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## TOO MUCH STOCK!

### BIG REDUCTION SALE—20 to 50 PER CENT OFF.

**Commences Friday, July 10th, and Lasts 10 Days.**

Our annual stock taking commences July 20, and to reduce our stock as much as possible we have put on this big reduction sale for 10 days before we commence to take inventory. This will be the most interesting sale of the season, for we are going to let things loose regardless of price. Anyone can afford to buy at the prices, and no one can afford to miss the bargains we offer. Sale commences Friday morning at 8 o'clock. Don't "run," but hurry, if you want to get some of the best plums. ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣ ♣

## THOMSON COMPANY,

The People's Store.

#### NO CONFLICT WITH STATE LAW

##### The Federal Government Does Not Interfere With State's Liquor Regulations.

Washington Special 2nd, to Charlotte Observer.

A good deal has been said recently about the attitude of the Internal Revenue Department with reference to the operation of the Waits law, and the impression has obtained in some instances that conflict might result between the State and Federal authorities as a result of the operation of the new law. The Federal government has no desire or disposition to interfere with the operation of the Waits law. The man who violates its provisions will receive no comfort from that source. It was explained to-day that the Federal government does not license saloons and distilleries. The State exercises that function and authorizes them to do business. The Federal government goes no further than to levy a tax on such institutions. The State does the licensing in the literal sense of the word. Speaking of the subject to-day Commissioner Yerkes, of the Internal Revenue Department, said:

"If a man should apply for license to engage in any form of the whiskey business his application would probably be granted, but he would know that he would have to suffer consequences of violation of the State law."

The Federal authorities are not looking for any violations of State laws. As one official, expressing the feeling entertained here, said, "What we desire to know is the extent of the support North Carolina will give the local Federal authorities in chasing the elusive moonshiner."

A high official in the Department of Justice expresses the opinion that most of the violations of the internal laws will be tried in the State courts under the provisions of the Waits act. It is his opinion that where there is a conviction in the State courts the Federal authorities will not take action. There may be exceptional cases, but generally speaking, he said this policy would probably be pursued.

Bobby Walthour broke the world's record in a motor-paced bicycle race at Boston Tuesday night. He ran 15 miles in 17½ minutes.

#### An Up-to-date Paper.

Charlotte Chronicle, 4th.

We thought THE GASTONIA GAZETTE had been addressing THE Chronicle's copy with a typewriter but THE GAZETTE explains that it is using an up-to-date machine called the addressograph, of which it prints a cut. THE GAZETTE thinks it is probably the first Southern newspaper to utilize this device. THE GAZETTE is an up-to-date paper and has to have up-to-date machinery.

#### The Virginia Business Didn't Pan Out.

Catawba Correspondence Newton News.

About two weeks ago thirteen or fourteen boys and men from here and surrounding country were persuaded to leave their farming and go to Virginia, where they were offered great inducements to work for a certain company. But it seems everything did not pan out according to expectations, as the boys have been coming home just like homing pigeons—one or two at a time, and they had only their feet to help them along.

#### One of the Show Places.

New York Press.

The office of a great life insurance company is one of the show places of New York which every visitor should see. Here is an institution (to avoid invidiousness I shall not mention names) with over \$300,000,000 of assets. It pays out annually in mortality and expired policies \$50,000,000 in round numbers—as much as the entire business of the commercial house of Clafin amounts to in a twelvemonth. It has 8,000 soliciting agents throughout the world. It employs in its home office more than 600 clerks and heads of departments to keep track of its enormous business. It has a safe, the door of which weighs ten tons, yet which can be opened and shut as easily (when not time locked) as the case of a watch. This safe is built of crucible steel. Its foundation is three stories beneath the sidewalk and is altogether distinct and separate from the foundation of the building which houses it. It contains more than \$300,000,000 of marketable securities, and carries a balance of \$50,000 a day to meet the ordinary wants of the office.

#### EDISON'S FIRST INVENTION.

##### It Worked While He Slept Till He Lost a Job by It.

Philadelphia Ledger.

A statement that has been going the rounds of the press of late relative to the great number of inventions patented by Thomas A. Edison makes no mention of his first labor-saving device, which, though it cost him dearly, was never sent to the Patent Office or placed upon the market, though it did the work perfectly for which it was designed.

This invention, forgotten by all save a few old telegraph operators and the Wizard himself, was thought out in the days when Mr. Edison earned his daily bread operating the Boston-New York night wire of what is now the Western Union Telegraph Company. The pay was not particularly large, but the work was light, so light that New York, in order to make sure that the man on the Hub end of the wire was attending to business, arranged for him to call up every hour after midnight, give his official call and sign, it being argued that this would keep him awake. It did keep Edison awake for a few weeks. Then he set about utilizing his spare time on a device which would beat the "smart ones" who ruled the New York office.

The result was all that could be expected from Mr. Edison's successes in later life. It was an arrangement of a battery with a clock and a circuit-breaking instrument which at the proper time would give New York the looked-for signals. For weeks it was the marvel of Mr. Edison's friends that he got along with so little sleep. Then the denouement came in the form of a call for Boston from New York with a very important message. Though Boston had signalled but a few minutes before it was found impossible to "raise" that city when it was necessary to send the message. Nearly an hour later the New York operator was pounding away when the circuit was opened and the sounder gave off "Bu. Ed. O. K." Immediately the call for Boston was renewed, but no answer came for an hour, when the magic signal was again repeated. All night long the wire was watched, and when morning came the manager at

#### Boston was asked to explain the mystery.

The manager, a canny Scot, knew a thing or two, or at least he thought he did, and without saying a word to anybody, examined the clock and Edison's locker, finding there the tell-tale wires and mechanism. That night, when the future "Wizard" showed up for work, he found that the manager had decided to give him "30"—which in telegrapher's talk spells discharged. Edison knew well enough what he was discharged for, and so left the next day for New York and the career which has since made his name a household word the world over.

#### 23 Dead and 13 Injured.

Charlotte Observer.

Charlottesville, Va., July 7.—Southern Railway passenger train No. 35, southbound, ran into an open switch at Rockfish depot, twenty miles south of this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon, smashing into a local freight on a siding. The passenger engine and express coaches were demolished and the baggage coach telescoped through the second class passenger car in the rear. In the latter was a party of immigrants, all of whom were killed or injured. The dead number 23 and the injured number 13. Traffic was suspended for eight hours.

#### King-Crowther Corporation Forfeits Charter.

San Antonio, Texas, Dispatch, 3d.

The King-Crowther Corporation and the King-Crowther Pipe Line Company, in the suit of the State of Texas on the relation of the Attorney General of the State for forfeiture of charter and for a receiver, failed to appear when the case was called for trial to-day, although their attorneys were in the court room. Judgment as prayed for was rendered. The charters of both companies were forfeited and C. Pascoot, of this city, was appointed receiver.

Samuel Crowther, financial manager of the companies and one of the individual defendants in the case, was present and joined with the State in the application for forfeiture of charter.

#### While a Young Lady Saw Her Mother Buried a Dove Alighted on Her Umbrella.

Chase City (Va.) Progress.

Rev. W. G. King reports a strange incident that happened at Liberty church a few days ago. The occasion was the funeral of a well known lady of that section, and a large concourse of friends and relatives surrounded the grave. Among the number was the daughter of the deceased lady and some sympathetic friend was holding an umbrella over the young lady to shield her from the sun. Just as the first shovelful of earth was thrown into the grave, a dove flew by the end of the church and alighted upon the staff of the umbrella over the young lady's head and remained there until the grave was filled when it flew away in precisely the same way it had come.

Several people called the lady's attention to the presence of the dove and asked her if she wished it to be driven away, to which she replied that she did not, as she believed it to be a heavenly messenger.

This is a remarkable occurrence and can be vouched for by all who were present.

#### Gen. Clay's Former Child Wife May Return to Him.

Lexington, Ky., Dispatch.

General Cassius Clay and former child wife, Dora Richardson, will be reunited, living under the same roof at least, if not married. When the girl, then in her 14th year, married General Clay, she had been courted by Riley Brock, a barefooted mill boy.

It will be remembered she left her aged husband and after a divorce was married to young Brock, the general giving them a home in Woodford county with costly furnishings.

Brock turned out bad, sold all the furnishings, got into trouble and was compelled to go West. Sunday night Brock was killed by a train in Illinois. Now the widow says she will go back and live with her divorced and aged husband, who telegraphed for her within an hour of Brock's death. She has one child which she named after Clay.

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## VACATION

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