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THREE HUNDRED ENTOMBED.

An Appalling Explosion in a Coal Mine.

Fire Damp in a Mine Near Brussels Causes an Awful Explosion—Three Hundred Men Buried and Nearly all Supposed to Have Perished.

BRUSSELS, March 11.—An accident occurred in a colliery near Charleroi, which, it is feared, will result in great loss of life. Three hundred miners were employed in a coal pit where there was a terrific explosion of fire damp.

The pit mouth was rendered unavailable, and up to the present the fate of the imprisoned workmen is unknown. Efforts are being made to rescue any of the men who may have survived the explosion. The explosion was at Anderluis Colliery.

Tremendous excitement prevails in the vicinity of the pit. Men, women and children have assembled in immense crowds and are wild with fear, for it is thought when an entrance is made to the colliery the loss of life will be found to be appalling. Of the three hundred men at work, only three have thus far arrived at the mouth of the pit to safety. The effect of the explosion was so terrific that the cage and ventilator were shattered.

The destruction of the ventilator adds to the element of great danger to the situation. The men if any survived the shock of the explosion, are apt to meet their death from the choke damp, as with the destruction of the ventilator it is impossible to rid the mine of gas. A large number of the miners are married and their families are at the pit mouth frantic with grief. The worst is feared, and the mine officers and gendarmes have the greatest difficulty in preserving space sufficient for the rescuing party that has been organized to work. Volunteers are plenty and almost superhuman efforts are being made to clear the shaft.

A Model of the Bostian Bridge.

Manchester Correspondence Richmond Dispatch

In the car-shop of the Richmond and Danville railroad shops in this city is to be seen a model of a portion of the Bostian bridge, near Statesville, N. C., where the terrible railroad accident occurred many months ago. It represents the scene of the tragedy. It shows the bank, one pillar and a portion of the bridge, and will be used at the coming trial of the alleged perpetrator of the dastardly act. The bridge was built by Mr. Chamberlaine, an employee of these shops, and is indeed a fine piece of work.

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THIRD-PARTY POINTS.

Only as a Last Resort, Says Polk's Mouthpiece.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 10.—The visit of Colonel Polk, the head of the Alliance here, was a brief one. He spent most of his time at Alliance headquarters, and had conferences with perhaps fifty Alliancemen, the most prominent of whom was Marion Butler. Your correspondent asked Mr. Ramsey, the managing editor of Colonel Polk's paper here who also favors the Third party, whether many of the Alliance men who talked with Col. Polk in the conferences or caucuses here appeared to be in favor of the Third party. Mr. Ramsey replied: "Not if they can get what they want in any other way, but only as a last resort."

QUITE HOPEFUL.

He added that naturally the Alliance men had little or nothing to hope for from the Republicans, but that their eyes were on the Democrats who two years ago were so courteous, and who after a conference with the Alliance representatives, adopted the Alliance platform with one or two modifications. All this is hopeful; for if the Alliance representatives and the Democrats get together just prior to the meeting of the Democratic State Convention they can no doubt speedily arrange a ticket and a platform which would be mutually satisfactory. Of course there will have to be mutual concessions.

NO STATE TICKET.

Polk told a leading Alliance Democrat that the Third party did not propose to put State tickets in the field, but would make its fight on the national ticket, having an electoral ticket in each State. Your correspondent is assured that Polk cannot restrain the Third party fanatics from putting a up State ticket.

The Difference.

A friend of the *Chronicle* who signs himself "Prophet," writes: "New York belongs to Hill and that State will give him its vote at Chicago. Cleveland belongs to the country and the country will give him its vote at that time. Cleveland is too big a man to measure by State lines. One star differeth from another star in glory. The idea that Cleveland has lost strength in North Carolina is a great mistake. The Hill men are doing all the talking."—Raleigh *Chronicle.*

At the Forks of the Road.

The forks of the political road have now been reached. Every Democrat must now decide whether he will walk in the way his fathers trod, or whether he will turn aside and follow the will-o'-the-wisp that is alluring him into a political quagmire.—*Chatham Record.*

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TOBACCO CULTIVATION.

Some Facts as to How to Proceed With It.

The Kind of Land Desired.—Putting it in Order.—The Tools to use Most and How to Do the Planting.

BY MAJ. R. L. RAGLAND.

The tobacco plant thrives best in deep, mellow, loamy soil, rich or made so with fertilizers. The subsoil ought to be sufficiently porous to permit the water falling on the surface to pass downward readily, and not to accumulate to drown and stagnate.

If old land is selected it ought to be fallowed deep in the fall or early winter, that the frosts may pulverize it. Turn under, if possible, some coarse farm manure, for its decay will greatly help to loosen the soil, while furnishing food for the crop. As a coarse manure for yellow tobacco, nothing is better than wheat straw turned under in the fall and winter. The plants rarely fail to ripen yellow in color on land thus treated.

In the early spring more manure may be applied, but it is better that this should come from the compost heap made with good chemicals. Follow the application of the compost with one horse turning plows, crossing the previous ploughing, turning not exceeding four or five inches deep—about half the depth of the first ploughing. Then, just before it is time to plant, run double shovel ploughs over the lot, crossing the previous furrows, and follow with harrow or draw, crossing again to thoroughly make fine. These repeated ploughings, crossing each time every previous one, never fail, if the work is done when the land is in proper condition, to put it in proper shape.

Let the planter remember that "a good preparation is half cultivation;" and not stop until the land is in proper condition.

In preparing land for tobacco be sure you don't plant varieties unsuited to the soil or type, else failure is inevitable. The cause of so much mean, nondescript goods on the market every year is mainly attributable to failure in planting the proper varieties on the right kind of soil, and planters should carefully note this and sow seed suited both to soil and type.

If any one knows of a better way, then let him pursue it—the writer knows of none better. And just here, it may be well to state, that perfection is not claimed for any mode or practice recommended in this article, but only the best methods known to the author are given, for guidance to the uninitiated. We live and learn, but life is too short to learn every good thing by experience unaided. Every man owes something to those who are to come after him; to freely give as he has freely received.

But the author is not writing for those who know more than he does—and doubtless there are very many—but for beginners, and those having but little experience in tobacco culture. He gives no advice which he has not followed in his own work, and recommends nothing which experience has not commended as the best in theory tested by practice. Those who possess a better knowledge of the subject, and whose practice is verified by results ought by all means to give the public the benefit of their knowledge and experience. Planters will gladly welcome their teachings, and honor them for their service.

But, to return. Having put the land in nice "order," lay off the rows with a shovel plough, three feet three inches apart, and follow, drilling fertilizer along the furrow at the rate of some one hundred and fifty to three hundred pounds per acre, according to the natural strength of the soil and the quantity of manure previously applied. Then follow with one-horse turning ploughs, lapping four furrows on the fertilized trench, and when finished in this manner your lot is ready to be planted, when the beds have been "patted" with hoes, with "pats" two feet ten inches apart, to mark points for setting the plants. In the older portions of the fine yellow tobacco country the applications are becoming heavier from year to year, some planters using as much as six hundred pounds to the acre.

New ground, or old field that has grown up and been cut down, will require different preparation from old smooth land. But on the former our best brights are raised. Any preparation that will put the soil in fine condition, clear of roots, tufts and trash is all that is required. Experience teaches that if land is cut down two or three years previous to its being prepared for tobacco, it greatly facilitates the preparations and helps the fertility. Much of the vegetable material, both in and upon the soil, rots, the roots break easily, and the soil is altogether lighter and finer.

While it is economy to dispense with the hand hoe in making hills on old land—the plough doing all the work as it ought, when it can be well done—yet on stumpy, rooty and rough land the hoe is indispensable in the preparation of a hill, as it should be made to receive the plant. But before the hills are made it may well, unless the soil is naturally rich, and such is not often the case with soils best adapted to yellow tobacco, to apply some fertilizing material to hasten forward the plants and mature them properly and early. Here commercial fertilizers have done and are doing their best work. Bulkly, coarse manures often do more harm than good on new and puffy soils. The smaller the bulk, and the more concentrated the fertilizing elements, the more readily they are appropriated and assimilated by the plants, if of right material, and in the most available form. Nitrogen, phosphoric acid, potash, lime and soda, are most necessary for the tobacco plant; and a fertilizer which supplies the relative quantity of each, and from the proper sources, will never fail to show good effects therefrom, if the rainfall is sufficient to quicken their action.

Most of the soils best adapted to the finest types of tobacco, especially bright and sweet fillers, are thin and poor, and need plant food to push the plants forward and rapidly in growth and maturity, so that the product may be ripened and mellowed of yellow color, preparatory to being housed and cured.

Good crops of fine quality have been produced on these poor gray soils by the aid of fertilizers alone. Extensive areas of poor gray silicious soils in the yellow belt are rendered capable of producing good crops of fine yellow tobacco, by the aid of commercial fertilizers, when of composition suited thereto.

MODE OF APPLYING FERTILIZERS.

Planters differ in the manner of applying fertilizers, whether in the hill, drill or broadcast. That the same quantity will go further and produce larger results the first year, for the quantity used, when applied in the hill or drill is generally conceded. But advocates of broadcasting claim that when the crop, to which the fertilizer is applied, is to be followed by another in quick succession—to be sown in wheat as soon as the tobacco is removed—then broadcasting is the best, for reasons which seem too apparent to need explanation.

Having prepared the land for hilling, applying the fertilizer by whichever mode the planter prefers, and in such quantity as the natural strength of the soil indicates, laying off the rows three feet three inches apart, and make the hills about two feet ten inches distant from centre to centre. Mark the measure on the hoe handle and require the hillers to apply it frequently as a guide. The rows should be wider apart than the hills, to afford proper cultivation without breaking and bruising the plants at the final ploughing—a matter of no small importance, as the least blemish on a fine leaf nearly destroys its value as a wrapper.

PLANTING.

Having prepared the hills, you are ready to plant any time after the 1st of May. Planting is often most effectually done when the hills are being made in May, and the land is moist with the winter's sap, by planting in the afternoon hills made the same day. If properly planted, very few of the plants will fail to live. Observe to draw the plants one by one from the bed, and handle so as not to bruise them. It is a waste of time and plants to set out very small plants, but wait till they are of proper size—the largest leaves about two and a half to three inches wide. Put a basket of plants in the hands of a boy or girl, who drops a plant on each hill, dropping in one or two rows, according to age or expertness. The men follow, with each a planting peg made of hard wood, six inches long, one and a quarter inch in diameter at large end, and tapering to a point. Each planter takes a "hand plant" to start with (unless the dropper has learned to drop two plants on the first hill,) and pushing his planting peg some two inches into the hill, withdraws the peg, inserts the plant and by a dexterous movement of the peg and the knuckles of the left hand, closes the dirt gently but compactly around the roots. He then picks up the plant on the hill as he moves forward, and by the time he reaches the next hill has adjusted the plant in his hand to insert into the hole in the next hill. Thus the "hand plant" facilitates the work. Try it and you will be convinced. There is art in planting properly, as is shown in the increased number of living monuments that attest superior worth. But why enter into such minute details? say some. That you may start right, shun the errors of experience, and practice at the start the best methods, as demonstrated by successful practice.

If the soil is dry when the hills are made, then it will require a "season" for planting. The best come with showers. It is not well to plant soon after a soaking rain, but wait until the land settles. If the plants are good, sea sons favorable, and the planting well done, very few will die if transplanted before the 10th of July. After that time all is uncertainty. Hence the importance of getting a stand before that time.

After planting over, it will be necessary to replant from time to time, as seasons occur, embracing every opportunity to fill up the missing hills. If cut worms are troublesome hunt for and destroy every one, as far as possible; for it is useless to put a plant in a hill where one of the pests has taken up quarters, and expect it to live and grow.

CULTIVATING.

It is important to commence cultivation soon after planting, to loosen the soil and start the plants growing. Just at this point many planters fail to do their duty, which no subsequent work can atone for. Early, rapid and thorough cultivation is necessary to produce first class tobacco. If the preparation has been thorough, thrice ploughing followed each time with a hand hoe, it will suffice for the crop.

For the first ploughing, no implement is better than the wing coulter, the next best the cultivator or double shovel with the coulter points. The second ploughing may be effectually done with the turning ploughs or cultivator; if grassy, use the first. The last ploughing is most effectually done with three furrows with the single shovel—a furrow on each side, then splitting the middle with the third and last furrow.

Never "scrape down" tobacco with the hoe without putting back on the hill or bed as much dirt as is scraped down. This will prevent baking and save many plants, should a dry spell follow the hand-hoe working.

Any process which stirs the soil effectually and often, and keeps the plants free from grass and weeds, will constitute good cultivation, no matter how and with what implement done. Old land will require more work in cultivation than new, and dark grades more than bright. Short single-trees should be used after the plants are half grown, to prevent tearing and breaking the leaves.

The yellow grades should be cleared of grass and weeds before the first of August, and not plowed thereafter, but the hoes may be used at any time to clear out the crop till the leaves commence graining. The longer tobacco is ploughed the later the plants will be in ripening; therefore, the importance of giving early and thorough cultivation. Any one who can raise good cabbages ought to know how to cultivate tobacco, as the cultivation is very similar. Sometimes it becomes necessary to push the plants forward, where previous manuring has proved inadequate to hasten ripening, so as to escape frost and to cure well. I would advise the use of some good standard fertilizer applied around the plants, in quantity of 150 pounds per acre, and earth scraped upon the fertilizer around the tops of the hills as applied.

A TRIP TO HADES.

Remarkable Story for Which a West Virginia Minister is Responsible.

The Rev. John T. Johnson, the celebrated mountain evangelist, who has been travelling through the State for nearly forty years, states that during a revival at Round Bottom, Monongahela county, a young man of that place who had been ill with consumption for some time, died, descended into hell and returned to life in an hour, and, after describing his torrid trip, embraced religion and again died happily, in the full belief of his future salvation.

After stating that the young man, who was one of the most intelligent in the country, was a skeptic, Mr. Johnson says:

"He was apparently lying at the point of death. The Rev. Mr. O'Daniels and myself were called upon to endeavor to bring him to Christ.

"While Mr. O'Daniels was talking to him, holding him by the hand, he seemingly expired, and was pronounced dead by all in the room. He remained in this condition for some time, when he suddenly began breathing heavily and then struggling as though with some mighty monster.

"He seemed endowed with supernatural strength, and it required the utmost exertions of several powerful men to keep him on the bed. The struggle continued for an hour, when he calmed down and, regaining his senses, requested that we sing and pray with him.

"After the exercises were over, he told us that when he became insensible to earth he found himself at the brink of a yawning, black chasm. Lurid fires seemed to be burning at a great distance down, and shrieks of the most unearthly kind greeted his ears.

"After remaining quiet a short time he felt a thread by his hand. He grasped it, and had hardly done so when a mighty wind struck his body, almost tearing his limbs out of their sockets, and dashing him down into the mouth of the pit, where he swayed from side to side, clinging to the thread, which alone kept him from falling to the flames below.

"He knew that should the thread break or he lose his grasp he was doomed forever, and he thought to himself: 'I have been a sceptic and God Almighty is showing me that there is a hell of darkness and fire to which unbelievers are exposed,' and he grasped the thread the tighter.

"After what seemed to him an interminable time the wind ceased, and he knew nothing until he requested the ministers to pray for him. Shortly after his return to life," Mr. Johnson continued, "he made his peace with God, and after giving full directions regarding his burial, bidding his friends good-by and requesting Mr. O'Danieis when he officiated at his funeral to relate his remarkable experience for the benefit of others, died practically in his Saviour's arms."

That Messrs. Johnson, O'Daniels and others who witnessed this strange affair believe actually in the supernatural occurrence is unquestioned. They are all persons whose veracity is beyond question, and even the physicians assert the young man was actually dead.

The narration of the story at the funeral caused considerable excitement, and people are flocking to the churches throughout the neighborhood. Meetings have been held day and night since Thursday, the day upon which the young man was buried.

It is said that the final request of the man was that a report of his experience be published broadcast, so that all men might know there was a hell.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

The Question Settled.

The United States Circuit Court of New York has decided that both corsets and garters are wearing apparel. We think the U. S. C. C. is right. There is no longer danger of mistaking them for harness, furniture, provisions or anything of that sort.—*Wilmington Star.*

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NUPTIAL NOVELTIES IN WYOMING.

How the Matrimonial Knot Was Tied by a Frontier Justice of the Peace.

Camping near a town in Wyoming we secured our stock and then went in. Entering the leading store of the town I introduced myself to Mr. Stiles, one of the proprietors, and the postmaster. Stiles said: "It's now 2:30 and at 3 there's a wedding at Jonas Burton's. Old Jonas is a rough old coon that we elected a Justice of the Peace about a month ago, and as this will be his first attempt at a marrige I think we will see some fun; come, go with me." We went into the old 'Squire's cabin and found him poring over a large volume of the "Statutes of Wyoming," sweating like a horse and looking terribly anxious. After greeting us, he said:

"Styles, them galoots that got up these yer laws hadn't gumption enough to last 'em over night. I've run through the blamed books a half dozen times an' can't find a word about matremony or how the hitchin' process is perceded with. I've got to put the clamps on this ere couple, hit or miss, an' if I don't yoke em' up legal I can't help it."

Stiles explained to him about how to proceed, and the old man finally thought he could worry through in tolerable shape.

Ere long the couple appeared, followed by a crowd of citizens of the camp. The candidates stood up before the 'Squire, who began:

"Feller-citizens, this yer man and this yer woman have appeared before the Court to be hitched in the legal bands of wedlock! If any galoot in the mob knows of anything that might block the game if tuck to a higher court let him now toot his bazoo or else keep his jaw to himself now and forevermore. All in favor of my proceeding as authorized by law say 'I'."

Everybody said "I."

"Cantrary, 'No'."

Nobody said "No."

"The motion's carried unanimously, an' the Court rules that there hain't nothing to prevent the trying of the case."

"Now," said the 'Squire, "grip your fins."

The candidates joined hands.

"Amos Peabody, do you solemnly swaar that ye'll freeze to Mandy forever, and pervide for her, and treat her squar, and white, accordin' to the rules and regulations set down to govern sich cases in the laws o, the United States, so help you God?"

"Yas, sir; I do, sir."

"That fixes your end of the bargain."

"Mandy Thomas, do you solemnly swaar that you'll hang on to Amos for all comin' time: that you'll nuss him in sickness, and be squar' to him in wellness: that ye'll always be to him a good, true, honest, up-and-up wife, under the penalties prescribed by the laws for the punishment of sich offenses? Do you swaar this, so help yer God?"

"I swaar I will."

"Then, by the power in me vested as Justice of the Peace in and for this precinct, I pronounce you, Amos Peabody, husband, and yov' Mandy Thomas, wife, and legalize ye to remain sich now and forevermore: an' ye'll stand committed till the fees and costs in the case are paid in full, an' may God have mercy on your souls an bless this union with his bestest blessin's."

The fees and costs were adjusted, and the newly-made husband and wife after receiving the congratulations of the assembly, departed for their cabin up the creek.—Cheyenne Letter to Chicago *Tribune.*

POLITICAL POINTERS.

Straws Which Show Which Way the Political Tide is Turning.

It is said that Mr. J. A. Robbins, of Bertie county, will contest with P. Cheatham, col., for Republican congressional nomination in the Second North Carolina District.

It is whispered that either N. B. Broughton of Raleigh or Charles M. Cooke, of Louisburg will be the Democratic Congressional nominee for the 4th district.

The Rebublican congressional convention of the second district meets at Littleton April 7th.

The McKinley law is valid. But the party that passed it has been invalid ever since.—*Philadelphia Record.*

The whole people want above all other Democrats Grover Cleveland, of New York. He is the ideal Democrat and the typical American citizen. He stands for everything orthodox in Democracy, for everything pure in politics and for justice, fairness, intelligence, courage and patriotism in every walk. He is by virtue of all these strong qualities the available Democrat of the times. He is first in the hearts of the people, first in their respect and can win if nominated.

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The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Taylor & Banner, druggists.

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Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Lidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c. a bottle, at Taylor & Banner's Drug Store.

Frank Thornton
HAS NOW ON EXHIBITION AT HIS
MAMMOTH DRY GOODS STORE,
Nos. 7 and 9 Hay Street,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.,
which is the Largest, Handsomest and Best Equipped Dry Goods House
South of Baltimore,
the Largest and Most Magnificent Stock of Fall and Winter Goods ever shown in this section of the South.

Dress Goods
The buyer in this department has made an unusually nice selection of the latest and most stylish fabrics for autumn and winter wear, consisting of full lines of plain materials of the most approved colorings and newest weaves. Prominent among these are Cheviots, Redford Cords, Crepon Diagonals, Camel's Hair and All-Wool and Silk Warp Henriettas.
In mixtures and small effect suitings, the latest are Relief Stripes, Zig Zag Suitings, Cheveron Mixtures, Serpentine effects and Scotch Tweeds and Cheviots.
A nice line of Plaids and Stripes in subdued and refined combination.
I also show a splendid selection of all-wool domestic Dress Goods in Plaids, Stripes and Mixtures. These goods were selected with the greatest care, and I have made prices so low they will astonish you. Come and see.

BLACK SILKS.
I carry the largest and most elegant line of Silks of any Merchant in the State, and my stock this Fall surpasses any of my previous purchases. I offer the following Special Bargain:
ALL SILK round cord FAILLE FRANCAISE at 79c.
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ALL SILK Gros de Chambre finish, AMERICAN GROS GRAIN at $1.25.
25 Pieces Black Silk very fine quality, worth everywhere $1.25, I offer at 95c.

COLORED SILKS.
I also show a very liberal assortment of Colored Silks, consisting of Satin Gros Grain Silks, Foulards, Colored Brocades, all the latest styles, and at prices at which the customer is surprised.

Dress Trimmings.
Nothing adds more to the appearance of a lady's dress than nice and suitable trimmings. I am prepared to meet the wants of the fair ones in this line. I have the nicest and most stylish line of trimmings ever shown in this market. I will not attempt to describe them, but simply say,
"COME AND SEE."

CARPETS.
My Carpet Department occupies a large portion of the third floor and here you will see the most magnificent display of
FLOOR COVERINGS
Ever exhibited in North Carolina. They consist of Velvets, Brussels, Three Ply and Ingram Carpetings in new and handsome designs.

Look at these Prices.
40 Pieces Velvet Carpet, regular price $1.25 per yard at only $1.
50 Pieces Brussels Carpet, regular price $1 per yard at only 49c.
In addition to above I offer a large lot of Floor Oil Cloth at astonishingly low prices.

KID GLOVES.
I am sole agent for Foster's celebrated Kid Gloves and have just received a large invoice of these goods in all styles and colors, every pair warranted.

Cloaks and Wraps.
The largest line of Ladies, Misses and Children's Cloaks and Wraps ever exhibited in the Cape Fear section. Seal Plushes in long lengths, short cuts and jackets. Tailor-made Stockinet Jackets. All wool Flannel Blazers, Corded Jackets, Reefers, Capes, in Cloth, Astrachan and Fur. Imported Stockinet Newmarkets with and without capes and with vests, three-quarter cut-wraps in new, nobby and attractive styles. If you desire a wrap of any kind see this stock before purchasing.

MAIL ORDERS.
This department, under the management of a very efficient young man who will take pleasure in waiting on those living at a distance who will drop us a postal card, stating quality and price of goods desired. From the samples thus sent out customers can make as good selections as though they were in the store. On all cash orders by mail amounting to $5 and upwards I prepay express charges.

VISITORS
Are always welcome, and for the benefit of ladies, and especially those living at a distance, I have a nicely furnished ladies waiting room, a luxury which cannot be enjoyed in any other store in the city.

My Sincere Thanks
Are tendered to my friends and customers for the cordial support they have given me in my effort to build up and maintain a dry goods trade that would be a credit to the community. Your efforts have so far aided me that it now requires the assistance of thirty-six persons to carry on the business, and in conclusion I would ask a continuance of those favors which have been so bountifully bestowed in the past.

FRANK THORNTON,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
Sept. 30, 1891.-12m.