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HAVING DECIDED

To go out of the goods business beginning MONDAY MORNING,

Jan. 20th

I will sell my entire stock of goods at Actual Wholesale Cost, nothing held back.

THEY ARE GOING GET IN THE PUSH!!!!

Can't get room here for a list of prices, but you can call at my store and I'll do the rest

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We have a few odds and ends in

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They are all exceptionally good values. Come in and see them.

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Do you want to buy anything
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Buys all kinds of produce at highest market price, and sells all kinds of

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HOME MADE SAUSAGE

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Goods Delivered free Anywhere in town.

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Offered by the Southern Railway Company for the following special occasions:

On account Mardi-Gras, New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala., Feb. 4th to 11th. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 4th to 11th inclusive, with final limit to return Feb. 15th, ex-

cept that by payment of 50 cents and deposit of ticket with joint Agent No. 707 Gravier street, New Orleans, La., and 51 South Loyal street, Mobile, Ala., on or before Feb. 15th, an extension of limit will be granted to Feb. 28th. Rate of on first class limited one way fare for the round trip. Round trip rate from Asheville \$22.10 to New Orleans, La., and \$18.55 to Mobile.

Account Annual Convention Communication Grand Lodge of North Carolina A. F. & A. M., Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14th, 1902. Tickets will be on sale Jan. 12, 18, 14 final limit Jan 21st. Round trip rate from Asheville, 11.00.

Account 5th Annual Poultry Show, Charlotte, N. C. Tickets on sale, Jan 6th to 9th, inclusive, with final limit Jan 11th, 1902. Round trip rates from Asheville via Spartanburg 5.25, via Statesville 5.55 and via Salisbury, 6.20.

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Wholesale Druggist, ASHEVILLE, N. C.

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We challenge the Enterprise, the official organ of the Court-House Ring and the claim speculators of the county, to point out a single instance in which we have made a mis-statement of facts, or have mis-quoted the records of the county.

Hot Springs Coming to the Front

In all this mountain country there is no quarter of it that surpasses in attractiveness, picturesqueness and scenic beauty the county of Madison. And in these respects there is no locality that exceeds that stretch of the French Broad valley where the little city of Hot Springs gladdens the eye with its tasteful homes, attracts attention by its half dozen church spires and awakens admiration by its other spacious structures of modern architecture and charming surroundings.

To the traveller passing through or to the visitor in the town, the Mountain Park Hotel looms first on the sight with its half mile of glass enclosed verandas, its pleasing colors, splendid under the recent touches of the painters, its ample grounds adorned tastefully with holly, balm, ivy and other greenery, and surrounded by its matchless stretches of golf links.

When nature scooped out the French Broad Valley, preparatory to sending its pellucid waters on their journey of song, down to the sea, she must have said, when reaching the point where now smiles this charming little city, "Here I'll do my level best to make a lovely spot to which men and women will journey from the ends of the earth." And this was done.

The celebrated resort, the Mountain Park hotel, under its new experienced and superb management, the Messrs. Cobb, proprietors and Mr. Euttle, for several years with the house as chief clerk, is delightfully inviting in its additional improvements and its comfortable and elegant new furnishings. Besides the marked thoughtfulness, noticeable on every hand for the comfort, health and convenience of the guests, there pervades the whole establishment an air of cordial, genial hospitality that seems to remove this superb hotelery out of the realm of commonplace commercialism and make it a really congenial temporary home for the pleasure seeker as well as the invalid hunting rest and restoration to health.

The rare medical virtues of the waters of the hot springs have long been recognized by physicians of the highest standing, and wonderful cures have been effected here. For rheumatism, gout and stomach troubles these springs are acknowledged to be among the finest in the world. There are no hot springs east of the Mississippi river that equal these in temperature or compare with them in fine curative results.

Throughout the county of Madison there are numberless points of rare picturesque beauty that are most admirably adapted to the establishment of places of entertainment for visitors or tourists. It was once the case that the main thoroughfare from Tennessee and Kentucky was up and along the French Broad Valley. There is now a need of a highway, a public road, across the county, that would at once accommodate this tide of travel and also open up some of the most desirable sections of the county and make easy communication by dirt road from one side of the county to the other. If this should be done, it is not improbable that there would follow a stage

line from Asheville to Hot Springs along which would roll and tumble the old-fashioned stage coaches, making a novelty in the way of travel in these days of rapid railway trains and predictions of flying machines and deniable balloons. This recurrence to first principles would be refreshing and a zest and additional charm would be given to this stretch of travel through one of the most attractive sections of the mountains.

QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.

Will the Enterprise, the official organ of the Court House Ring and the claim speculators of the county, (commonly known as Little Ananias) please answer the following questions, all of which have been asked several times before but have never been answered?

First.—Why do not the GIANT commissioners require the county officers to make their itemized and verified annual reports as required by sections 728 of the Code and section 93 of chapter 7 of the public laws of 1901?

Second.—Why do not the GIANT Commissioners require the Sheriff to file a verified statement of the money on hand on the first Monday in every month as required by Chapter 7, Section 98' of the Acts of 1901?

Caught in Another One.

EDITOR RECORD: I see in this week's issue of the Enterprise, that it charges the Record with lying, in reference to my selling the interest I had in that paper.

I want to state that the Record made no false statement as to the matter, and has made no statement that I did not authorize to be made and I am responsible for what was said in reference to the sale being made.

I am unable to see what interest the Enterprise and the Court House Ring has in prying into my private business. If they would only attend to their own private affairs as I do mine, I have no doubt but they would be more highly respected than they are.

J. J. REDMON.

OUR HOT SPRINGS LETTER.

Hot Springs, Jan. 21.—The Dorland Institute, one of the ornaments of the town, continues to grow in popularity and usefulness. It was founded in 1894, primarily as a girls' school and is under the supervision of the Presbyterian church. The faculty and management are women of attainment, experience and scholarship which eminently fit them for the positions which they so satisfactorily fill. There are now 60 girls in the handsome dormitory and the school in all numbers about 150 pupils. Among these are the pupils in the boy's department whose dormitory is two miles out. They number 35. The buildings and grounds in the aggregate cost about \$180,000. A more detailed account of this admirable school and its operations and growth will be given later in this correspondence.

It is gratifying to be able to note the fact that the bridge across the French Broad at this point is soon to be put in position. The contractors, the Brackett Bridge Co., of Cincinnati, state that the iron work for the bridge has been completed and the delay in its shipment is caused by the shortage of cars at present. An early day it is said, work will begin on this badly needed structure. The contract requires its completion by June 1. The absence of this bridge has been keenly felt by large numbers of citizens in the northern quarter of the county, and its completion will be gladly hailed.

Messrs. Lance & Sales is the name of a new firm in the village. The senior member, Mr. N. J. Lance, has long been well known in business circles in the county and for a number of years at this place, where he has built up a fine and profitable trade. Mr. Sales, the new member, is a popular young merchant and is well equip-

ped for a successful business career. Dr. Frank Roberts and Capt. Jack Rumbough have opened a very stable here, and have an elegant lot of horses and fine turnouts. The Barytes mill started up again yesterday and now will continue operations with night force as well as one for the day. A full account of this expensive plant and its operations will soon appear in these columns.

There are a number of guests at Mountain Park Hotel, which has been undergoing a complete overhauling. A large number of guests for the remainder of the winter are expected about February 1st.

Dr. J. K. Hardwick was down from Marshall yesterday on professional business.

Dr. Peck was yesterday called over to the "shut-in" section, up on Spring Creek, to attend a man wounded in a shooting scrape raid to have occurred yesterday morning. Barker Morelock and Arch Bab were the parties. Morelock is reported dead and the other man dangerously wounded. Details are meager at this writing.

I. H. Garrenfo, esq., runs the former Stone hotel and has a house full of well pleased guests.

I. N. Ebbs, esq., returned from Mississippi some days ago.

A. V. Lawson, esq., has placed the Record correspondent under many obligations for courtesies and attentions shown to the paper.

Proceedings of the Board of Education.

January 19, 1902.

The Board met in special session as agreed at last meeting. Jasper Ebbs and L. J. Bailey being present.

Ordered by the Board that O. H. English be appointed a committee-man for Lower Little Creek district in place of Wm. Willis, resigned.

It appearing to the Board that the citizens of Caney Fork school district desire to have their school property leased for a period of five years to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church for a nominal rent;

It is therefore ordered by the Board that the chairman and secretary execute to said Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church, a lease for said property in words and figures as follows:

Said lease to be held by the Secretary and not to be delivered or become effective until ratified in writing by E. N. Fry, a member of the Board now absent.

Ordered by the Board that L. J. Bailey be paid \$2.50 for services as a member of the Board of Education.

The following is the lease granted by the Board of Education to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church for Kent's Chapel: (Here follows the lease which, for lack of space, is omitted.)

North Carolina,
Madison County.

I, S. J. Kent, of the county and state aforesaid, hereby consent and agree to the execution of a lease by the County Board of Education to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, for the Kent Chapel property for a period of 5 years, commencing January 13, 1902 and hereby waive any right I might have under the deed executed by me to the said Board of Education, by reason of said property not being used for public school purposes during said term of 5 years.

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal, this 13th day of January, 1902.

(Signed) S. J. KENT, [Seal.]

J. M. James, esq.,
Marshall, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—I hereby ratify and confirm the lease of the Kent property to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church and you may deliver said lease at your pleasure. Yours truly,
E. N. Fry.

Ordered that Jasper Ebbs be paid \$5.30 for services as member of Board.

Ordered that J. M. James be paid \$12.00 as Superintendent.

Ordered that L. J. Bailey be paid \$2.00 for services as member of the Board.

The Supreme Court having decided that the public school fund of the county was entitled to the fines of the incorporated towns in the county and further decided that the school fund was entitled to the fines for the 3 years prior to time of bringing suit for said fines, the County Board of Education agreed to take 80 per cent of the back fines as a compromise and save bringing suit against the town of Marshall. The said town of Marshall has agreed to give 80 per cent of the total amount due the school fund from said town. On settlement it was found that the total amount due from the town of Marshall to the school fund was \$131.94, 80 per cent of which is \$105.55, the amount the town is to pay as fines collected prior to the decision of the court. The said town has made orders to pay said amount, \$105.55, as follows:

\$25.00 April 1st, 1902;
\$30.55 July 1st, 1902;
\$50.00 January 1st, 1903.

Ordered that W. M. Cady be appointed a school committeeman in the place of N. R. Haynes of the Poplar Grp district who has moved away.

Board adjourned to meet on Feb. 3rd, 1902, to try to adjust some local dissatisfaction caused by the sale of the Marshall school property, one of the members, Capt. E. N. Fry not being present at this meeting.

Mrs. I. A. Bittle and family, formerly of Tennessee but now of Hamlet, N. C., are visiting the family of station agent Romine.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 20.—The most adroit leadership in both the Senate and the House has alone prevented the development of serious factional disturbances in republican ranks during the week just passed and it is only a question of time when they will break out in violent form on the floors of those bodies. It is difficult for one not actually on the scene to appreciate to what an extent the House of Representatives has ceased to be a deliberative body. For a time the republican members felt themselves repaid for their loss of power by the example of perfect discipline which they set to the country, but now that they are in so great a majority as to believe themselves relieved from the danger of democratic aggressions, they are longing for the birthright which they bartered.

Smiling with a sense of their loss of influence, the representatives are humiliated by the arrogance of certain Senators who today openly say that the attitude of the House toward any of the important questions which Congress must answer is of no importance as the Senate can and will rectify the errors of the "impulsive and irresponsible" lower body. Senator Cullum is today preparing a speech in support of his contention that the House has no right to be heard in the matter of reciprocal treaties which are, the Senator alleges, a matter for the Senate and President alone to consider. In view of the very important subject of reciprocity with Cuba, which must soon be determined, the position of the senior Senator from Illinois and a large number of his colleagues is particularly exasperating.

There is no mistaking the intent of the Dingley bill which says that such treaties must be approved "by Congress", but Senators Cullum, Lodge, Spooner, Frye, Hanna and others hold to the opinion that, according to the Constitution, the President and the Senate alone constitute the treaty-making power. Senator Lodge modifies his opinion somewhat, however, by saying that he believes that it would be courtesy to consult the House because any reciprocal treaty affects the question of raising revenue.

The Philippine tariff bill will be

reported to the Senate today or tomorrow and it is predicted that the debate on its provisions will last for a month. Senator Lodge professes to believe that it will be eventually passed as reported, but there are members of his own party who greatly differ from him and who say that it will have to be referred back to the committee. Prominent among these is Senator Mitchell of Oregon. After the bill gets through the Senate it will have to pass the House and if the Senate persists in its determination to exclude that body from a voice in the Cuban reciprocity affair there is every possibility that Mr. Payne, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and his colleagues will treat the matter with little consideration, as they believe that Senator Lodge, in his capacity of champion of the administration, will thus be brought to terms and will be forced to oppose the Senate foreign relations committee in order to relieve Secretary Root from his present embarrassing position.

The Isthmian Canal, while by no means a partisan question, is capable of causing trouble that may develop along partisan lines. Senator Morgan, who is as firmly committed to the Nicaraguan route as ever, called at the White House recently and came away seriously dissatisfied with the result of his interview with the President. He is also much disturbed at Senator Hanna's apparent disaffection in favor of the Darien route. This route would require the construction of a tunnel five miles long, through a solid granite mountain and the Senator from Alabama considers it lacking in feasibility and its agitation merely an attempt to delay canal legislation.

The Senate Committee on Commerce has authorized a favorable report on the Hanna-Frye ship subsidy bill by a strict party vote, every democrat on the committee voting against it. Senator Frye makes the most extravagant claims for the bill and in the main his colleagues are obliged to take his word in the matter as there is probably no other man in the Senate who can tell just how the bill will work when put in practice. It now seems probable that the bill will pass the Senate under pressure of the party lash but it is very doubtful if it can get through the House. Every democrat in the House will vote against it and there are said to be a number of republicans who regard a vote for the bill as political suicide.

"The anarchy bills are going to make trouble in the House", said a democratic member from New York, when I asked him why Congress was doing nothing in a matter on which all the members seemed to be of one mind. "There is little difference in the minds of the members as to the necessity of passing a bill to prevent anarchists coming into the country but there is great jealousy in the committees in regard to the matter. General Shattuck, chairman of the Committee on Immigration, does not consider that the Judiciary Committee has the right to pass on any measure which deals with immigration. The members of the Judiciary committee themselves are jealous of Chairman Ray because they think he desires to arrogate to himself too large a share of the glory that will pertain to the authorship of the bill that finally passes. As to the democrats, they are not involved except in so far as they may be called upon to protest against any measure which violates state rights."

He was a travelling man with a very important air and a bright colored shirt. What he didn't know wasn't worth knowing and he could say witty things, he thought. While staying at a local hotel recently, he tried to get gay with the dining room girl. She brought him his coffee with a small pitcher of cream. "Is this all the milk you give?" he asked. "Yes, that's all the milk I give," was the answer, "but if I was as fresh as you, I reckon I'd give a gallon."—X.