

An Attractive Store.

The carpenters and painters now have charge of my store-room to refit and remodel in every respect. I intend to have a bright and attractive place of business, where every article will be marked in plain figures and sold at strictly one price. My methods of doing business will be on business principles and I hope to have my new home ready to receive you about February 18. Watch for Special Announcement.

E. WILE,

Successor to Jos. Cohn,
Cor. Campbell and Jefferson Sts.,
ROANOKE, VA.

COMING AND GOING

E. C. Pechin, formerly of this city, but now of Buchanan, was in town yesterday.
Mrs. J. B. Lane went to Troutville yesterday afternoon.
J. B. Stevenson returned from New York yesterday, where he has been on a business trip for several days.
T. Campbell Gray, of The Times circulation department, is out again after several days' sickness from la grippe.
The Langdon Dramatic Company, of Greensboro, N. C., passed through town yesterday en route to Buchanan.
W. C. Carrington, the popular tobacconist of Lynchburg, was in the city yesterday.
United States Marshal G. W. Levi, of Berryville, passed through the city yesterday en route to Lynchburg.
Mrs. W. J. Houser and two children returned yesterday from a visit to Mrs. Hauser's father, Dr. J. B. Bavnlach, at Luray.
Jno. S. Glass, of Lynchburg, was in the city yesterday.
Milton Cohn, a former resident of this place, but now of Lynchburg, was mingling with friends here yesterday.
Ira W. Fomshell, known to his many friends here as "Collars and Cuffs," was in the city yesterday.
Among the guests registered at Hotel Roanoke yesterday were W. T. Payne, Norfolk; Mrs. J. C. Stuart, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
C. T. Kinsie, the Philadelphia agent for the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company, was in the city yesterday.
H. A. Pratt, of the Roanoke Machine Works office returned yesterday from Eastern Virginia, after a pleasant visit to friends.

WATSON OUT OF IT.

Washington, Feb. 8.—It is said that the House committee on elections, which has charge of the election contest brought by Thos. Watson, of Georgia, recently the Populist candidate for Vice-President, against Representative Black, has decided to confirm Judge Black's title to his seat. The verdict, it is understood, is unanimous. Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, a Democratic member of the committee, will make the report in favor of Mr. Black.

FRESHET ON THE JAMES.

Richmond, Feb. 8.—There has been a pretty heavy freshet in the James river, but it is subsiding here, as well as at points above. The wharves at Rockett's were flooded, and in the valley of Shockoe creek, which runs through the city, some cellars were filled. Preparations for the high water had been made, however, and the damage does not amount to much.

BOOM AT PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Feb. 8.—A revival in the iron and steel business is expected here. Prices of steel billets are about 25 cents higher than last week and orders at last week's figures were refused. Pig iron prices are also advancing slightly.

HAS POWERFUL FRIENDS.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Francis has ordered Land Commissioner Lamoreux to issue a patent to the Perrine heirs, of whom Dr. Perrine, Mrs. Cleveland's step-father, is one, for 23,900 acres of land in Southern Florida.

Some Expressions Regarding the '97 Calendar of The Stone Printing and Manufacturing Company.

From Rev. W. H. Meade, D. D., Rector of St. John's P. E. Church, Roanoke, Va.
ROANOKE, VA., December 31st, 1896.
DEAR SIR: Your Calendar is always an acceptable and helpful addition to the appointments of my "study," and I thank you for remembering me again. The one for 1897 does credit to your house.
Respectfully,
W. H. MEADE.

From B. Wycke, Librarian University of North Carolina.
CHAPEL HILL, N. C., January 2d, 1897.
GENTLEMEN: Please accept thanks for your Calendar just received. Out of a number received yours was selected as the best for use in our library.
Yours truly,
B. WYCKE.

From State Female Normal School, Farmville, Va.
FARMVILLE, VA., December 30th, 1896.
Thanks for your very beautiful Calendar just received. In execution and design it leaves nothing to be desired.
STATE FEMALE NORMAL SCHOOL.

From Phlegar & Johnson, Attorneys at Law, Christiansburg, Va.
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., December 31st, 1896.
We are in receipt of your Calendar for 1897, for which we thank you. We are not experts in such matters, but it strikes us that you have by far, both in design and execution, the handsomest calendar we have seen. It reflects great credit on your establishment.
Yours truly,
PHLEGAR & JOHNSON.

From W. E. Thomas, Clerk of Council, Roanoke, Va.
ROANOKE, VA., December 24th, 1896.
GENTLEMEN: I received your Calendar this morning. The design is beautiful and sustains well the reputation of your company for excellency in printing and neatness of design. The improvement over last year's calendar is very marked.
Yours with thanks,
W. E. THOMAS.

THE TEXAS IS READY.

New York, Feb. 8.—At the Brooklyn navy yard to-day all was bustle aboard the battleship Texas, and stores were being taken aboard for her trip to Galveston. It was stated that the Texas is now ready for sea and is expected to sail to-morrow. On her arrival at Galveston, unless it is found perfectly feasible, she will not cross the bar, but will lay to outside. From Galveston she will go to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras celebration. The ram Kathahdin is almost ready for sea, but as yet has not received her full complement of men. She is expected to sail Wednesday.

PROSPERITY SETS IN.

Pittsburg, Feb. 8.—The Homestead steel works, the Edgar Thompson blast furnaces and steel works, and the Duquesne steel works resumed in full in all departments last evening. The Westinghouse electric works resumed in full to-day on double time. It had been operating on half time.

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We were without any for a couple of days, but we are supplied now with another car load and can furnish our customers again with the

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127 Salem Ave. S. W.
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W. L. WILSON'S FUTURE.

Washington, Feb. 8.—It is understood that the presidency of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., has been tendered informally to Hon. William L. Wilson, postmaster-general in the Cleveland Cabinet, his executive abilities, coupled with his educational and literary training, fitting him eminently for the post. The trustees will, it is thought, during the present week, take formal action, after which Mr. Wilson will make known his decision. The honor of succeeding to the office long held by Gen. R. E. Lee and by General Lee, his son, has been fairly won by Mr. Wilson through his distinguished public services.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Postmaster General Wilson was asked to-day if there was any truth in the repeated statement that he had been offered the presidency of Washington and Lee University. He said he had talked about the matter with the trustees of that institution, but that the body had not yet held a meeting to make an offer of the position. He jokingly remarked that he had, according to report, been offered the editorship of a New York daily and also to practice law in the metropolis. He added in seriousness that it was true he had been offered the presidency of several educational institutions.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 8.—Chairman M. A. Hanna has inaugurated a gigantic scheme by which millions of voters will be reached. To set the ball rolling Chairman Hanna's first step was to make arrangements for the use of the "patent insides" furnished thousands of country papers in all parts of this country, for the distribution of "gold" matter that will be prepared by the agents of the national committee. The terms of the contracts with the various associations calls for one to three columns of printed matter on the financial question in all the "patent insides" sent out. This will be continued during the coming four years.

Lexington, Feb. 8.—Hon. John Randolph Tucker's condition is reported as being weaker to-day and not so favorable as on yesterday.

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We Want a Good Horse ;
One that will fit our No. 2 Delivery Wagon. Nothing but a GOOD AI Horse need apply. Business is good.

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Sellers of Foreign and Domestic Groceries.
111 Jefferson Street
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C. F. BLOUNT, Manager.

A SELFISH INTEREST.

The French Minister of Foreign Affairs Criticizes Beach's Speech.
Paris, Feb. 8.—In the chamber of deputies to-day M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs, replying to a question by M. De Louche regarding the effect of the Franco-Prussian memorandum, said that nothing had been done to change the international situation in Egypt.
France, he said, held by the international acts, which it was impossible for any power to invalidate. M. Hanotaux, continuing, said he did not desire to engage in any polemics between parliament and parliament (French and English) which might cause regrettable misunderstandings. The declarations made by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the British chancellor of the exchequer, in the English house of commons, he said, would not tend toward a solution of international questions.

England had accepted the position of defending her case before the mixed tribunal, and why should Sir Michael Hicks-Beach discredit that tribunal which had the approbation of Europe? Would England have protested, he asked, if the verdict of the tribunal had been favorable to her? The incident was then closed.

OUTPUT OF SILVER.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints and Treasury offices for the week ended February 6 was \$304,390, and for the corresponding period of last year was \$249,649. The shipment of fractional silver coin was \$144,689.

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Brick Works,
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TO BE ARGUED MONDAY.

Washington, Feb. 8.—A certificate was filed to-day in the office of the clerk of the supreme court, signed by McKee, clerk of the court of appeals from the fifth circuit, located at New Orleans, setting forth that an appeal had been filed in that court from the decree of the Florida court, which had original jurisdiction of the proceedings against the Phoenix Friends, an alleged Cuban filibustering steamer. The fact that this appeal had been taken on the same grounds on which the petition of Attorney General Harmon for a writ of certiorari to bring the case direct to the supreme court, was opposed last Monday by W. Hallett Phillips, counsel for the owners of the boat. There was, however, no evidence that the appeal had been perfected. The case will be argued before the supreme court next Monday by the attorney general and Mr. Phillips.

TO RESUME WORK.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 8.—It is reported that the Victor knitting mills at Cohoes, which have been shut down several weeks, will resume operations this week, employing 900 hands.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The firm of Williamson & Workman has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Perry Williamson purchasing the interest of Mrs. E. F. Workman in the firm. The business will be continued by Perry Williamson at 222 and 224 Salem avenue, who assumes all debts due the firm should be paid. Thanking our friends and the public for their very liberal patronage, and wishing a continuance of the same to the new firm.
PERRY WILLIAMSON,
MRS. E. F. WORKMAN.
Roanoke, Va., Jan. 15, 1897.

Having purchased the interest of Mrs. E. F. Workman in the firm of Williamson & Workman, I will continue the business of new and second-hand furniture, carpets and house furnishing goods at the same place, Nos. 222 and 224 Salem avenue, (Smith building). Highest cash prices paid for second-hand furniture.
PERRY WILLIAMSON.
Dr. Raibert's Pine Tar Tablet Chewing Gum at Catogni's. Phone 71.

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Note the Special Values Named Below.
Consider Them Carefully:

Fifty pieces Fine Percalé, full 36 inches wide, the most of the lot the best 12½c grade, all new spring styles for shirt waists, wrappers and boys' waists. Our special price only 8 cents.

Celebrated Peppercell Mills 10-4 Bleached Sheetting (full 90 inch), actual value 26c; our special price only 22 cents.

Peppercell Mills 9-4 Bleached Sheetting (81 inches wide), worth 24c; our special price 20 cents.

Best Indigo Blue Calico, private brand, best 64x64 cloth (better than the American brand), ought to be 6c; our special price 4½ cents.

Special in Fine Outing Cloth, the celebrated "Teazle-Down" brand, the daintiest of the new spring styles now ready, in many places they are 12½c, our special price only 9 cents.

One case Turkey Red Calico with black stripes and figures, others think they are giving big values at 5c—and so they are—but our price is only 4 cents.

The celebrated Clifton Mills Heavy Round Thread Unbleached Cotton, has never been known less than 6¼c before, big lot of it in 10 to 20 yard lengths (will cut if desired), our price only 5 cents.

Bicycle Sweaters for men, extra weight and all pure wool, maroon and navy; have the new cape collar, actually cheap at \$1.50, and generally for \$2, our special price only \$1.00.

White Shirts for men, unlaundered, made of good, heavy muslin and good linen, generous size and full length, an honest, every-day 50-cent shirt, just thirty-two dozen of them, good, big value at 39 cents.

Housekeepers, Attention! Here's a chance for you. You are thinking about spring housecleaning soon. Now is the time to get your Rugs. The latest creation is the "Nubla"—looks like Moquet, but richer looking—all beautiful oriental designs, size 27x54 inches, only \$1.49.

A thousand yards pretty Curtain Scrim, having pretty stripes of blue, red or yellow, only 5 cents.

Nouveante d'Francaise is the new creation in Plaids designed for Waists—very desirable also for Ladies' Wrappers or Children's School dresses—decidedly pretty, 30-inch, only 12½ cents.

Black All-wool "Granite" Cloth, the new spring weaves, just opened, 40-inch, well worth 69c; great big value at 50 cents.

Have you seen the new Princess Cheviot for separate Skirts and Blazer Suits? It's a beauty, black and navy, 45-inch, cheap at 85c, and you'll say so, too; it goes for only 59 cents.

Black "Sicilian" is made of Mohair, but is heavier than the usual weaver, extremely desirable for separate skirts, 50 inch—instead of 89 cents, as usual, it is now only 62½ cents.

The real Manchester (Eng.) Mohair, silken finished, has a beautiful lustre, 40-inch, usual 75c sort; it goes at 50 cents.

Waist Silks—have you seen the new ideas in them?—one is a beautiful changeable Taffeta, woven in delicate looking pin stripes in the latest shading, 19-inch, others are trying 69c, as usual, we are way under them, 50 cents.

Here's another, a right royal beauty—the new "Princess Royal," having a changeable ground, with small stripes of satin over which are thrown exquisitely brocaded designs, 21 inch, it ought to be \$1.50 a yard, others will get that, for it, special at \$1 per yard.

Counterpanes, a whole hundred of them, largest size, hemmed and ready for use, as heavy as could be desired, and yet light enough to be washed easily. The people tell us they are as good, or better, than our neighbors ask \$1.50 for, you can judge them, they are but 98 cents.

New Ideas. The new ideas in Ladies' Belts are just in. Serviceableness and inexpensiveness are two points of interest in them, prices, 50c, 47c, 42c, 49c and down to 25 cents.

Also the new ideas in Neckwear for both ladies and gentlemen now ready. We have the greatest line ever shown in Roanoke, correct both in materials and shape. Special lines at 50c and 25 cents.

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