

ROBBED AND SHOT.

Experience of a Young Man in Union County—A Supposed Friend's Desperate Deed.

Special to The Charlotte Observer.

Monroe, Dec. 23.—In the deposition of a man supposed to be dying it is true, one of the most bold, and cowardly highway robbers ever heard occurred today four miles from Monroe. Last night a young man, Lowry, whose parents live in the county south of here, came to Monroe from Alabama, on his way home to spend Christmas. He remained in town last night, and his trunk not having arrived, concluded he would go down to Wingate to see his uncle. As it is only six miles he started to walk. After leaving town he met a young fellow named Nicholson, the two having previously known each other. Nicholson and Lowry, talking in the usual way, walked on together. After a while Nicholson said: "Let's swap guns." Lowry replied all right, and drew his pistol out and handed it to Nicholson to look at. As soon as the latter got the pistol, he jumped in front of the other man, and said, "Damn you, pull off that watch and hand it here." Lowry said, "What do you mean, Bill?" The other replied that he meant to have that watch or kill him, and the watch was handed over. Receiving it, the robber then demanded what money his victim had, and received it, too, \$9 or \$10. As soon as Nicholson had secured this, he deliberately raised the pistol and shot Lowry. The ball struck the man fair over the heart, but hitting some memorandum books in the vest pocket was deflected to the right. Not being shot down, Lowry wheeled and ran. Nicholson fired again, the ball taking effect in the lower part of the back. One more shot was fired, but the ball went wild, and Lowry continued to run. Reaching a negro house near by, the alarm was given and soon the neighborhood turned out.

Nicholson was caught, the watch, a .32-calibre pistol and \$9 were found on his person, and this seems to corroborate Lowry's story exactly.

WORKING NIGHT AND DAY.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that was ever made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globule of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-far into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25 cts. per box. Sold by all druggists.

The future is uncertain, but if you keep your blood pure with Hood's Saraparilla you may be sure of good health.

Christmas Oysters at C. O. BALL'S.

Christmas Nuts, Raisins, Oranges, Apples, &c., at C. O. BALL'S.

Christmas Candy at C. O. BALL'S.

One ton of fresh broken candy 10c. lb. at Pope's.

You will find a general line of holiday goods at W. H. Hughes'.

NOT ON THE CHAIN GANG.

But on the chain bracelet question we are right up with the procession. Just received today a new supply of sterling silver bracelets, the good kind. Come in and see them, and be convinced, won't twist off. Nothing nicer for Xmas gifts.

B. R. JOLLY, Jeweler.

REDUCTION SALE CONTINUED.

They have decided to continue the meerschaum and briar pipe reduction sale at Brown's cigar store till the first of January. See them if you want a bargain.

WANTED.—Several girls and grown women. Only those who are willing to work and will stick need apply. Apply in the morning.

WILLARDSVILLE HOSIERY CO.

THE SILVER QUESTION. To be decided this year. Don't wait for 1900.

Our sterling novelty stock is the most complete we have ever shown. It's the right kind as regards quality, thickness, style and finish, and prices are right, quality considered. See it before selecting your Xmas presents. Come early or late, any old time. Open till 12 o'clock every night.

B. R. JOLLY.

12 Fayetteville street.

Try our Xmas candles, 15c., or 2 lbs for 25c. in beautiful boxes, at Pope's.

J. G. Adams, corner of Hillsboro and Harrington streets, can supply you with Christmas turkeys, fresh meats and all kinds of fancy groceries that go to make up a good Christmas dinner. Goods delivered free.

NEW YEAR INVESTMENT.

For a New Year investment, for Young Men, and for Ladies, and for persons with capital to invest—there is nothing better, safer or more profitable than the new coupon certificates of the Mechanics and Investors Union, which pay a semi-annual dividend of three per cent. free of tax, and are secured by Real Estate and Mortgage. Price 75c.

GEORGE ALLEN, Secretary, S22 Pullen Building.

MERCHANTS! Why go home these busy days, when you can get the best lunch in the city for 25c. at Geirch's Ladies' and Gents' Restaurant. No waiting.

For Christmas Egg Nog buy the Pure Home Made Apple Brandy from Batchelor & Garrett, 114 East Martin Street.

Old Jamaica Rum at Batchelor & Garrett's for the Christmas Holidays.

Boarders Wanted.

Mrs. J. H. Medina, 213, South Per- son Street, East Side Moore Square.

WANTED.—Old clothes and hats, old and all kinds of second hand goods bought and sold at Harris' Steam Dye Works, East Hargett street, Raleigh, N. C. Suits cleaned, 75c. Cleaned and Dyed 125c.

Sherwood Higgs & Co.

'There'll Be a Hot Time in This Old Town To-Night.'

We'll have a very pleasant surprise for you to-night in front of our store. Organize shopping parties and come and join us in this great Christmas Carnival.



ELEVENTH-HOUR BUYING.

Sure to be some things that have been put off for some reason or another until the last day. Very often unavoidably so.

Help for hurried needs is at The Higgs' Store. Doubts as to appropriate gifts to get find easy solution here. The purse finds short cuts to wanted articles for which you expected to pay more. All sorts are refreshed every hour. Bargains, of course—brisk selling insures that; they make timely Christmas savings for you.

SPECIAL SELLING IN THE ANNEX.

All the Christmas stock of Dolls, Toys, Books, Games, Wagons and in fact everything in the annex to be sold by Christmas Eve. Some a quarter off. Some a third off, and a great many a half off.

The store fairly bubbles with the holiday life readiness. Selling force, delivery force, helpers in every branch, more in numbers than ever before, and thoroughly well drilled in their duty of pleasant, correct service.

Store open to-night until 11 o'clock—the store more than ever like fairy land in the glow from the hundreds of lights.

A Merry Christmas is coming to Raleigh. We're helping it along with all our might.

The Band Concert to-night will be from 7 to 10.

Sherwood Higgs & Co.

Club And Peters Shells

NEW GOODS.

BEST QUALITY.

Mixed Nuts, 12½c. lb.
Almonds per lb. 17½c.
English Walnuts 12½c.
Peanuts 20c. per peck.
New Layer Raisins 10c. lb.
New Figs 10c. lb.
Large Oranges 30 and 40c. per dozen.
Cranberries per quart 10c.
Fine Cream Butter 25c. lb.
Chow Chows per quart 15c.
Finest Sugar Cured Hams 10c. lb.
Atmours' Mince Meat 8 1-3c. lb.
Northern Butter 20 and 25c. lb.
Best Patent Flour \$4.50 barrel.
Pure Country Lard 7½c. lb.
Fire Crackers 2½c. package.
Apples 46c. peck.

B. W. UPCHURCH.

Leggins, Hunting Coats.

KING AIR RIFLES 75 cts.

CARROM BOARDS \$2.50.

Crescent Bicycles,

1899 MODEL \$35.00.

Rambler Bicycles

1899 Model \$40.00.

Thos. H. Briggs & Sons,

RALEIGH, N. C.

"Joy to the world the Lord is risen; peace on earth, good will to all men."

COME LET'S BE HAPPY.

"Oh that we could be children again just for tonight." We can come very near it, in our feelings, if we will. Oh! the pity that there should be any sorrow, suffering or unhappiness, in all the world, at this glad time. We can every one do something that will make brighter and happier some poor soul, that is denied the brightness and joy of a cosy, happy home. Your happiness is in doing something to make some one else happy.

If every person in all our city will try hard to make just one other person happy during this merry Christmas time, won't it be one great big (city) family full of joy, peace, and pure happiness.

We return to every one our sincere thanks for a most wonderful season, and we wish for all a happy, joyous, merry Christmas, and many merry returns.

W. E. JONES.

TRIUMPH!!

Special Inducements for Yuletide

TRADE IN CHOICEST LIQUORS,

WINES, ETC.

New Peach Brandy, very fine, \$1. per quart.

Nash County Apple Brandy, old \$1. per quart.

Old Peach Brandy, age 8 years, \$1.50 per quart. This Brandy is the Finest ever offered for the money. Age guaranteed. Only a small quantity left.

Old Log Cabin Rye Whisky, 14 years old, had 6,000 miles sea voyage, proof 111°, strictly pure and straight, price \$8 per gal.—worth \$10.

Old Oscar Pepper Whiskey \$1.25 per qt., former price \$1.50.

Old Monogram Whiskey, \$1.25 per qt., former price \$1.50.

I. W. Harper's Famous Nelson Co. Whiskey, strictly pure, \$1 per qt.

Old Gaitly Club, 75 per qt., sold every where else for \$1.

The following other Standard Brands of Rye Whiskies on hand: Three Feathers, Upper Ten, Chesterfield, Oakland Rye and Hunter's Baltimore Rye.

Old Nick and Mellow Brook Corn Whiskey, Scotch and Irish Whiskies.

For Colds.

Try Crystallized Rock and Rye, Rum and Gum and Peach and Honey.

The Public is given the Benefit of Fifteen years' Experience in selecting the Best and Purest Liquors—which are now offered at Lowest Prices. Don't Handle Cheap, Common Stuff at any Price.

Receipts for Egg Nogg and Punches Furnished Free.

Fine Mixed Drinks a Specialty.

Denton's Restaurant IN FULL BLAST.

Everything in Season. Shell Oysters a Specialty. Oysters—Steamed (4 peck 30c), Half Shell (35c per doz.)—Unheard of Prices in Raleigh.

Proprietor of DENTON'S RESTAURANT AND SALOON.

Phone 783.

LADIES to do plain sewing at home.

\$1.00 per day; four months' work guaranteed; send stamped addressed envelope for particulars.

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CLOVER HAT.—Prime Clover Hat for sale. Price 12c. delivered.

BART. M. GATLING, Philadelphia, Pa.

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in Show Window of

J R Ferrall & Co.,

222 Fayetteville Street.

Presents given for WRAPPERS OF LIGHT-HOUSE SOAP.

A Whirlwind of winter Bargains.

We are going to sweep the deck for the next few days with

A STORM OF INDUCEMENTS.

It may tear down great walls of competition, but we can't help it. Whatever or whoever stands in the way of our

Knock-Down and Drag-Out Bargains

must take the consequences. This warm and sunshiny fall was about to leave too many goods on our counters, tables and shelves. The stormy season has arrived, and these goods must get a move on them. Men's and Boys' Suits, Men's and Boys' Winter Underwear, Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Men's Furnishings, Hats and Shoes. They must all move lively. Prices have been knocked senseless. Everything goes at whirlwind figures. Come early and often.

CROSS & LINEHAN,

UP-TO-DATE CLOTHIERS.



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Specials.

DOLL CARRIAGES 20c.

Doll Carriages	20c.
Drums, 7 inch	26c.
Drums, 9 inch	49c.
Game of Parchesi	88c.
Game of Chess India, the same as Parchesi, only a different name	50c.
17 inch Washable Doll	10c.
22 inch Washable Doll	19c.
16½ inch Jointed Doll	50c.
Kid Body Doll, 17½ inch	50c.
Kid Body Doll, Sleeping Eyes, 13 inch	25c.
Kid Body Doll, Steady Eyes, 14 inch	25c.
Non-breakable Doll, Light and Dark Hair, Blue and Brown Eyes, 18½ inch in body	50c.
Daisy Air Rifle	88c.
Repeating Air Rifle	1.00

We Have Anything You Want.

Quality of the very best and Prices the Lowest. Remember RIGGAN'S TOY STORE is a fixture dedicated to the happiness of others.

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NEW STOCK OF MEN'S SHOES.

STACY ADAMS & CO.'S FINE SHOES.

See Our \$3.00 and \$3.50 this Week for Style and Value.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN SHOES,

And Latest Things in Felt Slippers, Home Comforts and other Goods for Coming Holiday Season.

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