

Xmas! Xmas!

A full supply of Xmas goods can be had at my store.

I have just received a big lot of fine candies, oranges and all kinds of fruits and nuts for Santa Claus. Come and get what you want or 'phone 180 and it will be sent to your home.

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WEST HICKORY

PLUMBING, ROOFING AND GUTTERING

Done by expert workmen. All kinds of Tin Work on short notice. A full line of Bath Tubs, Bowls and Sinks, with hot and cold water fixtures. We will do your work right.

Hickory Roofing & Tinning Co.

Anticipating Santa Claus

at

THE CHRISTMAS STORE

Our store is a vast emporium of pretty and useful things suitable for Christmas gifts. A satisfying sense of fitness permeates the whole place.

WHY EARLY BUYING IS BEST.

To buy intelligently one must buy early for comfort and satisfaction follows in its wake. Exclusiveness has always been a strong point at our store and many articles and designs cannot be reproduced nor can they be found elsewhere. Exclusiveness is what makes a gift appreciable and imparts to it that rare value.

In the line enumerated below there are many divisions which give latitude in selection and contain something suitable for most anyone you may have on your list.

Watches, Diamonds, Rings, Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, Cut-glass, Silver and ebony Toilet Sets, Etc.

The Morrison Brothers Company
Hickory, N.

STOMACH IS SEAT OF HUMAN LIFE

New Theory Advanced by Young Man Is Spreading Over Entire Country.

L. T. Cooper's theory concerning the human stomach, which he claims to prove with his new medicine, is being given more respect and comment every day.

Cooper claims that 90 per cent. of all ill health is due to stomach trouble. When interviewed about his theory recently, he said: "Stomach trouble is the great curse of the 20th century so far as the civilized races are concerned. Practically all of the chronic ill health of this generation is caused by abnormal stomachic conditions. In earlier days, when the human race was closer to nature, and men and women worked all day out of doors, digging their frugal existence from the soil, the tired, droopy, half-sick people that are now so common, did not exist.

"To be sure, there was sickness in those days, but it was of a virulent character, and only temporary. There was none of this half-sick condition all the time with which so many are afflicted nowadays.

"I know positively that every bit of stomach trouble is caused by chronic ill health. The human stomach in civilized people today is degenerate. It lacks tone and strength. This weakness has gradually come through a sedentary existence. I further know that few people can be sick with the digestive apparatus in perfect shape. The sole reason for my success is because my New Discovery medicine tones the stomach up to required strength in about six weeks' time. That is why I have had more people come and thank me wherever I have gone to introduce my medicine, than I have had time to talk with."

Among the immense numbers of people who are now strong believers in Cooper's theory and medicine is Mrs. M. E. Delano, a prominent resident of the suburb of Brookline, Boston, Mass. She says: "For several years I was broken in health, caused primarily by stomach and nerve troubles. I gradually became worse, until recently I was compelled to go without solid food for days at a time. I had sour stomach, palpitation of the nerves of stomach and heart, dyspepsia, and extreme nervousness. I suffered terribly with insomnia, and my liver, bowels and whole system gradually became deranged. I felt instant relief the first day I began this Cooper medicine. I now feel like a new being. Today I walked all over town, shopping—something I have not done for years."

"I make this statement wholly from a sense of duty. I feel I owe it to anyone who might find relief and renewed happiness as I have done." The record made by the Cooper medicine is astonishing. We will take pleasure in discussing it with anyone who wishes to know about them.

—E. B. Menzies.

The "Dee-strick Skule"

A crowded house witnessed the performance of the "Dee-strick Skule" last Friday night. The play was given in aid of the Rectory fund, and netted a good sum, both for this, and for the owner of the rights in the performance, Miss Sallie Battle, who was stage manager.

Hon. M. H. Yount, as schoolmaster, was a star actor. He suffered much both from the scholars and the committee, who reduced his "sallery" to \$12 per month, which, as he said, left very little for the support of a wife and sixteen children. Mrs. E. L. Shuford was fine as Mrs. Honeysuckle. Mr. Patrick, as the stammering boy, Mr. J. D. Elliott as the dull scholar, Dr. Ramsay, as Mike, could not have been beaten. Mr. W. E. Holbrook as Buddie, Mr. Gus Setzer, the boy who would drink water and hold the dipper with both hands, the laughing girl, the crying girl were all excellent. Mrs. Cilley's lip was the sweetest thing ever, and Mrs. Bourbonnais and Mrs. Moody as the twins would have made a cat laugh, even if it had the tooth-ache. The manner in which Mr. Blackwelder rode a stick horse and otherwise disported himself baffles the power of the English language to describe it. Miss Mattie Abernethy giggled so naturally that everybody else giggled just as long as she did.

Messrs. Link and Hufham were ideal committeemen for a "dee-strick skule."

Altogether the effect produced upon the community by the Skule will not be forgotten. Wherever Miss Battle goes with this little play it is a success and money winner. We cannot too strongly endorse her to any community that is trying to raise money for a worthy object.

(There is just one thing to regret. Why, oh, why, could not Mr. C. C. Bost have been induced to take a part? Remembering that famous baseball game, we are satisfied that he would have left all the other scholars so far behind that you'd have had to hunt 'em up with a searchlight.)

The Play at Lenoir College.

Those who braved the elements—and they were quite a number—on Monday night, Dec. 9th, to attend the annual play at Lenoir College were amply repaid, while those who failed to attend missed a treat. The play, given by the Euronian Literary Society was "The Woven Web," and all of the characters were remarkably well cast and well sustained. While all were fine, and showed that Miss Sawyer, (the teacher of expression) had given careful and intelligent training perhaps Mr. R. F. Mousse, as "Uncle Toby" gave the most enjoyment—his being a humorous part and delightfully played. Prof. Paterson as "the villain," Miss Baker as Louise Falconer, Mr. Smith as Walter Hastings, and Mr. Lineberger as "Tim" were all fine. The Lenoir College Orchestra added much to the evening's enjoyment by the sweet music it rendered. It is hoped the play will be repeated at an early date.

Mr. H. Campbell killed two fine porkers last week just one year old, the two weighing 890 pounds, the largest weighing 466 pounds. Mr. Campbell told us he had 20 days of feeding these hogs one year. Who is next?

Burglars are still on the alert around Hickory. On Monday night they entered Mr. Lawson's residence just in the edge of the city limits, broke into two bureau drawers and two trunks. Mr. Lawson was at home but could not detect who the parties were before making their escape.

Gunpowder Dots

Thanksgiving passed off quietly. A few rabbits and birds were taken, but we have not heard of any turkeys losing their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sherrill, of near Maiden, Catawba county, visited relatives and friends in this community last week.

You need not be surprised at the cold wave, as there was a wedding last Sunday. Mr. Ed Kirby and Miss Prady Starnes were made man and wife by C. W. Sherrill, J. P., reciting the "ceremony" in the presence of a few friends. Much happiness wished for the young couple.

Died at her home last Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, after long and painful suffering from cancer of the breast, Mrs. Dr. B. G. Flowers. Her funeral was held from Pisgah church, Alexander county, by her pastor, on Friday, after which her body was laid to rest to await the general resurrection.

In the death of this good woman, the church has lost one of her most devoted and consecrated members; society has lost an amiable and obliging friend, and the home has sustained an irreparable loss. Her taking away was peculiarly sad, but we mourn not as those who have no hope; for she left unmistakable evidence that all was well with her soul.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives, and point them for comfort to Him "who is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind."

Our school, which has been in progress three weeks, seems to be meeting every expectation. Fifty-two pupils have been enrolled out of a census of sixty-five.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Corpering spent a few days with relatives in Lenoir last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Smather visited their grandmother, Mrs. A. L. Sherrill, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Sherrill and children, and J. C. Sherrill, his father, of Hickory, visited relatives in this vicinity the last of the past week.

Fine Horse and Buggy at Auction

I will sell to the highest and best bidder on next Saturday, Dec. 14, 1907, at about two o'clock, near the First National Bank in Hickory, a very fine and extra fast black horse, Henry. He will work anywhere, double or single. Will be four years old latter part of next May. Also a Babcock rubber tyre buggy and a set of harness. The horse, buggy and harness are to be sold because the owner needs the money to complete a public enterprise.

Hickory, Dec. 9th, 1907.
Z. B. Buchanan,
Auctioneer.

The annual report of the County Commissioners is published in this issue.

A number of good names are added to our list daily. The Democrat covers the city like the dew.

You will have no trouble finding just what you want for a suitable Xmas present at the Newton Hosiery Mills Store, Santa Claus' Headquarters.

P. C. Setzer says that Henry Killian has come back to the old party to stay. What will Teddy think of this?

There is a new superintendent and chief electrician for the Thornton Light and Power Co., Mr. D. L. Wray, formerly of Spartanburg, S. C., having taken the place of Mr. R. H. Hilton.

It doesn't sound like a panic to read the report of the condition of our city banks. They are in the best condition ever.

Mr. J. W. Blackwelder is confined to his room this week on account of a sore foot.

Don't fail to see Sledge & Pleasant's display ad in this issue. It will be a great help to you in selecting your presents.

Dr. Gwaltney continues very ill.

Miss Mattie Porter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Palmer, in Gastonia.

Mrs. M. I. Feimster, of Rutherford College, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Hahn.

Mrs. Crutchfield, of Gastonia, is with her father, Dr. Gwaltney.

Miss Precyous Hahn is quite sick with grippe.

J. D. Elliott is Mayor of the City.

At a recent meeting of the board of aldermen, J. D. Elliott was elected mayor of the city of Hickory to fill out the unexpired term of J. H. P. Cilley, who resigned the office. S. L. Whitener was made alderman to fill out Mr. Elliott's term.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

at Hickory, in the State of North Carolina at the close of business Dec. 31, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$ 402,696.42
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,824.68
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	77,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,875.00
Bond, securities, etc	3,000.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	12,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	60,650.99
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,359.34
Due from approved reserve agents	22,921.62
Checks and other cash items	1,535.87
Fractional paper currency, notes, and cents	530.48
Specie	13,675.00
Legal-tender notes	21,227.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	3,850.00
Total	\$ 625,146.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,075.25
National Bank notes outstanding	77,000.00
Due to other National Banks	12,319.25
Due to State Banks and Bankers	15,783.98
Individual deposits subject to check	160,579.07
Demand certificates of deposit	74,073.51
Cashier's checks outstanding	565.34
Bonds borrowed	27,000.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	31,750.00
Total	\$ 625,146.40

State of North Carolina, County of Catawba, ss:

I, K. C. Menzies, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

K. C. MENZIES, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Dec, 1907.

C. A. MOSER, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
A. A. SHUFORD,
J. L. RIDDLE,
W. B. MENZIES
Directors.

My Best Friend

Alexander Benton, who lives on Rural Route 1, Fort Edward, N. Y., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is my best earthly friend. It cured me of asthma six years ago. It has also performed a wonderful cure of incipient consumption for my son's wife. The first bottle ended the terrible cough, and this accomplished, the other symptoms left one by one, until she was perfectly well. Dr. King's New Discovery's power over coughs and colds is simply marvelous." No other remedy has ever equaled it. Fully guaranteed by C. M. Shuford, Menzies Drug Store, and W. S. Martin, Druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, a single dose of Doan's Regulents is enough. Treatment cures habitual constipation. 25 cents a box. Ask your druggist for them.

Heavy, impure blood makes a muddy, pimply complexion, head aches, nausea, indigestion. Thin blood makes you weak, pale sickly. Burdock Blood Bitters makes the blood rich, red, pure—restores perfect health.

Doing Business Again

"When my friends thought I was about to take leave of this world, on account of indigestion, nervousness and general debility," writes A. A. Chisholm, Treadwell, N. Y., "and when it looked as if there was no hope left, I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again as of old, and am still gaining daily." Best of all tonic medicines. Guaranteed by C. M. Shuford, Menzies Drug Co., and W. S. Martin, druggist. 50c

Notice

Having qualified as administrator of W. H. Shirer (dead) late of Catawba county, North Carolina, this is to certify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of November, 1908, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 18th day of November, 1907.
S. M. SHIRER,
Administrator

Millinery Opening

In order to give everyone a chance to get a new hat for Xmas we will for the next 5 Days Beginning Dec. 10th

give 25 per cent off on hats and feathers. Now is your time to buy, when you can get nice, new stylish goods at so small a sum.

Respectfully
MISS M. E. MICHAEL

BOOKS ARE ALWAYS THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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VAN DYKE BOOK AND ART SHOP
You Will Find
Books for Everybody
Holiday Books, Bibles
Novels Testaments
Art Books Nature Books
Classics Children's Books

Van Dyke Book and Art Shop
Hickory, N. C.

Our Store is Crowded

As never before with desirable merchandise

You will find here the goods you want and the prices are reasonable.

Excellent Stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Shoes and Grocers

We are after your business and offer you goods that will appeal to you from the standpoint of style, quality and price.

W. G. FOX
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Dealers In
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