

Clean Sweep Sale

AT AYERS' BIG BARGAIN STORE!

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

White Crushed Duck Belts in assorted Buckles will be on sale at 10c.
Androsgoggin Bleaching will also cut a big figure in this sale.
See posters for further information.

E. W. AYERS,
Leader in Artistic Millinery
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

"FIL DE SOIE"

The new substitute for silk, embodying all the softness lustre and wear of the genuine article
Fil de Soie is a new fabric just on the market this season, and it is having a remarkable run. We have it in champagne colors with a skip, also blue with polka dot, brown, tan etc

FIL DE SOIE!

The price of Fil de Soie is one of the most attractive features. Think of a piece of goods 30 inches wide, a close imitation of silk, for only

25 Cents the Yard.

Fil de Soie wears longer than silk, wears better, and gives better satisfaction; see it

J. F. BUCKMAN.

Washington's Greatest Store!

Just a Word About Advertising.

GOOD ADVERTISING

Is not the beautifully written poetry to attract the attention of the reader, but the good values to be found in our store is the thing to consider. The real thing is always better than the imitation. We have the real thing at the right price. We only have one price, and of course that price is right, as our sales are daily increasing.

Our 10c Lawns are the 12 1/2c kind at other stores
Our 19c Lawns are the 25c kind at other stores.
We are selling a 25c, laced to the toe, Hose for 19c
We are agents for and have a complete stock of QUEEN QUALITY SHOES. Oxfords, \$2.50; high Shoes, \$3.00

MILLINERY

We have a beautiful line on the second floor.

KNIGHT & COOPER,

Brown's - Pharmacy

— AGENTS FOR —

Huylers - Candies,

N. E. CORNER MAIN AND MARKET STS.

Lowney's and Royster's Candy,

ALWAYS FRESH AND PURE.

Broken Stick Candy, 5c a Pound.

LARGEST AND CHEAPEST LINE OF

ENAMELLED WARE

Bargains for all at the 5 and 10c. Store.

W. D. BUCKMAN.

Orders taken for Rubber stamps.

Japs Considerably Short of Russia's Count.

JAPS CAPTURE GUNS AND STORES.

Imposing Array of U. S. Warships for the
Coercion of Morocco.

SENATOR QUAY'S CONDITION ALARMING.

Candidate Hearst's Mother Withdraws Support from
University of California.

ANOTHER REPORT OF KIN CHOW BATTLE.

By Cable to Gazette-Messenger.

London, May 28.—Baron Hayaishi, the Japanese minister here has received a communication from Tokio which says the commander of the Japanese army which captured Kin Chow and Naushan has made a report giving the Japanese casualties as 3,000. The Russians left four hundred dead on the field.

The Japanese captured 50 guns, besides a large quantity of stores. The general adds: "We occupied Nan Wan Lien yesterday morning. The enemy, who were driven toward Port Arthur, burned the railway station at Sanshipliao, northwest of Dalny."

SEN. QUAY'S CON- DITION CRITICAL.

Special to Gazette-Messenger

Beaver, Pa., May 28.—Senator Quay's condition took an alarming change for the worse at 8 o'clock this morning. He is not expected to live through the day. He has been in a profound stupor since 4 o'clock this morning. Oxygen is being administered constantly in the hope that it will revive him, but Dr. Wilson said at 9 o'clock he did not think he would regain consciousness.

The doctor thought the end would come about sun down or earlier. The immediate cause of his condition is exhaustion, due to his inability to assimilate nourishment. Chronic gastritis is the immediate cause of his trouble.

Here in his old home the sole topic today is the alarming change in the Senator's condition. He is held in the utmost affection here and none of the troubles of his political career ever followed him home. The people are deeply and personally concerned in every word that comes from the sick room and the suspension of business is almost total.

VIRGINIA'S FIRST CON- FEDERATE SOLDIER.

Special to the Gazette-Messenger.

Fairfax, C. H. Va., May 28.—Next Wednesday the monument which has been erected to the memory to John Quincy Marr, the first Confederate soldier to fall in battle in the civil war, will be dedicated. Addresses will be delivered by Senator Daniel and Governor Montague. It is expected that thousands of ex-Confederate veterans from various parts of the south will be present.

MRS. HEARST WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FROM UNIVERSITY.

Special to Gazette-Messenger.

San Francisco, Cal., May 28.—Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, the mother of Congressman Wm. R. Hearst, of New York, the newspaper magnate, has given notice of the withdrawal of her support from a number of charitable, religious and educational organizations of the University of California, to which she contributed about \$20,000 annually. She says the state of her finances necessitates a curtailment of expenses.

If troubled about your thinking cap, try a glass of Pepsi-Cola, it will freshen you up and make work easier. It is the best soda fountain drink. Only 5c, at all soda fountains.

THE CRUISER

"NORTH CAROLINA."

Washington, May 26.—North Carolina has been added to the nomenclature of the navy. The vessel selected to bear the proud name of the Old North State is one of the armored cruisers authorized by the recent Congress. The North Carolina and her sister ship, the Montana, which are to cost approximately four and a half millions each, will be the finest fighting ships in the world, when completed three years hence.

Congress at its recent session authorized the construction of one battleship and two armored cruisers, to be the very best afloat. The battleship was given the name of New Hampshire, and the cruisers North Carolina and Montana. There was a strong rivalry on the part of a number of States for the coveted honor.

North Carolina's closest competitor was her sister State, South Carolina, and it was not until yesterday that Secretary Moody gave his preference to the Old North State in the selection of names.

Uncle Robert Clark Dead.

There passed to his reward in this city on Thursday, and old colored man, Robert Clark, who was one of the most notable and widely known characters of this section. He professed to be both a seer and prophet. For years he has been a familiar figure on our streets, and Saturday after Saturday, until he became too feeble to perform his self-imposed task, he could be seen walking down the street, blowing a tin trumpet, and when he arrived in front of Dr. John C. Rodman's office or the Coast Line depot, would mount a goods box and, after singing a hymn and leading in prayer, open his Bible and proceed to deliver his weekly sermon. He did not know a letter in the book, and to the amusement of the crowd frequently some one would call his attention to his having his Bible open side down, when Uncle Robert would reply: "Any fool can read the book right end up, but it takes a mighty smart man to read it when it is turned the wrong end up." He claimed to have predicted the coming of the Charleston earthquake, numerous hail storms, and the time when the world would come to an end, which latter has not come to pass as yet.

He was also an extensive traveler, and claimed that he was commissioned by God to spread the glad news and deliver certain messages from God to men in his progress, and on foot accompanied by his tin trumpet and a bundle of sticks which he invariably held in his hand while he preached and which he claimed was his talisman against evil spirits, he walked over the greater portion of this State, South Carolina, and Virginia, preaching wheeever and wherever he could. He at one time visited Washington, D. C., as he claimed he has been commissioned by the Almighty to deliver a message to President Cleveland, warning the Democrats what was in store for them unless they repented and believed the gospel, but his mission came to grief as he was arrested as a tramp, while trying to gain entrance into the White House, but later on was released as he was considered harmless, Uncle Robert never forgot the Washington authorities for placing this indignity on God's prophet, and he frequently predicted something awful would happen to the Cleveland administration.

Uncle Robert was a great admirer of the late Judge Rodman, as he was of his sons after him. The Judge gave him permission to preach in front of his office and protected him from the teasing small boy, and the old negro never forgat him for it. But he has gone; we shall never see him like again, and while we believe he was a misguided, ignorant man, yet he was honest in all his convictions and did what he conceived to be right.

The Hoyt Store.

English Barefoot Sandals.

Fill a long felt want for the little tots. A light, cool and serviceable protection for the feet while barefooted, or can be worn with stocking. Just the thingiest thing out

No more splinters in feet,
No more stonebruises,
No more sticking of nails in feet,
No more cuts from glass or shell

Call in and let us show them to you, the prices and very reasonable

Sizes 1-2 to 5, worth 65c the pair
Sizes 6 to 8, worth 85c the pair
Sizes 9 to 12, worth \$1.25 the pair

J. K. Hoyt
Perfect fitting Clothing

An Attractive Emporium

Is ours, showing a fine line of
beautiful Spring Dress Goods in

Lawns, Dimities, Percals, Silks, etc.

A FINE LINE OF

Hamburgs, Laces, Embroideries, etc.

A. G. SPENCER.

Knight & Cooper's Old Stand.

PURE SODA.

We want you to come down
and try one of our

Fruit Cake Drinks

Made of pure fruits. If you can't come, send the children. We do everything in our power to dispense pure soda. We have also added many new drinks to our menu.

Don't ask what we have, but call for what you want.

If we don't suit you you, your money refunded.
P. S.—Special attention paid to children.

**DR. HARDY'S DRUG STORE,
107 SOUTH MARKET STREET**