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A DEN OF THIEVES

It will be recalled that mention was made in Tuesday's issue of a robbery committed at the store of Mr. DesPortes' last Saturday evening. Nin Coleman was then mentioned as one of a band of about four who were engaged in a systematic robbery. Later developments show that the supposition advanced at that time is going to prove true. Wednesday evening Policeman Gilbert, Mr. Holloway of Columbia, and Mr. R. W. Matthews went out to Nin's house, which they found well decorated with a large quantity of bleaching. Then a drawer was opened and still more of the same goods were found. A search of the house was made, and Nin was found to be possessed of more new pants and other clothing than is customary with the most up-to-date plates of fashion. Nin was asked to try on a pair of these pants, when he, there was verified the resemblance in the fit of his pants to two cities of France—Toulouse and Toulon.

The officers didn't continue multiplying words with him as his acts were more condemning than any words could have been. Before reaching town Nin acknowledged that the pants had been taken from Mr. Lan-decker. As to that bolt of bleaching, Mr. Gladden, of the Winnsboro Racket Company, recognized it as far off as the piece that had been missing for several days. There was a hat which Nin claimed to have paid Mr. Gladden \$1.50 for, when Mr. Gladden's price for the same was only \$1.15 to one and all. Other parties of this den of thieves, which is located about three miles from town, are sure to be arrested. Their arrest will be a matter of joy to the merchants who have been considerably annoyed this way of late, though they have not been able heretofore to get any tangible evidence.

LATER.—Just as we go to press the policemen have come in with three more of the band of robbers and a large quantity of the stolen goods. Two more of the party have been spotted and will be given quarters in the jail if there is enough room to be found for them.

The Appetite of a Goat.
Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bowels.

THE READING ROOM

To Be Opened Monday the 28th.

The announcements in regard to the reading room promised some time ago are herewith given.

The room will first be opened next Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. For the present the regular afternoon hours of opening will be from 3:30 to 5:30. During these hours the room will be open to the public, to which a cordial invitation is given to attend. It is needless to add that as these hours are for reading all will be expected to have the proper consideration for the occasion and the place.

For the present the room will be kept open Monday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock.

At such stated times as the room is kept open there will be some one to extend to all visitors the courtesies of the room. Though there will be no employed librarian, there will always be some one to act in that capacity.

The rules governing the letting out of periodicals are very simple. Magazines of previous months may be taken out for two days with a penalty of three cents a day or ten cents a week for failure to return at the proper time. Magazines of the present month may be taken out for one day with a penalty of five cents a day or fifteen cents a week for failure to return at the proper time. In case a magazine is lost, the owner must replace the same. No magazines will be loaned, except on the above conditions. In regard to the books—that is the bound volumes—belonging to the reading room, the following regulation will be enforced. Any one of these may be taken out at the small sum of three cents a day. The books of this class are the latest and most up-to-date works of fiction. The small charge made for the reading of them is with the object that the said books will pay for themselves in the short time that they are read. Every cent raised by this charge will be reinvested in similar books from time to time. In this way Winnsboro will be able to have the very latest books all the while.

The reading room, as previously

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Rochester German Insurance Company of Rochester, N. Y.
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9-26-17

stated, is on the second floor of the Bealy building. It is a good large room, with plenty of light and ventilation. It has recently been repainted, twenty-four nice new chairs have been put in, and a nice matting has been placed on the floor. The room now is attractive, but as soon as pictures are hung on the walls and nice new shades fitted to the windows, it will be an exceedingly attractive place.

Pepsin preparations often fail to relieve indigestion because they can digest only albuminous foods. There is one preparation that digests all classes of food, and that is Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It cures the worst cases of indigestion and gives instant relief, for it digests what you eat. McMaster Co.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Tuesday's election resulted as follows: Miss Lucy Barron, of Manning, State Librarian, salary \$800; Judge Ernest Gary, judge of fifth circuit, and Judge D. A. Townsend, judge of the seventh circuit, both being their own successors; Mr. W. H. Townsend, of Barnwell, code commissioner; Messrs. Joo. G. Mobley, of Fairfield, W. O. Roland, of Spartanburg, and A. K. Sanders, of Sumter, directors of the penitentiary; Mr. August Kohn, trustee of the S. C. College, to succeed himself; Mr. Lawrence H. Sease, of Lexington, trustee of Clemson College; Senator B. R. Tillman, United States Senator to succeed himself.

A bill has been passed in the House providing for the following distribution of all dispensary funds:

That on and after April 1st, 1901, 2 per cent of said net profits are to go to the State, to be distributed as now provided by law; 45 per cent of the said net profits to go to the several towns and cities in which the dispensaries are located, and 53 per cent to go to the several counties in which the dispensaries are located. The county commissioners in each of the various counties in which dispensaries are located, shall apportion the net profits coming to each county, as provided by this act, in the following manner: That not less than 10 per cent of said profits to be applied to the public schools of said county, and the remainder of said profits to be distributed for the uses and benefits of said county, as the county board of commissioners thereof may see fit.

The following bills passed their second reading in the House Wednesday: Mr. McGowan's making it a misdemeanor to destroy personal property; Mr. Bacon's giving the South Carolina Military Academy the right to confer the degree of bachelor of sciences; Mr. McGowan's requiring all courts to receive as evidence the law of any town or city when certified to by the proper officials under seal; Mr. McGowan's authorizing towns, school districts, etc. to issue bonds for past indebtedness or for new buildings; Mr. Sinkler's making final and complete the service of summons by publication in newspapers and by letter through postoffice.

New bills in the House are Mr. Thompson's providing for the sale of certain lands in the mountains to the national government for a park; Mr. De Bruhl's requiring license fee for hot suppers for profit; Mr. Croft's exempting dentists from jury duty; Mr. Smith's proposing a constitutional amendment for the enlargement of jurisdiction of magistrates.

Third reading bills in the senate Wednesday were Mr. Henderson's making township assessors equalizers as well as assessors of property; Mr. Goodwin's providing for persons living partly in town and partly out to make separate returns of their property; Mr. Sullivan's requiring county supervisors to show the nature of the claims in their published reports; Mr. Mower's to validate the drawing of all jurors for the year 1901.

The committee's report on the regulation of the width of tire of vehicles was favorable.

The committee's report on the sale of State farm was unfavorable.

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Final Discharge.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT on the 6th day of February, 1901, I will apply to the Judge of Probate for Fairfield County, at his office in the Court House at Winnsboro, S. C., for a final discharge as Guardian of the estate of Andrew Yongue and William Yongue.

MRS. M. M. YONGUE,
Guardian.

20th CENTURY BARGAINS.
WE WISH TO MAKE ROOM FOR
SPRING GOODS,

and offer many goods at BARGAIN PRICES. Some of these goods are offered at less than cost. This does not include all the goods in our store. The bargain lots are put on the counters and marked in plain figures. These items are for CASH ONLY and WILL NOT BE CHARGED at these prices.

A varied lot of Dress Goods, Plaids and Silks, Lot of Percals, at 7, 8 and 10 cents. Flannelets and Outings. All Winter Underwear at a discount. Lot of Gents' Heavy Gloves. Cotton and Wool Blankets.

SHOES.

Lot of Ladies' Fine Shoes, at \$1.50 to \$2.00. These are less than cost, worth \$2.00 to \$3.00. Lot of Children's Shoes, all sizes and prices. Lot of Gents' Shoes, at \$1.50 to \$2.50, worth \$2.00 to \$3. Many of the goods we offer are fresh, new stock, bought this fall. We do not wish to carry them over the summer, and offer at these prices for CASH.

To the many who have patronized us we wish a happy New Year with the hope that the new century may bring them much of prosperity. We ask a continuance of your patronage, promising at all times to use our best efforts to supply your wants to your entire satisfaction both as to quality and prices.

The Caldwell Dry Goods Company.
MOLASSES OF ALL KINDS.

THE VERY BEST
New Orleans Syrup and Molasses.
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Fresh Porto Ricas.
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J. D. McCarley & Co.'s.
MULES! MULES!

I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE TRADE WE have had this season, and have just received another car of Mules, and am prepared to give my customers some bargains both in Buggies and Horses. Get my prices before buying.

Buggies! Harness! Saddles!
and everything that belongs to a horse. I have it, or can get it in a few days.

My Livery Outfit
will soon be complete, and I can fix you up a NICE RIG, QUICK.
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