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THURSDAY, Feb. 2, 1888.

**ABOUT MORTGAGES.**

The Concord Times gives some pertinent and timely advice on the subject of giving mortgages which it would be well to read and ponder over. It says:

An examination of the Register's books of this county will show that there are a great many chattel mortgages and many mortgages covering the farms and homes of the farmers. A further examination will show that, though last year was a fair average crop year, very few of these mortgages, especially the real estate mortgages, have been cancelled. A still further examination will show that many mortgages have been recently made. \* \* \* It will be a deplorable state of affairs for the farmers of the county to be shingled over with mortgages. It will destroy the independence and paralyze the energy of the people. It is hard to get rid of a mortgage. A mortgage of \$500 means a bale of cotton to pay the interest. With many making a mortgage is only postponing the evil day. It often happens that the mortgagor will work for several years, and all his surplus has to go to pay the interest. He is simply working for his creditor. He gives up in despair, and his home is advertised for sale; in proof of which look at the newspapers all over the country and see how many farms are advertised for sale. \* \* \* It is dangerous to make a mortgage. If a crisis in money matters should come many of the farms will be sold. Your families will be homeless and homeless. If you are in debt you had better sell a part of your land than encumber it all. Don't make a mortgage if it is possible to avoid it. Let it be the last resort to save honor and integrity. If you do make it, it will cost you many a sleepless night. Pay your debts by all means after you have made them, but deny yourself, sell something, part of the land if need be. Make a mortgage of your home only from sheer necessity.

**ABOUT MANUFACTURES.**

North Carolina seems to be on a boom in one respect at least—the building of manufactures. From one end of the State to the other this spirit is noticeable, especially in the Piedmont section. The Gastonia Gazette says on the subject:

It is gratifying to hear of so many factories in construction and in prospect throughout the State. Manufacturing is the consummation the South has been so devoutly wishing for, and it looks now like we are to have a vast increase in that line very soon. There is hardly a town of any size where the question of building a cotton-factory is not agitated. Other branches of manufacturing are gradually developing, but cotton is the raw material we have in the greatest abundance, and we consume the product in great quantities, and it commands the greatest amount of attention. Occasionally some one cautions our people against engaging in an enterprise in which they say we cannot compete with New England, but arguments to this effect will have but little influence when contradicted by such remarkable success in all parts of the South. We shall doubtless hear the buzz of spindles in Gastonia before Santa Claus returns. Charlotte has one successful factory and two others considered certain within the present year. Rock Hill is not satisfied with one prosperous factory, but demands another at once. King's Mountain has caught the fever, and Dallas is unwilling to be outdone. Gaston county now has eight successful cotton-factories and room for many more.

**FOR TOBACCO MEN.**

In view of the trouble the tobacco men have had to get dry hogsheads, we have made arrangements with a firm to furnish us knock-down hogsheads. This firm is well equipped, has plenty capital and guarantees to furnish us dry lumber. These hogsheads cost more, but to give our patrons just what they want, we have decided to buy them altogether. They are smooth and clear of knots, both heads dressed and we guarantee them to be satisfactory in every way. A trial order from you will prove their superiority. We deliver them at our expense and when they are received examine them and if you are not satisfied return them by same dray, free of cost to you. We have now on hand 475 packages and another car load on order. We propose to keep a good supply of these hogsheads on hand ready to put together at short notice. Remember, when your order is received it is booked and takes its turn. It is to our interest to fill them as fast as possible. Our shop is open from 6 a. m. until 11 p. m. We ask a share of your patronage, and hope by giving you good work and serving you promptly, to merit it. Give us your orders and we promise that you will not be troubled for a dry package again. Thankful for past favors,  
W. H. HESTER & SON,  
[Feb. 2-a.]

Senator Ransom made a five minutes speech in the Senate the other day, and as such a thing is of very rare occurrence, it has been published far and wide in all the State papers.—Concord Times.

**BE LOYAL TO YOUR TOWN.**  
A Way to Build up a Town, and a Way to Destroy it.

Under this heading the Chattanooga Tradesman has the following and we respectfully commend its careful perusal to every citizen and business man of Henderson, The Tradesman says:

People in the Eastern states often wonder at the rapid development and growth of Western cities. They cannot understand it. In the older cities every man is on the lookout for his own personal interests, but in the West he must do the talking for his own town. If he does not have faith he must talk until it comes to him. In the recent work to establish a packing house here the board of trade rooms presented the appearance of a political headquarters where two prominent candidates were running neck and neck for some important office. Among the advocates of the enterprise is required a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together, and that is exactly the way they pulled. In speaking further upon this subject an observant exchange says:

We use the word loyal in a general sense as pertaining to the country, but it is applicable to almost every phase of life. We may be loyal to our country, to our wives and lovers, and we can be loyal to each other in our business relations. The greatness of our country, the happiness of a people and the success in our business relations all depend upon the loyalty of the individuals.

Upon our loyalty to our town depends its growth and prosperity. Each city and hamlet has its advantages. A loyalty to those advantages is its life. First, we must in our tradition and buying patronize those trades and business in our city instead of going to neighboring or distant towns. We are obliged to do this, because if our fellow citizen is doing his duty by us he is patronizing us in our business or calling. If the clothing merchant goes to another city for his stoves, the hardware man is justified in going to the other town for his dry goods. Should such things become general in any one town the dissolution of the town is not far off.

In no other business in a city more than in the newspaper and printing business does this disloyalty show itself, and no other business in the city can be or is more loyal to the town than the newspaper or printing office. Should a newspaper for even a short time ignore the interests of the city in which it is published, a cry and a complaint would go up from every hand. If we will for a moment stop to consider the injustice we are doing when we are going off to another to purchase our comforts and necessities; if we will consider that we are disloyal to those that have joined with us to build up a community, we will not do so unjust and disloyal an act. We become traitors to those who are loyal to us and to whom we are under obligations to trade and traffic.

There is another form of disloyalty to a city which more quickly and certainly saps its prosperity and retards its growth, that is, to live in one city and have interests in another. This is keenly felt when these cities are rival towns. Choose ye whom you will serve, for ye cannot serve both. Each individual has a right to transfer his allegiance from one community to another, but it is his duty to let all parties concerned know just where it belongs. A man who lives in a town for no other purpose than to suck from that town his wealth and his fitness, and all his wealth goes to benefit some other and perhaps rival town, is worse than a traitor. He is a vampire, which, while sucking the blood of its victim, soothes its wounds. He covers up his acts with words of loyalty, while in his heart he is working for some other city and will sacrifice the one to the other and the business men of the one to the benefit of the other.

**THE ROADS.**—The GOLD LEAF VERY much doubts if the people who now experience so much trouble on account of the wretched condition of the roads, will remember anything about them when the weather gets good and the roads dry again? Let some steps be taken before another winter to prevent such a state of affairs as the present from recurring. During the summer months, after the crops have all been "laid by," is the time to put the roads in good condition for the winter.

**\$20,000 WORTH!**

**CLOTHING,**  
SHOES, HATS AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,  
ALL OF THE BEST QUALITY,  
TO BE SOLD AT ANY REASONABLE PRICE IN THE  
NEXT SIXTY DAYS,

—AT—  
**LEHMAN'S "OLD RELIABLE" CLOTHING HOUSE,**  
HENDERSON, N. C.



We have just taken inventory and find that we have too many goods for the time of year and have decided to throw our ENTIRE STOCK on the market AT AND BELOW COST for the next 60 days. We do this to close up our present business to make a change in the same. We have formed a PARTNERSHIP WITH TWO OF THE LARGEST AND BEST KNOWN CLOTHING

**MANUFACTURING FIRMS**  
IN THE UNITED STATES, and will change the style of the concern from "LEHMAN'S 'OLD RELIABLE' CLOTHING HOUSE," to the LEHMAN CLOTHING COMPANY. Manufacturing our own goods, we will be enabled to sell them at prices no dealer in this section can compete with. The intelligent trading public will readily see the advantage this will give us. Our goods are admitted to be the BEST MADE, the FINEST FINISHED, the MOST STYLISH CUT, and the MOST PERFECT FITTING, and we shall spare neither pains nor expense to maintain our well established reputation. Below we a few quotations showing how low we are going to sell goods now:

500 Suits at \$3.75,	worth \$6.50.
300 " " 5.50,	" 7.75.
200 " " 7.00,	" 10.00.
100 " " 9.50,	" 15.00.
150 prs pants, 100,	" 1.65.
100 " " "	" 3.50.

A large stock of FLANNEL SHIRTS, SHOES, BOOTS and HATS, lower than any other store in town. We do not intend to carry over a single article, and it shall not be our fault if you do not now obtain such BARGAINS as you never before had an opportunity of doing, in Henderson or elsewhere.

Come early before stock is picked over, as the low figures which have been placed on every article will positively insure a speedy sale. We mean exactly what we say—AT AND BELOW COST MEANS THAT, NOTHING MORE. This will hold good only for a short time, to move stock now on hand for the purposes named. A visit cannot fail to convince you of the SUPERIORITY OF OUR GOODS, AND THE CHEAPNESS OF OUR PRICES.

Profoundly thankful for the generous patronage given us in the past, and hoping in the future to merit the continued favors of that public whose confidence and trade we have the honor to enjoy to such a full extent, we promise that with the increased advantages we shall hereafter have to better serve our customers than ever before.  
VERY RESPECTFULLY,

**LEHMAN'S "OLD RELIABLE" CLOTHING HOUSE,**  
Henderson, N. C.

**HAPPY**  
**NEW YEAR**

**TO ALL OUR PATRONS!**

AND REMEMBER,  
WHEN YOU WANT BARGAINS, BUY

**S. & C. WATKINS.**

**CARPETS, RUGS, BLANKETS.**  
**BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS.**

**LARGE STOCK, CORRECT STYLES AND**  
**LOW PRICES.**

**ELEGANT LINE DRESS GOODS, CLOAKS,**  
SILKS, DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, &c. BEST STOCK FAMILY GROCERIES.

**FURNITURE, ALL GRADES. COOK STOVES AND**  
HEATING STOVES. WE HAVE THE  
Advantage, in that we pay cash, take large quantities and thereby get low prices, and will sell you best bargains in town.  
"Meray Christmas and a happy New Year to all."

Respectfully,  
**S. & C. WATKINS**  
HENDERSON, N. C.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

We take this method of announcing that we have bought the Wood, B. Beck and Paint shops of Jas. A. O'Neil, and will conjoin the business under the style of

**CROW & MARSTON,**

We are prepared to do all work in our line on short notice and in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner. We have the best fitted up shops in this part of the State, being thoroughly equipped with a complete set of the latest and most improved tools, and employ none but skilled and competent workmen. We have the only bolt cutters and nut-lap in town, and can put threads and make bolts and taps of any size to fit any kind of work. We do a general blacksmithing and wood-working business, also gas and steam fitting, and solicit a share of the public patronage, promising entire satisfaction in every instance. Mr. J. M. Burroughs and Mr. Arthur Smead are with us, the former in the wood shop and the latter in the blacksmith shop—both very fine workmen—and will be pleased to serve their friends.  
ROBERT CROW,  
ROBERT J. MARSTON,  
Henderson, N. C.

**LOOK AT THIS.**

It is not with new goods that I come to offer my customers and friends this time, but to offer what I have on hand at greatly

**REDUCED PRICES**

that I may make ample room for a nice NEW SPRING STOCK.  
I have one nice Marcella quilt left out of a lot I had in stock (and the nicest of the lot) that I sold at \$10.00 each, which I shall hold to present to the customer. I may have the best goods from me by the close of this season, which will be the last of February. I shall during that time offer my stock of LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S GILDED'S FASHIONABLES in suits or by the piece. White and colored, plain and twilled flannels, pant goods and all goods that will run out on a sale at great

**REDUCED PRICES.**

I averaged one bridal outfit a week through the fall season, and have run over into the new year with the same pleasant patronage. My prices and happiness attend them all in their new life and may they have clean white robes bought of J. A. STALLINGS to shine among the blooming roses of the Spring. My old reliable JEWEL SHIRT has not made an enemy yet, but still stands as a magnet drawing friends from every direction.  
Yours Truly,  
**J. A. STALLINGS,**  
HENDERSON, N. C.

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**MALE ACADEMY,**  
J. H. Scarborough, A. B.,  
PRINCIPAL,  
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**TUITION:**  
ENGLISH COURSE, \$2 to \$3 per month. LANGUAGES, each, \$1 per month. TEMPLE HOUSE, \$2 boards for school at \$10 per month, including FUEL and LIGHTS. Accommodations for students and travelers.

For particulars, address the Principal. (Nov 17 31)

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE.**

By virtue of the power conferred on me by a mortgage from George Jefferson & wife, Jan. 22, 1888, and recorded in the Register's office, Book 8, page 618, I shall, on Monday, the 5th day of March, 1888, sell the land in said mortgage described, said lot on Pearl street, adjoining the lands of W. R. Kivett, E. G. Brodie and others. Terms cash. Time twelve months.  
W. H. S. BURGWIN,  
Mortgagee.  
Jan. 26, 1888. (Jan. 26, 4 o.)

**Farm for Sale.**

A good farm containing 395 acres, situated in Franklin county, on the Henderson and Lenoir road, about 8 miles from Henderson, is offered for sale. Convenient to churches and schools, saw mill and grist mill. Good location for a country store. Land adapted to the growth of fine yellow tobacco, corn, cotton, small grains and grasses. Four good tenant houses, large gin house two stories high, stable, etc. Well watered and timbered. Several good springs on the premises with a creek of fresh water running through the same. There are about 30 acres of bottom land, well ditched and drained. This is a very desirable farm in every way. Healthy location and good neighborhood. Will be sold as a whole or cut up to suit purchasers. Any one desiring to see the soil, will be carried from Henderson free of charge. Will also sell farming implements, horses, cattle, hogs, goats, corn, fodder, &c., if desired. The owner has good reasons for selling. For further particulars apply to  
**GOLD LEAF,**  
Henderson, N. C.

**Notice.**

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Vance county, N. C., made at October term, 1887, in the case entitled J. T. Chestnut, vs. W. A. Chestnut and others, I will sell for cash at the Court House door in Henderson, N. C., on Monday, February 27, 1888, the house and lot described in the pleadings in said action, situate on Ransom street, in the town of Henderson, N. C., adjoining the Dr. Taylor lot and others. Size of lot, 915 feet by 100 feet. There is a good tenant house on the lot. Sale to be confirmed by the Court then in session. Possession given at once. This is a valuable property and the sale is made bona fide. This lot was accidentally omitted from the large sale of December 12, 1887.  
T. T. HICKS,  
Commissioner.

At the same time and place as above will be sold for cash at auction, H. W. Hester's mortgage, the house and lot on above street, adjoining R. H. Satterwhite, L. D. & W. T. Stainback and others. Size 157 feet by 117 feet. Mortgage executed by W. A. Chestnut and wife to H. W. Hester, November 13, 1886. Recorded in Vance county, in Book 10, on page 414.  
T. T. HICKS,  
Attorney for Mortgagee.  
Jan. 25, 1888. (Jan. 26, 4 o.)

**NOTICE! TO THE PUBLIC!**

Owing to the failure of the large wholesale jobbing firm of Rutledge, L. pear, Quindell & Co., of New York, we will sell at

**HENDERSON, N. C.,**

The entire assets of the concern without reserve, comprising

**DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,**  
**SHOES, HATS,**  
**Gents' Furnishings, &c.,**

Amounting to upwards of \$43,000 worth of GOODS AT LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF THE COST OF PRODUCTION. These goods must positively be sold in from 30 to 60 days. In order to give the public an idea how we intend to sell our goods, we will just give a few prices, as time and space will not permit us to do more:

Calico 3, 4 and 5 cents up. Worst 4, 5, and 6 cents up.  
Double-width Cashmere 15 cents up. Bleaching 3 cents up.  
Ladies' Hose 5 cents up. All other Dry Goods in proportion.

**CLOTHING!**

We have an immense stock of Clothing which we will sell at a great sacrifice. Look here:

600 Suits from \$2 up. All wool suits from \$4 up.  
600 pairs Pants from 60 cents up. 200 pairs All-wool Pants from \$1.10 up. All other Clothing in proportion.

**SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!**

The largest line of shoes ever brought to Henderson. Shoes at any price. Shoes from 25 cents up. Ladies' fine Button Shoes of the very best brands, including Dress Kid, Dongola, Glove Kid, Pebble Grain, and all leading styles and qualities, from 50 cents up.

**HATS, HATS, HATS!**

Over \$4,000 worth of Hats, including the latest styles and best qualities to be found in New York—from 25 cents up. Remember we mean business. Our stock must be sold in from 30 to 60 days, and we will positively let nothing split a trade; and we don't intend to be undersold. Go visit all the stores in town—those selling cheap, those selling at cost, those selling below cost—get their prices and then come and see us and we will guarantee to sell you from 40 to 50 per cent. cheaper. Call early and avoid the rush.

**L. EDWARDS,** Assignee.  
**OPPOSITE S. & C. WATKINS,**  
**SIGN OF THE BLUE FLAG.**

Established in 1870. Established in 1870.

**LUTHER SHELDON,**  
**SASHES, DOORS AND BLINDS,**  
**MOULDINGS, BRACKETS NEWELS,**  
**STAIR RAILS, BUILDERS' HARDWARE,**  
**PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, PUTTY**  
**AND BUILDING MATERIAL OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.**

Nos. 16 West Side Market Square and 49 Rannoke Avenue,  
**NORFOLK, - - VIRGINIA.**

**LATEST IMPROVED**  
**LIGHT RUNNING HIGH ARM**  
**SEWING MACHINES**

For sale on easy terms, and all kinds of Sewing Machines repaired. In my eleven years experience in the Sewing Machine business I have adjusted and repaired thousands of Machines, extended the period of their usefulness and saved many the expense of buying a new one. If you have a Sewing Machine that needs cleaning, adjusting or any repairs, call on me or drop me a postal card and I will estimate the cost of repairs. I am permanently located here and those to whom I am as yet a stranger, are respectfully requested to give me a trial. Those who have any doubt whatever as to my reliability, I can refer to the best known families in this and other sections now using Machines repaired and adjusted by me.  
C. D. POYTHRESS,  
MACHINIST.  
Henderson, N. C.  
[Jan-12 6 I.]

**Notice!**  
**COMMISSIONER'S SALE!**

By virtue of power conferred upon me by a decree issued from Superior Court of Vance county, in a special proceeding therein pending, entitled Mary Paschall, administratrix, &c., vs. W. T. H. Woodard, et al., I will, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1888, sell at the Court House door, in the town of Henderson, N. C., at public auction, to the highest bidder, all the real estate situate in the late John M. Paschall, being in Vance county, N. C., in Suburban Township, on the waters of Nutbush Creek, adjoining the lands of Wm. H. Burwell, estate of E. W. Watkins, Sallie Bullock, Gilbert Bullock, R. B. Henderson and Richard Wilson, and containing eight hundred and seventy eight acres more or less. Said land sold subject to the interest of Mary Paschall. Terms—one third cash, balance in twelve and eighteen months secured by bond with approved security and title retained until purchase money is paid in full. This, January 16th, 1888.  
A. C. ZOLLICOFFER,  
Commissioner.  
[Jan. 19, 4 o.]

**FOR SALE.**  
**Valuable Residence at Auction.**

By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed by A. J. Kivett and wife on the 14th day of January, 1887, registered in Vance county, Book 13, page 244, I will sell at public auction for cash, at the court house door, described in said Deed of Trust, the HANDSOME AND VALUABLE RESIDENCE and grounds fronting 100 feet on Railroad street and 150 feet on Young Avenue, until recently occupied by the family of A. J. Kivett, and more fully described in said Deed of Trust. This sale will be made subject to a prior mortgage of \$1,800.  
THOS. M. PITTMAN,  
Trus. &c.  
This Jan. 10th, 1888.

**H. A. DRAPER,**  
**UNDERTAKER.**  
HENDERSON, N. C.  
I carry a full stock of fine  
**BURIAL CASES**  
of every description—Mahogany, Rosewood, Walnut, Cloth Covered, Metallic and Zinc Lined—all styles, sizes and prices. Also nice line of burial robes. I have the  
**FINEST HEARSE**  
East of Raleigh. Personal attention given to all burials where services are required. Cabinet making in all its branches. Office desks, book cases, tables, &c. made to order on short notice. Upholstery best work at the very lowest living price always. Give me a trial. Work room in the old Watkins building, next E. G. Davis' store.  
H. A. DRAPER,  
Henderson, N. C.  
Nov. 10-a.

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Sole and general agents for all consequences of Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Stomach Troubles, Indigestion, Flatulency, Colic, Cholera, and all other ailments of the Throat, Lungs, and Stomach. It is a most valuable remedy for all these ailments. It is sold in all the principal cities of the South. Price 25 cents per bottle. Address to Dr. J. H. Baker, 100 N. 3rd St., Raleigh, N. C.

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HOW ACCOMPLISHED. Every lady should have a copy of this book. It is the only one of its kind. It is sold in all the principal cities of the South. Price 25 cents per copy. Address to Dr. J. H. Baker, 100 N. 3rd St., Raleigh, N. C.