### Murder Near Sali Hundred Year

The Sun is enabled to very quaint document, bein printed copy of a letter of Wil liam Owens to his wife, and his confession to the murder of Mr. Ireland. The letter and the confession were written in Salisbury jail on April 6, 1799, and The Sun reproduces them below with only a slight change—the "f" of the old time printer being changed to the published by Mr. Coupee. "s" of the modern type:

COPY OF THE LETTER

OF WILLIAM OWENS, now under Sentence of Death together with Lewis Collins, condemned for the Murder of William Ireland. to the Subscriber,

JOHN HENRY PETCHEY.

Wife! You will receive in these my last Lines, my almost last Words. My Love, I send it to you, that you may keep it when I am dead and gone forever, from you and all transitory things below, and it is my last request, that you may remember it when I am no more. I would not willingly present you with sorrows, my dear, my faithful, my beloved Wife; let them go to the grave with me! and be forever buried in the dust! and being pursuaded that it is not the Will of God that I should see you anymore on earth; let me earnestly entreat you to bear the separation patiently, believing it to be the uncontroulable dispensation of Him who presides over all, and who has also said, "Leave thy fatherless children to me! and let thy widows trust in me!" In taking this last and final Farewell of you, I first send you all the thanks which my heart can conceive, or my tongue by my pen can express. I thank you for all your kind and many admonitions, and for the anxious care which you have taken to persuade and induce me to shun the dangerous paths of vice; and although they had not the desired reproach. We went on until we "to kill a chicken." Returning near Craven this morning, death effect. Il sincerely believe, in these came to the house of Mr. Ireland, the two met and Charlie threw at being caused by blood poison. She my last moments, you ardently where we stopped. I begged of his brother hitting him on the leg was the wife of Isaac Goodman prayed for) Yet my debt to you is Collins not to hurt any persons, with two rocks. During this time and the mother of 19 children 12 not the less, and though I am sure neither to touch anything, but go Jesse shot twice at Charlie. Then of whom are living. I never shall repay it in this away again; but, Oh! unhappy the latter stooped down, as if to transitory and changing world, I fate! he answered and said, "We pick up another rock, and as he can only pray, in this almost last have come to do it, and we will do raised Jesse fired the fatal shot. hour of my life, that God, who it." Then we both went forward The bullet entered the left breast Teachers' Association. thro the merits of Christ the Re- to the door, and both went into and took a downward course, deemer has given me some testi- the house and demanded the old lodging in the side of the backbone mony of his acceptance, may take man's money, he immediately where the doctors found it. you and our innocent infants into jumped at his gun; I then shot him After the shot Charlie fell to the His almighty protection; that he down and immediately stepped ground, then got up and threw will abundantly supply all your out of the door, the negro coming at his brother, who walked off a wants: that he will enable you to in, Collins shot him, and then pro- piece but soon returned to exam-

pay all my just debts, and convert tates of my conscience, I got some Other offices show amounts from the remainder to the support of relief from the distraction of \$1,000 up to the highest menthe only Crime I ever committed which would have added Guilt to the bar here Thursday and the against the laws of the country. Guilt and Sin to Sin, and God oath was administered to him.and for all I have done against the only knows where we would have Concord Standard. daws of my God. I trust that no stopped, had not strict Justice in-one will be so inhuman as to cast terposed. any reflections on my harmless in- And now I bless God, I cheerfants for any misconduct of mine. fully submit and acquiesce in that Sorry I am, that I have no greater awful and solemn sentence of temporal possessions to leave to death pronounced upon me; and I Jenkins succeeded him, becoming you or to them; but I trust, that humbly beg of God, that He will the God before whom I must receive my Soul into the realms of

my dying breath, not to take any- of one over my beloved children who will use them unkindly. As my last moment are fast approaching, I must make a long and lasting against a cake of ice in such a things! earnestly recommending It became very much swollen and He expects to be gone about ten me. It is now my everlasting farewell of you, and all time manner as to bruise it severely. you and them to the Almighty pained him so badly that he could days. The Synod meets to-mor- friend." James Plummer. God, and the word of His grace, not walk without the aid of row night at 8 o'clock. humbly beseeching him, through crutches. He was treated by the merits of our blessed Redeem- of liniment and two and a half erties of Chamberlain's Cough er; that by a pardon and remis-gal'ons of whisky in bathing it, Remedy, its pleasant taste and writes P. B. Belles, Argyle, Pa. whose children have been saved sion of all my sins, I may be en- but nothing gave any relief until prompt and permanent cures, It cures coughs, colds, grippe and from attacks of dysentery and abled, (when you and they have be began using Chamberlains' have made it a great favorite with all throat and lung troubles, cholera infantum who must also done & and suffered His will on Pain Balm. This brought althe people everywhere. For sale James Plummer. earth) to have a joyful meeting time and he believes that had he

obedient to the only parent you Druggist.

Here Follows his co made before Mr. John Hill, a

I William Owens, do acknowledge this to be an open confession of the carge that I am now under. Sometime in December last, was going to the house of one of my neighbors on some business, addressed to his Wife and Chil- and met with Lewis Collins, he man died that night. My Dear Companion, my beloved course had passed, I asked him to up to the officers and was placed go with me, to which he agreed, in jail. He is a railroad negro and after staying some time at and is now suffering from a broken my neighbour's, he came with leg and other injuries received me to my house, and I under- while at work recently. took to feed one of his horses for It was said that the fight was some time. He then asked me to occasioned by women.

length consented, being a poor find the ball. would not; but Collins's insinua- the November to a of court. | made its first appearance yesterwent. Alas! to my final ruin and bor's house and borrowed a pistol Mrs. Elizabeth Goodman died

pursue those paths which you so ceeded to get the money, but he ine the wound and sent for a docoffen and so ardently recommend- found only a few dollars. As this tor. Jesse gave himself up. ed to me, and, that HE, out of his was the first undertaking of the There was one eye witness, a abundant goodness will provide kind that I ever was engaged, I negro man and he was held for Union Meeting. for you and them. I sincerely re- felt as if I had been in a burning court. quest, that my unhappy fate may fire. I run away from the house,

not prevent you from providing and was determined to quit his Postoffics Receipts. for yourself and for them. Do company, and go to my relations Gross receipts of presidential Friday and continuing over Sun- Advertised Letters. your utmost to put our children to in Wilkes county. But Oh! my postoffices in North Carolina for day. A number from Salisbury school; endeavor to bring them up unhappy lot! he gave me liquor, the fiscal year were announced will attend the meeting. in the fear of GOD betimes, and and told me to cheer up, and not Friday in Washington. early instruct them to procure an be discouraged, I should have the Receipts for Salisbury were honest living by industry, & to horse, and we should have some- \$8,321.17; Concord \$5,856.94; shun every kind of intemperance. thing yet. Thus by his Charlotte \$39,317.40; Greensboro And with the respect to the small alluring tougue and the ob- \$20,605.21; High Point \$6,378.86; property I leave behind me, dis- stinacy of my own hard- Lexington \$2,717.53; Winston pose of it to the best advantage; ened heart, against the dic- \$35,510.50; Salem \$13,069.10.

yourself and our children. It is mind I was thrown into, from the tioned above. likewise my earnest request, that unpresidented act of perpetrating your father may take my dear so horrid a crime, insomuch as to He Took His Oath. helpless infants under his protect persevere and go with him more Mr. Bachman B. Miller, of tion, and assist you in bringing cheerfully, in quest of a better en- Rowan county, who recently was them up in the fear of God, that terprise; but the hand of Justice granted license by the supreme they shun the unhappy fate of has arrested us, before we had court, and who was a classmate of their father:-And as I hope and power to go any further with our Mr. J. F. Newell of our county, trust, that my blood will atone for cruel and unlawful undertaking, was introduced to the members of

shortly appear, will provide for eternal glory on high where soryou all the necessary comforts of row and trouble shall cease, and life; and let me entreat you, with be no more, is the sincere prayer WILLIAM OWENS.

James Reed Injured. Mr. James Reed, struck his leg with you in the realms above, not used this remedy his leg would where sin will forever cease, and have had to be amputated. Mr. separation will be known no more! Reed is one of the leading mer-

Knott, colored. Charlie Knott, the

a wound from which the injure dren, and printed by his request and I fell into conversation, and After the shooting, which was he appeared to me to be a genteel the closing scene of a fight between civil man; and after some dis- the brothers, Jesse gave himself

go with him on this unhappy jour- The bullet entered the left nev, he promised to give me a breast, passed behind the heart, horse if I would undertake the struck a rib and ranged downward. business with him, to which I at Physicians probed but failed to

man, and had no horse ever to go | The preliminary hearing in the the smallest errand; I thought it case of Jesse Knott, colored, for was a good chance for me to make the killing of his brother was held something handsome to live on, before Esquire D. M. Miller in the and to support my indigent fami- Sheriff's office yesterday evening. ly, althoug my conscience often Several withe ses were examined. times warned me against the un The defence, 1 personned by dertaking, likewise my dear wife Messrs. Overman & Gregory, instrongly persuaded me not to go, troducted no witnesses and the The New Daily.

me that he only wanted my that Charlie and J. see Knott lived Dr. J. N. Stallings, editor; W. company, saying, "you go together at Spencer. Jesse is a H. Stewart, publisher. The pa- Now in Cuba. with me, you need not do anything cripple and walks on crutches, his per will be Democratic and is at all." Thus being infatuated, I thigh having been broken about launched forth on the sea of jourconsented and went, with so much two months ago. Thursday the nalism, asking for public favor. reluctance to my poor wife, that two fell out about the digging of a The Sun welcomes the new paper, the night before our departure hole for a clothes ine post. After and wishes it all the success it may she bathed my shirt with her some words had passed Charlie merit. tears; but so strong was the temp- went to the road to pick up some tation, that I could not resist it, I rocks and Jesse went to a neigh- Mother of 19 Children Dead.

# New Mayor at Gold Hill.

Mr. Charles B. Smith resigned Hill last week. Mr. W. T. R. mayor of the growing little town.

To Attend Synod. Rev. W. H. McNairy left this morning for Baltimore to attend the Synod of Potomac of the Reformed church. The Classis of North Carolina is entitled to eight stomach troubles. E. R. Gamrepresentatives in this Synod and ble, Vernon, Tex., says, "It re-Mr. McNairy is one of the eight, lieved me from the start and cured

The great Success of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea was of months' standing; after Me., healed a sore running for hall, library and sitting room, for truth. Adieu! my beloved wife Adieu!

Adieu my dear children forever

Adieu my dear children forever while time shall last, Adieu! Be For sale by James Plummer, lized world. For sale by James Cure. It digests what you eat. cures all skin diseases. James Testaments and other religious

tions was so forcible, by telling It appears from the evidence day. It is a seven column folio.

The interment will be at Liberty in the morning. place at Thyatira church.

The county teachers' association will meet in regular monthly ses-Linn, Commissioners, advertise sion at the city graded school Saturday morning of this week,

Several questions of interest to the teachers will be discussed. Gregory, Commissioners, adver-Let there be a good attendance. tise sale of valuable land in this

The South Yadkin Association tage of this beautiful weather and month at Mocksville, commencing farms.

Prof. Graham Principal. Prof. J. A. Graham, formerl of the city graded school of Salis bury, has been elected principal of the Clyde High School, Clyde, S. C. We see from the Messenger that this school had an auspicious opening on October 17th.

# Federal Court.

The Statesville Landmark say of the Federal court:

Among the most important cases disposed of are the following: Wm. E. Campbell, illicit distilling and removing, one month in jail and \$100 fine; Johnny Brittain, removing, three month and \$200; John Holbrook, distilling, three months and \$100; Will Holbrook, distilling, one month and \$100; J. H. Edwards, distilling, one month and \$100; Lou McMillan, his position as mayor of Gold distilling and removing, one month

A number of cases on the civil docket have been compromised, among them the one against Key & Co., the defendants paying \$2,400 as previously agreed upon.

Eat plenty, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat. It cures al! forms of dyspepsia and

"When our boys were almost

"It did me more good than any thing I ever used. My dyspepsia James Plummer.

The covered bridge across the

evening and to-day taking the top office, this county. and sides rway.

Rear at a "Fes

inklin By Mack

mer-A Leg

Was Broken.

an's attention was needed and

from the rear making three holes

another hole in coming out.

With Richmond News.

a new Democratic daily.

is now in Havana.

Death near Cleveland.

Battery I, 2nd Artillery, regulars,

Hodge is a Rowan boy. He says

writes the Sun from Cuba. Mr.

John: S. Henderson and T. C.

L. H. Clement and Edwin C

Our farmers are taking advan-

October 25th, 1899. Parties call-

ing should ask for advertised let-

Males.-Sam Baldwin, Walter

Brooks, J. J. Bost, Cumor Bar-

Morton, J. M. Martan, June ---,

Females.-Mrs. M. R. Rober-

J. H. RAMSAY, P. M.

Many Thanks.

James Plummer, Druggist.

col., Robert L. Crockett.

Frances Cobb, col.

one cent for each letter:

about town.

wounds

main and railings will be placed of the country. on the sides. re was a "festibul" among blored folks in Franklin last and it ended as so many of

# pe. As a partial result a phy-

cers lost sleep looking for a Mr. Holmes' Corn Shucking. A number of negoes from town shucking at his farm, well known J. T. Wyatt shipped some door ent out to join in the fun of the as the Meadow Stock farm near and window sills to South Boston, ccasion. Among them was John the city, Monday night. A party Va., Saturday. The cash was Craige, a well known character of young men from Salisbury at- sent to him with the order. So Before the "evening" closed, a a prize for the best shucker. granite that it is no trouble to get negro named Mack Misenheimer Mr. J. H. McNeely won the gift, the money for it, even before the got mad at Craige and shot him a nice scarf pin.

### in his body. A ball entered the Child Badly Burned.

left shoulder, and one went in the The three-year-old child of Jim right thigh, breaking a bone in McCorkle, colored, who lives in the leg, and then rebounding made Jersey City, was badly burned this morning. Its clothing caught Craige was brought to town and and burned off and the child was Dr. Brown looked after his burned all over. The injury will probably prove fatal.

### To Kentucky and Ohio.

Mr. Joe Lyerly, of this city, | Charles P. Sapp, of the News who has been attending a business and Observer editorial staff, has college in Richmond, will make been sent to Kentucky and Ohio then promised to her that I prisoner was he'd without bail for The Salisbury Daily Index his home in that city. He has a by that paper to view and position on the Richmond News, write up the political situation in those states. Mr. Sapp is a pungent writer and his letters will be eagerly sought after.-Greens-Mr. H. E. Hodge, a member of boro Telegram.

Mr. Sapp is a brother of Mrs. F. V. Barrier, of this city.

### he will be home in February. He Now Running Over Bridge.

It was announced vesterday that river which was burned Friday rent out. Mrs. Rebecca White, widow of night, has been so far completed Thomas White, about 45 years old, died at her home, near Cleve- the bridge. The entire trestle Cauble. land, at 3 o'clock yesterday after- work of the east approach to the The funeral will be held at the entirely consumed. The bridge house to-morrow morning at 9 itself, which is of iron was left ino'clock and the burial will take tact.

### A China Store

Mr. G. W. Wright is opening a china store in the room next above sale of valuable land in another his mammoth furniture store. He will have on hand a splendid line in St. Anne, Mississippi, Thursof the ware.

# Brandy Found.

brandy to raise a crop. Remaining in the Salisbury, N.

# A Welcome to Dr. Stokes.

C., P. O. for the week ending Dr. J. C. Stokes, resident surgeon at Johns Hopkins' Ilospital, has resigned his position and is ters and will be required to pay, coming to North Carolina to locate at Salisbury. He will associate himself with Dr. Long in the S. Miller, John Horrah, George hospital there. We welcome him Taylor, Chas. Gray, Lewis Earn- to the Tar Heel State.—Greenshardt, J. W. Chapel, Willie boro Telegram.

# nard, A. V. Henderson, William To Winston.

The horse show and fair at Nat Alexander, C. Ketchie, James Winston is being well attended. A. Jones, G. D. Smith, col., C. A number from Salisbury have H. Smith, Isaac Johnson, J. H. gone over. Among those who B. Johnson, J. B. Harris, John went this morning are W. C. Tomson, J. A. Young, J. H. Par- Fraley, R. J. Holmes, J. D. Heiker, Joe Sellers, Capt. Shuford, lig, and C. W. Pool and wife.

> Miss Addie West has malaria fever.

son, Alice Simmons, Mrs. W. A. Hairston, Miss Ottilie Hammers-Millions of dollars, is the value ton, Mrs. Lillian H. Dula, Miss placed by Mrs. Mary Bird, Har-Annie Lamer, Caroline Kinley, risburg, Pa., on the life of her Mrs. Mattie Henderson, (2), Mrs. child, which she saved from croup Alice Smith, Miss Mary Penland, by the use of One Minute Cough Miss Carrie Thompson, Miss Cure. It cures all coughs, colds Roxie Johnson, Mrs. Annie L. C. and throat and lung troubles. James Plummer. Kenttz, Mrs. W. F. Kenttz, Miss

Beulah Wethers, Miss Sylvia | President King, Farmer's Bank. Shedrick, Mrs. Lena Cheshier, Brooklyn, Mich., has used De-Miss Cora Springs, Miss Kinchen Witt's Little Early Risers in his Anderson, Mrs. Mattie Cowan, family for years. Says they are the best. These famous little pills cure constipation, billiousness and ell liver and bowel troubles. James Plummer.

### Don't Read This "I wish to express my thanks

Unless you want the best in to the manufacturers of Chamstationery, blank books, china and berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, for having put glassware.

on the market such a wonderful Decorated china spitoons 50 cts. dead from whooping cough, our medicine," says W. W. Massin- glazed or ornamented 35 cts., decdoctor gave One Minute Cough gill, of Beaumont, Texas. There orated earthenware spitoons at 15 Cure. They recovered rapidly," are many thousands of mothers cts., tin ones at 15 cts., nickel from 35 cts to \$1 each.

call at Buerbaum's. Joseph Stockford, Hodgdon,

> A large assortment of Bibles, one in the city. works at Buerbaum's.

### FINE ROLLER MILL.

Has Been Unroofed and Made Less Purchased Yesterday From Case Manufacturing Company.

Mr. H. A. Neiding, the clever railroad on Inniss street is no long- representative of the Case Manuer covered. And the appearance facturing Company, Thursday of the structure is much improved. sold a sixty-barrel capacity mill The railroad company had a to the company which will build a force of hands at work yesterday roller flour mill at Rowan post-

The frame work between the finest and most complete mill ma- not yet been made. carriage-way and side walks re- chinery he has sold in this section

The company propose to do The bridge looks much better good business. They will begin but it is hoped the purpose of the work at the earliest possible mocompany to soon put up an iron ment. e affairs end-in a shooting bridge there has not been aban-

### Items From Faith.

Our granite continues to go out from Faith, carload after car load, Mr. R. J. Holmes gave a corn to many different towns and cities. tended. Mr. Holmes had offered great is the demand for our fine work is done sometimes.

> would boom as no other place in this State has ever boomed before. Our settlement can't be beat for its growing population; listen, this time it is twins, a boy and a girl, at Mr. and Mrs. John Bost's, and recently it was twins at Mr. in jail and was convicted of manand Mrs. Mose Reid's, two boys. At the home of Mr. and John H. Foil a young gentleman has ar-

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kluttz take the head with a club, killing him. the Sun and keep posted on the news. Mrs. Kluttz is one of those good cooks; her light bread, jellies, preserves, pies and other things, too numerous to mention, were very fine; we tested them the other day. Their little twin ers against G. A. Horton and others,' boy is the pet of the family.

Mr. Paul Miller, below Faith, is building himself a nice two-story residence.

Mr. L. A. Gant has commenced the Southern's bridge over Broad putting up a house in Faith to hart, Chas. Cowan and

Andy Casper has bought a that trains are now running over building lot from Mr. Henry dated December 14, 1877, and recorded

bridge and all the wood work was lots from Peeler Brothers in Faith. The drugs have arrived at Lingle & McNary's store.

A blacksmith could find a good opening here now.

# Negro Burned at the Stake.

A negro was burned at the stake

day night. He had burned a white family. He tied Mrs. Gambrel and her Revenue officers yesterday cap- four children to the floor, poured tured about ninety gallons of bran- kerosene oil on and about them dy-as scarce as that beverage is and set fire to it. He confessed -in Cabarrus county. It was his guilt and implicated two other union meeting will be held this are getting in telling licks on their found scattered about in a garden. negroes, one of whom escaped, The owner had, perhaps, sown the while the other was rescued from the stake.

# Round Bale Cotton Press.

Statesville Landmark. A friend at Stony Point writes the Landmark that Messrs. Lentz Bros., of that place, got their round bate cotton press to work Wednesday and completed the third in six months and one-third in packing of the first round bale purchase money is paid. Bidding to about 4 o'clock on that day. The begin at \$1,030.00. about 4 o'clock on that day. The press, it is said, appears to do good work.

### LOCALS.

The Gentry Dog and Pony Show will be here on November the 1st.

The blacksmith shop of Mr. S. B. Colly, in the county, was burned Monday. The anvil and tools were saved.

Bishop Cheshire's appointments in Rowan for this month have Mr. Neiding tells us this is the been cancelled. New dates have

Mr. W. M. Linker, of near Rockwell, has accepted a position as clerk with Mr. James Moyle. He began duty this morning. Mr. Linker expects to move his family to town soon. The Sun will extend a welcome to the new addition to the city.

### Can Hunt in Davie.

The bird law expires in Davie November 1st. There is an impression that the law requiring a hunter to have a written permission from the land-lord before he can hunt applies to Davie county, is a mistake. It passed the Senate but was killed in the House, says the Times.

12-Year-Ulu muruere

Sheriff R. O. Riddick, of Gates county, brought a twelve-year convict to the penitentiary yesterday. Linwood Wiggins, a negro, is the invidual. He killed his brother slaughter. The two were originally placed in jail on the charge of housebreaking. They quarreled and Linwood hit his brother over -Raleigh Post.

### SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

In pursuance of a judgment of the Superior Court, in the special proceeding entitled "Wm. J. Horton and oththe undersigned commissioners will sell at the Court House door in the town of Salisbury, at public outcry to the highest bidder, on

Monday, Dec. 4th, 1899, a tract of land situate in Rowan county, adjoining the lands of Levi Everert S. Sloan and wife to John Horton. in B. 55 page 445 of the Register's of-Mr. Reuben Foil has bought two certain deed from Maria Beaver to John Horton, dated 5 August 1876, and registered in B. 57 page 78 of the

Register's office of Rowan county.
Terms of sale: Cash.
L. H. CLEMENT,
EDWIN C. GREGORY,

Dated Oct. 24, 1899.

# Sale of Valuable Real Estate

In Atwell Township.

In pursuancee of a judgment of the Superior Court rendered at August term, 1899, the undersigned commissioners will sell at public sale at the Court House door in Salisbury, N. C.,

# Saturday, Nov. 25, 1899,

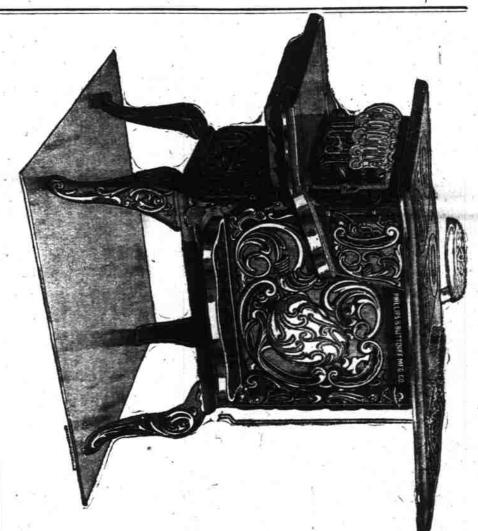
the following described real estate: Beginning at a stake, corner to No. 4, thence S. 890 E. 39 chains to a stake corner to No. 1 on the line of No. 4, thence N. 899 W. 36 chains to a stake, thence N. 140 W. 34 chains to the beginning, containing 133 acres more or ess. The same being lot No. 3 in the devision of the Chambers McConnaughey Homestead.

On the land is located a good dwelling and all the necessary outhouses.

This land is sold by order of Court and the purchaser will receive a fee Terms of sale: One-third cash, one-

twelve months. Title reserved till JOHN'S HENDERSON,

T. C. LINN, Commissioners Oct. 20th, 1899.



# Stoves and Furniture

We are selling out our entire stock of Stoves at exactly cost. If you want a coffee or teapot, We bought them cheap and can sell them to you the same way. We feel thankful. It is for sale by that will last you a lifetime, one have on hand over a car load and as we have not got the room to hanmade of copper and nickel plated dle them we will sell them for just what we gave as we do not expect to handle them after this lot is gone. Now when pricing from us ask Lamps, from 25 cts. to \$10 for to see our invoice for them if you believe we are not telling you the

A big lot of Furniture on hand that we will sell cheaper than any

HOUSE, STOUDEMIRE & CO.