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OFFICE of WALLACE BRO.,
Statesville, N. C.,
August 1st, 1882.

To the Trade:

As it is our purpose to thoroughly organize our wholesale business in all its branches for the coming fall trade, immediately, we shall, for the next 30 days, close our

Spring and Summer stock,

in all departments, at

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS,

and as it is a class of goods exactly suited to the fruit season, if merchants can find it convenient to call on us at once we are sure they will find jobs that will amply repay the visit.

Very Respectfully,
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, Alpacas, 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; OYSTRS 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.

J. T. Webb. C. B. Webb.

STATESVILLE MARBLE WORKS,

J. T. WEBB & SON,

With many years experience in the MARBLE business, we are enabled to do all kinds of work in

MONUMENTS, HEADSTONES, TOMBS & MARBLE FURNITURE

of all description furnished at short notice and at the lowest prices.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

Work securely boxed, and delivered free of charge at any depot on the W. N. C. Railroad.

Send for price list and designs. C. B. WEBB will continue as traveling agent.

Statesville, N. C. Feb. 1st.—1y.

LANDRETHS' PEDIGREE SEEDS

ESTABLISHED NINETY-EIGHT YEARS

SEEDS For the MERCHANT on our New Plan SEEDS
SEEDS For the MARKET GARDENER SEEDS
For the PRIVATE FAMILY
Grown by ourselves on our own Farms

Handsome Illustrated Catalogue and Rural Register FREE TO ALL.
MERCHANTS, SEND US YOUR BUSINESS CARDS FOR TRADE LIST.

DAVID LANDRETH & SONS, SEED GROWERS, PHILADELPHIA

THAT UMBRELLA

Detroit Free Press:

During the shower, yesterday. a citizen carrying a very wet umbrella. entered a hotel to pay a call to some one up stairs. After placing his umbrella where it might drain he wrote upon a piece of paper and pinned to it the sentence.

"N, B.—This umbrella belongs to a man who strikes a 250 pounds blow—back in fifteen minute."

He went his way up stairs. and after an absence of fifteen minutes returned to find his umbrella gone and in its place a note reading:

"P. S.—Umbrella taken by a man who walks ten miles an hour—won't be back at all!"

"BILL NYE" ACCEPTS A POSTMASTERSHIP

WASHINGTON, August 26.—Among the latest commissions issued by Acting Postmaster General Hatton is one to "Bill Nye," lately appointed postmaster at Laramie City, W. T. Nye is the editor of a paper called the Daily *Boomeramg*. In accepting the nomination, he says:

LARAMIE CITY, W. T., Aug. 19, '82,

TO MY DEAR GENERAL—:I have received the news by telegraph of my nomination and confirmation as postmaster at Laramie, and wish to extend my thanks for the same. I have ordered an entirely new set of boxes and postoffice outfit, including new corrugated cuspidores for use of clerks. I look upon the appointment myself as a triumph of eternal truth over error and wrong. It is one of the epochs, as I may say, in the Nation's onward march toward political purity and perpection. I don't know when I have noticed any stride in the affairs of State which so thoroughly impressed me with its wisdom. Now, that we are co-workers in the same Department, I trust that you will not feel shy or backward in consulting me at any time relative to matters concerning Postoffice Department affairs. Be perfectly frank with me, and feel perfectly free just to bring anything of that kind right to me. Do not feel reluctant because I may at times appear cold and reserved. Perhaps you think I do not know the difference between a general delivery window and a three emquad, but that is a mistake. My general information is far beyond those of my years. With profoundest regards, I remain sincerely yours.

BILL NYE, P. M.

A MODEST SHOW.

In this progressive generation, modesty in advertising is indeed a rarity and like all large corporations, big commercial enterprises, &c. we have learned to least expect it from a large travelling Menagerie and Circus. The celebrated Orton Shows, however, have proved themselves to be one of the few exceptions in this regard. This positive information and belief is not only warranted by the knowledge and experiences of yourselves; but by the enthusiastic demonstrations of thousands of leading citizens and writers as expreseed through the leading newspapers of the Country, recently visited by Miles Orton's New Mastodon Shows and Royal German Menagerie, which is already announced to appear at Patterson Sat. Sept. 16th and at Boone Monday Sept. 18th.

The Orton Show is strongly endorsed for the modesty of its advertisements, not a single feature being displayed either pictorially or in print, which is nor fully and fairly seen under the immense tents. The newspapers everywhere make special reference of this fact, and give the Great Show the strongest recommendation for integrity and honesty in this respect.—This condition of things must certainly be regarded as a beautiful innovation, and the public will certainly show their appreciation of it when Orton comes.

The Zanesville (O.) Daily Signal concludes by saying:

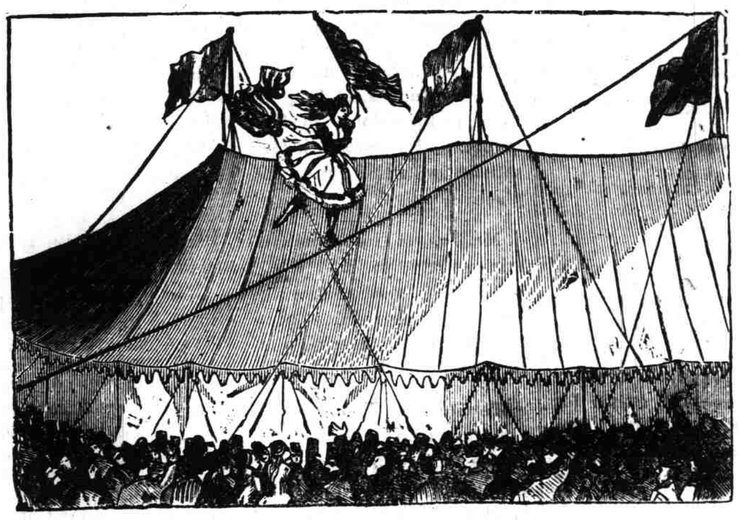
"The ring performances were decidedly fine and met with the loudest applause.

The wonderful gymnastic preformances of little Allie and Bernard, the bare-back riding of Messrs. Orton and Kingcade, and the original jokes and inimitable antics of Mr. Field. the clown, together with the unique performances of Sig. Dawn, and the horizontrl bar performance, which was simply wonderful, made up a ring show of decided interest, and to many, amazement."

Coming Almost to Your Doors!!

—THE—

BIG & HONEST WAGON SHOW.



PATTERSON, N. C., SATURDAY, SEP. 16TH!

Is the Fixed, Absolute and Unchangeable Date of the

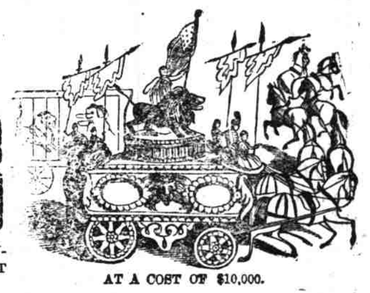
BIGGEST IN THE WORLD!

MAKE NO MISTAKE! BE SURE OF THE DATE OF THE COMING OF

MILES ORTON'S NEW MASTODON SHOWS!

AND
ROYAL GERMAN MENAGERIE
—WITH—
GREAT CIRCUS
3 TROUPES. 3

A CONGRESS OF WONDERS, MAMMOTH TRAINED WILD BEAST SHOW, ALLEGORICAL STREET PAGEANTS, AND A VAST MENAGERIE!



AT A COST OF $10,000.

A thousand triumphs of the track. The New Show of the Period. A Convocation of Rarities, and a Freshet of Wild Beasts. A Synod of Surprising Beauties, and a Triunity of Arenic Champions, engrossing all the Greatest Bareback Riders in the World.

MILES ORTON, THE HERO!

Champion of all the ages, in his Duo Carrying Act, with Earth's Infant Prodegies riding
ON TOP OF HIS HEAD.

The Spanish circo, the school of canine graduates, and $20,000 Ring Dog, "HECTOR."

ALLIE AND BERNARD.

The 4 and 5 year old Midget marvels in Heroic Mid-Air Sensationalisms, and danger-defying Aerial Gallantry, concluding with a tremendous headlong dive from a great height, representing to the excited imagination the rapid descent of a fiery comet SHOT from the dread immensity of space.

Gorgeous Sunbright Chariots and Sumptuous Golden Tableau Cars. Swaying Mastodons. Monsters and Mammoths. The Titanic BUBALIPUS, fettered and chained in an Iron bound den. The Juvenile Circus. A most enormous Menagerie of Living Rare Wild Beasts. 100 Famous Favorites, and the best Riders, Leapers Gymnasts, Jugglers, Calisthenists, etc., in the Great Triple Circus Company. Free Parade daily at 10 o'clock

ADMISSION:
50 cents.
Children under 9 years 25 cents.

DOORS OPEN AT 1 AND 7 P. M.

At PATTERSON, Saturday, September 16th.
At BOONE, Monday September 18th