

FORT FRAYNE.

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CHAPTER XVI Continued.
It was a high tide, he thought, and he was...
"Your engagement. You said, even to attend Kitty's wedding, you couldn't get away until years were fulfilled—on the 10th, wasn't it?"

beat gave the lie to friendship. I loved you, I love you, and so have come to say a long good-bye. I've made my fight to be your friend and failed. At least I have lost a soldier. I will not be a coward."
She could control herself no longer. Though she had freed her hands, she seemed involuntarily stretching them forth. Then, leaning upon the table for support, one hand found the glove that he had removed and laid there. He had withdrawn a pace and lifted his head. Though the blighted eyes were striving to peer from under their shade for one look at the face they had gazed upon in such passionate farewell so many months before. The "strains" of "Traumerei" were still thrilling among the open casements and overcome with emotion, tenderness and passion, Helen bent and hid her soft lips in fervent pressure on the senseless glove.

to the upper regions, and, while dozens clustered as before about Kitty, an absorbed group still hung upon the movements of the major. The light of other days was dawning on his face. He was searching still, and at last he found and drew forth a tiny box, at sight of which Laetitia's maiden heart fluttered almost out of her throat.
"Ah! now what have you unearthed, old Rip Van Winkle?" boomed Fenton. "A ring, by all that's gorgeous—a ring, and a beauty, and an inscription on it. 'P. W. to L. F., 1874.' Who's P. W.? Who's—but a glance at his sister's transfixed face as she tottered there at his side warned the old warrior to desist.
"Wayne was panting with excitement. 'I know,' he cried. 'Of course it wasn't my class ring. It was this. I drew her to his arm, and the others considerably moved away as at last that ring was fitted to the finger that had been waiting for it 20 long years.
Five minutes more, and with Rosalie leading off in the cheers, with music and sunshine, mirth and gladness, smiles and tears and prayers and blessings, the young couple were hurried away to the station, bound for the bliss of the honeymoon.

Grand Bargain Days

SUMNER'S

Commencing on Monday, Oct. 12. We Will Place on Sale Over

500 Jackets and Capes,

all the newest and latest styles. Black Serge Capes trimmed in fur and braid, worth \$2.00, for

\$1.00.



Black Beaver cloth Capes with fur, worth \$3.00, for \$1.95

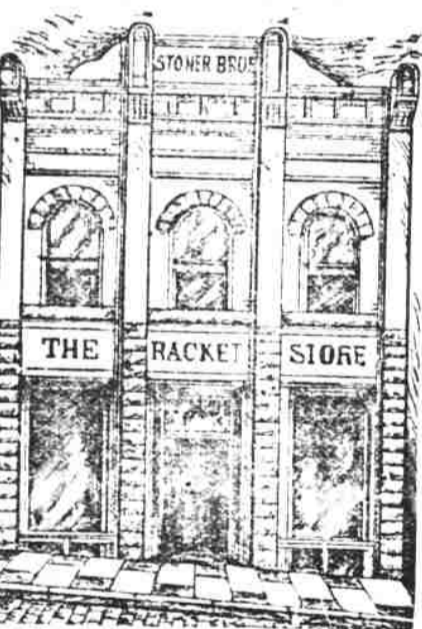
Black, fine Beaver cloth Capes, handsomely trimmed, selling other places for \$6.00, at \$4.00. Handsomely trimmed Beaver with fur and jet, worth \$8, \$9 and \$10, for

\$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50.

Fine Capes from \$10, \$12.50, \$17.50, \$20 and \$28. Jackets \$3, \$3.50, \$5.75, \$6, \$7.50, \$9.75, \$12.50, \$15, \$17.50, \$20 and \$25. These are all the very best and far below their real values.

Racket Store News.

30 South Main St. Asheville, N. C.



Few people know how hard and earnestly a merchant tries to please his customers and if successful still fewer people come anywhere near knowing how good it makes a fellow feel when his customers show their appreciation of his efforts.
Our recent purchases are coming in rapidly. We will go into detail next week and tell you how near we are like you in our ideas of what you want.
J. M. Stoner, Mgr.



Millinery

and have it arranged by the best trimmers in the State is at

40 and 42 PATTON AVENUE.

Don't be misled, but 40 and 42 Patton Avenue is at

SUMNER'S.

Some heavy cuts are to be made in fine and medium Blankets for the next few days at SUMNER'S. It will cost you nothing and may save you several dollars to call and examine the largest stock of Dry goods in this country—only to be found at

Sumner's, 40-42 Patton Ave.

Southern Railway.

Table with columns for destinations (Norfolk, Petersburg, etc.), times, and fares. Includes sections for Piedmont Air Line, Eastbound, and Westbound.

Opening of Fall Trade

Most stores begin the season with high prices and fall as the season advances, or when forced to fall by competition. This store does differently. It will begin the season now with a price on Fall Goods that none will meet, and which, owing to our securing at 52 1/2% on the dollar a stock of \$30,000 from one of New York's largest merchants who was compelled to make an assignment, will place items on our counters that we will never be able to duplicate. We have bought them cheap and will give you the benefit at this most opportune time. This is one great store and means to sell goods to the grandchildren of those who buy here now.

The Greatest Shop- The Largest Store
ping Place for Asheville- With the Smallest
ville's Trading Public Price.



Dress Goods selling little short of the marvellous. Never have we sold fall dress goods this early at such a rate. Of course the pricing has much to do with it. Then we have never shown a stock approaching this in variety, style and volume. No buyer but should see at once the lines priced at 10c, 12 1/2%, 25c, 37 1/2%, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. There is a saving here of fully one-fourth.

FOR INSTANCE: Men's twilled cheviot suits, full lined and nicely finished—a big bargain, at \$4.45.

FOR INSTANCE: Men's Suits, made from materials that in many instances, the cloth alone represents more actual value, at \$1.90.

FOR INSTANCE: Men's Fine Dress Suits, made of Venetian cloth, or imported 20-ounce cloth worsted, a wonder how, at \$10.00.

CAPE SELLING. Don't come expecting to save over 30 percent, but expect that confidently. On sale now 57 black beaver Double Capes, beautifully finished, at \$1.95. While on the cape question a finer one may interest you. We have them. You may as well look them all over. It costs you nothing to look.

READYMADE SKIRTS. By actual count fourteen of them were just been received by express. They were sent as samples—some have been ordered—others discarded. The cheapest of the sample line were to be \$5. While they last, your choice, \$3.50.

'TIS A FEAT TO FIT THE FEET. We are ready for all comers. Our shoe line is now complete in all the details. Will you give us a trial?

Baltimore Clothing, Shoe & Dry Goods Co., King of Low Prices. Store closes at 10 and 12 PATTON AVENUE, promptly 7 p. m., Saturday 10:30. Asheville, N. C.

Asheville, October 16, '96.

The Truth Concisely Stated In Announcing the Coming of

L. B. Lent's Mastodon Railroad SHOWS.

The rare treasures of the wilderness, the mountains and the Pampas. Exhausted in furnishing nature's curiosities for the instruction and amusement of our patrons. Beautiful plumaged birds from the Forests of the tropics.

A Broad-Gauge Comprehensive Show

Discarding Old Ideas Our Motto is "The Survival of the Fittest!"

In Selecting Artists Participating in this show recognition is given only to the best. Truthfully Advertised and Honorably Conducted.

THE FEATURE SHOW OF AMERICA! Will Exhibit One Day Only, Rain or Shine.

In order to correct a false impression, we owe it to ourselves to announce that we do NOT supply any hotel, either in Asheville or vicinity, with our dairy products. And we have no intention of competing with 18 cent milk or 20 cent butter.
After October 5th all bottled milk supplied by us will be sealed with a copyrighted label of the Biltmore Dairy, which will be dated. A special plant has been put in for supplying Pasteurized Milk, in pint and quart bottles, which will also be sealed with special label. See that the label is unbroken and the date is right; then we guarantee the milk. BILTMORE DAIRY.

"Helen, darling, not that! Don't waste those kisses!"
caught the hand and brought it down. But when it came to the ring there was consternation. To the horror of the groom, the despair of the bride, but to the marked and tremulous emotion of Aunt Laetitia, the circle produced for the occasion by the dazed best man was an old-fashioned, but beautiful cluster of flashing gems. Only by a miracle did it happen that the other ring was in his possession. How the mixture of curiosity there was no time to fill, until later, when all were gathered, for there were two whose fortunes we have followed through these long, long chapters who were absent from the ceremony, who, in fact, were having one of their own, and to the two, while the hand without it softly playing in front of the chapel, and in other hands the men are gathered to cheer the bride and groom on their nuptials, let us turn and listen.
"Sir, the parade is"—when Ormsby

stand me. Even in the dark my pulse