THE MONROE JOURNAL.

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The Charlotte Observer calls attention to the fact that in the short editorial that The Journal quoted from it last week relative to the proposition to build railroad cars in North Carolina, and which was used as a text to hang some remarks upon regarding the beef trust's control of the refrigerator cars, the suggestion which it advocated was the building of freight, and not refrigerator cars. This is true, and we confess to not having made the distinction sufficiently clear. The Observer adds that the remedy for the ills that come from the modern oppressive methods of such concerns as the refrigerator car people is not to be found in socialism. In this we heartily agree, but where it is to be found is a question too disheartening for us to tackle in view of the fact that President Roosevelt's commissioner who investigated the beef trust could find no wrong with it. We merely make the point that if the people ever become aroused they will not be turned aside from what they conceive to be a remedy by the mere fact that somebody may call their plan socialism or any other particular name. But when they will become aroused to an intelligent appreciation of the situation, we have no power of knowing. Certainly not as long as a fair degree of prosperity holds out.

Graft.

The following is from the News and Observer of Raleigh:

"There are more ways of putting men of influence under obligations than anybody but a railroad man understands. Some are given passes, and in order to evade the law are made 'employes,' 'directors,' 'law agents,' attorneys, or some other designation that does not contravene the law. Some are given special concessions in the way of sidetracks, rebates, or some like graft. Others are permitted to put their dependents on the pay-roll at better salaries than are paid to men whose kin cannot help the railroad in politics. It has been said that it is often almost impossible for any man, even to firemen, seeking apprenticeships, to get a start unless by the request of some special influence. By a thousand devices the laws against discriminations are evaded and flaunted, and whenever there is attempt to enforce them, the railroad is sure to have a man on deck to yell 'Anarchist' at the man who wants to compel the railroads to give 'equal rights to all and special privileges to none.' Ten times out of nine the man who cries out against the man who wants to end favoritism is a free pass-toter or has a relative on the pay-roll or has some other species of graft!"

Graft is becoming the bane of this country. It is said that Americanism means the equality of opportunity. That is the theoretical meaning, but it is no longer the practical one. And the pity of it all is that the public conscience is already as dull as a frow to it and getting worse everyday. The astonishing progress that the doctrine of graft has made is enough to alarm the stoutest believer in the future of our country. It used to be confined to politics, but now it has invaded business even on a larger scale.

Chicago's Civil War.

New York World.

Chicago's civil war is a direct consequence of Chicago's bad government. The police are powerless to maintain order because they have never been taught to maintain order.

For years the city has been temporizing with all its elements of lawlessness. Disorder was not put down with a strong hand. Rioting was not suppressed. Criminals were not punished. The city government followed the line of least resistance, and the results are seen in this civil conflict.

The strikers assume that they have a natural right to smash heads and kill "scabs." The employers on their part assume that they have a natural right to equip an army of their own to shoot down the mob. The large and aggressive criminal element of the city finds in a condition of civic anarchy new license to prey upon defenseless citizens.

Chicago has played with lawlessness so many years that her administrative faculties are paralyzed. New policemen are sworn in by the hundred, but rioting and violence continue unchecked. Nobody expects the police to restore order. The city authorities do not even appreciate their helplessness. Chicago in various ways is paying a heavy price for long-continued bad government at the hands of its demagogues.

Naval Battle Seems Impending.

St. Petersburg Dispatch, 15th.

A naval action within a few days is regarded as likely in well informed naval circles. The Associated Press learns that Admiral Rojestvensky and Rear Admiral Nebogatoff joined forces May 10. There is reason to believe the united fleet will proceed northward immediately. No delay was necessary for the purpose of coaling or cleaning Nebogatoff's fleet, as his division made a stop for this purpose after entering the straits of Malacca.

Upon the strength of an untraceable rumor an evening paper here announces that a naval battle had commenced, but the admiralty has no confirmation of the report and discredits it.

See Doster Grocery Company for candies, cakes and crackers.

News from Upper Goose Creek.

Correspondence of The Journal.

The death of Mr. F. K. Biggers was a great shock to this community. He was a prosperous farmer, a good neighbor, and a kind husband and father. He was a son of the late Norris Biggers. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and the body was taken in charge by them and escorted to the cemetary, with a large number of neighbors and friends. Rev. Mr. Pusey held services at the grave.

Some farmers have not planted any cotton yet, while a few have finished. Oats are good and wheat is looking well.

Mr. Sam Long, son of Esq. W. G. Long, has been in Charlotte for treatment by Dr. Nisbet, but has not improved much. He will go to Baltimore for treatment.

There was a mad dog in this section last week but he didn't find many dogs to bite. We killed them about all last winter. A. W. M.

Damage in Cleveland.

Shelby Special, 15th.

Onely Carr, the ten-year-old son of Mr. Lee Carr, was drowned this afternoon while in swimming with some of his small playmates in a creek near this place. Mr. Lee Carr is the superintendent of the Belmont Cotton Mill of this place.

A number of severe storms have frequented Cleveland county during the past week. St. Peter's church was blown from the pillars and a number of the tombstones in the graveyard were blown down. The barn of Hon. R. L. Ryburn, in the town of Shelby, was struck by lightning and burned, also another barn near Shelby was struck by lightning and burned.

Crops in this county have been damaged by the heavy rains. In some sections the crops have been almost destroyed by hail.

Put Cat in Bag and Drew Out Five

New York World.

Starting to climb downward from the topmost branches of a tall tree with one cat in a bag, Peter Sagg, a humane man, landed on the ground with five cats in the bag—or rather one cat and four kittens.

"Born in transit," a trolley car conductor suggested after looking at the kittens.

The mother cat was chased up the tree four days ago by dogs and remained there even after the dogs had gone. Crying all night the residents of Bronxdale tried to induce the cat to come down.

Peter Sagg saw the predicament of the cat and volunteered to rescue it. He climbed up the tree and the cat kept going higher. Sagg finally reached it and plunged it into the bag.

When the bag was presented to "Mandy" Ferris, who owns the cat, she was much surprised to find that her property had increased four times. The kittens will be named Tree, Bark, Leaves and Limbs.

CONSTELLATION OF ARIES.

The Ram With the Golden Fleece of Argonautic Fame.

Early on the 21st of March the sun enters the sign of Aries, and astronomical spring begins. Two or three thousand years ago, when the heavenly groups were originally fashioned, Aries marked the vernal equinox, the passage of the sun through which betokens the opening of spring. Owing, however, to the slow westward movement of the equinoctial points Aries in reality has no longer the honor once accorded it, but has drifted to the eastward.

The constellation of Aries represents in mythology the ram with the golden fleece of argonautic fame, and a short sketch of its history may be of interest. Athanius, a legendary king of Thessaly, had two children, Phrixus and Helle, and he also had two wives, having repudiated the first and taken a second. The stepmother was not at all good to the children and treated them so badly that she aroused sympathy in their behalf. Among those interested in the youngsters was Mercury, who sent a ram, which took them on its back, sprang into the air and hustled them off to the eastward.

In those days Europe and Asia were separated by a strait, as we find in a measure to be the case today, and the girl Helle became frightened or perhaps dizzy from seasickness in crossing the water at this very rough time in her experience, lost her hold and fell into the straits which to this day are known as the Hellespont. The boy had a better hold and kept on until he reached the far end of the Black sea. Phrixus showed a spirit of sacrifice, not of self, however, by killing the ram and presenting its golden fleece to the king of the country, who caused it to be hung in the sacred grove of the Aries under the guard of a sleepless dragon. The star marking the forehead was called by the Arabs Hamal, which means sheep. In very early times it is said that the Greeks considered this star as the sunrise herald of the vernal equinox.—New York Times.

Condolence.

One of the hardest things in the world is to condole with anybody in a misfortune or a bereavement.

If it were not that the matter is generally serious a great many funny stories could be printed about the condolences people offer to the bereaved. But at Manchester some time ago a hardworking Irishman fell out of a fourth story window and broke his neck.

His wife was of course in great distress.

After the funeral a neighbor called to offer her sympathy and condolence.

"It was a very sad thing indeed."

"Indeed it was. To die like that—to fall out of a fourth story window."

"An' was it so bad?" asked the visitor. "Sure, an' I heard it was only a third story window."

Unique Will of the Late Washington Duke.

Durham Special, 12th.

Late yesterday afternoon the will of the late Washington Duke was probated and today the full details of the will were given to the public. Messrs. B. N. Duke and J. B. Duke are named as executors of the will and trustees of the estate. It is learned that the true value of the estate will be something more than a million dollars. The value will be shown when the inventory list is filed.

There are quite a large number of beneficiaries under the will. To some thirty odd nephews, neices, grand nephews, grand neices and other kins people he left $1,000 each. This is to be distributed as early as the trustees think proper. To educational, benevolent, religious and other like organizations the following behests were made:

North Carolina Methodist conference $10,000—$5,000 each to home missions and to provide a fund for taking care of the aged and infirm ministers of the conference.

Western North Carolina Methodist conference $10,000—$5,000 each to home missions and to care for aged ministers.

North Carolina African Conference and the Western North Carolina African Conference of the Methodist Church, $2,500 each.

Watts Hospital, Durham, $3,000.

Oxford Orphan Asylum, $3,000.

Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, $3,000.

Kittrell Institute, colored, $5,000.

Then there is set aside in trust thirty per cent. of the entire estate, this to be divied at different times until the youngest heir has reached thirty-five years of age. Thirty per cent. of the trust fund goes to B. N. Duke, a like amount to J. B. Duke. Twenty-eight per cent. of the trust fund goes to Brodie L. Duke, and the remaining twelve per cent. goes to the heirs of Mrs. Lyon, the only daughter, who died a number of years ago—these being Mrs. Mary W. Stagg, George L. Lyon and Buchanan Lyon. These funds, or a portion of the funds, are to be held in trust. For instance. The B. L. Duke twenty-eight per cent. of the trust fund is to be divided so that Mr. Duke will get half the fund during his life. The remaining one-half of this fund will go to the children, the sons to get one-third each at twenty, twenty-five and thirty years of age, and the daughters to get one-third each at twenty-five, thirty and thirty-five years of age.

In almost every divison of this trust fund there is a different provision. The fund is so held that his sons and grand children will always have something coming to them to provide against reverses of any kind in the future.

Most Sober People In France.

According to a statistician, the people of Paris are among the most sober of France. Each one of them only drinks annually on an average 217 liters of wine, and the same quantity is consumed by the inhabitants of Bordeaux and Angouleme. Nice is the thirstiest place, for the consumption there is 276 liters per head. Next to Nice comes St. Etienne, in the Loire, with 265 liters. In the matter of spirits only eight liters represent Paris in the statistics as against seventeen for Havre, sixteen for Nantes, fourteen for Boulogne-sur-Mer, ten for Calais and so on.—London Telegraph.

Capital Social Rivalry.

Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of the vice president, is planning quite an elaborate social campaign, one likely to make an epoch in the annals of the capital. Signs indicate that there will be at least a certain sort of rivalry between her and Mrs. Roosevelt. The close friends of both repudiate any such idea, but others are of the opinion that the coming season will see two moons shining in the social firmament. In any event it seems clear that the dual splendor will make the second Roosevelt administration one of historic social brilliance.

Our Up Country Cousin.

The greatest mistake that Canada ever made was in failing to join the other colonists in the rising of 1775 against England. Had Canada done this she would constitute ten or twelve states of the Union by this time, have 25,000,000 people instead of 6,000,000, as she has now, and would be part of the greatest country on the globe instead of being a dependency of a nation 3,000 miles away.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

For Counting Herrings.

Very clever is a Swedish inventor named Ekenberg, who has constructed a machine which takes herrings as they come from the net, sorts them into the four sizes recognized by the trade, scrapes off their scales, cuts off their heads, splits, cleans and washes them inside and out. The machine does all this automatically and turns out 20,000 herrings per hour.

Follows His Kin in Suicide.

Danbury, Conn., Dispatch, 16th.

David Briggs, a Brookfields farmer, the nineteenth member of his family to kill himself, was found drowned today. He threw himself into a mill pond on the outskirts of Bridgeport Sunday night.

The suicides in the family have followed at intervals of a few years for nearly half a century. Six years ago yesterday, Andrew Briggs, a rich farmer, weighted himself with a stone tied to a dog collar fastened about his neck and walked into a pond. His neighbors found a stick fastened at the edge of the pond pointing to the place where the body lay.

The President to Come South.

Washington Special, 14th.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina had a talk with the President today about the vacancy on the Gettysburg Battlefield Commission, for which there are several North Carolina applicants. The President informed Senator Simmons that the appointment had been promised to Major General Lansford L. Lomax of Virginia. Incidentally the President said he expected next October to take a trip through the South and it was his desire to visit both Raleigh and Charlotte, North Carolina.

The State grand lodge of Odd Fellows, in session at Raleigh this week, decided to erect, in connection with the Odd Fellows' orphanage at Goldsboro, a $6,000 building for aged and infirm Odd Fellows. The next meeting of the grand lodge will be held in Goldsboro.

Gov. R. B. Glenn has accepted the invitation to deliver the address of welcome to the Virginia editors, who meet in Asheville with the North Carolina editors on the 5th and 6th of July. It is possible that the South Carolina editors will also attend the meeting.

His Choice of a Church.

"What church do you belong to?" asked a friend once of Senator Matt Carpenter. "I don't belong to any." "Why don't you join one?" "I don't want to. None exactly suits my views." "What one would you join if you were to feel forced to a choice?" "The Catholic, by all means." "And why the Catholic?" "Because they have a purgatory, and that's a motion for a new trial."—Kansas City Independent.

STATEMENT

OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF CHAIN GANG, FROM MAY 2ND, 1904, TO MAY 1, 1905.

DEBTOR.

To cash on hand May 1, 1904	$ 362 18	
To cash from sale of 2 carts	17 00	
To cash sewer pipe sold Marshville township	11 50	
To cash for work on road Buford township	64 17	
To cash for rent of engine to F. M. Sutton	20 00	
To cash received from Sheriff	4,040 00—	$11,514 65

CREDITOR.

By coms. paid Co. Treasurer	328 31	
By cash overpaid by Sheriff returned to him	757 85	
By expenditures for the year, see itemized account	7,426 99—	$ 8,513 15
Cash on hand May 1, 1905		$ 3,001 50

Expenditures for May, 1904.

A. Levy, shoes for convicts	$ 17 00
Beasley Bros., printing annual statement	7 50
Ashcraft Bros., pbg. annual statement	7 50
Lichtenstein & Flow, shoes and clothing	2 75
Crow Bros., supplies	106 85
B. T. Fletcher, salary superintendent and guards, and supplies	116 50
J. H. Griffin, 7 cords wood	7 70
J. Shute & Sons, 3m feet lumber	3 88
C. N. Simpson, Jr., kerosene oil	9 10
M. L. Flow, J. P., convict costs	21 97
Lee & Lee, mdse., clothing, etc.	25
Adams, Jerome & Armfield, attys. fees 1yr	10 00
B. H. Covington, C. S. C., fees for convicts	19 55
Patrick & Co., 2 boxes meat	68 88
J. B. Nash, 9 bales hay	5 85
Montague & Co., carload sewer pipe	135 74
Heath-Lee Hdw. Co., hdw., tools, etc.	21 60
J. Baxter Williams, bill of corn	8 00
Total	$580 48

Expenditures for June, 1904.

B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	$107 10
M. L. Flow, J. P., costs of 2 convicts	6 70
C. C. & Dixon Sikes, hay, horse hire, etc. 3 months	52 50
Vann Sikes, peas	3 00
Monroe Hdw. Co., hdw., tools, etc.	43 75
Heath-Lee Hdw. Co., hdw., tools, etc.	28 10
J. W. Showalter, car of hay	198 45
Collins & Biggers, supplies	181 80
Total	$621 40

Expenditures for July, 1904.

B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	$109 95
Belk Bros., dry goods to make clothing for convicts	90 05
H. D. Griffin, shoeing mules	2 00
Patrick Young Co., 1 bbl. pork	15 27
Lichtenstein & Flow, clothing for convts	10 00
N. S. Ogburn, supplies	58 09
Lasey and Bivens, capturing Ernest Allen	10 00
J. M. Fairley, 3 mos. salary	12 00
Helms and others, corn, shop bill and supplies	76 55
J. C. Sikes, Sr., 3 mos. salary	12 00
T. E. Williams, 3 mos. salary	12 00
T. E. Williams, 1 load straw	1 50
J. W. Townsend, 3 mos. salary as clerk	6 00
J. B. Nash, rent old c. h. for shackels	40 00
Montague & Co., carload sewer pipe	131 08
J. H. Boyte, cabbage	6 50
Total	$680 14

Expenditures for August, 1904.

B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	$144 90
Lee & Lee, shoes, hats, etc.	9 90
R. A. Horn, sheriff, jail fees	7 10
M. L. Flow Co., supplies	187 18
M. L. Flow, J. P., convict costs	17 90
Armfield & Sons, hay, etc.	3 80
J. M. Fairley, expenses for convicts, meal etc.	40 33
J. H. Boyte, sour kraut	5 70
L. D. Helms, 25 bu. corn	22 50
Patrick Young Co., 1 box meat	35 91
John H. Griffin, wood	6 25
Mrs. S. J. Faulkner, making clothing	34 70
English Drug Co., drugs & mdse.	10 65
Total	$811 42

Expenditures for September, 1904

English Drug Co., drugs, etc.	$ 6 27
C. C. & V. D. Sikes, livery and horse hire	13 00
R. S. Howie, guard duty	1 40
R. A. Horn, sheriff, jail fees	4 80
M. L. Flow, J. P., costs convicts	8 80
B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	121 00
McRae Merc. Co., supplies	196 53
Shannon & Co., shoes, clothing, etc.	24 40
F. E. Patrick Co., 1 box meat	38 93
Montague & Co., sewer pipe	135 10
S. S. Richardson, bill of corn	20 70
John H. Griffin, wood and molasses	6 75
Total	$590 83

Expenditures for October, 1904.

M. L. Flow, J. P., costs convicts	$ 2 50
R. A. Horn, sheriff, jail fees	6 40
Belk Bros., cloth for clothing	60 22
S. B. Hart, supplies	132 87
B. T. Fletcher, salary self and guards, and supplies	150 77
English Drug Co., drugs	2 40
Heath-Lee Hdw. Co., wagon, tools, etc	106 50
J. W. Keziah, lumber	27 45
J. T. Walden, guard duty	15 00
F. E. Patrick Co., box meat	40 15
C. S. C. Polk Co., costs 2 convicts	32 30
L. R. Helms, corn	15 00
Monroe Fur. Co., mattress	3 50
S. S. Collins, bill lumber	26 64
J. M. Fairley, 3 mos. salary, etc.	15 00
T. E. Williams, 3 mos. salary, etc.	18 65
J. C. Sikes, Sr., 3 mos. salary	12 00
J. W. Townsend, 3 mos. salary as clerk	6 00
Total	$491 79

Expenditures for November, 1904

A. Levy, clothing and blankets	$ 48 20
M. L. Flow, costs convicts	28 45
C. C. & V. D. Sikes, livery and horse hire	16 00
Lee & Lee, shoes, etc.	19 00
Chas. S. Simpson, corn	4 20
B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	162 14
W. Baxter Williams, wood	15 00
Frank Jones, corn	14 70
A. C. Johnson, supplies	112 95
J. W. Keziah, lumber	16 40
F. E. Patrick Co., bacon	38 16
Montague & Co., sewer pipe	138 32
J. M. Showalter, car hay	229 36
B. T. Fletcher, carrying convicts to Pittsboro, etc.	43 30
J. L. Griffin, C. S. C., costs convicts from Pittsboro	35 20
B. H. Covington, C. S. C., costs convicts	125 52
Thos. Morris, C. S. C., costs convicts	34 90
Belk Bros., cloth for clothing	108 12
Mrs. S. J. Faulkner, making clothing	25 40
R. A. Horn, sheriff, jail fees	11 60
J. R. English & Co., corn	3 50
Total	$1,222 80

Expenditures for December, 1904

B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	$154 56
W. Baxter Williams, 16 cords wood	24 00
Mrs. S. J. Faulkner, making clothes	21 20
Plyler & Richardson, rice	3 25
M. L. Flow, J. P., costs convicts	8 85
Heath-Lee Hdw. Co., hardware	10 65
T. B. Liles, beef	4 12
J. L. Austin Co., supplies (Nov.)	20 00
S. B. Hart, 1 bbl. molasses	15 15
Outen & Perry, supplies	40 20
Shannon & Co., supplies	226 40
J. H. Steele, 50 & 10 bu. corn	32 50
F. E. Patrick Co., 1 box meat	34 57
C. S. C. Rutherford Co., exp. 6 convicts	74 50
Total	$866 24

Expenditures for January, 1905.

Mrs. S. J. Faulkner, making clothing	$ 22 95
F. L. May, treating sick mule	2 50
J. L. Austin Co., supplies	33 90
W. Baxter Williams, wood	6 25
Jasper Helms, wood	12 40
Frank Irby, guard duty	7 50
B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	144 18
J. Shute & Sons, supplies	133 47
Patrick Young Co., bacon and rice	48 40
J. P. Griffin, sheriff, costs convicts	85 70
J. M. Fairley, 3 mos. salary	12 00
J. C. Sikes, Sr., 3 mos. salary	12 00
Thos. E. Williams, 3 mos. salary	12 00
J. W. Townsend, 3 mos. salary as clerk	6 00
Patrick Young Co., 1 box meat	31 86
Vann Sikes, tobacco	8 25
Monroe Hdw. Co., hardware	31 10
Total	$598 11

Expenditures for February, 1905

B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	$180 56
J. W. Keziah, lumber	16 80
Patrick Young Co., 1 box meat	36 70
R. A. Horn, sheriff, jail fees	6 30
S. B. Hart, 1 bbl. molasses	16 15
W. H. Belk & Bro., shoes	5 00
Perry & Outen, supplies	22 34
Vann Sikes, supplies	171 35
W. M. Perry, lumber	22 57
W. F. Peacock, sheriff, exp. 2 convicts	143 00
Total	$621 40

Expenditures for March, 1905.

B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	$191 95
Thos. F. Dillon, chairs, etc	2 00
Abe Levy, shoes, blankets, etc	25 70
C. H. Richardson, supplies	184 82
English Drug Co., drugs, etc	25 20
Heath-Lee Hdw. Co., tools, hdw., etc	32 41
G. M. Stewart, beef, etc	7 55
J. L. Austin Co., supplies	50 00
Total	$491 82

Expenditures for April, 1905.

B. T. Fletcher, salary self, guards, and supplies	$151 21
J. B. Myers, 1 bbl. molasses	14 00
T. E. Williams, kraut	2 61
J. Britt Outen, wood	10 40
Crow Bros., keg fish	9 75
H. D. Griffin, repairs march	75
F. E. Patrick Co., 1 box meat	35 20
J. M. Fairley, 3 mos. salary	12 00
J. C. Sikes, Sr., 3 mos. salary	12 00
Thos. E. Williams, 3 mos. salary	12 00
J. W. Townsend, 3 mos. salary as clerk	6 00
J. L. Austin Co., supplies	20 85
J. R. English & Co., supplies	186 31
Belk Bros., shoes, etc	5 50
Total	$488 27

SUMMARY.

Expenditures May, 1904	$ 580 48	
" June, "	621 40	
" July, "	680 14	
" Aug., "	511 42	
" Sept., "	590 83	
" Oct., "	681 79	
" Nov., "	1,222 80	
" Dec., "	866 24	
" Jan., 1905	598 11	
" Feb., "	621 40	
" Mch., "	491 82	
Expenditures April "	488 27—	$7,626 88

NORTH CAROLINA—Union County.

I, J. W. Townsend, clerk, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the receipts and expenditures, by the Board of Road Commissioners, for account of the chain gang, during the fiscal year ending April 30, A. D., 1905, as taken from and compared with the vouchers on file with said commissioners.

J. W. TOWNSEND, Clerk to Board.

This 12th May, 1905.

At Our Store

You will find everything that a first-class, up-to-date drug store should have, and it is a pleasure to fill your wants.

C. N. Simpson, Jr.

Specials in Hand Bags.

We have on sale this week a new lot of Hand Bags from $1. to $5. We would like very much to show you the newest Spring styles.

The W. J. Rudge Co.

MUSIC TO THRIFTY AIRS

Is the general ring of true bargains that we offer here this week. A goodly number of real values are ready for the exacting and discriminating shoppers. Come, you'll witness a bond of sympathy between our prices and your pocketbook. It's no wonder our stores are always crowded because it's a daily occurrence at our establishment to hear papa, mama and child exclaim, "Why didn't we come here first?" See, they tell it to others until now it seems the great mass of trading humanity to-day are to be found at or on their way to Belk Brothers'.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS.

Belfa Linen Finish Waisting 10c.

This is the goods that looks and wears like linen, 36 inches wide, 12½c. quality, very cheap at ..... 10c.

Lot 375 solid colored Organdy in blue, red, pink, green, black, etc. This week price to every one ..... 7½c.

33-in. white P. K., worth 15c., special price ..... 10c.

38 in. all wool Tamise in cream and light shades, very salable and stylish. This week, price ..... 48c.

Dotted Curtain Swiss.

Special lot new patterns Embroidered Curtain Swiss, small and large dots and figures, 15c. quality at ..... 10c. yd.

Straw Hats.

All the new shapes and weights in men's and boys Straw Hats, ... 25c. to $1.25

Panama Hats, the very latest correct shape, sells at $5.00, our special price $3.98

Big line New Ribbon in plain and fancy.

New line Ladies' Collars and Belts, white, black and colors, ... 10c. to 50c.

LADIES' FINE SHOES — Queen Quality, Shoe for Women — AND OXFORDS

Our Queen Quality Lines of Oxfords are neat and dressy.

We never had such a superb assortment of Low Cuts, including Tans of both Kid and Russian Calf, the ribbon effects in regular Oxfords and and Bluchers, as well as the stylish Gibson Ties. Queen Quality Shoes grow in popular favor every day because they are smarter looking than other shoes and have a distinctive style which does for a homely foot what a Paris gown does for a homely figure.

For Style, Fit, Comfort and Quality they are THE BEST.

Opening up new goods every day; just what you want; come and see for yourself.

W. H. BELK & BRO.

Cheapest Store on Earth.

Do you Need a Good Farm, Saddle or Driving Horse?

If so, we have them and will sell them at bargains never before heard of. Also a lot of well broke farm and draft mules to sell at bargains.

Just Received a Solid Car Load 1- and 2-Horse Wagons

The best wagons on earth for the money, and will be sold for cash or on time. A lot of Buggies, Surries, Phaetons, Bikes, etc., at bargains that will surprise the natives. We are prepared to make or sell you any kind of Harness you want at bargains. Remember, money saved is money made.

The Sikes Company.

At the Minstrels.

"What," asked Mr. Gilfithers, the eminent end man, "what is the difference between a phrenologist and a man who runs into a door in the dark?"

"I give it up," said Mr. Golsizzle, the other eminent end man, for they were cutting the show short that evening in order to catch an early train to the next one night stand.

"One knows the bumps and the other bumps the nose," explained Mr. Gilfithers.

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