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2. That our store maintains a higher standard of quality (for the price) than any store in Oxford.
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5. That our prices are lowest now and always.
6. That we cheerfully take back any goods that are not satisfactory and do not ask you to take something else but give back your money.

WASH GOODS.

As early as last fall we have been buying for this department and in doing so have shown our good judgment, for many of the fabrics shown cannot be duplicated at near the price. We are selling them according to the price bought at them.
For early spring wear we are showing an extensive assortment of fashion's latest creations in Voiles, Etamines, Eolines, Danish Cloths, Mohairs in all shades and prices, and for a pretty, stylish suit nothing is better or more up-to-date.

COTTON WASH FABRICS.

Exact reproductions of the finer wool grades are our Grecian Voiles, Danish Cloths, Repps and Suitings in a wide range of colors and patterns. Gingham are again very popular and we were fortunate in early buying to secure the latest patterns and styles.

EMBROIDERIES and LACES.

While our buyers were in New York they picked up a special lot of Hamburg Edgings that we are going to make quick sellers of and will offer while they last at 10, 12 1/2 and 15—goods that are worth more money. Another special assortment is a line of imitation torchon laces, beautiful in design and finish, all to be sold at quick moving figures.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

Specially interesting to housekeepers are some of the prices we are making in Table Damasks, Towels, Napkins, White Quilts, Drapery, Silkolines. Lace Curtains ranging in price from 75 cents per pair to Irish Point at \$5.00 per pair. Special in price and quality is a full and complete assortment of lace stripe and dotted swiss curtain muslins, ranging in price from 8 to 25 cents per yard. Worth more money but bought cheap.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

In this department we put forth our very best efforts and promise to show you the most complete and varied assortment of the latest creations in all the newest and most popular shapes, and artistically trimmed. Miss Willis, a trimmer of long experience in New York, Baltimore and other places, has charge and a look at her hats will convince you that she is thoroughly up-to-date and knows how to make a hat that is becoming and stylish.

SHOES.

It is conceded by nearly every one that we carry the best line of shoes, and this season we are putting forth extra efforts and are prepared to show something new in footwear, in the latest styles and cuts. Shoes for the young and old and all at lowest prices to insure a good wearing shoe.

CLOTHING.

Every man and boy wants a nice spring suit of clothes that fits well, looks well, wears well and can be sold at a reasonable price. We have them. The ordinary clothing has nothing in its favor except its price and when the usual poor fit and wearing qualities are taken into consideration, it really isn't worth what it costs, either to the dealer or to the wearer. This is so because it loses its shape and fit after a short time, becomes shabby and makes the wearer dissatisfied with his purchase. Business isn't built through making dissatisfied customers. It is built through making satisfied ones. That is just what our brands of clothing does. Every garment is brimming over with "vim" and "go." The fabric, fit and finish are unsurpassed. "Don't fail to give us a look before buying."



Are Your Lungs Sound?

Rydale's Elixir cures weak lungs. If you think you have a bronchial affection, or if you fear you have consumption, rely on Rydale's Elixir. This modern scientific discovery kills the germs that cause chronic throat and lung diseases and assists nature to restore these organs to health. Rydale's Elixir is also a certain cure for acute throat and lung trouble, such as coughs, colds, hoarseness, etc. Rydale's Elixir is a splendid family remedy for young or old. J. G. Hall.

Ayer's

When the nerves are weak everything goes wrong. You are tired all the time, easily discouraged, nervous, and irritable. Your cheeks are

Sarsaparilla

pale and your blood is thin. Your doctor says you are threatened with a nervous breakdown. He orders this grand old family medicine.

For more than 50 years I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla in my family. It is a grand tonic at all times, and a wonderful medicine for improving blood, and curing all kinds of skin diseases. It is sold by all druggists. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

Weak Nerves

Keep the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills, just one pill each night.

A Cure For Piles.
"I had a bad case of piles," says G. F. Carter of Atlanta, Ga., "and consulted a physician who advised me to try a box of DeWitt's Hazel Salve. I purchased a box and was entirely cured. It is splendid for piles giving relief instantly, and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers." DeWitt's Hazel Salve is unequalled for its healing qualities. Eczema and other skin diseases also sores, cuts, burns and wounds of every kind are quickly cured by it. Sold by J. G. Hall.

Business section of LaFollette, Tenn., burned last week; loss \$200,000.

An Open Letter.

From the Chapin, S. C. News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

No theological fauce is of any value without the eternal fountain.

Ladies and Children

who cannot stand the shocking strain of laxative syrups and cathartic pills are especially fond of Little Early Risers. All persons who find it necessary to take a liver medicine should try these easy pills and compare the agreeably pleasant strengthening effect with the nauseating and weakening conditions following the use of other remedies. Little Early Risers cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache, jaundice, malaria and liver troubles. Sold by J. G. Hall.

You cannot prove the reality of your religion by its racket.

J. G. Hall

does not hesitate to recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to his friends and customers. Indigestion causes more ill health than anything else. It deranges the stomach and brings on all manner of disease. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat, cures indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach disorders. Kodol is not only a perfect digestant but a tissue building tonic as well. Renewed health, perfect strength and increased vitality follow its use.

A New York merchant says North Carolina sells \$20,000 worth of coon skins every year to New York. Please state what kind of coons so President Roosevelt will know how to construe this item.—Wilmington Star.



Beautiful Thoughts

The sweet, pure breath of the babe is suggestive of innocence and health.
A mother's yearning for children is insatiable from the joy of the beautiful, and it behooves every woman to guard the sweetest and best influence to bear on the subject of her maternity.
To relieve pain and make easy that period when life is born again,
Mother's Friend is popularly used. It is a liniment easily administered and for external use only. Pregnant women should try this remedy, it being undeniably a friend to her during nature's term of suspense and anticipation.
Mother's Friend, if used throughout gestation, will soften the breasts, thereby preventing cracked and sore nipples. All muscles straining with the burden will relax, become supple and elastic from its continued application.
All fibres in the abdominal region will respond readily to the expanding force containing the embryo if Mother's Friend is applied externally during pregnancy. Of all reliable druggists \$1.00 per bottle. Write for free book on "Motherhood." THE BRADFELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Mother's Friend

It purifies the blood by eliminating the waste matter and other impurities and by destroying the germs or microbes that infest the blood. It builds up the blood by reconstructing and multiplying the red corpuscles, making the blood rich and red. It restores and stimulates the nerves, causing a full free flow of nerve force throughout the entire nerve system. It speedily cures unstraining nerves, nervousness, nervous prostration, and all other diseases of the nervous system.
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DR. MARCUS VOLNEY LANIER.

Brief Sketch of an Old Time Gentleman. Rich in Native Wit and Learning.

To the Editor Charlotte Observer: Your readers may be interested in a short sketch of the most quaint and most learned man I ever knew, Marcus Volney Lanier. He got his name from Marcus Volney, author of "The Prince of Empire." His father was of course a free thinker, as the son's name indicates.

Mr. Lanier was a small, thick-set man with a small and bald head. He dressed in the old style, with a big flap on front, and no buttons. He chewed tobacco and read Hebrew, he planted corn and quoted Shepherd's "Touchstone." He had not bought a law book since Busbee's "Equity." He called a hotel a tavern, and said "plano forte," pronouncing each syllable. He was a Calvinist all over, and had a rigid rule of right, like Dr. Charles Phillips. I asked him one day why the Lord took pleasure in the killing of men, women and children by the tens of thousands, as in the Old Testament. He said that God could kill in battle as well as in a tornado.

His mind was analytic and microscopic. He cut slow, but very close. He did not take any class for granted. He would not accept an accurate printed law of North Carolina. Often he would post to Raleigh and go through the Secretary of State's office for the originals. In this way he discovered that the Oxford bonds were not issued as the constitution required and from this discovery the Stanley, Wilkes and Henderson county bond cases arose. Some years ago some able lawyers submitted a case against Judge Shepherd. The question in the case was the validity of a section of the printed copy of the charter of Durham as to taxing certain solvent credits. Judge Shepherd, then holding Oxford court, being much perplexed, asked Mr. Lanier to make a motion for a writ of habeas corpus, and the old lawyer took the papers, carried them home, and made the printed copy of the charter, waded through all the acts of the Legislature, and next day reported to the delighted judge and the amazed lawyers that the question did not arise, since the charter was printed wrong.

I always thought he read the Scriptures in Hebrew because he was not willing to risk the translation. I venture this statement—Mr. Lanier never made a mistake in his reasoning. He might arrive at a different conclusion from the accepted one, but his reasoning was correct. Imagine Blind Tom striking a false note on the piano. Such a man was, of course, dogmatic, but he was modest and retiring and loved his name. What a great chancellor he would have made in the days of Eldon! Excepting Rudin, Pearson and George N. Folk, no man in this State was more equal as a black letter lawyer. Mr. Lanier was in the class when he stood for his license. Rudin asked young Lanier some question touching ring remainders. His answer did not suit the chief justice. Young Lanier drew out, "Have your honors got Shepherd's 'Touchstone,' and pulling it down showed that he was right. This made him the hero of the class.

Mr. Lanier was full of dry humor. One occasion in the Supreme Court, Peaslee, got restless at Lanier's prolixity, said: "Mr. Lanier, the court is presumed to know some law." "Yes, your honors, I acted on that presumption the last time I was down here, and lost my case." Mr. Lanier, like most of the old lawyers, was fond of repeating a saying or joke over and over again. Judge Shipp did this. It would not be a long story—just a suggestion. A worthy negro blacksmith in Oxford was arrested for being drunk, and said to Mr. Lanier, whom he employed, "Charge me with force and arms." "No force and arms about about it, no pistol and no stick." Mr. Lanier always spoke of him as "force and arms." I once defended a negro charged with burning a house; the evidence was very scant, but when the negro was tried before Squire William Davis Allen, he was disposed to curse and swear around. Mr. Cannady, who prosecuted in the Superior Court laid great stress upon the fact that the negro had cursed before the justice of the peace. I sought to make it appear that this did not bear upon the question of burning. Mr. Lanier at once threw this bit of doggerel: "Said Samuel cursed and also swore, Ana eke he rapped and eke he tore, So you must, therefore, gentlemen, A verdict find as good true men." Said Samuel did the house set fire, In both miles and in fire.

Mr. Lanier was not a speaker or an orator; he was too natural and too simple to make a speaker. He never held or desired a political office; he couldn't understand how holding of office added to happiness or honor. I never knew him to be flattered at any compliment but once, and that was when the University made him LL. D. There never was, in my judgment, a greater equity draftsman in the State, and as a pleader his language, as well as his thoughts, would have done credit to the greatest minds. He was an ardent friend of the South and thought that Webster was a tricky man in his treatment of the subject. He laid great stress upon the fact that he was told that all young men should read it. Those of us who knew Mr. Lanier never expect to look upon his like again.

Take him all in all he was the greatest lawyer that I ever knew and I felt honored beyond expression because of his friendship.
R. W. WINSTON.
Durham, May 6.

Driven from School. Disgraced and humiliated, the insignia of rank cut from their uniforms, two members of the cadet corps at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, Va., have been driven forth by their fellows and branded as men with whom gentlemen should no longer associate. The offense imputed to them is that while in a state of intoxication they offered to take the man in hand without awaiting the act of the faculty and drove them from the school in disgrace. The only consideration shown them was the suppression of their names.

STATE NEWS.

A negro tramp being tried for vagrancy at Raleigh was fined \$5.25 and fished out the money and paid it.
The Lorry cotton mills of Gastonia have increased the capital from \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000 and doubled the capacity.
Lexington will vote June 7th on the question of issuing \$60,000 in bonds for water works, electric lights and street improvements.

W. I. Snuggs, treasurer of Stanly county, died in a sanitarium at Salisbury Sunday where he was undergoing treatment. He was 58 years old and a one-legged Confederate soldier.

C. H. Williams, who was trying to make peace between his son and another man, near Mt. Olive, was shot in the thigh, in the melee and died in the Wilson hospital as a result of it.

Raleigh has adopted an ordinance requiring physicians to report all cases of tuberculosis and to disinfect all premises where such have been. Said to be the first city in the South to take such action.

The Stanly county jail only cost that people 50 cents during the month of April. Enterprise suggests that the people here to elect a sheriff with something to live on besides jail fees or the officer would have to be fed himself.

Mr. John Hill, who lives near Hunk postoffice, Surry county, will be 100 years old on the 25th of December next, if he is permitted to live about eight months longer. Mr. Hill was born in Stokes county, but moved to Surry many years ago.

John Souther, a farmer about 82 years old, living near Madison, Rockingham county, took a walk a few days ago, and being both deaf and near-sighted naturally sought the railroad track. He was knocked from the track and killed by a passing train.

Burlington News: We understand they had a regular shake up in Graham last Monday night Mr. Sherman Vestal was elected chief of police in the place of Mr. Horace Foushee. The alderman also passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of Peruna, biters, cider and every thing but coffee and lemonade.

Alfred Allen testified against Floyd and Enley Eason at Smithfield. In a slander case and after the trial in which the Easons were bound over to court, the latter cursed Allen while on the way home. A fight ensued. Allen using only his bare knuckles and the Easons knives and they came near killing him when a man came up and pulled them off.

Writing in the Lumberton Robesonian, Rev. P. R. Law says the Rowland section of Robeson county is noted for the large number of maids and bachelors. In one family of twelve children—two sons and ten daughters—one has married and the youngest is now 15. To encourage his sons to marry, their father years ago gave them land and built on the land handsome homes for each of them, but this did not have the desired result.

Washington (N. C.) Gazette: We heard an old fisherman tell Saturday afternoon of how a companion of his was saved from being drowned by two jugs filled with liquor. "When he rolled over out of the boat into the river, he held in his hand two two-gallon jugs tightly grasped. He did not, however, let go his grasp on either of them, and a better set of life preservers I have never seen, and he floated safely to the shore, when he immediately uncorked the jug and began to celebrate his providential escape from a watery grave. He has these two jugs now beautifully painted like a barber's pole, and one is now sitting on each end of the mantel piece in his humble home."

Prof. Carlyle The Orator.

Notice has been received from Grand Master Liddell, of the appointment of Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College faculty, as Orator for Saint John's day celebration on the Oxford Orphan Asylum grounds, June 24th. Brother Carlyle has a reputation as a forcible, eloquent speaker and the announcement of this appointment will be received gladly by many. The orations each year at this celebration at Oxford are of a high order.—Oxford Orphans' Friend.

Statesville Landmark on Thanking Judges.

At Lenoir the other day, when Judge Fred Moore had finished the term of Franklin county court, the bar adopted resolutions, very complimentary to his honor and they were spread on the minutes of the court. The bar doubtless meant well and Judge Moore may deserve all the good things said for him in the resolutions, but we think the idea of bars adopting resolutions thanking judges who have done only their duty is hardly the thing to do, and whenever it is done we unconsciously begin to look on the judge so complimenter as an object of suspicion. The next judge who holds court at Lenoir, if he is not complimented in like manner, will have reason to think that he did not meet the expectations of the bar; and if every judge who comes along is complimented the thing will dwindle into a farce—which it already is at the beginning. There may be unusual circumstances under which such action by the bar would be proper, but ordinarily one is tempted to inquire in such cases what the judge has been doing that a whitewashing is considered necessary.

Sour Stomach—Heart Burn.

Heart burn results from an acid or sour condition of the stomach. This acidity is caused by indigestion. The food is only partly digested, the indigested portion ferments producing acid gases, these produce heartburn and sour stomach. Rydale's Stomach Tablets speedily relieve these conditions. They neutralize the acid and food, restoring normal conditions. Rydale's Stomach Tablets cure all forms of stomach trouble. J. G. Hall.

When the Sap Rises

Weak lungs should be careful! Coughs and colds are dangerous then. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs and colds and gives strength to the lungs. Mrs. G. E. Gentry of Marion, Ind., says, "I suffered with a cough until I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 lbs. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by J. G. Hall.

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—Take the Seaboard Air Line for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo. Fare from Oxford: Season tickets good until Dec. 15 by way of Richmond \$38.75; by way of Atlanta \$38.75. Sixty day tickets by way of Richmond \$28.40; by way of Atlanta \$28.30. Fifteen day tickets by way of Richmond \$23.30; by way of Atlanta \$26.30. Coach excursion tickets (not good in parlor or sleeping cars) on sale May 9-23. Limit ten days from date of sale, by way of Richmond \$17; by way of Atlanta \$20.80. For further information apply to W. M. Bullard, Agent, Oxford, or Z. P. Smith, T. P. A., Raleigh.

Mortgage Sale.

By virtue of a mortgage deed to me executed on the 9th day of April, 1897, by J. I. Mangum and Francis Mangum his wife and Elizabeth Sharon and duly registered in book 45 page 223 of the mortgage record of Granville county, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Oxford on

TUESDAY THE 24TH DAY OF MAY 1904,
a certain tract or parcel of land in Dutchville Township, Granville county, adjoining the lands of John H. O'Brient, William A. Beck, Thomas Stanley and others containing sixteen and one half acres more or less.
JOHN H. O'BRIENT, Mortgagee.
This April 12th 1904.



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Potash

in the form of sulphate produces an improved flavor and a good yield. Tobacco must have Potash. Our little book, "Tobacco Culture," contains much valuable information, and is sent free by writing for it.
GERMAN KALI WORKS
New York, 107 Nassau Street, or
Atlanta, Ga., 100 Peach Street.
This April 12th 1904.

FANCIES AND FASHIONS

Gloriously Depicted in Our Two Stores' New Stocks!

We are most abundantly ready with a collection of goods surpassing all former showings at springtime. As many real charming lines have never been seen here at any season. The efforts of our buyer have been crowned with glory—victory after victory has been won in our persistent battles to secure for our stores merchandise of the highest class, bought so as to be offered at figures in keeping with the times. The new goods show there has been much forethought in their choosing—there is every evidence that care has been taken in selecting, for there are so many more charming lines and the varieties are so much larger and finer. Our far-reaching patronage, coming to us as it does from all sections of this and adjoining counties, demands of us that we must show the biggest and best stocks. It demands of us to display finer grades in an unstinted way. Certainly if an establishment was ever liberal in its displays Long Bros. have been in their huge and wonderfully attractive mobilization of a new season's products for the service of men, women and children.

All hands are on the alert arranging the new arrivals. However, if you wish to buy now it's not necessary to wait—the new goods embracing all the foremost styles may be had now just as well as later.

Newest, Richest and Rarest Silks and Dress Fabrics.

Fair Lady May Wear Exclusive Hats.

The reputation made by our designers last season will be fully sustained in the master Spring display of Women's Headwear. Our exhibition will far eclipse that of any former occasion. If we should promise you that it will, rest assured there'll be no disappointment. The many weeks spent in New York by our milliner was not for naught. She acquired a complete knowledge of the latest and most stylish; and this coupled with her talents and her ability to produce exclusive patterns, will give Long Bros' lady patrons the swellest hats shown South in many years. Our Millinery Department presents a glad, glittering spectacle of the beauty and charms of a new season in ladies' head adornment.

SHOES! SHOES!

We have every reason to be proud of our assortment of new Spring Footwear for men, women and children. Proud of it because we believe it to be the smartest and best in the history of our business.
Now would be an excellent time to get acquainted with the new styles—come and look, buy now or later, as you please. We will be more than pleased to show you—all that is new and good in footwear awaits you.

An Opening Special for Men.

A grand display of SCHLOSS BROS. CLOTHING. Good clothes, the kind Schloss Bros. make, gain prestige everywhere. You'll take into consideration "your spring looks" at once if you've that enviable characteristic, "up-to-date ness." We have the kind that fits a man with self-satisfaction as to his appearance. Every garment a recent style, a stylish fit and a fit possession.

Spring Blossoms in Furnishings

The brightest and best in Men's Furnishings is ready for the season. There's hardly a day but what you'll see something new here. We're always awake and on the look-out for all the smart things. The best dressers look to this store for the new ideas in Men's Furnishings. We always have them first, whatever they may be.

Prices Never Too High.

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Two Big Stores.