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On account of a large stock of goods left over after the holidays, we have decided to cut on all Clothing and Merchandise until our stock is sufficiently reduced. All goods sold from 25 to 50 per cent on the dollar reduction.

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on all kinds of fuel—for heating and cooking in the home, for the furnace in shops or stores, for steam engines, for factory or mill, fully confident of the quality of our fuel, its cleanliness and our facilities for prompt delivery. We will appreciate a trial order.

**Ellis Coal and**

**CAN THIS REPORT BE TRUE?**

As To 'Such Living' Conditions Among Southern Cotton Mill Families.

Washington, Feb. 24.—As sordid and tragic a tale of the poverty of labor as ever told in a government publication was unfolded in the report on the standard of living among Southern cotton mill workers made public by the Bureau of Labor. Government investigators selected 21 typical Southern cotton mill families and studied their incomes and expenditures in detail for the year 1908. In almost every case these conditions were found: The father and two or three of the older children at work in the mill, yet the total annual income of the family breadwinners is often less than \$1,000 a year. The account of the company store runs steadily above the family income. At the end of the year a debt, which is met by an appeal to a loan shark. To meet the added demand of interest and principal of the debt another child is sent to work, and so on until the trapped family has sent all its children into the mill. Then the report records shocking statistics of disease and death decimating the stunted, weakened population.

"In other industries," says the report, "father may feel that he can never hope for anything more for himself, but he can at least plan and struggle for a better life for his children. Here the mill demands the children as well as the fathers.

The so-called normal family—father with wife and children, dependent upon him for support—is not found among the 21 typical families studied. Large families are the rule, the average of those studied being 8.5 members, including boarders. The average number of wage-earners was 3.8.

"Corn bread, biscuit, pork and coffee form a large part of the diet of all families. Pork means fat pork, salted, contains very little lean. Nowhere was any expenditure noted for alcoholic liquors.

"Over 91 per cent. of all operatives live in company-owned houses. It is a common occurrence to find the mother and the small children, evidently insufficiently warmed, huddled about a small fire in one of the rooms.

Measles, malarial fever, typhoid, pneumonia, skin diseases and tuberculosis are prevalent. That the people are not healthy is shown by the fact that every family studied was obliged either to employ a doctor or buy medicines. The people prescribe for their own ills and are burdened with patent medicines and cure-alls.

From their pitiful incomes the mill workers pay surprisingly large sums to burial associations, being willing to undergo the greatest sacrifices in food and clothing to save themselves the disgrace of burial in the potter's field. Almost every family could spare from its pinching necessities its mites for church or charity. One wretched poor family gave nearly ten per cent. of its income. The report shows that the prisoners in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta are better fed than the majority of cotton mill families.

**New vaudeville at The Athens Mon., Tues., Wed.—Fields and Fink, comedy sketch artists.**

**Frank Sanders Released.**

Frank Sanders of Newport, who was sentenced to a term of one year in the Federal prison at Atlanta at the April term 1911 of the Federal Court in this district for retailing whiskey without a government license, has been released after serving more than 10 months of the sentence. He was allowed several weeks for good behavior.

**Touch up the old furniture with China Lac and keep it new. Basnight Hdw Co.**

**Elks Here Next Month.**

During the convention of the Elks, which will be held in this city next month, there will be several hundred visitors in the city. The hotel facilities are not sufficient to accommodate this number, and it will be necessary for many of them to board at other places. If you can accommodate any of these delegates during their visit here, notify the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at once and have your name and the number you can accommodate placed on file.

An American tourist and his German companion were arrested as suspected spies.

**COTTON MARKET PAST WEEK**

Weather Conditions a Factor. Foreign Buying Continues.

New York, Feb. 24.—Cotton has advanced owing partly to bad weather at the South and a belief that crop preparations are some two to three weeks late over a large section of the cotton belt. The destruction of about 100,000 bales at Houston and Bombay had some effect for a time. The persistent trade demand from European and domestic mills, however, has counter-balanced to a very large extent even the danger of a colossal coal strike in Great Britain, involving some 800,000 men. For the time being about the only effect is to cut down the spot sales in Liverpool some 7,000 or 8,000 bales a day and to cause some restriction of trading in futures on this side. The dry goods market is gradually improving. Prices are firm for all classes of goods and in some cases have advanced. Exports of raw cotton reach a very high total.

It is a remarkable fact that this year European mills have in some cases bought cotton as far ahead as 1920 in the fear that something may happen to the next crop that would send prices back to the dreaded 15 cent level. In recent years big crops and small crops have alternated with a regularity that excites comment.

The fact that there have been swings in the crop in recent years of 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 makes the weather news and news about crops preparations at this time of special interest. Some Georgia reports are to the effect that the season is remarkably backward and similar reports come from other parts of the belt. It goes without saying that if the start is actually much delayed and really bad it will, as usual, be exaggerated for speculative effect. On the other hand, the visible supply of American cotton is the largest ever known and with prices at their present level it is not believed that any serious or wide-spread attempt will be made to cut down the acreage materially. The recent decline, too, of \$3 a bale, within a couple of days, has rather chilled the ardor for bullish speculation. If the great coal strike in England cannot be averted, that, too, will act as a serious damper. But cotton has some strong friends who believe it will ultimately go to 12 cents. Big spot houses have been buying. So have Waldorf-Astoria speculators, sick of the short side.

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.**

A good residence No. 7 Graves St. near the corner of Union. Easy terms will be given if wanted. Also one building lot on George St., near Pollock. C. T. HANCOCK.

**SOCIETY**

**CURRENT EVENTS CLUB MEETS.**

The Current Events Club held a most delightful meeting with Miss Nina Basnight, Friday afternoon at her home on Pollock street.

The roll call was answered as usual, by giving a current event.

Mrs. B. E. Moore read a most interesting paper "How the Maine will be Buried," and Miss Lisette Henff read "Where the College has Filled with Girls."

Miss Lina Ivey rendered several musical selections, to the delight of all, after which refreshments were served by Misses Elms Basnight Lupton and Margaret Virginia Armstrong.

The following members and invited guests were present:

Mrs. H. M. Bonner, Samoil Dill, L. H. Cutler, Jr., C. D. Bradham, W. E. Baxter, N. H. Street, John Cox, J. H. Spright, Hughes Holland, J. P. C. Davis, Herbert Lupton, H. W. Simpson, George Spright, Clyde Eby, J. W. Watson, Ernest Wood, H. B. Creven, Richard Duffy, Misses Annie Meeks, Mattie Jenkins, Anna and Lisette Henff, Lina Ivey, Myrtle Dinaway and Etta Nunn.

**ENJOYABLE MEETING.**

The Canterbury Club held a most enjoyable meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Mitchell on Metcalf St.

This was the second of the two meetings spent in the study of "The Sign of the Cross." The ladies who interpreted the characters of the play brought out by their cheerful and intelligent rendering the beauty, tragedy and pathos of the scene. The characters were taken by Southern Belle, Hattie, Dora and Willie, Misses Hamilton and Janet Hamilton.

The Club hopes to give Miss Lupton in the name of the next meeting.

**FINAL CAMPAIGN MADE YESTERDAY**

By Canvassing Committee. \$4,261.75 the Total Amount Received.

Bright and early yesterday morning the canvassing committee who worked so diligently all during the past week to secure sufficient funds to erect a new home for the Circulating Library, began their final campaign.

The crews met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for a final report, and after all amounts reported at that hour were in, the grand total of \$4,261.75 was made. There are a number yet to add their amounts to this list but the work of the crews closed yesterday.

On Friday next the subscribers and contributors will meet to elect a Board of Directors for the year under the new charter which has been applied for and which will be issued before that time.

The captains led in the following order:

Mrs. E. K. Bishop, Miss Mary L. Hendren, Miss Janet Hollister, Mrs. M. M. Marks, Mrs. O. H. Guion, Mrs. C. E. Slover. Five captains from the city schools were at work yesterday with the following result. Reported yesterday from school:

Miss Catherine Stewart (Capt.)	\$6.10
Miss Charlotte Howard	10.60
Ellen Guion	22.71
Alice Ward	12.00
Gertrude Carraway	10.50
	31.00
Total for School	\$92.91

If it's quality and satisfaction in a kitchen that you need, then Bucks Stoves and Ranges and nothing less are the cookers. Basnight Hdw Co.

**Should Enforce This One Too.**

Now that the city ordinances are being enforced so rigidly it would be an excellent idea for the following contained in section 93, chapter 4 of the city ordinances to be put into effect. The railroad officials and the public in general have been caused much inconvenience by the laxity of the enforcement of this law:

"The assembling of persons on any sidewalk in the city, or on the platforms and passways about the railroad depots and boat landings, so as to obstruct the free passage of persons and freight along the same, is forbidden, and every person violating this section shall be fined two dollars for each and every offence."

To the Citizens of New Bern.

The North Carolina Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will hold its annual convention in New Bern on March 13th, 14 and 15th, 1912. Present indications point to at least five hundred visitors here on this occasion.

It will be impossible for the hotels to accommodate this large delegation, so it will be necessary to secure accommodations for many of the visitors at the various boarding houses and homes in this city.

Those who can furnish meals and lodging of lodging alone will please call up my office, phone 423 at once and give this information so that the same can be placed on file, so that the visitors can be properly taken care of on arrival.

J. LEON WILLIAMS,  
Chairman of Committee on Accommodations.

**PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS**

Your druggist will refund money if PIAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleed, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. \$ to 14 days. 60c.

**\$100 in Gold.**

Believing that the soils of eastern North Carolina are the best corn producing lands in America and desiring to prove the truth, the land and industrial department of the Norfolk Southern railroad announces that it will pay \$100 in gold for the largest yield of corn that can be grown on one acre. This amount will be divided into three prizes, \$50 for the largest yield, \$30 for the next largest, and \$20 for the next. The contest is open to everybody, the only condition being that the crop must be grown in Norfolk Southern railway territory.

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We thank the public for their patronage and invite them to our store to inspect our New Goods that are arriving daily, and we promise to save you money.

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**J. J. BAXTER**  
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Fifty head of fine Horses and Mules now in stock. Must be sold.

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