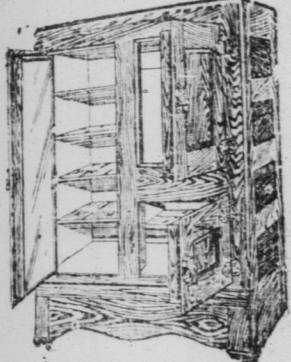


Sale Starts Friday Morning, Aug. 10th

August 25th urday Night Sat-Sale Closes

CLEAN SWEEP SALE

All Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, Water Coolers, Porch Furniture and Summer Rugs Reduced 25 to 50 Per Cent. All Furniture, Stoves, Ranges, Gas and Combination Ranges, Bed-Room, Dining and Living-room Furniture Reduced 20 to 30 Per Cent. Our Goods are marked in Plain Figures (always) and when we put on a Sale, we simply attach another tag in plain figures, showing both original and sale price. We guarantee these Reductions to be absolutely on the square, and every piece of goods sold, exactly as represented or your money refunded. Come early Friday morning. Get First Choice.



REFRIGERATORS—ONE-FOURTH OFF

Three Door, Front Door, Like Cut for \$34.75
Two Door, Top Door, as lower ad. . . . \$14.75
Automatic Refrigerators, Baldwin Refrigerators and Ice Boxes, all go in this Sale at one-third off the regular price. There is no better Refrigerator for the money than a Baldwin. They are made of solid oak, with nickel-plated trim, patented flues, give perfect circulation of cold dry air. Odors will not mix in a Baldwin. Rubber around the doors saves ice. A good refrigerator will soon pay for itself in the saving of food that would otherwise be wasted.



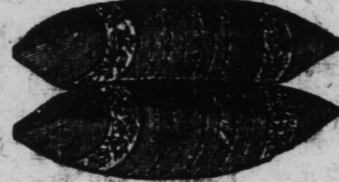
DOMESTIC ELECTRIC IRONS FOR \$3.95

Guaranteed by the manufacturers for one year, and backed up by our personal guarantee. These irons are brand new, and in perfect working order. They have long cords, set in hard rubber, easily attached. Why waste fuel, burn up your stove, and roast your life out through the hot summer days when you can buy a good Electric Iron for the small sum of \$3.95.



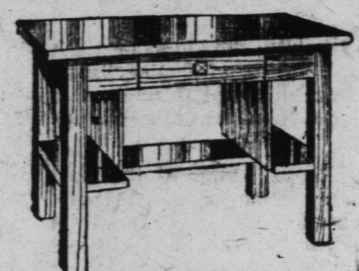
FOUR BURNER GUARANTEED PERFECTION OIL STOVE FOR \$19.75

Slightly used, but in perfect condition. Looks just as well and cooks just as good as a new stove. Guaranteed to be perfect in every way, and to do as good work as a new stove, or your money refunded.
Buck's Oil Cook Stoves going at Half Price. These stoves have been worked over, new burners and new wicks, and can hardly be told from a new stove. Chance of a life time to get at good Oil Stove at Half Price.



GOOD, HIGH GRADE PILLOWS

New Material. Good quality tick, pair \$1.98
Larger Pillows in better grade. First class in every respect. We sell the Chas. Emmerich line of pillows, and they are every one guaranteed. No second hand material used. No odor. Pillows. Light, soft and comfortable. "Clean Sweep Sale."



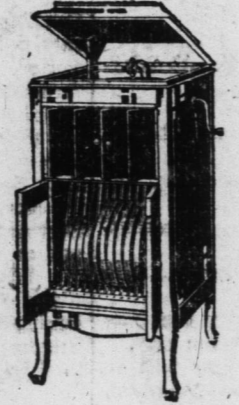
MAHOGANIZED LIBRARY TABLE \$12.75

Exactly like cut. Strong and Substantial. Made of Good Quality Oak. Drawer in Center. Book Shelves in the ends. Other Library Tables made of northern birch, mahogany, rubbed and polished . . . \$17.50 to \$27.50
Parlor and Center Tables in Oak and Mahogany . . . \$1.50 to \$7.50
"Clean Sweep Sale Prices."



ALASKA ICE CREAM FREEZERS—

Two, three, four and ten quarts, all going in this Clean Sweep Sale at One-Fourth Off. Alaska Freezers are double motion, and will freeze cream in five minutes. Made of heavy non-rustable material. Cedar buckets with galvanized hoops. We guarantee the Alaska to be the best made, regardless of price.



\$125.00 COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA, \$98.50

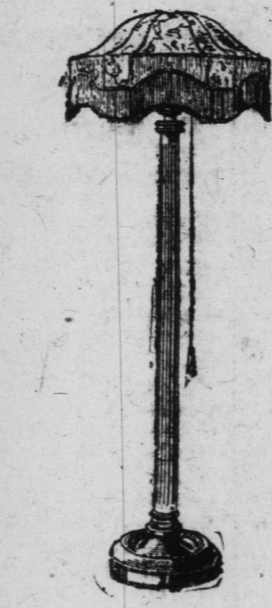
Exactly like cut. Full size, large cabinet machine, in mahogany or walnut. Three spring motor. Non-set, automatic stop.

\$150.00 four motor Cabinet Machine for \$119.50
Other full Cabinet Columbia Grafonolas in mahogany for \$85.00. Everything reduced for this Clean Sweep Sale.



\$10.00 Grass Rugs, size 9x12 for \$6.95

\$6.00 Grass Rugs, size 6x9 \$3.95
All Rugs reduced for this Clean Sweep Sale. Axminster, Taps, Wool and Fibre. Small rugs to match, all reduced. Linoleum, inlaid and printed goods, all reduced One-Fourth. No extra charge for laying linoleum. Place your orders early, while we have good patterns to select from.



CLEAN SWEEP SALE \$18.75

All Floor Lamps Reduced from Twenty-five to Fifty Per Cent. Some of these lamps. Sold for \$25.00 and \$30.00. All going in this sale for \$18.75
Bed-room and Library Lamps . . . \$2.95 to \$9.75
Come early, make your selection before the best patterns are sold. All goods marked in plain figures showing original price and sale price.



OAK AND MAHOGANY DRESSERS

Wash stands to match. Bed Room Furniture in complete suites and Odd Pieces, with chairs and rockers to match. Walnut, Mahogany and Ivory Suites, Brass and Iron Beds, Mattresses and Springs, all reduced for this Clean Sweep Sale. Be on hand when Sale opens, make your selection before best buys are gone.

CONCORD FURNITURE COMPANY

The Reliable Furniture Store
Concord, N. C.

ROTARY MEETING

Meeting of Rotary Club, held at the Hotel, Monday, August 13th.

The program at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club yesterday was changed by the President, who was changed to the regular program to a memorial service for the late President, who was a member of Rotary.
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OFFICERS FOR COLORED FAIR ARE SELECTED

M. C. Boger Is President of Organization That Will Sponsor Colored Fair.

The following are the officers for the Cabarrus County Colored Fair, which will be held here in November:
M. C. Boger, President.
Nat Alexander, First Vice President.
Silas White, Second Vice President.
S. C. Boger, Treasurer.
J. D. Gordon, Secretary.
Directors: M. C. Boger, Frank Lytle, L. H. Handy, C. R. Johnson, S. C. Boger, Will Harris, Bill Pharr, John Shankle, No. 1 township, R. G. Reid, No. 11 township, J. D. Gordon, Waller Gilmer and W. D. Connor.

Trexler, Lyster, Barger and Holshouser Reunion

A reunion of the Trexler, Lyster, Barger and Holshouser families will be held at the school building in Rockwell on Thursday, August 16th. The following programme will be rendered:
Devotional Exercises—Conducted by the President.
Music.
Address of Welcome—David Holshouser.
Response—C. A. Holshouser.
Music.
Election of Officers.
Report of Historians.
Short talks by Rev. W. C. Lyster, Prof. Lee Trexler, Dr. H. A. M. Holshouser and others.
Music.
Address at 11:30 a. m.—Hon. J. Frank Hudson.
Music.
Collection.
Dinner 1 p. m.
Social hour.
Music Committee—Mrs. Walter Peeler, Miss Juanita Hall.
Table Committee—J. M. Holshouser, John Albert Trexler, D. Calvin Holshouser.

FLATS 10 CENTS A MONTH.

Collapse of Mark Hovic With German Landlords.

New York Times.
Passengers who arrived yesterday from Bremen on the North German Lloyd liner Muenchen, described the conditions in Germany as approaching complete chaos. There was a good deal of starvation, passengers said, especially among those who had invested in domestic securities and were getting their dividends in paper marks.
Gustave Van der Lou, a steel merchant of 38 Desbrosses Street, Manhattan, who has been traveling in Germany for three months, said that the price of steel had skyrocketed since the occupation of the Ruhr. "I can't tell what is going to happen in Germany," he said. "The landlords who are forbidden by law to raise rents, he added, were in a bad way. In some German cities he said, tenants are paying the equivalent of ten cents a month in American money for an apartment."

Chicago Library Has 3,500 Books For Blind Readers.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—In an effort to reach every sightless person in this part of the country, the collection of books for the blind in the public library here has become one of the largest in the United States, according to Nathan R. Levin, assistant librarian of the Chicago Public Library.
The blind from nearly every state in the Mississippi valley patronize this collection, because of its ready accessibility, declares Edward Peterson, in charge of the work. Anybody can apply for a loan, and the government permits the books to be sent out in franked envelopes.
The number of available volumes in raised printing is comparatively small, it is said, but the Chicago library, with 3,500 books, claims to have virtually everything ever published for the benefit of sightless people.

Salisbury Sells Bonds For School Improvement.

Salisbury, Aug. 7.—Salisbury today sold one hundred thousand dollars of school bonds to the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, of St. Louis, and the Detroit Trust Company, of Detroit, these being joint bidders for the bonds and their bid being par plus a bonus of four hundred and fifty-five dollars. The interest is to be five and a quarter. Bids were submitted by 19 bond buying firms. The money is to be used partly to build additions to present school property and to pay off debts for property already improved.

About 30,000,000 wooden boxes are required annually to pack the citrus fruit crops in Florida and California.

SAYS DIVORCE HABIT GRAVELY MENACES OUR NATIONAL LIFE

Divorces in America Granted at Rate of One Every Four Minutes.

Winoona Lake, Ind., Aug. 8.—Divorces are granted in America at the rate of one every four minutes throughout the year, and are more numerous here annually in proportion to total population than in any other country which records marriage statistics. The annual total of decrees for the 48 states is in the neighborhood of 160,000 and is increasing three times as fast as the population. Such are the conclusions of Judge W. H. Thomas, of Santa Ana, California, former associate justice of the California District Court of Appeals, drawn from a world survey of marriage and divorce figures in preparation for a national code governing marital relations.
Judge Thomas' survey included 54 countries, and the summary of his study, made public here, reaches back into the domestic relations of ancient Rome, Greece, and Babylon. In his conclusions is the suggestion that our national life is seriously threatened by the present status of our family relationships. Much of our trouble, he believes, is chargeable to the chaotic state of our marriage laws, and his recommendation is a uniform law, applicable to all American territory, based on wisdom and experience.
"In contrast with our records, one divorce for every nine marriages," Judge Thomas said, "those of France and Germany, our closest competitors, divide into insignificance. We have only one rival, Japan. Until recently that nation has been grinding out divorces faster than our own. Now, however, the United States Census Bureau discloses a rapidly mounting table of divorce which far outstrips the ratio of increase in population. Our rate of increase in divorces between 1870 and 1917, was for the entire country, exactly 400 per cent." In 1870, he said, we had 28 divorces for every 100,000 of population; in 1916 the figure was 112 for every 100,000.

"Our country heads the list among the nations of the world in this downward procession. In 1890 there were 33,107 divorces; in 1916 there were 112,000. In Canada in the whole year of 1913 there were 59 divorces."

Judge Thomas came here recently to present his findings to officers of the National Reform Association at the organization's International Conference on Christian Citizenship.
Seventeen states in the Union fix no marriage age, he pointed out in commenting on our present varied law. In nine of these states—Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont, the common law

ages of 12 for girls, and 14 for boys have been formally recognized by the courts. In 19 states there is no law restraining feeble minded persons from marrying, and only three states forbid miscegenation, or marriages between people of different races.

There are now in the United States more than 12,000 married girls under 15 years of age. Approximately 100,000 girls 17 years or younger are married. "The need of a uniform divorce law is apparent," Judge Thomas declares. "Disregard for the sanctity of marriage, over-emphasis of sex, under-emphasis of domestic responsibilities, lack of uniformity in the law, and among the chief contributing causes that led to the downfall of Rome, of Greece, of Babylon. We cannot allow the rate of divorce in the United States to continue at three times the rate of population increase."
"No logical and sound-thinking person any longer denies that, in certain circumstances, men and women who can not live harmoniously together should be allowed to reconstruct their happiness. No one now argues against the necessity for marriage laws which will make it impossible for the immature and unfit to marry and reproduce."

"Everyone is satisfied that these laws must be uniform. Hence the time for action has come. And because men have dilly-dallied about it, and because, too, the integrity of the family is woman's quest, upon the women of the country must be laid the business of bringing about reform."
"But legislation will not usher in an era of wisely planned marriages. The real hope of the world lies in putting as much painstaking and progressive thought into the great business of mating as we do into the other big businesses of our day, and in bringing to bear upon marriage the advanced ideas of science, religion and law, so that we shall be able to offer to young men and women a sensible presentation of the subject that will convince them of the necessity of permanent family relations and assure them of the happiness to be found in a wholesome, family life."

"Unification of marriage and divorce laws is only a partial solution of the problem. There must be early training for marriage and parenthood, and this cannot be provided for by law."

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cannon and daughter, Frances Anne, are spending several days in western North Carolina. They spent the week-end in Asheville and will visit Blowing Rock before returning home.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Irvin and son, Frank, Jr., of Salisbury, spent the week-end here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Harris, on East Depot Street. Mrs. Irvin and son will remain here for several days.

BOLL WEEVIL DAMAGE REACHES HUGE TOTAL

Costs Southern Cotton Growers \$1,500,000,000 in Five Years.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—The cotton boll weevil during the last five years, including the seasons just closed, has cost the South not less than \$1,500,000,000, exclusive of the several hundred millions spent for the seed that went to waste, according to the annual report of Colonel H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. The estimate is based on a valuation of 15 cents a pound.
Colonel Hester placed the commercial crop of the 1922-23 season at 11,282,806 bales, a decrease of 370,327 bales under that of 1921-22, and of 94,511 under that of 1920-21. The average grade of the cotton was middling.
The report placed the average price at 24.06 cents a pound, as compared with 17.78 last year, 16.08 the year before last, and 38.21 in 1919-20. The value, including the seed, was estimated at \$1,571,299,839, as against \$1,173,833,582 last year.
Colonel Hester said the actual growth

of 1922-23 was 10,424,000 bales, and that the amount of cotton carried on July 31 was 2,573,000 bales, against 4,870,000 last year, a decrease of 2,300,000 bales.

Has Left Beard Grow For Forty Years

Greensboro, Aug. 7.—O. A. Farrington, shipping clerk of the White Oak mills here, wasn't shaved in 40 years, not since he was 23 years old.
And he did not do it to win a bet, nor to join the Zion City colony, whose members are forbidden to shave. He was and is simply obeying doctor's orders.
His physician, 40 years ago, ordered him to let his beard grow. Mr. Farrington had the measles then, leaving him with an extreme hoarseness. "Let your beard grow long to protect your throat," his physician said.
Three women are in the field for the office of secretary of state in Kentucky this year.
King George of England is a radio fan.

Special Sale White Pumps and Oxfords

While they Last

\$5.00 White Pumps, any size heel, Sale Price ----- \$3.50

\$5.00 and \$6.50 White Oxfords, and white and black trim Oxfords, Sale Price ----- \$3.50

J. C. POUNDS SHOE STORE