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We can show you the most complete stock carried in this market at prices to suit all. We have just received

NEW LOT OF Klondyke Hats and Caps.

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A Complete Stock of General Hardware.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Winston Republican keeps harping on the prosperous times which we are having under the benign administration of Wm. McKinley, Jr., the gold-standard and the Dingley tariff. The Republican's desire for prosperity must be a very moderate one if the present conditions satisfy it. We would hate to see the conditions which it would call hard times—under a Republican administration.

Some of the papers are trying to resurrect from his political grave one David B. Hill, who in Democracy's hour of need crawled into his hole and pulled his hole in after him. This is a useless task as far as the country at large is concerned. The party will no longer stand the dictation of New York straddle bugs. The next victory Democracy wins will mean something more than a change of office holders.

Loyal Democrats should never forget that it was Grover Cleveland, who, after receiving the loyal and enthusiastic support of the party three times—twice successfully—for the Presidency, bolted the party the very first time it nominated another man. He not only bolted the ticket, but threw the entire influence of an administration which was elected by Democrats to the election of the Republican nominee. They should also remember that his peculiar friends supported him in his party treachery.

It is given out that President McKinley and Secretary of the Treasury Gage have a plan for so-called currency reform ready to be submitted to Congress next Monday. Ten to one, it is of the kind which the bankers have been recommending which reforms it the wrong way. Any change in the banking laws of the country which still further places the currency of the country in the power of the National banks will be a great detriment rather than a benefit. Any substitution of interest-bearing bonds as a basis for National bank circulation for the legal tender notes of the government, which bear no interest and circulate at par, will be robbing a few suffering people for the benefit of a few money lords. The financial reform which our government needs is the free coinage of silver as well as gold and the resumption of the right, which has been loaned to the banks, by the government of issuing the necessary paper money itself. No other "reform" stands any chance of passing the free silver Senate and the people will see to it that the next House will be in the same notion.

So it seems that sugar and coffee are to advance in price. The Arabuckles and Havemeyers will stop their "war" upon each other and again enter into a combination to force up the prices of these two articles of prime necessity to the farmer. With combinations to force him to pay big prices for what he buys and a monster combination to depress the price of his cotton, the lot of the Southern farmer is a hard one. These combinations thrive on a depleted and insufficient circulation of money by making it impossible for business rivals to secure the necessary ready money to do business in competition with them. Increase the volume of money by the free coinage of silver and take away the power of the banks to contract their circulation at will, and these combinations will be harder to be formed and will be shorter-lived when formed, because money will be easier secured by rivals who will want to share in the enormous profits of the business. Easy money makes competition and competition is the life of trade.

If the Democratic party of North Carolina expects to win recruits from the Populists or even to hold its present membership, it must speak out in no uncertain sound on the money question. It must give the State to understand in such a manner that he who runs may read that it is done with Cleveland and Clevelandism. The same party cannot hold with Bryan and Cleveland at the same time and hold any considerable number of the sincere adherents of either. Clevelandism advocates the contraction of the currency, bond issues in the time of peace and the ever increasing value of the dollar by reason of such currency contraction and bond issues; Bryanism advocates free silver, an income tax and increased prices for the products of the farm and of labor, to be brought about by the expansion of the currency consequent upon free silver coinage. The two doctrines are as wide apart as the poles. A party policy which seeks a middle ground between them can only bring disaster and party dishonor. The day for Democratic straddles has past.

Local News

Mr. Dyke Neill, of near Amity, sold out his property last Friday, and Tuesday, he and family left for Texas.

The Dramatic Club will present "Mr. Bob" next month. This is good news to our people, who all enjoy the plays of this popular club.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Cashion died last Thursday at the home of his parents, near the depot, of measles and pneumonia. The parents have the sympathy of their neighbors in their sad bereavement.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: Esquire Reece has been shipping water from the Brushy Mt. Iron & Lithia Springs to Statesville, and the parties are pleased with it. The water needs but to be known to be appreciated.

PERSONALS

Mr. N. B. Mills and son spent last Friday in Charlotte.

Miss Belle Gillespie is visiting Miss Jennie Freeman in Charlotte.

Mr. Orin Turner spent Thanksgiving in Charlotte.

Miss Antoinette Burwell is visiting in Charlotte.

Mr. T. K. Bruner, of Salisbury, was in town one day last week.

Mrs. D. M. Furches has gone to Raleigh to visit her husband, Judge Furches.

Messrs. F. and C. W. Stikeleather, of Asheville, visited their sick mother at Olin last week.

Miss Emma Elliott, of Sparkling Catawba Springs, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Anderson.

Secretary J. L. Ramsey, of the State Board of Agriculture, was here last Friday.

Elkin Times: Mr. J. G. Colvert, of Statesville, spent Sunday with his brother-in-law, Mr. J. P. Warren.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McLelland spent Thanksgiving at Newton with Mr. McLelland's brother, Mr. James H. McLelland.

Ronda Correspondence Elkin Times: Mr. Walter Holland, of Iredell county, visited his sister, Mrs. W. F. Bell, of this place, last week.

Catawba Visitor: Miss Altie Corpening and Miss Mary White, of Statesville, came up yesterday to spend Thanksgiving at Mr. J. U. Long's.

Asheville Citizen, 26th: F. Stikeleather and Chas. W. Stikeleather returned last night from Olin, Iredell county, where they had been at the bedside of their mother, who is very ill.

Lenoir Topic: Miss Fanny Morrison, of Canon City, Col. and Miss Belle Guo, of Iredell, are visiting at Mr. M. E. Shell's. They are cousins of Mrs. Shell and Mr. J. L. Nelson.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: J. W. Ward, of Iredell was in town this week.—Vance Somers, of Statesville was in town this week.—Mrs. J. O. Rousseau and son Oscar returned to Statesville Thursday. Hope their visit here has been pleasant.

Caldwell vs. Wilson.

The case of L. C. Caldwell vs. James W. Wilson for the possession of the office of chairman of the State Railroad Commission has been set for hearing in the Supreme Court on December 4th. The court set this day, though Wilson's attorneys protested against it.

The case of Pearson vs. Otho Wilson was tried in Wake Superior Court two weeks before the case was tried here, and though the Supreme Court sits in Raleigh, the case from Iredell is now docketed and the case from Raleigh is not. This shows that our Statesville lawyers are hustlers as it was Mr. Caldwell's home counsel, Messrs. Armfield & Turner and General A. D. Cowles, who approved the appellant's case and hurried the transcript to Raleigh.

Special Meeting of the County Commissioners

The county commissioners held a special meeting on last Thursday. Chairman Hill and Commissioner White were present.

It was ordered that R. P. Scroggins, D. S., be paid \$7.50 for services at court.

It was ordered that \$3,900 of Iredell county bonds be paid January 1st, 1898. That notice be given to Mrs. S. J. White, who holds 14 bonds of the county, and to Robert F. Pifer, who owns 25. That they present them for payment on January 1st, 1898, as interest will stop after that date. This will leave only \$1,000 of outstanding bonded indebtedness against the county, and this will be paid next year.

Ex-Sheriff M. E. White made a final settlement of the taxes for the year 1896 with the county commissioners Friday. He paid the balance of \$236.63 in cash, after deducting errors and insolvents amounting to \$2,491.85 and land sold to county to \$294.98. He had previously settled for 1895.

Mooreville News.

Mr. John Freeze is quite sick at the residence of his mother.

Work on the A. R. P. church is progressing finely and when completed it will be the handsomest church building in town.

We are glad to inform his many friends that Mr. H. A. Ludwig, who has undergone a surgical operation at Baltimore, is rapidly improving and will probably be at home attending to his business in a week or ten days.

While at work at the Mooreville Cotton Mill last Thursday Mr. W. L. Harvel let a heavy iron roller fall upon his left foot and mashed it. (The foot, of course), quite severely. He can walk about the streets but it will be some time before the wounded member will heal.

Evangelist Fife Says He Has a Message From God.

Salisbury World:

A Lexington gentleman who was in the city yesterday tells us that at his meeting there, yesterday, Evangelist W. P. Fife told his audience that he had a message from God to the people of Lexington.

God had revealed to him, he said, that unless the people got on their knees and in sackcloth and ashes repented, a plague would come upon the city within the next ninety days.

Mr. Fife, we learn, is not so violent in denunciation as he once was.

Hard Times and High Railroad Freight.

Patron and Gleaner: Drummers who come here say that trade is duller now than it has been for twenty years. Some of them have been called in. The railroads have advanced freight rates on most everything the farmer has to buy. The advance is not confined to one of two railroads. The advance on flour from Norfolk to Rich Square is 8 cents per barrel.

Man Wears Woman's Clothes.

Monroe Enquirer: A rather unusual sight in Esq. Bauman's court on Friday last was a man apparently 20 or 25 years old dressed in female apparel. He hails from below Cairo somewhere and is dressing in such a garb, so we are told, because it is cheaper than ordinary men's clothing. Bet 16 to 1 that is the most striking illustration of poverty under the gold standard that is on record.

Chased by Bear Near Wilmington.

Wilmington Star 24:

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Thos. F. Bell, of this city, with his wife, took a drive in a buggy on the old Federal Point road, and when about four miles from the city Mr. Bell noticed that two hounds which accompanied him had tracked some kind of game into a thicket near a bay leading from "Blythe Savannah" bay. Mr. Bell upon investigating found that the game was a large black bear. The bear attacked the dogs, and soon had them running, one of the dogs being badly hurt. The bear then gave chase to Mr. Bell, who, armed only with a small hatchet, had to flee for his life. Mr. Bell, however, made good his escape.

An Engineer on the Western Shot.

Asheville Citizen, 26th:

This afternoon about 1 o'clock, while the first section of freight train No. 65 on the A. & S. road was approaching Asheville, and in the vicinity of Fletcher's, Aus. Lambert, together with another man, made repeated efforts to steal a ride.

Lambert was put off the train three times by Conductor Ray, but persisted in his efforts to board the train, which caused Engineer L. M. Bumgarner to interfere.

Lambert resented the interference, drew a revolver and shot Mr. Bumgarner in the left side. The wounded engineer was put on the train, and the trip to Asheville was made as quickly as possible. Dr. Wm. D. Hilliard, the company surgeon, was telephoned for, and the Doctor called Dr. S. H. Lyle, of Franklin, in consultation and an examination was made in the caboose, which was sidetracked on the Asheville yards.

At 2:30 the bullet had not been probed for, and it could not then be foretold just how serious Engineer Bumgarner's wound would prove, but Dr. Hilliard was inclined to the opinion that he would recover.

Lambert, who lives at Arden, and his companion ran immediately after the shooting. He was fired upon several times by the trainman, but without effect.

YELLOW FEVER GERMS

breed in the bowels. Kill them and you are safe from the awful disease. Quack cures destroy the germs throughout the system and make it impossible for new ones to form. Cascares are the only reliable safe-guard for young and old against Yellow Jack. 10c, 25c, 50c, all druggists.

STATE NEWS.

A negro church, in Wilkes county, was burned last week.

The Chronicle says that forest fires are raging in Wilkes and doing incalculable damage to the forests.

Capt. J. S. Reid, of Monroe, fell from his bicycle and broke his right elbow.

Dr. Houck will establish a hospital in Lenoir next year with all the modern conveniences.

Governor Russell has resipited John Evans, colored, the Rockingham rapist, until January 26, 1898.

Ex-U. S. Marshal O. J. Carroll will become the traveling representative of the Raleigh Post.

Twenty indictments have been found against Salisbury cigarette dealers for selling cigarettes to minors.

The Leaksville postoffice was broken open one night last week and robbed of over \$200 in money and stamps.

Sam Laws' house, in Wilkes county, was burned last week together with all its contents, except a few pieces of furniture.

L. A. Jarvis, of North Wilkesboro, formerly of New Hope township, this county, handled 200,000 pounds of dried fruit this season.

The Elkin Times says that Wm. Aldrich, 82 years old, living three miles from Jonesville, Yadkin county, dropped dead while pulling corn.

Shelby Aurora: Mrs. Andrew Peeler, who has been blind for 25 years, is now picking cotton. She says that everything seems perfectly natural.

Morganton Herald: Tyler Patterson found a quarter-dollar gold coin last week near the edge of the walk in front of Epstein Bros' store. These tiny pieces of money are now a curiosity.

David Pitts' barn at Glen Alpine, Burke county, was burned last week together with six mules, one horse, two oxen and a large quantity of corn and forage.

Governor Russell pardons W. C. Eiters, who killed Dr. David Hogue in Cleveland county, and who was serving a 15 years' sentence. There were grave doubts of his guilt and his health was very bad.

Concord Times: Miss Alice Moore, of No. 6, killed a chicken recently, and in the gizzard of the animal found a piece of gold about the size of a bullet. The gold is worth about \$2.50.

J. M. McAdams' gin house and saw mills, at Siler City, Chatham county, were burned last week. The fire was started by a match in a bale of cotton. Twelve bales of cotton were also burned. Loss \$1,000; no insurance.

Salisbury Sun: Mrs. M. C. Quinn has just bought a one year old turkey from Mr. H. E. Oldie, of this county, that weighs 291 pounds, and has contracted for one for her Christmas dinner that weighs 40 pounds.

Monroe Enquirer: T. H. Simpson, who lives two miles north of Monroe, will leave next Monday for Texas. He will make the trip in a four mule wagon, which he has fitted up with an oil stove, a bed and other conveniences.

The Goldsboro Argus says that Mr. John H. Gallance was shot and killed by moonshiners Monday morning while engaged with other revenue officers in cutting up an illicit distillery. Two other officers were wounded.

The Enquirer says Mr. W. E. L. Williams, of Union, has been farming on an acre of land he cut a fine crop of hay in the spring and after the hay crop was off he planted the land in corn and made 500 bushels of fodder and 50 bushels of corn on it.

Dr. L. J. Barker, of Jonesville, Yadkin county, suffered a stroke of apoplexy last Thursday and died before medical aid could reach him. He was 60 years old and weighed probably 300 pounds. He was a well-to-do citizen and a prominent Mason.

Salisbury World: Mrs. Z. B. Vance, who has been visiting Miss Jennie Klutz for the last week, left last Tuesday for Washington City, where she will spend the winter. Goodroom, Mrs. Vance's summer home, will be closed for the winter.

Yadkin Ripper: Aunt Nancy Durham, of Buck Shoals township, is now 88 years old. Three years ago she thought she was going to die and sent and got her burying clothes, and then failed to pass off and is now hale and hearty. One day last week she spun six out of cotton, something not many younger girls of today can do.

Marion correspondence Charlotte Observer: Mountaineers report that the fire is all over the mountains in the upper end of the county, on the Mitchell and Yancey lines; also on the famous Black Mountain, and doing many miles of fences have been destroyed. Leaves and brush are very dry, owing to the fact that there has been no rain for a month.

GENERAL NEWS.

John E. Liggett, the tobacco millionaire of St. Louis, died last week, aged 70 years.

Pensacola, Fla., had a \$100,000 fire last Thursday. Both freight depots were burned.

The mercury was but four degrees above zero at Saratoga, N. Y., Wednesday morning.

In a French railroad disaster last week ten persons were killed and many injured.

A fire at Collins, Story county, Iowa, last week, nearly destroyed the entire town. Loss \$90,000.

Fire damaged Tougaloo, University, at Tougaloo, Miss., to the extent of \$20,000 last Thursday.

The ship Port Patrick was burned at her dock in New York city one day last week. Loss more than \$100,000.

An earthquake in Germany last week damaged the famous railway viaduct of the Goeltzch valley, rendering it no use for traffic for some time to come.

Greater New York is prevented from consolidating its postoffices into a single one by a law which Senator Gorman had passed in Congress.

Mrs. John A. Logan has adopted the Cuban Gissy and she has entered the convent of the Visitation, near Washington, to be educated.

At Rockstile church, in Webster county, Ky., Toy Allen, a young man, horsewhipped Rev. Joplin, who had reproved him for bad behavior during the services.

Peter Jackson, a Missouri colored convict, has refused to accept a pardon from Governor Stephens. He says that he does not want to leave the prison until warm weather.

Miss Helen Baldwin was hypnotized one day last week at Wilmington, Del., and was revived with great difficulty. It was feared that she would die and she is still confined to her bed.

Jerry Johnson, colored, was lynched in Screven county, Ga., while he was being taken to jail at Jessup. He was riddled with bullets. The charge was the larceny of a mule.

Ex-Governor John Gary Evans, of South Carolina, will be married on December 15th to Miss Plume, of Connecticut, who is said to be very wealthy.

An Omnibus driver ran his 'bus into the canal at Atlantic City, N. J., last Thursday night and he lost his life by being buried in the mud. The horse also died.

The stage running between Bishop and Independence, Neb., was robbed last Friday of the Wells, Fargo & Company's box containing about \$1,000.

Mrs. Margaret Keegan, of Chicago, does not believe in banks. Tuesday thieves broke into her house and stole \$5,000, which were in a barrel in a closet.

Chesterfield, Ind., was almost wiped off the map last Friday by the explosion of 80 quarts of nitro glycerine, which had been placed in an open field half a mile from town. Two men were seriously injured.

An unknown negro was killed by lygchers near Blackshear, Ga., last Thursday, his body being riddled with bullets. The negro had outraged a respectable white girl while she was at home alone.

On an L. & N. train which left Birmingham, Ala., one night last week, the negro fireman, who was drunk, fired at the engineer but missed him. He then drew a knife and cut the engineer in a dozen places. The engineer finally shot and killed the negro.

During the prevalence of the yellow fever in the South, there have been 1,299 cases and 446 deaths; Louisiana has had 1,847 cases, Mississippi 1,625, Alabama 740, Tennessee 52, Texas 16, Illinois 4, Georgia 3, Florida 1, Kentucky 1. Only 104 per cent. of the cases have proved fatal.

Among the Politicians.

The middle-of-the-road Populist National committee will meet in St. Louis, Mo., January 12, 1898, and a national convention was recommended to be held in April, 1898 with the State conventions to be held in March.

Governor Ellerbe, of South Carolina, announces that he is a candidate for re-election.

Richard Croker, the Tammany chief, says he recognizes United States Senator Murphy as the Democratic leader in New York State.

A Girls' Party Costs a Life.

Shamokin, Pa., Dispatch, 22nd:

Enraged because her sister returned home from a group of children close by, at Mt. Carmel, yesterday, with the story that the girls would not allow her to play with them, Pauline Clezata, aged 18, brutally assaulted one of them, Ida Baylor, aged 8. The latter's skull was fractured by a blow from a club in Pauline's hand. After the victim fell the infuriated girl jumped on her a number of times before men dragged her away. She has been arrested, and her victim will likely die, her back having been broken.

STATE NEWS.

Washington Gazette: Wm. Harris of Long Acre, while passing down the road had his attention attracted to hounds running a deer, and immediately observed a large buck making for the fence behind which he was concealed. As the deer jumped the fence Mr. Harris struck him with a rail and succeeded in capturing him.

The Secretary of State decides, as acting insurance commissioner, that a Washington, D. C., firm cannot write an insurance policy on the life of a man in North Carolina; that it is unlawful to solicit such "overhead" insurance. Yet if agents living outside of the State thus violate the law there appears to be no way of getting at them.

A stock-painter named Cole, of Greensboro, is painting the smokestack of the Edna Cotton Mills, at Reidsville, and while at work on Wednesday of last week he lost his hold, near the top, and fell a distance of 105 feet to the roof of the boiler room. There were no bones broken and he seems to be only a little hurt and he says that he will finish the job during the week.

Greensboro Patriot: Our traveling agent, J. F. Taylor, last week brought home a sample of the corn raised in the fertile valleys of Stokes. The ear shown us weighed two pounds and measured nine inches in circumference, almost 12 inches in length, and contained 26 rows, averaging 64 well developed grains each, or 1,664 grains. It was raised by Mr. J. Henry Tuttle on Mr. W. E. Willis' farm near Germantown.

Lenoir Topic: November 19 Mrs. Mary McRary, relict of the late Robert McRary, died at the home of her son, Mr. F. M. McRary, of Little River township. She was born on the 22nd day of March, 1801, making her age 96 years, 8 months and 27 days. Her maiden name was Cox, being a daughter of the late Matthew Cox. She possessed a fine constitution and had never, in her life covering nearly 100 years, had a severe attack of sickness.

The "Disgraced" Man To Go.

Asheville Citizen, 26th:

News of a recent order that has come through the commissioner of internal revenue, is giving some concern to a number of those employed in the government service under Collector Harkins.

The order is to the effect that all temporary appointments must be from the eligible list.

Collector Harkins; who is now in Washington, will doubtless be required to comply with this order soon after his return, and this will cause a good-sized shake up in the force. Col. Thos. B. Long, the Collector's personal and political friend and one