$25.00 FOR NOTHING!

SCENE: A four cornered room with a few articles on the floor; such as children play with.

How many cats in this room?

A cat in each corner; a cat opposite each cat; a cat on each cat's-tail.

A lucky guess will give you the money.

The prizes will be awarded on November 10, '97, at Gibson's Drug Store, Headquarters for the past 32 years for

Drugs, Toys, China and Xmas Goods.

J. P. GIBSON,
Druggist.

Coal! Coal!

For all kinds of coal—Soft or Hard—call on me. My Lump Coal can not be surpassed in quality. Prices as low as can be had.

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J. A. C. Blackwelder

At Store on West Depot Street.

SCHEDULE

SOUTHERN - RAILWAY.

In Effect Jan. 18, 1897.

This condensed schedule is published as information, and is subject to change without notice to the public:

Trains Leave Concord, N. C

9:27 P. M.—No. 35 daily for Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line division, and all points South and Southwest. Carries through Pullman drawing-room buffet sleepers between New York, Washington, Atlanta, Birmingham, Galveston, Savannah and Jacksonville. Also Pullman sleeper Charlotte to Augusta.

8:48 A. M.—No. 37, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibuled limited for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans, and all points South and Southwest. Through Pullman sleeper New York to New Orleans and New York to Memphis. Dining car, vestibuled coach, between Washington and Atlanta, Pullman tourist car for San Francisco, Sundays.

9:02 P. M.—No. 9, daily, from Richmond, Washington, Goldsboro, Norfolk, Selma, Raleigh, Greensboro Knoxville and Asheville to Charlotte, N. C.

10:30 A. M.—No. 11, daily, for Atlanta and all points South. Solid train, Richmond to Atlanta; Pullman sleeping car, Richmond to Greensboro.

10:07 A. M.—No. 36, daily, for Washington, Richmond, Raleigh and all points North. Carries Pullman drawing-room buffet sleeper, Galveston to New York; Jacksonville to New York; Birmingham to New York. Pullman tourist cars from San Francisco Thursdays.

9:02 P. M.—No. 38, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibuled, pmited, for Washington and all points North. Through Pullman car Memphis to New York; New Orleans to New York; Tampa to New York. Also carries vertibuled coach and dining car.

7:22 p. m.—No. 12, daily, for Richmond, Asheville, Chattanooga, Raleigh, Goldsboro and all points North. Carries Pullman sleeping car from Greensboro to Richmond. Connects at Greensboro with train carrying Pullman car for Raleigh.

6:17 a. m.—No. 10, daily, for Richmond; connects at Greensboro for Raleigh and Norfolk; at Danville for Washington and points North; at Salisbury for Asheville, Knoxville and points West.

All freight trains carry passengers.

JOHN M. CULP, Traffic M'gr. W. A. TURK, Gen'l Pass. Ag't, Washington, D. C.
W. H. GREEN, Gen'l Superintendent, Washington, D. C.
S. H. HARDWICK, Ass't Gen'l P. Ag't Atlanta, Ga.
. H. TAYLOE, Ass't Gen'l P. Ag't, Louisville, Ky.
GOWAN DUSENBERY, Local Ag't, Concord, N. C.

In the Front Rank.

Concord now has something to be proud of—a steam laundry. With a clever manager like Mr. Charley Fetzer, and the nice work that they have already done for the public, we should not hesitate to have our laundry done at home in preference to sending it out of town. Two changes were made today (Thursday) by the manager. The first was the coming to the front with their half column advertisement and the other was the employing of Mr. Jno. Alexander, one of Concord's bright young men, as soliciting agent for the laundry.

In the words of Rip Van Winkle, "May you live long and prosper."

CANDY CATHARTIC
Cascarets
CURE CONSTIPATION
REGULATE THE LIVER
10¢ 25¢ 50¢
ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Cascarets are the Ideal Laxative, never grip or gripe, but cause easy natural results. Sample and booklet free. Ad. STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Can., or New York. 217.
ALL DRUGGISTS

WONDERFUL are the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and yet they are simple and natural. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes **PURE BLOOD.**

Nobody need have Neuralgia. Get Dr. Miles Pain Pills from druggists. "One cent a dose."

Odell Manufacturing Co.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

Fine Ginghams,

Outing Cloths

Plaids Sheeting

and Sal Bags

Dealers in

GENERAL

MERCHADISE

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Buyers of

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COUNTRY

PRODUCE

of all kind. and 4-foot wood always wanted-best prices for same. We invite an inspection of all the goods we manufacture.

ODELL MFG. Co.

Concord N. C

AN EXPLANATION

By Our Graded School Superintendent In Regard to Children's Excuses.

EDITOR STANDARD:—Please give me space to make an explanation to the public in regard to excuses for absence at school.

A certain number of unexcused absences is sufficient ground for dismissal—six. The public does not seem to understand that sickness either of the pupil or in the pupil's family is the only valid excuse.

Most of the excuses received by teachers read thus: "Please excuse John for absence yesterday." This is no excuse, and will not be so regarded in future. An excuse must state cause of absence, and no cause is sufficient save sickness, as before stated. Parents keep children at home sometimes to do necessary work, but they should remember that no work is so necessary or important as attending school. One day's absence may lose what may not be regained in many days, and the one day's work at home loses its importance when compared with the work of the school year.

Excuses must give reasons, and valid reasons, or the absence will be unexcused.

E. B. LEWIS,
Supt. Schools.

Nov. 4 1897.

Stands at the Head.

Aug. J Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., save: Dr. King's new discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have. J F Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Fetzer's Drug store.

Mite Meeting Friday Night.

The regular mite meeting, which was postponed last week, will be held tomorrow night at the home of Mr. J W Cannon, on North Main street. All the members that were present at the last meeting, which was held at the home of Mr. Elam King, will remember the splendid success attained, and it is hoped that it can be repeated. Let everyone come. The committee on arrangements will have something in store for everyone to laugh about.

ELY'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure. Apply into the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples 10c. by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York City.

Land Sale.

By virtue of a decree made in a special proceeding, in the Superior Court for Cabarrus county, May the 3rd, 1897, entitled, "In the matter of the estate of S P Brainard Kimmons, insane, by R M Kimmons, guardian, ex parte," and duly approved by Henry R Starbuck, judge presiding, in the 8th judicial district, I as a commissioner of said court will sell, by public auction, at the door of the court house in Concord, on Monday, the 6th day of December, 1897, to the highest bidder, one tract of land containing one hundred and thirty-three (133) acres, in Crab Orchard township, in Mecklenburg county, being a part of what was formerly known as the Samuel Kimmons home place, on the dividing line between said counties and adjoining the lands of D L Alexander, LaFayette Stafford, D H Johnson and others.

Terms of sale: One third (⅓) cash, and balance to be paid on the first day of November, 1898, secured by note of purchaser with two good sureties and title reserved.

R. M. KIMMONS, Guardian,
Commissioner.

Nov. 2nd, 1897.

If You Think . .

. . . . of Buying

Any kind of Lamp go to FETZER'S DRUG STORE

We have some astonishing bargains in beautiful Lamps to how you. When we say "BARGA NS" we mean it. Come and see us.

N. D. FETZER.

DAILY AND WEEKLY STANDARD.

Advertisers will find no better means to reach the people than through the columns of

THE STANDARD.

If you want the patronage of the people, make your wants known through this medium. Our local advertisements are worth five cents per line for first insertion, and reductions given on successive insertions.

All other rates given on application.

There is nothing that is as essential to the happiness of the family as the local newspaper. If you are not yet a subscriber send us your name at once, and let

THE STANDARD

start at once. You cannot do without it, neither can the family.

When in need of

JOB WORK

of different descriptions, you will do well to call on us, as we can save you money. Prices on different kinds of JOB WORK given on application at this office.

When you wish clubbing rates on any kind of newspaper or periodical with

THE STANDARD

you will save money by calling on us, though all orders must invariably be paid in advance.

THE STANDARD.

Any One Wanting to Make any kind of a trade

FOR A **Bicycle** *SHOULD CALL ON US*

We have Wheels for boys and girls.

We will have another lot of those Westfield's in a few days. The demand is so great that we can not keep them in stock all the time. Remember the price of these wheels has been reduced to

$60.00 to $45.00

We also give you your preference as to handle bars saddle and pedals. Now is your opportunity if you want a wheel at a low price.

Yorke Wadsworth & Co.

MADE ME A MAN

AJAX TABLETS POSITIVELY CURE *All Nervous Diseases*—Failing Memory, Impotency, Sleeplessness, etc., caused by Abuse or other Excesses and Indiscretions. *They quickly and surely* restore Lost Vitality in old or young, and fit a man for study, business or marriage. Prevent Insanity and Consumption if taken in time. Their use shows immediate improvement and effects a CURE where all other fail. Insist upon having the genuine Ajax Tablets. They have cured thousands and will cure you. We give a positive written guarantee to effect a cure in each case or refund the money. Price **50 CTS.** per package; or six pkges (full treatment) for $2.50. By mail, in plain wrapper, upon receipt of price. Circular free. **AJAX REMEDY CO.,** 79 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

For sale by J P Gibson, Druggists

Tax Notice!

Your town tax for 1897 is now due, and the tax books have been delivered to me with instructions to collect, and for that purpose I am authorized to use all lawful means to collect the same promptly.

Pay up your taxes at once and save trouble and costs.

You can find me at my office in Jno. L Miller's store.

This 16th Sept., 1897.

o17.) JNO. K. PATTERSON,
Tax Collector for Concord.