THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

THE CONVENTION'S FIRST DAY.

The First Gathering Yesterday Afternoon—Session Being Held in the Second Presbyterian Church—A Large Mass-meeting at Night at Which the Delegates Were Welcomed and Afterwards Addressed By Rev. Mead Kelsey and Rev. T. M. Johnson—Bicycle Parade in the Afternoon—The Programme for To-Day—Notes.

The first meeting of the convention of the State Christian Endeavor Union was held in the Sunday school room of the Second Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was in the nature of a social conference, the delegates registering their names and becoming acquainted with each other and with the local Endeavorers. Afterwards the convention assembled in the auditorium of the church, and there had a formal introduction meeting, as is the custom in such conventions, each delegate rising and stating his or her name, and residence. The meeting closed with a number of sentence prayers for the blessing of the convention.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session of the convention was presided over by Rev. W. G. White, in the absence of Prof. A. Graham, who was prevented by illness from performing this pleasant duty. The meeting was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock. The first quarter of an hour was spent in singing familiar Endeavor songs. After prayer by Rev. Mead Kelsey, Mr. White read the 15th chapter of John. Mr. Johnson, of Henderson, offered an earnest prayer, and then W. C. Dowd, Esq., editor of the Charlotte News, extended a cordial welcome to the Christian Endeavor Convention. In behalf of the Christian people and citizens of Charlotte, he extended the freedom of the city.

Rev. J. W. Stagg, as pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, in which the meetings of the convention are being held, also extended a pleasant welcome. He welcomed the delegates, because combination is power, and their young blood and young hearts, bound by faith to Jesus Christ, would result in great good for advancing His cause.

President A. D. Thaeler made the response in behalf of the delegates, in the name of the State Union. They had come together to sit at the feet of the Master. They expected a bountiful blessing, and prayed that they might be ready to receive it. They had heard of the recent time of Christian refreshing, and desired the results of that revival to come into the convention.

ADDRESSES.

Rev. Mead Kelsey, of High Point, made the first address of the evening on "Spiritual Altitudes." It has been said, he remarked, that "God loved the common people because He made so many of them. He believed in the same principle that God loved mountains. The Bible is full of acounts of the frequent use of mountains. The Ark rested on a mountain; Abraham went up into one to achieve the great victory of his faith. It was to the mountains that Lot was orered to flee. Moses received the Law from the heights of Sinai, and from a mountain peak viewed the Promised Land. On the mountains of Palestine Israel builded the city of God and the Temple for His indwelling. On a hill-top Jesus delivered His wonderful inaugural address. He went up into the mountains to pray, to be transfigured. The crucifixion was upon and the ascension from a mountain top.

These are all suggestive of high places in spiritual experiences, to which the Voice of God is calling the young people of the Church to-day.

There is the height of faith. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." The Church must set her face upwards.

There are the heights of prayer. All Christ-like services—ministry, teaching and all—wait upon prayer. The Disciples were of course praying men, but after they had seen Christ pray, when He knelt upon the mountain heights and talked face to face with His Father, they said: "Lord, teach us to pray." The speaker said that doubtless all before him were praying people, but there were even yet heights of prayer they had not reached.

The work of Christian Endeavor sought to be a mount of vision, and he believed it was. In the attitude of denominations toward each other, in creating a feeling of brotherly love and Christian fellowship, it has been a mount of vision. And this, too, at no expense to denominational loyalty.

It is the habit at all Christian Endeavor meetings not to overlap appointed topics, and Mr. Kelsey, hence, did not quite finish his strong and helpful address.

Rev. T. M. Johnson, of Henderson, then gave next address, his subject being "Service for Love's Sake." Christ said if any would be great let him minister, and if any would be chief, let him be servant. True greatness is in serving. Mr. Gladstone was once found in an attic, reading the Bible to a man who was accustomed to sweep the house of Parliament. The great Prime Minister had missed him and sought him out. The Son of Man came to give His life a ransom for many.

Nothing exists for itself alone. The grain of wheat has in it that which causes it to grow—to shoot up above the earth, a little green blade,—but it has also in it that which will cause it to yield bread for satisfying the hunger of men. A man's strong right arm is for securing maintenance for himself and family, but its far wider use is for the helping and serving of his fellow-men. Service for love's sake brings joy and gladness to him who renders it.

In Christian Endeavor work helpful and successful use is made of silent moments, which tend to cause forgetfulness of self and to aid in realizing the unseen presence of the Savior, whose name is called upon. The "quiet hour," which closed the meeting was a beautiful service, and was spent in offering sentence prayers and in making brief testimonies. The service closed with the Mispah benediction, offered by all present, in unison: "The Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another."

There was a very large audience present at the meeting. All the meetings are open to the public, and a most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

THE DELEGATES.

The following delegates have registered so far:

S. H. Howard, Cedar Falls; Miss Maude Taylor, Brinkleyville; Miss Bertie Boone, Burlington; C. W. Thacker, Salem; George W. White and Miss Ada Field, Guilford College; W. C. Crist, Salem; M. A. Kelsey, High Point; A. D. Thaeler, Winston; F. R. Harris, Henderson; Miss Addie Wilson, Brunswick; Miss Carsie Kimmel, Salem; Misses M. Carter, Alice Hunt, Grace Tyson, Josephine Colt, Robert F. Colt, Mrs. S. W. Cole, Salisbury; Misses Anna Rice, Nettie Carter, Annie Stowe and Ella Leinbach, Bethania; Miss Anna Hege and Fred C. Hege, Calvary Chapel, Salem; Joseph Potts, Greensboro; T. M. Johnson, Henderson; L. M. Foil, Lexington; J. G. W. Holloway, Burlington; Miss Kate Robinson, Miss Annie Hall and W. D. Candle, Asheboro; Mrs. M. H. Hendricks, Salem; W. G. Hawthorn, Burlington; Miss Pearl Bostian, Albemarle; Miss Nannie Freeman, Miss Ruth Worth, Raleigh; Mrs. Laura P. Field, Greensboro; Miss May Little, Martindale; Angus Cromartie, Lenoir; Miss Marguerite Smith, Tryon; Miss Edna Lowe, Lillian Foust and Mr. Davis, Salisbury; Mr. Stewart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The programme for to-day's exercises is as follows:

SATURDAY, APRIL 24.

7:00 a. m.—Early Prayer Service. Theme: "The Fellowship of a Broader Outlook." Also Prayer for Armenia and India. Led by Mr. J. J. Adams, Charlotte.
9:00 a. m.—Meeting of the State Executive Committee.
10:00 a. m.—Business session.
10:00 a. m.—Song Service and Prayer.
10:10 a. m.—Report of the State Secretary and Treasurer.
10:20 a. m.—Report of the State President.
11 a. m.—The Districts: Their Development; Their Conventions.
10:50 a. m.—Singing.
10:55 a. m.—"The North State Endeavorer, Its Future."
11:05 a. m.—Systematic and Proportionate Giving.
11:15 a. m.—General Business.
11:25 a. m.—State Song.
11:30 a. m.—Chain of Sentence Prayers and Adjournment.
11:35 a. m.—Open parliament on New Lines of Committee Work, Rev. W. G. White, of Charlotte, presiding.
12:30 p. m.—Adjournment.
2:30-3:45 p. m. Denominational Conferences.
4:00-6:00 p. m.—Junior Hour.
6:15 p. m.—Reception to Delegates at Presbyterian Church.
7:45 p. m.—Mass Meeting.
7:48 p. m.—Praise and Prayer.
8:15 p. m.—Pastors' and Workers' Testimonies.
8:30 p. m.—Address—Christ Embodied," Mr. Wm. Shaw, Boston, Mass., Treasurer United Society Christian Endeavor.
9:45 p. m.—Report of Nomination Committee.
9:55 p. m.—Announcement of '98 Convention.
10 p. m.—Song and Mizpah Benediction.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25th.

Services to-morrow will be held as follows:

Rev. T. M. Johnson, East Side chapel, 4 to 4 p. m.

Rev. A. D. Thaeler, North Side chapel, 4:45 to 4:20 p. m.

Mrs. B. L. Hendrix, Presbyterian College, 4:30 to 5:30 p. m.

Mr. W. C. Crist, Victor chapel, 4 to 5 p. m.

Rev. J. G. W. Holloway, North Graham Street chapel, 4 to 5 p. m.

Rev. M. A. Kelsey, Atherton chapel, 4 to 5 p. m.

Mr. Wm. Shaw, men's meeting at Y. M. C. A., 4:30 to 5:30 p. m.

At the request of the pastors of the churches, the following ministers who are attending the convention will preach in the respective churches, in the morning services:

Rev. A. D. Thaeler, Second Presbyterian; Rev. Bishop Rondthaler, First Presbyterian; Rev. T. M. Johnson, Trinity Methodist; Rev. J. G. W. Holloway, Graham Street Presbyterian; Rev. M. A. Kelsey, Tryon Street Baptist.

THE JUNIORS' ENTERTAINMENT.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium there will be an entertainment by the children of the Second Presbyterian Junior Society, 60 in number. They have been carefully trained by Mrs. Josie P. Durham, and the entertainment will be a very pretty one. The programme will be preceded by a short sketch of the Junior Society, and will be followed by a short address by Mr. Shaw, of Boston. The programme is as follows, representing a children's crusade:

Recitation: "Children's Crusade," Willie Gilmore Durant.
Meeting of the Nations, Sara Lily Wolfe, leader.
Recitation, Alice Atkinson.
England and America, Twelve Girls and Boys.
China, Six Boys and Girls. Message Read by Bob. Hayes.
Turkey, Six Boys and Girls. Message by Rob. Hutchison.
Song—Onward Junior Endeavorers.
India and Ceylon, Six Boys and Girls, Parks Asbury, Messenger.
Japan, Six Boys and Girls; Burton Smith, Leader.
South America, Six Boys and Girls, Yates Faison, Messenger.
Mexico, Eunice Anderson, Leader.
Song, With Banners and Shields—Islands of the Sea—Six Little Girls.
Song, March.

RECEPTION AT THE COLLEGE.

A reception will be tendered the visiting delegates at the Presbyterian College for Women this afternoon at 5:30 to 7:30, by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Second church. At this time an organ recital will be given by Prof. G. P. McCoy, of the College, and several numbers on the programme will be filled by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Griffin, also of the college. Rev. J. W. Stagg is to make an address.

There will be a rehearsal to-night at the Second church, after evening service, of Gounod's "Gallia." All those who are to sing are requested to be present.

NOTES.

Most of the delegates to the convention arrived yesterday morning on No. 11, south-bound local passenger, on the Southern. They were met at the train by the following members of the reception committee: Miss Maggie Rankin, Miss Janie Patterson, J. H. McNeely and Allan Craig, and directed to their sojourning places.

Rev. A. D. Thaeler, president of the State Union, is to lead the meeting at the North Side chapel, at the Ada Mill, Sunday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. Miss Julia Alexander and Mr. Walter Scott will help in the singing. Mr. Thaeler is an earnest and forceful speaker, and a pioneer in Christian Endeavor work in the State. Many of the Endeavorers from the city will go out to hear him.

The meeting at the Victor Mill will be led by Mr. W. C. Crist, of Salem, a vigorous speaker and an energetic Christian worker. Mrs. Ed Martin and Miss Sue Torrance will take charge of the singing.

Other up-town places beside those mentioned yesterday with Christian Endeavor colors, tastily arranged in windows or doors, are: Buford Hotel, balcony decorated; Garibaldi & Bruns; A. E. Rankin & Bro., Woodall & Shepperd; R. H. Jordan & Co., Alexander's, Carolina Clothing Company.

One of the prettiest C. E. letters is that which hangs in Fitzsimons' floral window. It is a large floral "C. E." and was made by Mr. Bush.

It is urged that all Endeavorers, and all others who can, attend the early morning prayer-meetings at 7 o'clock. The mass-meeting at the Second church to-night, at which Mr. Shaw will speak, promises to be a very interesting meeting.

The bicycle parade yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, led by the Junior Endeavorers of the city, was quite a success. The parade, two abreast, was about two blocks long. The route was down South Tryon to the graded schools, thence back to Eleventh street, to College, to Sixth, to Tryon, to Trade, and thence to the Southern Railway depot, where the parade disbanded. All the wheels were decorated in the C. E. colors.

All who have the printed programmes for the convention are requested to note the following changes in the hours of the Sunday exercises: Disciples' hour, to be held from 2:15 to 3:15 p. m.; Sunday school to be held from 3:30 to 4:30; Gospel meetings to be held from 4:45 to 5:30.

The prettiest wheel in the cycle parade yesterday was that of Mr. Harrison, of Shell & Harrison.

TOTAL REGISTRATION.

Names and Homes of Those Entered on the Observer's Book Yesterday.

Mr. J. S. Blake, of the Burwell & Dunn Co., is in from a business trip through Robeson county. He reports things quiet and dull in that section.

Miss Mary Query, of Harrisburg, is at Dr. Misenheimer's.

Capt. John R. Erwin and Mr. W. S. Mallory returned yesterday from Wilmington, where they had been to attend the meeting of the Royal Arcanum. They report a large and pleasant session.

Miss Bonnie Oates will be home soon from New York. Her teacher, Miss Berg, sails to-day for Europe. Miss Oates intended to accompany her, but finally abandoned the trip.

Mrs. Cole and niece, Miss Carter, of Salisbury, are guests of Miss Cordelia Phifer and Mrs. J. P. Durant. They came to attend the Christian Endeavor Convention.

Misses Tiny and Belle Gillespie, of Statesville, are at Miss Jennie Freeman's. Miss Tiny Gillespie leaves Monday for Wyoming.

Judge Avery, of Morganton, spent Thursday night at the Buford.

Mrs. Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Frost Torrence are at Mr. John Sprinkle's.

Mrs. W. C. Hardison and four children and Miss Sara Hardison, of Wadesboro, are at the Central.

Messrs. J. A. Martin and J. L. Latta, of Hickory, were at the Central yesterday.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp, president of Catawba College, at Newton, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, and wife, arrived here Thursday night, stopped at the Buford and left yesterday morning for Tryon, where Mr. Edwards goes for rest.

Mrs. J. H. Carson went to Mt. Mourne yesterday to spend a week at Mr. J. H. Reid's.

Mr. T. Holton Sprinkle goes to Columbia, S. C., to-day on business.

Mr. James P. Irwin came down yesterday from Davidson, and will spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. M. A. Osbourne.

Mrs. Cole and niece, Miss Shelton, of Salisbury, will arrive Saturday, and be the guests over Sunday of Miss Cordelia Phifer and Mrs. Durant.

Mrs. Amanda Gibson has returned from South Carolina, and is with her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Brevard.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bryan and Miss Flora Bryan are back from Winston.

Mr. H. M. Barrow, of Concord, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. D. C. Stanback, of South Boston, Va., was at the Buford yesterday.

Mrs. B. D. Heath and sister, Miss Haley, leave for Tennessee the first of the month. They will be absent some time.

Mr. C. W. Tillett expects to go to California in June, on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have returned from Montgomery, Ala.

Mrs. L. S. Ehrich and children, of New York, arrived here last night, and are at Mr. H. Baruch's. Mrs. Ehrich is a sister of Mrs. Baruch.

Miss Edna McCubbins, of Salisbury, a Junior Christian Endeavorer, is at Mr. J. M. Harry's.

Mr. O. M. Sadler is back from a week's sojourn in Washington city. The capital, he says, is thronged with office-seekers.

Mr. W. C. Proctor, a merchant of Denver (N. C.), is at the Buford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Latta, Miss Acton Latta and Mr. E. D. Latta, Jr., returned yesterday morning from New York.

Mrs. Geo. Shanonhouse has returned from Rockingham.

Mr. S. P. Smith came in from South Carolina last evening.

Misses Mary Ramsey and Mary Shaver, of Salisbury, are at Mr. A. M. Young's.

Miss Willie Roper, of Lauriburg, is visiting Mrs. W. I. Henderson.

Mr. W. R. Wears and bride were married at the last session of the Mr. and Junior Christian Endeavor.

ENGLAND.

Two Crack-a-Jacks From "Up the Road" in Fine Form.

Mr. Ingraham, of Reidsville, and Mr. Jacobs, of Danville, rode here Thursday from Greensboro on their bicycles, in nine hours—a distance of 93 miles. They say Danville, Reidsville, Greensboro and Winston wheelmen intend coming here in large numbers to see the crack riders of the world compete on the 21st of May. There isn't a wheelman in 300 miles who won't come to Charlotte on that date to see Michael, Johnson, Bald, Cooper, Banger, Butler Bros., Zeigler and the usual circuit chasers, especially as the railroad rate is only 1 cent a mile.

The Fitzsimons race will come off today at 5 p. m. Everybody invited to come out and see the riders win out from under their heavy handicaps.

The prizes are Pope's Manufacturing Co's medal; Shell & Harrison's medal, and shoes from Berryhill & Johnson.

This is a free show, so everybody go out. Oliver is rounding into good shape and will show great speed.

The Democratic Club.

The Democratic Club met in the court house last night. The room was packed, and the meeting the most enthusiastic yet held.

President McGahey was in the chair, and Secretary Moody at the desk. A resolution was passed unanimously, "that every Democrat go to the polls and work 'until the last gun is fired;' until the Democratic ship sail safely into port with "Old Man Berryhill' riding on the stern."

Speeches were made by Col. J. T. Anthony, W. P. Elliott, Heriot Clarkson and W. C. Dowd. The meeting was called to order at 8 and adjourned at 10 o'clock.

The club will meet again next Friday night.

Patriotic Sons of Patriotic Sires.

The Sons of Veterans, Camp Stonewall Jackson, met in the Armory Hall last night pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Chas. A. Bland presiding. James Alexander, John R. VanNess and Brevard Nixon were appointed an additional committee on applications.

A committee of three was appointed to confer with the Confederate Veterans in regard to arrangements for memorial day. Esquire S. H. Hilton entertained the camp with reminiscences of his experience in the war.

The camp adjourned to meet next Wednesday night.

Social.

One of the most elegant teas of the season was given last evening by Mrs. John Walter Miller, complimentary to Mrs. Virginia Atkins, of Virginia, and Mrs. J. V. A. Weaver, of Chicago.

The Grace King Book Club never enjoyed itself more than when the guest of Mrs. McDowell, sister of the charming authoress for whom the club is named. All of the members were present yesterday afternoon. A new series of books was begun, and this, with other pleasures, made the meeting particularly interesting.

A Mexican Band Goes Through.

A Mexican band numbering 52 members, passed through here yesterday morning on their way from New Orleans to New York. The band is known as the "Mounted Mexican Ban." It played at various stations along the way, but when the train pulled into Charlotte the men made a rush for Gresham's, and spent the time at his well-filled tables. Those who heard the music pronounced it unusually fine.

Lee and Jackson Statues to Be Unveiled.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson and grandchildren, Julia and Jackson Christian, leave this morning for Dallas, Texas, where they go to attend the unveiling of handsome statues of Generals Lee and Jackson. Julia Christian will unveil the latter statue. Mrs. Jackson and grandchildren will be the guests of the city of Dallas. They will be absent about a fortnight.

On the Rails.

No. 36, the fast mail from Atlanta, was two hours and twenty minutes late yesterday morning. The delay was caused by waiting on connections with the West Point & Atlanta road in Atlanta. The vestibule failed to get the through sleeper from New Orleans Thursday night and it was brought in by 36 yesterday morning. High water delayed the West Point & Atlanta trains.

Mr. Milburn's New Contract.

Architect Milburn had a very satisfied look on his face last evening, as he stepped off the Air Line train. He had been awarded the contract for the jail at Greenwood, S. C., hence his satisfaction. The building will cost between $10,000 and $12,000.

Mr. Arthur Gates, of Arkansas, who is to be draughtsman in Mr. Milburn's office, arrived yesterday.

Cupid Has His Inning.

Miss Lelia Shuford and Dr. Reid, of Gastonia, are to be married Wednesday next, before noon, at the home of the bride. Mr. S. F. King, of this city, will attend the wedding.

Miss Lizzie Davis and Mr. Joseph Robinson are to be married early in May. The bride-elect is a daughter of Capt. James Davis.

Boys, Notice.

All boys are invited to attend the boys' rally to-morrow afternoon at 2:45 at the Y. M. C. A. hall. Mr. I. H. Foust will speak. He is not a stranger to any of the boys, and as one of the association night school teachers he has become a friend of a great many members. A special effort to have good music is being made.

A Sad Errand.

Messrs. W. D. and Lee Pender, of Norfolk, passed through the city yesterday on their way to Lenoir, to attend the funeral of their brother, who was killed on the railroad Thursday. They were to meet their mother, Mrs. Pender, at Hickory.

The Old Crop Still on the Market.

Squire W. M. Long yesterday sold a 25-bale lot of cotton to Sloan, for one of the local mills. He got 7½ cents. Squire Barnett, of Pineville, was up with samples of a 60-bale lot, but did not sell.

FIREMEN'S RACES.

The Committee Yesterday Decided Upon the Amount of the Prizes.

The citizen's committee of the 20th of May celebration met yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Manufacturers' Club. The committee on firemen's contests was ready with it report. After a general discussion as to prizes, etc. The following programme for the firemen's races, and prizes was offered, were adopted:

Hand reel race, distance 100 yards, first prize, $100.
Hand reel race, distance 100 yards, second prize $50.
Grab race, distance 50-50 yards, first prize $50.
Grab race, distance 50-50 yards, second prize $25.
Steamer contest, first water, first prize $75; second prize $25.
Steamer contest, distance throw of water, $25.
Horse, hook and ladder, distance 200 yards, first prize $75; second prize $25.
Horse hose wagon contest, 200 yards, first prize $50; second prize $25.
Foot race, championship of the South, 100 yards, prize, $25.
Foot race ,championship of North Carolina, distance 100 yards, first prize $15; second prize 10; third prize $5.

The winner of the first prize also gets the champion silk flag, size, 10x20.

The races will be given on North and South Tryon, and East and West Trade streets, so that all will share alike in sightseeing.

Programmes and invitations are being printed and will go to every firemen's team in Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina. A number of companies have already been heard from and are anxious to attend. Programme and prizes of the military and bicycle races will be given later.

All will be handsome.

Trinity Epworth League.

At a meeting Thursday night of Trinity Epworth League the following officers were elected:

President, D. M. McIver; first vice president, W. D. Mitchell; second vice president, Mrs. M. L. Davis; third vice president, Rev. P. T. Durham; secretary, Miss Mabel T. Cuthbertson; treasurer, E. C. Ennis.

Three new names were added to the society.

Miss Maggie Treloar and Prof. J. A. Bivens were appointed delegates to the Epworth League and Sunday school conference at Concord, May 27th to 30th.

Messrs. Jones and Connor will conduct the league meeting to-morrow morning at 10 a. m. Subject: "In Praise of a Simple Life."

A Contractor Who Knows His Business.

The contractor for the new Elizabeth College, evidently knew what he was about when he promised to have the building completed and ready for use next fall. The brick work is now above ground and the first trimming of stone laid. All about are piles of brick, dressed stone, window and door frames, sills, beams, sleepers and all the wood work to go into the building. Everything is in hand, and as a large force of brick masons is employed, the walls are rising with surprising rapidity. Within a month's time, there will be a new and imposing object in the landscape to the east of the city.

One Like It at the Exposition.

The Charlotte Machine Company has just closed a contract with the Grendel Mills, of Greenville, S. C., for a 900-light General Electric Co. connected direct to a Harrisburg Ideal engine. This mode of running dynamos is coming more into popular favor. There will be a 500-light dynamo and engine of this type running at the Women's Exposition next month.

Mr. Springs' Purchase.

Mr. H. G. Springs yesterday bought the Black building, corner of College and Trade streets, occupied by the Charlotte Drug Company and Norman's saloon. Price paid, $13,000.

Rambler BICYCLES $80 REGULAR LIST PRICE $80

Why should you pay $20 more for a wheel when you can get the best wheel made for $80.

THE Shaw-Howell Harness Company

THE Shawknit HALF-HOSE ARE THE BEST IN THE MARKET.
The nicest-fitting, longest-wearing, most comfortable and cheapest in the end.
They are the only half-hose knitted to the shape of the human foot.
They can be obtained in Charlotte of MELLON & SHELTON, LONG-TATE CLOTHING CO. THE CAROLINA CLOTHING CO.
Take No Other. Wear No Other.

HISTORY.

The coronation chair in Westminster Abbey, made for Edward I, in the thirteenth century, has a gabled and crocketed back, is panelled with tracery work, and rests on carved lions. We have no time like this, but we have a full line of all sorts of Chairs and Rockers at most empting prices.

Furniture is a name of obscure origin, used to describe the chattels and fittings required to adapt houses, churches, etc., for use. We have all kinds of it, for numerous purposes, and a variety of up-to-date styles at the very lowest prices.

We are offering for this week the following, which are rare bargains: Letherette Couch, worth $12.50, for $8.75. Australian Rug Couch for $7.90. Nice Antique, three-piece Oak Suite for $12.75. Child's White Enamelled Iron Beds, worth $15 for $7.90. Iron Bedsteads, full size, $4.50. Large Rattan Rockers, regular price $3, for this week at $1.90.

Our LEADER stoves and ranges have no superiors.

We are agents for the celebrated KIMBALL pianos and organs.

Be sure you remember the place; you'll save money by it.

THE PIEDMONT FURNITURE CO., No. 17 West Trade Street.

Mr. Nat. Gray knows a good thing when he sees it and—when he takes it—and he says:

"I have used Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy for the blood, and found it has no equal for ASTHMA and chronic bronchial troubles of long standing. As a morning tonic, I do not think it has an equal. If one will take it before breakfast they will certainly have an appetite to eat and ability to digest their food. When I commenced taking the Remedy, I weighed 118 pounds; now my weight is 140 pounds, and I contribute my general health altogether to the Use of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy. NAT GRAY.
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 20, 1895.

Racket Store

Men's suits all the way from $1.50 to $15. Special bargains in a lot of men's $7.50 and $12.50 suits, thrown on our job counter, choice $5.

Men's dress pants $1.50, market value $2 to $2.50; men's dress pants $2, market value $3; men's dress pants $2.50, market value $3.50; men's dress pants $3.50, market value $5; men's work pants $3c., market value 50c.; men's work pants 75c., market value $1; men's work pants $1, market value $1.50. Boys' knee pants from 5c. to 75c.; boys' corduroy pants 50c.

Child's junior suits, fancy trimmed, 3 to 8 years, $1.25 up. Special bargains in child's "Faultless" suits, double seat and knees, $2, warranted not to rip; if they should rip we give a new suit instead.

Nobby line men's dress suits $10 and $11.75 that you can't duplicate for less than $12.50 to $15.

SHOES. SHOES.
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No end to good values in shoes and slippers. Men's solid buff shoes at $1 per pair, well worth $1.50. Nobby line ladies' and misses' slippers, black and tan, that came in the Lynchburg stock, bought at 50c. on the dolar, and will be offered at less than manufacturers' cost.

Just received an elegant stock ladies', misses' and children's slippers. G. Gerstle & Co's. make. No better goods on the market, at a big saving in price. We are offering thousands of the best bargains you ever saw in shoes. All we ask is a look to be convinced.

Best stock hats we ever owned, and at prices that will save your pocket-book. No use paying a big price for hats, when you can secure the leading brands, with all the late shapes, of us at a saving oftentimes of 35 per cent. Try us on hats and see if it is not so.

No question but our Millinery Department is the largest and best equipped of any in the city. We just simply mean that it shall be so, and as we sell first-class millinery, as we do everything else, at much less than the usual price, we never fail to score a home-run.

Thousands of dollars' worth of goods in all lines being forced out at less than wholesale cash. We buy goods cheap in bankrupt stock credit wrecks; it matters not where, so they are cheap, and a very small profit suits us then.

Come see us and be assured you get the worth of your money. If we can't save you money, we don't want you to buy.

J. G. WOOD & CO., Old Racket.

Shirts for All Tastes

Fancy designs and colors are just now the correct things in shirts. We have them exactly expressing the style. The graver taste has also been consulted in our selection. Neat, plain effects in colors are here in profusion.

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Our biggest success thus far this season has been our

Waist and Skirt Department

We are particularly good on a 50c., 75c. and $1 waist, although we have them lower and higher—so with our $2 skirt and $6.50 silk skirt, they have been reordered daily.

Good things in handkerchiefs, 5c. up. Lisle thread black hose at 25c. are not found everywhere, but we have them, and better ones, too. We can give you the best values from the largest assorted stock of hosiery in this burg.

Other millinery stocks are simply not in it. We have added more help and will be able to accept more orders than we were able to handle during the past week. The rush on our millinery stock has been unprecedented. The reason why is easily explained—we give a better class of material and workmanship in the make up of a hat or bonnet—the ladies all appreciate that fact.

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