—Quite cool yesterday, wasn't it? —Mr. John Springs Davidson is very

The telephone line to Newell Friday. Hon. W.P. Wideman will lecture a Sardis academy Tuesday night. —The Surface Hill and Mungo mine in Clear Creek, are to open shortly. -Dr. Bays will lecture in Statesville Tuesday night, and in Monroe Thurs-

-Mr. W. F. Dowd has the third largest safe in town. It was placed Friday by Mr. J. P Carr. -Mr. Crittenden's new residence at

Dilworth will be completed in the course of a month. -The city hall has been secured for an entertainment to be given on the 12th and 13th of March. -Rev. C. L. Hoffmann and wife entertain the choir of St. Peter's Episco-pal church Tuesday night.

-Mr. R. B. Cochrane, of Mallard Creek, was here yesterday for the first time in six months. He has ben sick. -Mr. R. E. McDonald has been quite sick with grip for a month. He is im-proving, but is still confined to the

-Cotton receipts yesterday were 65 bales; receipts for February 1,490; re-ceipts to date 20,797; total for last year —An L. & N. private car passed through the city yesterday morning with a party from New Orleans en route to the inauguration. -Miss Selene S. Hutchison sends the Observer an invitation to be given by the Mnemosynean Literary Society of the Agnes Scott Institute Friday evening. An ade Henneman. An address is to be given by Dr.

-Mrs. Ann Sturdivant was among the contributors to the Epworth League meeting of Tryon Street Methodist church on Friday evening. Her pa-thetic and humorous readings gave great pleasure.

-Mrs. E. Stone, mother of Mrs. Lindsay Davis, had a bad fall Friday. She lost her balance and fell out of the door, thereby fracturing a bone in her shoulder. Dr. Wilder is attending her. -Mr. J. H. Craig will return to Gas-—Mr. J. H. Craig will return to Gastonia Monday to remain. He will leave Mr. L. H. Battle in charge of the Savings Bank, and the latter will wind it up as soon as possible. Mr. M. C. Sims, book-keeper at the bank, left yesterday -There will be horse-racing at the Derita track Tuesday afternoon at o'clock. The horses are Jennie Brown Texas Bill and Red Jessie. Owners. Ayres, Freeman and Strubes. Horse men are requested to meet at Ritch's stable at 1 p. m.

A SIDEWISE COLLISION.

A Lumber Train Gives No. 12 a Swipe—No One Hurt. A slight collision at the Fifth Street crossing, delayed No. 12, the local pas-

senger train on the Southern road, 53 minutes last evening. No. 12 is due to leave at 6:40 p. m. pulled out, as usual, on time. There was a switch engine to which was attached several cars of lumber, on the anything in Charlotte to equal side-track. Engineer R. S. Sigman was great offering. Think of first-class, upin the cab. His trainmen tried to make to-date Shoes for men that Spencer the coupling and failed, and the cars paid \$3.50 wholesale; our price, \$2.50, rolled down the siding and on the main fully a saving of \$2.50 per pair. Lots

line. No. 12 was in the act of passing, but fortunately was going slow. The cars 65c. per pair. Children's spring heel came together in a sidewise collision, button Shees, 5 to 8, for only 25c. per the shock being great enough to throw the passengers from their seats, but not severe enough to hurt any one. The lumber on the flat cars was run through some of the windows of the second-class car, but fertunately struck no one.

one. Mr. Williamson, of Winston, fared worse than any one. He was near the cooler and it was upset on him. Mr. J. P. Harkness, who had just settled himself in a seat, was thrown out into the aisie. The sides of all of the cars were more or less damaged, the second-class coach suffering most. The steps were torn off, and the windows broken.
Mr. Winecoff was yard conductor Capt. Cook conductor on No. 12, and Capt. Witherspoon, engineer.

### YESTERDAY'S FIRE.

Messrs, J. P. & J. C. Long's Store Ruined by Fire and Water. Messrs. J. P. & J. C. Long's store, o East Trade street, was very nearly ruined yesterday by fire and water, and especially the latter.
Mr. O. F. Asbury passed the stor

Mr. O. F. Asbury passed the store about 1 o'clock and saw smoke issuing from the roof. He stepped in and told Mr. J. C. Long that he thought the building was on fire. Mr. Long thought the smoke was caused from the wood fire in the stove, and went on about his business. Some one else noted the smoke, so Mr. Long sent the drayman up on the roof to see if there was any fire. The negro came back and said there was fire in the walls. Mr. Long sent for the colored company, and asked them to run a hose up there, but not to turn in an alarm, as he thought not to turn in an alarm, as he thought they could handle the fire, and he did not want to have the building gutted. An alarm was turned in, however, from the square, and the department was soon on hand. The fire was quickly ex-tinguished, but the building and stock were ruined by water. Mr. Long estimates the damage to stock, \$2,000. He cannot tell what the damage to the house will be. The loss is covered by

### TRIPPING THE LIGHT FANTASTIC.

Those Who Took Part in the Red Men' Those who participated in the Red Men's ball were: Misses Jennie Hous-ton, Eugenia Houston, Mattle and Essie Smith, Gertrude Link, Ida Yandle Ella and Blanch Jamison, Alice Harri son, Sue Curiee, Sue Trott, Virgia and Alma Shaffer, Lelia Wentz, Ida Poore, Frannie Campbell, Ramsey, Mamie McCorkle, Collier, Mattie McCarven, Maggie and Winnie Bixby, Lizzie Zeigler, Lizza Whitt, Lillie Nolan, Rosle Cogwell Evic Neshitt

well, Evie Nesbitt.

Messrs. J. A. Couch, S. F. Yandie, B.
L. Westmoreland, R. A. Camp, J. F.
Cunningham, S. F. Hamell, Sigmond
Grasheim, and B. Swinson, managers;
J. H. Bixby, J. A. Harrison, T. B. Houston, W. C. Houston, A. W. Edwards,
Frank Trott, Brawlys, M. C. Wallace,
P. J. Palmer, J. W. Hoover, J. W. Cochran, W. A. Smith, A. D. Worth, J. T.
Anthony, W. S. Orr, R. L. Kirkpatrick,
S. J. Auston, J. M. Woodsides, G. D.
Bradshaw, J. C. Lanyolf, W. A. Smith,
Walter Daniels, C. R. Curlee, Will Anthony, Lester Actes, S. W. Shaffer,
Louis Baker, Mr. Miller, Walter Howie;
Mesdames W. S. Orr, P. Galagher, Steve
Timons, J. S. Bixby, A. N. Deaton, W.
D. Scott, W. F. Smith, Sigmond Grasheim, and S. W. Pettus. Messrs. J. A. Couch, S. F. Yandle, B.

Mrs. S. W. Cramer and Mrs. Stanly Crittenden will entertain the Pleasure Club, Tuesday evening, at Mrs. Cramer's.

The Saturday Night Whist Club met last night with Mrs. S. B. Jones, and spent several delightful hours. Miss Saida Jones made a most gracious and graceful hostess last night to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. J. Renwick Wilkes, Misses Hatch, Sadler, McKee, and Young, and Messrs. Howard Gresham and John VanNess and Dr. C. A. Bland.

About two months ago, Mr. J. W. Cobb, register of deeds, tendered Mr. Morris McDonald the position of cierk in his office. Yesterday he notified Mr. Mr. Cobb of his accetance of the position. He will commence work about the middle of March.

his account in position with the line of Furniture, whether you intend to furnish up complete or merely add to your furnishings. Ask albost any sensible house-wife in Charlotte where she secured the beautiful furnishings of her home and she will cheerfully say she made her chearest and most pleasing selection at the mammoth establishment of the only thild of her sister. Mrs. A.

Lynch Ward, who visited her last summer.

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Our platform will be built on integrity's foundation, cemented by a remembrance that by our works shall we be known. No baits or selling less than cost, but a legitimate business of selling reliable

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# Racket

Down Goes the Price on Shoes Already a great rush for our T. P

they are very cheap

In this ELEGANT STOCK bought a 50 Cents on the Dollar.

them. No use wasting time looking fo of nice Dongola Tip Shoes for ladles, that cost 80c. at the factory, our price 65c. per pair. Children's spring heel

of the fact that we carry far the largest stock of goods in the city; prices below the low-water mark of compe lition. See our Carpets Rugs, and Matting. See us for Clothing. Hats and Gents' Furnishings. Go all through the house and see the excellent bargains in Dress Goods, Dry Goods, Linens, Crockery, Glass and Tinware, and Lamps. Take a look through our wholesale department, and if you fall to find what you want out of this to find what you want out of this Noah's Ark, you will have plenty of time to go elsewhere and pay more

Old Racket Store.



To You.

Our White Quilts. Are making us friends; 46 left out of the \$1 quality; 8 left out of the \$1.75 quality,

HAVE YOU A BABY
To dress? If you have, our
EMBROIDERIES will catch We are distributing more SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES

Than all of Charlotte and half a dozen other North Carolina towns put together. THERE IS A REASON FOR IT. It's easy enough to make such an assertion, but we are doing



Time in your purchase is a goodthing, but don't impose on Time by over-crowding his capacity, if you want to save money buy urniture now, when you can for a little cash get what you want. Not only elegant goods but low prices mark our stock. It will pay you To the Inauguration.

Charlotte will be represented at the ianuguration by the following: Miss Fannie Burwell; Messrs. Osmond Barringer, T. Holton Sprinkle, E. V. Finlayson, W. E. Callender, W. D. Cowles, and Miss Carrie Wiider. Part of the crowd will leave in the morning, the rest to-morrow night.

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Time has proven the value marks on Furniture, and time has convinced our friends that good Furniture goods at right prices and on liberal time, are bund to establish a uermanet and successful business. The success of ur business is solely due to the fairness with which we have always treated our patrons, and the quality of our goods have made our name a synoour goods have made our name a synoour goods have made our name a synoour comfort. our goods have made our name a syno-nym in every household in Charlotte with elegance, durability and comfort. Let those facts govern you when cast-ing about for suitable articles o supply your spring demands in the line of Fur-

Yesterday morning a colored man by the name of Gibson was employed with several other hands in cleaning out the stare-room rented by Mr. Hiss, on College street, for his oil business. The men were moving a counter, when it fell, catching Gibson's hand underpeath it, and mashing nearly off. Dr. McManaway attended him.

Mr. Hies' New Stand. Mr. Geo. B. Hiss, of the Hiss Oil Company, yesterday rented temporarily the store room on College street formerly occupied by W. E. Shaw & Co., and began at once to have it renovated ready for occupancy. He will begin moving in Monday so as to let he Mayer groceryfirm get into their ew quarters as early as possible.

The police commission bill comes up in the House Tuesday at 11 o clock.

Mayor Weddington will have placed in every drug store in the city, in the morning by 8 o clock, a petition asking that the bill be not passed, and every citizen of Charlotte is urged to sign these petitions. It will be impossible to see every one, and get their signatures, so all are urged to go and sign the petions. This is a matter of vital importance to Charlotte.

—Yesterday a colored man and wife in a cart stopped in front of Mr. W. W. Ward's. He went in to sell some pro-duce and left her to hold the horse. The train came along, the horse got fright-ened and ran. The woman was thrown out and dragged some little distance.

Mr. James Northey, who has been cutting cotton for Sanders & Orr for years, went to Richmond last night to have an operation performed on his throat. He is in a very critical critical condition, and the operation is the only hope of saving his life.

Mr. J. P. Harkness is to return to Charlotte to live. He has accepted a position with the Mayer grocery company, and will be Mr. Mayer's right hand man. He and Mr. Mayer had almost made a trade Friday night, but it was not closed until yesterd's morning. Mr. Harkness returned to Greensboro last night, and will bring his family here in the course of a week.

The people of Mecklenburg outside of Charlotte will please take note of fact that their comfort and pleasure has been considered in the engagement made by the Brevard street ladies to serve luncheon and dinner on Saturday, March 6th. The entertainment takes place in the city half.

## : Receipts Are Gratifying! :-

ONE WEEK OLD! Charlotte and vicinage were well represented at our store last week by scores of intelligent buyers, who needed no hint, other than that the KAUFMAN stock was bought by us away under the price of what the original invoices call for, so that we can readily afford to place the goods on sale for less money than they can be rebought by us in quantities, and still have a small margin left.

## Every Article is Marked in Plain Figures With Red Ink

PANTS!

them out.

No end to Pants in this store; what are ONE LOT OF you ever going to do with all these Pants? we are asked. Our reply is: Cut the price and force

KAUFMAN'S \$4 and \$5 quality only **\$**2.50. Sizes to fit the long and slim man, sizes to fit the tall and stout man, sizes to fit the short

\$2.50 and \$3.50 \$1.50 All-wool Pants \$1. What About an Overcoat≒ Price Material?

goods at close prices, and it's well known that he usual when sold in this manner. bought the best made clothing. Worth \$18 and \$20

are offered at \$5, \$6 and \$7.50. sizes 34 and 35. A FINE LINE OF MEN'S SUITS

Kaufman's \$15 to \$20 Suits are

TO THE LADIES-Your boy needs a suit, if CHILDREN'S SUITS not now, then later. You will be benefitted by buying now; many have come to us already and have sent others to fit boys 14 to 19.

Mr. Kaufman had the reputation of buying Are always ready sellers; they'll go better than

ONE LOT OF WOOL DRAWERS | KAUFMAN'S PRICES \$2.50 Dress Shirts at 98c. \$1.50 Dress Shirts at 68c.

at one-half and one-third their value. 50c. and 75c. former value now 19c. Not the ante-bellum kind, real good styles that were \$2 and \$2.50, at 65c. each

At surprising reductions We really mean to sell at these quotations: Kaufman's \$8.00 and \$10 Suits for 4.00 and 6.00

A Watch Free With Every Suit of \$5 and Over.

# heCarolinaClothingCo.

For us to say that we can buy Furniture cheaper and better than any other house, because the manufacturer of Furniture sells his goods at one price to all—either he sells for his price or he don't sell at all.

But it is consistent for us to say that we can buy Furniture as cheap as any house anywhere, because we buy for cash only.



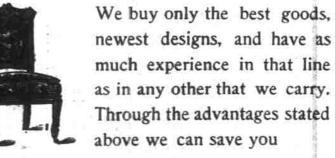
It is consistent for us to tell you that we can sell Furniture cheaper than any other house in Charlotte, because we have

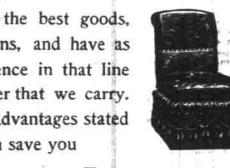
no expense at all to run that department—we have no rent to pay for that department, having our upper floors for no other use. We engage only one salesman, as the rest of

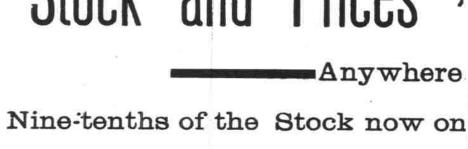
our force down stairs can assist in sales, our goods being marked in plain figures. That accounts for the

## GREAT SUCCESS

Of our Furniture Department.







You can't beat our

our shelves and counters are New Every article that we and Fresh offer you has our guarantee that itis

We give you the opportunity to select from the

Largest and Most Varied

We want your trade on merit. Remember that you have all dealt with this house more or less, and we feel that we can safely say that

You Have Always Found Us Right.

We are agents for Kimball's Pianos and Organs.

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We can fill this prescription for you. Nothing so good for the head as a Stetson Hat. Spring Styles on sale-stiff and soft hats.

## Bargains,

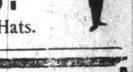
Men's Fine Shirts, French Percale bosoms with link cuffs to match, Wilson Bros, extra quality brand; \$1.00 each; made to retail at \$2.00.

Boys' Shirt Waists, extra fine quality, laundered, made to sell at \$1.00 and \$1.25; while they last, 50c. each.

Sample Umbrellas, steel rods, Congo handles with sterling silver mountings, 26 and 28 inch; \$1.25 and \$1.50; worth nearly double,

Latest in Spring Hats,

Sole Agents for Knox World Renowned Hats.



LONG-TATE CLOTHING

—THIS WEEK.—

Entirely New Weaves. Very Attractive.

LEADING SHADES FOR THIS SEASON

16 2-3c. Per Yard. Actual Value 50c. DAVE OESTREICHER.

## Gentlemen:

This is something of special interest to you! The season is at hand when you will soon have to lay season is at hand when you will soon have to lay aside your old hat and get a new one. When you buy, you want the very latest, of course. At our store you will find the latest and most cultured productions of the new spring designs, and it will be a pleasure to make your selections. The designs and colors are charming. When you once wear a Stetson or a Miller you'll want no other.

# Mellon & Shelto N

Mail orders have our cheerful attention.

clear the decks for action. room for Spring Goods. How? By simply reducing prices to a

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WHITE FRENCH CHINA . IS STILL VERY LARGE, EMBRAC-ING ALL THE NOVELTIES AND

FANCY PIECES as well as STAPLE
TABLEWARE IN ODD PIECES OR
FULL SETS, AT VERY LOWPRICES.
TO REDUCE OUR STOCK IN DECORATED FRENCH CHINA, WHICH
IS VERY LARGE, WE HAVE MADE
SWEEPING REDUCTIONS. YOU
ARE INVITED TO CALL AND EXAMINE THE LINE.
HAVILAND'S CHINA DINNER
SETS, OF 115 PIECES, HANDSOME
DECORATIONS, \$30; 56-PIECE TEASETS AT 38.

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Surpasses them all in strength and easy running, the two vital points of superiority: therefore, we have given up all other agencies and will handle

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Exclusively. We have learned what is BEST. Profit by our experience. There is no argument with

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We have in the past 12 years had the agency for, and sold, a great many different makes of bicycles. Our experience with them all, and with the so-

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