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Our Store is Right, Goods are Right, and Prices are Right. Come to See Us and We'll do the Rest

## For Men and Boys

Our stock of clothing and general furnishings, dress and work shirts, underwear, hats, hose, suspenders, neckties, handkerchiefs, and many other miscellaneous articles, will be found complete

## Staple and Fancy Groceries

Flour, meal, coffee, lard, rice, sugar, fruits, nuts, candies and shelf goods in endless variety. Baby perambulators, valises, guns, ammunition, pipes, tobaccos, cigars, etc.

## For Ladies and Girls

We have a fine line to select from, such as broadcloth, worsted and woolen dress goods, chambray, percales, waistings, hosiery, laces, ribbons, embroidery, insertion, and notions of many kinds.

## Household and Kitchen Supplies

Towels, toilet articles, soaps and perfumery, bed room sets, bed covers, blankets, queensware, china-ware, glassware, hardware, cutlery and all the usual articles of household convenience.



When you give Christmas presents you want to give something good. Then you must come to a good store to get it.

Our store is chock full of beautiful and sensible Christmas gifts. Make a list of your friends. It will be easy to find in our store the things you want to buy for them. Remember, too, that we are the ones who give you lots for little money.

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Do Your Shopping Before the Rush of Christmas Week

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Colfax, Louisiana

Chas. T. Tooraen, Jr., a Louisiana Boy, Captured by the Germans.

Mr. M. E. Tooraen, proprietor of the Dixie Pharmacy, hands us a news clipping from the Times-Picayune of Dec. 6, giving an interesting account of his brother, who was on a vessel captured by a German cruiser. A short resume of the story is as follows:

Chas. T. Tooraen, Jr., a graduate of the L. S. U., was a passenger on the British steamship Vandyck, captured off the coast of Brazil on Oct. 26 by the German cruiser Karlsruhe, and was held a prisoner for several days. Young Tooraen is a chemist, and had been in Brazil "taking" a sugar crop for a New York firm.

Mr. Tooraen, who recently arrived in New Orleans, says that not a passenger was searched. The German officers took charge of the ship's cabin, and compelled the officers and crew to sign an agreement that they would not take up arms against Germany during this war, and soon the ship was steaming along in the wake of the war vessel, under orders. It was not long before they came up with a fleet of five ships the Karlsruhe had captured the week before.

To make a long and interesting story short, the passengers were finally allowed to land at Para, Brazil, from whence young Tooraen made his way home. He says the German officers all spoke English, and treated everybody very nicely. Their ship was a fast sailer of 28 knots an hour, and in talking with the officers and crew all said they would sink their ship and go down with her rather than surrender to the English.

### Checks Croup Instantly.

You know croup is dangerous. And you ought to know too, the sense of security that comes from having Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. It cuts the thick mucus and clears away the phlegm, stops the strangling cough and gives easy breathing and quiet sleep. Every user is a friend. J. W. Duncan Co.—Adv.

Sunday School Convention and Rally. Editor Colfax Chronicle:

We held our first Ward Sunday School Convention and Rally at Lincecum, Dec. 5, 1914. This meeting was to have been held on the preceding Saturday, but on account of rain it was postponed. Nevertheless the citizens of Lincecum did not seem to be discouraged in the least, but rallied together and prepared for the second dinner, which I am certain was greatly appreciated by the visiting people.

We shall always remember the hospitality shown by the Lincecum citizens on that day. Religious services were conducted by Mrs. J. E. Nugent, ward president. Two schools were present. The meeting was filled with elevating discussions, some of which were: "The Benefits of Sunday Schools," by Miss Lula Bailey; "How the child should be graded in Sunday schools," by Miss Mary Dupuy; "Relationship of church to Sunday school," by G. F. Owens.

In addition to the above program there were several recitations and quartets, and reports from all the schools.

I feel that this day was enjoyed by everybody, and they were filled with new inspiration for Sunday school work.

I am, yours for better Sunday schools. MRS. J. E. NUGENT, Ward President.

### Injured by Experiment.

Verda, La.,—Dec. 8.—Bertha Hutchinson was badly burned Wednesday while performing an experiment with sulphuric acid. Her face and hands were badly burned, but it is thought that it will not injure her eyes very badly. Medical assistance was secured immediately, which helped to relieve the intense pain. She is resting well at this writing.

5 or 6 doses 696 will break any case of fever or chills. Price 25 cents.

Pay your poll tax or you cannot vote.

Co-operate—Don't Just Talk About Co-operation.

All around you, all the time, Mr. Farmer, there are opportunities for the sort of co-operation that will pay directly in cash—dollars and cents. Some opportunities that exist in nearly every neighborhood and are waiting for nearly every farmer in the South are as follows:

1—Almost every month and every week you buy some kind of farm supplies it would pay you to buy in cooperation with your neighbors.

2—You ought right now to be selling or storing cotton, tobacco, peanuts or apples in cooperation with your neighbors.

3—Having before us not only the golden opportunity but the imperative necessity for raising more livestock in the South, you should right now join with your neighbor to get royal-blooded breeding sires and to join in marketing animals or meats.

4—Cooperate in the purchase and use of improved implements and machinery, and figure out the money making opportunities you are missing here.

5—For marketing poultry, butter, eggs, fruit, vegetables, etc., every farmer should be a member of some cooperative produce exchange.

6—Every farmer should have his house and stock insured in some mutual insurance company.

7—In every neighborhood there should be a farmers' credit society for pooling farmers' savings and lending to one another in a safe manner.

8—Whenever a new cotton gin, saw mill, grain mill, creamery, tobacco prizery, threshing machine, or cottonseed oil mill is needed in a neighborhood, it should be owned by the farmers and run on the cooperative, patronage dividend plan, so that profits will go back to the farmers.—The Progressive Farmer.

### One View of Ibsen.

Ibsen appears in a new light in one of the letters of Madame de Hegemann-Lindencrone that appeared recently in Harper's Magazine. She first met him at a supper given by the king of Sweden, and, as appears, was not favorably impressed by the famous dramatist.

"The celebrated Ibsen honored this feast with his presence," she says, "and especially honored the Chianti and Ganzano wines, which were served copiously. When you see Ibsen, with his lion face and tangled hair, for the first time, you are fascinated by him, knowing what a genius he is; but when you talk with him, and feel his critical, piercing eyes looking at you from under his bushy brows, and see his cruel, satirical smile, you are a little prejudiced against him. When we met him often at our friend Ross' studio at afternoon teas, where there is always a little music, Ibsen sat sullen, silent and indifferent. He does not like music, and does not disguise his dislike. This is not, as you may imagine, inspiring to the performers. In fact, just to look at him takes all the life out of you. He is a veritable wet blanket."

### Barbed Wire in War.

Of all modern inventions that help the soldier barbed wire may be said to be one of the most useful, and no army will ever again take the field without wagonloads of it. No position will ever be entrenched unless the foreground bristles with barbed-wire entanglements, and even outposts in camp, when on the line of march, will never let the sun set without first surrounding the post with a few strands of wire. The wire is almost invisible in daylight, and at night it is impossible to know where to expect it. A few old tin cans hung on the wire answer the purpose of an alarm, warning the defenders of the presence of an enemy; and once a soldier has the misfortune to step, even with one foot, in a barbed wire entanglement, his fate is certain.—From Wonder Book of Soldiers.

### New Discovery About Metals.

We have known that some materials are better conductors of electricity than others, and now Professor Kamerlingh-Onnes of Leyden has discovered that at certain very low temperatures many metals which are conductors of electricity lose every trace of resistance to the current and become what he calls "superconductors." The finest wires of tin and lead do not become heated under the highest currents. It is strange that when the critical temperature is lowered even slightly the superconductivity ceases and the metal behaves as at other low temperatures.

### Switzerland's Gift to Humanity.

It is reported from Geneva that two Swiss physicians have discovered a drug whose efficiency as a coagulator of blood is greater than that of any other known substance. According to the cable account it will almost immediately stop the bleeding of a wound. The discoverers have sent quantities of this drug to the surgical headquarters of the German and French armies, and have also imparted the secret of its composition and detailed the method of its manufacture.

It is, in fact, a gift to the world for which no price is asked, and for which no reward is expected except the satisfaction

of saving human life. In doing this Switzerland has added greatly to her reputation as Europe's finest example. The little country has governed herself best of any nation in the Old World. She has kept the peace and yet maintained her honor by guarding against the use of her territory as a battle ground. Now, though she has suffered terribly by the war at her borders, she declines to make a profit by a crying need of war, the saving of the wounded.

All honor to Switzerland and the unselfishness and humanity of her noble people.—New Orleans States.

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