SOUR ASSESSED.

HODAY, APRIL IS IND.

at to strike May with a clean ion list brought right up to

is to those whose time has ex-Write in a good humor if you

We are allowing the municipal car-dates full awing this week, and are not to print their cameranications in ir commun. Fact is, we bed a little after see the candidates editing these unicipal discussions than to be called a to do it consulves.

Many school districts are taking lyantage of the recent act of the Legislature to encourage the es-tablishment of school libraries in rural districts. It provides that where the friends of the public school raise \$10 for establishing such school raise \$10 for establishing such a library, the county board shall give \$10 from the funds belonging to the district and the state Board \$10 more—making \$30 in all. Some of the legislators opposed the project on the ground that there was no place to keep the books—that the churches couldn't keep their Sunday school libraries together, yet!

It is hew idening to contemplate the cost of our flue with Spain. The internal revenue bureau has just prepared a statement showing that the additional taxes received under the war amendment to the revenue law have amounted to \$251,311,315 in a little less than three years. The exact period esserted is emiraned between the deten of June 13, 1808, and Feb. 28, 1801. Of the amount named, over \$88,000,000 was derived from the sale of documentary stamps. And we are still going down into our pockets to take care of our arms and heroes in the Philippines.

On our first page is an advertisement misling some striking statements to bish we direct the attention of alf andlers and manufacturers The fact that it is an sent should not detract from it to those who are concerned to interest to those who are concerned in the subject matter, and the further fact that it is an advectionment of a neighboring shop, which is the best equipped of its hind is the Scuth thus side of Richmond, about give the matter added value. The Liddell company to known for and wide already. When they take up a specific matter like the loss of \$695,600 a year to the State and repose to remedy it, their practical apprisons and wide reputation should remained a hearing which we sincerely ope our leterested readers will give to that they have to say on our first page.

In addition to the satisfaction of succession to the authorities of secondary Bole Peak back to our colsoming Bole Peak back to our colsoming Bole Peak back to our colsoming the best letter be
sever written and be has writmany good once. He touches
our city enempion very neatly as a
flace to the happy encouncement of his condidacy for a sent in the next General Assembly. He is apposed, he says, to removal of the county nest, but at the same time has Damouratie and enough in his veins to raite no me about it. If the election goes against it. As to the prospective candidacy Rob Peak, we trust our two Mayorty enadidates will duly especially elected his sides and qualifications. In our own taken, a law-abiding citizen who, as Bob Peak, as Democrat enough to slow thereughly in popular government, who has adjustion enough to the chicampin correctly, and who here in "happing the shariffs widow" a correctly-remedy for patty larcony hards mightly good timber for making legislator out of. gh in his vetos to rules no

Inamuch as we understand that a number of the voters of the town desire to know the position of the andersigned candidates for Mayor and Alfersian at the counting election, and be cause of an intimation that we are far "Repullation" with returning the interests of the town with which we may have to do in case we are elected, in justice to ourselves and the roturn we make the following statement which defines our position: We are in favor of the election earrying, which has been ordered for the purpose of having additional bands, the proceeds of which are to be used in the completion of the water-works, newerage and election light plants, and we expect to vote for the issuing of those bonds, and if the election for the maning of them earries, and we are alcotted, it is our intubition to sail them to the best advantage possible, and complete this work to the best interests of the flows as our judgment may dictate, and to apply the measurer junds if the a me should be voted at such election. To the satisfaction of all just and legal unpaid indebtedness which may have been incurred in the placing and creeting of such water-works, new lage, and cleetric light plants. This is the only method under the law by which funds can be raised by taxation for completing these plants, and cetting this indebtedness, and in view of the present unfortunate condition of affairs for which we are not responsible, the people are forced to choose this policy or allow the debts to remain unpaid and the work unfloated.

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Before the people of the Town can be tasted for auch purposes, the election which has been ordered allowing the Beard of Aldermen to issue these bonds will have to be carried by a majority of the qualified voters of the Town, and unless the tonds are voted as above shown, or at some subsequent election, the Board of Aldermen have no authority to raise money for such purposes by taxing the people; this matter, therefore, hee entirely with the voters of the Town, and the fast that such election has been ordered is a proof of this proposition. We will add further with reference to the graded schools that the same law applies, and if the election which has been ordered for graded schools carries, we will perform our duty in giving it effect to the best of our ability. We will state, however, that our duties with reference to graded schools are very limited. The oply powers vested in the Board of Aldermen, if the election for such schools earry, will be to collect annually for the use of such embods, a tax, the rate of which shall be fixed by the School Commissioners, not to exceed the rate fixed by the ordinance calling the election, and to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of providing suitable buildings and furniture for said schools; all of these duties are obligatory on the Beard of Aldermen, and they have no authority or discretion to refuse to performed in these schools, employing and faring the pay of teachers, and making the rules and regulations for the government of these teachers, and other duties which will have to be performed in their establishment and management, belong to, and devolve upon the School Commissioners who will have to be elected, all of which, with reference to these schools, is shown by the law found in the Charter of the Town of Gastopis.

April 17th, 1901.

M. H. Brupoke

J. O. WHITE. . D. MOORE, LEE HORINGON. G. W. BAGAN, A. C. WILLIAMSON

In addition to subscribing to the statements as set forth in the above card, I deem it proper to state my individual position in reference to these questions. I do this in order to dispel any appearance of inconsistency on my

part.

Neveral weeks ago, when I first learned of the embarrassing financial condition of the fews, I was opposed to the new issue of bands, thus largely increasing the bouded indebtedness of the town. My idea was to carry this amount as a finating debt, secured by the tote of the town officials, and the same to be reduced as rapidly as possible.

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After securing legal advice on this matter, I have that it would be tenpossible to dispose of it in this way. In view of these fasts, I believe it best to follow the plan outlined in the above statement. In reaching this conclusion, I have kept constantly is view the fact that the welfare and interests of the people of the town were closely concerned.

Very respectfully, G. W. BAGAN. April 17, 1901.

ARROUNCEMENT.

It is with pleasure that I amounce to my friends that I am again in the mercantile business, having bought this week a joint laterest with Mr. O. II. Balles in the Bee Hive. I will now be found at the Hive from day to day, where I shall be pleased to see all my friends, old and new, and respectfully invite them all to give me a call.

Yours truly.

L. P. Guovzs.

Bessemer Items

Mrs. J. H. Wilkins left Sunday for Batterfordton to visit friends.
Mrs. M. L. Sholar has returned from a trip to Atlants.
Mrs. Robbins is quite ill at the home of her disaghter. Mrs. C. Whitney.
The M. E. Sunday School will give a plonts to Asheville sarly in May.
The date has not bran decided spon Mrs. J. A. Sandth is expected to return from Texas sext week.
Busing Horner will hold confirmation savies here Westenday evening. April 17th.

J. D. McCall, Truster, advertises sale of valuable lauds near Stanley Creek.

Frost Torreson & Ou.—Keep the blood free from impurities and attain a green old age. Take the quare of prevention.

J. H. Kennedy & Company—Keep kool by getting your ice ersem and other leed drinks at the White Front fountain.

Robinson Bros.—Calf and kid shoes of most desirable styles. We have made every preparation for apring and summer and are able to suit you.

Long Brothers—Have water coolers and los cream freezers bought before the sdvance. The Iron King cock stove, more popular than ever because it has stood the test of actual use.

Gray & Love—Special sale days to-day, to-morrow, and Saturday. See first page. Special at this house means something special with no misleading or disappointment about it. Specialties on these days for men, women, and children.

The Bee Hive—The fashionable special sale goes on here every day—because prress are so low no one else can lower them. See list of astonishers in to-day's price announcements. Something to interest all buyers of managable mode.

Mr. and Mrs. G. II. Balles left Tues air. and Mra. G. H. Balles left Tuceday for Dudley, S. C., to attend the marriage of Mrs. Balles's sister, Miss. Bila Funderburk. The marriage took place at high soon yesterday at the bride's home. The groom was Mr. Parks Mangum, the treasurer of Chesterfield county.

The two weeks meetings at the Baptist church closed last right. Pastor Watson was assisted by Bev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton, former pastor of the church, who is distinctly a gospel preacher. He presented the Word with clearness, simplicity, and carnest fervor, and the meetings were well attended. His old fack was glad to bear his edifying gospel messages again, and the church is in better condition spiritually for having engaged in these delightful meetings.

STANK OF ORIO, CITT OF TOLINGS, at LOCAS UNDERTY.

FRANK J. ORNOUT makes onth that he is the scool partner of the firm of F. J. Ornouty & Co. doing business in the City of Toledo, Onnety and frants affecting, and that smidten will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for such and every came of Colarry that campot be cured by the use of MALL'S UATARIMS.

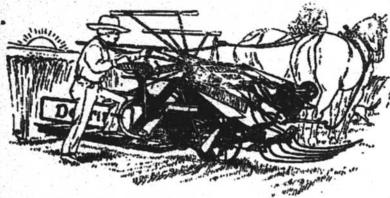
FRANK J. CHENET.

Swort to before me said subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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A. W. OLHABON,
Notary Public,
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to make bright, snappy wear for gentlemen weary of winter things. And they are

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While they sing the opening stanza of spring, our hobby is to please our customers, and we shall do our level best to please YOU when you come

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Heavy and Fancy Groceries, Fresh Meats. At the market stand of M. A. Thompson we have put in the necessary shelving and counters and edded a complete line of Heavy and Fancy Oroceries, so that we are prepared to furnish groceries as well as fresh meats. Our stock is new throughout and will be of the

Freshest and Best Always. Goods promptly delivered. Come to see us or call 'phone 27. THOMPSON & HENRY. Would be pleased to have a call from easy and all of T. A. HENRY.

# SPECIAL SALE!

Special sales seem to be fashionable, and we intend to have one at our store every day by making prices so low that they can't be made lower by any one clsc.

#### TO-DAY

we offer wash Lawns in styles worth 7 1-2c our price 5c. Lawns fast colors at 3c. Beautiful styles in 12 1-2c Lawns at 10c. Piques white and colored, fine goods at cheap prices. Heavy Cottonade Skirting, Crash, Linen and Cotton, fancy and plain. Fine wool goods, two pieces 75c venetian all wool for skirts now 49c. 10-4 sheeting, rubber sheeting, birdeye, the best and the cheapest. Pepperel 10-4 sheeting no better made only 25c. Ladies' bleached gauze vests from 5c up, Corsets, 25c up to the \$1.50 kind at 98c.

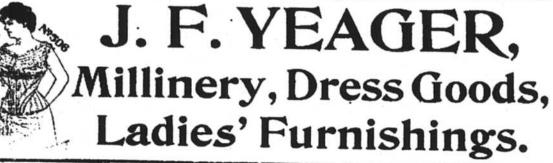
### SHOES, HATS. PANTS, CLOTHING.

The best line we have ever carried. Ladles' Shoes 50c to the best. Men and Boys' straw hats 5c and up, the \$1.00 kind at 50 and 75c. Men's Pants 25c, the \$5.00 kind at \$3.25. Youth's 3 piece knee pant suits worth \$6.00 at only \$3.98 sizes 10 to 16. Suits from 49c up. A word to the wise is sufficlent. Don't bite at baits, but come to our store and buy everything

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Elegant new lot just in, to which we invite your special attention.

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A large assortment at prices from 5c to 60c each.

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Latest designs and shades. See them now and select from full stock.

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Very handsome goods, exquisitely made up. In suits or separate garments. Prices from \$2 to \$10 suit. New lot just in this week. On hand at all times, complete line of Dress Goods, in

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### Beauty, Health and Vigor

displayed in youth predicate a green old age if proper care is taken to keep the blood free from impurities We have several standard blood cleanvers which will put you is fine shape to Oght life's battles. You know the old saw about an ounce of preventionwell, here's the ounce

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shoes of the most desirable styles and shapes adorn the windows and shelves of Robinson Brothers. It's a moral certainty that we can please you as to fit, comfort and fushion. We have made every preparation for Spring and Summer, and await your visit with perfect confidence of our ability to suit

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in our stock you always stock yourself with the best stock there is. We still have on hand a superior assortment of all kinds of

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Couldn't you enjoy Easter more if you had a nice new Buggy or Surrey? Come and see what we can offer you.

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