

Did You Ever Notice ?

That Sometime between Christmas and January 10th, of each year the Thermometer drops and we find ourselves in need of

Blankets and Comfortables

Prepare for the drop in temperature by taking advantage of the drop in prices on these items

Platt & Haar

The Holliday Trade
—AT—
GAYLORD'S

This year has been the most wonderful in the history of this Big Department Store, all Xmas goods but a mere handful have been sold and these we are anxious to dispose of at

"ANY OLD PRICE"

in order to start next season with an entire new stock of the latest things on the market

Large Lot of Blankets and Comforts to close out at a Bargain

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210, 212, North Front Street.

Holiday Goods Sacrificed

Our Holiday Goods arrived late, therefore must be sacrificed to move them in the few days remaining. In the stock are Solid Mahogany Rockers, some upholstered in genuine leather, Handsome Oak Rockers, in Golden Oak, and Mission, many in genuine leather, Fancy Reed Rockers and Reed odd pieces, Tables of all kinds, 47 Ladies' Desks from \$6.75 up; more than 300 pictures, equal to any in the city as to quality of frame and subjects. Prices literally slaughtered on account of the quantity. Chiffoniers, Dressers, Buffets, Music Cabinets, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Ward Robes, Chamber and Parlor Suits, Hall Racks, Rugs, all sizes, large quantity and must go. Portiers, Couch Covers, Lace Curtains, Brass Beds, Etc.

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Around the State

Kinston Free Press.
Boats plying between New Bern and Seven Springs on Neuse river pass Kinston daily now, taking advantage of the high water to freight fertilizers up the river and return with cotton seed and other articles.

Greensboro Record.
An Italian appeared at police headquarters this morning and asked the right to show his performing bear to the Greensboro public, and was much surprised to find that he couldn't get license to appear in the city limits. A few years ago a horse driven by a lady became frightened at a bear on the streets here, ran away, threw the lady from the carriage and severely injured her. Since then an ordinance has been in force prohibiting these wanderers from stopping in the city.

Durham Herald.
A comparison of the records of this and last year's records as to the number of cases before the recorder's court on the day following Christmas day shows that the celebrators, who were hilarious to the point of attracting the special attention of the police were not so many as the year before. Though the difference is only a matter of three, this is in favor of this year and is interesting in view of a recent statement of one of the members of the police force who was very positive in his statement that the conditions in the city were very much improved over what they were this time last year. This officer said that the blind tiger business was not in such a flourishing condition as it was one year ago. The drunks were on

the decrease, and the conditions generally were better. The Christmas drunks last Christmas were eleven in number. This year only seven were pulled for being in an intoxicated condition on Christmas day. Though the celebration has at times been hilarious, there has been little disorder.

Charlotte Observer.
Owing to the so-called "wet" decision of the Supreme Court a few days ago in the case wherein the Colonial Club of this city was defendant and charged with the sale of beer, it is understood that the prohibition forces will make an effort at the coming session of the Legislature to put a ban on social clubs by a tax that will be intended as prohibitive or a locker tax that will be entirely prohibitive in the case of a vast majority of the members of these organizations. The decision of the Supreme Court was sweeping in its results in that with it there went the decree that there is no method of preventing the exchange of beer by coupons in these clubs when the clubs do not make a profit, therefore passing from the pale of possible sellers of beer. It is now proposed that the Legislature shall pass a law putting a tax of about \$1,000 on all these social clubs throughout the State to the end that as many as possible of them will have to abandon their places because of inability to pay the tax, or some law will be passed whereby a locker tax will be imposed upon the individual members of these clubs who maintain beer in the clubs and have it issued to them by the means of a coupon book. This is now conceded to be the move of the ranker type of the prohibitionists in the State who have shown their displeasure at the ruling of the Supreme Court

THEATRE

The announcement made by the Academy management that "The Merry Widow" will be the attraction at matinee and night Saturday is decidedly interesting for theatregoers for it is doubtful if every musical attraction in the history of theatricals has scored the unqualified success that "The Merry Widow" has. It has been called a musical duel of first love, full of music, scenery, gowns, girls, with love the keynote; for "The Merry Widow" is a love story, exquisite and tender, passionate and imperious at times, as true love ever is; the external struggle of sex with sex attuned to limpid strains and the trip of dancing feet, lyric and dramatic in its expression. Mr. Savage calls "The Merry Widow" an operetta. It is really an intoxication—the red wine of first love regained after weary years, and the white wine of woman's vanishing wit. A musical duel it is of two old lovers that love too well to be easily won, but demand that their courtship be sung into a drama, whose cumulative climaxes shall be the lyric note that supplies the clue to the character of both.

This, with the gorgeous setting and splendid company, headed by Gertrude Hutcheson and George Damerel, is expected to set the heart of the theatregoers aflame. As to the music, the "Waltz" has traveled around the world more quickly, perhaps, than any melody ever written, yet this catchy "I Love You So" selection is only one of the many that breathes the very essence of voluptuous grace in this brilliant work. Others are "Villia," the delicious sextette "Women," the gay "Maxim," cloying in its sweetness and recurring in varied tempo throughout the operetta. The large orchestra accompanying this organization will be under the direction of Mr. Alfred Roth. Seats will go on sale at Plummer's Friday morning.

"The Firing Line."

What will, no doubt prove to be an interesting item of news to theatregoers and book-lovers, is the announce-

ment that a dramatization of "The Firing Line," Robert W. Chambers celebrated and widely read novel, will soon be presented in this city.

There is no more celebrated writer of fiction in the country today than Mr. Chambers. "The Firing Line," "The Fighting Chance," "The Younger Set," and "The Danger Mark" have been read by more people in English speaking countries than any novels of their kind in modern times. In addition to their publication in book form, these books reached millions of readers through the columns of The Saturday Evening Post.

Many playwrights have submitted to Mr. Chambers, dramatized versions of his books, but Mr. Richard Walton Tully, noted as the co-author with David Belasco of "The Rose of the Rancho" who is responsible for the dramatization of "The Firing Line," is awarded the distinction of being the first to meet the requirements and reach the standard demanded by the author.

To all who are familiar with the characters in this stirring novel the dramatic opportunities will be readily appreciated.

The presenting company will be of a high order of merit and the scenic investiture everything desirable.

Big Holiday Bill at the Grand.
Solky's "Theatre Beautiful" will gloriously celebrate the New Year with a big holiday bill today. Something "extra fine," so to speak, went on this morning and will be added to this afternoon and tonight. Mr. Morgan, the high priced baritone singer from New York city, arrived this morning and went on duty this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He has a splendid voice and today in rendering the beautiful and popular song hit of Mme. Sheery, entitled "Put Your Arms Around Me Honey," Mr. Morgan's singing will be one of the big features.

The picture subjects for today are decidedly splendid ones, including "When Lovers Part," "Big Medicine," Bertie's Elopement" and others. Conductor John Kniesel has made a special gala day selection of music for his superb Grand orchestra to present. A feature will be a cornet solo by Mr. LaBarre. This fine virtuoso will render Bartlett's "A Dream."



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A. Puzzler.

"Pop, you know everything, don't you?" said little Joe.

"Some very few things in the universe might have escaped me," answered the parent, modestly, "but they are hardly worth mentioning. What do you want to know?"

"I want to know," replied little Joe, "what relation an august king is to a May queen?"—Baltimore American.

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