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Wholesale and Retail dealers in

Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps &c.

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Two Big Stores.

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Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Overcoats, Over-Shoes, Leggings, Wilbur's Doublewear Collars, Notions, Underwear, Neckwear, Groceries etc, etc. Keep on the "lower side," right between the Drug Stores, for this is our motto, "Better goods for less money," "Better Quality for less profits," "Better trade with more satisfaction."

We get this week direct from manufacturers \$500 worth of Overcoats, \$35 worth of Neckwear, \$56 worth of Wilbur's Collars, \$400 worth of Cheap Clothing, \$175 worth of Hats and Caps, \$100 worth of Ladies' Capes, \$300 worth of Shoes—Ladies' and Gentlemen.

YOURS VERY TRULY.

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ASK YOUR DEALER FOR THE Creighton Shoe For Ladies. \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 PER PAIR. Perfect Fitting, Best Wearing and Most Reliable Shoe sold.

All persons who are indebted to the firm must settle up or make some arrangements within the next 20 days, for we are bound to have every cent due us right away. MASSENGILL DRY GOODS CO.

Will This Year's Crop Exceed 8,500,000 Bales.

The persistent effort of those who would over-estimate the cotton crop for the purpose of wrecking prices, is to be bolstered up so we have good authority for saying, by another circular from Henry M. Neill, which is most likely at this very moment in the hands of his English and German friends.

The purpose of this circular will be to build up hope on an assured 9,500,000 crop, with the suspicion of 1,000,000 more in hiding, and to stiffen the backbone of his friends so as to force the farmers into a rushing market, with the view of catching them.

There are more evidences right now in favor of an 8,500,000 crop than there is for the maximum estimate of 9,500,000. It will be recollected that when The Constitution antagonized Neill's 12,000,000 bale estimate by one of 9,500,000 that we stated:

The average yield for the past eighteen years would not be an unreasonable estimate, and this produce a crop of 8,525,150 bales. But wishing to arrive at the truth if possible, let us say that the present crop will be 10 per cent above an average, that is 45-100 of a bale per acre.

To have made the 9,500,000 bales would have required the utmost indulgence of nature, beyond which we allowed 10 per cent for good measure. The granting of this large percentage was simply in the interest of safe calculation, because all men know that it is a physical impossibility for even the ideal crop conditions to exist over so large an area.

A canvass of the situation in the cotton-growing States, found elsewhere, goes to show that the crop is much more likely to range about 8,500,000 bales, than about any other figure. It must be recollected that the cotton in sight, carried over from year to year, is largely made up of unmerchantable stuff which simply does dummy duty for counting, and that the great percentage of the cotton in the field which remains after the first picking never leaves the neighborhood, but is used for home domestic uses.

It will be well for our farmers not to be stampeded, but to remember that the world has urgent use for every merchantable pound of cotton in sight, and that the average yield of the past eighteen years only justifies a crop a trifle over 8,500,000 bales.

Post Man at Dunn.

We take the following from the Raleigh Post of last Friday as sent in by the special correspondent at this place. It reads:—"Mr. Walter L. Cahoon, the Post's clever representative, was in our town one day last week and, we think, added quite a number of subscribers to your paper. Mr. Cahoon is a whole-souled, good natured gentleman, and his tact for the newspaper business rendered him almost as popular with our people as the Post is. The Post is gaining ground here with our people, on account of its merit, as fast as our town is gaining publicity within the borders of the State for its wonderful strides in prosperity.

The Post has met with such a marked success here that it is something very unusual to see our folks reading any paper save The Post and The County Union, our home paper. Dunn is passing through its first year as a tobacco town. Although it has been blessed from its infancy with great quantities of cotton and large stocks of farm products, the amount of money paid to our farmers this year has exceeded by fifty per cent. that paid during any year prior to this.

There were over ten thousand bales of cotton marketed here during the year 1898, and notwithstanding the short crops this year, we think there will be fully that much or more sold on our market this year. The tobacco market is not closed here yet, and judging from the large quantity of leaf on the floors of the warehouses every day, it appears that the tobacco season is hardly commenced.

It is surprising to know the large number of buildings that have been erected here since January 1st. It would not be too strong to say that there have been about three dozen dwellings erected here since the first of the year, ranging in value and cost from about five hundred dollars to six thousand. We have also had two large furniture factories, one large tool factory, two tobacco warehouses, one three-story prize-house, one brick bank building and quite a number of other good buildings.

The welfare and progress of Dunn seem to cause its young people to have a desire to enter into the marriage state. Wedding bells have rung in our town almost without ceasing for the past six months."

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved,—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidney and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner Druggist, Guaranteed.

Corbett Challenges Jeffries.

New York, Nov. 13.—James J. Corbett has challenged James J. Jeffries, to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. Corbett deposited \$5,000, to be covered by Jeffries in any way he sees fit. It may be taken as a wager or a forfeit. Corbett, in his letter, states that he desires an immediate match.

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THANKSGIVING.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL ISSUES HIS PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

Whereas, the people of this Republic have long been accustomed to set apart one day in each year as a day for public thanksgiving and rejoicing for the blessings of liberty and the gracious care of divine providence;

And, whereas, the year through which we have just passed has been one characterized by great industrial and civic prosperity;

And, whereas, it is fitting and proper that the people should turn aside from their usual amusements and render thanksgiving and praise to All Mighty God for his manifold blessing to them,

Now therefore, I, Daniel L. Russell, Governor of the Commonwealth, of North Carolina, do issue this my Proclamation, appointing and setting apart Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1899, as a day of public and general Thanksgiving, and recommend to all our people that they lay aside the cares of their secular employments and assemble in their respective places of public worship to render thanksgiving and praise to God for the blessings of the past and to implore a continuation of his mercies to us as a people.

I recommend that at the several services held upon this day thus set apart, our people endeavor to remember their less fortunate fellow citizens who are dependent for the comforts of life upon the benefactions of public and private charity by contributing of their means for the assistance of these unfortunates. Done at our city of Raleigh, this 3rd day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine, and in the one hundred and twenty-fourth year of our American Independence.

By the Governor, DANIEL L. RUSSELL, Baylus Cade, Private Sec'y.

Why This Course?

A gentleman who lives on the Atlantic Coast Line told us the other day, that, unlike the sections penetrated by the two other great railway systems in North Carolina, the country, and especially the towns, along the Coast Line, are going backward instead of forward. And as an illustration he pointed to the fact that as soon as the trucking industry on the line absorbed the attention of the farmers, and they were in it so deep they could not get, the Coast Line began to squeeze them, and each year increased the freight rate until now the railroad swallows all the profits and leaves the farmers with nothing to show for their labor. Instead of encouraging the people they are systematically robbed of all their profits, and are powerless to help themselves. As a further proof this gentleman declared that not a single public institution in the State is on the Coast Line, and because of the foolish policy adopted by this company business in every line is leaving this road and going toward the Seaboard and Southern. We had not had our attention called to this matter before, and publish it for what it is worth.—Common Wealth.

He Fooled The Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner Druggist.

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Vance's First Composition.

A lady of this city, one of the teachers in the graded school, has received from a first cousin of the late Senator Vance a copy of his first school composition. It has come into the possession of The Observer, which has every assurance of the genuineness of the document, and is given herewith as an evidence of its writer's then budding genius:

You told me to tell what I knyoed about Toads. Well Toads is like frogs, but more dignity, and when you come to think of it frogs is wetter. The warts which toads is noted for can't be cured, for they is cronick, but if I couldn't get well I'd stay in the house. My Grandfather knew a toad that some lady had trained till it was like folks, wen its maset whissled it would come after flies. They catches 'em with their tong which is some like a long red worm but more like littenin only littenin hasint got no gum onto it. The fl will be standing a rubbin its hind legs together and a thinking what a fine fat fl it is and the toad a sittin some distance away like it was asleep. While you see this fl as plane as you ever see anything all at once it aint there—then the toad looks up at you solum out of his eyes like he said What become of that fl? but you know he et it. Thats what I know about toads.

Z. B. VANCE. —Charlotte Observer.

A Life And Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, N. H., writes to The Observer a miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at McKay Bros. & Skinner's Drug Store.

Grandson of Jeff Davis Killed.

London, Nov. 12.—Lieut. Wood, of the First Loyal North Lancashires, who was killed in the fight at Belmont, twenty odd miles from Orange River station, was born at Halifax, N. S. He was a grandson of Jefferson Davis. His great grand-father was President Zachary Taylor.



The Coming of Baby

Brings joy or pain. It's for the mother to decide. With good health and a strong womanly organism, motherhood but adds to a woman's attractiveness.

McELREE'S Wine of Cardui

takes away all terrors by strengthening the vital organs. It fits a mother for baby's coming. By revitalizing the nerve centres it has brought chubby, crowing youngsters to thousands of weak women who feared they were barren. It purifies, heals, regulates and strengthens, and is good for all women at all times. No druggist would be without it. \$1.00 For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

MRS. LOUISA HALE, of Jefferson, Ga., says: "When I first took Wine of Cardui I had been married three years, but could not have any children. Nine months later I had a fine girl baby."

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat. Artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps, and all other results of imperfect digestion. Prepared by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. For sale by Hood & Grantham, Druggists, Dunn, N. C.

Heirs to Millions.

A correspondent to the High Point Enterprise, says the High Point Enterprise, says the Greensboro correspondent to Raleigh Post says:

"Many years ago there lived in Randolph county four brothers by the name of Edwards. These four brothers married four sisters—Hamiltons—who also lived in Randolph county. These four brothers and their wives moved to New York and went into business. They were successful to a remarkable degree. Only one child was born into the household—a daughter. The property of all the four brothers' families went to this girl at their death. The same girl is said to have become the wife of A. T. Stewart, the merchant king.

"The story continues that Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were childless. Mr. Stewart died intestate, all of his property falling to his wife. Mrs. Stewart died last winter and her heirs were called into court. It is now claimed that the lawful heirs live in Randolph county, two or three of them—one man by the name of Brewer, and another by the name of Harris, who were closely related to the original families that went to New York many years ago.

It is said that the way the matter was brought to the heirs was through a merchant at Jackson Hill, N. C., who was in New York buying goods. He secured a lawyer, looked into the matter, and came home and revealed it to the heirs. They employed three other lawyers. The four lawyers are now looking after the estate. The parties interested say that their lawyers have reported \$13,000,000 already in hand and that entire estate is worth \$64,000,000.

We have been told that one of the heirs lives at Cedar Falls another at or near Randleman.

The Appetite of a Goat

Is evoked by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pill, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c. at McKay Bros. & Skinner's drug store.

To Sell Cotton Bolls at Paris.

Meridian, Miss., Nov.—10 A. C. King, of this city, commissioner for the State of Mississippi to the Paris Exposition in 1900, has arranged there for what promises to be a great novelty in the way of an exhibit from his State.

He has made arrangements with a party who has secured at the right season 500,000 selected full-grown cotton bolls which will be sold at the Paris Exposition by original cotton field dorkies as souvenirs of the American cotton exhibit. These will be the first cotton bolls ever shipped abroad. They will be eagerly sought after by people who have used quantities of American cotton, but who have never seen it in its natural form.

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