

COMMISSION MEET HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Greenville, Dec. 4.—The South Carolina commission on December 1, on petition of representative of shippers interested, has advised all trade bodies of the state that conference fixed for December 8th with shippers for purpose of considering certain changes and eliminations in South Carolina exception has been postponed to a date to be fixed later. Shippers represented by D. A. Henning of Greenville and Chas. Kimmich of Charleston.

This is of special interest to merchants who will be directly affected by any changes that might be made.

WILSON'S NAME FILED FOR PRIMARY BALLOT

Lincoln, Dec. 4.—The name of President Wilson as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination was filed with the secretary of state to be placed on the primary ballot in 1916. The petition was signed by local democrats. Mayor Charles Bryan, a brother of William Jennings Bryan, refused to sign when invited. He said he did not wish to cross the president, but if the petition wait until he could communicate with President Wilson he might sign.

LANDER COLLEGE

Next Friday evening the second number of the lyceum course will be given Angelo Cortese, the celebrated harpist, and Miss Laura Combs, soprano, will be heard in joint recital. This is a fine combination. Last Monday morning the college household had the opportunity of hearing a talk at chapel by Dr. Thornton Whaling, of Columbia. He spoke about life as an adventure, and emphasized the necessity for courage, humor and faith. Lander girls will never forget this gifted gentleman and his remarkable address. Dr. J. B. Green led the devotions at chapel that day.

Instead of the regular exercises of the Chery club on Monday afternoon, the music students had the pleasure of hearing a recital by Miss Newton, of our faculty. She played selections from Bach, Beethoven, Handel, Seelig and Poldini. Her touch is exquisite and her interpretation was most effective.

Dr. Wilson has commenced a course of lectures on church history, giving one each week. On Tuesday he gave an account of the session of conference in Spartanburg—very modern history. This week he is attending conference in Charleston and on his return he expects to bring Bishop Wilson here for a visit.

Mr. Lawton and Mr. Edwards spent last Monday on a hunt in the country near Hodges. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beacham.

Most of the students on Thursday went down town to the opening of the beautiful new store of the Meacham Drug company.

Last Sunday evening at the meeting of the missionary society Miss Thompson made a most interesting talk about her work at St. Marks mission, New Orleans. It will be interesting to our old girls to know that Miss Thompson was associated there with Miss Kathryn Wilson, our former trained nurse.

On Friday the members of the physics class made a visit to the ice plant and cold storage rooms. Their visit proved very interesting and they appreciated the kindness shown by the management of the establishment. Among the interesting things they saw were the milk fed chickens.

The domestic science class one day this week visited the beef market.

Republican Soft Soap.

The union republican gives the Observer assurance that "the first thing the republicans should do when they get into power in 1916 would be to abolish some of the surplus offices, like the boundary commission 'lame duck roost' and others, and live within the income of the government," etc. Waiving discussion of the historical and established policy of the republican party in abolishing offices and turning its people out of jobs, we might suggest that it would probably encounter some difficulty in wiping out the international joint commission, for that is what it is referring to as "the lame duck roost," an appellation born out of envy over the appointment of Mr. Glavin to a place on it. This commission was created by treaty with Great Britain statesmanship. While there exists a boundary line between the United States and Canada there will exist a commission to safeguard the rights, obligations and interests of the United States on one side and of Canada on the other. But when it comes to talking for votes the republican would promise anything—Charlotte Observer.

American Schooner Sunk.

New York, Dec. 4.—The American schooner Linn C. Kamenaki was sunk off Cape Hatteras today in a collision with the Spanish steamer Condo Wilfredo according to a wireless from the Spanish steamer to the Marconi station at Miami. The crew was saved. The Wilfredo was bound from Galveston to Barcelona, the schooner from Newport News to Cuba.

Now if they were trying to con- sider Tom Watson of making a dis- orderly noise there might be more in the government's case.—Raleigh Times.

WOMEN AS LEADERS IN EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

Washington, Dec. 4.—Of the 12,000 conspicuous positions, largely of an administrative character, listed in the 1915-16 educational directory just issued by the interior department through its bureau of education, 2,500 are held by women. There are women who are college presidents, state superintendents of public instruction, county superintendents, directors of industrial training, heads of departments of education in colleges and universities, directors of schools for afflicted and exceptional children, and librarians.

Twenty-four of the 622 colleges and universities listed in the directory are presided over by women. Of the nearly 3,000 county superintendents in the country, 508 are women. The tendency to fill this position with women is almost wholly confined to the west. One state, Montana, has not one man as county superintendent. Wyoming has only two. Kentucky is the only southern state that utilizes women in this office; the state has 26 women as county superintendents. On the other hand, there are only 26 women city superintendents in a total of over 2,000.

Seventy institutions for the blind are listed in the directory. Of these 15 are directed by women. Of the 75 state schools for the deaf, ten are under the leadership of women; and of the 22 private institutions of the same character, 16 have women superintendents. Of the 31 private institutions for the feeble-minded, 20 are under supervision of women.

Fourteen out of 86 directors of industrial schools are women. Of the 200 schools of art are in charge of women. Women have almost a monopoly of library positions. Out of 1,300 public and society libraries given in the directory women supervise 1,075.

The government bureau of education itself exemplifies the call for women in executive educational positions; 11 of the 33 bureau officials listed in the directory are women.

RUSSIAN EXPERT TO INSPECT MUNITIONS

New York, Dec. 4.—Sixty-one Russian experts arrived today to inspect the manufacture of munitions bought in the United States.

Colonel Theodor Kaloniss, head of the party, said that he was going to Bridgeport, Conn., to superintend the making of 2,500,000 rifles, and that Russia would have a new army of 4,000,000 ready in the spring for the Berlin drive.

MAP FOR AIR SCOUTS

Washington, Dec. 4.—A portable military and naval topographical map for use of air scouts in the field, and which will enable them to make quick and realistic reports of observations, has been invented by Gunnery Sergeant Herman G. Stroschein of the United States marine corps.

Worm gearing, operated by telescopic thumb screws from the sides of the map, will create elevations and depressions thereon, showing terrain, contours of valleys, bodies of water, etc., and should make the aviator's report clear to the nearest man in the field of operations, Stroschein claims.

The map will be very light, though strongly built, and it is thought by many military men that one of the great problems confronting aviators in the field—speed and accuracy in observation description—will have been overcome by the use of the marine sergeant's invention.

Gunnery Sergeant Stroschein is on duty at the headquarters of the United States marine corps in this city.

Public Not Alone to Blame.

Says one of the country's best known theatrical managers, "Let a critic come out and say that play is clean; that it is delightfully written and well acted; it means 'empty honor' to it. It does not mean to descend in the theater today, and the public is to blame for it. To make it pay, I have produced plays in my own theater that I would not let my 15-year-old boy see." All of which may be true, though some will be disposed to deny the implication that the majority of theatergoers are persons of depraved taste. There is no disputing that part of this manager's confession, however, which emphasizes the fact that educating the public taste and morals is not a money-making profession, and that it is probably true, however, that a large proportion of the people have ceased patronizing the theaters, having been gradually driven away because their taste was ignored in the effort to swell the box office receipts. In other words one class of patronage has been sacrificed by a too liberal catering to the tastes of another class, which the theatrical managers have regarded as the more profitable. It is difficult to see how the managers are to escape bearing a part of the blame.—Washington Herald.

Hard-Hearted. He was made in love. She was bold and indifferent. "See darling," he exclaimed, "I am at your feet." "Well, how do you like my spats?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Japan's Foremost Financier on Visit to the United States



Baron Shibusawa.

Japan, a merchant on a great scale, owner and operator of mines and other industries, and always a worker in behalf of his country and government. In 1878, with Count Okuma, then the minister of the treasury, and the late Prince Ito, minister of home affairs at that time, he founded the Tokyo chamber of commerce. He was its first president, remaining at its head uninterruptedly until ill health forced him to resign in 1905. He was created a baron in 1900.

Baron Ei-ichi Shibusawa, recognized as the leading financier and business man of Japan, is now in New York, accompanied by a party of Japanese business men. During the stay of the baron and his party they will be entertained on an unusual scale by Japanese and American societies.

This is the second trip Baron Shibusawa has made to this country to promote the association of American and Japanese brains and capital. He is the leading private financier of

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Attempted Train Robbery. Little Rock, Dec. 4.—Posses today were pursuing bandits who last night attempted to hold-up the southbound Iron Mountain passenger Number 3 near Malvern, Arkansas. The robbery was foiled through the co-operation of Engineer Theodore P. Howard. Officers were on the trail so soon that a battle was fought with the bandits three hours later. Sheriff Stables of Malvern was wounded in the foot.

Beef "Hogs" Cut Cost of Living. "I belong to a co-operative beef ring and we are generally well pleased with the results. How else could we receive about 20 pounds of fresh beef every week at the low cost of 8 cents a pound? An organized plan is the only way for a number of farmers to supply themselves with fresh meat in the summer by slaughtering the yearling steers they have raised."—Farm and Fireside.

TOY TOWN

Joy Town

Little Girl and Boy Town

Toy Town Is Ready

Welcome to the hosts of little kiddies and their parents. And its not only the youngsters who are welcome here—their elders will find much to interest them. Why, merely to watch the faces of the children when they inspect Toy Town's wonders is an education in itself. Among the hundreds of different toys this year, we will only call attention to a very few, knowing full well that you will not be satisfied until you see them all, so we are expecting YOU.

THE "BUILDMORE." The 3 in 1 builder is an instructive toy, teaching children how to build. It comes in two sizes at 50c and \$1.00.

"THE MODELIT ERECTOR." This is another instructive toy. It is a practical, accurate, instructive and fascinating toy, which will last indefinitely. It is priced from 50c to \$5.00.

THE AUTOMATIC SAND CRANE (See Show Window) teaches children the principles of hydraulic engineering, and amuses them by the hours in addition. Every boy in Anderson county will want one of these; and some grown ups will, too. Price \$2.00.

"PANAMA PILE DRIVER" is another of these fascinating, and instructive toys that are so very popular this year. This one sells for \$1.00.

"BIG BOY CORK SHOT" PISTOL has a handsome grip, gun metal barrel, it makes a loud noise and is perfectly harmless. It comes with a scabbard, and sells for 25c.

WE HAVE AT LEAST FIFTY and possibly seventy five different kinds of mechanical toys—and they "work," too. They come in almost every price from 10 cents to \$2.50.

DOLLS. GIRLS! OH, GIRLS! WE'VE GOT 'EM. Undressed and dressed dolls. Breakable and unbreakable dolls. Blondes and brunettes. Long and short dolls. Every sort of doll you ever saw. Priced from 5 cents to \$8.00.

RAILROAD TRAINS. We've got the C. & W. C., the Blue Ridge and the G. S. & A.

VELOCIPEDES, AIR GUNS, AND fully 1001 other toys which you MUST see. The best time is NOW, before they are all picked over, and some that YOUR children will be all gone, and they will have to do without.

JOHN AUSTIN

Alias "Uncle Johnny," Seller of Good Goods Only
On the Square, Under the Temple.

Christmas Store

of a Million Gifts

The Most Helpful Store for ECONOMY IN XMAS SHOPPING.

This Big Store is better prepared to care for your every gift this Yuletide than ever before. Months ago, when you were wearing thin clothes and fussing about the weather, we were making our Christmas preparations; and now we are ready. Ready with a Great Big stock of good, dependable merchandise. We can outfit the entire family here; and render you a big saving, too.

For Early Shopping, we have named some Very Special prices for Monday's trading. Read every item and be here Sure and Certain Monday.

Great Clothing Values

relection to one or two styles or a few fabrics; there are dozens of new models and we do not know of any good fabric for either overcoats or suits that is not represented in our present showing.

About 50 Men's Blue Serge Suits, \$7.00 values, Saturday and Monday, only \$3.98 each.

Men's All-Wool Serge Suits—worth \$9.00—Saturday and Monday at \$6.98 each.

SPECIAL—About 100 Suits just received from our resident New York buyer—not a suit in the lot worth less than \$12.50, Saturday and Monday they are going for \$7.95 each.

One lot of Straus made Suits, in all-wool blue and brown striped worsteds, good \$15.00 values, Special price for Holiday season, \$8.98 each.

45 Suits, \$16.50 to \$20.00 values everywhere, all-wool and best tailoring, Special for Saturday and Monday \$9.98 each.

60 Overcoats from our resident New York buyer, worth easily \$8.50 each, Special for Saturday and Monday \$4.98 each.

40 Men's Black Cravenette Rain-proof—guaranteed to turn water—worth \$10.00 at any store in the country, Special for Saturday and Monday \$4.95 each.

reliable in shoes, for men, women and children and will save you money on every pair you buy from us.

A big line of men's every day and Sunday Shoes from \$1.48 to \$5.00.

1 lot Children's all leather Shoes, sizes 8 to 11 worth \$1.25, sale price 89c

1 lot misses absolutely all leather, patent kids and gun metal, sizes 13 to 2, worth \$2.50, this sale \$1.39.

1 lot children's Mutt and Jeff line in gun metal and kid, worth \$2.50, this sale \$1.45.

One lot Ladies' patent leather Shoes, cloth tops, value \$2.25, this sale \$1.65.

1 lot Ladies' vel kid Shoes, all styles, value \$2.00, sale price \$1.65.

1 lot Ladies' Shoes in all leathers, worth \$3.00, this sale \$1.98.

1 lot Ladies' Patent Leather Shoes, fancy tops, laces and button, value \$4.00, now \$2.48.

1 lot Men's Gun Metal Shoes, worth \$2.00, now \$1.65.

One lot Men's Shoes, all leathers, worth \$3.25, now \$2.48.

One lot Men's \$4.50 and \$5.00 O.C.s, all styles now \$3.50.

All Children's Shoes at very special for this sale.

Ladies' Knit Petticoats, all colors, this sale 48c.

New Line Black Satin and Mercantile Petticoats at 75c and 95c.

New Line Hand Bags, special for this Holiday sale, all the newest styles from 25c to \$1.50.

New line Ladies neckwear, the latest novelties from 25c to \$3.00.

All Dress Goods and Silks at special Holiday prices.

A new and complete line of Table Linen and Napkins for this sale.

In This Event We Offer Choice of Hundreds of Stylish Coat Suits and Coats at Ridiculously Low Prices.

And the Coat Suits and Coats offered here are exceptional in every way. They are just from the makers, prettily designed, up-to-the minute in style and perfectly tailored. The materials are the kind most in demand at the present moment. In every respect they are coats and suits that meet the public demand for novelty and exclusiveness in women's wearing apparel, and you always save on price if you buy at Lesser Company.

1 lot 50 Coat Suits, colors black, blue, brown, well made, values up to \$10.00, now \$4.98.

One lot Coat Suits, all colors, in Gabardine, Poplin and Whipcord, Semi-fitting and box coats, fur collars, praid trimmed, values up to \$20.00, now \$9.98.

1 lot Sport Coats, black and white checks, value \$4.00 and \$5.00, now \$2.98.

1 lot Fine Plush Coats, fur trimmed, former prices \$25.00 and \$30.00, now \$16.98.

All Dresses at cost.

Beautiful new separate Skirts, ranging in price from 98c to \$7.50.

THE LESSER CO. HOME OF LOW PRICES WHERE YOU PAY LESS