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At the price in prospect you can afford to fertilize it well. If you want the BEST—

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## Notice!

Any farmer desiring to fence his land with the American Field Fence can procure the same of me for a short while. I now have in stock two car loads of same.

**E. W. Smallwood,**  
Under Hotel Chattawka,  
NEW BERN, N. C.

**Our Stock of White Goods Embroideries and Lace**

For the Spring is now complete and were bought at old prices. Make your selection early.

**D. F. JARVIS,**  
88 Pollock St.

### To The Public.

Having purchased the interests of F. H. B. in his business, I beg to announce that I have again renewed the business of the F. H. B. & Exchange of News, Mail, Suggins, Weapons, Hardware, etc. at the same old stand, Middle Street, and will be pleased to meet my old friends and prepared to serve all customers to my liking.

Very Respectfully,  
**MAYBE BARR,**  
Change of Firm.

W. A. McNeill has sold his interest in the firm of McNeill and Williams, and retired. J. J. Conroy, successor, the new firm now being Williams and Conroy, who will continue the business at the same stand on Green Street.

**WILLIAMS & CONROY,**  
J. J. CONROY,  
February 14, 1904.

### Other Cold Winters.

We received the following interesting letter from a friend in Hictory yesterday answering an article in the Journal of February 9th, under the head of "A Wonderful Memory."

Editor Stevens: Sir: As to "A Wonderful Memory," and "Remarkable Events":

In the year 1837, a Northeast blizzard broke over the section of lower Cape Fear, and held on from 40 to 48 hours. Subsequent advice said the storm was universal from Maine to Louisiana, covering the entire Atlantic Slope seaboard with a heavy month of snow and ice. With it came intense cold, so that all the water courses of small object, the ponds, "Edens" and "Green Field," vicinity of Wilmington, N. C., froze from shore to shore, sufficient to hold up big crowd of people as many as several hundred, at one time enjoying skating, alding, etc. Chairs were improvised and many ladies enjoyed the push about on the ice.

The boys improvised sleighs in the way of sand boxes mounted on runners, also boggies, (taking the wheels off) and placing runners, and all orang contrivance that one could hitch a horse and have a sleigh ride. The merry jingle of the bells could be heard night as well as day. Everybody was out. A grand holiday, business came to a standstill in the frolic of skating, coasting, sleighing snowballing. That lasted for a week.

The fall was heavy, dry ground and dry snow and frozen, hence it held. How the young people enjoyed and especially the girls. The fun was exhilarating.

Egg nogs, punch and other things enlivened the scene, but in very few was Jno Baryoom triumphant. The river above Wilmington running water in some place was frozen over with a thin skin of ice: It was reported some raftmen went out and brought in many.

In our shallow salt water sound at Wrightsville and Masonboro and below were frozen. "It was heaviest and largest continued snow we had in many years." So the item "Oldest Inhab—" said.

This severe freeze killed out everything in the line of vegetation. The thermometer registered six degrees below zero in the early morning and was probably lower at midnight.

Present impression, the month was April.

As to your narrators saying of "Ice 3 feet thick" is only an error. With that thickness an army could have marched on the ice with safety. Possibly 3 1/2 inches for the salt water and our latitude.

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P. S.—You must have some gray beard in New Bern who can verify in regard to this storm and snow.

What says Mr Wm Oliver—?

On account of the recent bad weather Armstrong's Big Sale will be continued 10 days longer.

**Baltimore's Losses.** Work Begins Baltimore, Feb. 11.—The estimate of the loss by fire as made by 25 expert insurance companies places the figure at eighty-five millions. This may be reduced to seventy million by salvage. The same authorities place the insurance companies' losses at 75 per cent. Financial conditions are remaining the normal. Large shipments of money have been received, hundreds of laborers have come here expecting work, and so great a crowd is about the city hall today that the militia were called to disperse them. All the saloons remain closed.

**YESTERDAY'S COTTON MARKET.**

New York, Feb. 13.

Cotton	Open	High	Low	Close
March	14.85	15.00	14.80	14.85
May	14.15	14.30	14.00	14.05
July	13.30	13.45	13.15	13.20
Aug.	12.80	12.95	12.60	12.65
Oct.	11.80	11.95	11.60	11.65
Dec.				

Grunners and Machinists For Japan.

American grunners and engineers whose terms of service have expired in the United States navy are being transported to Japan in great numbers. The studies has been in progress for some time past in a quiet way, the result being that the Japanese navy has secured many of the best grunners in the world and those of high grade. Col A. H. Wright, of Portsmouth, Ore., was to have sailed today for several weeks past the grunners and machinists, notwithstanding the war which has been reported on the Pacific slope as inevitable, have been sent through Portland on route to Japan from all sections of the United States.

**Valuable City Property For Sale.**

All that certain piece of property corner of Johnson and Metcalf streets, and formerly owned by George B. White, also a piece corner Queen and Hancock streets, formerly owned by William Collier. For information concerning the purchase of the above property, apply to:

**H. W. WILLIAMSON,**  
28 Green St., New Bern.

**Pabst Milwaukee Beer, per box of 6 doz. bottles, \$1.25 at Crown Bottling Works.**

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For Infants and Children.  
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## LAND AND SEA

### Decisive Naval Fight of the War in Progress.

### BLOODY LAND BATTLE.

**Struggle Begun to Hold Manchurian Railroad. Conflicting Reports. Germany May Interfere. Neutral Vessels Cause Trouble.**

**Special to Journal.**

London, February 13.—From all advices it is believed that the Russian and Japanese fleets are now in the midst of a struggle that will be the decisive battle of the naval war.

Chinese junk arriving at Chefoo report that a great naval battle is on in the Lion Tung gulf, off the Chinese coast, 70 miles north of Port Arthur.

The Japanese fleet comprises the united vessels of Admirals Togo and Urui and comprises 16 battleships and cruisers, 8 destroyers and other warships. The Russian fleet is smaller. At that time the Russians seemed to be getting worsted.

This report is from several sources, notably also from Shan Hai Kwan in China where heavy firing has been heard.

The combined Japanese fleets are the most powerful any power has ever assembled in time of war. It is also reported that sixteen transports with Japanese troops conveyed by three torpedo boats have been seen between Chemulpo and Chonanpho.

The Russian and Japanese forces have encountered each other on the Yalu river. The first skirmish resulted in the capture by the Russians of a small force of Japanese officers and men.

The Japanese forces that were landed north of Port Arthur seized the Manchurian railroad.

The report is that the Russian rallied from the attack and drove the Japanese back from the line of the railroad. The fight was a bloody one with heavy loss on both sides. As a result it is said that some of the Japanese forces were retreating on the transports.

The Russian forces were then withdrawn to protect Port Arthur and Dairen. The Japanese will invest the town, although the movement will cost many men.

**Tokio, Feb. 13.**—The Japanese forces have destroyed the tracks of the Manchurian railroad and cut off communication between Port Arthur and the out side world.

**London, Feb. 13.**—The St Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph claims antipathetic authority to declare that in the event of Russia being defeated in the far east, Germany will make a diversion to her favor likely to have far reaching results.

**Washington, Feb. 13.**—Secretary Hay today issued instructions to Ambassador McCormick at St Petersburg to demand from the Russian government an explanation of the detention of the United States steamship Philadelphia at Port Arthur.

The Philadelphia sailed from Seattle February 1 with a cargo of flour. She belonged to the Boston Trustee Company, from whom the protest was received. The ground on which the steamer is detained was not stated in cable advices. It is expected here that an apology will be forth coming and the Philadelphia allowed to proceed.

A formal complaint has been lodged with the British authorities at Wei Hai Wei by the captain of the British steamer F. F. Ping which was fired on at Port Arthur and five of the crew killed. Other coastal ships are reported to be detained at Port Arthur.

**Booklet on Home Missions.**

The Women's Home Missions Society has organized City Mission Branch in Hictory city. A new opportunity is now offered for accomplishing great good in this line of work.

The booklet on City Missions prepared by Miss Helen B. was ready for the sale. It is full of helpful suggestions and plans, and may be had on a paper cover by sending 10c.

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### WEDDED AT NEWPORT

**Marriage of Miss Eva Morton to Professor Braxton I. Hart.**

Newport, N. C. Feb. 11.—A most happy occasion, was the marriage of Miss Eva Morton to Professor Braxton I. Hart on the evening of February the tenth, nineteen hundred and four. The nuptials were celebrated at the home of the brides sister Mrs Cicero Mann on West Water Street.

The parlors were beautifully decorated with ferns and evergreens.

The bride and groom stood beneath a lovely floral arch formed within the folding doors separating front and back parlors.

The bride wore her going away gown of elegant tan cloth.

The groom came in with his best man, Mr E. B. Culbreth, the bride appeared leaning upon the arm of her brother, Mr J. B. Morton, who gave her away. The other attendants were the four ribbon bars, little Misses Carroll Sharp, Estelle Mann, Annette Dougherty, and Oate Garner. They were becomingly attired in sheer white dresses with pink ribbons, each bearing a bouquet of pink carnations.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev J. H. Miles.

The soft tones of Mendelssohn wedding march, rendered by Mrs White, enhanced the charm of the occasion.

The presents were numerous and handsome, making a beautiful display beneath the light from many candelabra.

The happy pair left on the East bound train.

The heartfelt good wishes of many friends went with them.

You have 10 days more to buy goods at your own prices at Armstrong's Big Sale.

**Pabst Milwaukee Beer on Draught at A. M. Edward's.**

**Pabst Milwaukee Beer on Draught at John S. Garrett's.**



**You Will Get Left!**

even on a warm day if your personal attire is not what it should be. Good clothes have a charm for the fair as they have for every one who should dress as a gentleman would. Get them in their perfection of cut, finish and fabric by leaving your measure or order at F. M. Chadwick's the tailor, 101 Middle St., New Bern, N. C.

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Sash, Doors, Blinds, Lins and Cement

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The Best and Cheapest on the market. Builders Tools of the Best Grade.

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We put Rubber Tires on your old or new wheels. We shrink your loose tires in a machine without cutting them, or without taking tire from wheel on buggy while you wait. Everybody is invited to see the machine at work putting new bolts in old places.

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Also Fancy Evaporated Peaches and Apples 10c lb.  
New lot Harvey's Small Hams and Breakfast Strips.  
Blackeye Peas 5c qt.

**A Complete stock Staple and Fancy Groceries.**

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If so come right on to S. Coplon's Store, and there is the place where you can find it!

Our Beautiful line of Spring Clothing is in ready and you will find them Beat the Prettiest style we have ever had and in spite of everything going up in price you will find our goods going down in price but not in quality.

We have two good clerks at our store and you will like them both, one is Mr. Price and the other is Mr. Quality and the two together makes a good team.

We still have 75 mens \$10.00 suits to close out at slaughter prices, sizes 38, 38, 40 at \$2.50.

44 Youthful Suits, 14, 15, 16, 18 old price \$7.50 now \$2.50.

Just over 50 little boys suits, sizes from 3 to 8 half price

50 pairs Mens Shoes to close out at half price.

120 Pair Ladies Fine Shoes, old price \$2.00 and \$1.50 now for this three days only \$1.00.

Childrens Shoes any quality at a little of nothing, and here is a puzzle cotton. 15 cent a Pound and Cotton Cloth at Coplon's 6c per yard.

Our Beautiful line of Dress Goods is coming in daily. We have all the Ladies of New Bern to come and see for themselves what bargains they can get at our store.

Yours for Bargains,

**Have You a Thirst?**

So much the better—by that much more you'll enjoy a draught of Budweiser beer. It's a thirst quencher which receives many a well merited encomium—will receive your praise, too, after you have once shared the pleasure of those who long ago found out the many merits of Budweiser beer.

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**J. F. Taylor,**  
NEW BERN, N. C.  
Agent for Prospect Brewing Co. of Philadelphia. Fresh Car. Lead every week.

**Cotton Goods AT OLD PRICES!**

Our line of Spring and Summer Cotton Goods is now in. All bought at last years prices and will be sold, as long as they last, at same prices as last year.

**Embroideries and Laces.**

We can save you from 25 to 50 per cent on L. C. Embroideries. The Great at 10c per yard in the city.

**DON'T FORGET** that we are still selling our winter goods at Cost and under.

New line of Queen Quality and R. F. Teale Shoes just in.

**Plumbing!**

I have removed my shop and plumbing outfit from my old stand to a new building near corner Broad and Middle streets.

We are now prepared to do plumbing and will do it right at right prices. In your neighborly town.

**J. J. BAXTER.**