

The Holiday Show is Ready.

Every year we gather from far and near a host of pretty things for gift buyers. Those that you like most are likely to be the least expensive, and there's no one to object if you only come to look. It is not a bad idea to buy early, because shrewd shoppers usually get away with the best long before Christmas time. We enumerate below a few of our Christmas novelties:

Dolls! Dolls!

For the Little Ones. Best quality Bisque Kid-covered Dolls, 49c, 59c, 79c, 89c, and 98c—all with natural hair. Rubber Dolls 25c, and a larger size, nicely dressed, 50c. Mechanical Dolls 25c. China Tea Sets 25c, 39c, 59c and 79c.

Japanese Ware!

Japanese Plaques, Plates, Vases, Toothpick Holders, Bouquet Holders, Chocolate Pots, Cracker Jars, Oatmeal Sets, Cut-glass Bouquet Holders, Bisque Figures, Bisque Ornaments, China Tea Sets.

Filegree Ware.

Filegree Cologne Bottles, Pin Trays, Jewelry Boxes, Pin Cushions, Ink Bottles, Picture Frames, Whisk Brooms and Filegree Holders.

Toys! Toys!

Noah's Arks, Laundry Sets, Blocks, Ten-pins, Tool Chests, Guns, Magic Lanterns, Tin Kitchens, Tin Stoves, Checker Boards, Tin Horns, Hobby Horses, Wheelbarrows, Sleighs and Banks.

Books! Books!

Books for the little ones, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c apiece, and a thousand other articles too numerous to mention.

All we ask is to call and inspect our Holiday Display before making your selections, as you will save from 25 to 50 per cent. on your purchases.

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Local Bits.

News of People and Events.

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En Route Home for the Holiday.
A large number of the students from Blacksburg passed through the city en route to their various homes to spend the holidays.

Benevolent Society Meeting.
The ladies of the Benevolent Society will meet at the Y. M. C. A. hall on Monday, 16th, at 11 o'clock. A large attendance is desired.

Many Fine Bargains.
J. F. Wingfield, the real estate dealer, spreads before our readers to-day a full column advertisement of big bargains in desirable property. He can save you money. Give him a call.

Railroad Y. M. C. A.
Rev. S. L. Rice will preach a special sermon this afternoon at the West End building to all classes of people. Meeting will begin at 3 instead of 3:30. A full attendance is desired.

Police Court.
In the police court yesterday fines were assessed against three men to the amount of \$17.50 on the respective charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing on the Norfolk and Western and vagrancy.

Bishop Kephart to Lecture.
Bishop Kephart, of Baltimore, will lecture in the United Brethren Church on the 20th, at 7:30 p. m., on "Vauvius, Pompeii and Rome," under the auspices of the Y. P. C. U. A small admission fee will be charged.

Mr. Pollard in Bedford.
Rev. Edward B. Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preached yesterday afternoon at Blue Ridge Church on the edge of Bedford county, and returned to the city last night. J. Houston Franklin, of this city, conducts services at the same church to-day.

An Accommodation.
In order to accommodate a large number of persons who have not an opportunity to do their holiday purchasing during the day, Watt, Rettew & Clay will keep their store open at night until Christmas Eve, beginning Monday. Read their big ad. on eighth page.

A Supposed Thief Arrested.
Yesterday morning Officers Eanes and Tally arrested W. H. Dodd, a white man, on the charge of having stolen \$133 from Catagni's store one day last week. He was identified by the employees of the store as being the same party who visited the store a few minutes prior to the robbery.

First Baptist Xmas Sale.
The ladies of the First Baptist Church will put on sale in the chapel of this church on next Tuesday and Wednesday the pretty fancy and useful articles they have lately been making. All their friends and the public are cordially invited to come and inspect their handiwork. Many beautiful Christmas tokens, as well as useful household articles, may be found among their wares.

Highly Complimentary.
A communication has been received by THE TIMES, which cannot be published because of the writer's name not accompanying the article. It speaks in highly complimentary terms of the young ladies employed at the telephone exchange, to all which THE TIMES most heartily subscribes, and joins the writer in the wish that these young ladies will not be forgotten by "Old Santa."

An Enjoyable Soiree.
The soiree held at the residence of Mrs. R. McClelland Friday night for the benefit of Christ Episcopal Church was quite an enjoyable affair. Among the features of the evening's entertainment was a donkey party. The first prize, a handsome book, was won by Miss Daisy Franklin, the booty by Miss Barkedale, the judges being Dr. George Tompkins and Richard Booth. Misses Edna Booth and Mary McClelland rendered delightful selections of music. Elegant refreshments were served at 11 o'clock.

An Expensive Joker.
Yesterday morning Dr. Simmons and Chas. Lyle killed a large rat, measuring eighteen inches from tip to tip. The poor rascal was accorded the privilege of a decent dress for burial in the way of a nice bow of pink ribbon around the neck and a similar one on the tail. A nicely composed eulogy was written and a bottle of liver pills placed in the improvised coffin, and given by one of the clerks to a colored messenger boy, who was instructed to carry the bundle to the laundry of Hop Choong, which he did, believing it to be a bundle of clothes. Hop received the bundle, but upon examination found that it contained a dead rat instead of "Mellon man's washers." Hop proceeded to lock the colored boy in his laundry and hunt a policeman. The boy and the rat were taken to the station house, where he was released and summoned up to explain to his honor, Judge Williams, in the morning.

Palace Meat Market.
For the best fresh meats and green groceries you will find the Palace Market, at the corner of Campbell and Henry streets, the best place. Mrs. W. C. Overby.

INCREASED RAILROAD WORK.

Two Large Orders For Cars Recently Given Out by the N. & W.

The Norfolk and Western railroad has recently contracted with the Ensign Manufacturing Company, of Huntington, W. Va., to build 500 gondola cars for them. The cars will be of a large size and will be supplied with Henson couplers.

An order has also been placed with the Lenoir Car Works, of Lenoir City, Tenn., for 100 box cars with a capacity of 60,000. These cars will be of the latest improved design and equipped with the master car builder's couplers and Westinghouse brakes.

The Machine Works has now under construction a sample 60,000 pounds capacity car, the frame of which will be made of iron. The building of this car is merely an experiment, and it will be tested at once. If it stands the rough handling which many of the wooden frame cars fall to stand, others will doubtless be built in the near future. This car will be equipped with couplers and air brakes. The increased demand for cars to supply the iron ore demand has taken nearly all the low capacity gondolas out of the coal trade, hence the necessity for more and larger coal cars. All of the shops along the line are working their full capacity. The Machine Works here have been running night and day, with more work on hand than can be completed, and, with other car works securing such large orders from the road, it is an evidence of prosperous times for this entire section before many weeks.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The vocal music class will meet for organization next Monday night.

The Quaker evangelist, John M. Dean, will commence his labors with the Roanoke association on Thursday, December 26. Services will be held every night. These meetings will prove a rare treat to all who attend.

The interest in the gymnasium classes has steadily grown during the week. Last evening men attended the business men's class at 8:30, and several new members attended the 8 o'clock class. Several more are planning to attend next Tuesday evening.

The men's meeting this evening at the Y. M. C. A. hall will be one of much interest. Rev. Dr. Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will make the address. Subject: "How Far Off?" There will be special vocal music by the Philharmonic Quartette, composed of the following gentlemen: Henry Neal, first tenor; Prof. J. J. Keely, second tenor; W. L. Lyman, first bass; Dr. E. L. Downs, second bass. Singers are requested to meet for rehearsal at 8:30 sharp.

Mrs. Watkins, Dressmaker.
CORNER of Commerce and Church s. w. (No. 323) First-class dressmaking; the latest modes; perfect fitting; experienced cutters. Prices to suit the times. Satisfaction guaranteed.

The finest goods are being disposed of at auction by the Solomon Jewelry Company. They go at your bid, remember.

"CLEVELAND" and "Rambler" bicycles, 1896 models just received. They are beauties. Call at once at Roanoke Cycle Co.'s and see them.

"THERE is music in the air!" Listen! Andrews' belled teams are delivering coal and wood to customers. Send in your orders.

CALL and see our large and beautiful line of lamps, onyx tables and bric-a-brac. The E. H. Stewart Furniture Company.

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"For five years, I suffered untold misery from muscular rheumatism. I tried every known remedy, consulted the best physicians, visited Hot Springs, Ark., three times, spending \$1000 there, besides doctors' bills; but could obtain only temporary relief. My flesh was wasted away so that I weighed only ninety-three pounds; my left arm and leg were drawn out of shape, the muscles



being twisted up in knots. I was unable to dress myself, except with assistance, and could only hobble about by using a cane. I had no appetite, and was assured, by the doctors, that I could not live. The pains, at times, were so awful, that I could procure relief only by means of hypodermic injections of morphine. I had my limbs bandaged in clay, in sulphur, in poultices; but these gave only temporary relief. After trying everything, and suffering the most awful tortures, I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Inside of two months, I was able to walk without a cane. In three months, my limbs began to strengthen, and in the course of a year, I was cured. My weight has increased to 165 pounds, and I am now able to do my full day's work as a railroad blacksmith."

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The Only World's Fair Sarsaparilla.
AYER'S PILLS cure Headache.

ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES

Comments of the British Press on the Bayard Incident and the Morgan Speech.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The dispatches from New York on the Bayard incident have revived interest in England and Edinburgh. Mr. Bayard, however, treats the whole matter lightly and said to a friend recently that he regarded it as the result of silliness on the part of his countrymen.

The Saturday Review says: "In its whole history the republic has sent us no representative better qualified to challenge comparison with the other world's diplomats. Mr. Bayard was undoubtedly guilty of an indiscretion, but it was only an error of judgment. To understand the feelings of Americans, we must imagine Sir Julian Paucotote in a similar position."

The weekly newspapers also devote considerable space to the alleged unfriendly attitude to Great Britain. The Saturday Review says: "Such vulgar impetuosity as Senator Morgan's would certainly not be allowed in the house of commons."

The National Observer confirms the exclusive dispatch to the Associated Press of December 4, saying that the Marquis of Salisbury has refused to allow England's claim to Venezuelan territory within the Sobomburgh line to be questioned, and adds: "It is taken for granted that President Cleveland does not intend to press the whole claim in his message; but if his words have the meaning which we should attach to any other matter, the conflict of view is very serious, and it seems that an open quarrel can hardly be avoided except by the surrender of one side. For the United States it would be a very serious defeat."

The article quoted above also discusses Senator Morgan's remarks and the general unfriendliness of the United States, and England's disposition to give in to Yankee bluster. It concludes with a distinct warning to America that, "She stands on the same footing with other powers, and her persistent unfriendliness should be met in the same spirit, which might have a wholesome influence in clearing the air."

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Look out for the belled teams. First-class Pocahontas nut or lump coal delivered promptly by W. K. Andrews & Co., 219 Salem avenue.

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In the Great Political Satire, "THE POLITICIAN," Introducing "The New Woman," the Great Convention Scene—"If the country needs saving, we'll save it." SEATS NOW ON SALE.

Boots, Shoes, Rubbers.

THE time is now with us when we should be well shod. A good pair of shoes will save you a doctor's bill, and there is no better place to make this purchase than at the Roanoke Shoe Company, on Jefferson street. This enterprising house is now making special low prices on all goods in their line to make room for their new stock soon to arrive. Protect your feet and your pocket-book at the same time.

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Buy Brush Mountain coal from W. K. Andrews & Co., 219 Salem avenue. They will sell it cheaper than it has ever been sold in the city. Look out for the belled teams.

The best grate coal in the city is the semi-bituminous Red Ash coal, sold only by W. K. Andrews & Co., 219 Salem avenue. You may know their teams by the bells.

The biggest bargains in town at the auction sales by the Solomon Jewelry Company. Go there and buy your Christmas presents.

OUR customers will tell you that we give the best weight and furnish the cleanest coal in the city. Earman & Earman, 108 Salem avenue s. w.

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All kinds of Boots and Shoes Made and Repaired. All Orders Promptly Attended to. D. HORGAN, Manager. Factory Over Carr's Bottling Works.

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Prices to correspond with the times at DR. JNO. L. DOGGETT'S DENTAL ROOMS. EXCHANGE BUILDING.

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Sacrifice Prices on Coats.
All of our \$8, \$9 and \$10 Boucle Coats, with full Melon Sleeves, 1/2 satin lined, some with SILVER FRONT, some with Franklin Collar and others with Columbus Lapel. As we said above, they're worth \$9, \$9 and \$10. Sacrifice price..... \$4.98
Our \$12, \$13 and \$14 Garments, consisting of All Satin Lined Astrakhans, Half Lined Boucles and Imported Kerseys. S. P. \$6.98
Our \$14, \$15 and \$16 Coats, made of Caterpillar, Cheval and Persian Lamb, all Satin Lined, at the sacrifice price \$8.75
Our \$16, \$18 and \$20 Coats, including our Welled Chevals, Shtland Boucles, Imperial Persian Lamb, all Satin Lined. S. P. \$10.98

Sacrifice Prices on Plush Capes.
Fine Plush Circular Capes, with Bear edge also Plain Circular Plush Capes, that sold for \$7, \$8 and \$9. S. P. \$5.65
Extra Fine Plush Circular Capes, both plain and appliqued, fine Thibet edge, full sweep; were \$10, \$11 and \$12. S. P. \$6.98
Plush Circular Ripple Cape and all our lap-lined Capes, both Plush and Velvet, that sold up to \$16. S. P. \$8.50
Our entire line of Double and Single Plush Capes, both plain and braided, with both Bear and Thibet edge, that sold up to \$25 all season. S. P. \$11.00

Sacrifice Prices on Cloth Capes.
\$10 Single Cape, of fine mohair curl, full sweep, novelty collar and back strap, cut edge. \$5.50
at..... \$4.48
\$10 Double Beaver Capes, fine capes. \$4.50
\$8 Fine Circular and also Double. \$4.50
\$10 All Satin lined Astrakhans. \$4.98
\$14 Superior Double Capes, fine embroidery, full sweep, now at..... \$8.00
\$14 Satin-lined Astrakhans Capes, Thibet edge, \$7 and \$8 inches long. \$10.00
100 Ladies' Capes, made from all the fast tonable cloths, variously and elegantly trimmed, single and double military styles, of an average value of \$10, (none worth less than \$7.50), to choose at..... \$5.98

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Sixty-five Trimmed Hats, some large Ocelot, some Toppers and Turbans, some large Felt Hats, all finely trimmed. Worth \$5.00, at..... \$1.50

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Special Millinery Bargains:

- Coque Feathers and Algrettes..... 7c
- Wings, Fancy Feathers—Algrettes..... 12c
- Ostrich Plumes, 9 inches long..... 19c
- Ostrich Plumes, black only..... 25c
- Cut Steel Buttons and Ornaments..... 9c
- Black and Colored Birds..... 5c
- Satin Finish Felt Hats..... 25c
- Finest Felt Hats, all shapes..... 75c
- Imported Felt Hats..... 39c

Remember, also, that we are open every evening from now until Christmas

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