



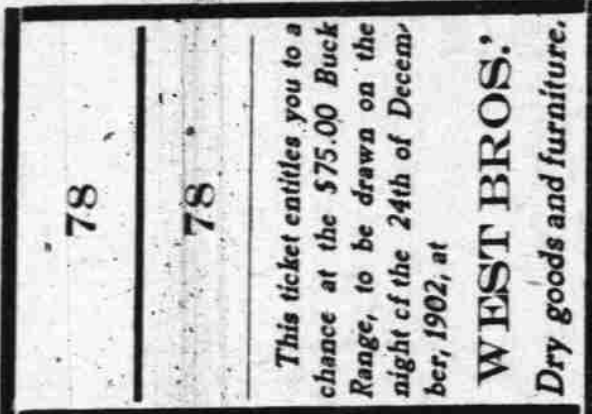
This car of BUCK'S STOVES just arrived for West Bros.

into a sealed box, which will be opened on the night of December put into a large tub and stirred well. Then a blindfolded boy is to party holding the number corresponding to the number on the first ticket has three days in which to show the number and call for the Range. If this number does not show up in three days the party holding number corresponding to second number drawn out has three days, then the third number has three days, etc. So your chances are as good as the other man's.

We are always looking after the interest of our customers. The case of \$2.00 maps which we have been giving away to our customers have all been distributed all over this section. Now we propose to give away a \$75.00 Buck's Steel Range ABSOLUTELY FREE.

Here is our Proposition:

With every \$1.00 cash purchase or paid on account we give you a coupon like this, which entitles you to a full \$75.00 Buck's Steel applies to our Hamlet house



chance to draw this beautiful Range. This proposition also. These coupons are put 24th, 1902, and all will be draw out one ticket. The



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And utilize more floor space than any house in the county. Our house is packed and piled with specialties in every department. Now we know that you would not have time to read the good things we could offer you in every line, so we will not attempt to put it in print, but we have one request to make of you—not the other man. When you come to town just remember that the most important thing to do is to go to West Bros.' big Dry Goods and Furniture house. It will be worth money to you to see our stock. If you don't buy to-day you will find out where to buy when you need anything to wear or put in your house. Our prices are right, and we have the stuff you need in

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Dress Trimming, Stoves, Furniture and House Furnishings, Furniture on the Installment Plan. Terms to Suit you.

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Phone 71.

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Where? At **H. C. WATSON'S,**

Fair and Honest Dealings With Everybody.

We are still receiving goods from the Northern markets. Everybody is invited to call and look through our well selected stock of goods, which we will take great pleasure in showing you. We are sure you will be convinced that you can save money by purchasing your fall and winter goods at our store. The following are a few of our bargains.

Dress Goods.

28 inch Flannels only 60 cents. 42 inch Cheviot only 55 cents.
36 inch Venetian Cloth only 55 c. 35 inch Fancy Stripes only 50c.
We also have a well selected line of Shirt Waist goods Brilliantine 50 and 75c per yard. In fact, a nice line of black, blue and all colors nice Dress Goods.

Notions and Gents' Furnishings.

You can find almost anything you want in this line. Ladies, see us before you buy your Kid Gloves, Trimmings, Hamburgs and all such little things, for we have a nice line to select from.

Pants Cloth.

A nice line of Pants Cloth from 10c to 60c per yard.

Hats and Caps.

A large line of the latest styles of Hats and Caps, which we are selling at reasonable prices.

Clothing.

We have the nicest line of Clothing we have ever carried, and we will save you money if you buy from us. Suits from \$1.00 to \$18.00, and also sample book to select from for tailor made suits.

Shoes.

We have just received the nicest line of Shoes for the money in Rockingham. Men's and women's shoes; and also children's school shoes.

Underwear.

A select line of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underwear, also Children's Combination Suits, which we will sell at rock bottom prices.

In Conclusion.

We have a complete line of almost everything that is kept in an up to date dry goods store, such as White Cloth, Pee Dee Plaids, Southern Silk, Outings Bleach ng from 5 to 10c, Calico, Ladies' Shirt Waists, Skirts, etc.
Thanking the good people of Rockingham and surrounding country for past favors, and hoping that you will continue to favor us with same, we remain,
Yours truly,

H. C. WATSON,

A Pair of Shoes Free. We have a lot of babies shoes, from ones to fives, and will give one pair with purchases amounting to five dollars.

Judge Hoke's Court

Further Instances of Justice at Sandy Bend

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"THIS yere court," began Judge Hoke of Sandy Bend as he rapped on the table with his knuckles and glared around "this yere court is now open fur business, and the first business before it is to crawlfish. Fur the first time in the history of Jim Hoke, either as a citizen or a justice of the peace, he's got to back water. It's goin' to come hard to do it, but I shall shtet my eyes and swaller the medicine, and if any galoot around these diggin's ar' rash enough to ask me how it tasted he's got to be lightnin' on the draw to stand me off."

"Two months ago Jim Watkins was before this court. You all know Jim, and you know he's pizen mean. Jim had cleaned out a camp on Miners' Hill and hid away in a cave. A constable was a hull week in findin' him, and when he was finally face to face with



"SHTET UP!" THUNDERED THE JUDGE. Justice the durned critter had the gall to tell me that he stole the things in his sleep! You may remember that I axed the Lord to hev mercy on his soul and sentenced him to state's prison fur life. I thought I was big enough to do it and that he orter be made an example of, but 'long comes the supreme court and reverses my decision and sends Jim back for a new trial. That's him over in the box, and he's lookin' jest a bit meaner than when he left yere.
"It was my idea that Jim Hoke knowed his gait as a court and that whatever he said went, but I've disklivered that I'm only second fiddle. It's a surprise party on me, but, as I said a little while ago, I'm goin' to take a back seat. Jim Watkins, you can now stand up. I'm ordered to annul your sentence and give you a new trial. The verdict is that you never

stole nuthin' 'tall, and the sentence is that you go free. That's my way of gittin' back at the higher court, and if they don't like it my resignation is all ready to hand in. Yes, Jim; you ar' discharged from custody, but if I was you I wouldn't go to braggin' and steppin' high. On the contrary, I'd look mighty humble and git out of town as soon as possible. While I'm Judge Hoke I can't tech you, but as soon as court is adjourned and I become Jim Hoke of the Red Dog saloon ag'in I'll owe you one and pay it as soon as I can reach you.

"We've got another case this mornin', and, havin' duly crawledfish and cleared the docket, I'll give my attention to Jim White. He's sittin' over yere on my right. He's the complainant in this case, and he's tryin' his durned best to look like an abused man. Over there on my left side is One Legged Pete, who's half grogger and half American and one of the meanest critters to be found fur a hundred miles around. Neither one of 'em is wuth plautin' over six inches deep, and arther the trial this court hopes to see the pair run outer town on general principles.

"This yere court, as is known to most of you, owns the Red Dog saloon across the creek. It ar' needless to add that drinks, poker and various other things ar' dispensed over that fur cash, and the reputation of Red Dog ar' second to none in this groolly west. Last night was a busy time at the Red Dog. This court had to help wait on the bar, chuck three men out of doors and pop another, and when midnight come he went to bed tired out. He had just got to sleep when a critter gallops up on a broncho and pounds on the door and yells that he wants justice.

"Who is it? sez I.
"Jim White," sez he.
"What's the hullabaloo?
"One Legged Pete has stole my wife."

"Waal, go'n steal some other critter's wife!
"Yes, but durn his hide, he wanted justice, and he wouldn't be satisfied till I got up and agreed to hev One Legged Pete arrested. He was arrested this mornin', and that he is. I've talked with him, and I've talked with the woman, and I've also had my nose in the statoots fur an hour or more. Now, then, fastly, as the woman went fur me willin'ly with the prisoner he didn't steal her; secondly, under the statoots of this territory a woman ain't property and can't be stole; thirdly, any critter hev'in' such a humbly wife as she ar' orter be willin' to pay \$50 to hev her stole; fourthly, Jim White was right thar when his wife jumped on the boss behind Pete and rid away. He had a rifle beside him, and he's a good shtet. He could hev plunked the both of 'em and the boss to boot, but did he do it? No, shtee. He's sot right thar and seen 'em go, and then he mounts his knockin's, old broncho and rides 'leven miles to sound on the back door of the Red Dog saloon and yell fur justice!"

"Your honor," said Jim's lawyer, "my client ar' a peaceful, law-abidin'—" "Shtet up!" thundered the judge. "We know Jim White from top to toe,

and the court don't want any of your gab in this case! Has the prisoner's lawyer got any words to shoot off?"

"We hev nuthin' to say," replied the counsel.

"Which ar' jest as well fur you, Tom Thatcher!" growled his honor. "If you'd said ten words in favor of the prisoner, I'd hev sentenced him to be hung! Pete, you blamed ole reptile, what made you steal that woman?"

"She wanted to be stole," replied Pete.

"Waal, you've got her, and now keep her, but don't never do it ag'in. Jim White, why didn't you shoot the smoke colored cuss when he come fur your wife?"

"I left him to the law."
"Oh, you did! Well, mebbe it's jest as well, as the law is big 'nuff and broad 'nuff to take keer of both of you. When I was elected justice of the peace in and fur the country of Sandy Bend, it was generally understood that everybody could hev law and justice by the shoeful. You had the right to pop at Pete, but no right to wake this court up. You ar' tharfore fined \$25 and costs, which will be about as much more. You hollered fur justice and hev got it, and if the boys wasn't goin' to run you outer town I'd double the fine! Pete, how much money you got?"

"About \$50."
"Then I'll gin you a dose of justice at the same time! The verdict is that you pay a fine of \$15 fur bein' the cause of this yere row, and as court adjourns we'll go over to my saloon, and you kin spend \$10 or \$15 more treatin' the crowd. Somebody hit that Chinaman asleep ag'in the wall fur contempt of court in not keepin' awake, and court will then adjourn and rush business across the creek!" M. QUAD.

The Layout.
"Aw," broke in the new reporter who was rapidly being educated out of the idea that he was a journalist, "some of these people give me a pain. That assistant city editor told me to go up to the undertakers' convention, and said that if I got there about noon I'd strike a good layout. So I didn't get any lunch, but hustled up to the hall and saw the layout all right."

"What did they have?" asked the society reporter, visions of glaces and pates floating before her eyes.
"Why, they had a big head undertaker up on the stage illustrating how to lay out a corpse. That's the kind of a layout they had."—Baltimore American.

Her Little Joke.
"This is certainly a funny occupation," remarked the cook as she sliced the bacon.
"I fail to see the point," rejoined the suburban haired waitress.
"Why," said the cook, with an audible smile, "isn't slicing bacon a side splitting affair?"—Chicago News.

Their Fate.
Mrs. Crow—James, have you ever stopped to think what will become of us when we are old?
Mr. Crow—Oh, I suppose we'll wind up as quail on toast at some table d'hote restaurant.—Harper's Bazar.

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