

THE ARGUS

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Moose Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in Odd Fellows Hall.—Cordial welcome to visitors.

Wayne Lodge No. 112, A. F. & A. M., meets 1st and 3rd Monday evenings, 7:30 o'clock, in Odd Fellows Hall. Visiting brothers heartily welcomed.

Knights Lodge No. 6, K. of P., meets every Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock in Odd Fellows Hall. Knightly welcome to visitors.

Goldboro Council No. 89, Jr. O. U. A. M., meets every Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock, in Odd Fellows Hall. Cordial welcome to all visiting brethren.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina.
Rain to night and Saturday.

OUR LOCAL OPTIC.

Goldboro and Vicinity Hi tory in Brief:
Spectacles of Bygones and Deings, Wise and Otherwise, Run Down and Run in by Omnipresent Ubiquitous, Local "Grand Honors."

Miss Ada Wooten, of La Grange, is visiting Mrs. M. E. Bizzell.

Those of our citizens who have been wrestling with the grip are said to be improving.

Tickets for the Charity Ball can be obtained at Hill's drug store. The attendance promises to be large.

Mr. Earle A. Humphrey, of the Humphrey-Gibson Company, went over to Norfolk to-day on a business trip.

Col. A. C. Davis has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness as to be in attendance at his law office again.

Mrs. W. D. Pollok, who has been visiting Mrs. Dr. Frank Boyette for several days, left for home this afternoon.

Miss Mary D. Robinson left this afternoon for Raleigh to visit the family of Dr. Geo. L. Kirby and attend the Governor's reception this evening.

The proposed electric railway to Seven Springs grows in popular favor, and it is understood that a bill will be introduced at the present session of the Legislature granting a company charter rights to construct the road.

The Argus man met a stranger on the streets of our city to-day carrying a small grip and enquiring the way to the "Union Depot." He was right in front of the baggage room, on East Centre street, and when the Argus man, with a blush of confusion, if not shame, pointed to the centre of the muddy street and said, "there is our Union Depot, sir," the remarks which that stranger indulged in were by no means complimentary to "The Best Town in The State."

The Barlow Minstrels gave a very creditable entertainment in this city last night. The specialties were especially good. But for a few "horse plays," that could be left out just as well, and at the same time improve the tone of the otherwise refined performance, the show was in every way enjoyable. Why it is that the average minstrel companies will insist on infusing into otherwise enjoyable features of their performance just enough coarseness—such as, "you've been eating onions," "Lend me some of your spit," &c.—to mar the enjoyment of refined people is strange indeed; and we believe it is the duty of the press everywhere to teach the managers of such combinations that the day of coarseness on the stage is passed, and make them respect it accordingly.

HOW TO BUILD A TOWN.

What Goldsboro Has to Build on—What Goldsboro Needs.

What we want in Goldsboro—and what is coming, but would come faster if our people were more united and active—is more factories. Goldsboro is so advantageously situated, with its limitable railroad facilities and steamboat transportation, together with her natural benediction of salubrious climate, and fertile lands, and blessed with the best public schools in the South, as to be irresistible to capital seeking manufacturing investment if our own people would but open their eyes to the merits of their town and open their mouths in proclaiming these advantages where it would avail to obtaining desirable results.

The score and more of factories

and the wholesale mercantile houses that we have in Goldsboro are flourishing beyond the most sanguine dreams of their promoters and stockholders, and what they have accomplished in the material upbuilding of the city—in home-building, that is the bulwark of a community's permanent prosperity—is sufficiently evident to make more factories desirable; for factories bring population and population brings business.

We have a good town; We have the best town in the State; but we can make it better. A unity of spirit and interest among all classes would be to the profit and accumulation of all, and money made here would remain here to be enjoyed in the climate of a country that knows no sickness nor epidemic—where all life is rosy, and where the shimmer of the electric lights of our busy factories adds beauty and picturesqueness to the night time—where all life is a song of prosperity, plenty and happiness to the laborers, the investors, and even the man who lives and thrives on the prosperity of others without bringing forth the sweat of his own brow.

Let us get together and make this first year of the new century a record-breaker for Goldsboro.

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT.

The appearance in this city on Wednesday evening of next week of Eric Hope (Earl of Yarmouth), the famous actor, in Jerome K. Jerome's famous comedy, "The Councillor's wife," is being fraught with genuine anticipation and pleasure. All society will turn out and a rare treat is in store for all who will attend. How the Earl of Yarmouth chanced to select his stage name of Eric Hope was recently explained by that titled gentleman: "It title has no place in this country and is a nuisance in business, that's why I took the stage name of Eric Hope. The origin of the name is this; I was in Cannes last Summer a year, with a party of English people and was in a small play.

As a souvenir of the occasion a lady gave me a scarf pin. It is an opal, the stone of my birth month, October. The opal you know, is a symbol of hope. There you have the name of Hope. And this explains where I got the name of Eric."

He drew from his pocket a small silver box, which he opened, and disclosed a branch of white heather. "This," he said, "has its association. It is the erica or a white heather and is the symbol of good luck. From it I took the name Eric, and so you have my stage name, Eric Hope. Now I am superstitious to a degree, and I believe in the good omen suggested by my names."

A Queen Marries.

The Hague, Feb. 7.—Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry wed to-day. Never before were such crowds in the streets. All Holland seems to be here and everybody is happy. The Minister of Justice and the marriage witnesses assembled at 11:30 in the white room of the palace. A civil marriage was performed. The only other witnesses are immediate relatives of the Queen. The procession then returned to the palace for luncheon.

Fast Mail Wrecked

Easton, Pa., Feb. 7.—The Lehigh Valley mail and milk train, one of the fast out of New York was wrecked this morning at Greensbridge, N.J., while running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The driving rod of the locomotive broke while the engine was on the bridge. The shock broke the connection with the cars and set the airbrakes and every one on the train was thrown violently, but no one was injured.

IN OLDEN TIMES

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effect, and were satisfied with transient action, but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine made by the California Fig Syrup Co.



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Good Time For the New Year!

Begin right. Be punctual. Keep your appointments to the minute. To do this you must have the right time. To have the right time, leave your watch with us. General watch, clock and jewelry repairing. Satisfaction guaranteed.



Buist Garden Seeds!

We have just received a full supply and assortment of the old reliable Buist Garden Seeds, the best and most productive in this country. This is the year you should select your seeds with the utmost precaution. If the awards of premiums is evidence of quality, Buist's seeds are perfection. We give below a partial list of the varieties we carry in stock:

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We also sell the Genuine Bone and Peruvian guano, which is a little cheaper, Acid Phosphate, Kainit, Bone and Potash Mixture, Muriate and Sulphate of Potash, Nitrate of Soda, and cotton seed meal.

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(SATURDAY)

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ON

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AT

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GENERAL Clearance Sale

For Ten Days,
COMMENCING
Saturday, Feb. 9th.

This Clearance Is Decisive!

This is one of our famous mark-down offerings. The sale is made up of first-class goods, and we must move them in order to make room for Spring stock.

- Dress Goods.**
One table of black silk and wool dress goods \$1.75 and \$2 quality, now \$1.40; \$ 1.50 quality now \$1; \$1.25 and \$1.40 quality now 75 and 80c
These goods are plain, fancy, dots and stripes, from 40 to 50 inches wide. GREAT VALUES.
- Curtains. Curtains.**
Nottingham Lace Curtains, two and a half yards long, at 58c, worth 90c; Three yard Lace Curtains, 78c—Great Values. Three and a half yards Bobinet Curtains, \$1.58, worth \$2.50.
- Table Linen.**
58-inch Table Linen at 37c, half bleached. 70 inch, 45c, worth 60. Few dozen Linen Towels left, at 10c a piece: Great Values.
- Damask Portiers.**
In Red, Blue and Terra Cotta. Goods worth \$3.75, now reduced to \$2.60. 20 Damask and Chenille Table Covers at Half Price.
- Hamburg**
which we have marked at HALF PRICE. (Last season's goods).
- Remnants of Lace, Remnants of Dress Goods Remnants of White Goods, Remnants of Bleach Domestic, 5 and 10 yards in a piece. Good quality.
- Our 5 and 10 cent Counter**
of Odds and Ends of all classes of goods, some worth 40 and 50 cents, now going at the same price: 5 and 10 cents.
- We have five dozen Corsets of different makes, in all sizes, at one-third off price, to close them out:—"W. B.," "J. B." and "P. D."
- ONE TABLE OF Colored Dress Goods,** which includes Cheviots, Homespins, Venetians, and Granites, all wool, 38 to 40 inches wide. Goods that sold at 50 and 60 cts. NOW ALL AT ONE PRICE 38 cents.
- Carpets.**
Two rolls of carpeting left. Good styles, Sold at 40c; now reduced to 27c. Small figures.
- We have a few **Art Squares and Rugs** (VELVET, BRUSSELS and SMYRNA,) left, which are marked down, one-third off.
- We are offering great values in our **MATTINGS.**
- ALL Furs, Cloaks, Capes, Skirts** marked down to about HALF PRICE.
- FORTY DOZEN Children's Black, ribbed HOSE—Fast Black—sizes 5 to 8½, 10c a pair.**

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