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can't-be-equalled values, offered in every department. Enormous purchasing and extensive preparations for spring coupled with incomparable values and unrivalled qualities stamp every article as the biggest kind of rare bargains—bargains that elsewhere are wholly impossible. We are ready for the rush of spring business with stocks that tip the acme of excellence and completeness. New goods arriving on every train at

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A BLOW AT THE MEAT TRUST.

The Attorney General of the United States will have suit entered in Illinois for an injunction.

Washington, April 24.—Attorney General Knox to-day made the following statement regarding the so-called Beef Trust:

"On April 4 this department directed W. A. Day, Esq., of Washington, in his capacity as special assistant to the Attorney General, to examine into, as far as practical, the public charges to the effect that a combination of the large meat dealers of the United States has been effected contrary to the provision of the laws of the United States. This preliminary examination resulted in instructions to Mr. Day and Mr. Bethea, United States Attorney at Chicago, on April 7, to prosecute simultaneously in Chicago and the East a more particular examination into the allegations and proofs alleged to exist in support thereof. From their reports I am satisfied that sufficient evidence is in hand upon which bills in equity for an injunction can be framed to restrain the combination mentioned from further proceeding under their agreements, which clearly appear to be in restraint of interstate trade. I have, therefore, in compliance with the law which provides, 'It shall be the duty of the several Attorneys of the United States in their several districts, under the direction of the Attorney General, to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain violations of this Act, directed the district attorney to prepare a bill for an injunction against the incorporations and persons who are parties to the combination mentioned, to be filed in the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of Illinois.'"

Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, to-day introduced a bill that after the passage of the Act "there shall not be collected any duty upon pork, veal, mutton or beef imported into the United States from foreign countries." The bill was referred to the committee on finance.

Our troops are being withdrawn from the Philippines in large numbers. About 32,000 men are to remain on the islands. These will be needed for police duty, even if the actual fighting is over.

SIX NEW SHIPS.

Naval Appropriation Bill Carries Seventy-Six Million Dollars.

Washington, April 22.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs today completed the Naval appropriation bill. The most important item, as to new ships, was left until the last and finally determined upon as follows: two battleships of about 16,000 tons displacement to cost exclusive of armor and armament, \$4,212,000 each; two armored cruisers of about 14,500 tons displacement, each to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, \$4,659,000; two gunboats of 1,000 tons each, to cost \$382,000 each.

The following new provision is made: "That the Secretary of the Navy, in his discretion and so far as in his judgment is practical, may direct that any or all of the vessels herein authorized be built in such navy yard as he may designate."

Provision is also made for building one of each class of ships on the Pacific coast, and that no contractor shall build more than one battleship or cruiser or gun boat. The 16,000 tons battleships will be the largest ever authorized for the American navy and among the largest war ships afloat. The armored cruisers will also be exceptionally large for their class, largely exceeding the New York in tonnage. The appropriation carried by the bill is slightly above \$76,000,000.

There was a sharp parliamentary contest and there were many votes before the final decision on the ships and on building in government yards was reached.

Evidently a Bad Negro.

Chief G. W. Kendrick, of King's Mountain, brought Will Jones, alias Will Jackson, colored, to jail Monday, charged with stealing a pistol from another negro. He was arrested while on his way to Grover and had the pistol on his person. In addition to this he had a guano sack containing bits, augers, and other utensils, calculated to be valuable in the house or store-breaking business. When arrested he stated that he was from the North, afterwards that he came from Rock Hill, and when he reached the jail he said he came from Illinois.

ABOUT HOT SPRINGS.

Under Government Ownership, the Springs are Set Apart as a National Sanitarium for All Time.

See. B. Herrill in Concord Times.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 21.—I am here attending the annual meeting of the National Editorial Association, an organization which, as its name implies, is composed of editors from all over the union. There are about 500 of them here, and a large proportion of them are accompanied by ladies. They are here from every State and Territory, and the occasion is one of great profit and pleasure. The country between Little Rock and Hot Springs—I came from Memphis to Little Rock in the night—is swampy and not interesting. It is sparsely settled, and when one sees a house it is in most cases a new one.

Hot Springs is a city of 15,000, composed mostly of hotels, bar rooms, boarding houses, drug stores, and bath houses. I am stopping at the Eastman, the largest and best hotel here. This hotel has 520 rooms, and can accommodate 1,000 guests. A magnificent view of the city and the beautiful mountains surrounding is given from the tower of the Eastman, 200 feet high. The bath house contains 40 rooms.

The Hot Springs here are under government ownership, the Interior Department having control of it. Congress took possession of the Springs in 1832, and the place was set apart as a national sanitarium for all time, forever free from sale. The Secretary of the Interior fixes the prices charged by all bath houses. The prices are fixed according to the equipment of the houses, and range from \$3 to \$10 for 21 baths. There are 23 bath houses, besides the government free bath house, which provides baths gratis to those unable to pay for them. The average temperature of the water, as it comes from the mountain side, is 135 degrees, and the discharge is 1,000,000 gallons every day. The ground all around the springs is warm. The hot water is on tap in all the hotels, etc., and is very beneficial as a drink, as well as to bathe in. One can drink any quantity of it with impunity. Each bath house pays to the government \$30 per tub per year. There are 540 tubs here.

There are 72 springs in all. Some are very small, while others are large, bold springs. All of them except one are closed to the human eye. The Big Iron Spring, which is the largest, has a flow of 201,600 gallons every 24 hours. The Egg Spring, which is the hottest, has a temperature of 143 degrees. The coolest spring has a temperature of 46 degrees.

The Hot Springs are held as a government monopoly, just as the making and sale of postage stamps are, and the income derived from the use of the water by the various bath houses is all expended in improving and beautifying the reservation. Uncle Sam tanks and pipes these for distribution to the various bath houses and fountains. An interesting fact is found in the presence of cold springs close beside many of the hot springs. All of these waters are shown by analysis to be free from all organic matters. Their remarkable purity fits them in the greatest degree for drinking purposes.

The Strawberry Blight.

The Pender Chronicle this week says the strawberry crop, which at one time in the Burgaw section was so very promising, seems now in danger of being shortened by at least one-third. The change in the outlook is due to a disease or pest with which the strawberry fields are now being visited. The pest is not a new one, but it is one with which the growers of berries are well acquainted—a small insect, which does its deadly work by boring through the stem just back of the bud.

Ex-Senator Ransom to Speak.

Ex-Senator Ransom has been invited by President W. W. Fuller, of the North Carolina society of New York, to deliver the address on the occasion of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence by the society on May 20th. Both of the present North Carolina Senators will also speak on this occasion, which is to be made a memorable one. The celebration will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria.

CONTEST CLOSES MAY THIRD

Raise a Club of Subscribers and Win a Prize Worth Trying For.

Three Handsome Prizes to be Awarded for Three Largest Clubs of Subscribers Sent to The Gazette by Saturday, May 3rd—Particulars of the Contest.

THE GAZETTE is one paper in Gaston county whose circulation is growing greater and not less. It is now issued twice every week; it is printed throughout from new type, neat, clean, attractive; edited with care in every department, it endeavors to be reliable always, to print the news and tell the truth, and is devoted to the protection of home and the interests of Gaston county. These things, together with the aid of its friends, are making the paper go at a rate which eclipses all its previous records.

But we feel that our very kind friends are entitled to some reward. Therefore, encouraged by the results of other similar offers made to our subscribers in the past, we have, as previously announced, decided again to interest our friends who have helped us and are helping us now to make THE GAZETTE what it is to-day.

There are two important points to note: first, THE GAZETTE is offered twice a week for a dollar to all who get the dollar in by Saturday, the third day of May; second, to the three persons who bring us the three largest lists of new subscribers by that date, we will give three handsome prizes.

Now for the particulars concerning the contest and the prizes: **FIRST PRIZE**—To the person who brings in the largest list of new paid subscriptions under this offer by the date named, we will give a choice between two handsome twenty-dollar prizes.

1. Choice number one is a fine new improved Columbian Phonograph now on exhibit at Torrence's Jewelry Store. It is not the small kind with a cylinder record. It is an improved loud instrument with a circular record like a dinner plate, and can be heard easily across the street. This fine machine and six records (three large and three small) make up this outfit.

2. Choice number two is a most beautiful ladies' Mahogany Desk, with chair to match, now on exhibit at The Gastonia Book Store. The desk is Macey's make inlaid with white holly and mother-of-pearl, a lovely piece of furniture, as every lady who sees it will testify. The chair to match goes with it. Bring the largest list of new subscribers and take your choice of the two superb prizes described above.

SECOND PRIZE—For the second largest list of subscriptions under this offer, the prize will be a choice between a very large and handsome new five-dollar hammock and a five-dollar Waterman's Fountain Pen—both at The Gastonia Book Store.

THIRD PRIZE—For the third largest list of subscriptions brought in under this offer, the prize will be a fine three-dollar silk umbrella or a beautiful three-dollar rug at Thomson Co.'s store.

Anybody is a new subscriber who does not now take the paper, with this limitation: a mere transfer of the paper from one member of a family to another or from one neighbor to another for the sake of getting a name on the list is not securing a new subscriber. Of course no honest person would resort to a scheme like that.

In this subscription contest the prizes are awarded not for the largest number of names but for the largest number of paid annual subscriptions at one dollar each. Four 3-months or two 6-months subscriptions count as one annual subscription.

The contest is to end Saturday night, May 3rd, so that we can make up the awards Monday for the paper coming out on the following day.

These are the conditions of the contest, and we hope our friends will get to work and forward subscriptions as fast as they get them. Everybody who knows us knows that these prizes will be awarded just as we say. If the biggest list contains no more than one subscriber, the person who brings it will get one of the twenty-dollar prizes.

IMMENSE COTTON MILL.

Largest in the World for Manufacture of Colored Goods.

Dispatch to Raleigh Post.

There is an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that the Cones will build at Greensboro the largest mill for the manufacture of colored cotton goods in the world. According to the report, the plans contemplate a mill with an equipment of 50,000 spindles and 2,000 looms, which can be doubled when occasion demands. The product will be high grade denim.

The Messrs. Cone are out of town and no one connected with their enterprises here will say anything concerning the report. It is known, however, that options have been taken on land in the vicinity in which it is reported that the new mill will be located. Not enough land has been secured for so great an enterprise, and the fact that some of the property in the locality is held at exorbitant figures may cause the project to fall through.

Killed an Immense Rabbit Hawk.

Kings Mountain Democrat.

Noah McMurry, who lives down on Beason's creek at the old Hallman place killed a hawk one day last week that measured 4 feet and 5 inches from tip to tip. It was of the species known as the "rabbit" hawk and was the largest of which we have had any record. Our informant tells us that an eagle has also been seen about the premises and has made two attempts to catch a small dog on the place. Mr. McMurry hopes to get a shot at it.

Odd Fellows' Finances.

Grand Secretary, B. H. Woodell has completed his report which will be submitted to the Grand Lodge, which will meet in Greensboro May 13th. This report shows that the total membership of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in this State January 1st, 1902, was 7,781, which shows a net gain over the previous year of 1045.

The relief extended by these lodges during the year was as follows:

For brothers sick or disabled	\$6,584.12
For widowed families	113.75
For destitute orphans not in homes	113.75
Burying deceased brothers	1,250.01
Burying deceased brothers' wives	274.54
Widows and orphans	966.52
Special relief (Unknonville, Baker)	2,113.13
Wife	2,113.13
Total	\$15,146.16

This is an increase over 1900 of \$2,192.06. The receipts in the subordinate Lodges for the year were \$52,227.57, an increase over the previous year of \$8,751.56.

The disbursements for the same time including the relief extended as well as investment in property were \$49,694.64 an increase of \$9,041.85. The total assets of subordinate lodges, which includes money on hand, lodge property, notes, bonds, building and loan stock, real estate, widows and orphans funds and special funds over and above liabilities is \$113,949.03, being an increase over the previous year of \$10,223.05, which shows that the increased expenditures were invested.

Critical Age With Girls.

Sixteen is a critical age with girls. It is then, if ever, that the Mary Anns become Maries and Maymes and Maes.

SUMMER COMFORT



Ladies' Wrappers from \$1 to \$1.50
Children's Ideal Waist 25 cents.
Don't fail to see our new Peco Skirt
J. F. YEAGER,
Ladies' Furnishings a Specialty.

NOTICE!

The time has come for our customers to call and make settlement for Fertilizer, either by note or cash. May 1st we must make settlement with companies.

Craig & Wilson.

PIANOS AND ORGANS

PAY CASH AND GET WHOLESALE PRICE.
For 60 Days the Best Makes are Offered at Wholesale Prices for Cash.

Stieff Pianos are the only world renowned instrument sold direct from factory to purchaser. I am Stieff's factory salesman and have something to tell you. Listen! For 60 days I will sell a piano or organ to any one at a Straight Wholesale Price on a Cash Basis.... I handle three other makes of good instruments which I can sell you lower than the lowest. Also have on hand a lot of nice second-hand pianos and organs, received in exchange, which go from \$15 to \$85 I can't see everybody—too much territory. But write me and I'll call on you, and what's more, will save you money.

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Salesman Chas. M. Stieff. GASTONIA, N. C.

HAMMOCKS

Wish you would come in and see the season's new hammocks. They will surely "catch you good." The new weaves this season are unusually pretty, the colors and superb stripings produce in some instances charming tapestry effects, while the materials and making are all that could be desired. Prices 88c up to \$6.00.

THE NEW BOOKS ALSO are here with their charming covers, pictures, and messages of instruction and entertainment. Our counters, too, are a-bloom with the new April magazines. Please drop in and browse among them to your heart's content.

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