PARKS-BELK CO.

Special Sale of

Ribbon, Fancy Trimming Silks and Velvets

On our Second Floor, Millinery Department at Half Price.

These goods are fine to make Christmas Presents of and at Half Price will make inexpensive Presents. Don't forget these go at Half Price.

Fancy Ribbon at 1-2 to 1-3 regular prices if based on today's market price.

65c Fancy Ribbons, Sale Price 32 1-2c
75c Fancy Ribbons, Sale Price 37 1-2c
98c Fancy Ribbons, Sale Price 49c
$1.25 Fancy Ribbons, Sale Price 62 1-2c
$1.48 Fancy Ribbons, Sale Price 74c
$1.98 Fancy Ribbons, Sale Price 99c
$2.48 Fancy and Plain Ribbons, Sale Price $1.24
$2.98 Fancy and Plain Ribbons, Sale Price $1.49
All wide plain ribbons at same big reduction—1-2 price to 1-3 regular price. All narrow ribbons at 10 per cent. reduction.

Big Christmas sale at Half Price of Fancy Trimming Velvets and Silks (second floor, millinery department) at 1-2 to 1-3 of regular price.

$2.45 Trimming Velvet and Silks $1.22 1-2
$2.98 Trimming Velvet and Silks $1.48
$3.48 Silk Velvet and Silks, Christmas price $1.74

All this is fine for Christmas presents, such as bags, caps, camisoles and so on. All on second floor at half price.

$3.98 Silk Trimming Velvets and Silks $1.98
$4.98 Silk Velvet for bags, sashes and so on $2.48
$5.95 Silks and Velvets for trimming, only $2.98
All other trimming for hats at half price and some less.
All Hats at Half Price.

All Ready-to-Wear at Half and some less.

$1.98 to $2.98 Ladies' and Children's Outing Gowns 89c, to $1.79

$2.50 Ladies' Outing Gowns at ..... 98c and $1.19

You can find your Christmas Presents at our store. Come now and make your selection.

PARKS-BELK CO.

Coffee and Pulleyn Sts. Phone 62 Dry Goods and Notions Phone 198
Shoe and Clothing Dept. Phone 198 Ready-to-wear and Millinery Phone 198

BUSINESS AND THE OUTLOOK.

Philadelphia Record.

There are some indications of business improvement. Bank clearings last week, though less than a year ago, were considerably larger than the preceding week. There is a better feeling in the wool trade; the dry market is broadening a little, and there is a slight improvement in leather and shoes, but business in the latter is still very light, and many of the factories are closed.

The Christmas trade is starting off in very encouraging fashion. The approach of Christmas and the fall in prices are stimulating buying. Yet the effect of the price declines is small. he complaint is made that lower prices are not attracting buyers to any such extent as was expected. New business is cautious in textiles. The Federal Reserve Board reports that there is no immediate prospect of relief from business depression. There seems to be a "Consumers' strike," a general determination to wait "till prices came down." More resistance to price declines is reported, and European business caused sharp advance in wheat, a part of wboch was lost.

Insolvencies show an increase. More plants are closing or reducing working hours. This causes more unemployment. The National Industrial Conference Board reports that in 45 States there is industrial depression. Yet the board adds that "no serious or general unemployment has as yet developed." And while the insolvencies have increased, they do not yet create alarm; they are large compared with recent months, but are still small compared with a few years ago.

A couple of woolen mills in Massachusetts that have been closed a few days have reopened with a 10 per cent. reduction in wages. Shoes factories in Rochester, employing 23,000 persons 20,000 of whom have been idle for two months, will presently reopen to fill orders for spring goods. In Lynn, shoe manufacturers are taking steps to reduce wages by the abolition of the wage bonus that has been paid for more than a year. Consumption of Cotton has declined for six consecutive months. Hogs in Chicago have dropped to the price level before the war.

Further reductions have occurred in iron and steel prices. Steel inquires increase, but pig iron is dull at reductions of one to three dollars. A discrepancy between wire and nail prices has been adusted. There is still a brisk demand for pipe from the oil field operators, and while lower prices are sought, there is no indication of their being conceded. There is considerable increase of interest in sheets, with the probability of a large business when an agreement on prices is effected. Black sheet prices are ranging from 4:34 to 5 cents, with little business at the higher figure. The heavy reduction in sheet bars stimulates the demand of con-sumers for greater reductions in sheets. Sheet bars are selling at $47. Another furance has been blown out in Birmingham, and business is slackening in the Youngstown district.

Business in wool has continued within narrow limits, and prices are irregular and easy; but it is believed that a basis for larger business is approaching. Cotton futures have been more active at a sharp advance, due to some improvement in the goods market. On Saturday in the New York market there was a break of 15 to 20 points, which was later recovered with 25 to 34 points additional. Sales in fall River were perhaps 30,000 pieces. The New York cotton goods market improved perceptibly. It has been many months since the demand was so broad. Within a few days four or five large buyers took fully half a week's output. There was a demand from speculators. Prices stiffened, and there were several advances. There seems to be some improvement in woolens and worsteds. First hands are doing on more business, but second hands are. There is a firmer feeling based on the belief that the most serious part of the distress liquidation has been completed.

Wheat jumped 10 cents Thursday, making a gain of 26 cents from the recent low point. On Saturday in Chicago there was considerable selling, which forced prices down two cents, from which there was recovery; but free selling and reports of considerable exports from India made a tame ending for the market. Corn advanced with wheat in the middle of the week. Lard was higher for the week, though it dropped a little near the end. Hogs in Chicago dropped to before the war prices.

FAITH.

Mr. Samuel Fraley received a phone message today, announcing the death of his aunt, Mrs. Leffer, widow of the late Daniel A. Leffer, of near Mount Pelmer. A large number of persons from here attended the funeral, which was conducted at Bethel Lutheran church by her pastor, Rev. H. A. Trexler, assisted by Rev. V. S. Ridenhour, of Albemarle.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barger December 2nd, a daughter.

J. A. Peeler shipped a big load of nursing today to Chester, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Peeler and little daughter, Alma Augusta, are visiting at J. A. Peeler's.

VENUS.

Eloping Lovelight Trust.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 7.—Here's the latest thing in trusts. The six "marrying 'squires" of Jeffersonville, Ind., across the river from Louisville and Gretna Green for a dozen States have combined. The magistrate declared their "trust" is really for the benefit of couples who arrive hotly with lovelight in their eyes. Heretofore they have been "skinning" on the fees and hotels by cutthroat competition of the competing magistrates and groups of them hustle to the shore. But now the magistrates all salary and wait while prospects have been engaged.

"We all get together," said Justice Isaac M. Kesgrove, one of the group. "We put a ring on the gate and the fighter that gets to the gate wins. Business is good."

Over all the "squires" the front hands in the game office. One is the king pin. At the end of each week the fees are split on a pro rata basis.

Hoover's 25 per cent. Reduction Sale

25 Per Cent. Reduction on all Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws. Many Suits and Overcoats had previously been reduced from $5 to $10.

Visor, All-Wool Sweaters for Ladies, Men and Boys at 25 per cent. reduction.

Men's $10.50 Velour Hats in black, green and brown—your size $8.50.

All Christmas Goods on display. Shop early.

HOOVER'S, Inc.

Stopped From Selling Shoes In Concord

While taking orders on Army Officers' Dress Shoes and Army style Munson Last Garrison Tans in this city last Monday agents for the National Mail Order Co., shipping direct from factory to consumer were warned to quit by City Tax Collector R. F. Mills.

The police and Mr. Caldwell, city attorney, decided after a hearing in the city hall that these dealers were perfectly legitimate and expressed their surprise that such shoes could be sold at such reasonable prices:

The Officers Dress Shoe, a $15.00 value at $7.98. The Army Garrison Tan, $12.00 value, at $7.25.

Anybody desiring to order either of these shoes, write now, stating name, address and style desired to

NATIONAL MAIL ORDER CO.,
General Delivery Charlotte, N. C.

GOOD HEALTH HINTS

Oklahoma Farmer Gives Sound Advice on Avoiding Sickness—Used Black-Draught 30 Years.

Cameron, Okla.—"I have used Thedford's Black-Draught for about thirty years, and certainly ought to know by this time what a good medicine it is," says Mr. T. L. Bostier, a well-known farmer of this place. Mr. Bostier has passed his three-score-and-tenth year, but declares his health still is good, "and I can say Black-Draught did its part."

"Where there is a lot of malaria, a liver medicine is a necessity, and I have never found one better than Black-Draught," continues the Oklahoman. "It is one that I know to be reliable. I sure use it for the liver, stomach, constipation, indigestion, and it has done me a world of good. We use it for the family, and it gives satisfaction.

"Most troubles, or sickness, stems from the liver, and if taken in time can be avoided. That is why I use Black-Draught as I do. I am much pleased with results obtained."

Thedford's Black-Draught is purely vegetable. It acts on the bowels, mainly stimulating the liver, and helps increase the normal flow of bile into the intestines. It assists in the digestion of food and relieves constipation in a prompt and natural way.

Ask your druggist for a package today. Insist on Thedford's. NC-123

Neglecting That Cold or Cough?

Why, when Dr. King's New Discovery So Promptly Checks It?

LETTING the old cough or cold hang on, or the new one develop seriously, is folly, especially when at druggists, you can get such a proved and successful remedy as Dr. King's New Discovery.

For over fifty years, a standard remedy for coughs, colds and grippe. Most young also. Looking up the phlegm, quiets the cough, eases the lungs, quiets the cough, strengthens the bronchial tubes, relieves the congestion. All druggists. 60 cents, $1.20 a bottle.

Dr. King's

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Splendid Farms For Sale

The farming land in Mt. Pleasant, N. C. [illegible] farm is located at about one mile out from Mt. Pleasant, within the point of the principal county of the town, besides the business lots and best home lots. A splendid investment is open today of the Columbia Institute, the Seminary and high school. Don't this place is worth to celebrate your siblings. Will sell it as a whole or [illegible] it to suit general purchasers.

[illegible] acres in cultivation, [illegible] of Training school.
[illegible] acres [illegible] of Training school.
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All of the above farms are fine, suitable for [illegible] farming, some in grain, [illegible] and [illegible] Inquire of C. W. [illegible] Mt. Pleasant, N. C. If no [illegible] Inquire of Jno. K. Patterson, Concord, N. C. If you want quick [illegible] in this property we will [illegible] to call [illegible]

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