NEED A PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

MEETING OF THE CITY FATHERS.

They Consider a Petition Praying for the Appointment of an Inspector to Provide for Sanitary Plumbing—A Most Important Subject—Dr. Brevard and Capt. Linton Think Perhaps Two-Thirds of the City's Plumbing Would be Found Deficient—A Complaint from Colored Citizens—Government Cannon for the City—Alderman Myers Presents Some Figures.

The board of Aldermen met last night at 8:30 o'clock.

In accordance with a newly inaugurated custom, Rev. J. W. Stagg opened the proceedings with prayer, invoking divine guidance on those who have the municipal business of the city in charge.

Aldermen McLauchlin, Hall, Linton, Franklin, Beckwith, Emery, Zimmerman, Garibaldi, Ahrens, Brevard and Myers, besides the mayor, were present.

In the absence of Treasurer Nash, Mr. Etheridge acted as Secretary.

Perhaps the most important thing before the board was the following petition:

"Realizing the importance of good sanitation as the prime factor in the health of any community or city, and with the health of our beautiful city at stake, we would respectfully petition you, honorable mayor and board of aldermen, to consider at your next regular meeting, the importance of appointing a plumbing inspector whose duty shall be to inspect all systems of plumbing and connections to the city sewer which are now in force, as well as the new connections that are to be made to same; also to adopt such ordinances as will promote only sanitary plumbing or connections to said sewer in the future.

"We deem this especially expedient at this time, as the summer months are now upon us when it is possible so much harm may arise from any imperfect work of this nature."

The petition was signed by S. J. Asbury, E. C. Register, D. O'Donoghue, M. D.; R. N. Grimes, builder; R. L. Gibson, M. D.; G. W. Pressly, M. D.; E. M. Brevard, M. D.; C. G. McManaway, M. D.; F. O. Hawley, M. D.; J. W. Byers, M. D.; H. L. Miller, plumber; A. R. Wilman, J. H. Meyer and W. F. Dowd.

Dr. Brevard said the importance of this sanitary inspection could not be underestimated. There were water tests and gas tests which should be made; and the question was whether the city could furnish any expert who could do this work.

Alderman Linton thought it would require a practical man.

Alderman Hall thought that Mr. Asbury could do the work.

Dr. Brevard referred to the child of the Rev. Mr. Todd, who died several years ago of diphtheria, its illness being attributable, it was believed, to escaping sewer gas from pipes not properly jointed or cemented together.

Alderman Linton referred to the comparitively recent deaths of two young men in the Southern Railway depot in this city, their illness being traceable to escaping sewer gas under the building. Captain Linton said he believed that a careful inspection of the plumbing in the city would find two-thirds of it improperly done, and dangerous, and Dr. Brevard concurred in that opinion.

Upon motion of Dr. Brevard, the petition was referred to the sewer committee, with directions to give the matter immediate consideration, to formulate any new ordinance that might be called for by the importance of the question.

Alderman Myers, as chairman of the finance committee, presented his report. He showed that the notes owed by the city had been renewed and $3,500 had been borrowed over and above these renewals. He read the estimates by the chairmen of the various committees for current expenses:

Expenses upon streets for eight months, $3,232; sanitary department (eight months), $4,568; fire department (eight months), $4,471; police department (eight months), $6,270.67. This would make a monthly expenditure of $2,317.70 in the four departments for one month, or for twelve months of $27,812.40. Adding to this the estimated annual cost of water supply, $5,000; lights $6,000, and incidental expenses, $2,000, chairman Myers estimated that the current expenses of the city for twelve months would be $40,812.40.

A committee composed of R. W. Smith, Dr. Ellis and M. Donnelly, from Hartranft Post, G. A. R., asked the city to aid them in securing some condemned cannon to be set up in the city. Alderman Garibaldi moved that the finance committee be instructed to see the county commissioners to see if that body would aid in bearing part of the expense, especially as it is proposed to place the cannon in the new court house yard. Carried.

Rev. Hanes and another colored minister asked, in person, that the disorderly houses on Caldwell, between Second and Third streets, and in the vicinity of Davidson and Stonewall streets be removed, as the colored people in this neighborhood were greatly disturbed, especially in going to church. The drunken and boisterous men who frequented these places had insulted colored women and children frequently. The son and daughter of Rev. Hanes had been struck by one of these men quite recently without provocation. A petition signed by a large number of colored people and some white people was presented. The board authorized the mayor to take steps in the matter, and it was the opinion of the board that the police should exercise increased vigilance in this neighborhood, especially with a view to securing evidence whereby the removal of the inmates of these houses might be demanded.

A petition asking for reduction of beer license was presented by W. R. Cochrane. Refused unanimously.

A petition for a light in Ward 2, corner the Boulevard and Oak street, as well as other petitions for lights, were referred to the committee on lights.

The violation of sections 226 and 242 of the city Code was protested against by J. S. Phillips. The sections relate to awnings on the streets, and Chief of Police Orr was instructed to strictly enforce the ordinances.

Mrs. A. Guerry presented a paper, offering the city, for $550 cash or for $750 (time payments) the portrait of Z. B. Vance, by her husband, the Atlanta artist.

The mayor was authorized to express the board's regrets that the portrait could not be purchased.

The matter of putting skylights in the guard house and plastering the city hall was referred to the buildings committee, with power to act.

The importance of placing fire escapes on various buildings in the city was urged by Alderman Garibaldi, and the ordinance committee, with the chairman of the fire committee, was appointed a committee to have an ordinance drawn up requiring these fire escapes.

THE SOCIAL FAD.

Miss Wadsworth Gives a Break Ride in Honor of Miss Castex.

The elements seemed determined that Miss Laura Wadsworth should not have her "break" ride. Twice was it postponed, yesterday being the third day set for the ride. When the storm in the afternoon broke, Miss Wadsworth notified those invited that the lunch would be had at her home, and the ride some other evening, but after the sky cleared, it was decided to attempt the ride. The elegant "break," with its four fine blacks, was brought out at 7:30 and filled by this charming party: Miss Julia Castex, of Goldsboro, and Mr. Arnold M. Shaw; Miss Mary Harty, Mr. Albert Summey; Miss Berta Oates, Mr. E. W. Stitt; Miss Adele Hutchison, Dr. C. A. Bland; Miss Carrie May Dockery, Mr. John Van-Ness; Miss Fannie McAden, Rev. Plato Durham, Miss Wadsworth, Mr. W. J. Harty.

The ride lasted until 9:30, when the rain ran the merry crowd in. The remainder of the evening was spent at Miss Wadsworth's. A beautiful lunch was served, and the evening made thoroughly delightful by her and her guest, Miss Castex, "of Goldsboro."

European Party.

Rev. C. L. Hoffmann and party leave here on the 24th for New York, whence they sail on the 28th for Europe, on the steamer "Ethiopia." The party consists of Mr. Hoffmann, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Church, the Misses Hamner, of High Point, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Robertson and daughter, Miss Mary, Mr. Hamilton Wilson and two ladies from Charleston, S. C. The itinerary takes the tourists as far South as Rome. The return date will be September 1st.

One of 500.

Mr. B. L. Wedenfeller returned yesterday from Nashville, where he went as a delegate to the meeting of the Travelers' Protective Association. There were 500 members present. Mr. Wedenfeller says the exposition is a big thing.

New Clerk at Jordan's.

Mr. W. T. Moore, of Yorkville, S. C., has secured the position at R. H. Jordan & Co's. made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Clinton Mayer. Mr. Moore is a brother of Mr. Moore, teller at the Charlotte National Bank and comes highly recommended as a gentleman and clerk.

HORNETS IN A CHURCH.

Rev. J. W. Stagg Speaks to Them; Miss Oates Sings for Them.

Rev. J. W. Stagg, chaplain, preached the annual sermon to the Hornets' Nest Riflemen Sunday night in the Second Presbyterian church.

The company, headed by Capt. T. R. Robertson, marched in double file down the right aisle and took seats reserved for them in front of the pulpit. It was a fine looking body of men, and there were many compliments on their handsome dress and appearance.

The services opened with an organ voluntary by Mr. Jardine, followed by a vocal anthem, Shelley, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," sung by a double quartette, consisting of Misses Bonnie Oates and May Pegram, sopranos; Mps. H. S. Bryan, and Miss May Oates, contraltos; Messrs. John McNeely and Fred Laxton, tenors, and Messrs. O. M. Norwood and Moore, bass.

The contralto solo was sung by Mrs. Bryan. Her voice is rich and beautiful in tone and quality. What Mrs. Brockenbrough, with her exquisite means, is to the First Presbyterian church choir, Mrs. Bryan is to the Second.

The musical feature of the evening was the solo by Miss Bonnie Oates. Her selection was the "Holy City." Her exquisite voice was never heard to better advantage. The piece allows for dramatic effect, and Miss Oates poured forth her soul in a melody of sound. Her grand voice, sustained by the magnificent instrument back of her, went forth on its mission of service and song, thrilling and inspiring pulpit and pew.

Mr. Stagg's text was the 40th verse of the 25th chapter of Exodus: "And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount."

Christ was held up to the soldier listeners as the great pattern, the model after which they were to fashion their lives. Three points were dwelt upon: His independence, bravery and generosity.

The sermon was strong diet for strong men, and throughout its delivery was listened to with the closet attention by the multitude present.

BEAT HIS WIFE.

Sam Snipes Begins Sunday in a Bad Temper—He Strikes and Stamps His Wife—Both Drinking.

Sam Snipes, white, and family, live in Mr. J. P. Irwin's house on West Fifth street.

Sunday morning, at 8 o'clock, he and his wife had a quarrel over some money which had been paid her Saturday by one of the boarders. She refused to give Snipes the money, and he became so infuriated with her that he struck her in the face several times, knocked her down and stamped on her.

The woman, on regaining her feet, ran screaming to the house of Mr. Henry Long, a flagman on the Air Line, who lives on Clarkson street.

Mrs. Long had never met Mrs. Snipes and did not know her even by sight. She was in the back part of the house, when she heard some one run up the front steps and fall inside of the door. She ran out to see what was the matter, and found a woman lying on the floor in a semi-unconscious condition, and badly disfigured. She called her cook, and they placed the woman on a sofa.

Her eyes were swollen so badly that they entirely closed; her lips were cut and bleeding, and there was mud on the back of her dress, when Snipes' foot had been. Physicians were summoned. They said the woman must not moved, for some time, so when last heard from, yesterday afternoon, she was still at Mr. Long's. Her mouth and gums were so sore she could not eat.

Snipes left home as soon as possible Sunday. He was found and arrested about noon by Officers Baker and Auten. He and his wife had both been drinking. He was locked up in the Tombs, and will be before Mayor Springs as soon as his wife is able to appear.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Delegates Will Go from Charlotte and Monroe Churches.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at King's Mountain from the 11th to the 15th inclusive. The delegates from Tryon Street Methodist Church South are Mrs. W. S. Stewart, president, and Mrs. Dr. Register; Young People's Society, Miss Lola Heath; Light Bearers, Miss Elfreda Nale; Miss Sallie Whisnant, district secretary, of Charlotte; Mrs. C. C. Kennedy, lady manager of the Light Bearers.

Delegates from Trinity church: Miss Minnie Atwater; Legan Bearers, Miss Helen Brem; Mrs. John R. Brooks, recording secretary of Conference Society; Mrs. Mamie Parker, lady manager of Light Bearers.

Church street: Mrs. Sarah Northey.

Monroe will be represented by Mrs. Laney, Miss Odessa Broom, Miss Edith Redwine and Wilmer Armfield.

Delegates from Monroe, Charlotte, Pineville and Matthews, expect to leave Charlotte, Pineapple and Matthews, expect to leave Charlotte for King's Mountain on the noon train, Friday the 11th.

A ROBBERY.

Someone Eaters Scroggin's House and Steals $4.50.

Some one, with not the sanctity of the law before his eyes, entered the residence of "Scroggins," Sunday night, and did feloniously take therefrom the sum of $4.50 out of the pocket of Scroggins' son's pants, which were in Scroggins' room.

The "associate justice" was aroused by a noise in his room. When he opened his eyes he found light instead of darkness, and a man standing at the foot of the bed. When Scroggins spoke, the man—whose skin was white—jumped out of the window, which he had opened in order to make his entrance.

Scroggins arose and found his son's money gone. His money, he says, was in his Sunday pants, a very, very safe place, Chief Justice Maxwell and Constable Irwin say.

Dots About Church Folks.

Rev. H. M. Dixon, of Monroe, was in the city yesterday on his return home from Pineville, where he went to assist in the communion service Sunday at the Presbyterian church. There were seven accessions to the church.

Rev. Wm. Black was in the city yesterday on his way to Madison.

Rev. W. W. Orr, of Huntersville, has a very sick child. Dr. Falsom was called there in consultation yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Howerton and Mr. H. H. Orr, went to Asheville yesterday morning on a week's outing.

Another New Factory—Luck in Odd Numbers.

Charlotte's thirteenth factory is under way.

Mr. A. C. Summerville, with Aladin-lamp-like magic, has gotten the frame work of a building up on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, on South Graham street. He will manufacture webbing and back bands. Mr. Summerville is one of Charlotte's best business men, and the fact that he has undertaken this new enterprise is a guarantee of its success.

To Davidson.

Mrs. Geo. E. Wilson will, as usual, chaperone a charming party of young ladies to Davidson commencement. She leaves in the morning with Misses May Oates, Helen Mallory, Midge McAden and Mary Andrews.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. P. M. Brown went to the college yesterday afternoon.

Misses Sara Lillie Wolfe and Ethel Hayes go in the morning to attend commencement.

A Fine Tenor Coming.

Prof. McCoy is arranging to bring a very fine tenor from Washington City to locate in Charlotte. The gentleman referred to, Mr. McCoy says, has a beautiful lyric tenor, is a thorough musician and a Christian gentleman. In addition to singing in the choir of the Second church, he will do some teaching, and will probably organize and conduct a series of light operas in Charlotte.

The Hammer Slipped.

Mr. W. S. Stancill, foreman at the power house, was badly burnt yesterday. Bill McCullough, one of his helpers, was handling a sledge hammer, doing some repair work, when the hammer flew out of his hand and struck Mr. Stancill on the head. His skull was almost cracked by the blow. The affair was purely accidental.

Mr. Kaufman to Leave.

Mr. W. Kaufman and children left last night for Baltimore where they will reside in the future.

Mr. Kaufman has been a citizen of Charlotte for years, and a good citizen. His many friends here, are sorry to see him leave.

Paralyzed.

Mr. Green, one of Contractor McAfee's main helps at the new court house, was stricken with paralysis several days ago. He has not yet regained the use of himself.

OLD FOES TO MEET.

"Tar Heels" Will Fight Virginians Friday at 3:30—A Warm Game Promised.

Cranks are looking forward to the big game on Friday, The University of Virginia is probably the greatest drawing card in the way of athletic sports that Charlotte has ever had.

The railroads have given rates to Charlotte, from all points within a radius of 100 miles, and a large crowd is expected to roll in Friday from the neighboring towns to see the famous Virginia team toss the sphere.

Charlotte will meet the champions with a strong team, and the boys expect to make the effort of their lives to down that seeming invincible nine.

Sprinkle will scatter his ups and downs about their knees and necks, and hard will the Virginians have to work if they succeed in connecting with his offerings.

Bailey, of the University of North Carolina team, will catch for Charlotte. He will be well remembered by those who saw the games on May 20th and 21st, and they will know what his catching means—no need for a back stop. His opponents will find it dangerous work if they endeavor to steal the bags. Whittaker, also, will take his stand in the center. With that glue pot in the form of his glove, there is little likelihood of any flies escaping his sticky clutch.

Durham, at first base, is another old antagonist of Virginia's, having been Captain of the Trinity College football team.

Stephens, Robertson and Brem at second, shortstop and third respectively, have all played on the nine of North Carolina's University, so they, too, will enter the game with a peculiar relish given by another chance at Virginia's scalp.

Hoffman and Douglas will occupy right and left fields, and a difficult job will the visitors find it to drop a hit in their territories.

It will be a warm game, this at Latta park, on Friday, and a fight it will be from start to finish, for six of the members of the home team come from colleges and universities whose athletic life has grown up with the idea to lick Virginia, so they will strain every nerve and every muscle to down once more their ancient rivals, who have so often waved above their heads the victorious "orange and blue."

The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock. Admission is 25 cents to see what will probably be the best and hardest fought game ever seen on Charlotte's grounds.

The visitors will stop at the Central Hotel, and will arrive on Thursday night. They are on their way south to play the University of Georgia in Atlanta.

ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

A Reminiscence of the War in Which Charlotte is Interested.

The following from the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier, under date May 29th, 1897, will be of interest here:

"Mr. C. L. Hunter, of Charlotte, N. C., is in possession of several articles which he thinks will have a special value to some Charleston people. He has written about the matter to Mr. W. M. Egleston, of Winnsboro, and that gentleman has requested the News and Courier to attempt to discover the rightful owner of the articles in Mr. Hunter's hands. To Mr. Egleston, Mr. Hunter wrote:

"At the battle of Gettysburg, T. E. Gaillard, a sergeant in the Fourth S. C. V., was mortally wounded. He afterwards died and was buried from the hospital. Upon the battlefield was found a portfolio, dictionary and pocket book, supposed to belong to him. Sergeant Gaillard was from Charleston, S. C., and one of the lieutenants was named Bissell."

"Mr. Hunter is anxious to return the articles to the relatives of T. E. Gaillard, and he is in hopes that they may be found either in Charleston or in the lower part of the State."

Mr. H. C. Severs, of the Fourth Regiment N. C. V., was captured with Lieutenant Bissell, Sergeant Gaillard and others at Gettysburg, as was detailed by his captors to minister to the wounded and bury the dead. Upon the battlefield he found the books mentioned and carried the same in and out of prison. When he found Sergeant Gaillard shot through the thigh he placed in position a tourniquet, and told Gaillard to keep the same as he left it; but the wounded man in a moment of delirium displaced the bandage and death ensued. He was buried by Mr. Severs at the Union Hospital cemetery. Mr. Severs was about that time sent to Fort McHenry as a prisoner and, of course, could tell but little more of the happenings of war, but he now has the books alluded to, and will be glad to place the same in the possession of Sergeant Gaillard's kindred.

ORGAN DAY.

Opening of the Magnificent Jardine Organ at the Second Presbyterian Church.

Sunday marked a musical epoch in the second Presbyterian church.

The new organ was opened for the first time. The church was packed at both services, the night congregation being the third largest ever assembled in the church.

Mr. Jardine, one of the builders of the organ, played the voluntary, offertory and postlude at the morning service, and the voluntary at night. His handling of the magnificent instrument, the work of his brain and hand, was skillful and beautiful. There are 500 combinations on the organ, and Mr. Jardine gave the congregation the benefit of as many of them as time would permit. The tone of the organ is perfect; the effects exquisite, the volume superb, and the action so easy that a child could play it.

The congregation was not only highly gratified, but enthusiastic.

As the grand sounds rolled through the church, filling every niche and cranny with melody, at once grand and sweet, the Second church, as a unit, wore a broad smile of satisfaction.

This organ is not alone a credit to the church, but to the city and the latter regards it with little less pride than does the former.

Mr. Jardine gave a recital Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, which was enjoyed by a number of the church people and outsiders. Prof. McCoy played the regular programme of the day and managed the instrument wonderfully well, showing ability and knowledge of the mechanism of the instrument, which was surprising considering the little time he had had to get acquainted with it.

The Second church is to be congratulated upon owning such a superb instrument. Messrs. Jardine, King & Leisch, the builders, leave to-day.

Dr. Davidson and Bride Here.

Dr. John Caldwell Davidson and bride arrived in the city yesterday morning from Helena, Ark., where they were married on Wednesday last, and are at his mother's, Mrs. M. C. Davidson's, on North Tryon street. Mrs. Davidson was Miss Julia Hawks Govan, a granddaughter of the late Rev. Francis L. Hawks. She is considered one of the beauties of the South. Owing to the recent family affliction, there will be no formal reception at Mrs. Davidson's, but they will be at home to their friends whenever they care to call.

The Road Commission.

The road commissioners met yesterday. Mr. John Springs Davidson having been recognized by the county commissioners as a commissioner of the road commission, was given the oath of office.

The board spent the greater part of the day in auditing accounts.

Since taking charge of the work the board—the triumvirate—has graded and laid 1¾ miles of road on the Salisbury, Dowd and Lonegan's ferry roads. Its expenses have been $1,160.

Mr. Bill Returns.

Mr. John Hill, the contractor, since building the First Presbyterian church, has built the Presbyterian church in Gastonia, and the Episcopal and Methodist churches in Spartanburg, S. C. Mr. Hill returned to Charlotte yesterday. His family are in Gastonia, but will return as soon as Mr. Hill can find a home.

A Handsome Book.

The morocco edition of Dowd's Life of Vance has left the Observer Printing House. It is a handsome piece of work, aside from the value of the book as the life of Vance, and it would be an ornament to any library. Major Dowd generously added a volume to the Observer library, and remembered others of the staff.

A Free Horse.

Mr. Dan Byerly has a handsome Columbia, which he was lucky enough to win by drawing the right number in the advertising scheme of the Knox Gelatine Company.

Engine Broke Down.

No. 12, the evening local from Atlanta, was an hour and 20 minutes late last evening, on account of the engine breaking down near Central.

—Mrs. Mary Creswell has sold her house and lot on Mint street to Mr. J. H. Hatch.

EXPOSITION.

The Art Gallery a Favorite Place of Resort—Wilmington Day—Historic Relics.

Raleigh day at the exposition was not snowed, but rained under, as it were. Despite the torrents of rain yesterday, however, the attendance was good. One feature which casts a favorable shadow is the fact that many people show their appreciation of the art gallery especial. by revisit after visit. Mr. H. C. Ecoff said to one of the management, when acting upon the jury of awards: "I have been in here (the art gallery) time and time again, but I have never before realized how much there is to see, and and long it takes you to see it to advantage." A collection of pictures like that shown in the exposition must be viewed with care if one hopes to get from it all that it contains for a careful observer. A picture grows upon one as does a person who possesses winning traits. A glance may give pleasure, and perhaps indicate what there is in the picture, but it takes contact as with a friend, to get from it its full beauty. The Observer trusts that Charlotte will become a center of culture in every sense as well as a commercial center.

In this connection, it is well to call attention to the sale of pictures and the manner in which sales are effected. The pictures are not donated, as some suppose. They are the property of the artists, the prices are fixed by them and the management receives a small commission on such sales as are effected, and pictures not sold are returned to the artists, the management paying all expense.

The catalogue contains the price of each picture, and in most instances, the prices are very low. One interested person who is in a position to carry out his idea, has said that if the sales seem to justify the effort, he will undertake an annual exhibit of pictures such as has been carried on in some New England towns. Such an exhibit would ultimately result in filling our homes with art gems, purchased at odd times, the money hardly missed and in some instances a single picture would so increase in value as to more than pay for the others purchased by the owner.

To-day is to be Wilmington day.

To-morrow evening at 8:30 o'clock a spelling bee has been arranged for children between the ages of 13 and 16 years, inclusive. This has been done at the earnest request of the young folks, and two prizes have been offered; the first a handsome box of tinted paper, and the second, a souvenir bon-bon tray filled with delicious con-bons. The spelling bee has caused a great deal of interest and the prospects are that the two arranged for this week will cause even greater interest than those of last.

Friday evening a match, another old-fashioned affair, will take place between the old folks for two handsome prizes.

The exhibits are varied, but some are especially interesting.

Lump in the Breast Cured.

Six or seven years ago I had a lump or knot to come in my breast, which made it swell so much that it became so hard I could not make a dent in the breast. It was very painful and caused me to suffer so much that some nights I could hardly turn in bed or rest. Nothing did me any good and I was very uneasy, not knowing how it would terminate. I used one-half dozen bottles of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy, without stopping on it, and it made a perfect cure of me. The lump disappeared gradually and I have never had any trouble from it since.

LUCIE E. GASKINS,
Windsor, N. C., May 17, '97.

—NOTICE.—

All dogs and bitches must have tax paid tag before the 1st day of July. All not paid by that time will be declared a nuisance and killed. Dogs $1; bitches $2. Call at tax office, city hall.

Revenue Act No. 14.—Any person who allows any dog or bitch to remain on their premises or lot without a tax paid tag, shall, upon conviction, be fined $5.

W. B. TAYLOR,
City Tax Collector.
June 4th, 1897.

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NOTICE OF SEIZURE.—Notice is hereby given of the seizure of the following property for violation of the internal revenue laws of the United States, to-wit:

Near Reinhardt, N. C., May 6th, 1897. One barrel, partly full of corn whiskey, one copper still, one cap, and one worm supposed to be the property of J. L. Abernethy. At Salisbury, N. C., May 21st, 1897, two barrels of corn whiskey, 3 copper stills, 3 caps and one worm, the property of J. M. Trexler.

Any person claiming said property is hereby notified to appear before the undersigned at his office in Asheville, N. C., and make claim in the form and manner prescribed by law within thirty (30) days of the date hereof, or the property will be declared forfeited to the United States.

SAM. L. ROGERS,
Collector 5th Dist. N. C.
Per J. F. LEEPER, D. C.
May 29, 1897.

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We are here to-day, full head of steam; not all vapor, either, showing Gossamers Web Thinners in white organdies and Swisses, 15, 25, 35 to 75c. a yard.

Silk Batiste, the goods so light you can hardly weigh it, 65c. a yard.

P. K. Skirts here to lead for summer wear; start price seven elegant patterns 15c., rise gradually to 50c. a yard.

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Terms—$20 per month (four weeks); $7 per week; $1.25 per day.

Cheaper Than You Can Live at Home

Patronage solicited.

E. A. EBERT, Proprietor.
Roaring Gap, via Elkin, N. C.

Rambler

The highest of
HIGH GRADE WHEELS
Is the RAMBLER. Their equal has never been found.
PRICE $80.
Rambler Ideals are record breakers at $50.

Shaw - Howell Harness Co.

THE MOST MAGNIFICENT LINE OF

Sterling Silverware

EVER SHOWN IN THE CITY IS NOW BEING EXHIBITED AT OUR JEWELRY STORE. ALL NEW DESIGNS AND THE VERY BEST QUALITY. POPULAR PRICES PREVAIL.

Garibaldi & Bruns,

Jewelers, Designers and Repairers.

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We never had better evidence of values moving things than our great Clothing and shoe sales. Our 50c. line of ladies' slippers and 75c. and $1 men's shoes, beats anything in the history of the Racket. Of course we have a full line of finer goods, as a saving of at least 25 per cent. The very low price on clothing keeps our salesmen hustling. Call, examine our stock, hear the price, and you will buy.

Ingrain carpets, ingrain druggets, matting, linoleum, in fact, all kinds of carpets cheaper than you ever saw them sold.

You will profit by taking a look through our embroideries, and see the very low prices. Excellent goods in this department going for 10c. per yard.

Just received, a full line of hammocks and mosquito canopies.

Special offering in shirt waists.

Complete stock of Greystone enameled ware. Our sales in these goods are great. Low prices tell the story.

Lamps, lamp goods, crockery, glassware, chinaware a specialty.

More good values in linens, curtains, curtain poles and fixtures than we have been able to offer. Dress goods, dry goods, millinery. In fact, you cannot afford to miss a walk through the Racket, whether you want to buy or not; you want to see the mammoth stock of all the offerings ever made in the State.

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J. G. HOOD & CO.

100 Pieces New Matting,

The best line ever shown here.

25 pieces Japanese at	-	15c.
10 pieces Japanese at	-	18c.
10 pieces Japanese at	-	20c.
50 pieces Japanese at	-	25c.
5 pieces Japanese at	-	60c.

All of handsome design and excellent values.

CARPETS, - RUGS, - - CURTAINS,
FURNITURE! FURNITURE!!
Immense Lines. Very Cheap.

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WHERE

Can as good Clothing and Men's Furnishings be found for an equal amount of money? Not within the city or within a great many miles of the city; perhaps not anywhere.

WeStrive to be the the Best Clothiers,
and we believe that our efforts are not in vain.

The appreciation of our customers is not manifested by words, but by deeds. They buy here, are highly pleased and buy here ever afterwards.

Shirts made to measure.

The Long-Tate Clothing Company.

—TELEPHONE 166A.—

We solicit orders from a distance and will send goods on approval by express to any part of the country, returnable at our expense.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather we have postponed our SWEATER SALE to Wednesday, June 9th.

Being overstocked with Sweaters we have decided to offer our entire stock at a tremendous sacrifice. We realize that first loss is the best loss. The profit is all yours.

We place on our bargain counter 50 dozen all wool sweaters, former prices $2, $2 50, $3, $3 50 and $4. Your choice

$1.29.

Come early and get first pick.

JOS. LIEBERMAN & CO.

YOU GENTLEMEN WHO PATRONIZE

high priced tailors, accept a cordial invitation to inspect our summer suits. We will show you styles and trimmings and perfection of fit and workmanship that would do credit to the best tailors in the land.

$10 MEN'S ALL WOOL SUITS.—We are showing an assortment of suits at this price that is unusually handsome. These suits have proven deservedly popular.

$12.50 MEN'S EXTRA FINE SUITS. These suits are the highest grade of ready to wear garments; made in plain blacks, fancy mixtures and plaids.

$7.50 MEN'S ALL WOOL SUITS. Our suits at this price are finished with the same careful attention as the finest. These suits are very serviceable and well worth the price.

THE CAROLINA CLOTHING CO.
J. A. SOLOMONS, Manager.

Mail orders entrusted to us will receive our best attention. Goods sent on approval, charges paid one way.

Large Stock! New Goods! Low Prices!

Ladies, don't wait for an invitation, but consider yourselves especially invited at all times to visit our store, take your time and look through our immense line of China, Glassware and Fancy Goods. We buy direct from manufacturers and offer you such goods as are made by the leading potteries of the world at prices that no other house handling this line of goods can touch.

Our line of Ornamental Lamps is of the best selection. Toilet Sets that are beauties and combines utility with their ornamental features. A few Refrigerators left that we will close out at a reduction.

MOORE & KYLE.

Successors to G. S. Read & Co.
Crockery, Glassware, Housefurnishing, etc.

YOU CAN SMILE....

at the heat, Mr. Man, if you dress right. A negligee rig is a good start. Now, gentlemen, you must come to it; a negligee shirt brings comfort, ease and peace of mind and quickly dissipates that irritable feeling. Spend a few dollars with us to-morrow and make life pleasant for the next three month. Doesn't take smuch money to rig you out, the way we are selling.

Negligee Shirts; all grades, styles and prices. The finest assortment in Charlotte.

MELLON & SHELTON,

Leading Clothiers and Gents' Furnishers.
Mail orders have our prompt attention.

MEN'S SUITS

AT **REDUCED PRI**

We begin to-day a special sale o reduced prices. Values these times to notice must be extraordinary, and thatls w suits are. They will bind our customers to us tract new ones.

AT $6.90 Men's Sack Suits in fancy light plaids, neat mixtures and black clay diagonals. Strictly all wool materials, well made and perfect fitting. Reduced from $8.50 and $10.

AT $9.90 Men's Sack and Cutaway Suits, all this season's goods and the very latest styles. Former prices have been $15 and $12.50, and they are worth these prices.

Send us cash mail orders. If you don't like the suits your money refunded.

LESLIE & ROGERS.

Reduction Sale of Suits.

KEEP GOING! DON'T STOP

—until you reach the—

CHARLOTTE HARDWARE CO.,

where you will find the choicest stock of

WATER COOLERS

in Charlotte. Headquarters for Ice Cream Freezers, Door Screens, etc.

SECESSION

Is again the talk of the country. Not for the purpose of attempting to dissolve this Union or any reference thereto, but the people are aroused as never before. County after county have seceded from these high priced concerns and joined the ranks of the mighty hosts that are daily seen marching in one solid column to

Belk Bros.'

A place of rendezvous where all can stack arms, rest and refresh themselves, feast upon the good things laid by in our store for their reception. Only requires a few sheckles to fill your scrip, then you will go on your way rejoicing, the glad news of low prices until the whole country joins in the triumphant song of

VICTORY; VICTORY.

This secession movement began when we planted ourselves in old M[illegible]burg, the seat of American liberty and independence. Many have fal[illegible] the way in their mad effort to keep in sight of us, and since we have [illegible] our capacity the rate of speed we are now making cannot be estima[illegible] would have thought within two years that our business could have [illegible] such proportions? But look at to-day, and where can [illegible] find in either of the Carolinas any comparison. Marvelous grow[illegible] Not at all surprising to us; just what we expected; bent all our energies to make this a lasting monument, reared for the benefit [illegible] mankind generally. A place where all can point to with a feeling of pride [illegible] being the only house that lifted the galling yoke of high prices, thereby [illegible] ing light and liberty to the oppressed. Scarcely a day passes without he[illegible] the rattle of drays at our back door unloading Shoes, Clothing, Dry G[illegible] Hats, Notions, etc., picked up at sheriffs' sales, railroad wrecks, etc. [illegible] ing these dashing raids we always go prepared to capture the whole [illegible] ness. It is no wonder then we are able to offer you ladies' buttton boots [illegible] 45c. a pair up to the best grades made. Slippers, tan and kid Oxfords [illegible] 35 and 48c. a pair. In this last lot several hundred pairs sample sh[illegible] about one-half price. Our department now is filled with the best [illegible] made shoes in the city, all the way from 50c. to $2 a pair cheaper than [illegible] can get them elsewhere. Ask for our $1.50 and $1.75 ladies' shoes that [illegible] sell for $2 and $2.50. Every pair warranted to give satisfaction. Just [illegible] ed a large lot of men's hand made shoes from the best manufacturers [illegible] country; all styles. Listen. We are doing up the town on clo[illegible] Our $4.50 suits that others sell for $7 and $8, are going like hot ca[illegible] for $2.98, down as low as $1.48. Boys' suit 25c.; pants 5c.; laundered [illegible] work shirt 10c.; socks 2c.; bows and ties worth 25c., going at 5 and [illegible] one-half price. Our 50c. quarter of dress goods, lawns, dimities, silkol[illegible] pons worth 10, 12½ and 15c. is the talk among the ladies of the city. [illegible] like it ever offered before. Fall in; the long roll is beating, no time [illegible] knives; be ready to march at a mo