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Cold Weather Necessities.

The daily store news tries to keep you posted as to the seasonable things, no matter what the calendar says. Sometimes the changes in temperature are too quick for us—but Winter and Spring furnishings are both here in profusion.

Good Coats and Furs at About Half Price.

We haven't gone into the business of foretelling the weather even if our prophesy of a few days ago has come true. We simply based our assertion of more cold weather on the February and March records of recent years. Don't you want a coat or fur at about half price? Children's Furs that sold from \$1.00 to \$5.00, now marked 50c. to \$2.49. Women's Fur Coats that sold from \$4.00 to \$20.00, now \$2.00 to \$10.00. Children's Coats that sold from \$2.00 to \$15.00, now \$1.00 to \$7.50. Women's Coats that sold from \$5.00 to \$17.50, now \$2.50 to \$10.00.

Blankets and Comforts Under Price.

In the other column we told you how to keep comfortable out doors this wintry weather—and to do it Very Economically. This part of the story deals with comfort in doors. Heavy Home-Made White Wool Blankets, 11-1/2 size, with Blue, Pink or Red borders. Reduced from \$4.50 to \$3.50, and a few left. All-Wool Scarlet Blankets, 11-1/2 size, Silk-Bound. Reduced from \$5.00 to \$4.00 pair. Fine Swiss California Wool Blankets, 11-1/2 size. Reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.49. Pure White Cotton-Filled Comforts, covered with Silkoline. Reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.25. Pure Wool-Filled Comforts, 72x78 inches, covered with fine figured Silkoline. Reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.50.

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KING OPENS PARLIAMENT

Quaint Ceremony of Ancient Times Was Followed.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

King Edward Referred to the Ratification of Alaskan Boundary Dispute and the Troubles in the Balkan Peninsula—Irish Land.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, February 17.—King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra and surrounded by the court and all the officers of state, opened Parliament this afternoon. Early in the morning the vaults of the houses were searched as usual for imaginary conspirators by the yeomen of the guard, carrying ancient lanterns and useless halberds. The King and Queen reached the Victoria Tower through the Mall. All the great officers of the State, in varied uniforms, were assembled at the royal entrance of the House of Peers to receive the King. The procession formed and marched to the robing room, their Majesties being immediately preceded by the sword of State, carried by the Marquis of Londonderry. After the robing the procession reformed, and, with a blast of trumpets, advanced to the peer's chamber, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, preceding their Majesties with the imperial scepter which he carried on a cushion. The King then seated himself on the throne.

FIVE FATALITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 17.—Fuller reports to the State of Monday afternoon's storm show that considerable damage was done to property throughout Western South Carolina and that fatalities numbered at least five. The chief destruction was at Hones Path, in Anderson county, where Earl McGee and Bertie Auslin were killed outright and A. C. Stone and Edgar Donald were severely injured. The four youths were returning from school, and with two others they took refuge in a brick store which toppled when the cyclone struck it. Donald had both legs and arms broken, while Stone had a leg broken and an arm crushed. Besides the store, other buildings in the town were unroofed. In Aiken county two children were killed by a falling tree and one by a falling chimney. In Laurens county a negro's cabin fell and a child was frightfully crushed.

AN EX-SHERIFF IS TO BE A BENEDICT

Mr. Crowder and Mrs. Hyde to Marry—Had Never Met Until Last Night.

His Majesty Cupid will be king at the Hotel Lexington at 11 o'clock this morning, when in the parlor of that popular hostelry the Rev. Dr. John Hannan, of this city, will unite in the bonds of marriage ex-Sheriff P. D. Crowder, of Amelia, and Mrs. F. D. Hyde, of New York city. The affair will be attended by many unique features, and behind it is a story full of human interest. Congressman-elect Robert G. Southall, a long time friend and countryman of the groom-elect, will act as best man, and there will be no other attendants, it having been arranged that the affair shall be a very quiet one. Mr. Crowder is a bachelor of sixty-five years, while the bride-elect is a widow of about fifty, and they had never laid eyes upon one another until they met by appointment in the parlor of the Lexington last night. Mr. Crowder, who is a popular and successful lawyer, came to the city yesterday to meet his future bride, with whom he had been in correspondence for some time, and she arrived on a later train from her New York home. When the popular ex-sheriff of the Old Dominion of Amelia came in, his first question was if his sweetheart had arrived. The clerk replied in the negative, but later on he returned to the hotel to find that she had just come in on a belated train with a friend.

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MOTHER GOOSE PUZZLE.

Charley, Charley, stole the barley
Out of the baker's shop,
The baker came out and gave him a clout,
And made poor Charley hop.
Do you see Charley's father?

MR. ABBOTT'S VIEWS.

Mr. Abbott was firmly convinced that the men could be of no additional police service, but that the \$1,200 necessary to maintain them could be of vast service to the Street Committee.

Issue Gold Bonds.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, February 17.—It was reported in Wall Street today that the board of directors of the Atchafalaya, Topoka and Santa Fe Railroad had authorized the issue of \$5,000,000 of Eastern Oklahoma division first mortgage four per cent. twenty-year gold bonds. The issue is at the rate of \$20,000 per mile of the Eastern Oklahoma Railroad Company.

Social and Personal

The "Silver Tea," to be given Thursday, February 18th, from 5 to 8 P. M. in the home of Mrs. Taylor Ellyson, of No. 10 East Franklin Street, for the benefit of the Virginia table at the Confederate Bazaar, is looked forward to as being one of the most interesting events of the week. The hours for callers have been extended so as to permit heads of families to come with their wives, and unmarried gentlemen to escort the ladies with their escorts. A delightful musical program has been arranged by Miss Frances Diggs and Mrs. Evan H. Chesterman, who will have Miss Mary Shelton as their accompanist.

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TO REOPEN QUARRY.

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The Auxiliary Lecture Course will hold weekly meetings at 4 P. M. each Thursday in the Jefferson Club. Next Thursday, February 19th, Miss Maria Blair will lecture on "Vienna." Beginning with February 26th, Miss Eugenia Ainsworth will give a series of talks on Sidney Lanier, Eugene Field and Robert Browning. The Rev. Robert P. Kerr will have for his subject on March 5th, "Ireland." This course, which holds such promise of pleasure and profit, has been arranged by Mrs. E. N. Calisch. A social hour, with light refreshments, will follow the lectures, the hostesses of next Thursday afternoon being Mrs. L. Z. Morris, Mrs. Leon Detelbach, Mrs. Philip Whitlock and Mrs. Arthur Straus.

Young ladies serving are each to represent a book, though in attendance including Misses Mary and Marie Curtis, Miss Annie Miller, Miss Vida Chalkley, Miss Bessie French, Miss Edna Barbour, Miss Annie Powers, Miss Rosa Mayer, Miss Julia Dehoban, Miss Frances McKnight, Miss Alice Goodwin, Miss Lillie Alice, Miss Juliet Woody, Miss Grace Schermerhorn, Miss Waddy and others.

Miss Ainsworth's class in literature will meet at the studio, No. 111 East Cary Street, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Browning's delightful drama, "Colomb's Birthday," will be the subject for the afternoon's consideration.

At the tea to be given by the Hebrew Memorial Association in Lee Camp Hall to-day from 5 to 10 P. M., the musical program selected for the afternoon will be under the efficient directorship of Mr. Sullivan, and among those taking part will be Miss Mamie McSweeney, Miss Lucy Morton, Miss Eileen Heaton, Miss Rhonie Hutzler, Mr. J. Audley Morton, Mr. Norman Call, Mr. Hugh Hall and Misses Mary and Marie Curtis. The hall will be brilliant with the red and white Confederate colors. The receiving party will be Miss Isoline Moses, Mrs. Sam Cohen, Mrs. Issac Thalhimer, Mrs. Sycle, Mrs. L. Z. Morris, Mrs. E. A. Ezekiel and Mrs. R. C. Levy. The ladies all hope to see their friends, who will be made heartily welcome. The admission fee of 25 cents will cover the cost of refreshments served.

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A meeting of all persons interested in the Solid South table at the Confederate Bazaar will take place at 11 A. M. to-day at No. 58 East Franklin Street. Young ladies are requested to bring with them lists of assistants for different days of the bazaar.

The Confederate Bazaar Association will meet Thursday at noon in Lee Camp Hall.

The Washington Birthday tea party to be given for the benefit of the Tennessee table next Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, in Lee Camp Hall, promises much pleasure to the little people for whose entertainment it is to take place. The cherry cake, the hatched and the child who falls to go will miss an opportunity for a delightful time.

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The children's entertainment to be given by the Maryland Table Committee will take place Friday next from 4 to 6 o'clock P. M. in Lee Camp Hall. Games, fortune tellers, a grab bar and a candy table will offer many inducements to the little people, who will be welcomed by Mrs. Walker and her assistants and initiated in many new and amusing methods of diversion.

Miss Lily Urquhart and Miss Evelyn Gordon are spending some time delightfully in New York.

Miss Gladys, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harley, who has been ill, is now well and improving.

Mrs. Charles L. Peck of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her parents at No. 78 West Grace Street.

CREW WAS IN DANGER

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Three alarms were sounded to-night for a fire aboard the steamship Rio Grande, of the Mallory line, docked in Burling Slip. The fire started in the forward cabin of the ship, which had on board about 100 tons of general merchandise, and was to leave to-night for Galveston. Captain E. D. Johnson and eight of the crew, who were asleep on board, gained the deck and found that they were surrounded with flames. The only means of escape being to slide down a bow hawser to the pier. The fire was confined to the cabin, however, and the damage was not large.