



**Spring**

## Clearance Sale!

**J. H. Law,**  
35 Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.

Beginning Monday, April 15, and continuing to May 1. This list gives only a few of the many items offered. It is a fair and honest Bargain Sale, and all the goods offered are at from one-half to two-thirds their value. Figures in parenthesis are the regular price.

300 China Bread and Butter plates (12 to 20)	7 and 8c.
80 China Oat Meal Bowls (12)	9c.
9 China Card Trays (40)	15c.
105 China Side Dishes (10)	5c.
34 China Side Dishes (16)	5c.
80 China Bone Dishes (17)	10c.
70 Blue Onion China Bowls (17)	10c.
Lot of odd French China Caps (50c. to \$1)	25c.

ALL THE ABOVE ARE RICHLY DECORATED.

30 Fine Jardiniers (\$1 to \$1.50)	50 and 75c.
20 Cheap Jardiniers (30 to 60)	25c.
About 40 Fine Gold Glass Vases, all sizes at about half price.	
100 Japanese Teapots, two sizes (25 and 35)	10c.
7 Decorated China Water Pitchers (\$1)	55c.
8 Richly decorated Washstand Sets (\$3 to \$10 50)	\$1 95 to \$5-75
About 80 odd pieces of Decorated French China, consisting of Chop Dishes, Pudding Sets, Ice Cream Sets, etc., at half price and less.	
6 Oil Heating Stoves (\$3.75)	\$2 60
Also 20 Decorated Lamps and Lamp Globes, Glass Water Sets, Odd Cut Glass Tumblers, White China for Decorating, Statuary, etc.	

### SPECIAL SALE OF FINE FRAMED PICTURES

If one wants Pictures they will buy them at this sale. Besides this we offer 64 small unframed etchings, all signed (Price 65c.) at 30 Cents. Three hundred unframed pictures, all kinds and sizes—price 10 to 35 cents—all at 5c. each.

CALL AND SEE THE GOODS AND BUY IF YOU CHOOSE.

**J. H. LAW, 35 PATTON AVENUE.**

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

#### The Present Status of the Isthmian Canal Question.

Secretary Hay Engaged in Ascertaining the Opinions of Senators.

The Cubans and the Platt Amendment—Views of Senator McComas.

Washington, Special—President McKinley has conferred with a number of senators and representatives on the back and forth action of the Cuban constitutional convention on the conditions offered Cuba, and its deciding to send a commission to Washington. The president will courteously receive the commission, but will make it plain to them that the conditions offered are final and that they must be accepted sooner or later. The opinion of the president and those with whom he has conferred, including democrats as well as republicans, was reflected in the following statement made by McComas, just after having had a talk with the president: "The Cubans are simply standing in their own light by not accepting the terms of the Platt amendment. This amendment was necessary, just and ultimate. We cannot change a single one of the provisions of the amendment in justice to the Cubans themselves, not taking into consideration our own interests. Each provision is a prop to the future republic. If a committee comes up here from the Cuban constitutional convention, I think they will find that out. They certainly cannot accomplish anything in the way of modification to the Platt amendment. They will learn what they ought to know now, that the president has no power to repeal or modify an act of congress. They are to be treated all right when they visit Washington, but I believe they will go back home with plainer ideas of the intentions of this government." Senator Cockrell, a democratic member of the senate committee on Cuba, who has just returned from a visit to the island, expressed the opinion that the convention would in the end accept the Platt amendment, although, he said he would not be surprised if they took several more indecisive votes before doing so. He evidently believes that some of the members of the convention wish to be persuaded.

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL.

There is no foundation for the story that negotiations for a new treaty with Great Britain, dealing with the Isthmian canal question, have been started. After the lapsing of the Hay-Panchoff treaty by the failure of Great Britain to accept it, President McKinley directed Secretary Hay to ascertain, if possible, whether two thirds of the senate could be counted upon to vote for the ratification of a treaty that would, in its main features, be acceptable both to this government and that of Great Britain. This task, by no means an easy one, Secretary Hay is still engaged on, and until it is completed, there will be no negotiations, as until then Secretary Hay will be unable even to acquaint the British ambassador with the basis upon which this government will negotiate. The cable news that negotiations had been started in London was as false as the Washington story. Whenever there are negotiations along this line, they will be conducted at Washington. President McKinley has absolute confidence in Ambassador Choate, but this matter is so important that he intends to keep it where he can personally watch every step taken.

A prominent civil engineer, of Washington, on the strength of a recent rumor that an American syndicate, headed by J. Pierpont Morgan, had bought or were about to buy the franchise of the Panama Canal company, wrote to the headquarters of the Panama Railroad company, in New York offering his services. He has received a letter from S. Deming, treasurer of that company, saying that there was no truth whatever in the report that J. P. Morgan, or any one else had purchased or was negotiating for the purchase of the franchise of the Panama Canal company.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Lieut. Gen. Schofield, who came to

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Washington to preside over the congress of the Loyal Legion, held last week, said of the Philippines: "I regard it as a good thing for the people of this country that there is a problem to be worked out in the Philippines. The young men will find opportunities out there and the improvement of them will be a benefit to the country."

#### REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

##### The Condition of the Various County Institutions.

The following is the report of the Grand Jury in regard to the county court house, jail, poor house, etc., made to the April term of the district court:

THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The Grand Jury beg to make the following report on the condition of the court house and public offices.

We are glad to see that very much needed repairs have lately been made on the court house and we would suggest that other improvements are much needed, and we would suggest that at an early date an addition to the court house will be absolutely necessary. Therefore we suggest that an addition be built on the west side of the court house sufficiently large as to make four other rooms, two below and two above, with a water closet both below and above. One room above for a jury room and one for a consultation room with water closet for the accommodation of the court, and the two rooms below to be used one for the Grand Jury and the other for a sheriff's office with a water closet for the accommodation of the county officers and grand jurors.

This we think will in the near future be absolutely necessary as the already crowded condition of the clerk's office will soon make it necessary for the present grand jury room to be connected with clerk's office, and also the crowded condition of the register of deed's office will make it necessary for the present sheriff's office to be connected with the register's office.

With this improvement at a cost of from \$2000 to \$3000, will, in our opinion, obviate the necessity of building a new court house for many years.

THE COUNTY PRISON.

We further state that we most highly commend to the good people of the county our present sheriff, R. H. Station, for the way in which we find the county jail and the care given the prisoners. We further state after having examined the county jail that we deem it absolutely necessary that another water closet be placed in the east side of the jail, outside the cage, for the benefit and accommodation of the prisoners in the main room as the prisoners make complaint that during the night they are cut off from the use of the closet and suffer thereby, when it is necessary for the cage to be locked. Such a thing we deem absolutely necessary.

COUNTY POOR HOUSE.

We further commend to the public the present county officers for the way in which we find the county home. We find the inmates well cared for to the best of our knowledge, although we find as we overlook and examine the building that some little repairs are needed, and the same we would recommend to be done at once. Some window glass is a small item and is the most that is needed.

T. T. MORRIS,  
Foreman Grand Jury.

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