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In quart bottles, the queen of table syrups.

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In quart and half gallon tins.

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We are now showing a line of light wools in the latest tints; also plaided backs, Venetian, Thebits, cheviots and other desirable materials for coat suits and skirts.

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The handsomest line of dress trimmings we have ever shown.

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Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7. MATINEE SATURDAY
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GLEEFUL PLENITUDE
Why Smith Left Home
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FOUR MONTHS AT THE STRAND THEATER, LONDON.
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Try our Wilson Rye. None better. We don't claim to have the largest or best stock of liquors in Asheville or elsewhere. I will say that there are "none better." My long experience in the liquor business enabl me with confidence to state enable me with confidence to state orders you will favor me with, I will keep on hand all leading brands of wines and liquors usually kept in a first-class house, but will make a specialty of my own bottling of whiskey under the following brands:

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IS the Best polishing preparation on the Market—makes old silver look like new—takes very little rubbing and doesn't injure the silver. You will find it at

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Have just received another invoice of

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The cheapest and strongest light on earth. Makes and burns its own gas. It is portable, hang it anywhere. Requires no pipes, wires or gas machine. A safe, pure white, powerful, steady light.
100 candle power 15 hours for 2 cents.
No wicks to trim, no smoke or smell. No chimneys to clean. Superior to electricity, gas, acetylene or kerosene. Saving effected by its use quickly pays for it.
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WARRANTED lightest draft. Best proportioned, Strongest ironed and Finest finished wagon on earth.
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You can rest absolutely secure on these three points:
1st. Only the best drugs and chemicals will be used.
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I ask for a share of your prescription on this basis, for comparison.
When in doubt and a hurry phone your orders to
RAYSOR'S DRUG STORE
31 PATTON AVENUE.
N. B.—Fresh Vaccine Points Just Received.

SENATOR PETTUS AS A FUNMAKER

Funniest Speech Heard in Senate in Many Years.

He Looked Solemn While Other Senators Roared.

THE AGED ALABAMIAN SHARPENS HIS WIT AT EXPENSE OF SENATORS GALLINGER AND BEVERIDGE.

Washington, March 31.—Merriment swept away the traditional dignity yesterday afternoon. Staid sticklers for senatorial decorum literally held their sides and shouted with laughter, while the crowded galleries joined in the laughing tumult which not the faintest effort was made to restrain.

Senator Pettus of Alabama, the oldest member of the body, his age being only a few months short of four score years, delivered the funniest speech heard within the senate chamber in many years. It sparkled with wit and bubbled over with humor. Its sarcasm was keen, but not bitter; and even those who were the victims of it could not but enjoy its perfect good humor and its unalloyed fun. Throughout itail Mr. Pettus was as solemn as if he were delivering a funeral oration. Not a smile softened the deep lines of his strong and rugged countenance, and, as he stopped occasionally to mop the perspiration from his face and bald head with a silk bandana he glanced about the senate as if in surprise at the laughter of his colleagues. Indeed, he apologized once for the lightness of the vein in which he was addressing the senate on so important a question as the Porto Rican bill.

Mr. Proctor had delivered a forceful argument in support of free trade with the island of Porto Rico. He was followed by Mr. Pettus, who devoted the first part of his remarks to the constitutional phase of the subject. Then quite unexpectedly came the fun as he sharpened his wit at the expense of Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire and Mr. Beveridge of Indiana. Senator Depew was the first to congratulate Mr. Pettus and the New Yorker's hearty hand-clasp was followed by such an ovation as a man seldom receives in the senate.

Mr. Pettus first took Mr. Gallinger to task, then turned his attention to the speech of Mr. Beveridge and said: "We had a wonderful declaration yesterday from our great orator—wonderful. It was marvelous in all its parts. It was so marvelous that I dare say that such a thing has never before been heard in the senate. When you get a genuine orator he is absolutely absolved from all rules of logic or common sense. (Laughter). When it is necessary in the fervor of oratorical flourish to prove any proposition, true or false, rules of common sense and the decent observance of what is due to others must not stand in the way of maintaining 'my reputation' as an orator. It will not do.

"Mr. President, the Master once had to select a man to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt and through the wilderness of Canaan. He did not select an orator. (Laughter). No, he selected one of these men from Iowa or Maine and his name was Moses. And he was a stubborn man, too. (Laughter). But Moses told his master to his face that he could not do it, because he could not speak to the people, and what was the reply? There is Aaron. He speaks well. And they took Aaron along, not in command—that was not allowed; but they took him along as a kind of deputy. And when Moses on his master's order went up into the mountain for the tables, the orator left in charge had a golden calf framed. (Laughter). And he put all the people down to worshiping the golden calf. (Laughter). More people worship the golden calf now than did in those days But while Aaron and his people were all down worshiping the golden calf, the man of God appeared, and he pulled out his sword and demanded to know who was on the Lord's side, and the orator jumped up from his knees, drew his sword and got on Moses' side and went to killing the Israelites along with Moses.

"All these orators will do the same thing (Laughter). The last one of them. We saw an instance of it yesterday afternoon."

AT CENTRAL CHURCH.

Mrs. Whittemore, Founder of the "Door of Hope," to Speak.

At the earnest request of a number of christian workers Mrs. E. M. Whittemore, the founder of the "Door of Hope" of New York, will hold a service in Central Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is hoped that very many will avail themselves of the privilege of hearing this consecrated woman. The Christian Herald, in commenting on the record of the "Door of Hope" union, says:

"That a work of such magnitude and importance should have been the fruition of the efforts of one devoted christian woman, who gave to the task her fortunes, her energies and her whole life, is an encouraging demonstration of the truth that the divine blessing rests upon those who give up everything for the Master's service, without counting the cost, and esteem nothing too dear to be sacrificed for His sake'

M.S. Anderson of the Gospel mission, Syracuse, will also be present and will give an address. Everybody is cordially invited.

GOOD ROADS DIRECTORS

Subscription from A. & B. for the South Main Extension.

A subscription of $25 from the Asheville & Biltmore Street Railway company for the work on the South Main street extension was reported to the directors of the Good Roads association at the meeting last evening.

The chairman of the committee on literature reported that the matter for the April bulletin is in the hands of the printer and was authorized to issue 5000 copies.

Judge Fred Moore was elected a member of the association, and the time of meeting was changed to Tuesday afternoon at 4:30.

KEELING BROS

R. T. Keeling of Norfolk has formed a partnership with his brother, E. D Keeling. The style of the firm will be Keeling Bros. and they intend to conduct a wholesale and retail fruit and produce business. R. T. Keeling is expected this afternoon and the new firm will begin business at the new store on Patton avenue as soon as the fixtures arrive.

We sell Gregg's fresh roasted coffees Clarence Sawyer.

Kumyss at Grant's.

LIST OF PRIZES FOR CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

OFFERED BY THE EPWORTH LEAGUE AND AID SOCIETY OF CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH.

The following is the list of prizes offered by the Epworth league and Aid society of Central M. E. church, south, for various classes of plants to be exhibited in their chrysanthemum show to be given early in November:

PLANTS IN BLOOM.

Largest and handsomest collection of chrysanthemums of different varieties—Handsome rocking chair, given by W. B. Williamson & Co.

Second largest and handsomest collection—Handsome rug, given by Sawyer's carpet house.

Ten finest chrysanthemums of different names, of any colors—First prize, 16 pair lace curtains, given by Sumner, Deal & Co.; second prize, ice cream freezer, given by Asheville Hardware company.

Eight finest chrysanthemums of different names, any colors—First, handsome medallion, given by the Asheville Printing company; second, pair kid gloves, given by G. A. Mears.

Six finest chrysanthemums of different names, of any color—Silver-mounted glass water pitcher, given by B. H. Cosby.

Four finest chrysanthemums of different names, any colors—Table, given by W. A. Blair.

Six finest white chrysanthemums of different names—Handsome mantel ornament, given by A. M. Field.

Six finest yellow chrysanthemums of different names—Silk umbrella, given by H. S. Courtney.

Six finest pink chrysanthemums of different names—Ladies' umbrella, given by the Palais Royal.

Six finest chrysanthemums of different names having three blooms to each plant—Handsome silver-mounted purse, given by C. A. Raysor.

Largest and handsomest collection of ostrich plume varieties—One dozen cabinet photographs of any person whom the exhibitor may wish, given by C. F. Ray.

Largest and handsomest collection of anemone varieties—One pair misses' slippers, given by Spangenberg's shoe store.

Best collection of pompon varieties—One pair scissors, given by Brown, Northup & Co.

Three best plants with largest and handsomest blooms, only two to each plant—Beautiful picture, given by J H. Law.

One plant with largest and handsomest single bloom—Handsome coal vase, given by Carolina Coal company.

Handsomest collection of begonias—One-half dozen fine handkerchiefs, given by Oestreicher & Co.

Finest collection of ornamental plants—Glassware, given by J. P Howatt.

Finest collection of geraniums in full bloom—Prize given by M. V. Moore, "The Outfitter."

CUT FLOWERS.

Finest collection of cut chrysanthemums—Washstand set, given by Asheville steam laundry.

Prettiest collection of pansies—Table given by Mrs. L. A. Johnson.

Handsomest vase of cut chrysanthemums—Prize given by Dr. T. C. Smith.

There will be no fee for exhibitors and everybody in Asheville and vicinity is cordially invited to enter the lists. Select the prize you would rather have and begin to grow your plants now.

The committee is composed of Mrs. J. H. Weaver, Mrs. Fred Hull Mrs. W. B. Williamson, Mrs. J. P. Sawyer, Miss Annie Kerr and Miss Alice Smith.

UNDER THE SPIRES.

Announcements of Sunday Services in City Churches.

First Baptist church—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Preaching at both hours by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Vines. Subject of the morning sermon, "Delight in the Service of the Lord"; evening, "The First Miracle of Our Lord" Sunday school at 9:30, J. H. Tucker superintendent.

West End Baptist church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Vines; Sunday school, 9:30; men's meeting 3 o'clock.

Trinity church, fifth Sunday in Lent—Holy communion, 8 a. m.; litany and holy communion, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 4 p. m.; evening prayer and confirmation lecture, 5:30 p. m.

First Presbyterian church—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:15 p. m.

Central M. E. church, south—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; preaching by Rev J. H. Weaver, D. D., pastor, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth league devotional service at 7: 15 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

North Asheville M. E. church, south, Rev. E. K. McLarty, pastor—Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; Junior league, 4 p. m.

Haywood Street Methodist church—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. N. Huggins, at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Epworth league devotional service at 7:10 p. m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Mission—Services in Y .M. C. A. parlors. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. All cordially invited. Rev. C. Brown Cox, pastor.

Bethel M. E. church, south, Rev. J. J. Gray, pastor—Sunday morning at 9:30, Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching; 3:30 p. m., teachers' meeting; 4:30 p. m., Junior league; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Christian church—Services in old library building at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Pythian hall, 35 and 37 South Main street—Services at 11 a. m. The public are cordially invited. Seats free.

St. Matthias church, fifth Sunday in Lent—Matins, litany and holy communion, 11 a. m.; evensong and sermon, 4 p. m. Rev. Henry S. McDuffey, priest in charge.

Free Church of the Friendly Spirit, Hilliard hall, 35 South Main—Meeting at 4 p. m. Discussion by Rev. Fisher Ames on "The Brotherhood of Nations." Also, address by Mr. Barnard

FOR THE STATE FAIR.

Clay Pigeon Tournament Under Charge of E. P. McKissick.

Colonel Charles McNamee returned from Raleigh yesterday afternoon, where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the State Fair association, of which he is president. The meeting was held Thursday.

It was decided to offer $2500 in purses for the races this year. It is expected that the increased amount will insure a number of speedy horses being entered. The committee also decided to have a clay pigeon tournament, which will be under charge of E. P. McKissick.

We make a specialty of High Grade Roasted Coffees. Clarence Sawyer.

He's to be your family druggist. Who? Wingood—"He puts up prescriptions."

No matter what you want "go to Wingood's"—"He puts up prescriptions."

Golf Goods supplies—Blomberg's.

For a delicious cup of coffee use Gregg's Standard Java and Mocha. Sold by Clarence Sawyer.

Ladies, clean your kid gloves with LaBelle glove cleaner, for sale only by Sumner, Deal & Co., headquarters for kid gloves and the celebrated Scruggs glove. All the leading shades. Gloves guaranteed.

SENATOR BUTLER STILL IN CUBA

He and Pettigrew May Make a Tour of Porto Rico.

Congressmen Sending Out Their Quotas of Seeds.

MR. CRAWFORD'S MANNER OF DOING THIS AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF CONGRESSMAN PEARSON.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—[Special]—This is the season of the year when members of congress are looking to it that their quotas of seeds are all distributed to constituents. Northern members do not have to hasten so much, because the season is later there. In the south, however, members have to see to it that their quotas of 5000 packages are in the mails and delivered at local postoffices by the present time, so that they may be used for the spring planting.

Representative Crawford has already sent his quota to various people in the Asheville district. He has a fixed policy about the distribution of seeds, which is not true of all other members of the house. Mr. Crawford sends a package of seeds to everybody who places a request for the same, without inquiry whether the applicant is a Democrat or Republican. After all applications have been answered with a package, Mr. Crawford sends the remainder of his quota to different friends throughout the district. Generally most of this remainder went to the Democrats whose names he has on a list. Each package contains five packages of different varieties of seeds. These include garden, field and flower seeds and are supposed to be of a better variety than in former years. Mr. Crawford, however, did not send out any tobacco seed this year, unless some applicant specially desired it. In times gone by, when the standard of seeds furnished by the agricultural department was not good, tobacco seeds were planted in the Ninth district, and some were late and some were early plants, and the tobacco growers found them very unsatisfactory. So Mr. Crawford has abstained from sending tobacco seed to his constituents.

PEARSON'S COURSE.

His course in distributing seed is quite different from that followed by Mr. Pearson, his predecessor, who undertook a very foolish course of requiring a Republican county convention endorsement to every application before it could be granted. It seemed very ridiculous to Mr. Crawford to require a constituent to ride three or four miles on a mule to be able to get an endorsement for a package of seeds that might be bought for 10 or 15 cents. He has, therefore, taken the very reasonable ground that he is quite ready to grant these little favors to Republicans as well as Democrats. In fact, the more enlightened policy that all up to date members of congress follow is that in doing errands in Washington and in accomplishing legislation they work for their whole district and not necessarily for one party or the other

Another of the perquisites which members of congress have, is the distribution of more or less government publications. Mr. Crawford has had this year 5000 copies of bulletins of the department of agriculture. He has sent these out to various people in his district, not necessarily all Democrats and has received many replies expressing gratification for the receipt of the publication. These bulletins are in the form of pamphlets and cover a wide variety of topics: about raising beef cattle, about raising different kinds of stock, caring for farms, caring for dairies, and numerous other topics that interest farmers. All of these pamphlets, as well as the numerous packages of seeds which members of congress send out, go in the mails free There are printed slips which have the conventional frank in the upper right hand corner, and which carry a package of seeds or an envelope which will hold one of these pamphlets free.

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DR. MILLENDER'S LECTURE.

The public are cordially invited to attend the lecture of the Asheville Public Health and Resort association, to be given in the old library building Monday afternoon. The lecture will be delivered by Dr. M. C. Millender and will have for its subject "Smallpox: Its Nature and Prevention."

STOPS HIS DEVILMENT.

Manila, March 31.—Chinese General Pana, who has been terrorizing and devastating the province of Panay, has surrendered at Legaspi to Brigadier-General Kobbe, who is bringing him to Manila.

A SON.

London, March 31.—The Duchess of York was accouched of a son this morning. The child was born at York Cottage, Sandringham. The duchess and infant are doing well.

EX-SENATOR GIBSON DEAD

Washington, March 31.—Ex-United States Senator Gibson of Maryland is dead.

"He puts up prescriptions." Who? Why, Wingood.

Wingood—"He puts up prescriptions."

They are on the corner of Patton avenue and Church street. Who? Wingood. "He puts up prescriptions."

Yankee craft and ingenuity in our tooth brushes—we've a favorite for a quarter—at Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."

Huyler's at Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."

You know Wingood?—"He puts up prescriptions."

Wingood—"He puts up prescriptions."

There are no mysteries in our store—everything is as simple as a shoehorn—step in any time and look around. They explain everything to you at Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."

We are distributors for C. D. Gregg Tea & Coffee Co's celebrated brands of roasted coffee of St. Louis, Mo. Try them. Clarence Sawyer.

Don't get an idea they, too, are high priced because of their all round first-classness. Wingood—He puts up prescriptions.

6 O'CLOCK CLOSING TO BEGIN MONDAY

SIGNATURES OF THE DEALERS WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO THE AGREEMENT.

The following agreement was circulated this morning by a committee of the Asheville merchants, composed of J. W. Neely and J. M. Stoner, and was signed by the merchants named:

"The undersigned merchants are willing to close our stores at 6 p. m. in order to give our clerks and ourselves some time for recreation.

"This is not binding unless signed and agreed to by a majority of the dry goods and clothing houses."

Sumner, Deal & Co., dry goods and millinery; J. M. Stoner, dry goods, shoes, etc.; H. Redwood & Co., dry goods, clothing, etc.; Oestreicher & Co., dry goods; H. S. Courtney, clothing, furnishings and shoes; M. V. Moore, clothing, ladies and gents furnishings; J. Spangenberg, shoes; Palais Royal company, dry goods; G. A. Mears, department stores; C. H. Swartzberg, millinery; Mrs. Lon Mitchell, millinery.

As the signatures of a majority of the merchants dealing in dry goods and clothing have been obtained, the agreement will go into effect Monday.

Saturday evenings are excepted; the hour for closing being at 10 o'clock.

The merchants ask that the pastors of the various churches in the city request the women of their congregations to do their trading before 6 p. m. in order that there may be no inducement for any merchant to keep open after that hour, and to give the clerks a much-needed rest.

CAMBRIDGE WINS IN ANNUAL BOAT RACE

TOOK THE LEAD AT THE START, AND WON EASILY BY ABOUT TWENTY LENGTHS

Putney, England, March 31.—The 57th annual boat race between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge was rowed today over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake. Cambridge won.

Cambridge took the lead at the start and was never headed, winning easily by about 20 lengths. Oxford was greatly distressed at the finish.

The race was favored by magnificent weather. The bright sun attracted immense crows. Every point of vantage was crowded in spite of the general belief that it would be a one-sided cortege. Official time, 18.47.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Colonel Jones Is Not Seeking the Railroad Commissionership.

Editor The Citizen:—I noticed in your yesterday's paper that my name was mentioned in connection with the candidcay for railroad commissioner.

I desire to say that I am no candidate for this position nor any other, but am pledged by our county convention to vote as a delegate for the Hon. John. M. Campbell and I shall cheerfully do so. I am one of those humble citizens who share in the belief that the public interest is best subserved by a change of officeholders once in a while, especially so when the aspirant for office is well qualified to fill it.

Mr. Campbell is competent in all respects for the place of railroad commissioner and he has the confidence and respect of his party, and I do not understand why he should not be nominated for the place. He has served his party long and faithfully. He is not a chronic officeholder and, like the old horse that has helped to do the plowing, in my judgment he should have a chance at ...e fodder.

W. W. JONES.

COTTON FUTURES.

New York, March 31.—Futures closed barely steady, April 9.20, May 9.19, June 9.16, July 9 14, August 9.06, September 8.36, October 8.11, November 7.95, December 7.96, January 7.97, February 7.98.

Wood's flower seeds at Grant's.

Key West and Tampa Cigars by the Box at Blomberg's.

Headquarters for everything in our lines—Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."

When run down and in need of a restorative take Grant's Tonic. It improves appetite, digestion and strength. 75c. At Grant's.

Wood's lawn grass at Grant's.

A Haven of Safety for those who are Opposed to Vaccination.

Dr. Peter Snookes

will furnish certificates stating that your health, age or previous condition will not permit of you being vaccinated. No questions asked. A moderate fee is charged for these certificates. No need of giving any number, just follow the crowd. Come early and avoid the rush.

BAKER & CO.,
Scientific Refracting Opticians.
45 PATTON AVENUE.
Examination Free.

Spring Suits.
Just received a full line of samples of spring and summer suits. Fit guaranteed.
"The Tailors."
37 South Main street.

Only 30 Days More
in which to enjoy those delicious large oysters we are still getting. It's good weather now, too, for oyster eating. We anticipated the cold spell, and made extra large preparations; increased our oyster supply. We have as large oysters as at any time during the season; also deliver Blue Points on the Half Shell, any day in the week.
YOUNG'S FISH MARKET,
TELEPHONE 32.
IN THE CORNER.

GENERAL BOTHA TO SUCCEED JOUBERT

Appointed Commander in Chief of Transvaal Forces.

Details of Engagement at Karsine Station.

BOERS FOR THREE HOURS HELD THEIR GROUND AGAINST FORCE THREE OR FOUR TIMES THEIR SIZE.

New York, March 31.—A Herald dispatch from Pretoria says: General Louis Botha has been appointed to succeed Joubert as commander in chief of the Transvaal forces.

London, March 31.—The war office has posted the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, March 30, evening:

"Reports point to the enemy's leaving Brandfort and proceeding in a northerly direction. The casualties in yesterday's engagement were more numerous than at first reported. Officers killed two, wounded eight; rank and file killed 10; wounded 159, missing three."

Even the details of the engagement at Karsane station, a few miles south of Brandfort, fail to instill much interest. It appears to have been a one-sided affair, although the Boers stoutly held their ground against a force three or four times their size for three hours, when, foreseeing danger of the British cavalry enveloping their flanks, the burghers withdrew in good order on the main body at Brandfort, which, according to Lord Roberts, they seem later to have decided to relinquish with the view doubtless of occupying a prepared position further north. Then there will probably be a general shifting of camps on the part of the British, the new situation being made the basis of a further advance as soon as the railroad is repaired.

Lord Roberts today reported to the war office that he had received news from Colonel Baden-Powell, Mafeking, up to March 19, when the general health of the garrison was good, the locally made gun, searchlight and ammunition working well, food holding out, and the paper currency which the British commander had issued was satisfactory.

From Capetown it is reported that Steyn has gone to Pretoria after, according to refugees, issuing an order that all British burghers refusing to join the Boer armies shall be shot. The stories of refugees, however, are not always reliable.

News from Ladysmith is meagre.

Kroonstad, March 31.—General Smuts today engaged the British south of Brandfort, at Mafet kop, and held them at bay six hours. The burghers fought well; casualties unknown.

The Free State raad will assemble at Kroonstad April 2.

JAPAN, TOO.

Yokahoma, March 31.—The Japanese press asserts that the Russian squadron is still at Chemulpo and that it will probably proceed to Masanpho to enforce the demands made. It is believed that in the event of Korea yielding Japan will demand a similar concession on the Korean coast.

We're scattering comfort everywhere with our hot water bottles. Wingood, "He Puts Up Prescriptions."

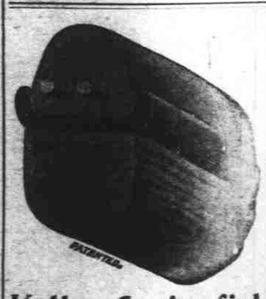
Everything just as you want it at Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."

Ten to one your neighbor trades at Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."

A progressive pharmacist is Wingood—"He puts up prescriptions."

Everybody knows Wingood's—"He puts up prescriptions."

The leading cigar and tobacco store—Blomberg's.



Kelley Springfield Tire
MOST SUCCESSFUL TIRE MADE.
Asheville Hardware Co.
AGENTS.
SOUTH COURT SQUARE.

LANDRETH'S SEED.
We have just received another large shipment Landreth's Fresh Garden Seed.

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