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Anniversary Sale

Our business will be one year old on Saturday. We are going to celebrate our birthday with a four days sale, before going into detail we want to thank the people of Hickory for their valuable patronage during the past year. We attribute our success to serving our customers satisfactorily, giving them dependable merchandise, honest values, and a good store service. No dept. in our store has shown a larger increase than our mail order department which is under the supervision of a member of our firm. Read these special items, send us your orders, and if the goods are not satisfactory send them back, your money will be refunded promptly.

Special Display of Sheet Music

During the sale we will mail any order for sheet music postage paid. Write for our music catalogue, free. All music 10c a copy.

Childrens Dresses

Our new spring line is now complete. We are showing dresses of Chambray, gingham or Percal in a variety of up-to-date styles. 50c, 98c and \$1.48.

Pictorial Review Patterns

The new Spring Patterns are now on sale at the pattern counter. Your order mailed same day received unless pattern is not in stock when it will be forwarded in two days. All patterns 10c and 15c.

Tooth Brushes and Other Brushes

12 1-2 and 1c Tooth Brushes, anniversary price.....10c
Kleanwell Tooth Brushes, anniversary price.....22c
Prophylactic Tooth Brushes, anniversary price.....22c
Shaving Brushes, anniversary price 9c
Small Scrub Brushes, anniversary price.....10c
10c Nail Brushes, anniversary price 5c
50c Hair Brushes, anniversary price 42c
Hair Brushes, anniversary price.....22c

Ladies Initial Handkerchiefs

Hemstitched cambric handkerchiefs, embroidered initials, anniversary price..... 6 for 25c

Embroidered Collars

All our 25c embroidered collars go on sale at special anniversary price.....19c

10 Anniversary Specials

And The Days They Will Be on Sale

Saturday, March 8

TURKISH TOWELS—A special purchase for this sale. Assorted sizes and you will find some slightly soiled. 12 1-2 to 19c values, anniversary price 9c. 22 to 39c values, anniversary price 19c

PURE CASTILE SOAP—This is fresh from the factory and is absolutely pure castile. One pound bars for 10c

MENS HANDKERCHIEFS—Good quality mens handkerchiefs, anniversary price..... 7 for 25c
No Mailed Orders Filled for Soap.

Monday, March, 10th.

1800 YARDS of TISSUR PLISSE—A soft wrinkle crepe fabric in plain colors and stripes, they will be shown for the first time on Monday, and they are worth your inspection. Regular 19 and 25c values, anniversary price..... 12 1-2

WIDE SHADOW LACE—A lucky purchase brings these before you on Monday at very much less than regular price. Edge and insertions to match. Anniversary price..... 12 1-2c

Tuesday, March 11th.

MERCERIZED TABLE DAMASK will be the principal special for this day. 64 inches wide in a good range of patterns, dot, rose, fleur-de-lis, lily and stripe designs sold regularly at 39 to 58c. Anniversary price..... 29c

VAL LACE, insertion and edge to match good range of patterns. Anniversary price..... 25c a dozen yards

Wednesday, March 12th

STAMPED TOWELS—Not necessary to describe these, you know what they are. Anniversary price..... 10c

SCARFS and SHAMS—Some stores advertise these as "Drawn Work", they are not drawn work, but a very good imitation. Anniversary price..... 19c

All the above specials are on display in our large show windows.

New Spring Goods at Anniversary Prices

Ramie Linen.

All pure Irish linen, 36 inches wide. pink, blue, white and tan. Anniversary price..... 37 1-2

50c TUB SILKS 29c

Grey, blue, pink, helio and brown. 27 inches wide. Anniversary price..... 29c

Linen Damask

Extra heavy quality, sold in the regular way for \$1.25. Anniversary price..... 98c

Bleached Damask

72 inches wide. Assorted patterns. Anniversary price..... 45c.

Bed Spreads

Full double bed size. Regular \$1.25 value. Anniversary price..... 98c

Imported Shirtings

These beautiful shirtings are 25c and 29c values. Anniversary price..... 22c

Taffeta Ribbon

All silk taffeta ribbon, pink, navy, red light blue and white. Anniversary price..... 9c

MOIRE RIBBON 4 inches wide, light blue, pink, lavender.....19c

POLITICIANS AND THEIR WAYS.

Why They Always Oppose Commission Form of Government—Introduce Partisan Feeling to Cover Their Designs of Continuing Their Leadership at the Expense of the Best Good of the People—Under New Charter There can be no Ring or Clique to Dominate the Nominations or Election of Officers

It has been the universal experience wherever a commission form of government has been introduced that the local politicians are always lined up on the side opposed to the introduction of this form of government. The reason is obvious—their occupation and prestige as directors of who shall and who shall not be placed before the people as candidates for office, is gone. Under the provisions of the new charter, packed conventions in the interest of any particular man or men will be an utter impossibility. Rump conventions sprung in secret session at the eleventh hour (an effective card in the hands of scheming politicians) are also done away with.

The primary law under the new charter is made for the people and not for the politicians, and that is why the politician is so active in his opposition, telling the dear people that THEIR liberty as party men is at stake, whereas it is in reality the power of the local politician that goes a glimmering. Any citizen of Hickory who can secure the indorsement of 25 voters can become a candidate at any city primary election, and it would be a mighty sorry citizen who would want to run for office if he could not get 25 men to indorse his candidacy. Unlike the present form of nomination at a convention, there will be ample time for thought in the selection of candidates. The good and bad points of the various candidates can be dissected and analyzed before the primaries, and the voter has a second opportunity to exercise his choice between candidates at the regular election.

In regard to the Mercury's intimation that the makers of the new charter virtually insinuated graft on the part of the present city board, Mr. Self said: "Mr. Chick didn't mean that. The statement is unworthy of him. It shows how hard up the opposition is for some argument. Mr. Elliott replied to Mr. Self, reiterating his former statements, but generally conceding the great speech Mr. Self made, and saying: "Gus, almost though persuaded me."

THE "ONLY" FORM.

Friend of Mr. H. W. Harris Strongly Endorses Commission Government.

In reply to a letter of inquiry from Mr. H. W. Harris of Harris & Little, as to how commission government works in Columbia, Mr. F. W. Germany, a prominent citizen of the S. C. capital, and a friend of Mr. Harris, writes him as follows: "I think the Commission Form of Government is the only form of government, and I heartily endorse it, and I think most everybody in this city does. I know we are advancing more than we did under the old form of government."

Hickory Chamber of Commerce, Too. The Chamber of Commerce at Asheville has taken the initiative in the movement there for the commission form of government, as also in the movement for a more equitable system of taxation and other matters that are of as vital interest as the bringing of new industries to a city. The Greater Charlotte Club might well take the Asheville organization as its model in some things.—Charlotte Evening Chronicle.

The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce was the medium through which that city secured "government by commission", and the Hickory Chamber of Commerce also took the initiative in the movement and has prepared a new charter on the commission form that will be voted upon on the 17th of this month.

A Strong Point.

Charlotte Evening Chronicle, Feb. 24. Some of the advocates of the present form of government in the city or of the revised charter make the point that there are many large improvements and public works under way in the city at present. Therein they put their finger on one of the strongest arguments for the commission form of government. In every one of the 265 cities that have the commission form of government it has been found that better work has been done for less money than had been done before under the old system of government. Strict supervision, full efficiency and economical management for municipal improvements are just about 7 per cent. more certain under the commission form of government than under the present system. If you have a justifiable kick at present you can't find where to place it. This system of ours is great for the public official who wishes to escape responsibility.

Mr. Elmore Herman, of North Newton, has made 83 bu. of corn on an acre.

Mr. J. E. Ransom, of Weldon, son of the late ex-Senator Matt W. Ransom while visiting his sister, Miss Esther, during her illness, was convinced of the importance of this section as a growing community, and purchased the 40-acre farm of Mr. B. P. Bass, near the city. The purchase was as an investment and was made through Mr. J. C. Martin, who, by the way, is doing a real estate business in connection with his furniture store.

WAIT for our Millinery Opening March 17-18. Beckley & Brown Over Thompson-West.

The County Teachers Meeting at Newton Saturday considered the following subjects: "How far is the teacher responsible for work done at school?" "The Idler, what to do with him or her;" "What is good discipline?" These questions were lucidly handled by Profs. R. G. Mae, Whifentunt, Staley, Baker and others. The weather made the crowd a little smaller than usual.

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Miss Lelia Whitener, of Newton spent several days here visiting Mrs. F. Dietz.

Miss Lucille Cook of Connelly Springs spent Monday with Miss Sadie Salvo.

HICKORY PROOF.

Should Convince Every Democrat Reader.

The frank statement of a neighbor, telling the merits of a remedy. Bids you pause and believe. The same endorsement By some stranger far away Commands on belief at all. Here's a Hickory case. A Hickory citizen testifies. Read and be convinced. William Mosteller, 1214 Twelfth Ave., Hickory, N. C., says: "My back pained me almost constantly and the secretions from my kidneys were far too frequent and painful in passage. There were times when I could hardly get through my day's work. The contents of two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Moser & Lau's Drug Store, disposed of my trouble and made me feel better than I had in a long time. The strong testimonials I read in praise of Doan's Kidney Pills induced me to try them and I shall always be thankful for what they did for me."

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A Brilliant Debate on New Charter. (Continued from First Page)

city fathers of 23 years ago to say that the sons cannot build better than the sires?

Mr. Elliott says this charter is made for a city of 50,000 people. That is an unintended compliment to the new charter, and if it lasts 23 years, Hickory will have 50,000 (Applause). "A wonderful old charter we have for what it could do but didn't."

One criticism of the charter he had read was that it disfranchised the voter who couldn't read or write. Such a man, it was argued, could not sign his name to the petitions for nominating a candidate for mayor and would therefore be deprived of having a say in city affairs. Here is another bugaboo! There are plenty of men who can't sign their names who have nevertheless signed promissory notes, that were good, too. "Those men made their mark. They touched the pen, and so can they do in signing charter petitions. Such an argument as this was 'rot.'"

In regard to the charge that taxes would be increased under the charter, Mr. Self read from the revisal to show that the power under the state law to levy a special license tax on any trade or profession is optional under the new as well as the old charter. The comparative taxing power under the old and new charter he showed to be as follows:

	old	new
Property tax.....	\$2.25	\$1.70
Poll tax.....	7.65	5.10
Street tax.....	3.00	2.00

Mr. Self then produced the Times-Mercury and answered the criticisms of the charter in it. He was as good a friend of the editor as the latter had in this city. In answer to theory of danger as to the city manager being a boss, Mr. Self said that this official was to hold his job "at the pleasure of the board of aldermen." He did not even have to be discharged for cause. He was merely a hired man employed to look after the business of the city. Not much of a "Boss" about that kind of a job, is there, friends?

Mr. Self then took up an editorial in the "Mercury" on the city attorney's fees. He said that the editor took up almost a column to tell us something, and told us absolutely nothing. The editorial began by saying there were all kinds of rumors about the amount of money the city attorney drew from the city treasury, and yet the editor does not tell us how much he really does get. Now Mr. Chick was city clerk for a number of years, and should know how to get that information. As a newspaper man he knows that would be the proper way to answer his statement that the city attorney had been drawing an excessive amount. Did he do it? No. Could he not get the information, and if not, why not?

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