fight. Argument to jury is now proceeding.

Dan Coble 78 and trouble between him and his son Elliott arose over the objection to the father's approaching marriage.

TRINITY STUDENTS EXPELLED.

Faculty Determined to Rid the School of Everything that Smacks of Rowdism.

Durham, Dec. 20.—A batch of eight students with derelictions shipped from Trinity today and through a period of several days anterior to this date, gave the town some excitement today coupled with the closing of the college because of a fear of mumps becoming epidemic.

Last week Trinity Park high school stopped its exercises on account of the same fear, though at no time has there been such a condition that the schools would have closed had it not been at the end of the term. There were five cases under treatment then and there are as many among the higher students, while cases of cussedness calling for dismissal were slightly in excess of the number of illnesses.

Serious as President Kilgo is in his efforts to purge the

college of any undesirable citizens in the institution, and as much as it means to the students themselves, an account of the affair as narrated by the boys is irrepressibly funny. It isn't desired to make light of it here. The young fellows this morning and afternoon on their way home said five of them were reprimanded and expelled then because last night they were engaged in some fun with a freshman as the butt of the joke. By the terms of their dealing, "freshie" was to be plunged in a cold bathtub, if in a "matching" contest the lots fell against him.

The boys last night were using cigarette baseball pictures. They had stacked the cards against the freshman and the moment the pictures doomed him, he slucked his clothes and fell into the December water. He was seen by dean W. P. Few, who inquired into the affair. It resulted in an investigation.

Dr. Kilgo took two views of it in the punishment. Trinity is irreconcilably against anything that smacks of hazing and this was adjudged a form of it. The freshman himself said he had agreed to do this and that there was no force used in making him take the plunge. It could not be denied that it was a technical species of gambling and the president replied that it was gambling and that they must suffer the consequences. They were ordered away. The freshman

himself was dismissed, the boys declared, upon the ground of "indecent exposure," and the whole crowd engaged in this characteristic college stunt, went off—Charlotte Observer.

Cook Is Turned Down.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The Cook investigating committee today reported to the University of Copenhagen consistency that Dr. Cook's records do not carry conviction and that the observations are wholly insufficient to warrant the verdict that he discovered the Pole. The decision is final.

Negro Desperado's end.

Abbeville, Ala., Dec. 20.—The most thrilling man hunt which ever occurred in Henry county, terminated yesterday afternoon when surrounded by a posse. Since Tuesday last when the negro shot two officers, the chase has continued.

Bloodhounds pursued him so closely that he shot one of the dog. One mile south of here, at the entrance to the Choctawhatchee swamp a cordon of a hundred men surrounded him. Wounded barefooted and tired, he saw impossible. Rather than fall into the hands of his pursuers he placed the barrel of a shotgun to his breast and pushed the trigger with his toe.

His body was tied to a buggy and dragged to Abbeville and placed in the court house where it lay for several hours.

Two Barns Destroyed by Fire.

Mooreville, Dec. 20.—Two barns on the farm of I. L. Weddington, 4 miles east of this place, were destroyed by fire of unknown origin at an early hour tonight. Weddington had just returned from town when he discovered the buildings on fire and in a short while they were reduced to ashes. The loss is between \$1,500 and \$1,800, partly covered by insurance.

Congress Adjourns.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Both the Senate and the House were in session today, but both had concluded their arduous labors by 2 o'clock. Tomorrow an adjournment for two weeks will be taken to enable the members to properly observe the Christmas holidays.

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