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 High-grade garments, nicely and properly tailored, single- and double-breasted Etons and coats, silk lined, skirts out in the newest shapes. The materials used are broadcloth, pebble chevrot, Venetian, and serges, all colors and Black.
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 All the best foreign and domestic makes are here. In Straight-Front, Short, Medium and Long, and other shapes. Complete assortments in R. & G. J. B. W. B. Thompson's, Warner's, P. D., C. P., and Sapphires.

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 Nicely made of printed nainsook and fly netting, pair link cuffs to match each shirt, 95c.

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 Some Special Values,
 Nicely made and trimmed garments, generously-cut garments, no skipping.

Wrappers.
 Ladies' Lawn and Percale Wrappers, entirely new patterns, generously-made garments, no skipping, 98c., \$1.19, \$1.39, \$1.59.

New Wash Skirts,
 Nicely made of duck, P. K., and linen, new and handsome designs, \$1.25, \$1.39, \$1.48, to \$5.98.

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 We make to order in our house, Separate and Walking Skirts. Entire satisfaction and lowest prices guaranteed.

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 Strictly high-grade, tailored garments, with and without circular flounce; prices, \$5, \$5.98, to \$15.

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Warm Weather Necessities.

The warm weather is here, and no house was ever better prepared to supply your every want than we are just now. Our prices, too, we know you will pronounce fair, when other houses are drawn in comparison. Below for instances:

Wash Goods.
 Extra-Fine American-Made Dimities, Real Belfast finish, and in a bewildering assortment of entirely new and very effective patterns, 12 1/2c.
 Real Scotch Dimities, new and exclusive patterns, 25c.
 Real Scotch Gingham, the kind you want and wear, nicely, new patterns, all colors, 25c.
 Mercerized Foulardettes, real foulard, 1 pair link cuffs, exclusive patterns, 35c.
 Embroidered Cotton Capes, new and stylish, 1 pair link cuffs, and dark colors, 17c.
 Real French Organdies, new and very effective patterns and colorings, the regular 25c, special 12 1/2c.

White Goods.
 White corded, soft, light-weight, and fine, 15c.
 New pattern Fancy Corded Batiste, entirely new effects, the regular 25c, kind, 16 1/2c.
 French Batiste, 47 inches wide, 50, 60, and 70, 40, 50, and 60c.
 Linen Lawns, yard wide, all colorings, 40, 50, 60, and 75c.
 French Nainsook, light and heavy weight, 40, 50, 60, and 75c.

Good, Dependable Table and Bed Linen.

The extreme modest linen prices here were thoroughly appreciated by our patrons last week. For this week's selling another supply is here, possibly your last opportunity to get them at old prices.

Damasks.
 64-inch All Pure Linen, Full Bleached, All-Linear Damask, 50c.
 72-inch Full Bleached, Extra Heavy, All Pure Linen Damask, 75c.
 68-inch Extra Fine and Heavy Full Bleached Damask, the regular \$1 grade, 87 1/2c.; the regular \$1.25 grade, \$1.25.
 24-inch Napkins to match, \$3 dozen.
 24-inch Napkins to match, \$4 dozen.

Towels.
 18x36 Hemmed Linen Huck Towels, extra value, \$1.50 dozen.
 20x38 Extra Fine and Heavy Hemmed Linen Huck Towels, \$2 dozen.
 20x40 Hemmed All-Linear Huck Towels, the usual \$3 kind, \$2.40 dozen.
 20x40 Hemstitched All Pure Linen Huck Towels, the \$3.50 kind, \$3 dozen.

Bed Linens.

Two Special Values.
 22x36 Hemstitched All Pure Linen Pillow-Cases, \$1 pair.
 18x36 Hemstitched Sheets, the usual \$5 kind, \$3 pair.
 22-inch Full Bleached All Pure Linen Damask Napkins, \$2.40 dozen.
 24-inch All Pure Damask Napkins, \$2.40, \$4, and \$5.

Trunks, Satchels, Bags, and Dress-Suit Cases.

We need the room, and will discontinue keeping them. They are all new and fresh. Your pick of any of them at PRIME COST.

Some Startling Silk Values.

Wash Silks. Corded Japanese Wash Silks, of extra quality and weight, newest and most effective patterns and colorings, the regular 50c. grade, 35c.

Silk Grenadines.
 24 inches wide, all pure silk, colors Pink, Light Blue, Lilac, Corn, Yellow, and Lavender, the regular \$1 quality, 69c. yard.
 24-inch All Pure Silk Crepe de Chine, in all the new and stylish shades, the \$1 quality, but here for 79c.
 24-inch Printed Satin-Finished Foulards, new and exclusive patterns and colorings, 75, 98, \$1.15, \$1.25, and \$1.50.

Black Goods.
 One Special Value.
 47-inch-wide All-Wool Nun's Veiling, perfect Black, the usual \$1 grade, 75c.
 Wool Crepe De Chine.
 One Special Value.
 44 inches wide, soft, light weight, and airy, special \$1 yard.
 42-inch Silk and Wool Crepe Japan, new and exclusive patterns, \$2.50.
 44-inch All-Wool Foulards, new and stylish, \$1.
 Better grades at \$1.75.
 54-inch All-Wool Cheviot, for unlined skirts, 75c.
 56-inch All-Wool Cheviot, for unlined skirts, \$1.50.
 Better grades, \$2.25, \$2.50, and \$3.

VIEWS ON TOPICS OF INTEREST BY READERS OF THE TIMES

The Black Man in the South—The Confederate Dead.

The Banks and the Farmer.
 Other Subjects.

The Times takes pleasure in opening its columns to the discussion of subjects of interest to the public, and while the editor of the Times neither undertakes to endorse nor to refute the correctness of the views expressed, the paper cheerfully publishes communications from its friends and readers, especially when these communications are submitted under the signatures of the writers.

Owing to the facts that the space of the paper is limited, the news is steadily increasing in volume, and the number of communications is sometimes quite large, the Times will be obliged hereafter to limit the length of communications addressed to the editor and intended for publication to 800 words.

Communications longer than that will stand much less chance of being published, and will not be accepted unless under peculiar circumstances. If written in 500 words, so much the better.

The Black Man in the South.
 Editor of the Times:
 Sir,—The frank opinions recently set forth by ex-Governor O'Ferrall in the Times and the equally lucid letter of Senator John W. Daniel on the negro situation, are well calculated to set thoughtful men to thinking. The Times editorial of March 12th, under the caption of "The Negro Vote in the South," very pertinently argues in the following manner with the New York Sun:

"If the Sun means to say that the purpose of negro disfranchisement is to keep the government of the Southern States in the hands of the whites, it is right; if it means to say that the purpose is to keep one party in control, to the exclusion of all other parties, it is wrong."
 "The negroes constitute the great mass of the Republican party in the South and are its main strength. So long as that condition exists the whites will be almost solidly opposed to the Republican party, and the man who would be a Republican must bear the odium of belonging to the negro party."

Quite right, Mr. Editor, and we agree with you. This is a white man's country and must be ruled along the track of destiny by white people.
 The Wilmington episode of 1898 is still fresh in memory. It was provoked by negro insolence, which, under political protection and patronage accorded the negro, had waxed most intolerable. A long-suffering and outraged community in righteous indignation rose up, and by the resort of blood, purchased deliverance.
 These are not mere creations of fancy, but living realities.

There is a voice to whom at the evening hour and to wake the echoes down among the pines.
 Plantation life, with all its old-time charms, is not wholly a thing of the past. The dusky possum hunter still sallies forth from his cabin in the clearings and glades and many a tangled thicket. The banjo's plaintive note is still heard in the land. The backdoor and kitchen still have pensioners, and forever will while the races dwell together.

The Banks and the Farmer.
 Editor of the Times:
 Sir,—In your issue of the 5th inst. you publish a letter from Mr. B. F. Johnson, and to which you very properly call the attention of your readers. The advice given by Mr. Johnson is good, but are the banks giving fair inducement to the people to lead them to lodge their spare cash with the banks? I am obliged to keep some small amount of currency to meet petty payments of wages and other small outlays, but on any, even the largest amount I may have in bank at my credit, I never get even a red cent of interest. If I have the money in good payment of any debt, I fancy that 6 per cent. is the least charge made. No doubt we draw checks, but in some cases at least the party to whom the check is paid has to pay for cashing it, and say three per cent. on deposit receipts, surely loans at 6 per cent. should meet all reasonable expenses and allow a fair dividend to the shareholders. No doubt the interest would lead to many stockings being emptied, by their owners, and their contents put into pools, from which men with the skill and brains to run business, but lacking the capital could be supplied with what they need, and so all the community be benefited. Mr. Johnson refers to the invested savings of the many, being loaned to the mercantile, manufacturing, and industrial institutions of the country. Why not to the farming interest also, with as much facility as possible? I can fancy a farmer having corn and roughness enough to winter thirty cattle, but he cannot feed them.

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 SPECIAL RATES SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY.

United Confederate Veterans' Reunion, Memphis, Tenn., May 28th to 30th. One Cent Per Mile Rate Via the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

On account of the above occasion the Seaboard Air Line Railway will sell round-trip tickets from all stations on its lines to Memphis, Tenn., and return at a rate of one cent per mile traveled.

Tickets will be placed on sale May 25th, 26th and 27th, 1901, and will be good returning until June 4th. These tickets may be extended until June 30, 1901, upon payment of fifty cents and depositing the ticket with the Joint Agent at Memphis.

Rate for the round trip from Richmond and Petersburg to Memphis, Tenn., and return, \$1.75.

For further information call on or write to any agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway or direct to:
 Z. P. SMITH,
 District Passenger Agent,
 Richmond, Va.

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The Steamers of the Old Bay Line, the Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, are all of the most improved construction, having the latest devices for safety, comfort, with electric lights and bells in every room. They are built of iron, under the rules of United States Standard Shipbuilders' Association, with triple expansion engines, the hulls being divided into numerous sections with air-tight bulkheads and are a speed of eight knots an hour and are all rated A. No. 1. They have from 80 to 100 staterooms. This is a daily line, except Sunday. Leaving Richmond 8:30 P. M., via C. & O. Railroad; Old Point, 7:15 P. M., arriving Baltimore 6:30 next morning; returning leave Baltimore 6:30 P. M., arriving Old Point 6 o'clock next morning; Richmond, 11:35 A. M. Fare only \$3.50.

AMERICA HAS MANY NATURAL ADVANTAGES.

But the tariff, really for protection, not for revenue, nullifies many of them, so far as the farmer is concerned.
 Want of capital is as a millstone on the neck of the farmer, her credit is so low that she has little to help them. Of course, when 10 to 20 per cent. can be divided in interest on mining and manufacturing plants, the money will gravitate to that industry, and surely the farmer is seeking safe investments, banks might arrange to lend on land at 5 per cent. without any great risk. The land cannot be stolen or carried away, and reasonable care in farming should prevent the negro from becoming as worthless as a vast amount of the original stock of many railroads is at present.
 The Scotch system of cash credits by banks to farmers is being advocated here, and then worked well in Scotland and might do wonders here. From the cattle papers I learn that a vast number of the cattle feed in western States are bought and fed with borrowed money. Are Virginia so shiftless and dishonest that such a practice could not be followed here?
 CLODHOPPER.
 Avon, Va., May 10th.

A Reply to Mr. Bryan.

Editor of the Times:
 Sir,—In your issue of May 15th you quote Colonel W. J. Bryan's article in regard to our proposed disfranchisement of the negro, and the demand on the part of very many Virginians that the school fund be used for the education of the white and colored children in proportion to the tax paid by them. The Colonel thinks that it is very unfair to have an educational qualification for the voter, thereby practically disfranchising the negro, and then to have no law to assist in educating him so that he may eventually become a voter, and you, Mr. Editor, indorse what he says about it. Now, in the name of common sense, will you please explain why we are advocating a law to disfranchise the negro, if it is not to eliminate him from politics altogether? Will he be any more acceptable as a voter and as an office-holder after he has gained a little smattering more of education than the white man has now, or any one to think so. All know that the negro, educated or uneducated, is venal, and that the most money gets his vote when it is necessary for the politician to buy a vote. Every one knows, as you admitted in your article to-day, that educating the negro practically unfits him for the position which is naturally his—and that is to serve the superior white man. Every one knows, too, that the negro is dishonest and criminally vicious. When I say it makes them so, I believe that I am stating the exact truth. The majority of the negro criminals are those who have received some education. It will not do to say that they apply equally to the whites, for the whites are largely in the majority as to population, but in the criminal records the negro is in the majority. I, for one, hope that the negro will be practically disfranchised at once and forever, and that they receive educational privileges only in proportion to the taxes they pay. This will not prevent their establishing private schools and paying teachers to instruct their children if they so desire it, but it would never be done; they are willing to get what education they can as long as the whites pay for it.

WILLIAM ROYALL.
 Richmond, Va., May 19.

The First Street boys defeated the Third Street boys in a game of ball Friday afternoon.

UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS' REUNION,
 Memphis, Tenn., May 28-30; Only Western Railway.

Tickets will be sold May 25th, 26th and 27th, good for return passage until June 4th. By depositing ticket with joint agent at Memphis, and payment of fee of fifty cents, final limit will be extended to June 30th, 1901.

District Passenger Agent.
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C. & O. AND O. D. S. TO NEW YORK.
 The Old Dominion ship will stop on their out-going trips (daily except Sunday) at Old Point, giving connection with the Chesapeake and Potomac Rivers Railroad at 3:40 P. M. The Old Dominion ships leave Old Point at 5 P. M., giving time to take supper at Old Point.

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 a truss fitted exactly and of the best make come to see us. We keep crutches, all kinds of braces, all kinds of rubber goods, air cushions and pillows, also a full stock of hair brushes, tooth brushes, handkerchief extracts, etc., etc. All kinds of patent medicine. Owens & Minor Drug Co., opposite Post-Office.

WHIT MONDAY EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON.
 Monday, May 27th, via R. F. and P. R. R., will leave Broad and Hancock Streets at 9 o'clock A. M.
 Two days in Washington and only \$2.50 round-trip.
 THOMPSON & MICHE.

RUSSIAN LOAN PROVES POPULAR WITH FRENCH

The Subscription List Will Be Opened in Paris Saturday Next.

FRANCE'S AMBITIOUS DREAMS.

Still Hopes to Wrest Alsace and Lorraine—France's Population Retrograding—German Influence Causes Speculation.

(Special Cablegram from The Times.)
 PARIS, May 18.—The subscription list of the Russian loan will be opened next Saturday. The issue price to be 492 francs 50 centimes per bond of 500 francs, and there is every indication that the loan will be popular with the public, not merely because of the friendly relations which exist between France and Russia, but because it is considered a good and safe investment. France is really one of the richest countries in Europe, and as has been repeatedly proved in the past, her people can meet a great financial demand more easily and quickly than any other continental power. It is fortunate that this is so at the present juncture, for the new budget calling for the enormous sum of \$70,000,000 would stagger a less thrifty nation. It is true that much of this is a legacy from the wasteful Napoleonic regime which culminated in the Franco-German War. The dream of wresting Alsace-Lorraine back from Germany as an offset to the expense of that war is fading away. And the people are facing other problems more urgent.

But the anti-German feeling is not dead. It is ready to find expression in other ways. Within this week has been given to that feeling in an article in which it points out the growth of German influence throughout the world. The growth of German shipping and commerce are looked upon as a menace to French interests in the new world, and the French are told that they are face to face with a commercial war with Germany that will threaten the integrity of the nation. Even the growth of industrial art, in which France has hitherto been supreme, it is pointed out that Germany is becoming a rival.

GERMANY AND FRANCE.
 In wealth, thrift and enterprise France might easily hold her own against Germany or any other nation, but the low birth-rate of the country is admitted to be a serious handicap. It is believed that the coming census will show the population to be almost stationary, if not actually retrograding, while the population of all the other great Powers shows a substantial increase. Unless some method of stimulating the birth-rate can be discovered the fate of the nation is not bright.

Germany, it is pointed out, is unable to carry out its ambitious dreams of colonization. Last Tuesday M. Genet and Joalland spoke to a great and enthusiastic audience at the theatre of the Sorbonne about their operations in French Africa and especially in the rich Tchad province.

They declared that the way is open for France to establish a great colonial empire in this region, and as they were speaking of cable dispatches were received saying that the district has been completely pacified by heretic and intrepid Captain Robillot, whose star now outshines that of Colonel Marchand. But this great region will probably remain a colony without colonists. For there are none to send.

GOVERNMENT'S STRENGTH.
 The reopening of the French Chamber this week showed the Government to be even stronger than expected, and it is now believed that it will continue in force until the general election in 1902. The threatened reaction in favor of the clericals has not materialized, and in fact many Catholics are supporting the Government, while the Pope apparently hesitates to take any steps antagonizing it.

The return of the fugitive Royalist Count de Fauria and his demand to be tried on the charge of treason, has created some anxiety, but no serious results are feared.

The troubles in Algeria are still reported, but it is believed that the Government will be able to bring them to a speedy end. Relations with Venezuela continue to be strained, that country having been reported as having refused to resume diplomatic relations, while the German influence continues to be strong with the Government. The report that Nicaragua holds that the United States is committed to the Panama Canal, pleases those who are opposing the sale of the Panama Canal, and they hope that that route will remain under the flag of France.

M. Gaston Deschamps, now in the United States, has written to friends saying that he found the French spoken in New Orleans even purer than that of Paris, a statement which has very much disturbed those who think that Paris is the hall-mark of perfection in language as well as art.

THE CONFEDERATE CONCERT.

Successful Rehearsal at Which Children Sing Old Songs.

The rehearsal yesterday morning of the children for the grand Confederate concert to be held at the Auditorium June 24 was very successful, and the old songs sounded most inspiring as the six hundred children made the rafters of the armory ring to the Old Kentucky Home, My Maryland, and many more.

Each of the schools taking part in the concert is represented by a little girl, who bears the flag of a State of the Confederacy. The part these children take in the singing of the Bonnie Blue Flag is most attractive. All the States are not as yet represented, as there has been some difficulty in deciding among the candidates, but as far as heard from they are as follows:

Bessie Lufsey, representing Bellevue School, South Carolina; Florence Anderson, representing Marshall School, Alabama; Lizzie Hare, representing Springfield School, Mississippi; Gay Turner, representing Leigh Street School, Georgia; Gracie Briggs, representing Madison School, Florida; Grace Cousins, representing Randolph Street School, Texas; Corinne Seizer, representing West End School, Louisiana; Grace James, representing Elba School, Arkansas.

Central School will have the honor of representing North Carolina, and the High School, Atlanta, Virginia.
 The next rehearsal will be held at the Armory next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

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The kind that are made right. They give the children comfort and the parents satisfaction. We can't get SHOES that never wear out, but they will please any reasonable parent. NEW STYLES. NEW LASTS.

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