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WALLACE BROS.

STATESVILLE, N. C.,

Invite the attention of the trade to their

SPRING STOCK,

which is now complete. Carrying as they do the

LARGEST

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

STOCK IN THE STATE

Merchants visiting them will certainly have

SUPERIOR ADVANTAGES

in making selections. Our terms and prices are in competition with any jobbing house in the country.

Parties finding it inconvenient to call will please favor us with their orders through our traveling salesmen. Soliciting an early examination, we are, very truly,

WALLACE BROS.

NEW STORE! BETWEEN THE CENTRAL HOTEL AND THE JONES HOUSE. NEW GOODS!

R.G. COURTNEY

Having just received from the NORTH a full line of

NEW GOODS

consisting of a beautiful line of spring and summer prints, Cassimers, Flannels, Shawls, Alamance, Bleached and Unbleached Domestic, Alpaca, Boots and Shoes, Men's and Boys' Wool straw and Fur Hats, Ladies' Hats and Hosiery,

Groceries of all Kinds, Especially the Best COFFEE, SUGAR, TEA, RICE, CRACKERS; OYSTERS Mackerel, Molasses and Candy. Also Drugs,

Hardware, Tinware and Crockery

all of which will be sold at HARD TIME prices for cash or barter.

Thanking our Friends and Patrons for their liberal support in the past, we hope to merit a continuance of their patronage in the future by Fair Dealing and Low Prices. CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK AND PRICES.

NEW GOODS!

NEW PRICES!!

STEPHEN W. BOYDEN

TAKES pleasure in announcing to his old friends and customers that he is again in BOONE, at his old stand with a COMPLETE STOCK of NEW and BEAUTIFUL GOODS, consisting, in part, of

CLOCKS, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, BOOTS, GLOCKS, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, BOOTS,

SHOES, HATS, CAPS,

CLOTHING,

In various styles and colors, SHIRTS, of various grades and prices, Collars, all styles and colors. Call and examine my goods and prices before buying elsewhere, and it will pay you.

All kinds of produce taken in exchange for goods at the highest market prices. Boone, N. C., Nov. 3.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLITICAL TRIALS.

Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier.

The United States Circuit Court began the trial of the election cases on Wednesday, April 29, at 3 p. m., and at 1 o'clock on Monday last, having failed to agree upon a verdict, they were discharged and a mistrial entered.

V. The fifth case was that of Nixon and others, managers of election in Hope Engine-house in Charleston. Mr. Melton had so arranged his plans as to ensure, he thought, a solid government jury, and nothing prevented him from getting it but the proof that one of his jurors had perjured himself in declaring that he had formed no opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, when, in fact, he had sworn that he saw the accused in the act of stuffing the ballot box.

I. The first case was that of Bates and others, managers of election at Acton precinct, in Richland county. They were charged with stuffing the ballot box and obstructing the United States supervisor. District Attorney Melton discontinued the proceedings against Mr. Chreitzberg, one of the defendants, as there was no evidence whatever against him.

II. The next case was that of Carroll and others, managers of election at Mayesville precinct in Sumter county, charged with stuffing the ballot box and obstructing the supervisor. Mr. Melton dropped the charges against Mr. Carroll, one of the defendants, having no proof against him.

as to ten of the defendants, and then claimed a verdict of guilty against the remaining 29. The jury went out on Saturday, April 29, at 3 p. m., and at 1 o'clock on Monday last, having failed to agree upon a verdict, they were discharged and a mistrial entered.

The defeat of Mr. Melton and the attorney general is ignominious and complete, and they have no one but themselves to thank for it. Had Mr. Brewster confined himself to his official duties, without singling out South Carolina as a target for scorn and reprobation, had Mr. Melton done only his duty, there would have been no political excitement in the State, and no talk of Democrat or Republican in the court house or jury room.

III. The third case was against Jos. B. Bates, of Barnwell, for voting more than once. As ten or eleven of Mr. Melton's trusty jurors were still in the jury room in charge of the Mayesville case, Mr. Melton could not get the sort of jury he wanted, and the jury as empanelled consisted of ten Democrats and two Republicans. An alibi was proved conclusively, and it was shown that the government witnesses had testified falsely straight through. The case was given to the jury without argument, and a verdict of not guilty was promptly rendered.

er any more political cases will be taken up at the present term of the court, as, for some reason, the district attorney declines to say what he intends to do. It is very important, therefore, that every man remain at his post. The report goes that Democratic jurors were excused yesterday and allowed to go home, while Republican jurors were told to stay awhile longer. This has an ugly look, and may, or may not, mean that a new conspiracy is afoot to get, next week, a solid government jury.

THE ASSASSINATION OF LORD CAVENDISH AND HIS SECRETARY.

Baltimore Sun.

The horribly brutal murders committed in Phoenix Park, Dublin, Saturday evening, exceeding in atrocity and barbarous detail the feats of any assassins of which modern history gives account, may rest lightly upon the consciences of the four persons who committed them, but they are of a character which it is but logical to suppose will entail momentous consequences for both England and Ireland.

The act of a few madmen has spoiled, perhaps irrevocably, the policy of conciliation, from which the Irish people had everything to hope. Of this policy the appointment of Lord Cavendish was the first step. It was also a necessary condition, since by it alone was Mr. Gladstone able to enlist Lord Hartington, the brother of Lord Cavendish, in favor of his new departure, and retain in his cabinet other moderate liberals and whigs. Mr. Forster had his supporters while in the cabinet, and doubtless his views in favor of continued coercion were shared to some extent by members who did not follow him in his resignation.

To Advertisers.

Our schedule of advertising rates will be furnished on application. Transient advertisements payable in advance; year advertisements payable quarterly in advance. Professional cards, six lines or less, ten dollars per annum—payable half yearly in advance. Remittances may be made by check, draft, post office money order, or registered letter.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for the time actually published.

Communications containing items of local or general interest respectfully solicited. Manuscripts intended for publication must be written on one side of the paper, and accompanied by the name of the writer, as a guarantee of good faith.

HOW THE CHINESE GO.

Napa (Cal.) Reporter.

The Examiner publishes a dispatch dated Martinez, April 29th, of the following purport: "Signs have been apparent here for some days that vigorous measures would be taken by our citizens to rid the town of the Mongolians located in our midst, and this feeling has been intensified by the recent employment of Chinese in the local canneries to the exclusion of white labor. The climax was reached this evening, when, as if by common understanding and with one mind, the citizens turned out en masse, and assembling in the vicinity of the house occupied by the Chinese, demanding that they should vacate the premises. The Chinamen were slow to obey these orders when a general onslaught was made, and the building was completely demolished, the Chinese fleeing in all directions. The Chinese wash houses were also visited and the Mongolians compelled to decamp. Resistance was offered in many cases by the Chinamen, and the report of firearms was frequent. At this hour (9:30 o'clock p. m.) it is reported that three have been killed and several wounded. The voice of Martinez is the "Chinese must go," and the most effectual means have been adopted to enforce the unanimous verdict.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Charlotte Observer.

A report was going about yesterday of an accident on the Western North Carolina railroad last Friday, in which George Paine, who is well known here as a former road master of the Air-Line, together with his little son, had been killed. On getting at the bottom of the affair, it proved to be not so bad, at least for George and his son. They had a hair lifting experience and a narrow escape from utter demoralism, but no worse. George is road master of the mountain section of the Western North Carolina and on last Friday he and his little son were spinning down the road from Swannanoa tunnel on a crank car. George knew that a construction train was coming up, but calculated on reaching a certain point before it did. He slipped up on this, however, and just as he was turning a curve and getting on one of the long high trestles, he saw the engine of the construction train coming to meet him. Both were going slow and the vigorous application of brakes saved the life of Mr. Paine and his son. The crank car butted gently against the engine, directly in the centre of the trestle, but did not leave the track. It was what may well be termed a narrow escape.

FIRESIDE FUN.

What is a zebra, Tom? asked a gentleman of his son. A horse with his ribs on the outside, was the witty reply. Who made the world? a teacher asked a teacher in a tone calculated to frighten the boys. I did, said a self-accusing little fellow; but I'll never do it again. A gentleman recently asked a mite of a girl how old she was. Old! exclaimed the child, lifting her eyebrows in surprise. Old! I am not old at all. I'm quite new. Grandma is old. A little boy, whose parents frequently moved from one house to another, was asked by the teacher: Why did the Israelites move out of Egypt? Because they couldn't pay their rent I reckon, was the reply. Where is the island of Java situated, asked a teacher to a rather forlorn looking lad. "I dunno, sir." "Don't know! Why, my boy, where does your coffee come from?" "We borrow ours, ready paroled from our next door neighbor."