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SWEEPING REDUCTIONS AT THE BEE HIVE

IN ORDER to reduce the enormous stock in our Dry Goods, Millinery, Shoes and Clothing Departments before our annual stock-taking, we will offer special inducements from now till the first of January. Even our regular goods, at regular prices will be better values than special bargains elsewhere. A well-stocked store tells its own story. Our store is jammed full of new goods in every department, and while others are talking we are satisfied to do the selling. You will always find our store crowded. Why? Follow the crowds and you will soon know.

Dress Goods.

58-inch all wool Dress Goods
\$1.00 value, our price only 46c
All wool Tricos in all colors
at only 24c
36-inch all wool Flannels at
only 24c

Good Melrose at only 22c
44-inch, the best on the mar-
ket at only 65c
Fancy Worsted, double width
at only 10c
36-inch Cashmere in the
leading shades at only 24c

Still Selling

Good Sheetting at only 24c
36-inch real heavy Sheetting
at only 34c

Good Comforts at only 41c
Better Comforts at only 90c

Clothing! Clothing!

We have the best and cheapest as well as the handsomest line for Men and Boys in all the latest styles; we also have a full line of Men's and Boys' Overcoats that we are offering at rock bottom prices.

Shoes, Shoes!

Our shoes are not odds and ends, but regular fresh goods. We are selling the best \$1.00 shoe for only 50c and our higher priced shoes cannot be equaled. We sell good shoes cheap, but not cheap shoes.

It is for you to decide, and that matter is easily determined by coming to our store and investigating.

BEE HIVE,

CHEAPEST STORE IN TOWN.

H. SNYDER, A A A Proprietor.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE BUSINESS LOCALS.

QUAILS WANTED at Morris's Restaurant.

NICE lot fresh Florida oranges at Morris's Restaurant.

LOST—Fountain pen, plain, black barrel. Return to J. N. ALEXANDER, Sr.

WANTED—Several loads of good wheat straw and country hay. J. A. GLENN & Co.

NICE FAMILY MARE for sale cheap. Good driver, gentle, works anywhere. THOMSON Co.

ALL PERSONS OWING us either by note or open accounts that are due or past due are requested to settle at once. CRAIG & WILSON.

GINNING COTTON—Gastonia oil mill will be ginning cotton from the 5th to the 15th of January. No regular ginning after that date. Bring your cotton at once. B. M. HOLLAND, Manager.

FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 1902.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

—A quiet, happy Christmas day.

—It is all over except paying the fiddler.

—Add to your phone list Parks Huffstetler's residence, town, No. 189.

—Renewing time. A warm welcome awaits you at THE GAZETTE office.

—Christmas of 1902 is among the packages duly labeled and filed away for future reference.

—The members of the Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society presented Mrs. W. F. Watson with a beautiful silver tray.

—The oil mill has seed enough for only a week's run. When these are used the mill will shut down for a month or so.

—There are 4,844 persons in Gaston county over ten years of age who cannot read and write. Of this number 2,665 are white.

—The C. & N.-W. Railway began yesterday (Friday) to tear away the old depot at Clover, S. C., preparatory to building a new one.

—A most delightful party was given Christmas night by Miss Willie Jenkins complimentary to her friends, Misses Pearl and Bertha Leonhardt. Games were played, refreshments were served and the happy hours flew swiftly by.

—The Falls House thermometer registered 19° in the shade this morning.

—The Pearl Land Company plays to-night the third of its engagements at the Opera House.

—Next issue of THE GAZETTE will contain the annual statement of the county commissioners showing the condition of the county's finances.

—The county board of education will hold a meeting on the second Monday in January, where a successor to the late lamented Chairman Thomas Wilson will be elected.

—A chicken that was simply a wad of fat with feathers and legs to it was killed at Mr. J. P. Culp's Christmas day. Don't know the breed—one Mr. Culp bought a year ago. But it was fat, lined with fat, and rolling in fat. It was fed on the yard with the other chickens.

—Last night (Friday) Master Grier Love entertained a score or more of his friends, boys and girls. The contest was in setting to rights the transposed letters of a list of bird's names. The result was a tie of nine, and Miss Cora Costner won the prize by drawing the lucky number.

—The noise and tumult of exploding fire-crackers and bombs were very musical to the ear and soothing to the nerves of the nervous—more so, perhaps, than ever before in the history of the town. The boy in his composition said that brass pins had saved thousands and thousands of lives. "How so?" inquired the teacher. "Why," answered the wise boy, "by people's not swallowing them."

—Tacky Party.

Complimentary to her guests Mrs. Frank White and Mrs. John Kaneer, a tacky party was given last night (Friday) by Mrs. J. O. White. Everything good to eat and everything else needed to make up a good time for the guests were there in great abundance. The prize was won by Mrs. Oscar Wagstaff—a handsome gold brooch.

—Miss Lila Carpenter, of Harden, is visiting her friend, Miss Sue Gallant.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Miss Pearl Gallant, who is teaching at Worth, is at home for the holidays.

—Little Miss Josephine Heath of Rock Hill is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. V. Blake.

—Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Lumpkin leave to-day for a short visit to their Washington friends.

—Mrs. John W. Bryson, of Lenoir, went to Kings Mountain this morning on a holiday visit.

—Mr. Wilbur Cooke, of Reasner, came over Wednesday afternoon to visit the family of Mr. P. H. Cooke.

—Mrs. Frank C. White, of Lenoir, came down Tuesday night to spend the holidays with Mrs. J. O. White.

—Misses Lois Moffatt and Pattie Cannon were guests from Wednesday until Friday of Miss Pansy Traywick.

—Mrs. W. J. Clifford is spending the holidays in Columbus, Ga., guest of her friend, Miss Birdie Blankenship.

—Mr. W. H. Wiley and family left Wednesday morning to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in Graham.

—Miss Jessie Shelton, who is attending school in Durham, arrived Tuesday night to spend the holidays at home.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morrow and children, of Pineville, are spending the holidays with Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Moore.

—Misses Pearl and Bertha Leonhardt, of Lowell, were guests of Miss Willie Jenkins Thursday and yesterday.

—Mrs. Silas Smyre, of Newton, who for a few days has been the guest of Capt. and Mrs. J. Q. Holland, leaves this morning for her home in Newton.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Kaneer, of Lumberton, arrived Christmas eve. Mr. Kaneer has returned, but Mrs. Kaneer remains as guest of Mrs. J. O. White.

—Misses Nell Orr, Rebecca Ranson and Irene McClintock, of Charlotte, are the holiday guests of Misses Lida and Rosebud Adams.

—Messrs. J. A. Price and Millard Lynn, of Philipsburg, were visitors in the city yesterday and paid THE GAZETTE a pleasant call.

—Messrs. Charles Moore, Frank Gray and Mac Holland, cadets of the Kings Mountain Military Academy, are spending the holidays at home.

—Mr. Sid M. Cornwell, of Columbia, S. C., spent a few days with Mrs. M. L. Mauney and then went to visit his father, Mr. J. P. Cornwell, at Crouse.

—Capt. Marsh Morrow and Mr. Holland Morrow K. M. M. A. cadets are at home for the holidays. Their friend Mr. F. E. Jacobs, of Galeton, Pa., is their guest.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hutchinson, of Lincoln, came down Wednesday night and spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Niell. Mrs. Hutchinson (nee Wilson) is a daughter of Mrs. Niell. THE GAZETTE is glad to follow them twice a week for 1903.

—Tree at the Ozark.

The people of the Ozark, with the spirit of Christmas giving in their hearts, hands, and souls, celebrated the holiday with a big Christmas tree at the Ozark Methodist church. There was a general interchange of presents and expressions of good will, which the excellent people of that mill greatly enjoyed.

—Cut Christmas Day.

When Messrs. Sam Grigg and Will George brought to Hanna's stable about 2 o'clock Christmas day a team they had been using, a difficulty arose between them and Mr. John Hafna. The trouble grew out of the fact that they had kept the team over time and had broken the whip. The men became boisterous and Mr. Hanna asked them to leave the stable. As he pushed Grigg along to hasten him out, the latter made two swipes with his pocket knife. One swipe ripped a big rent around one side of Mr. Hanna's coat, the other inflicted a deep stab in the neck about three quarters of an inch back of the jugular vein. Grigg and George were said to have been drinking some. In the Mayor's court yesterday (Friday) George was fined \$8.85 for his part in the disturbance, while Grigg was bound over to court in a bond of \$100 for assault with deadly weapon.

THE U. C.'S ENTERTAINED.

Christmas Night With Mr. and Mrs. Jno. F. Love Was a Happy Occasion.

In contrast with the still and bitter cold outside, were the warmth, brightness and cheering hospitality in the surpassingly beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. F. Love Christmas night. Their reception complimentary to the young ladies of the U. C. club was the happy occasion of a merry gathering of young people—yes, young people—for though a few were married the charming hospitality of the host and hostess and the presence of the beautiful U. C.'s made them young in heart and spirit and sympathies.

While palatial in its appointments and princely in its furnishings, the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Love is nevertheless a home, a home where a welcome awaits the guest and comfort invites to good cheer, a home in all that this sweet and sacred word implies. The entire house was open to the guests. Holly, ivy, mistletoe, potted plants and fancy holiday decorations put halls and parlors in glad array, and the bright lights shed a genial radiance over all.

Mr. and Mrs. Love, assisted by Miss Mamie Love and Mrs. J. H. Gallant, received the guests. As they came down from their cloak rooms, they were met at the foot of the stairway by Mrs. Gallant, who presented each one with a card in shape of a Christmas stocking tied with a sprig of holly. On the card was a line quoted from Clement C. Morris's "Visit of Santa Claus" or "A Christmas Carol" from Longfellow. It was the duty of each guest to seek out and find the wearer of the card on which the rhyme was completed. The quest proved a delightful one—especially when you were sure you had discovered the correct rhyme.

Miss Page, Miss Nan Hoffman, and Miss Costner greatly pleased the company by their happy vocal and instrumental renditions.

Light refreshments were served in three courses, than which nothing of this kind could have been more exquisitely enjoyed.

It was a pleasant evening to every guest. There were wit and hearty Christmas cheer in the very atmosphere, and happiness was in every face. At eleven the delighted guests began reluctantly to take their leave, with the feeling that Christmas night of 1902 had won a place among the happiest they had ever spent.

The invited guests were Misses Mamie Love, Mamie and Adria Chritzberg, Susie and Nancy Hoffman, Irene Costner, Mamie Cabanis, Emma Page, Ida Purvis, Lowry Shuford, Orie Shuford, Lida and Rosebud Adams, Edith Adams, Lottie Blake, Gussie Beatty, Bessie Kingsley, Mrs. J. H. Gallant, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Separk, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bryan Jones, Messrs. L. L. Hardin, B. M. Jones, B. H. Parker, C. A. Johnson, J. R. Craig, Dave Craig, W. E. Kindley, Eli Kendrick, Lamar Pagram, Lander Gray, Jno. L. Bryan, W. T. Love, White Ware, R. C. Adams, Heath Blake, R. A. Love, Dr. Henry Glenn, Ralph Falls, and D. E. McConnell.

Bell-Falls.

A marriage that was kept so quiet that we almost missed it was that of Miss Ethel Falls to Mr. Frank Bell on the 17th. The happy event was celebrated at the home of Mr. John Falls, father of the bride. The groom is a son of Mr. William Bell. He is a worthy and popular young man and has married a most noble young woman. We wish them a long and happy life together.

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Baking Powder

Makes the bread more healthful.

Safeguards the food against alkali.

Always baking powder see the greatest measure to health of the present day.

KINDLEY-BELK BROS. CO.

The Last Week of the Last Month

of the year 1902 is about to fall into the tomb of the departed and take its place in history as all of its predecessors have done. When the faithful chronicles will have gathered the events of this the second year of the twentieth century, he will have recorded for us a period marked with great prosperity throughout the entire store and while we have put forth energy and capital to make this store what it is to-day, still we wish to thank you for the important part you have played in this great business of ours, that a generous patronage and confidence have given us. We have learned by long experience that our prosperity must depend upon that of our customers and that as their welfare is, so will be ours. Therefore it becomes us to consult the interest of those who are to buy our goods. We must therefore Underbuy and Undersell to retain your patronage and good will. Thus our eyes are ever on the alert to seize every opportunity to purchase bargains from manufacturers and wholesalers, under money pressure, where stocks are slaughtered to meet maturing obligations. Asking no credit and being able to take merchandise in quantities no other house could touch, we are thus able to defy competition. With the coming of 1903 we promise you still greater things of this store, and no stone shall be left unturned that will be of benefit to this store and its patrons. The banner for the coming year shall be as before

Underbuy, Undersell, Cash.

Wishing you one and all, a merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy new year,

Kindley-Belk Brothers Co.
GASTONIA, N. C.

YOU HAVE THE MONEY

WE HAVE THE GOODS.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ONE AND ALL.

To those who have patronized us the past year we wish to say that your trade has been appreciated, and it will always be a pleasure to serve you in the future.

To those who have not we invite you to give us a trial and we will endeavor to please you.

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The Best Dancers.

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and they are right here, in our store; goods bought right, displayed right, and offered at prices that will sell them.

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Watches, Diamond Set Brooches, Gold and Silver handle Umbrellas, Sterling Silver Toilet Sets, and Novelties of every description, suitable gifts for sweetheart, wife, sister, mother, father, brother, the children or even the baby, bless it's little heart, it shall not be forgotten in our Christmas giving.

Come, be yourself the judge, and make your selection. We never offered more for the money than we do at the present time.

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Home is where you always seek your ease and comfort. No homes are comfortable until furnished with up-to-date furniture. We want to show you the prettiest, up-to-date, most substantial, and largest assortment of house furnishing goods that you probably have ever seen. We offer special bargains to clear out enough of our stock to get our business in one store room. We will appreciate a visit from you to our stores, where we are able to show you a large assortment of substantial holiday and wedding presents.

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