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Massengill Dry Goods Co., Dunn, N. C. Two Big Stores.

In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, but a young woman's fancy seriously turns to thoughts of

SPRING DRESSES,

for the young woman knows well that the young man's thoughts of love will turn quick-ly towards her if she is diked out in a dainty

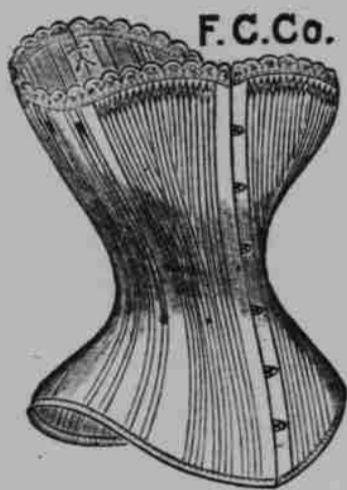
UP-TO-DATE

NEW DRESS.

We have the stuffs that are as thin as rainbow vapor and as delicate as the changing color of a soap bubble.

We also have a beautiful line of Duck Serges, Percales, Welts, Sattens and Cashmeres in all the Spring Shades.

It would be a pity if you were to miss seeing our line of Shirtwaist goods and ready-made shirts.



We sell Warner's Corsets and a nice line of Gauze Vests, Hosiery, Muslins, Hamburgs, Laces, Belts, Umbrellas &c.

You ought to see the latest in Ladies' Slippers—they are out of sight.

Now just a word to the Lady house-keepers whose thoughts are turning to house cleaning. We have not forgotten you. We have just received a complete line of Mattings, Rugs, Floor Oil Cloth, Curtain Poles, Screen Curtains &c. Linen Window Shades at 25 cents.

Everybody knows that we are headquarters for "Coats" Spool Cotton, Ball Thread, Knitting Cotton, Turkey Red, Embroidery Cotton and wash Silk in all shades.

We have added to our stock a complete line of

GROCERIES,

Crockery, Glassware, all kinds of Snuff, and the cheapest line of Tobacco in the city. We make a specialty of country Lard, and water-ground Meal. We can sell you two large cakes of soap for 5¢, and four Boxes of Lye for 19¢. You want these goods. We want you to have them.

PRICES:

Well, you know, or you ought to know by this time that there is never a question of prices between us and our customers. We sell so much cheaper than any other house that it gets positively tiresome to talk about it. Come to see us and we'll do you good.

Very truly,

P. T. MASSENGILL,
Manager.

In the other store we carry the most complete line of

Gents' Furnishing Goods,

Trunks and Valises

ever shown in the town, all the goods are brand new and most

UP-TO-DATE

lines you ever saw. And our prices will so surprise you that it will be impossible for you to resist them, even if you wanted to.

We would like to call your special attention to our line of

Summer Clothing



which is the most complete line ever shown in Dunn of course, and what interests you most the prices are cut down to the very core. We advise you to look at our stock before buying, we advise you also to inspect our line of SHIRTS for it is so great, as regards variety, value and quantities. Our prices are so low that it will only take a glance to see what opportunities we are offering. Nice Percale Shirts for 33¢ each. How does that strike you?

Collars and Cuffs.

An entirely new line of Collars and Cuffs, we place before our friends. The styles include the very latest produced. A more up-to-date line will be hard to find. Prices of course have received their usual "rize up" so that they are hardly noticeable.

THE LABORER IS WORTHY

of the very best goods obtainable for his money. That is the reason we are selling our line of Overalls and Pants at such reduced prices. Our better grades of overalls are made as well and strong as it is possible to make them and no one can offer any more.

Our line of Men's Fine Shoes are absolutely the best in the world. No one can contradict this statement and tell the truth. The Shoes of which we speak is the W. L. Douglass, sold by no other firm in town.

Neckwear!

Last but not least is our line of Spring and Summer Neckwear. Boys, you ought to see it, for we tell you it is a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

With best wishes, we are,
Yours truly,

G. K. MASSENGILL,
Manager Gents' Furnishing Department.

A Soldier Who Wants to Marry a Virginia Red-Headed Girl.

The War Department has received the following interesting letter from one of its volunteer officers recently mustered out, and is endeavoring to afford the young man the relief he so earnestly prays for:

"Missoula, Mont., April 5, 1899. "Hon. W. W. Brown, Auditor War Department, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:—I suppose you have troubles of your own, and may be bored by my attempt to unload a portion of my troubles upon you, but as most men are willing to assist their brothers when they are in a fix, I will ask you to assist me if in your power.

"I was second lieutenant in the Third United States Cavalry during the war, and spent my time fighting lice and lizards at Camp Thomas, Ga. I was mustered out in September last and ordered home. At St. Paul, Minn., I was given certain blanks by Colonel Carey, paymaster, U. S. A., to fill out, and he told me I had \$474.25 coming to me from the war department as travel pay from Camp Thomas, Ga., to Missoula, Mont. Early in October my claim was filed in your office, and later you sent me a receipt, dated December 20, 1898, showing that my account with the subsistence department was settled and balanced, so that there is nothing charged against me in any of the departments. Now, if I can get that money I can make a trip to Virginia and bring the sweetest red-headed girl back here with me that ever bloomed in old Virginia's flower garden. If I do not get my travel pay I will have to wait, maybe a year. In the meantime there is a blooming Britisher after my girl, and he is playing an every-night engagement, while I am 3,000 miles away. The girl herself is all right, but the old folks are favorable toward "Johnny Bull" and are "touting" him to win. You know how the dripping water wears a stone away. So I want you to help me to get my travel pay, and then watch me skin that Englishman. If I can get this money I can win in a walk, so, if you will assist me in this matter of getting my travel pay quickly, I will be a star at a matrimonial ceremony back in old Virginia, and about two weeks after I get my travel pay I will call on you in Washington and show you the prettiest red-headed queen that old Dixie Land ever grew. I appeal to you to help me in my fight against the British Empire, and my future mother-in-law. I ask you to treat this in confidence, because if the newspapers get hold of it it will be all off with me.

"Trusting that you will assist me and that I may have the pleasure of introducing you to the prettiest red-headed girl you ever saw, very shortly, I am, yours in suspense, etc."—New York Tribune.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concerned in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on McKay Bros. & Skinner, Druggists, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

AGENT'S WANTED—FOR "THE Life and Achievements of Admiral Dewey," the world's greatest naval hero. By Murat Halstead, the life long friend and admirer of the nation's hero. Biggest and best book; over 500 pages 8x10 inches; nearly 100 pages halftone illustrations. Only \$1.50. Enormous demand. Big commissions. Outfit free. Chance of a lifetime. Write quick. The Dominion Company, 3rd Floor Laxton Bldg., Chicago, Ill. May 24-26w-2p.

Good For Schley.

Naval Personnel Act Gives a Great Advantage Over Sampson.

In reply to an official request for an interpretation of certain provisions of the Naval Personnel bill, under which both Schley and Sampson were created rear admirals, the Comptroller of the Treasury has ruled that Rear Admiral Schley's salary, which corresponds to that of a major general in the army, began at that rate with the passage of the bill on March 2d, but that the pay of admiral Sampson, which will be equal to that of a brigadier general, will not begin at that rate until the 1st of next July. Admiral Schley's salary, therefore, is now \$7,500 a year, and he has since March 2d been entitled to \$525 a month. In addition to this sum, he draws \$72 a month as commutation on six rooms at \$12 per month, six rooms being allowed a major general. Admiral Sampson's salary will be \$5,500 after July 1st, and he will receive \$48 per month as commutation for four rooms, the number allowed a brigadier general.

The difference in salaries arises out of the fact that the Naval Personnel bill abolished the grade of commodore, raising all officers who held that grade to the rank of rear admiral. Of the eighteen additional rear admirals created by the addition of the former commodores to the already existing list of rear admirals, two classes were formed, the nine senior officers of that grade being given the relative pay and allowances of major generals in the army, while the nine junior officers receive the salary and allowances of a brigadier general. Admiral Schley outranked Admiral Sampson as a commodore, and, accordingly, came into the first class of rear admirals, and thus exceeds Mr. Sampson considerably in pay and allowances.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at McKay Bros. & Skinner's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

This is a little boy's essay on "Editors." "I don't know how newspapers came into the world. I don't think God does. For he aint got nothing to say about them and the word 'editor' don't occur in the Bible. I think the editor is one of the missing links you hear about, and staid in the brush till after the flood, and then came out and wrote the thing up, and has been here ever since, I don't think he ever dies; I never saw a dead one and I never heard of one getting licked. Our paper is a mighty poor one; the editor goes without underclothes all the winter and don't wear socks, and pa hasn't paid his subscription in five years.—Ex.

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner, Druggists.

STATE NEWS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

A cotton mill that will operate 10,000 spindles will soon be erected at Sanford.

A young white man was sent to jail Friday for robbing a negro's store in Raleigh.

J. S. Elliott, a well known and successful business man of Marion, committed suicide last Friday by jumping in his well.

The war stamps put on the deeds for the sale of the Atlantic & Yadkin railroad to the Southern and the A. C. L. last week amounted to \$2,700.

The Piedmont Table Company, of High Point, has been incorporated by the Secretary of State. The capital stock is \$10,000.

Joseph P. Wimberly, of Edgecombe county, graduated last week at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, with highest honors and was awarded the gold medal. Dr. Wimberly is just 21 years of age.

Two negroes, Elijah Joyner and Cephus Langley, were taken from Greenville jail, Pitt county, Friday to Raleigh jail to prevent lynching. They are charged with murdering a young man Turnage, robbing the store and then burning it at Dongola, that county about May 1st.

William Brown, colored, was seriously cut by a negro named Gardner in a fight at a negro base-ball game in Raleigh Saturday afternoon. Brown was attempting to separate two negroes that were fighting when one of the participants stabbed him.

There have been two deaths at Morganton from smallpox, both white. Dr. Long, State smallpox expert, examined fourteen persons there Saturday and pronounced them suffering from confluent smallpox. The board of aldermen have ordered compulsory vaccination.

The naval reserves of this State left Wilmington Monday on an eight days cruise for practice on the United States Steamship Prairie. They will go north as far as Gardner's Bay, Long Island, before they return.

Danger Signals!

Do you take cold with every change in the weather? Does your throat feel raw? And do sharp pains dart through your chest?

Don't you know these are danger signals which point to pneumonia, bronchitis, or consumption itself?

If you are ailing and have lost flesh lately, they are certainly danger signals. The question for you to decide is, "Have I the vitality to throw off these diseases?"

Don't wait to try SCOTT'S EMULSION "as a last resort." There is no remedy equal to it for fortifying the system. Prevention is easy.

Scott's Emulsion

prevents consumption and hosts of other diseases which attack the weak and those with poor blood.

SCOTT'S EMULSION is the one standard remedy for inflamed throats and lungs, for colds, bronchitis and consumption. It is a food medicine of remarkable power. A food, because it nourishes the body; and a medicine, because it corrects diseased conditions.

50c. and \$1.00, all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York

The Negro Problem.

Good Advice by a Baltimore negro preacher.

Rev. George F. Bragg, rector of St. James' Colored Potestant Episcopal Church, on Colvin street, near Hillen, preached a sermon yesterday morning on the colored race. He spoke, in part as follows:

"We read in the public press from time to time of the ravages of that ungodly spirit which seems increasingly to pervade the members of our race in all sections of this broad country. Brutality, crime, shiftlessness, idleness and general wickedness his heart sinks within him, and out of the depth of his soul in anguish and almost despair he cries aloud, 'Give us help from trouble, for vain is the help of man!'"

"Like brave Christian men we must go to the rescue of those our obstinate and wicked brethren, who, unless by God's grace we arrest their violent and mad career, will drag us down in the meshes of sin and moral ruin. If there be no stronger desire on our part to restrain these symptoms of sin then we may be sure that we ourselves have passed the danger line, and are rapidly drifting toward the same conditions of moral ruin.

WICKEDNESS TO BE CONDEMNED.

"But if, on the contrary, we are moved to a holy and concentrated endeavor to preserve the very essence and godliness of Christian character, such high purposes will unquestionably manifest their existence in practical and definite means to endeavor to head off and counteract the floodgates of sin and destruction seriously threatening our very being as Christian men and women. Stern, rigid and unqualified condemnation of the increasing wickedness and ungodly tendencies of the race should beget in us a readiness to co-operate with all means of whatever value in the extrication and expulsion of crime by whoever committed. We are in great trouble, and these troubles are constantly increasing, as witnessed in the steady change of public sentiment with respect to us. In the individual world positions by which members of our race are wont to earn a living for themselves are growing fewer and fewer every day. Even in the most ordinary avenues of common labor the negro finds it increasingly difficult to compete with other races. It is with this class of labor that we are chiefly concerned, for the bulk of any people, white or black, must find employment in such avenues. Why such a strong current of opposition has set in with respect to the employment of colored persons is not to be accounted for simply on the ground of 'malprejudice. I make bold to say that it is the negro's fault that he has lost the monopoly with respect to many forms of labor which were once almost exclusively possessed by him.

THE ANTE-BELLUM NEGRO.

"The one thing which distinguished the better class of colored persons, although slaves before the war, was character. They were uniformly polite, modest, obliging, respectful, tidy, clean, sympathetic and appreciative. They made the most of every opportunity presented. They imbibed the good qualities and virtues of the master class, and eschewed the coarse, low vulgar traits of the poor whites—the overseer class. And, as a matter of fact their owners thought more of them than they did the poor whites. Ridicule the thought as much as you like, yet there was a real bond of mutual sympathy between the master class and the better class of colored persons.

SOCIETY SHOULD PROTECT ITSELF.

"Society has a right to protect itself for such corroding influence as would destroy its very life. Our duty, as enlightened men and women before the living God, is to stir up and bet a mighty enthusiasm for

the right, as opposed to wrong, and place ourselves squarely upon record as irrevocably opposed to outlaws and outcasts of whatever race they may be. "Through God we shall do valiantly; for it is that shall tread down our enemies."

"And, mind you, our 'enemies' are not so much persons of the opposite race as are our passions, appetites, unruly wills and affections. We are our own worst enemies. Some of us like to boast of our very great progress, and contemptuously look down upon colored people, who were either slaves or lived during slave times. But what is the fact? Take this congregation, or almost any other colored congregation, in this city, and you will find that the men who have the best characters, who stand highest in the community, who have more common sense, more money and more of everything that is good, are not the younger men who have enjoyed the opportunities of freedom, but the older class, who have either been slaves or lived during slavery. SOMETHING RADICALLY WRONG.

"This fact indicates that there is something radically wrong in the methods now employed in rearing colored children. You tell me that the colored children now are superior because they know a little Latin, a little mathematics, dress extravagantly, dance, attend theatres and pose. And this to many a silly soul is elevated and amelioration!

"We have started at the wrong end. We have begun at the top, instead of at the bottom. We are in great trouble. We need help from the Lord that we may do valiantly for the cause of truth and Godness that up from beneath the burden of vice, ignorance, crime and popular disfavor, which hamper and hold down the race we may make our glorious triumphant accession, redeemed, perfected, glorious and bright." The sermon was strong and logical, and created a deep impression on its hearers.—Baltimore Herald.

Ancient Corn.

Six Grains Said to Be Thousands of Years Old.

Mr William McCabe, a resident of Riverdale, Md., has six kernels of corn which were found among others in a mountain cave of Arkansas, and said by those versed in fossil signs to be 5000 or 6000 years old, says a College Park, Md., special in the Baltimore Sun. Mr. John E. Burton, the sender of the precious grains, has in his office in Milwaukee, Wis., 19 ears, in every respect like other corn, save that the grains are much larger, and in color a dark chocolate. Mr. Burton received the corn from Mr. George Barnum, of Columbus, Neb., and Mr. Barnum raised the ears from the original seed, discovered in a cave hermetically sealed in some ancient and curious pottery.

Mr. Barnum planted the corn last June, and the growth seemed to him to be marvelous. In spite of the dry and unfavorable season, this antediluvian maize grew to the height of ten feet, and in instances to 15 feet the stalks measuring in circumference seven inches, with leaves five feet long, when other grain shriveled and perished under the heat of the sun. Mr. Burton, seeing some notice of the gigantic cereal, and thinking it a fake, wrote to Mr. Barnum about it. Mr. Barnum replied by sending him some of the seed. Mr. Burton has sent it to his old home, near Lake Geneva, where some of the farmers will see what can be done with it. It has been demonstrated in the most satisfactory manner that the corn was actually found in an old cavern in Arkansas. Mr. McCabe has planted what he has, and anxiously awaits the results. A great deal of interest in this matter has been awakened in this neighborhood.