

Last Call For Christmas

If you couldn't shop early, do it now, better late than never. Ours is the most complete stock in every department that we have ever had before. Our line is so varied to mention all the items. Prices are as low as the lowest, quality considered. We will be pleased to show you through both stores. Don't wait until Saturday, come early this week.

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We now have a most pleasing display of high grade and dependable Furniture. The kind that you will be proud to select as befitting Christmas gifts. Below we give just a few suggestions:

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| Cedar Chests | Dining Room Suites |
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Before you "decide" on your Christmas presents just come into our store and see what suitable, sensible presents we have for young and old.

Your Christmas money will go a long way too, in our Hardware Store.

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R. K. SHOTWELL

Opposite Court House Marion, N. C.

The Empty, Raggedy Stockings

What of the empty, raggedy stockings
That will hang by the chimney on Christmas eve,
With their mute appeals from the poor little owners
To the dear old Santa in whom they believe?
For their share of his presents they ask such a little,
"Just a dolly to hold in my arms while I sleep,
A little tin auto that runs when you wind it,
A sounding red drum or a woolly white sheep."
The only light in their dim, dark existence
Is that wonderful day when old Santa will come
With his treasure filled pack that he brings on his back
From his fairyland, unknowingly, toyland home.
What beautiful dreams will come to them sleeping
Under the coverlet shabby and worn;
But what of the empty, raggedy stockings
That will hang by the chimney on Christmas morn?
MRS. H. C. SEARCY, in the Chicago Tribune

Our Christmas Day

There is an innate perception among men and women that Christmas day ought to be the happiest in the year. It is doubtful if they ever attempt to analyze their own half-formed ideas on the subject, but it is only necessary to turn to the writings of those who have been most solicitous for the well-being of their fellow men to see that this is the case. Look, for instance, at Washington Irving telling in "Bracebridge Hall," the story of a good old-fashioned Christmas according to the flesh, a picture that was to express his ideal of "on earth peace, good will toward men." Or turn to the greatest of all the chroniclers of Christmas, Charles Dickens, the man who in his many pictures, from that of Dingley Dell to that of Scrooge's bedroom, sought to make Christmas a season of good deeds and of good cheer. "Blessings on your kind heart!" Jeffrey wrote to him, on the publication of the "Christmas Carol." You should be happy yourself, for you may be sure you have done more good by this little publication, fostered more kindly feelings and prompted more positive acts to beneficence than can be traced to all the pulpits and confessionals in Christendom since Christmas, 1842. "After that, read the accounts of how they actually kept Christmas at Bracebridge Hall and Dingley Dell; contrast it with the marvelous story, told by Luke, "the beloved physician," of that first Christmas day in Nazareth.—Christian Science Monitor.

FESTIVAL TIME IN HONOLULU

"Melting Pot of Pacific" Consoles Herself for Lack of Snow and Other Yuletide Fixings.

HONOLULU of Christmas eve consoles herself for the lack of snow and other traditional Yuletide fixings with what a paper calls "a conglomerate festivity impossible of counterpart anywhere else in the world." With an abandonment of hilarity equalled only by the pure incongruity of the thing, Americans, Japanese, Englishmen, Filipinos, Portuguese, Koreans, soldiers, sailors and civilian men, women and children, took part in the pageant of the streets, throwing confetti and lighting firecrackers.

"After all, it is the incongruity that makes the celebration of Christmas in Honolulu unique. Here in the melting pot of the Pacific, where those who melt are matched by those who resist the alchemy, all nations of the earth meet in common observance." Followers of Buddha and Confucius take part in the Christian festival with zest, just as Christians here help to celebrate the religious holidays of others. But this is a strange Christmas picture. "Horns were everywhere, firecrackers snapped and scattered and above the din at times could be heard the plaintive tone of Hawaii's ukulele and the steel guitar."

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over forty years.
Sold by all druggists.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX ELECTION IN SANDY FLAT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

North Carolina, McDowell County, Dysartsville Township.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an election held in the Sandy Flat school district at the public school house, on January 9th, 1923, to vote on the question of levying a special school tax not to exceed 90c on the \$100 valuation of all property, real and personal, and 90c on the poll.

There shall be a new registration of the voters in said district. All voters who desire to vote for said special school tax shall vote a ballot on which shall be printed or written the words: "For Special Tax," and all voters who desire to vote against said special tax shall vote a ballot on which shall be printed or written the words: "Against Special Tax."

Board of County Commissioners of McDowell County,
By J. Logan Lackey, Chairman,
R. Fred Barnes, Clerk to Board.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Fayetteville.—The fourth robbery of A. C. L. freight cars which took place here when a box car was broken open and 1,500 pounds of meat were stolen, has been charged to three white men, Bill Kivet, Harmon Kivet and Ollie West who are being held on a string of circumstantial evidence.

Winston-Salem.—R. O. Burton, one of Forsyth's highly esteemed citizens, died at his home in Bethania, after three weeks illness. His age was 60 years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son, besides a number of other relatives.

Greensboro.—At the joint show of the North Carolina Poultry association and the Central Carolina Poultry association to be held here December 13-18 inclusive, tentative plans regarding the formal convention of a co-operative marketing movement, among the poultry breeders, will be the principal topic for discussion.

Kinston.—Fire in a building at Blount and Heritage streets here did damage to the extent of \$8,500. Firemen found the rear door of a wrecked toy shop open, which led to the belief that the blaze was of incendiary origin. The stock of a grocer next door to the burned building was damaged.

Greensboro.—John L. Mosley, of Winston-Salem and High Point, plead guilty in federal court here to a charge of using the mails to defraud, and was given a three year sentence in the federal prison at Atlanta. Mosley, operating through the postoffices of the two cities, secured goods from Chicago mail order houses by using aliases.

Leaksville.—Willie, Leonard and Clarence Roland, school children, are suffering with painful injuries here as the result of having been struck by an automobile driven by H. C. Pace, bank cashier.

Lumberton.—Donnie Looklear, an Indian, 12 years old, is in a local hospital suffering from the effects of a gunshot wound received when a gun he was carrying on a bicycle was accidentally discharged. The whole load entered his left thigh.

Shelby.—Frank Queen, 21-year-old son of Hub Queen, of near Casar, had his neck broken in two places and his leg broken when the car he was driving overturned on an embankment where he met another car and ran too close to the edge. He was driving the car, and with him was Gordon Newton, who miraculously escaped with a slight wound in the forehead.

Winston-Salem.—C. P. Shelton, who was operating the automobile that collided with a street car ten days ago, was exonerated of all blame at a hearing in municipal court. The accident resulted in the death of Charles Hanes a local barber, who was a passenger in the automobile. He was thrown out and sustained injuries from which he died next day.

Kinston.—Lilla Craft, aged 9, was fatally injured by the explosion of a boiler at a saw mill at Beulahville, south of here, dying in a local hospital. A portion of the boiler passed through two frame houses and struck the child, frightfully mangling her limbs.

Winston-Salem.—The Southern Bank and Trust company, Mocksville's second financial institution, opened for business in the capital of Davie county. A. A. Holleman is cashier. A site has been purchased and the bank will erect its own home as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX ELECTION IN COWAN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

North Carolina, McDowell County, Dysartsville Township.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an election held in the Cowan school district at the public school house, on January 9th, 1923, to vote on the question of levying a special school tax not to exceed 90c on the \$100 valuation of all property, real and personal, and 90c on the poll.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX ELECTION IN LAUREL HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

North Carolina, McDowell County, Dysartsville Township.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an election held in the Laurel Hill school district at the public school house, on January 9th, 1923, to vote on the question of levying a special school tax not to exceed 90c on the \$100 valuation of all property, real and personal, and 90c on the poll.

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This store abounds in helpful suggestions for HOLIDAY GIFTS.
We invite you to bring your most perplexing gift problems to us for solution.
We have hundreds of gift problems proposed to us; it may be we have just the idea that will solve your most difficult one.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Administrator's notice is hereby given that the undersigned W. F. Grant has qualified as Administrator of Thomas L. Grant, deceased, late of McDowell County, North Carolina, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the said decedent are hereby requested to file such claims with the undersigned on or before November 22, 1923, for this notice will be plead in bar thereof. All persons indebted to the estate of the said Thomas L. Grant, are requested to make an immediate settlement.

W. F. GRANT, Administrator
Thomas L. Grant, Deceased.
R. L. Lunsford, Attorney.

NOTICE!

North Carolina, McDowell County, In the Superior Court.
Nan Eva Patton vs Will Patton.
The defendant above named will take notice that action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of McDowell County to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear on or before the 29th day of December, 1922, and answer or demur to the complaint in the said action within the time allowed by law or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded.

This the 4th day of Dec., 1922.
J. L. LAUGHRIDGE,
Clerk Superior Court.

More pears are grown in France and the United States than in any other country.

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