

CHRISTMAS GOODS . . .

During the coming week we will show our

HOLIDAY GOODS . .

We have on hand a very fair assortment of Bric-a-Brac and China.

We usually make contracts for our Holiday Goods during the spring and summer, and as usual we did so this past season.

The prices will be "closing out" prices.

Our Muslin Underwear is on sale. You will be pleased with the prices.

Walter Woollcott

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Clearing House Discount Sale

SPECIAL EXTRA -- SPECIAL EXTRA

For this Week

THIS DISCOUNT ALLOWANCE MEANS A SPECIAL SAVING ON CASH PURCHASES.

On Black and Colored Silk and Wool Dress Goods we Offer for Cash a Discount of Five Per Cent.

On Shoes from \$2.00 to \$3.50 we Offer for Cash a Discount of Ten Per Cent.

BLANKETS—New, Clean 10-4, 11-4 and 12-4 Wool North Carolina Blankets.

COMFORTS—Light weight, Antiseptic and Warm. Embroidered Flannel for Infants—nice work, dainty patterns—50c. to \$1.00.

Ladies' Suits, Coats and Skirts—we are showing very attractive styles.

OUR BARGAIN DEPARTMENT—A NEW FEATURE.

Ladies' Melton Suiting, Black, Navy, Gray, Green, Brown, 56 inches, 42c.

One lot Men's Umbrellas, slightly shop worn, \$2.50 to \$3.00 values for \$1.50.

One lot Misses' School Umbrellas, all perfect, \$1.00 values for 89c.

One lot Ladies' Black Mercized Petticoats, with 16-flounce, \$1.00 value for 88c.

One lot Boys' Wool Mixed Drawers, 25 to 75c. values, for 25c.

One lot Cretonne, for Curtains, Lambrequins and Pillow Tops, 15c values for 10c.

One lot Singel Pair Lace and Muslin Curtains at a price for closing.

One lot Boys' Shirts and Drawers, fleece lined, sizes 4 to 15 years old, 25c.

And many more values to be found at our Bargain Department.

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RALEIGH, N. C.

JOYNER THINKS KILGO AND IVEY FOUND GLORY FIGURES WRONG ARE ELECTED IN THE CURE

Illiteracy in North Carolina

IMPROVEMENT NOTED

Average is 26 to 1,000 instead of 100 as shown by Government Report—Joyner's Estimate Based on Figures for 1904—Future Will Tell Better Story.

Hon. J. T. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said today regarding a statement appearing in Thursday's papers in regard to illiteracy among white children in North Carolina was based on the United States Census Report of 1900. "I am satisfied from such statistics as I have been able to gather from the reports of county superintendents," said Mr. Joyner, "that there has been large decrease in the number of illiterates among white children since 1900.

Special blanks for a separate report of the number of illiterates between the ages of twelve and twenty-one and of their names and the names of their parents are sent each year to the census taker of each school district and are required to be filled and filed with the census in the office of the county superintendent of public instruction. The county superintendents have been urged to give a copy of the list of illiterates and of their parents to the teacher in each school district and to insist that each teacher shall make a special effort to bring these illiterates into the school.

Full reports of the number of illiterate white children between the ages of twelve and twenty-one according to the census of 1904 contained in the annual reports of the county superintendents for the year ending June 30, 1905 show that in eighty-six counties out of ninety-seven, 13,548 illiterate white children between the ages of twelve and twenty-one were reported. The total white school population of these eighty-six counties is 422,000. Eleven counties failed to report the illiterates.

From these figures it will be seen that the white illiterates between the ages of twelve and twenty-one constitute only 3.6 per cent of the total white school population in those eighty-six counties or thirty-six to every one thousand. The figures quoted from the United States Census of 1900 show 166 white illiterates to every one thousand white children from ten to fourteen years of age or 16.2 per cent.

The reports from these eighty-six counties indicate very clearly, I think, a very decided decrease of illiteracy since the census of 1900. The school authorities in all sections of the State are making special efforts to reach these illiterates and to remove the blot of illiteracy from the fair name of the State.

I am satisfied that the United States Census of 1910 will tell a different story about illiteracy among white children in North Carolina. I am confident that the per cent will be largely decreased and I shall be disappointed if, at that time, North Carolina does not move up several notches in the column of illiteracy. In the meantime let all who love the State and her children co-operate in the upbuilding of the public schools, the only hope of ever reaching the large majority of these illiterates.

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SANTA CLAUS NOTES.
Dolls, Carriages, Furniture, Wagons, Beds, Velocipedes, Automobiles, Goat Carts, Tricycles, Reeking Horses, Chairs, Rifles, trailing Presses, Magic Lanterns, Engines, Typewriters, Stoves, Drums, Horns, Baskets, Violins, Tool Boxes, Iron and Wood Toys, Animals, Vases, China, etc., Books, Games, Albums, Pictures, Mirrors, Comb and Brush Sets, Stereoscopes, Manicure Sets, Watches.

A present for Father: The Ever Ready Safety Razor with 7 blades in handsome leatherette case for \$1.00.
A present for Mother: Jardinieres, \$1.50, \$1.50, \$1, 85c., 65c., 50c. These are Big Beauties.

A present for Sister: Lovely Opal Bodour Sets \$1.20.
A present for Brother: Watches, Guns, Rifles.

CARPET DEPARTMENT.
Burlap Carpet 60c.
New Line Wool Art Squares \$4.00 to \$12.00
New-Har Cotton Art Squares \$1.95 to \$5.00.
\$112 Smyrna Squares, \$9.00.
Moquet Rugs, 95c., \$2.10 and \$3.50.

Carpet, 10, 13 1/2, 25, 37, 57c.
Floor Oilcloth, 25c. yard.
Black Oilcloth, 25, 28, 40c.
Cocoa Door Mats, 40c.
Shades, Poles, Hassocks.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.
We have just opened a case of the Latest Style Girls' Caps in Red, Blue and Brown, worth about double the price—25c. Ladies Hats at Bargain Prices.

CLOAK DEPARTMENT.
New goods arriving daily. Ladies' and Child's Jackets. Flannellette wrappers 70c., 85c., \$1.00.
Child's Dresses 50c.
Knit Shawls 25c., 50c., \$1.00.
Knit Blouses and Sweaters.
Furs 70c., \$1.25, \$1.65, \$2.25, \$3.00.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.
Mens White Wool Sweaters \$1.
Cardigan Jackets 70c., \$2.00.
New Line of Overcoats.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.
Talking Machines and Records.
Autographs, \$2, \$3, \$5.
Accordions, \$1.25 to \$3.00.
Guitars, \$2.40 to \$5.00.
Banjos, \$1.00 to \$3.00.
Mandolins, \$1.75 to \$5.00.
Violins, \$1.00 to \$3.50.
Strings and Repairs, Cases, 10-inch Excelsior Record, 50c.
A 50-Record Case, \$1.50.

STOVE DEPARTMENT.
Wood Heaters, \$1.25 to \$2.50.
Heavy Wood Heaters, \$3.00 to \$6.00.
Coal Stoves, \$1.95 to \$4.00.
Cook Stoves, \$6.00 to \$12.50.
Oil Heaters, \$1.20, \$1.90, \$2.90.
Grates, Firedogs, etc.
Coal Hods, 20, 25, 33, 45c.
Victor Talking Machines \$22 to \$60.

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