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PRICE 5 CENTS.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

WHITMAN'S CANDY
Will come in Friday by express, shipped on day made, and will be the freshest, nicest line of candy in town. Other candies 12 1/2, 15 and 25 cts. per pound.

ORANGES
Some fancy stock direct from the grove.
20, 25 and 30 cents per doz.

NUTS NUTS
That are new, every one of them. California and French Walnuts, Brazils, Pecans, Filberts, Terragona and Paper Shell Almonds, Sicily and Valencia Shelled Almonds.

RAISINS, ETC
Fancy Clusters and Fancy Seedless, Ondara Layers, Valencia Layers, London Layers and Cleaned Currants. Old Fashion Currants 5 cts per pound.

GOOD THINGS
In General. English Plum Pudding, French Peas and Mushrooms, Foreign Cheese, Extra Nice Cranberries.

KROGER

Do You Want to Know
WHERE YOU CAN GET
A NICE
Christmas Present
For your father, brother or son, in a line of
SMOKERS' ARTICLES,
and where you may buy them? Go to
BLOMBERG'S
and look over his stock. MEMBERSCHAUM
PIPES AND CIGAR HOLDERS. A most
attractive line of French Briarwood Pipes of
all the latest designs. Also a handsome
line of Leather Cigar and Cigarette Cases.
Look out for this space next week.

MODEL CIGAR STORE,
17 PATTON AVENUE. ASHEVILLE.

CORTLAND BROS.
REAL ESTATE BROKERS,
INVESTMENT AGENTS,
NOTARY PUBLIC.
Loans Securely placed at 8 per cent.
Offices 25 & 26 Patton Ave., up stairs.

I BUY
The Very Best

EATABLES

Afforded by the - - -
Markets of the World
+ I OFFER THEM AT +
REASONABLE PROFITS

G. A. Greer,
TELEPHONE 106. 28 NORTH MAIN.

CHRISTMAS PRICES.

BEST LEAF LARD 12 1/2 C L.B.
COMPOUND LARD 10C L.B.

CAI IPORNIA RAISINS 10C L.B.
LONDON LAYER RAISINS 15C L.B.

FLORIDA ORANGES, Fresh from the Grove,
20, 25 and 30 cents dozen.

CLEANED SULTANA RAISINS, CURRANTS
CITRUS, & C. for Fruit Cake.

MIXED AND PLAIN CANDIES,
NUTS, FIGS, DATES, & C.

A silver, gold or paper dollar will buy more
Groceries than ever before.

A. D. COOPER,
NORTHSIDE COURT SQUARE

BON MARCHE

OFFERING MANY USEFUL AND OR-
NAMENTAL GOODS FOR

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Stock of HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR, white
somewhat deal-ted, still, nearly all sizes left
at prices to sell in these times.

Ladies' Wraps Very Cheap.

RIBBONS, LACES, SATINS, SILKS for
making fancy articles very reasonable.

BON MARCHE
37 S. Main St.

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E. H. COSBY
is daily receiving Additions to his already
well stocked stock of Jewelry, Silverware,
Clocks, Watches, Novelties, etc.

THE

Citizens of Asheville and visitors, the ladies
especially, are invited to call and inspect his
stock. His prices are reasonable and sales-
men

RELIABLE

and attentive. Repairing of watches and
jewelry, a specialty. Gems and Precious
stones set by an experienced

JEWELER.

Wedding, Birthday and Christmas presents
to satisfy all tastes at prices to suit the
times. A few more of those beautiful en-
gagement rings left at

27 Patton Ave.

J. M. HESTON

26 S. MAIN STREET.

AGENT FOR

Huyler's Candy.

Received by express direct
from the factory.

EXPRESSED TO US SAME DAY 'IS
MADE, SO WE AT ALL TIMES
HAVE IT
FRESH.

WILL HAVE ON HAND FOR

Christmas Trade

1/2, 1, 2, 3 AND 5 POUND BOXES.

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AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE

Store crowded from morn till night, all
purchasing their presents from our large and
fine stock of China, Glass, Fancy Goods, etc.

The 5, 10, 15, 25 and 50 cent Bargain Ta-
bles are the biggest attractions in the house.

If you wish to have money, why, of course,
buy your presents of us. Toys are still of-
fered at Cost. Stock going very fast.

THAD. W. THRASH & CO.

OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY.

POWELL
&
SNIDER

WE ARE NOW OPENING LOTS OF
BIG VALUES JUST BOUGHT ON A VERY
LATE AND DEPRESSED MARKET.

THE LINE OF FANCY GOODS, OR-
NAMENTAL CROCKERY AND TOYS FOR
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IS VERY AT-
TRACTIONIVE, ONE OF THE ATTRACTIONS
BEING PRICES TO ACCORD WITH THE
UNUSUAL TIMES.

COMMENCING DECEMBER 19TH, A
LARGE DISCOUNT ON CLOTHING,
CLOAKS, AND DRESS GOODS.

H. Redwood & Co.
CLOTHING, DRY GOODS, HATS, SHOES,
CARPETS, ETC., ETC.

Huyler's

SELLING AGENTS FOR
ASHEVILLE

Heinitsh & Reagan

See that each package is so stamped.
All candies received direct from fac-
tory every Wednesday and Saturday.
Special orders taken for Christmas.

Heinitsh & Reagan

DRUGGISTS,
Patton Ave. & Church St.

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END OF THE EGERTON CASE

THE DEFENDANT HONORABLY DISCHARGED

There Was No Case Against Him and The Prosecution Was Dropped—Some Good Advice For Mr. Plato Lee.

HENDERSONVILLE, Dec. 22.—The bot-
tom dropped out of the Egerton con-
spiracy trial yesterday, when at 4
o'clock the prosecuting attorneys pre-
sented the following paper to the court
and moved that he be read upon the
records of the case:

"State, Cole, et al., vs. J. L. Egerton.
On behalf of the prosecution we desire
now to submit to the court upon the
conclusion of the evidence on both sides
the affidavit upon which the warrant was
issued in this case have no fears that
the defendant in this case will do any injury
to them or their property, and are will-
ing that the court may dismiss the ap-
plication for a writ of habeas corpus and
peace. And we submit, further, that
upon the consideration of the whole of
the evidence in the case we could not
hope or expect that a jury would con-
vict the defendant of the charge of con-
spiracy, and we are therefore of opinion
that the warrant should be dismissed
and the defendant be discharged. We
desire say further that the prosecu-
tion was begun in good faith and not
out of any personal ill will or bad feeling
toward the defendant. No further con-
cessions are made by prosecution and
none are asked from the defendant."

Before the foregoing occurred, when
the court adjourned for dinner, it was
with the understanding that the magis-
trates, with Messrs. Merrimon and
Ewart, of counsel should go to the re-
sidence of Dr. Egerton and hear the testi-
mony of Mrs. Egerton, who was too ill
to appear in court. This was accord-
ingly done and when the parties in the
case came in the court room a little af-
ter 2 o'clock it was supposed the trial
would be resumed. Time was granted
by the judge for the consultation of the
counsel, however, and all the attorneys
left the room and were gone until 4
o'clock when they reappeared and whis-
pered among themselves that the case was
settled, and when Mr. Ewart read the docu-
ment given above the rumor was almost
a fact and became altogether such a few
minutes afterwards when the judge
granted the motion and fixed the costs
on the prosecution.

After the paper was read, W. A. Smith,
of the prosecution, arose and stated that
he had never been crossed in his profes-
sional career by a case that had so dis-
turbed his soul and had destroyed as
much of his nerves as had this one. He
said he had been accused and criticized
by the public and his church brethren,
and unjustly, because such censors and
critics seemed to forget the sacred con-
fidences that should exist between a law-
yer and his client. He said that he had
done in the case he had been solely
actuated by the interests of his clients.
Mr. Smith also spoke an exonerating
word for those who had assisted in col-
lecting the State's evidence.

S. V. Dickens, of the defense, poured
oil on the troubled waters, and congrat-
ulated the people of the town on having
the matter settled in an honorable way.
He raised a laugh when he alluded to the
spots between himself and Mr. Smith
during the trial as only small differences
of opinion, and he believed that Mr.
Smith in water. (Mr. Dickens is a Con-
gregationalist and Mr. Smith a Baptist.)

T. J. Rickman and A. E. Posey, also
of Dr. Egerton's counsel, made brief
remarks, saying that the voluntary act
of the prosecution in submitting the paper
was certainly a graceful one, but he was
sorry they had not the courage to add to
their motion that there had not been a
cent of evidence introduced on the
charge. If they had done so Mr.
Merrimon believed the people would
have considered them magnanimous. He
felt that a grave injury had been done
Dr. Egerton that could never be repaired.
As for Mr. Lee, who was a weak young
man, he was sorry for him. Mr. Lee
needed the support of men and he also
needed to keep his mouth away from
whiskey and from Jamaica ginger.

Mr. Ewart interrupted the speaker
with the words, "Judge Merrimon will
pardon me, but the agreement, was that
no criticisms were to be made."

Mr. Merrimon promptly replied: "No
sir, there has been no agreement by the
defense to anything. The defendant
planted himself squarely on the ground
that he was innocent and would brook
no suggestions to the contrary."

The crowd broke into applause as
Mr. Merrimon sat down. The magis-
trates checked the demonstration and
granted the motion of the prosecution
and adjudged the costs against them.

The friends of Dr. Egerton then pressed
around him and offered their congratula-
tions.

Before the Case Was Settled.

The examination of Dr. Egerton was
resumed when the morning session of
the court began. The Doctor said: "On
the morning after Lee was so crazy
drunk I asked him what there was in
the story he had told of being concerned
in a robbery with his brother. Lee re-
plied: 'There is a good deal in it; I am
one of the noted men of the age!' Last
year my practice was worth \$2,000 and
this year it has been from \$10 to \$20
per month. I know that steps have been
taken to notify my creditors about this
matter and I have seen a letter written
by H. G. Ewart to that effect."

The friends of Dr. Egerton's CITIZEN
was shown and identified by witness as
the one referred to.

Rev. D. A. Glenn, pastor of the First
Baptist church, testified concerning a
talk with Dr. Egerton about making a
assignment, which idea the pastor dis-
couraged. Egerton said the business
would go down with Lee there as the
people would have prescriptions filled
by a man who would get drunk.

Mont. Egerton, a brother of defend-
ant, and his attorney, told of the direc-
tions of Dr. Egerton to obtain a re-
ceiver.

J. M. McMinn stated that he stayed
in the drug store the two days Lee was
said to be drunk, and found the store in

a bad fix. Dr. Egerton wanted the drug
store opened but Mr. Ewart told witness
it could not be done unless Lee's bond
was given up.

J. B. Arledge testified: "On the morn-
ing Dr. Egerton was arrested Lee came
to store and said: 'Arledge, give me half
a pint of rye whiskey, they've locked me
out here and I haven't any money.'
He got the liquor and went out. In a
little while Lee came back and asked for
change of a five dollar gold piece. I
changed it and he asked for a drink of
wine and he got it. Lee said he was in
too much trouble to talk about; that Dr.
Egerton had offered him a thousand dol-
lars to burn the store, but he had got
dressed waiting on him and had given the
thing away."

Sheriff J. G. Grant stated that he was
in Jackson's store and saw Lee buy whis-
key and wine. He said the wine should
be charged to the company and a bottle
of wine was wrapped in paper and given
him. When he got outside he tore off
the wrapper, threw it away, uncorked
the bottle and took a drink. The sheriff
told of the warrant being put in his
hands with the notice that it should not
be immediately served. He went in the
door of the bank and Lee opened the
door of a back room and told witness to
wait five minutes, and if Egerton came
out first he should arrest him, but if
Cole and others came out first then sher-
iff was to go in the room. Witness knew
something was going on, as he saw
as he saw Capt. Toms one night in Smith's
office with his hunting clothes on and
saw Dr. Cole on the street at night at
the usual hours. Thought strange they
didn't let him know what was going on
as he was an officer. Mr. Smith after-
wards explained to him that they hadn't
consulted him because they thought his
presence on the street at unusual hours
of night would arouse suspicion. "I
think," added witness, "they could have
let me in earlier and out later. If I had
known what was going on in that back
room of the bank I would certainly have
gone in."

George Chestnut, a colored boy, 18
years of age, testified that he worked in the
drug store, and one day Dr. Lee took
him in the back yard and told him that
he and Dr. Egerton were going to burn
the store and that if they got Chestnut
in court about it Chestnut should swear
that he had heard the conversation and
it would be all right; that the boys should
tell his mother about it. He had told his
mother and Sandy Manders.

Sandy Manders, George Chestnut told
me that Lee wanted him to go to the
court house if a trial came up and stick
to him. The boy said he had heard
Dr. Egerton say anything about burn-
ing and wasn't going to tell a lie for Lee.
The boy was badly frightened on the
stand, cried and said if the fire had oc-
curred he would be a dead nigger to-day."

J. J. Rickman, the insurance agent, said
Dr. Cole was mistaken in construing his
contract, and Dr. Egerton wanting the
policy held till his partner arrived.
Dr. Egerton did not ask for any conceal-
ment of the non-renewal. The insurance
of all parties in the block had run out.
Dr. Cole himself said witness need not
say anything about it as he was looking
up other business.

Mr. J. L. Egerton's statement, taken
at her house, was corroborative of her
husband and added strength to the evi-
dence that went to exculpate him from
the charge made against him. She not
only corroborated him in all that he
said, but gave many additional cir-
cumstances tending strongly to show
the truth of his statement and to es-
tablish his innocence. Mrs. Egerton's talk
was exceedingly intelligent and her testi-
mony seemed to impress the court, more
perhaps than that of any other witness
in the case, it bore the stamp of truth on
its face.

SIGN IN THE HEAVENS.

A Meteor Shows At The Sun- Letters of Light

Reports come in from all over the State
of the strange appearance of the eastern
sky early Wednesday morning. The
phenomenon has been described thus:
"As the sun was coming up, there was a
brilliant flash and a meteor shot down
towards it. Behind it the meteor left a
brilliant trail of meteoric dust. This
soon assumed a wavy form and took on
a brilliant yellow hue. About the center
of the streak there was a broad place
that shone with the whiteness of silver."
Only one person in or near Asheville
reported seeing anything like this, and
he stated that he clearly made out the
letters "H. E." on a broad band of light
that shot up from the horizon just before
sun-up. In Wilmington some one's imagi-
nation led him to believe that he saw
the words "Egerton" on the heavens.

Among Asheville's colored population
the phenomenon is almost the one topic
of talk.

E. P. McKissick, who came in from
Savannah, Ga., on Wednesday, says every-
body in that State saw the phenomenon.
The letters were read as G. S. and were
interpreted to mean Tillman was a
"Gone Sucker."

FROM HONOLULU

The Provisional Government Re- cognizing Very Early.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The steamer
Mariposa from Sydney, via Samoa and
Honolulu, brings the following Honolulu
advices:

The United States cutter Corwin has
arrived, bringing to Minister Willis a
message, the contents of which are not
yet disclosed. The general belief here is
that he is instructed to make every
effort to restore the Queen short of using
force. The provisional government has
prepared an ultimatum declaring its in-
tention to resist with military force all
attempts to overthrow them.

IS MELLO VICTORIOUS?

Reported That The Brazilian
Government Has Fallen

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PERNAMBUCO, Dec. 22.—A report
reached here from Rio de Janeiro today
stating that Admiral Mello had cap-
tured Rio de Janeiro, and that President
Peixoto has resigned the presidency in
favor of De Mello.

State Auditor Robert M. Furman here,
and family returned from Raleigh yester-
day afternoon. Mr. Furman will stay here
only during the holidays, but his family
will not go back to Raleigh. Their many
friends here are glad to have them again
residents of Asheville.

Mr. Furman tells THE CITIZEN that
when he left Raleigh State Treasurer S.
McD. Tate was dangerously sick with
grip and typhoid fever.

HOLIDAY RECESS BEGINS

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT THE CITY SCHOOLS.

An Address By Mayor Patton at
The Orange Street School, And
Appropriate Programs at Each
of the Buildings.

The pupils of the Asheville city schools
entered on the enjoyment of their Christ-
mas holiday to-day with appropriate ex-
ercises of singing, recitations and ad-
dresses at each of the buildings.

At the Orange street school the rooms
were very prettily decorated and the
happy pupils wore their class colors and
took part in the program with a
 zest that made the hour most pleasant
to all who were there. In each of the
rooms special programs were rendered,
before audiences composed of parents
and friends of the pupils, while the
feature of the exercises in the hall was
an address by Mayor Patton, who was
introduced by Hon. H. A. Gudger. The
Mayor, as is his custom on such occa-
sions, went loaded with candy and wise
words for the children, and pleased their
physical and mental appetites. Quar-
tette and comic singing and recitations
were enjoyable features of the entertain-
ment.

Exercises suitable to the day were held
at the other white schools, and at Bailey
street Miss Drummond had prepared a
tree to delight her pupils.

Christmas exercises were held by the
children of the colored in the Youn-
Men's Institute under the direction of
Principal E. B. Smith. The program
of songs and recitations was rendered
with a Christmas spirit and showed
careful training by the teachers who had
prepared the children without the loss of
a lesson.

The fun of the occasion was given in
a talk off on a session of the United
States Senate. Vice-President Steven-
son's double held the gavel. Morgan of
Alabama began a speech in which he
words that Bryan of Maine interrupted on
a point of order. Voorhies harangued
in violent gestures of the goldbugs and
red times and introduced a silver bill
favor of North Carolina, a fat little
negro, for fully advocated the passage of
the bill, and Senator Hill brought
discussion on the body with motion for
the recess. The session was a selection of
Wilson to fill bill. When order was re-
sored, Sherman of Ohio moved an ex-
ecutive session (perhaps to consider the
Kope Eriose case), but broke of Virginia
oratorically pressed an adjournment for
the holidays, which passed.

Prof. J. L. Love made an address to
the children on the good times of Christ-
mas, which closed the exercises.

Tired of Walking.

So This Horse Concluded to Take A Little Run.

Mr. Morris, coal dealer, owns a horse
and wagon that about 6 o'clock last
evening furnished a batch of excitement.
The horse ran away and the wagon
followed for a part of the way, at
least. The runaway began down Pat-
ton avenue and with a rattling change for
a while a race that was well fought
between the horse and the wagon. The
horse was the victor in the race. The
wagon and horse were both badly
damaged. The horse was not a special
damaged to wagon or horse.

Honest Goods

LOWEST PRICES FOR

Holiday Presents.

IF YOU WANT A

Toilet Set,
Manicure Set,
Dressing Set,

Celluloid Brush,
Celluloid Comb,
Celluloid Mirror,

Picture Frames,
Pocket Book,
Card Case,

Pocket Knife,
Scissors,
Razor.

In fact anything in the Holiday line at
rock bottom prices for cash, come and
see us. We will make the price to suit your
pocketbook.

Raysor & Smith
PRESCRIPTION DRUGGISTS,
31 PATTON AVENUE.
OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

For the HOLIDAYS

NECKGEAR,
HANDKERCHIEFS,
MUFFLERS,
SILK UMBRELLAS,
SUSPENDERS,
MONARCH SHIRTS,
KNOX HATS,
& C., & C.
MITCHELL,
28 Patton Ave., Asheville.

GOOD TASTE

Forbids saying much of our-
selves, and yet the tastes of
the people this week require
a notice. Please accept an
apology and consider

FAT POWERS,
GANEY B.L.K.
SAVORY VENISON,
LUXURIOUS SWEETBREADS.

To be sure, you will need
beef. We will have for you
cuts from six of the finest
steers ever brought to Bun-
combe. We'll fill your bas-
kets.

W. M. HILL & CO.,
City Market.

FRESH CRACKERS,
NUTS, CITRUS, RAISINS,
CURRANTS.

T. J. Revell, 30 North Main.

—TRY THE—
MODEL STEAM LAUNDRY
THE VERY BEST WORK.
CHURCH STREET, TELEPHONE 70

White Pantam check us for Christmas
presents, 75 cents per pair. Apply to C.
W. DeVault, corner Rawls Block.

Paintings, photographs, parlor cases,
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