

# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS.

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## Gingham.

Our new Dress Gingham are now open and ready for inspection. A grander assortment of handsomer patterns or colorings is hard to find. They look as pretty as silks. Prices 8 1/2c, 10c and 12 1/2c.

### "MYRTON."

"Myrton" is the name of those Fast Black Hose we display in our East Window. They are made right here in Charlotte by Mr. R. M. Oates, Jr. They are only 25 cents a pair and are absolutely fast black. Buy a pair and patronize home industry.

### "TWILL COROLA."

"Twill Corola" is a fast black cloth for Umbrellas. We have these Umbrellas with gold plated caps, silver and silver plated handles of handsome designs at a very wonderful low price:

24-inch, 26-inch, 28-inch, 30-inch, 32-inch, 34-inch, 36-inch, 38-inch, 40-inch, 42-inch, 44-inch, 46-inch, 48-inch, 50-inch, 52-inch, 54-inch, 56-inch, 58-inch, 60-inch, 62-inch, 64-inch, 66-inch, 68-inch, 70-inch, 72-inch, 74-inch, 76-inch, 78-inch, 80-inch, 82-inch, 84-inch, 86-inch, 88-inch, 90-inch, 92-inch, 94-inch, 96-inch, 98-inch, 100-inch.

### DRESS GOODS.

We are now displaying Spring Dress Goods and Trimmings. A sample lot of the beauties in our west window but there's plenty more inside. Our array is every comprehensive and embraces the Novelties as well as the staples.

### EMBROIDERIES.

Laces and White Goods are all here new and fresh. Every to be wished for with or price. Every pattern new. Not another such collection in North Carolina.

Every Shoe and every Suit of Clothes now in stock to be closed out at or below cost for

### CASH

Write to us for what you want. You'll get an answer by return mail.

## T. L. Seigle & Co.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

150,000 PAPERS

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Fresh

## Garden Seed

JUST IN.

GROWERS' PRICES. WHOLE-SALE AND RETAIL.

## Burwell & Dunn,

DRUG STORE.

Retail Store opposite Central Hotel. Wholesale, opp. P. P. Wittkowsky.



### St. Valentine's Messenger.

It was a happy thought on the part of St. Valentine to send by his dainty little messenger such a dainty little burden. The truth of the matter is that the Saint was especially desirous of selecting a pleasing gift and he could think of nothing more appropriate than a pair of our Fine Shoes. Of course the messenger will be promptly admitted, and of course the young lady, every time she looks at the shoes, will wish the day came once a month instead of once a year.

A. E. RANKIN & BRO.,

## Genuine Imported CROWN Lavender Salts,

75 Cents a Bottle.

AT

## A. B. REESE & CO.

### To-Morrow Night's Meeting.

The notice in THE NEWS of yesterday, calling for a meeting of those of our citizens who are opposed to the amendments to the city charter to be held in the court house to-morrow evening at eight o'clock seems to have alarmed the Daily Chronicle. There was nothing in the notice to call for fear or to excite the Chronicle with anything of an improper character that would be brought before the contemplated meeting. It was simply a call for those who were opposed to the resolutions adopted by the meeting in the opera house to come together and express their views upon a question in which all of the people of Charlotte were interested, and which affected the prosperity of our city. This they have a right to do, and because their views may not be in accord with the Chronicle is no reason why their motive should be impugned, or that they should be dubbed as "stingy, rich men," or not making proper returns of their property for taxation. Neither is there any reason for calling them cowards simply because their names were not signed to the petition. Should it be necessary to verify the fact that such a call was made the original manuscript is in this office. People will always differ upon economic questions as long as the human mind is constituted, as it now is, and we can not expect unanimity as long as people act upon their own judgment. This meeting is called to meet in the court house, and this is attributed to a lack of liberality, on the part of the promoters, and that the court room was selected because it was free. This argument might as well apply to any other meeting held at that place. If the court house is good enough and comfortable enough to hold the courts, and to contain the offices, where the business of the county is conducted, it would seem at least suitable for the proposed meeting. It shows that the men calling this meeting are not fastidious. We propose to have those who are opposed to the amendments to come together, express their views in order that the Legislature may know that the proposed amendments are not met with full approbation, and the meeting will be much more largely attended than our neighbor, the Chronicle, now imagines. There is no intention to reflect upon any one. We do not condemn those who are opposed to this movement. We simply mean to be heard by the Legislature, and are not to be turned from this purpose by the flings and sneers of the Chronicle, or any other paper or person. So all who are opposed to these amendments are requested to be present at this meeting.

### MUNICIPAL LIGHTING.

#### Experience Shows that it is Ruinous for Cities to Own their Own Plants.

Would not Charlotte make a great mistake in taking upon itself the responsibility of lighting the city? Our people should ponder that question, for therein lies a point at issue. Experience shows that it is a mistake for a city to undertake that sort of work. In a careful review, Mr. M. J. Francisco, who has made a study of municipal lighting, shows the folly of city ownership of plants. He says:

The favorite place quoted by advocates of municipal ownership is Dunkirk, N. Y. I herewith give the report of the water commissioners of Dunkirk. As a specimen of expert book-keeping, and a sample of the way accounts are kept by cities, I recommend the plan to all electric light men; for, if you are endeavoring to satisfy your constituents or stockholders that electric lights can be run without money and without price, it cannot be excelled. The report reads as follows:

#### "PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ELECTRIC LIGHT."

For linemen's salary	\$ 540 00
For fuel	933 24
For supplies	417 60
For labor repair line	11 42
For repairs on engine and boiler	65 64
For repairs on machinery	99 40
For miscellaneous accounts	14 90
	\$2,141 90

The above statement shows very distinctly that the most sanguine predictions as to the cost of running the electric lights of this city have been more than realized. After a trial of one year and eight months, the machinery and line are in better and more perfect condition than when first started. The cost of our electric light does not exceed 1 cent per hour for each hour.

Here we have a report from the city authorities stating that the entire cost to the city of running 55 arc lights one year was \$2,141.90.

You will notice one item is repairs on engine and boiler; also one item for fuel, showing that the plant was steam power, and, what is far better, a style of boilers and engine that ran the entire year, starting and stopping at proper times automatically, without anyone to look after them except a man occasionally to make a few repairs—the coal walked into the furnace without assistance, and no one was employed in or about the station, neither did the plant cost the city anything.

Here is a sample of the reports made by politicians and those professed economists, which shows just how reliable they are. Of course, a man of practical experience and knowing that electric lights do not run without human agency, would look further before accepting such a statement, and when we examine the accounts of the water works we find engineers and firemen paid \$3,535; supplies \$447; general expenses under superintendent, \$295; miscellaneous accounts, \$240; superintendent's salary, \$720; interest on bonds, \$7,025—making \$12,084 additional. Even if only one-third of this is charged to electric lights, we have \$4,328 to add to the \$2,141, making \$6,469 for 55 lights, or \$117 each per year. Consistency, thou art a jewel!

Chicago, it is claimed, is the centre of the world, and the only place on this mundane sphere where mortals can be happy, and where life can be spent without thought of money or the hereafter, because their electric lights cost \$73 per year. We admit that Chicago has triumphantly secured the World's Fair, and is now transposing our national air to "Hail, Chicago! happy land." But they have not yet seen the bills for the electric lights as furnished by the city and used on that occasion. When they do, the city electrician will need to add something more to his stereotyped answers that the cost of city lights "does not include any expenses such as you mention—taxes, water rent, interest on investment, insurance, repairs, depreciation or renewal of plant in general," neither will it be expedient to charge the wages of the electric light linemen to the fire alarm telegraph department, notwithstanding it works very nicely now, and helps wonderfully to make the cost of an arc light appear small.

Upon investigation of one of their stations of 275 to 300 light capacity, I find that the chief engineer receives \$1,200; assistant \$1,030; for firemen, \$2,880; six trimmers, 3,240; line tester, \$750; three linemen, \$2,520; cost of carbons, \$2,800; fuel, \$12,000; interest, \$15,000; depreciation, 2 1/2 per cent, \$8,750; oil waste, repairs, globes, taxes, etc., \$7,000—making \$57,190 per year per lamp, and this makes no provision for salary of electrician, superintendent, or for gratuities earned out or any accidents or damages. With the linemen's wages charged to the fire alarm telegraph department, we can reduce this \$2,520. Now, to what other department do they charge the other expenses to reduce it to \$73 per year per lamp.

### IS IT MILD?

#### A Suspicious Case on the Farm of the Late Jonathan Rae.

Dr. H. M. Wilder, county physician left to-day for Providence township. He was ordered there by the board of county commissioners to investigate a supposed case of small-pox. The patient is a child Mrs. Caston, on the plantation of the late Jonathan Rae, about four miles from Matthews station.

So far as is known, no physician has examined the case, but commissioners very wise decided upon prompt action and at once dispatched Dr. Wilder to the scene. Should it prove to be a case of small-pox, strict measures will be at once adopted, and the case will be isolated.

#### Death of Two Old Ladies.

Mrs. Mary Martha Morris, widow of Col. Zebulon Morris, died at her home in this county, at 7 o'clock this morning, at the age of 95 years and 5 days. She was the daughter of John Rae, who represented Mecklenburg in the Legislature. She leaves six children, 31 grand children, 13 great grand children and 10 great great grand children making 65 living descendants. Her children are: Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, of Charlotte, Mrs. R. Morris, G. C. Morris, Mrs. Jno. F. Moore, Mrs. Wm. McDonald, of Mecklenburg and Mr. P. M. Morris, of Cabarrus.

Mrs. Morris will be buried at Philadelphia church to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. Hanna Shaffer, aged 80 years, a neighbor of Mrs. Morris, died yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Potts, formerly of Mecklenburg, but who has been clerk at Wright's Hotel at Danville, Va., for sometimes past, is now night clerk at the Buford Hotel. He is an excellent young man and a popular clerk.

Ladies clean your kid gloves with Mother's Glove Cleaner. For sale by Reese & Co., druggists.

### THE FOURCS.

#### Contracts for Brick Making and Buildings Awarded.

In the Raleigh paragraphs to-day, it is stated that the electric railway contractor there will come to Charlotte as soon as he finishes the Raleigh contract, to build the electric line for the Four Cs company. Another evidence that the 4 Cs is getting ready for business is in the fact that the contract has just been given out for the making of the brick and building the pavilion, electric plant and car shed. The contract for this work has been given to W. H. Houser, colored. Houser is one of the most extensive brick makers in the State and has had many large building contracts in this section. He is now moving his brick making plant to the 4 Cs grounds, preparatory to commencing work.

It will take one million brick for the electric plant and car shed, and eight hundred thousand brick for the pavilion. Houser has the contract for making the brick and erecting the buildings.

The electric plant and car shed will be located on Rieger Avenue, near the graded school building, between the boulevard and the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad track, and from the amount of brick required, one can readily imagine that it is to be a very large building.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

#### Ad Valorem Tax Fixed at 25 Cents and Poll Tax at 75 Cents.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.—RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 25.—The House went into committee of the whole on the revenue bill and adopted sections fixing the ad valorem tax at 25 cents and the poll tax at 75 cents. Bill passed second reading 67 to 25.

Code is amended so that Indians can be received into the white insane asylums.

House adopted resolution to adjourn Monday March 9th at noon.

Bill appropriating \$2,000 to furnish governor's mansion was tabled.

Bill to allow western extension of the A. & N. C. R. R. was made special order for Saturday.

#### A Wagon Crashed to the Ground by a Falling Tree.

A citizen of Alexander county who was on his way to Charlotte yesterday, met with an experience at Denton that badly benighted him. He was driving along with a wagon, in which some other articles of merchandise were two barrels of corn whiskey. A negro employed by Mr. John Hunter was engaged in felling trees in a tract of woodland through which the road passes, and so happened that just as the Alexander carriage came along a tree that the negro was cutting, was just in the act of falling. The Alexander man heard the warning shouts of the negro, and heaped out to the tonnage of his wagon. He was driving a blind mule and seeing the tree yawning at him, he commenced yelling at the mule at the same time whipping and kicking the animal viciously to get him into a trot. The horse, with a kick, threw back his ears and flung his feet wildly in the ground, and soon a dead stop. The wagon was so low that he was in a snap and tumbled off. Just as the tree came down on his wagon. The vehicle was smashed to pieces, and a barrel of whiskey was crushed. The other barrel was saved, and Esq. Hunter shipped it by rail to its destination. The pieces of the wagon were thrown to one side so as to clear the road, and the mountaineer got on his mule and turned his face homeward.

## YOUR CHOICE

## THIS WEEK

OF

500 FINE SUITS 500

FOR

\$9.50.

This sale embraces Five Hundred or more of Fine Tailor-made Suits, cut in the latest styles, trimmed in first-class manner, suitable for dress or business. They include Bilk or Fancy Cheviots, Cassimeres or Worsted, made up in Sacks or Tails. They sold readily this season for

\$10, \$12.50 and \$15.00,

And were good values at these figures. An inspection will convince the most skeptical Gentlemen, now is your opportunity to procure a good suit for a little money.

A large lot of Boys Pants just received, ages 14 to 18, that we will sell this week for 75c, \$1 and \$1.25, worth double the money.

## W. KAUFMAN & CO.,

LEADING CLOTHIERS, FURNISHERS AND HATTERS.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE OUR PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION.

## TRUNKS AND VALISES!

We carry an excellent line of Trunks in all the different styles and shapes. Fine Flat Top Trunks with Patent Roller Trays are the best and nicest. The trunk is easily packed without the labor of handling the trays. Our stock of Valises, Traveling Bags and Clubs should be examined when in need of one. We carry the best to be had, at

PRICES AS LOW AS THE LOWEST. NEW FRESH GOODS.

## FINE SLIPPERS.

We have just opened a new lot of Slippers and Oxford Ties. They are the handsomest Shoes we have ever shown; just the thing for evening dress. Fine Ooze Tops with Patent Leather Vamps and Fine Dongola Kid with Diamond Tips, Square Tips or Plain Opera Toe. All the very latest styles. Be sure to call and see us, we will show you something nice and new.

THE LATEST STYLES AND LOWEST PRICES.

## GRAY & BARNHARDT,

19 East Trade Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Prompt attention given to all Mail Orders.

## CHILDREN SHOES.

We have received an entire new stock of the Genuine Solar Tip heels, best boys and girls shoes ever produced, and most comfortable.

Also the elegant Pansy Kid Spring Heel Shoes with Patent Leather Tips. These are the nicest and best shoes for the money in the market.

See the little monitor Infants Shoes, Soft French Goat, only 60c.

New Spring Goods arriving every day. Call and see or write for prices.

GILREATH & CO.

Open every evening till 8:30; Saturday till 11:00.

## BABY CARRIAGES.

MY new stock of Baby Carriages arrived a few days ago and are all fit up for your inspection. Undoubtedly they are the handsomest and cheapest lot of Carriages I have ever handled. This is the time you should turn your minds toward the healthfulness and pleasure of the "baby" and certainly the most important thing is a carriage. I have them at prices that will suite everybody. Every carriage you buy from me this season is new stock and not one of them was carried over from last season. My stock is perfectly new. Do not buy a Carriage till you see my stock and get prices, as I will save you money and at the same time have the consolation of knowing that you have a new style and new goods.

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UNDERTAKERS.

All work in that line promptly attended night and day. Night call, 412 North Poplar street. E. L. Cobb, Funeral Director. B. NICHOLS & CO., 17 West Trade st., Charlotte, N. C.

## UMBRELLAS AND GOSAMERS.

How they do these bad rain days.

We can fit anybody from the smallest girl to the largest woman.

If you haven't got an Umbrella come buy and keep dry.

WOOLEN

UNDERWEAR

will be slaughtered in every branch

T. L. Alexander, Son & Co.

from next Monday to next Saturday.

Don't fail to come early if you wish to get the best bargain.

DRESS GOODS

flying daily at prices that open the eyes of everybody. Why? Because of the superiority of the goods and the humble price.

TRUNKS.

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## WE ARE SHOWING All the New Shapes

IN

## Stiff and Silk Hats

That are out for the Spring Season. The Dundap Block is not out yet. We ask the wearers of Good Stiff Hats to look at the two styles we offer this season at \$2.50. The shapes are correct and the quality is the same you usually pay \$3.50 for.

The imported Neckwear we offered last week at 25 cents made quite a "hit." Of the 50 dozen we had only about 15 dozen are left. ROGERS & CO.