

The Coble & Claggett Co.

Eager Buyers are crowding every department in our busy store, hungry for the Choice Selections of the season's novelties, and before buying your spring outfit we will take pleasure in having our friends and customers see the many bargains in every line, and be convinced of our uniform Low Prices.

Clothing Department

Youths and Children's Clothing of the proper style, fabrics and fit are here in abundance. Our young men's suits of fashionable fabrics and cut in as modish a style as the young fellows like and should have—are very reasonable in price.

Choice patterns at \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00



Children's Clothes tailoring has kept even pace with that of men's and it all rests with the dealer whether the boy and his mother get that measure of satisfaction which they expect.

Our prices range from \$1.25, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 and up.

Cut Prices in Pattern Hats.

Call in to see us. We will do our best to satisfy you and your pocket-book. Trimmed hats from 90 cents up. Shirt Waist and Tailor-made Hats—the only large and complete line in the city. Prices, \$2.00, \$2.50, and \$3.00 up.

DRESS NET—Largest stock in the city. It takes an expert to select good wearing net. We know our business and will save you money.

Men's Needfuls



Under this head we place such things as Clothing, Shoes, Hats, and Furnishings—everything that men and boys wear.

Our aim is to have this the outfitting store of the town. No difference what you want, we think we can suit you. The initial display of spring styles in this department is now in our store, and it's a pleasure for us to have you call. Our styles and the prices will be the magnet. You don't

have to buy unless we can save you money.

Compulsion is not what we use to sell Clothing. Our prices and quality of goods are sufficient inducements.

Our line this season is larger than ever and the new spring styles are beauties. We have suits of the best manufacturers in America and you can depend on the correctness of the styles. They are O. K. We can't name prices and describe the goods on paper. Call in and let us show you some new and desirable

Features of Fit, Trimming, Style and Finish.

Our Men's Suits at \$10, \$12, \$15, and \$18, are the talk of the community.

Carpets, Rugs, Drapery and Mattings. Are you interested? We don't stand back on prices. We will do you right, and we have all the grades at less prices than any house in the state.



Attractive Spring Fabrics

Black Taffeta Silks, special purchase for this sale, \$1.00 quality at .75c
Foulard Silks, extra good quality, sold by other houses at \$1.00, our cut price .81c
Mercerized Pongee and Foulardettes—special sale price at .25c
Shirt-waist Madras—nothing washes or wears so well. New lot received this week—all the choice patterns, at .15c
Percales, the newest designs and beautiful patterns, at .10 and 12 1/2c

Millinery Department

We are proud of the superb showing of Trimmed Hats this spring. We believe that every single one of our hats is an artistic creation. We know that there are no more beautiful and stylish hats in the State. Dainty Chiffon affairs, rich foliage effects; beautiful hats in quiet colors and black, as well as the brighter colors, and all the newest Scottish patterns. Ladies of rare good taste say no department in the city can compare with ours. We have no ambition to show hundreds of hats alike, but we show a great many different individual variances of the styles in vogue.

Shoe Department.

All the leading lines in Men's Women's and Children's are represented—All the new lasts, colors, styles, sizes and widths.



The COBLE & CLAGETT COMPANY,

Telephone and Mail orders have our prompt attention. Goods not satisfactory can be returned. UNION CITY, TENNESSEE.

CURRENT EVENTS.

South Africa comes high. England is preparing to negotiate a new loan of \$250,000,000, although the price of consols is below par.

There are Republican editors who do not seem to know the difference between enterprising men after an advertisement for their towns and admirers of the McKinley administration.

The United Irish League is a new organization that is to be pushed in this country. It admits women as well as men to membership, and its sole object is the furtherance of the Irish cause in Great Britain.

Carrie Nation can still get arrested, but not as frequently as a few days ago. Poor thing! the time is rapidly approaching when no one will take any notice of her antics. Then she will expire from sheer mortification.

About 400 publishers have been asked to say whether a rule of the Post Office Department depriving publications that give premiums for subscribers of second-class mail privileges would be injurious to legitimate newspapers and periodicals. It is a difficult question to answer by a single word. The country is full of fake publications that depend solely upon offering premiums to get subscribers. They ought to be deprived of the second-class privilege; but how about the publications of the highest standing, of which there are a number that give premiums?

Whether that reverend gentleman, S. D. McConnell, D. D., D. C. L., who has written a book denying the existence of the human soul and the doctrine of immortality, is looking for trouble or not he will be cocksure of finding it.

President Ingalls, of the Big Four Railroad, will get himself blacklisted by the trust magnates if he isn't careful. He favors a franchise tax, which he declares to

be "one of the fairest ways of raising revenues," and an income tax, and has had the nerve to say that the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court against the latter was "one of the most unfortunate occurrences of the age."

At least the British will have to catch Gen. DeWet before they can commit him to an insane asylum.

There seems to be a hitch in Aguirre's proclamation of peace, which the administration announced was to be issued at once. Perhaps Aggy has raised his price.

The administration has resumed the pastime of humiliating Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who has the rank and draws the pay of commander of the U. S. army without being allowed to exercise the authority.

It will hereafter cost \$500 to gamble in Arkansas, one-half to go to the informer and the other half to the public school funds.

The announcement that Tom L. Johnson will not be a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination this year leaves a bunch of guesses up in the air.

Some dreams are hard to give up. Mr. McKinley still believes in the possibility of a white Republican party in the South in the near future.

To anxious inquiries: No; the "Dupes" advertised as a new book does not relate to the Porto Ricans.

Chinese puzzles have long enjoyed a reputation as the most intricate in the world, and the indomitable puzzle, upon which the representatives of the powers are working seems the most intricate of them all.

Men of decency will not condemn the Louisville mob which publicly whipped a man for insulting a young lady. A similar dose should be administered to every "masher" guilty of the same offense.

THREE IMPORTANT MEASURES.

Last Days of the Legislature. The Town Charter Bill.

The only matter bordering on the nature of unpleasantness was the concurrence of the Senate in the House amendment to the town charter bill. This was Mr. Seay's measure which allowed towns to surrender their charters upon the majority vote of the people. The Senate amended the original bill so as to require a two-thirds vote. The House struck out this amendment and passed it back to the Senate on the majority vote basis. Just as soon as the Senate assembled after the dinner recess the question came up with other bills to concur in the House amendments. The motion to concur was carried, but when Mr. Bean reached the Senate chamber he brought up the subject again and attempted to have the record expunged showing that the amendment had been concurred in. He was supported in his fight against Mr. Seay by the other two members of the triumvirate.

Mr. Seay finally agreed to have the record erased so that the vote could be taken over again. In doing this, however, he remarked that he was yielding to men who had been heartless in their actions and would not fail to take advantage of a situation to carry their point.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Cox rose to a question of personal privilege and denied that he had ever shown heartlessness or taken any advantage of another member.

When the roll was called on the motion to concur it carried by a vote of 13 to 14. The bill, in effect, fills all the requirements intended in the Peeler bill.

Among the other important measures passed by the Senate were several bills on the constitutional amendments; the bill to prohibit prize fighting, and the measure to require street railways to vestibule their cars.

A Bad Case of Ingratitude.

A very indignant citizen was telling what he would do to a man,

who may be protected under the name of Smith, if he was only twenty years younger. "I'd pulverize him," was the first declaration. "I'd kick him around the block," as he warmed up, "I'd hop up the street with him, slap him up to a peak, and then knock his confounded head off. The old fork!" "Neighbor of yours, isn't he?" "Yes, that's the deuce of it. I can't sell my house, and he keeps me so worked up that I'm liable to turn loose any minute. Do I'll give you a sample. His wife was in the carriage one day, the driver was sent into the house for a package and the horse ran away. I caught him, was dragged half a block, saved her life, and was too sore to move for a week.

"He was on the same car the first time I went down town, and insisted on buying me some little token of his appreciation at the request of his wife. Fine woman that. I went with him; he took me to a 10 cent store and solemnly asked for the diamond department. He did, as I'm a living man, and when the salesman laughed at him he told me that he would not have time to look farther that day. He has never mentioned the subject since, but his wife looks at me just as though she expected to be thanked for something.

"Oh, he's a caution. Four or five nights ago while he and his folks were away I saw a burglar prying open one of his windows that is only six feet from one of mine. I blazed away with a flat iron and let out a yell. The iron caromed on the top of the fellow's head, and then through Smith's window. The burglar managed to get away, but I stood guard till old Smith got home.

"He surely must have been very thankful."

"Thankful? Him? He made me pay for the window.—Detroit Free Press.

Ex-Consul Adelbert S. Hay, who has had an excellent opportunity to know, says the Boers are not anti-American in sentiment.

SCISSORS EDITORIALS.

Mr. Bryan's Commoner continues to be "sadly disappointing" to those Democratic sheets which supported Mr. McKinley last fall.—Chattanooga News.

A fashion note says trousers will be worn this season turned up at the bottoms. Probably this is in view of the discarding of suspenders for shirt-waist effect.—Nashville Banner.

Carter Harrison wants a mayor nominated for President by the Democrats in 1904, but he is far from being convinced that Cleveland should furnish the man.—Memphis Scimitar.

Dr. Mary Walker declares that there are no such things as microbes. Dr. Mary still wears trousers and a plug hat, and is as independent of the conventional fashions in dress as she is of microbes.—Nashville Banner.

A federal judge at New Orleans has decided that he cannot prevent shipment of mules for British use in South Africa. If the mules were for the Boers the administration would have no difficulty in preventing their shipment.—Mt. Pleasant Chronicle.

Philander C. Knox, a trust attorney, gave up a practice worth \$75,000 a year to become Attorney General at \$8,000 per year. But then he can serve the trusts better in the latter position by blocking prosecution than he could as their attorney.—Commercial Appeal.

There was great rejoicing in Trondheim when Mr. Knox was sworn in as Attorney General of the United States. They will go on multiplying like fields in August and by the end of the present administration will have the earth securely spiked down.—Chattanooga News.

An agree, at between regular physicians and osteopaths has been reached in Wisconsin upon a bill which will be passed by the Legislature allowing osteopaths to treat certain diseases and providing for

the appointment of one of them on the State Board of Medical Examiners.—Nashville Banner.

"Fighting Bob" Evans has written a book in which he tells about Cervera, but completely ignores Schley. According to the story that Cervera himself told, Schley had a good deal to do with that naval battle, while the Iowa, commanded by the incorrectly called "Fighting Bob," lingered some distance behind.—Knoxville Sentinel.

The House has defeated a bill to extend the Dorch law to every County in the State, the vote standing 55 against passage to 28 for the measure. This bill should have been passed, and as it was a Democratic measure, the News regrets that it was defeated. Representatives from small counties combined with the Republicans to defeat it.—Chattanooga News.

The law adopted by the House, upon examination, we find to be a miserable political subterfuge. It declares against stray dogs and imposes a tax upon them and requires when the tax is paid that a description be entered in the register's book. But there is no provision for a collar or tag on the dog and this tax would thus be very easily evaded.—Knoxville Sentinel.

What we need in Tennessee is to get rid of narrowness and to broaden a little. The government of the United States is not going to harm Tennessee. Like a devoted parent, it is seeking to do us good. We must get rid of the deceptive notion, often manifested by children, that a desire of the parent to benefit the child means harm. The government of the United States has an interest in common with Tennessee and every other State of this union. Its mission is not to cripple or destroy, but to foster and build up. The government is made up of States and upon the prosperity and success of these several States depends the welfare and prosperity of the government as a whole.—Nashville Banner.

STEAMER SINKS.

The Will J. Cummins Goes Down Near Clifton.

SALTILLO, TENN., April 20.—The steamer W. J. Cummins struck a snag near Beech Creek Island in the Tennessee River, four miles below Clifton, sinking in less than twenty minutes, Friday at 11 o'clock. The ill-fated steamer, which plies tri-weekly between Savannah and Johnsonville, had left Clifton going down about 10.30 a. m. When entering Beech Creek Island chute a very dangerous part of the river, the wind blowing at a terrific rate, carried her out of the channel against a snag, striking the boat near the bow, tearing a very large hole in her hold. Then the wind forced her against the timber, where she began to fill and finally settled down in water to the depth of ten feet.

Fortunately no lives were lost, no one was hurt, and the cargo was nothing but a small lot of baggage. Fire broke out from the stove capsizing, but was soon extinguished.

The steamer was owned by the St. Louis & Tennessee River Packet Company and was formerly run on the Cumberland River and was worth about \$25,000. Capt. Harry Akell was master and Charles C. Lewten clerk. The passengers and freight are now being transferred to the steamer Clyde. It is believed that the Cummins will be raised at once and be ready to resume her trade. The mail will be carried on other boats.

Even in Pennsylvania the intelligent public is clamoring for reform in ballot laws and Boss Quay has been quoted as in favor of some kind of reform, but in doubt as to the kind. We fear that Mr. Quay's idea of reform will be some thing that will increase the strength of his cinch in the State. But we only judge by his record. It is never too late to repent.

Kansas grain growers are organizing for the purpose of boycotting the grain dealers, combine and are doing their own shipping.