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High Prices.

The press of the country have devoted a great deal of space to the action of the "ultimate" consumer in declaring a boycott against the meat dealers. This boycott has spread rapidly from one city to a dozen and into many states. Press dispatches of Tuesday told of reduced prices of meat in Chicago and it seems that this boycott, perhaps the most unusual in recent years, is bearing fruit.

There is a greater significance to the boycott than appears on the surface. The great number of men and women who signed the pledge to do without meat for thirty days are not fanatics. It is simply a case of the conscientious revolt of the people against a monopoly. It has been stated on good authority that the meat packers of Chicago, otherwise known as the "Meat Trust," clear seven dollars profit on every head of cattle they handle.

If this be true, and no doubt it is, then no wonder meat prices are too high for the salaried man. The Government has decided to investigate the so called "Meat Trust" and the result of this investigation will be watched with interest. It means that the protest of the people against the high price of foodstuffs will take active form and possible relief may be secured.

Cocke in Town.

Hon. William J. Cocke, Jr., of Asheville, N. C., was in town last Monday in the interest of his candidacy for the House of Representatives. In speaking with a reporter of the Marion Progress Mr. Cocke stated that he had been in every county in the district and that the Democrats of the district seemed to think that a young man should be nominated and a man who had never made the race. He also stated that the prospects of the Democrats carrying the district were very bright.

Mr. Cocke seems confident of his nomination and said that should he be nominated he would carry the district if hard work could do it.

New Residents.

The MARION PROGRESS joins with the people of the town in welcoming W. E. Landis and C. E. Warner as citizens of Marion. Both of these men formerly lived here but moved from Marion to Waynesville.

Hardly a week passes without a former resident, or a new resident, makes his appearance in Marion. The population of Marion has grown rapidly in the past few months but indications point an even more rapid growth in the future.

A Prospect.

The Green River Land Company, of Spartanburg, S. C., is considering the question of building a summer resort hotel in Marion. A member of this firm has been in correspondence with a citizen of Marion for several days and if sufficient inducements are offered this company may build the long needed hotel.

Nothing definite in the matter has been done but a member of the firm is expected to arrive in Marion in a short time to confer with local business men about the project.

This company has developed several resorts in both North and South Carolina and should they become interested here it is thought they will put forth every effort to establish Marion as a summer resort.

LAND DEAL.

Spartanburg Company May Purchase Eight Thousand Acres of Timber Land in McDowell County.

Messrs. Vandiver and Simpson, of Spartanburg, S. C., representatives of the Green River Land Company were in Marion two days last week and looked over eight thousand acres of timber land which is located about seven miles from town. It will be remembered that some time ago the President of the Arizona Land and Investment Company, of Arizona, with an eastern office in Spartanburg visited this section with a view of buying this tract of land. The parties concerned are interested in both companies.

On Thursday Messrs. Simpson and Vandiver, accompanied by H. W. Dysat and W. M. Pratt spent the day looking over the land and the representatives of the land company was very favorably impressed with the property.

Should this company purchase the property it is their plan to cut off the timber and to improve the land. Much of it will no doubt be devoted to orchards and to small farms.

Examination for Census Takers.

A notice has been received in Marion stating that the examination for census takers would be held on Feb. 5, at 2 p. m. before Postmaster McCall. The result of this examination will be announced sometime between Feb. 5 and April 15, on which day all the census takers of the country will begin their work. Those who have made applications and have received notification cards are expected to appear before Mr. McCall to stand their examinations on the above date.

Drake's Comet.

Many people in this section have watched with interest "Drake's Comet" which has been visible this week in the Western sky, a short distance below Venus and to the right of that star. This comet can be seen just after sun down.

May Sell C. C. & O.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 23.—While there is so many coal operators in the city, it will be of interest to them to learn that a persistent rumor that will not down, is to the effect that the Hawley interests, owning the C. and O. railroad, are preparing to take over the Clinchfield coal corporation.

Some weeks ago it was reported that the Hawley interests were to take over the coal corporation, but this was denied by its officials, who said that the railroad was built to develop the coal lands and it would be ridiculous for these lands to be sold without the railroad which was very plausible. The present report, however, involves both lands and railroad.

The Clinchfield road now has one terminal at Dante, Russell county, Virginia, with plans to extend into Pike county, Kentucky, to connect with the C. and O. branch from the main line, leaving it at Castlesburg, Ky., on the Ohio, running down to Big Sandy river, very close to the dividing line between Kentucky and West Virginia, to Elkhorn, Ky. This connection could be made by building about only thirty miles of road, but very heavy work.

Curtis Creek News.

Special to Marion Progress.
Curtis Creek, N. C., Jan. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. James Moore spent Saturday night with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beach.

There was a singing Sunday at the home of E. J. Genter. A nice time reported.

Thomas Kelley is stopping with his brother, Chas. Kelley.

Alex Silver reports finding Kaolin last week.

R. W. Silver went to Graphiterville last week on business.

James Staton is still on the sick list. George Stroud, of Garden City, was on the creek last week.

Mrs. Geo. Hollifield and daughter visited friends and relatives on the creek a few days ago.

Lee and Young Jordan and Fred and Claud Ricketts visited on the creek Sunday. Come again boys.

TODD.

Straudtown Items.

Rev. M. A. Matheson held services here Sunday morning and evening. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7 o'clock. All are invited to come.

Men's Clothing To-measure

will be glad to have all men interested in a new Spring Suit to visit my

Spring and Summer Opening

of my

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Wednesday and Thursday

February 2nd and 3rd

The Griffon Tailoring Company

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will have their Expert Cutter with me to take your measure and make a large display of the latest

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BIG BOOSTER SALE

Has proven to be the greatest success ever pulled off in Marion's mercantile history. We have been greatly surprised to realize what a little "Boosting" can do, and assure each of you that we appreciate your business and your aid in helping us accomplish this success.

The Big Booster Sale will continue until Saturday night at midnight, January 29th. Don't wait until the last minute as we don't want you disappointed.

We have hundreds of bargains for you yet and are receiving new goods every day. Note the Red Hot specials for Friday and Saturday, the closing days.

LACE CURTAINS	Ladies Waterproof Dress Goods	Special for Friday, 2 to 4 p. m.	Specials for Saturday
Friday, Jan 28, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. \$1.50 and \$1.75 lace curtains 11 yds wide, 2 1/2 yards long, only 99c per pair. Extra ordinary values in variety of designs.	Ladies Waterproof Dress Goods 54 in. wide, worth 50c, at 35c. 10c and 12c Outing at 7c. Mens Wrights Health Underwear worth \$1.00 at 69c.	All 50 cent dress goods 34c All 1.00 wool Dress Goods 69c This includes all our Ladies Dress Goods. None reserved. An quantity you want. Don't Miss This.	Granulated Sugar, 18 1/2 pounds for \$1.00. Only \$1.00 worth to each customer present. Arm & Hammer Soda, big 6c package, 3 for 10; 7 for 25c. Only 7 packs to each customer
Red Hot Booster Specials for Every Day in the Week and Every Hour in the Day Until the Closing Hour			
\$4.50 11-4 Wool Blankets \$3.24 5.00 11-4 Wool Blankets \$3.48 Mens 10c hose 7c. Mens 50c underwear 39c. Regular \$1.25 umbrellas 98c	4-4 Cannon Cloth, the yard 9c 4-4 Lonsdale Cambric, 12c yd. Boy's Knee Pants suits at 25% reduction. We guarantee every pair. Money back if not satisfied.	Regular 50c Deitz Lanterns to go at Booster Sale price, 43c. \$3.50 Axminster Rugs, Beautiful Patterns. Booster Sale Price \$1.98.	Men's Work Shirts, 50c kind, 39c. The time is now, the place is here. Heather Bloom petticoats, good ones, all to go at Booster sale prices. Whole Grain Black Pepper, worth 20c lb, Booster sale price 14c. All Jellies, Preserves and Apple Butter at Booster Sale prices. Men's Black Hose, 25c val-Booster sale price 17c. 3 pair for 50c. Ladies wool hose, gray and black, 25c value, Booster sale price per pair 19c.

Shoes	Shoes	Shoes	Shoes	Shoes	Shoes
Men's Walk-Over Shoes 9 Pair Men's \$5.00 Walk-Over shoes, in patent leather blucher cut, Booster Sale price \$3.75 20 Pairs of Men's \$4.00 Walk-Overs, in patent leather, blucher cut, Booster sale price 3.24 20 Pairs Men's Walk-Overs in vici kid, blucher cut, Booster sale price 2.65	Ladies Selby Shoes 62 Pair of ladies' patent leather, vici kid and tan, lace and button, blucher cut, plain toe and stock tip and patent tip, sizes 1-2 to 8, at prices from \$2.25 to \$3.50. All to be sold at bargain prices.	Men, Women and Children's Shoes About 1,500 pairs of men's women's and children's H. C. Godman shoes and other makes to be sold at Booster Sale prices. All regular sizes. We can fit your feet and your pocket book.			

We have sold stacks of clothing but still have some good values left in mens and boys suits and extra pants at 25 per cent discount, some suits in odds and ends at special Booster Sale prices. \$8.50 Suits for \$4.48; 12.50 Suits 7.48; \$1.00 Pants for 48c.

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