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GRAND OPENING.

MESS. CLAYTON & LONG AND MISS YANCEY LEAD OFF.

An Enthusiastic Crowd Gathers to See the First Opening of the Season and Enjoy a Pleasant Evening.

Ladies you know, will go miles to see a marriage or a millinery opening, and those who went even tens of miles to see the opening of Mess. Clayton & Long and Miss Pallie Yancey last night, were well repaid for their trouble or expense, regardless of what that trouble or expense amounted to. The ladies, and the wee ladies of four to six summers, were present in large numbers, packed too close for comfort anywhere save at an opening, but comfort was not one of the things sought after here last night. They marched back and forth, up one aisle, down the other, around this circle, in that little nook over there, everywhere were ladies and everywhere were exclamations of delight.

To describe this opening would take more room, more patience, more drilling on the technical names known only to ladies, than we feel able to endure. But we cannot refrain from just a little notice as to the general plan of the exhibit, for it was an exhibit in the true sense of the word, and an exhibit that Mess. Clayton & Long and Miss Yancey may justly feel proud of.

The southern window was a mass of folds, and puffs, and tucks of the many beautiful patterns of silks they have in stock. They are good merchants and know their business, but we could not but wonder who they thought could ever buy all this beautiful gorgeous lot of silk—'twould bankrupt even an editor. But then, we are reminded of the fact that our Person county folks are the best dressed people you will find anywhere, and nothing is too good for them, and Dallas Long knows what they want just about as well probably as we do, so we will lose no sleep over this question. They are there, and you'll want some of them.

On entering the store you turn to the right—you know that is a part of our new road law—and you are greeted with the most pleasing display of woolen dress goods, which are hanging from the top shelf to near the floor, all draped and folded with the various colors blending in most harmonious accord showing that it was all the handiwork of one skilled in the dress goods business. Over these were arranged in splendid display, forming a cap as it was, their line of wash goods. You pass on down this aisle and you come to their great display of hamburgs and edgings, and my, but didn't the ladies murder those adjectives just here.

On the left you came to the white goods and still more of their line of wash goods. If ever a lady looked pretty in all her life, it was when she was dressed in some of those nameless white goods, with the thousands of folds all clinging to her, and if our young ladies can not look pretty out of the assortment here shown, well, it is a hopeless case with her.

Then came the display of shoes and colored shirts for gentlemen. We will say as to this line, that we do not believe we have ever seen a

more extensive line shown here than they are showing—all the latest styles and newest patterns. They say they are determined to make this department second to none hereabouts.

On the center counter was still another display of the cheaper wash goods and this line was up to the best. All available space was filled with goods of some description, and if they overlooked anything we would like to know what it was.

Passing on into the millinery department your eyes beheld a sight of dazzling beauty. Turn which way you might you saw hats, probably some less than a million, certainly a very large number, and in every conceivable shape and color.

Just as you entered you passed under a very large palm something like eight feet high, while here and there was a fern, and dotted about were potted plants of various kinds.

The walls were literally covered with trimmed hats, while overhead were streamers of ribbons reaching in all directions. Hanging from the shelves were a profusion of silks, satins, and various other articles for trimming purposes, with all kinds and a great many of them, of artificial flowers. The light came principally from large Japanese lanterns and was mellowed so as to give it all a fairy-like appearance. Added to this was music, which was furnished by Mr. Tiney Slaughter.

If Miss Yancey was hunting for expressions of admiration for her beautiful display and the very great taste shown, she must have been more than pleased, for we are quite sure the list of adjectives were well nigh exhausted ere the crowd dispersed.

The opening in both establishments was a decided success from every point of view.

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

Hon. and Mrs. J. A. Long gave a most enjoyable musicale at their elegant and hospitable home last Friday evening.

The instrumental music was furnished by Misses Maggie Long and Alice Carter, the vocal by Drs. E. J. Tucker, of Roxboro, J. S. Betts, of Greensboro, and Miss Carter. Every piece was well rendered and showed that much care had been taken in preparing themselves for the occasion, and to say that it was enjoyed by those present does not half express it—it was indeed a rare treat.

The musical program was interspersed with recitations by Misses Frances and Sue Owen, of Deniston, Va., and delightfully rendered.

Just after the last strains of the inspiring music had become but a memory of beauty, each couple was presented with a musical romance propounded in a series of questions to which the correct answers were the names of popular songs to be supplied by the holders. These cards having been completed were handed to the judges and the romantic gave place to the epicurean.

On reassembling the decision of the Judges awarded to Miss Ada Tucker and Dr. J. M. Fleming the prizes for the best answers to the musical romance. The prizes consisting, to the lady, of a box of elegant stationery, and to the gentle-

man, a handsome bound copy of "A Man's Value to Society" were presented by Mr. L. M. Carlton in a graceful and appropriate speech which was happily responded to by Dr. Fleming.

The decorations and designs were in pink and candelabras with pink candles lighting the scenes.

In addition to those present from Roxboro were Misses Frances and Sue Owen of Deniston, Va., Miss Bessie Thompson of Leasburg, and Drs. J. M. Fleming of Raleigh, and J. S. Betts of Greensboro.

The evening will be one long to be remembered by those present, it was one of the most delightful occasions given by these popular people, and it seemed that the host and hostess simply outdid themselves, and when the time came to go home it was with regrets—the evening had been so short.

Those Love Tokens.

How delighted it is to be loved! And those love tokens, how they touch the springs and bring out the deeper feelings of life! As the love tokens are often taken out and fondly admired while pleasant memories come rushing up, so the pastor and his family often call up those occasions when love tokens are brought by the brethren and sisters and for a season fill the mind with pleasant recollections of the past. Those occasions of love tokens are so cheering and comforting to the pastor's heart.

Whether in moments of discouragement or of greatest enthusiasm he can say my work is appreciated, I have the endorsement of my people and more, their love. These love tokens always mean love, for only those give them who love. How truly these tokens, so free and yet so optional, speak of love, and yet while this is the leading idea there is a substantial feature which should not be overlooked. They do look nice for an empty or partially emptyarder. So in a double sense those love tokens are busy at work, even at Successful Church Work.

Happy is that pastor and his family who is loved enough to be pounded with love tokens! Such was the happy lot of this pastor and his family on the night of the 24th inst. On answering the rap at the front door what a scene greeted our eyes; boys and girls, fair ladies and stalwart gentlemen, yes the elderly brethren and sisters all with arms and hearts full. If they had treated the pastor with those pounds as did the soldiers with their golden bracelets the damsel who betrayed her city, he might have experienced a similar fate. Their pounding originated from a different spirit than giving the golden bracelet however, so they made for the dining room and there unloaded. One thought that struck me so very forcibly was the whole church in a body—such unanimity of feeling. Also here and there among them a dear friend from other denominations. I want to heartily thank for myself, wife and children our dear friends for their love tokens. God bless them one and all, and God bless me after such a display of love to be a more efficient workman and pastor.

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WILCOX SENTENCED TO DIE

APRIL 25TH FIXED AS DATE FOR THE EXECUTION.

WAS INDIFFERENT TO THE LAST.

Lawyer Cropsey Says Verdict Will Not Be Set Aside—Father of Wilcox Says He Will Fight Case to the Last Ditch.

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—James Wilcox has been sentenced to die.

The jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree at 10.10 o'clock after having been out with the case over twenty-four hours. A short while after that time Judge Jones sentenced him to death, naming April 25th as the day when he shall die.

The same cold indifference sustained Wilcox during the last moments of the trial that has been a feature of the case since Miss Nellie Cropsey mysteriously disappeared from her home on the night of November 20 and that has been the source of so much comment during the trial for his life on the charge of murder.

Without a tremor or change of expression Wilcox heard the findings of the jury read and sentence of the court that he must die one month from next Tuesday. Nearly everybody in the court room was greatly affected and the lawyer who appeared for Wilcox burst into tears when the verdict was announced, but Wilcox remained as cold as marble. On leaving the court room he walked steady and with head erect. He did not betray the least sign of emotion.

After he had passed out of the room Solicitor Ward said that he had the most wonderful nerve he had ever seen or heard of. In this opinion the solicitor expressed the sentiment of all who have heard the trial and more especially those who were present tonight when the verdict was announced and the sentence passed.

After the sentence tonight Lawyer Andrew Cropsey, of New York, an uncle of the murdered girl, was asked for an opinion as to the verdict. In reply he said that the verdict would never be set aside. The chain of evidence that had been formed around him, he said will

never be broken. It is complete in every detail and the verdict pronounced by the jurors will stand in the courts.

The sentiment expressed was that the prisoner would live longer if he was convicted than if he should be acquitted. This sentiment could not be misunderstood. It has been often remarked here that all that was needed to lynch Wilcox was a leader. Today it was freely expressed that there would be plenty of leaders when the proper moment arrived. This was the talk of the town and had he been acquitted tonight there is no doubt but that he would have been lynched before day.

The father of James Wilcox was seen by the Post representative after the sentence of death had been pronounced. He was badly broken up by the verdict. He said that the case would be appealed to the supreme court and fought to the last ditch. He will fight the case as long as he has anything left, or until his son has been cleared, or at least the death sentence changed.

Ends Schley Case.

Washington, March 21.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs by a vote of seven to four adopted a resolution today concurring in the conclusions of President Roosevelt, being a terminal of the agitation of the Schley controversy, and indefinitely postponing all bills and resolutions on this subject.

Blackburn's Bill to Cut Liqueur Tax.

Washington, March 24.—Representative Blackburn, of North Carolina, today introduced a bill reducing the tax on spirituous liquors from \$1.10 to 70 cents per gallon.

Notice Of Sale.

By virtue of powers contained in a distraint warrant issued by the United States against Jno. R. Clayton registered distiller No. 3737 for deficiency in spirits for August 1901, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the distillery premises three miles north of Roxboro on Saturday the 29th day of March 1902 at 12 o'clock the distillery premises containing one acre more or less. This sale is made to collect a balance of \$24.99 after exhausting the personal property of said Clayton by sale on March 3rd 1902.

E. O. DUNCAN, Collector.
By S. P. SATTERFIELD.

Please Come to see us.

We want you to come, will appreciate and consider it a favor. We have made so many changes in the store and stock of goods that we want you to come and give us an opportunity to show you what we have and how our prices "knock the spots" out of competition.

It is not a bit of trouble to show you even if you don't buy a cents worth. If you have already been, come again, we have gotten in many new things since you were here. Expecting an elegant line of Ginghams, Madras, Zephyrs, Linens, Crashes, etc. to-day.

A. M. BURNS.