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JOHNSTON'S GREAT SPECIAL BARGAINS.

Prices named are the best values ever offered.

Ladies' Heavy Walking Skirts.....	\$1.00 and \$1.50
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Mens' Heavy Overcoats.....	\$2.00 and \$3.00
Mens' Heavy Winter Pants.....	.60 and .75
Boys' Heavy Winter Pants.....	.25 and .35
Boys' Heavy Winter Suits.....	\$1.00 and \$1.50
Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Undervests.....	.25
Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Pants.....	.25
Mens' Heavy Fleece Vests.....	.20
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Ladies' Wool Fascinators.....	.15 and .25
Ladies' Underskirts.....	.25
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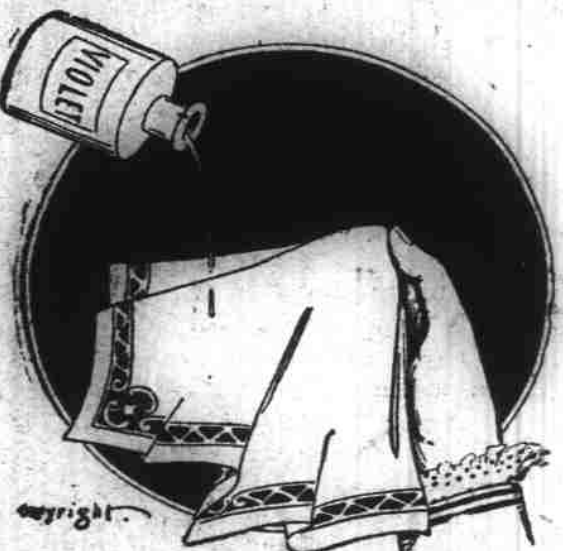
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WHAT TO DO

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The Justus Pharmacy, The Drug Store on the Corner,
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THE SOUTHERN MOUNTAINEERS.

Mr. Case writes about His Letter to the Sun.

Editor TIMES—Permit me to say a few words in defence of my letter in the New York Sun which you have commented upon so very unfavorably in your issue of the 7th.

In the first place I beg to be allowed to point out that my remarks were not intended to apply to the entire population of the Southern mountain region as your editorial would seem to imply, but to that part which constitutes the properly called mountain class; the people who till the soil in the valleys and upon the slopes of the mountains. Interpreting those remarks as applying to the inhabitants of this region as a whole would make them appear ridiculous to an extreme degree, and allowing this misapprehension upon the part of THE TIMES, I can readily forgive its sharp criticisms, even commend it for making them, for, from this mistaken point of view, it is merely doing its duty in refuting a libelous charge.

However, in my true aim, I do not think the truth has been missed by a very wide margin. I've lived among the mountain people in three states and have become more or less conversant with their life and ways. Some communities I have found far more enlightened than others, but taking the average "backwoods" settlement, the inhabitants of which form a large proportion of the mountain population, I have found conditions to be very much as I have attempted to describe them in the Sun.

As for my assertion regarding the illiteracy of these people my intelligence has been partly gained through business, intercourse with them in which their signatures were necessary and I have found that in the neighborhood of one half could not meet the requirements. It may be that some of them were timid about committing an ungraceful autograph, preferring to profess ignorance, but the result was substantially as I have stated.

Regarding my statement "that of those people who can write their names a great number can write nothing else and a still greater number can not read," I wish to say in explanation that my meaning was exactly that which the words convey,—that all of the number who can write their names only, together with some who can make translatable marks other than their names, can not read. The worst that expresses a rather uncertain number and I should, perhaps, have used a more definite term.

I fully agree with THE TIMES that the mountain citizenship "will compare well in honesty and respect for law with that of other sections." In my communication to the Sun I expressed regret that a peaceful and contented people should be drawn in to the great maelstrom of industrial activity with its many evil and corrupting influences but I thought that these would be over balanced by the resulting good.

Lastly I would wish to explain that the occasion of my letter to the Sun was the appearance of an article in that paper regarding the establishment by philanthropists of training-schools and colleges in this section. My motive is very plain.

I could say a great many very nice things about a large number of Western North Carolina people with whom I have some contact, but in which I could say of people in no other section where I have visited, and it is this high regard of them which has prompted me to make this effort to clear myself of the charge of having reviled them. ARTHUR H. CASE, Copperhill, Tenn., Nov. 12, 1902.

[Our comments on this letter will be found on the Editorial page.]

STRANGE WEATHER IN AUSTRALIA.

Vast Clouds of Red Dust Turn Day into Night.

A special cable dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., to the New York Sun announces that the southern parts of Australia have been visited by unprecedentedly violent dust storms, the dryness which has prevailed for seven years reaching its climax this year. The terribly destructive drought has destroyed the herbage in large areas, laying the land bare.

Thursday, Nov. 13, a heavy gale raised immense quantities of dust from these tracts and drove vast clouds of red powdered earth far and wide. The atmosphere was oppressive and it was hardly possible to breathe. The darkness was intense while the dust clouds were passing.

The inhabitants of numerous towns were badly frightened by the darkness and hid in their houses. Artificial light was necessary in the streets of Melbourne, where there was also much ball lightning, which ignited several buildings.

It was very dark in Sydney. The clouds extended twelve miles seaward. The roads in some places were blocked by heaps of dust. After the wind subsided the atmosphere was brilliantly pink and the temperature fell suddenly. No rain has fallen.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

DEATH OF JOEL SHIPMAN.

Remains Brought Here for Interment at Ebenezer.

Joel Shipman of Greenville, S. C., formerly of Henderson county, died in Charlotte at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. The cause of his death was asphyxia. Mr. Shipman was a son of Thomas Shipman of this place and brother of James Shipman and Mrs. J. Williams. News reached here Wednesday that he was in a critical condition and his brother and sister started immediately for Charlotte. Arrangements were made to bring the remains to Hendersonville by the 12:47 train yesterday and to have the funeral at Ebenezer church at 3 p. m.

Mr. Shipman was highly esteemed by those who knew him and his death was a very sudden blow to his many friends.

We quote the following account of the accident from the Charlotte Observer:

Mr. Joel Shipman, of Greenville, S. C., turned on, or blew out, the gas in his room at the Buford Hotel Monday night; and his physicians state that it is doubtful if he recovers.

It is not known whether Mr. Shipman attempted to commit suicide, or whether the turning on of the gas was the result of accident or ignorance. He arrived in Charlotte from Greenville Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and went to the Buford, where he was given a room on the third floor of the hotel. He had supper served in his room at 9 o'clock and ate the supper. None of the employees in the hotel saw him after he had finished the meal.

A call boy who knocked at Mr. Shipman's door yesterday morning at 9 o'clock failed to elicit any response. He detected the odor of gas and reported this to the managers of the hotel.

The door of Mr. Shipman's room was broken open. He was found in a bed unconscious and faintly gasping for breath. There was evidence that he had been nauseated some time during the night.

Physicians were summoned and were with Mr. Shipman almost every hour yesterday and last night. He is still unconscious. It is presumed that the gas had been turned on in the room during the greater part of the night, and the large amount of it that Mr. Shipman inhaled has affected his entire system; though his greatest danger just now results from the congested condition of his lungs. Two physicians and a trained nurse are with him constantly and an exceptionally heroic fight is being made to save the unconscious man.

The proprietors of the Buford do not believe that Mr. Shipman tried to commit suicide. He is a young man, well dressed, and showed no evidence of despondency. He stated at the hotel Monday evening shortly after his arrival that he would leave the next day for Coolee, where he would take a position in a cotton mill.

In discussing the occurrence Mr. C. Eccles, one of the proprietors of the Buford, said yesterday that he believed that Mr. Shipman either blew out the gas or turned it on accidentally, and he added that hotel folk must be constantly on the look-out to avoid such accidents. A large number of persons in the world still have a dangerous ignorance of gas; and there yet travel those who blow out gas, while another class, over precautions, turn on the gas after shutting it with the key. Only two weeks ago one of the chambermaids at the Buford detected the odor of gas near the room occupied by a lady who was a guest. The lady was awakened, and it was found that the gas was full on. She escaped ill effects from the accident, yet if the escape of the gas had not been noted she might have been dead by morning. She had, evidently, given a wrong turn to the key after shutting off the gas.

A Startling Surprise.

Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from Rheumatism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes, "and I have not felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the Kidneys, purify the blood and cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Nervousness improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them. Only 50 cts. at W. H. Justus' drug store.

MANY CASES CONTINUED

November Term of Superior Court

Ended Last Saturday.

Superior court adjourned Saturday. The length of the term had been reduced by four days on account of the election, and enough cases were left on the docket to occupy about two weeks more.

In the case of Snofsky vs Rhett the jury on Friday rendered a verdict of \$250 for the plaintiff. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

The only jury case tried on Saturday was the case of W. L. Miller vs. J. C. Morgan which resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff. All other jury cases were continued to the May term of court, and the rest of the time was taken up with hearing motions etc.

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LADIES' USE.

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H. S. SHOCKLEY, Principal, Asheville, N. C.

To The Public

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