



BEAUTIFUL XMAS REMEMBRANCES

Goods of Quality and Good Taste

Now is the time to make your Yuletide selections. This year I have a larger selection than ever. The Newest and Most Attractive Goods of THE RICHEST MATERIALS ARE TO BE SEEN IN MY STOCK.



GOLD JEWELRY Such as Brooches, Scarf Pins, Rings Hat Pins, Cuff Links, Chains, Lockets etc. in abundance.	DIAMONDS And Diamond Jewelry—My stock of this class is always good and I can supply you with the best patterns at the best prices.	SILVERWARE. Sterling Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons, Hollow Ware and many odd pieces. Candle Sticks, and Jewel Caskets.	SILVER NOVELTIES. Sterling Toilet Articles, Combs, Brushes, Mirrors and all Manicure pieces—All new designs this Season.	UMBRELLAS. In Fine Gold Filled and Sterling Silver Handles and the best Silk Cover at right prices.	CUT GLASS. Of the Richest Quality at prices generally charged for that of lower quality.
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The design of all goods are especially attractive, and the quality the best. The kind that characterizes Bisanar's goods. Only reliable goods sold.

WATCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

in all reliable makes and grades, from the plain nickel at \$2.00 to the purest gold, Your gift, when bought of me, has a value, and makes a useful and lasting present. Fine hand engraving on all articles sold.

GEO. E. BISANAR, Jeweler and Optician

BUSINESS BUILDERS.

Advertisements inserted under this head at 5 cents a line for each insertion

Plumbing, Roofing and Gutting

Done by expert workmen. All kinds of tin work on short notice. A full line of bath tubs, bowles and sinks, with hot and cold water fixtures. We will do your work right.

Hickory Roofing & Tinning Co

For Sale.—A farm of one hundred and eleven acres on Island Ford road five miles east of Newton, three miles south of Claremont, nice level land with fifty acres in timber, good dwelling house, barn and granery and tenant house, watered by well, spring and two branches. For further information call on, or write Y. M. Setzer, Claremont, N. C. R. F. D. 1.

Umstead's for vases and fancy cups and saucers.

We don't make a big fuss, but we have the goods at prices that will suit you. Come o see us. Harris & Little.

Mr. L. Suttlemyre of Rhodhiss came to see us today.

Don't try to make your fruit cake when you can buy them and much nicer cake at the City bakery.

Re. D. A. Goodman of Connelly Springs was here Thursday.

A big line of ladies and gents underwear, wool or cotton, Harris & Little.

Umsteads for toilet sets, plain and fancy lamps and save money.

You can get any kind of cake you desire for Xmas at the City bakery.

Fine Japanese goods for Xmas presents at Umstead's.

Rugs and art squares make Xmas presents that are appreciated. You can save money by buying them at Shuford's Furniture store.

A good farm for rent in Mecklenburg County, apply to The Catawba Employment Agency, this office, Hickory, N. C.

A Hoosier Kitchen cabinet will make your wife happy, save her many steps, see them at Shuford Furniture store.

Blank deeds Mortgages and other legal blanks for sale at this office.

You can buy a genuine leather couch for \$16.50 at Shuford's furniture store.

Wanted at once.—A farm hand or cropper, for excellent cultivated farm near Hickory. Terms liberal. Apply at once to Catawba Employment Agency, Democrat building, Hickory, N. C.

Globe Wernicke Elastic book-cases, Haviland china dinner sets, china closets, sideboards, leather upholstered rockers, quartered oak rockers and many other articles, that will make your friends happy. Shuford furniture store.

Local and Personal

Dr. McNairy of Lenoir, was in the city this week.

Mr. J. W. Toney, of Atlanta, was here Monday.

Mr. F. F. Allred of Granite was here Wednesday.

Mrs. C. E. Nabors of Rhodhiss was here Wednesday.

Dr. C. C. Wearer of Lenoir, was on our streets Monday.

Phone 37 for good job printing. Work done when promised.

Mrs. Harry Sigmon of Asheville, will spend Sunday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Wood, of R. F. D. 1, were in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Lee Bradford a prominent merchant of Iredell Co. was here Monday.

Hon. A. A. Whitener is attending Federal court in Charlotte this week.

Mrs. T. C. Blackburn and baby have gone to visit her parents at DeSota, Mo.

Mr. E. E. Norris and sister Miss Jennie Norris of Boone, are visiting friends in the city.

Don't forget the editor. If you fail to pay your subscription there will be no Xmas for him.

Hon. M. H. Yount spent most of last week in Morganton, engaged in an important law suit.

When a man begins figuring on cutting down expenses, he should remember that it isn't far to the bone.

The sensation of the season. "The Night Riders of Tennessee" —soon to appear at the Opera House.

Mr. M. Gambriel, a capitalist from Baltimore, spent a few days here this week, the guest of Mr. J. A. Martin.

The subject of the sermon at the Reformed church next Sunday morning will be, "The Christmas song."

Mr. James Drum of West Hickory killed a porker this week that weighed 495 pounds net. The hog was thirteen months old. Who can beat this?

J. A. Herndon has moved his family to Kinston, N. C., where he has accepted the position as superintendent of the North State Mutual Life Ins Co.

We wish to ask the citizens of Hickory this question: What in your judgement is Hickory's most urgent need? We will welcome your reply and will publish same in our next issue.

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Miss Mildred Gray, who has been attending Claremont college left yesterday for her home in Newton, to spend the Holidays.

Richard, the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. J. W. Shuford, fell Saturday afternoon while carrying wood and broke his thigh. The boy is now in a very painful condition.

Miss Jennie Blackburn of Boone, left for her home Monday after spending a few days in the city with friends. Mrs. McCoy Moretz entertained a few friends at her home Friday evening in honor of Miss Blackburn.

Miss Ella Deal who has been teaching in Henderson County for the past few months passed through Hickory a few days ago enroute for her home at Lenoir. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Mace while in Hickory.

Prof. Staley asked us to state in the Democrat that the graded school would close for two weeks during Christmas. School would open for work Jan. 4th 1909, at 2 o'clock Friday of this week there will be exercises in the auditorium beginning at 1 o'clock. Parents are invited.

Esq. L. R. Whitener's first case came up at his office last Saturday and was a rather interesting affair. R. D. Latta and C. M. Sherrill were sued by M. L. Flannagan for the sum of \$114.00 for board for baseball teams last summer. Verdict in favor of Plaintiff.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Rice's Bakery appearing elsewhere in this paper. Mr. Rice is prepared to serve you with anything in the way of bread, cakes or pies. He makes a specialty of cakes for special occasions, weddings, receptions, and parties. A Christmas cake baked here will be extremely nice. Give your order for Xmas cake and be pleased.

The large display advertisement of the Underselling Store, L. E. Zerden proprietor, will interest many of our readers this week as they carry a full and complete line of all kinds of wearing apparel. Mr. Zerden is a man of rare business ability, and has established the reputation as underseller since he has been in our town. His goods are high-class and those who do their trading with him will have the satisfaction of buying where their friends are buying.

Revenue officers, Blalock Jones, and Kennedy, made a raid on the booze factories of the county last week and captured five gallons of brandy. The blockaders were operating in country around Ellis Stephens, and had been feeding still slop to the hogs. The officers think they have sufficient evidence to convict the guilty parties.

Beautiful Christmas Scene.
W. S. Martin & Co's window is the most perfect representation of Christmas we have ever seen. A brick chimney is almost covered with snow, with Santa Claus just rising above the top, while the snow is still falling thick and fast. Altogether, it presents a lovely picture.

Loads of good toys and holiday goods for 5 and 10c at Umstead's

Umstead's for dolls, carriages, beds and doll goods.

For drums, horns, pistols, etc. Go to Umstead's.

Our 5 and 10 cent counters are loaded with good things, suitable for small Xmas presents.

The newest and best things in plain and colored glassware at Umstead's.

Let the Catawba Employment Agency get that job for you.

You had better hurry if you get your share of the Christmas goods of Morrison Bros. at forced sale prices. They are going fast.

The Catawba Employment Agency will furnish that help for you.

Three-months Old Shoats.—Thrifty and fine at \$3.50 delivered to Hickory. Return pigs and get your money if not pleased. J. E. COULTER, Connelly Springs, N. C.

For Sale.—A small family horse at a bargain. Rev. D. A. Goodman Connelly Springs.

If you want—satisfaction in selection and economy in prices, our holiday stock fills your needs. Our goods the best and price the fairest. Morrison Bros., Co.

OPERA HOUSE

WEDNSDAY NIGHT, DEC. 23rd

The Renald's Dramatic Company will present the sensation of the season.

Night Riders of Tennessee

True and Startling Story of Night Rider's Struggle with Planters and Tobacco Trust

Similar to "The Clansman," "The Traitor," etc.

15 PEOPLE IN CASTE 15 Refined Specialties Between Acts

Prices, 15c, 25c and 35c

Christmas Presents

Pretty and Cheap

—AT—

Sledge & Pleasants.

Just the thing for Husbands, Wives, Daughters, Sons and the small boys and girls. We cannot begin to mention

All the Things We Have,

but cordially invite you to come and see our

LADIES' SUITS, CLOAKS,
FURS, BLANKETS AND OTHER THINGS

Still Going at Reduced Prices.

Yours, etc.

SLEDGE & PLEASANTS.

Millinery Cut In Half.

Notice of Share-Holders Meeting

HICKORY, N. C., Dec. 8th, 1908.
The Annual Meeting of the Share-Holders of the First National Bank, Hickory, N. C., for the purpose of electing Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at its Banking House, January 12th, 1909, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
K. C. MENZIES, Cashier.

OUR STORE

Is Headquarters for Dolls, Toys, and Holiday Goods Here you will find Suitable Presents for everyone, Young and Old, Rich or Poor.

Largest and Best Selected Stock

To be seen in this section of the country. We have never Offered better Values than we are this season.

Better Prepared to Serve You

Than ever before. First our store is supplied with Experienced and Competent Sales-girls. Second, we have put in

A CASH CARRIER SISTEM

It is a great benefit, both to Customers and Sales-girls, as well as to ourselves during the Busy Holiday Trading Season. Come in and watch the girls roll the Nickels and Dimes over the lines, nothing will please them better than to keep them busy. No amount of cash too small or large to send over the Line. If you have, or haven't seen Our Store before, we want you to see it now.

ON SATURDAY THE 12th.

We will commence giving out one numbered Ticket to each one coming to our store, and continue to give them until the quantity is given out. The number on one will Correspond with that of

THE FINE DOLL

Displayed in our Show Window. The one holding this Ticket will

GET THE DOLL FREE

The number of Doll will be placed in the window Christmas morning. You don't have to buy anything at all to get the ticket. We will be pleased to give you a ticket if you come in our store. Let all the children come from the baby up to grandma and grandpa.

Why Not You Be The Lucky One? Who knows. STORE OPEN AT NIGHT.

UMSTEAD'S Santa Clause's Store

The Democrat is only \$1.00 a Year,