

Ivey's Christmas Money

Probably a friend has given you the money to buy a Christmas present for yourself. You would like something useful and you would like for it to go as far as possible. Come to us and we will help you out. We will be open for business again

Saturday Morning

and offer you a nice stock of goods to select from.

Coat Sale

Have you decided to get that Coat? We can save you from \$3 to \$15 on a nice Coat. You were fortunate in waiting till now to buy. All sizes, colors and prices. By far the largest and best stock of Cloaks in Charlotte.

Furs

We have a nice little line of Furs left. We have sold five times as many Furs this season as ever before, which proves our styles and prices must be particularly good.

Table Linen

Perhaps you want to invest that Christmas money in a nice Table Cloth. We have a special line, on which we can save you money.

Hats

We are almost giving away Hats. Come and see us. Big line Hosiery and Underwear at specially low prices.

J.B. Ivey & Co.
13 West Trade St.

THE NEWS BROUGHT CHEER TO MANY

Four Great Loads of Christmas Presents Were Distributed Among the Poor of the City -- Many Little Hearts Were Made Glad.

In many, very many of the homes of Charlotte and suburbs, Christmas gladness and Christmas cheer was carried by The News' Santa Claus fund today. At an early hour this morning four large wagons, one for each of the wards of the city, started from The News' office loaded with presents for the little tots, who had written to Santa Claus to bring them something.

At every home where the wagons stopped some expression of Santa Claus' big heart toward the children was left, and it is useless to add that many little fellows were made happy. Many of these would have been in ignorance of the cheer of Christmas-tide had it not been for the News, and those who so liberally responded to The News' call.

The News wants to congratulate the children on their happy Christmas and to again remind them that next Christmas The News will again publish their little letters. Next year we hope to be able to do even more than this year.

To the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells,
To the thumping and the bumping of
bells, bells,
—With apologies to Poe.

A Charlotte Christmas! Oh, the charm of it, peculiar to Charlotte alone. It began with Christmas eve. The major note that of cowbells—plain, plebian cowboys. Cowbells to right of us, cowbells to left of us, volleyed, and—yes, thundered. A paudemonium broken loose with raucous, jarring sounds, piercing, deafening, yet withal not unmusical. The minor note that of horns. Horns, the whole ramut, big horns, little horns, tin horns, wooden horns, pasteboard horns, vari-colored and striped like barber's poles. And from them what a "gush of euphony voluminously wells." Old and young, the grandfathers, the graybeard, and the hobbledybo, the rich and the poor, touch elbows and enter into the spirit of the great, glad festival—all joined in a perfect touch of nature which makes the whole world kin. And in the interludes of the din of bells and horns the hum and babble of voices struck sensuously upon the ear. Yestereve there were ceaseless greetings of friends on square and street. All good nature, some jocund and jolly, for our folks on the whole have prospered as never before.

And the stores! The shopping brigades charged counters and shelves as at no time in the history of our shopkeepers. They hit the line hard. They formed and charged and reformed and charged again. Trade and Tryon streets became whirling, swirling, maelstroms of humanity and they were the overflow from shop and store. Standing room was at a premium up to 10 o'clock last night in many places. The cars ran later than usual, bearing belated shoppers to and fro. The stores were stormed, and the great stocks of merchant prices seemed as if inadequate to glut the insatiate maw of Christmas buyers. The faces of our business folk are wreathed in smiles—the most optimistic among them in all his rosiest hopes had not looked for such a run as this. It began two weeks or more ago and kept up with accelerating speed until the late closing hours last night. It was a strong, a hot and killing pace, and welcome and unprecedented as the Christmas buying was there are many weary and sore salespeople who are glad the fury of the storm is past.

But today! Another and a different picture thrown on the canvas. During the small hours of the morning the promise of foul weather was fulfilled, and intermittent showers came. This intensified to a drizzle and at high noon to a heavy down-pour. Nature had put forth her prettiest weather and held back until the Christmas trafficking was over and the tills of our shopkeepers were full to overflowing and then she turned loose. Murky above and muddy beneath. The cowbells and the horns rang out bravely in the early Christmas morn and the day started as if the ardor of the youngsters was not to be dampened and cooled by clouds and rain. But as the elements of the air fought against those of the earth the bedlam of the horns and bells waned and ceased but for an occasional toot or tintinnabulation.

The clouds scudded across the sky like an April day and there was a warmth nigh on to summer. Here a lonely male pedestrian hurried along with the driving sheets of rain and yonder were solitary bedraggled skirts. By the afternoon the thoroughfares were well cleared and the once gay old town looked empty and deserted.

But withdrawn in the homes the feasting and the drinking and the making merry goes on unabated among reunited friends and kith and kin. A glorious Christmas-tide it has been—great—the greatest in the history of these anniversaries in Charlotte, and in the years that are to come it may prove to be that all Christmas are to be judged as they approach or recede from the memorable one of the annus mirabilis 1903.

Miss Rhett Hood left last night for Chester to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

ABOUT THAT COAT

You wear a coat. Why? To keep the cold out? No; to keep the warmth in. What of the body that has no warmth—the thin, poor body that lacks the healthy flesh and fat it needs? For such we say that Scott's Emulsion provides the right kind of a coat. Why? Because Scott's Emulsion builds firm, solid flesh and supplies just enough fat to fill nature's requirements—no more. That means bodily warmth.

We'll send you a sample free upon request.
SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl Street, New York.

Society

In honor of Mr. Willis B. Dowd, of New York, Miss Nan Dowd entertained at a dinner party last night. The guests were: Miss Rebekah Chambers and Mr. E. Pyzel; Miss Norma Van Landingham and Mr. Osmond L. Darringer; Miss Alice Cowles and Mr. Herman Dowd; Miss Maude Holt and Prof. Jerome Dowd; Miss Lacy Ray and Mr. Willis B. Dowd, and Mr. Ralph Holland, of New York city.

An interesting marriage will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. R. A. Torrence, on North Church street the evening of January the 6th.

The contracting parties will be Miss Della Torrence and Mr. Howard A. Banks, of Asheville. The affair will be a quiet home wedding and only the immediate family and a few friends will be present. The ceremony will be performed by Dr. J. R. Howerton, of the First Presbyterian church.

Miss Torrence is the accomplished daughter of Capt. and Mrs. R. A. Torrence, and has a host of friends in Charlotte.

Up to a short while ago Mr. Banks was editor of the Evening Chronicle of this city. He is now editor of the Gazette-News of Asheville. He is one of the brightest young newspaper men of the State and is highly esteemed by all.

ROBBED MR. PAUL.

Negro Gets His Cash and The Runs Away.

Last night at about 12 o'clock Mr. N. Paul and his son, Mr. David Paul, were getting ready to take in the goods which had been displayed upon the sidewalk in front of their store on the corner of Mint and West Trade streets, a negro stepped up and asked for a dime's worth of candy. Mr. Paul, the eldest, is in the habit of wearing an apron, in the pocket of which he usually keeps his change. Business had been pretty brisk and this pocket was well filled, and just as he reached out his hand for the money which was due him, the negro rammed his hand down into the pocket and grabbed a handful of money and ran around the corner, closely followed by Mr. David Paul, who had seen the incident from inside of the store. The negro ran down Mint street and then up Fourth to Poplar, thence down Poplar to Second where he escaped his pursuer. During his sprint he pulled out a pistol and fired at his follower but missed. Mr. David Paul returned and meeting a policeman told that gentleman of his trouble and the two went "nigger hunting" but met with no success. Old Mr. Paul thinks that he is out about five dollars but believes that he would recognize the thief if once seen and then there will probably be another item for the paper.

TODAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

We thank you for your liberal patronage and sincerely wish you a most happy Christmas.—Stone & Barringer Co.

Only one week more of our \$100 premium offer.—Carolina Clothing Co.

We carry a full line of best home-killed meats.—W. F. Bennett.

If we're not getting your work we'd like to and will guarantee to please you.—Charlotte Steam Laundry.

Tomorrow morning, bright and early, the doors of the Big Stores will be thrown open to the public.—Little Long Co.

Coats, furs, table linen and hats.—J. B. Ivey & Co.

Our store will be open Saturday as usual.—J. B. Ivey & Co.

We Thank You

For your liberal patronage and sincerely wish you a most happy Christmas.

Stone & Barringer Co.
Book, Stationery and Art Store,
22 SOUTH TRYON ST.

You Are a Fool

to pay for short measure of Paint, Oil, Varnish and Turpentine, when you can GET EIGHT PINTS TO THE GALLON

At the **ONYX** Paint STORE
Measure what you buy.
Bell 'phone 5251: 24 W. Fifth St.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

This has been our most prosperous year and we hope you have been equally fortunate.

Only One Week More of Our \$100 Premium Offer

We give a coupon with every cash purchase of \$1.00, entitling you to a chance of receiving one of our six premiums, which will be distributed December 31st : : : :

Carolina Clothing Company

J. A. SOLOMONS, Manager.

NEW CLOTHING

We have just received a big lot of Children's Clothing, and our low prices start at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 3.00, \$3.50. All nice latest styles and best workmanship.

We have a few more Overcoats, the kind that others charge \$15, but we still **\$10** sell them at only

Men's Suits in broken sizes, to close out at a sacrifice, \$4.98, \$5.98, \$6.48, \$7.48; these goods are worth far more money, but we make a price to clean them up. Drop in and take a look; it costs you nothing and it's no trouble to show goods.

Miller Dry Goods Company

Car Load Peters' Shells

Just received. These shells are gaining in popularity every day. Peters won the World's Championship 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 1902 and 1903. They win their way to popularity everywhere on their merit. Everybody likes them—hunters and sportsmen who know the best use them. Full line at retail in our Charlotte Store.

RETAIL MERCHANTS AND GENERAL DEALERS: Send along your orders, and give your patrons satisfaction.

Allen Hardware Co.
E. Trade St. Charlotte.

Xmas Gifts

We have a variety of the substantial, useful sort of gift goods.

If you are practical and interested in this kind of goods, come here to make your selection.

And when you want a Stove, a Heater, Shovel, Poker, Tongs, separate or in sets, Coal Hod or Bin, Stove Pipe, Enamel Ware and Tinware, see

J. N. McCausland & Co

TOMORROW MORNING BRIGHT AND EARLY

The Doors of the Big Stores Will Be Thrown Open to the Public Again

with the great sales force in better form than ever after the Christmas festival and rest. In the meantime the big establishment will be swept and garnished, the broken stocks, the gaps in the many departments, made by the onslaught of Christmas Shoppers, will be closed up and all made ready for the morrow's business. All the remaining lines of mechanical Toys will be closed out at exactly : : : :

HALF PRICE

and all Books, Games and General Holiday Goods will be offered at a big reduction. : : :

If you have left of anything wanted for a gift come here and we will assure you of the biggest bargain ever offered. There are numerous desirable gifts left : :

The Little-Long Co.
DEPARTMENT STORES, CHARLOTTE, N. C.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
12-14 W. Trade St. 11-15 N. Tryon St.