

The fastest train in the world has just been put on between New York and Chicago and the schedule brings the two greatest cities of the country within eighteen hours of each other. One of the fast trains was wrecked last week and a score of people lost their lives. But investigation has shown that the trouble was not due to the fast running and the schedule will be maintained. Steam and electricity will yet make flying unnecessary.

Russia is so slow about making preparations for the peace deal that it looks that the Japanese will have to capture all the soldiers in Manchuria and send them home. Meanwhile the Czar's government goes on merrily killing its own subjects. In one town in Russian Poland last week 1,200 people were slaughtered in riots.

The retail merchants of Monroe now advertise hosiery, buggies, skirts, fertilizers and flour that are made right here in the town. We are coming along some. Let the good work of making things be on the increase in Monroe all the time.

Everybody is especially invited to come to Monroe on the Fourth and bring the weemin and children, too.

One paper at least that used the word "holt" has been sorry that it never hit.

A TRAGEDY IN RALEIGH.

Son of H. C. Dockery Shot Down by Father of a Wronged Girl Claude Bernard, Dockery's Partner in Sin, Flees the Family's Wrath.

Raleigh is again stirred with scandal and bloodshed. John C. Dockery, aged 26 years, son of U. S. Marshal H. C. Dockery, and assistant in his father's office, was shot at ten o'clock Saturday morning by Policeman Rogers for the alleged betrayal of the latter's young daughter.

Claude M. Bernard, ex-assistant U. S. district attorney, who, with Dockery, carried another young girl to a house of ill repute, has apparently fled the State to escape the consequences of his evil deed, a similar crime to which he was run out of the town of Greenville two years ago. The Raleigh Post of Sunday gives the particulars as follows:

As Deputy United States Marshal John G. Dockery, followed by Clarence Howell, was mounting the steps in the Tucker building yesterday morning at 10:15 Policeman Isaac W. Rogers appeared at the head of the stairs and fired two shots in quick succession at Dockery. The young man, probably fatally wounded, fell to the landing below and lying there fired at Rogers, the ball grazing the latter's right hip and striking the post at the head of the banisters.

The three shots were distinctly heard through the building and on the street beneath. Among the first to reach the wounded man were Mr. A. C. Hinton and Mr. Marcus W. Crocker. Dr. Hubert A. Register, in his office on the second floor of the same building, was attracted by the reports and ran to the railing. The wounded man was borne into his office, where it was soon apparent that his injuries were desperate.

Meanwhile Policeman Rogers had walked into the office of Dr. James S. Rogers, which is only three doors from the head of the steps where the tragedy was enacted, and there telephoned to the office of the sheriff and to police headquarters. Officers arrived almost instantly and he surrendered himself. The preliminary hearing, at the request of the defense, is set for next Tuesday at 11 o'clock and in the meantime Rogers is confined in jail without bail.

The shooting caused a profound sensation on Fayetteville street and throughout the city. A few knew that trouble was brewing, but the public was not prepared for the terrible outcome. No statement by Rogers or the Howells will be permitted by their attorneys, and the dying declarations, which have been taken down by a stenographer and sworn to by the wounded man, will not be made public for the present. However, the fact is well established that the tragedy was the outcome of alleged wrong doing by John Dockery and Claude M. Bernard, ex-United States district attorney, with Louisa Rogers, the 19-year-old daughter of Policeman I. W. Rogers, and Bertha Howell, the 17-year-old daughter of Henry C. Howell, who keeps a stall in the market. Charges are preferred by the fathers of the girls against the two men.

But for the absence of Claude M. Bernard from Raleigh yesterday there is strong reason to believe that there have been a double tragedy. Officer Rogers and his son, Paul Rogers, and Clarence and Cleveland Howell having satisfied themselves Thursday evening that Bernard and Dockery had visited the house of Jennie May in East Raleigh with the sister of the two Howells consulted lawyers on the matter. The Howells employ Messrs. Argo and Shaffer and Rogers retained Col. J. C. L. Harris. The attorneys had advised, after investigation, institution of suits for leading the girls astray and had prepared to push the matter.

As it happened Deputy Marshal Dockery was then in Wilmington, where Federal court was in session, and Bernard was also there as an attorney. Dockery returned to Raleigh next morning and the shooting occurred a few hours after he came

down town. Bernard is supposed to be still in Wilmington and a criminal process is out for his apprehension.

Henry C. Howell at 6 o'clock last evening instituted his suit against Bernard charging him with the betrayal of his infant daughter, Bertha Howell, and claiming \$20,000 damages. The suit is brought in the form of a pauper, and is made under the section of the code which requires arrest and bail. Clerk of the Court Russ placed Bernard's bail, and after he gives this after his apprehension he will go to jail. The warrant is made returnable at the term of court here July 10th. The affidavit of Howell is very brief, and the facts of the alleged crime are not recited in this paper. The warrant has been sent to Wilmington, and there is little doubt about Bernard's arrest. In fact, if he failed to appear in Raleigh to answer the complaint, then judgment for \$20,000 would be entered against him by default. He is a man of means, and is supposed to be worth more than double this amount.

Jennie May, when seen at her house by a Post reporter, said that the girls came there twice with Bernard and Dockery and once alone. Their first visit was the last week in May, Tuesday night. The four drove up in a carriage at the back door and the driver came to the front and told her to let them in. The woman says that she did not know who they were. The only one in the crowd she knew was Claude Bernard. She knew who he was, but she had never seen Dockery at her place before. She supposed that they were girls connected with the show which was appearing here that week. They arrived about 8:30 and left at 9:30 or 10 o'clock. They came again Saturday in the same week, riding in the same carriage, and drove into the back yard. They remained there until shortly after 10 o'clock. She did not know any one in the party then except Bernard.

However, Wednesday before last, June 15th, shortly after 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the two girls drove up in a carriage and came in the back way. They had a talk with her and she asked who they were. They told her and Louisa Rogers gave her age as 22 and Bertha Howell said that she was 19. Jennie May says that they seemed much distressed and declared that they wanted to run away from home on account of what had happened. The woman declares that she was astonished, and informed them that she knew their people and begged them to go back home and face the consequences. She says that she informed them that if she had known who they were when they first came to her place she would not have let them in. While they were talking with her a young man, Will Parish, who had followed them and stopped in a house across the street, sent the woman there over with a message threatening to tell on the girls. They seemed much distressed and both said that they had rather die. The May woman asserts that on their visits to her place with the two men they both came perfectly willingly and seemed in the best possible humor, so far as she could tell. None of the crowd appeared to be drinking.

[The latest reports say that Dockery will likely get well and that Bernard has not been found.]

Meeting of the Cotton Growers on the Fourth.

To the Cotton Growers: President Harvey Jordan of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association has issued a call to the cotton growers of the South to meet in their respective counties on the 4th of July and celebrate their victory over the Wall street cotton bears in their splendid fight for higher prices for cotton. The committee on arrangements for the 4th of July celebration in Monroe have kindly given a place in their program for this purpose. We want all the farmers of the county, whether members of the S. C. A. or not, to assemble in the court house at 12 o'clock, July 4th, also the business and professional men of Monroe and the county to meet with us and aid in passing such resolutions as to our future action and guidance as the exigencies of the situation demands. Mr. R. F. Beasley will address the meeting. Mr. Beasley has identified himself with the cotton growers in their fight for the control of the cotton market, and has been a close observer of the progress of events and is therefore able to speak interestingly as to the situation.

Fellow farmers, let's stand together. We have been the prey of gamblers and combines long enough. The farmers of France, Belgium and Netherlands have an association and co-operate in buying and selling and as a consequence every twenty-five-acre farm has increased its cash income by five hundred dollars within the last twenty-five years. They fix the price on everything they have to sell. Will not the farmers do as much as to their cotton? We can do it. Shall we?

T. J. W. Broom, Pres. Union Co. Branch S. C. A.

The Only Damage.

Citiman—Did you lose much by the fire out at your house? Subbubs—Two quarts of good old Scotch whiskey. Citiman—Was that all? Subbubs—Yes; you see, only about half of our volunteer fire company got there.

See Doster Grocery Company for candies, cakes and crackers.

Home-made Meal.

We have on hand all the time the very best home ground corn meal, made at our own mill. Doster Grocery Co.

What school district will have the prettiest float in the parade on the Fourth and win the \$5 worth of books?

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OUR ANNUAL

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

BEGINS SATURDAY, JULY 1st.

This sale will continue through the next week, and there will be a special feature or bargain every day, so you can't afford to miss either. This is the time to make one dollar do the work of two.

For 30 Minutes Only.

[No Mail or Phone order Taken.] Every day at 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m., beginning Saturday, July 1st, until Saturday afternoon, July 8th, we will put on sale 5,000 Pairs Misses' and Boys' Fast Black Ribbed Hose, sizes 5 to 9 (slightly seconds). These Hose are made right here in Monroe and there are none better made for 10 cents per pair. For this sale only and at price named, not over 12 pairs to each customer. 5 cents a pair. Ladies' Seamless 10c. Fast Black Hose, same hours, not over 6 pairs to each. 5 cents. Ladies' full Finished Tan Hose. 5 cents.

Belk Bros. STORE TALK. Belk Bros.

'Tis seldom, very seldom, we talk about ourselves, but right here we want to say that our business has been built upon the following lines: Giving EVERYBODY a Square Deal. Living up to the spirit and the letter of our Advertisements. Courteous treatment to ALL. Always the leaders of low prices. Our reputation is staked on this issue, and we have successfully held it against all comers.

Special Sale Embroidery.

MONDAY MORNING AT 8:30 We will put on sale 5,000 yards Embroidery and Insertion—full pieces, all widths. This is undoubtedly the best values we have ever offered. Be on time and get your choice, one price. . . . 5 Cents.

Ladies' Furnishing and Notion Department

LADIES' VEST SPECIALS. 10c. Value Full Bleached Top Vest. 5 cents. 25c. Lace Insertion Vest, slight seconds, medium and extra large size. 10 cents. Our line Ladies' and Misses' Lace Hose in white, tan and black, is very strong and complete. Price 10, 15, 25, 50c.

LADIES' BELTS. All the new shapes in black and fancy Silk Belts. 25, 50, 75c. Ladies' white Embroidered Washable Belts, just the thing for summer wear and white suits. 10, 25 cents.

TOILET SOAP—3 Cakes for 10 Cents. We have just received a big shipment of very fine Toilet Soap, also a number one high grade Glycerine Toilet Soap; while they both last we will say 25 cents a box.

LANA OIL AND BUTTERMILK SOAP. Sells everywhere at 10c. a cake, 3 for 25c.; our July price will be, per cake. 5 cents.

BORATED AND VIOLET TALCUM POWDER. Best brands, healthy and sanitary, 3 cents per box to best made. 13 cents.

WE will every day put on our Notion Counter some useful articles at about half price that will be worthy of your notice.

RIBBON DEPARTMENT. 100 Pieces No. 80 Taffeta Ribbon, very wide and splendid quality—pink, blue, red, white and black. Our sale Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, per yard. 10 cents.

HOT WEATHER VALUES. In white and colored wash materials, in this lot are Arnold's new wash Muslins that are so pretty, new and good. White ground with small dots, and the pretty floral patterns, in all shades, looks like the expensive French Organdy. Sale price 10 cents. 40-Inch white Lawns 5c. This popular price Lawn, worth 10c. a yard; is a great seller. 5 cents. Better quality, 15c. value. 10 cents. 15 and 25c. White Goods. 10 cents. Fancy white Madras, Oxfords and Piques. There are a number of pretty patterns and goods up. 25c. value, all at one price. July sale. 10 cents.

BROWN DRESS LINEN 10 CENTS. A splendid quality, 27-in. 15c. Dress Linen. This is best lot we have sold; yard. 10 cents.

FRUIT OF LOOM AND FEARLESS BLEACHING 6 1-2 CTS. These brands are too well known for us to say anything about quality. Worth 8 1-2c.; our July sale price. 6 1-2 cents. 36-Inch Dotted Swiss for curtains. 10 cents. New lot Figures, Stripes and Dots, 12c. and 15c. kind, sale price. 10 cents. Belk Bros'. Round Thread Embroidery Cloth, 7 1-2c. Our own manufacture. There is nothing on the market today at 10c. a yard that will equal same for drawn-work, embroidery work, shirtwaist suits. To introduce, and for our July sale. 7 1-2 cents.

3 1-2c. SPECIALS. 3 1-2c. 2,500 Yards Gingham, splendid quality. 3 1-2 cents. Heavy 25-in. Fast Colored Plaids. 3 1-2 cents. Oil, red, green, yellow Calico, can't be bought for less than 5c. a yard; July sale price. 3 1-2 cents.

OUR 3 1-2 AND 5c. COUNTER. Attracts the most attention. Big lot stripe and large floral design lawns, 10c. quality in this lot; sale price. 5 cents. One lot fancy 8 1-2c. Dress Gingham. 5 cents. 500 Yards solid colored 10c. Organdy; put in this lot for July sale. 5 cents.

This counter will be kept fresh with new goods every day while sales last. Don't fail to ask to see this Bargain Counter.

WHITE GOODS, DIMITIES AND LACE STRIPE LAWNS. That we sell close at 10 and 12 1-2c. a yard. Every morning at 10 to 11 o'clock we will give you choice of these big bargains at 7 1-2 cents a yard.

Silk Department Values

From 9 to 10 every day. We have some choice silks that will be in this sale (all new goods), provided you can be in store from 9 to 10 o'clock a. m., during the week unless sold. This has been our greatest Silk season, having reordered time and again. Listen to these prices and see if they sound cheap:

20-In. white Habutai Jap Silk, good quality. 19c. 36-In. wide white and black Jap Silk, 60c. kind, not the cheap quality; our July price. 38c. Several pieces Chiffon Crepe, Taffeta Silk, Morvellux, fancy check and stripe Silk, we have been selling strictly at 75 and 85c. per yard, all 27-in. wide; at one price. 57c. Lot 4—Full line of yard wide changeable Taffeta Silk; July price. 75c.

Peco and Florin Black Mercerized Petticoats.

We have had great sales of these goods. For this sale we have made two Big Cuts: LOT 1—Full shape, three pretty ruffles and fagoting. \$1.25 was price; July sale. 75c. LOT 2—Two styles elegantly gotten up, extra wide, ruffles and accordion plete, \$1.50 kind; for this sale we have named price. 98c.

Clarendon White Quilts.

This splendid Counterpane that generally sells for \$1.50, cannot be equalled at price. Extra size and ready for use. Holiday price only. 98c.

FREE DISTRIBUTION OF TICKETS.

\$28 Worth of Goods to be given away Aug. 1. Now is your chance to get one of the 20 prizes offered by simply asking for a ticket. To every customer who comes into our store during the month of July we will give a numbered ticket with your name on it. And the duplicate of a same will be placed in a box in our dry goods store. Then on August 1 a boy blindfolded will draw out the tickets. First ticket drawn gets 1st prize; second ticket drawn gets 2nd prize and so on until twenty are drawn out. These prizes will consist of shoes, clothing, dress goods, millinery, trunks, hats, gents' furnishing, etc. And you'll not be ashamed either of any of the presents given. Bear this in mind, you don't have to buy one cent's worth to get a ticket. Just as free as the air you breathe. We are giving away these presents to show our appreciation of your patronage in the past. Save your tickets. The lucky numbers will be published after the drawing takes place Aug. 1.

HERE IS A LIST OF THE PRIZES. No. 1 draws \$2.50 Beacon Shoe or Oxford for men. No. 2 draws \$2.50 Queen Quality Oxford. No. 3 draws \$3.00 Canvas Trunk. No. 4 draws \$1.25 Man's Hat. No. 5 draws \$2.50 Ladies' Trimmed Hat. No. 6 draws \$2.00 Boy's Suit Clothes. No. 7 draws 10 yards Belk's Embroidery Cloth. No. 8 draws 1-2 dozen Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs. No. 9 draws 50c. Necktie. No. 10 draws \$2.00 pair Washington Brand Oxfords. No. 11 draws \$1.00 doz. Men's Union Sox (our manufacture). No. 12 draws \$1.00 Ladies' Parasol. No. 13 draws Lucky number, \$1.00 Bill. No. 14 draws Man's \$1.00 Pants. No. 15 draws W. & B. Corset, best made, \$1.00. No. 16 draws 1 dozen Misses' Hose (Monroe made). No. 17 draws Ingersoll Watch. No. 18 draws \$2.00 pair Lion Brand Shirt. No. 19 draws 6 Rex Brand Collars. No. 20 draws \$1.00 Florin Petticoat. The first time you are in the city call to see us. We want to give you a Free ticket.

MEN NOT FORGOTTEN.

We haven't forgotten the men in this sale. It will include every department. A careful study of prices named here will convince every well posted buyer that we are going to do your pocketbook good and at the same time give you good, honest, reliable merchandise.

MEN'S Furnishing.

Read these prices and you will be surprised at the low figures.

SCRIVEN'S ELASTIC SEAM DRAWERS, 50C. You all know their superiority. This is best grade. Why pay more? July sale price. 50c.

KNITTED INSERTION MEN'S DRAWERS, 39c. Big assortment sizes. The kind that sells everywhere for 50c.; to you. 39c. a pair.

39c. Men's Splendid Quality Gauze Underwear. Not the cheap kind; could be sold at 48c., but for our July week, price. 25c.

MEN'S AND BOYS' LAUNDRIED SHIRTS. This is a lot that we have for this week's sale, full size and fast colors; unheard-of-price. 19c.

Men's Collars, different shapes, 2 for. 5c. Men's all-elastic Suspender. 5c. Men's fast color tan, black and red Hose. 5c. Double-seated Drill Drawers, summer time price. 15c.

Men's 25c. Four-in-Hand and Club Ties, this summer's goods, but to make things hustle all in one lot at. 15c. All our 50c. line goes in this sale at. 38c.

If there is anything you want in up-to-date Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, this is the place to get same. We sell Armour and Lyon brand Collars and Cuffs—new shapes.

Shoes. Shoes. Shoes.

Men's, Women's and Children's. Both high and low cut are included in this clearance sale. \$1.25 Men's satin calf balm and congress, only. 98c. Men's vici and patent low cut shoes, balm and blucher. Many \$2.00 shoes in this lot. Price. \$1.48. \$2.50 and \$3.00 Men's low cut shoes, all styles and leathers; clearance sale price. \$1.98. About 50 pairs Men's Barry and Selecto low cut Shoes, broken lots and sizes, vici, patent colt, Velour calf, and are worth \$3.00 to \$3.50, but if we can fit you they are yours for. \$2.50. Women's low cut Shoes, oxfords, sandals, in fact low cut shoes in any shape or form, black and tan. \$1.25 Women's oxfords, black tan or white. 98c. Some splendid values. \$1.25. \$2.00 Shoes, low cuts, ties, sandals, etc. \$1.50. —if you don't believe it come and be convinced. \$2.50 and \$3.00 ladies' low cuts as before the sizes are broken and only a few pair of a kind, therefore we are going to say. \$2.00.

To all those who have taken the time and trouble to read this advertisement, we want to say that after a visit to our store you will consider it time well spent. This sale will begin promptly Saturday morning, July 1st and will last through the entire week, closing Saturday night. Come and call for what you saw advertised and it will be our pleasure to show you whether you buy or not.

Belk Bros. CHEAPEST STORE ON EARTH.