BENEFIT OF THE HOSPITAL.

An Unique and Novel Entertainment—Pony Races and Rules, a Girls' Bicycle Tournament.

The "gymkhana," which the Observer promised several days ago to explain shortly, is nothing more nor less than a species of Indian tournament. Mrs. H. C. Jones saw a notice of where one had been held successfully in some Western town, and she at once appropriated the idea for an entertainment for the hospital.

The tournament is to be held Thursday evening, at 6 o'clock, in the base ball park. The gymkhana will have two main features, the gymkhana races or tournament; and a girls' bicycle tournament, which will take place after the gymkhana.

Thirteen boys take part in the gymkhana, and twelve girls in the bicycle tournament. The names of the former are as follows:

Messrs. Dolph Young, Jim Wadsworth, Gilmer Wittenberg, Simon Baruch, Louis Burwell, Ralph VanLandingham, Osmond Barringer, H. Platt, Will Bason, Tom and Sid Alexander, Walter Brem and A. M. Shaw.

All of the young men will ride small ponies, except Mr. Young, who will ride a mule. The rules governing the gymkhana races are as follows:

RACES AND RULES.

1. Saddling horses—Dismounted and saddles on the ground. At a signal all knights saddle ponies, mount and ride to a given point and return.

2. Hoop Race—Mounted. At a given point each knight will be given three polo balls and run the course, throwing a ball at each hoop, three in all, which will be placed at intervals. The man making the highest score wins. This race will be run one at a time.

3. Potato Race.—All knights mounted at a given point. A row of potatoes for each knight place at a distance from starting point; ride to potatoes, dismount, pick up one, re-mount, ride to end of row and drop in bucket, which will be placed there for that purpose; return to end of row, dismount, pick up another, re-mount, ride to bucket, and repeat the same until all the potatoes are picked up, and when the last is picked up dismount, pick up bucket and ride home.

4. Egg Race — Dismounted; each knight will be furnished with a large spoon with an egg in it. Mount, run the course and back home, holding spoon with egg in it in the right hand.

5. Handerchief Race. — Each lady wearing colors of knight furnishes a handkerchief, which will be placed at end of course. Dismounted; the signal is given. Each knight mounts, rides to handkerchief, dismounts, picks up handkerchief and returns. Should a knight make a mistake and give handkerchief to wrong lady he loses.

6. Rag Doll Race.—Dismounted; a doll will be placed on a chair for each knight, at a distance. He will ride from the start, take the doll without dismounting, and return.

7. Umbrella and Cigarettes. — Dismounted; raise umbrella and light cigarette.

TOURNAMENT.

The ladies who are to take part in the bicycle tournament will meet the knights at Reese's drug store at 5:30 Thursday afternoon, and with them will form a parade which will pass down Tryon street to the park.

There will be lances and rings, the same as in a regular tournament, and, altogether, the entertainment will be novel and entertaining.

FUNERAL OF MR. RANKIN.

Two Exquisite Floral Designs on the Casket—Buried With Pythian Honors.

The remains of Mr. T. S. Rankin reached Charlotte yesterday morning on the 9:15 train, and were taken at once to the residence of Col. J. B. Rankin, father of the deceased. A number of friends met the body at the station, and formed an escort from there to the house. The funeral service was conducted at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Stagg. The house would not hold the friends who assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect. The services were very appropriate, and the floral tributes many and beautiful. Two specially handsome designs were noted—a large anchor of beautiful flowers sent by Rathbone Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was a member. On the anchor were the letters, "F. C. B.," in purple, yellow and red—the Pythian colors; and "The Gates Ajar," beautifully made and surmounted with a dove. This latter design was sent by Messrs. W. B. McGinnis and W. J. Harty, clerks in Rankin & Bros'. store.

The service at the grave was conducted by the Pythians, and was very impressive.

Woodman, Spare the Tree.

Every one who passes admires Mecklenburg's handsome new court house.

It is a beauty.

But every one who passes protests against the "vandalism," as a prominent citizen calls it, being practised in the cutting down of the trees in the lot—trees that it would take fifty years to grow. The axe has been laid to the root of trees that were grand in their age and beauty, and "many citizens" have requested the Observer to protest in the name of the city against the cutting down of any more trees. The fine cedar of Lebanon, which Mr. Davidson spent so many years in cultivating, has been slaughtered; also other fine trees. The chief beauty of the lot was the trees. The Observer, for the city, protests against the cutting down of any more of the trees.

A Runaway.

Capt. J. E. Jones has a store on West Tenth street. Yesterday his delivery wagon, in which was the driver and a small white boy, went up town stopping in front of J. L. Davis & Co.'s store on Tryon street. The driver got out to go in the store for something, leaving the boy to hold the horses. The horses got frightened and ran. Messrs. Calder and Easley ran out and caught hold of the bridle and swung to it until they got the horses under control, some one in the meantime succeeding in getting the boy out of the wagon. But for the kindly intervention of these gentlemen there would have been a crippled boy.

Buried at His Old Home.

The remains of Mr. E. W. Grier were moved from the hospital late Saturday night to the residence of Capt. John R. Erwin, brother-in-law of the deceased. A funeral service was held there Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. T. Chalmers, and was attended by many friends. The remains were then taken to Steel Creek, the old home of the deceased, for burial. Hundreds of people were there, awaiting the funeral party. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. A. A. Little, after which all that was mortal of "Ed" Grier was laid to rest until the last great day.

The Veterans Off to Nashville.

The veterans left yesterday at 1:30, via the Seaboard, for Nashville. Not as many went as was expected, only 19 answering when the final roll was called. Squire S. H. Hilton was in command. Mr. T. J. Anderson left here with the party. Mr. Batte was to join them at Monroe. The attendance of veterans from all over the South was much smaller than was expected. This is the busy season with the "vets"—farmers—and they cannot leave the plows, even for the pleasure of meeting each other in Nashville.

Picnics.

The hands at the Shaw-Howell Harness Company and their annual picnic on the river yesterday. They went early and came back late.

Mr. Robert Abernethy, the inspiration and "toast master" of the Riverbend picnic has secured Governor Jos. Johnston as the orator of the day, at this year's picnic. Mr. S. Wittkowsky and other prominent citizens will speak. The picnic is to be

Twelfth Street Baptist Sunday school will have a wagon picnic next week. Sims' pond will be the objective point.

Funeral of Mr. Mason.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Mr. C. A. Mason, were conducted Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, at the residence, by Rev. Dr. Bays. The interment was large, and the services impressive. The casket was covered with flowers, and in this and many other ways, kind friends testified their sympathy for the bereaved family. The interment was in Elmwood.

Dropped Dead.

Engineer T. R. Chatham, of the Air Line, was called to Gainsville, Ga., Sunday, by the sudden death of his father, Mr. J. R. Chatham. Mr. Chatham was out walking, when he suddenly dropped dead. He had been a pump repairer on the Air Line for many years and was well thought of by his employers and fellow workmen.

Mr. Walter Hill Married.

Mr. Walter Hill, a grandson of Mrs. W. J. P. Liddell, was married yesterday in Louisburg, Pa., to a young lady of that city. He and bride are expected here to-morrow night, to visit relatives. Mr. Hill made his home in Charlotte for several years when a boy. He has a number of friends

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Workmen are Now Putting on the Steel Ceilings.

Mr. Elliott is setting the granite curbing, and the concrete and cement walks will be completed by the time the building is finished.

The first of September will find the county officers in their new quarters.

The furniture is ready to ship as soon as the building is ready for it.

The interior of the building is much handsomer than the exterior.

Every citizen of Mecklenburg will be proud of the new court house when completed.

The steam-heating apparatus will be complete this week. There has been fire in the boilers three days, testing the pipes.

The plate glass for the two fronts has been shipped. It will be here this week.

Architect Milburn says the three large elm trees in the front yard will not be disturbed.

Two nice drinking fountains are needed in the court square; also two nice spray fountains in the grass plot. They are cheap and should be put in.

The Charlotte Machine Company will put in the gas and electric fixtures. They have been ordered.

Superintendent Green who was partially paralyzed a few weeks ago, is able to come to the building on his crutches.

ABOUT THE CHURCHES.

A Number of Points Discussed Between Sermons Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Stagg delivered his address, "Our Presbyterian Inheritance," to a large congregation at Steel Creek church Sunday afternoon.

Prof. McCoy handled the new organ at the Second Presbyterian church in a masterly manner Sunday. He has mastered the instrument in a wonderfully short time, and is being complimented on all sides on his playing. During his absence in Europe Mrs. H. S. Bryan will act as organist. Miss May Oates will take Mrs. Bryan's place in the quartette.

The priests' retreat began at Belmont yesterday. It will be given by Bishop Haid, and will last three days.

Rev. Dr. Barron left on the noon train yesterday for Gaffney, S. C., where he is to conduct a meeting throughout the week. He will return Thursday evening, however, to officiate at the Freeman-Matthews wedding in Tryon street Baptist church.

The Ladies' Aid and Orphanage Society will meet this evening at 5:30 in the First Presbyterian church.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Methodist) of this district, meets in Matthews next week. Miss Sallie Whisnant was secretary for seven years. Mrs. W. S. Stewart succeeded her.

Rev. J. H. Pressly, of Statesville, preached at Huntersville Sunday. "Mr. Pressly is a great favorite with us," said Hon. R. M. Ranson, who was down from Huntersville yesterday.

MISS HATCH'S LAWN PARTY.

A Beautiful Out-of-Door Entertainment on East Avenue Last Evening.

Miss Helen Hatch gave a beautiful lawn fete last night at Mr. C. L. Hunter's, on East avenue. The yard, with its fairy lamps, Japanese lanters, and cozy nooks was a veritable fairy land, and the pretty girls, who flitted here and there in the charmingly soft, silvery light, might have been taken for grown-up fairies.

A large canvas had been stretched across the lawn on one side of the yard, for dancing, and the young folks glided the happy hours away to the sweet strains of the Italian Band. Miss Hatch issued over a hundred invitations. The responses were eager and prompt. Few if any, failed to be in and of the merry throng. Mis Hatch made an ideal hostess. She is at all times chic and charming. Last night she gave her personal care and attention to each of her guests, consequently all had a lovely evening.

Ices were served throughout the evening, and everything passed off smoothly.

THE STONE-ALEXANDER NUPTIALS.

Dr. Creasy Will Officiate—The Attendants—The Ceremony To-Morrow Night.

Mr. Chas. S. Stone, of this city, and Miss Addie Alexander, of Concord, will plight troth to-morrow night in the Methodist church in Concord. The ceremony, which will unite these two popular young people, will be performed by Rev. Dr. W. S. Creasy, former pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church, now pastor of the church in Winston, assisted by Rev. J. E. Thompson, of Concord. Mr. John C. Watson, of this city, is to be best man, and Miss Dorothy Gunnels, of Toledo, Ohio, maid of honor. The attendants and ushers will be as follows: Miss Lena Leslie, of Concord; Misses Minnie Stone and Janie McClintock, of Charlotte; Bertha Brown, of Washington City; Messers. Sam Houston, E. A. McCausland, Banks Ruddock, Arthur Wearn, Will Stone, of Charlotte; Ed. White and Joe Goodman, of Concord, and Lawrence White, of Spartanburg, S. C.

A number of friends besides those included in the bridal party will accompany Mr. Stone on his pleasant mission.

Railroad.

Capt. Jack Allison, of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta, who went to California to attend the O. R. C. convention, got as far home as Atlanta on his return, when he sprained his ankle and has been laid up ever since. As soon as he resumes work, Capt. H. A. Bason will have a furlough.

Baggage Master Chas. Hobbs, of No. 35, is laid up in Washington with a badly injured foot. He was hurt in Danville by a trunk falling on his foot. It will be some time before he will be able to walk.

Engineer C. H. Lineberger, of the Air Line, has been sent to Salisbury to learn the road between here and Spencer. It looks more and more like the terminal would be moved.

Engineer Roberts, who was hurt at Easley's, was not so well yesterday.

Emma Myrkle Coming.

Manager Gray is talking opera day and night. He has a four-nights engagement with Justin Paige's Company. The company is virtually the same as the Flora Staniford Company, with the exception of a few changes in the cast which was necessary to strengthen the company. Emma Myrkle will be the star. The prices are of the popular order—10, 20 and 30 cents.

With an addition of electric fans, the opera house can be made comfortable. Monday night is the opening date.

The company will remain for three nights, each night presenting a catchy comedy or melo-drama.

Shot His Wife.

Andrew Evans, colored, and wife, lived in the upper part of Fort Mill township, S. C. Sunday they attended church together and seemed in a heavenly frame of mind enough as they left they house of worship. As they journeyed home, however, they got into a fuss, and Evans drew his pistol, which he had in his hip pocket, and shot the woman twice—once in the shoulder and once in the head. The latter shot, it was said, would prove fatal. Evans fled.

Rev. Mr. Dorritee's First Service.

Rev. Mr. Dorritee occupied the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian church Sunday night, and preached with power and earnestness. Next Sunday morning he will hold his first service in south Charlotte in the chapel of the graded school, having obtained permission to use the room for that purpose. Mr. Dorritee is not only well equipped mentally but he is an active worker and will no doubt do a good work in this city.

Rev. P. F. Alston Loses a Child.

Primus P., the one-year-old child of Rev. P. F. Alston, colored, pastor of St. Michael's Episcopal church, died at 6 o'clock, Sunday afternoon. The funeral service was held at the residence, on South Church street, at 4 o'clock yesterday, by Rev. R. A. Osborne.

Mecklenburg vs. Union.

Mr. E. F. Curlee, of Shopton, understanding that a certain Union county man had reported that Mecklenburg had no good cotton this season, yesterday brought to town several stalks that were knee high. Mr. Curlee said he had a four-acre field that averaged knee-high cotton.

Adjourned Until September.

The ministers' conference met at the Y. M. C. A. Hall yesterday morning, and after the usual proceedings adjourned for the summer, to meet again the first Monday in September.

Buying a Home.

Mr. Arthur Henderson yesterday sold Mr. G. O. Doggett a house and lot on North Brevard street. Mr. Doggett travels for the Charlotte Hardware Company. He will move into his new home at once.

Miss Sallie Young returned from a se-

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This Week's Volume Opened Yesterday—Receipts.

—The excursion to Morganton netted the Baptist Sunday school about $200.

—Mrs. Harry Weams is sick at her father's, Capt. Ahrens." She has fever.

—Delightful, yesterday. Sunday's storm lessened the caloric in the atmosphere.

—The Italian band goes to Statesville this morning to play for the german there to-night.

—Mr. James Harty is having his new yard on North Tryon street turfed. The walk and steps have been changed.

—Miss Edith Porter, daughter of Mr. J. Z. Porter is critically ill at her home on North Poplar street. She is 17 years old.

—Music with dancing at the park to-night. Favorite airs with a cool breeze. Pleasure without alloy for the young folks.

—The Neptune fire company reeled off its old hose yesterday, and on its new. The Neptunes number 80 members.

—Mr. Hugh Shields, night turnkey at the Tombs, yesterday rented Mr. W. S. Stewart's new cottage on North Pine street.

—Mr. Frank Bowden received a telegram yesterday stating that his father was quite ill. He will leave for his bedside as soon as Mr. Fitzsimmons returns from the coast.

—Jim Belk, colored, died yesterday morning. He was sent to the poor house some time ago, with consumption. Last week he walked in from there, and the exertion killed him.

—Mr. Albert Williamson has a letter which was found in the old records of the court house, written by his uncle, Robert R. Williamson, to his father, A. C. Williamson, 55 years ago.

—Wadsworth's new block on North Tryon street, is to be very handsome. The building is a two-story brick structure, of pretty design and finish. Architect Hook designed it. It is an ornament to the city.

—The compliment paid by the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, to Capt. T. S. Franklin was no ordinary one. It was the first time in the history of the lodge in this State that a grand vice chancellor was ever elected by acclamation.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Judge Sutton on the Bench—Petit Jury—The Victor Mill Case Begun—Able Counsel on Both Sides.

Criminal Court convened yesterday, Judge Sutton presiding. His stenographer, Miss Robeson, accompanied him, and acted in her official capacity in the court room. The same grand jury was continued from the April term. The petit jury is composed of the following:

C. W. Gallagher, J. D. Alexander, W. L. McAuley, W. S. McLelland, L. F. Abernathy, J. H. Garrison, D. F. Dunn, Jr., R. W. McKnight, T. M. Miller, D. A. McCord, F. P. Kistler, F. B. McWhirter, C. S. Martin, Jesse Owens, R. A. Venderburg, J. S. Cashion, S. T. Caldwell.

The business of yesterday was as follows:

Ward Biggers, assault and battery; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Adeline Johnson, trespass; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

John Brown and Will Davidson, assault with deadly weapon; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

The most interesting case was that of the State vs. the Victor Mill, begun yesterday and continued until to-day. A bill of indictment was brought by the State against the directors of the Victor Mill to compel them to take down the dam near the mill, which it is said is causing sickness in that section. The mill is represented by Messrs. Burwell, Walker & Cansler; Solicitor Webb is assisted by Col. H. C. Jones and Messrs. F. I. Osborne and Heriot Clarkson.

Yesterday Mr. M. B. Williamson, the new clerk of the court, was inducted into office. Col. W. W. Phifer, the late clerk, showed him the workings of the court, and rendered him every assistance possible.

INTERESTING FOLKS.

Each Has Friends Who Are Glad to Know of Their Moves.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hubert Howell returned from Morehead last night.

Mrs. G. W. Pitcher has gone to Blowing Rock for the summer.

Mr. J. G. McCorkle, of Spartanburg, S. C., was here Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. C. A. Mason.

Misses May Oates and Helen and Frances Mallory left yesterday with Miss Lottie Caldwell to visit her at her home in Statesville.

Mr. John Atkinson left yesterday on a business trip.

Mrs. John Wilkes has returned from her trip North. She spent delightful weeks in Annapolis and Hartford, Conn.

Mr. W. S. Liddell is expected home from the North to-day. Mrs. Liddell will not return until fall.

Col. H. C. Cowles came back yesterday to wind up some unfinished Federal Court affairs.

Capt. F. Dilling was at the Buford yesterday.

Misses Kathleen and Susie Moore, of Gaffney, S. C., and Fayetteville, respectively, are visiting at Mrs. Glover's.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Liddell are in Boston. They leave there in a few days for one of the New England summer resorts, where they will remain until fall.

Mr. John C. Wadsworth was over from Concord yesterday.

Mrs. Dr. M. A. Bailey and daughter, of Greenwood, S. C., are visiting Mrs. J. A. Johnson, on East Ninth street.

Miss Helen Tompkins, of Rock Hill, S. C., who has been visiting Mrs. J. Renwick Wilkes, returns home to-morrow.

Mr. Chas. Cowles, who has been subbing in the Commercial Bank for Mr. Clarence Wearn, returns to his home in Wilkesboro in a few days.

Mrs. Grasheim and daughter left yesterday for Philadelphia. They will be absent for some time.

Mr. Campbell, of the Central, came in from the coast last night.

Messrs. Edward Hill and S. J. Lowe, of Concord, were at the Central yesterday.

Miss Nina Morrow, of Fayetteville, is at the Central.

Mrs. J. F. Jamison and baby have gone to Mooresville.

Miss Julia Alexander and Miss Adele Brenizer left yesterday at 1 o'clock, on the special train which carried the Confederate veterans, for Nashville, to spend a week at the exposition.

Mr. Fred L. Oliver leaves the middle of July for Annapolis.

Prof. Bivens returned to the city yesterday for the summer. He has been on a visit home.

Mrs. Chas. H. Bellinger and baby, of Atlanta, will be here on the 1st to spend the summer at Mr. Blum's.

Mr. R. D. Heath has gone to Columbia, Tenn., to join his wife. They go from there to the Nashville exposition.

Misses Minnie Stone and Janie McClintock went to Concord yesterday to remain until after the Stone-Alexander wedding.

Captain J. H. Sloan spent yesterday here, on his way North.

Mrs. J. H. Weddington and grandson, Lacy Sewall, returned from the coast last night. The latter is entirely well.

Miss Lillian Wyche, of Iredell, who has been visiting Mrs. C. W. Tillett, has returned home.

Fire Mightier Than Water.

Mr. Stephen Blankenship, who lives near Pineville, was one of the veterans who went to Nashville. While here yesterday he was talking of a peculiar happening at his house Sunday afternoon. During the fierce storm that raged in the afternoon lightning struck a shock of wheat in front of his door, and, notwithstanding the fact that the rain was pouring in torrents, set it on fire and burnt it entirely up.

Best Garden on the C. C. & A.

Mr. J. A. Porter spent yesterday at Griffith's, down the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta. He says Mr. W. A. Griffith has the earliest and best garden he has ever seen. He had okra for dinner yesterday, and will have ripe tomatoes to-day. Mr. Griffith's garden is pronounced by railroad men to be the finest between here and Augusta.

PERFECTION

IS REACHED IN LAUNDRY.

Everybody is treated alike at our place. No "pets" and no special pains taken because it is your garment. We do our best with every package that is sent to us. Our best means perfection in laundry.

CHARLOTTE STEAM LAUNDRY.

F. D. LETSON, Manager.

Will Build.

Mr. B. D. Springs is to build a pretty two-story residence on the corner of Park avenue and the boulevard, in Dilworth, from plans by J. A. Williamson, who was awarded the contract yesterday.

Mr. T. H. Gaither is building a cottage on East Second street, near the creek.

Social.

Miss Mary Grier's bicycle party, which was to have taken place Wednesday night, has been postponed until next Tuesday night.

Miss Grace Kizer's bicycle party takes place Friday night.

Miss Sanders' at home is the social event of interest to-night.

Sea Voyage.

Rev. C. L. Hoffmann and Mr. and Mrs. Church leave to-morrow night via the Southern for New York, whence they sail Saturday for Europe. Dr. J. P. Robertson and family leave to-morrow morning via the Seaboard for New York. They sail with the Hoffmann party Saturday.

Death of Mrs. Cathey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cathey, wife of Mr. L. G. Cathey, a brother of Mr. W. H. Cathey, of this city, died Saturday at Gastonia, and was buried Sunday at Goshen. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church. She leaves a husband, and a son 15 years of age.

Good Things

Speak for Themselves.

Our stay in Charlotte has only been of short duration, but since we have been here we have managed to pull together a most satisfactory trade. You should see what improvement we have made. This and the cut prices have done the work. See our China Specialties and Fancy Goods, Dinner Ware and Toilet and Table Ware, Crystal and Glass Table Ware. China Sets--fine finish, good color, desirable weights, decorations in delicate tints, neat pa tterns and elegant gildings.

MOORE & KYLE.

Successors to G. S. Read & Co.

"MRS. JOE PERSON'S REMEDY IS A WONDERFUL MEDICINE."

Windsor, N. C., May 24, '97.

Five years ago I was completely run down from general debility. My liver didn't act, I had indigestion, was just as nervous as I could be and was always tired. The least exertion would bring on shortness of breath, and it was a drag to me to keep up. A friend of mine who had been cured by using Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy told me to take it. I bought one-half dozen and took it just because I had to take something. I suffered greatly from wakefulness, would lay awake often the greater part of the night, unable to sleep. When I was on the second bottle I got so I could sleep, and when I had finished the six bottles I was well; indigestion cured, that shortness of breath cured, and I feel like another person. Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy is a wonderful medicine. It did me more good than anything I ever took in my life.

Mrs. T. W. MORRIS.

Racket Store.

Great annual clearance sale Shoes, Shoes, Shoes. We want 1,000 customers in the next ten days to inspect 1,000 pairs of Ladies', Misses and Children's Slippers and Oxford Ties, which we now offer on our 50 and 75c bargain counter. Don't fail to see this great offer. Lots of ladies' Oxfords in this line that you would go elsewhere and pay $2 a pair and think you got a big bargain, and really they are worth the money. See for yourself and if not as represented we don't expect you to buy. An endless array of the very best values in Ladies' Misses and Children's Button Shoes which you should not fail to see.

2,000 pairs of Men's Shoes will be slaughtered, to clean up broken lines. 75c buys a $1 Buff Shoe. $1 takes choice of a lot of Men's Shoes worth $1.25. And $2.75 for a first-class hand-sewed Calf Skin, Kangaroo and Vici Kid in black, tan and oxblood; clean, new goods and guaranteed in every particular. Clothing: Clothing. If you are looking for a nice suit of clothes for a little money, see our line of $10.00 Suits worth $12.50 and $15. Special job counter of $5 Suits; worth $7.50 to $10. Men's Crash Suits, $2.50 to $5. Big job in men's summer Coats and Vests, Alpacas, Sicilians and Serges. 500 pairs Men's slightly damaged pants, from 38c to $2.50; worth from 75c to $5. Men's Corduroy Pants from $1 per pair and up.

Boy's Knee Pants Suits 43c and up. Boy's Corduroy Knee Pants, 50c. Boy's Wash Suits in Blouse at 60c to close the lot.

The best line laundered Negligee Shirts we ever offered, 25, 50, 75 and 98 cents. Men's Half Hose 3c; Ladies' Black Hose 4c. Special bargain in Men's Gauze Underware, 25c. Men's 4 ply linen Collars 5c each or 50c per dozen. Inspect our great offering in Men's Sample Hats, latest styles and shapes, from 98c and up, excellent bargains. All our 15 and 18c Lawns reduced to 12½c; 10 and 12½c Lawns at 8 1-3c; 7½ and 8c Lawns at 5c.

Just received 25 rolls matting 40 yards to the piece at $3.50 per roll. One case 10-4 Bleaching reduced from 18 to 12½c. Shirt Waist reduced from 25 to 90c. Lot Embroidery at 10c., worth 12½ and 15c; Summer Corsets cut from 68 to 40c; 200 dozen Mason's Fruit Jars, pints, quarts and half gallons at 55, 65, and 75c per dozen. All the way through our mammoth stock the work of cutting prices goes on. Dress Goods, Dry Goods, Carpets, Tinware, Crockery, Glassware and a thousand and one things that we have not space to mention await your inspection. We carry five times the amount of goods of any other house in the city, occupy five times the amount of floor space, employ four times as many people and do more business than half of all the dry goods houses of Charlotte put together. In fact the RACKET is headquarters for all kinds of bargains and plays second fiddle to nothing in the South.

J. G. HOOD & COMPANY.

We Lighthen the Burdens of Man

How to make man comfortable these sweltering days is a question that perplexes the minds of most people just now. Just like the professional man who makes a study of his profession, so do we make a study of the wants of man and that which makes man most comfortable. Our hot weather goods have been placed on our counters and marked at real winter time prices. Most people charge more for goods in season than out. We have marked every garment at the lowest possible figure, and you cannot buy an article that is made for our summer trade one cent cheaper next winter. We have been extremely particular in placing our summer goods and your wants will be abundantly gratified at our place. Negligee shirts and light underwear that everybody will like.

MELLON & SHELTON,

Leading Clothiers and Gents' Furnishers.

Mail orders have our prompt attention.

Musicians to Meet.

Mr. McCoy, of the Presbyterian College, and Mr. Joseph Maclean, of the Agnes Scott Institute, leave to-morrow for New York, to attend a convention of musicians and music instructors. Mr. McCoy will remain in New York until he sails for Europe.

Dr. Orr Ill.

Dr. M. M. Orr is in a critical condition at his home on East avenue. The thread of life is liable to snap at any minute. Dr. Orr is about 35 years old. He is one of Charlotte's oldest and most respected citizens.

—Mr. G. B. Daniel lives at 915 East Fourth street. Some one visited his chicken coop Saturday night and took every bird he had.

Miss Janie Atkins has joined the clerical force at the Dry Goods Emporium.

JUNE BREEZE

Some very cut-price, seasonable goods, and some things you want that the market did not have a few days ago.

White Pure Silk Parasols 90c.

New Stock "New Point Collars.

Ladies' Cuffs and Ties.

Half-dozen very handsome Fancy Parasols at midway prices; it's a big cut, and you'll appreciate their beauty.

More shrunk Crash. More P. K's.

Another case Black Skirts $1.50 to $10.

Gauze Polka Dot Ribbons and new Dresden Taffeta Ribbons at prices cut to hustele them out.

Going everywhere at 25c.—the New Belt.

Summer Silks reduced to 40c. yard.

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They Lead the Crowd.

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They run lighter than any wheel on earth.

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Bells, Lanterns and all Bicycle Jewelry.

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A Fresh Supply of Nobby Fobs for Gents. Stylish and decidedly the thing for a gentleman's watch. A dazzling line of Ladies' Card Cases and Ladies' Belts. All the ladies in town can be pleased at our store in our new supply of Novelties. Prices to suit the hot weather.

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AT CUT PRICES.

There are no straw hats made as good as Knox. They are the best money will buy. We will not carry straw hats from one season to another. It does not pay. We have cut the prices to move them now.

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This is a chance to get the finest straw hat made for no more than you have to pay fot the ordinary kinds.

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That is why our stock of Men's Furnishings easily lead in point of superiority anything offered anywhere.

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Did you ever see stars by being suddenly jarred? And my, don't they sparkle for a moment? And have you seen stars in daylight? If not, just take your stand on the corner of East Trade and Tryon streets, and you will see shooting stars any time during the the day coming from the direction of

BELK BROS.'

Bundles of Shoes, Clothing, Dry Goods, Hats, Notions, etc., wrapped up in star paper. It is said that you can see more stars in the "milky way" than anywhere else., This accounts for the sunshine of our establishment. With us everything is bright and cheerful. No gloomy times here—hustling from the word go.

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Sending the rays of low prices over several States, and the good work goes steadily on; reaching out, bringing in trade to the city that usually bought in other markets. Our aim is to make the Queen City the leading market of the country, buying as we do in such immense quantities for cash from panic manufacturers, auction sales, bankrupt concerns, etc., we can save to the people thousands of dollars annually by trading with us. Take our clothing store: Why you can find here the nobbiest suits of clothes that ever hit the Old North State. Think of it, $12.50 to $18 suits being sold from 6.88 to $10.50, and $6 to $10 suits going at $4.50 and $5; other grades $1.48, $4 and $5. Pants $2 to $2.50, down as low as 48c. Big job in shirts. $1 shirts 68c., laundered shirts 25c. Sample line gents' underwear at one-half price. Shoes. We are supplying the best trade of the city. When the masses can save from 50c. to $1 a pair, of course they are coming to see us. The very finest Oxfords, either in button or lace, tan or black, from $1.50 to $2. Cheaper grades to 25, 35 and 48c. Gents' hand made shoes $2.50 to $4 only. Other styles as low as 48, 75 and 98c. Dress Goods Department, the pride of this section. Here you can find anything you want, from the finest silks to the cheapest ginghams. New styles and patterns coming in every day. If you expect to keep up with the procession, step lively, keeping your eye fixed on the leaders.

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Our $10 Blue Serge Suits, for a few days only, $7.50.
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Leading Dealer in Furniture, Carpets, Pianos and Organs.

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Four solid oak double Wardrobes with two large French plate, bevel edge looking glasses, size 12x50 inches for only $18. Unheard of, but so—only four and no more.

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It is all good Clothes, some finer; some as fine as clothes can be, and in the proper sense of the word, extremely low priced.

$3.25 Men's All Wool Suits, made to give service. Our guarantee goes with them. Regular $5 values, now $3.25

$5.00 Men's All Wool Suits; your choice from a large assortment. Properly made in correct styles. $7.50 to $10 values, only $5.00

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Serges, Alpacas, Sicilian coats and vests; an elegant line; priced from $1 to $10.00

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