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Men's \$5.00 Suits \$3.00

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Boy's Suits for 50 cents.

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We can certainly save you  
money on anything you want to  
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Be sure and come to see us.

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Lancaster Mercantile Co

### Caught After Five Years.

For five years Sheriff Gilreath has been on the lookout for Drace Gwens, a negro charged with murdering Richard Westfield in the lower part of this county in 1899, and not until yesterday was he able to get any information as to the negro's whereabouts. He received a telegram from the chief of police of Cincinnati, Ohio, giving a description of Owens in every particular. This was sent in response to inquiries from Sheriff Gilreath, which have been tracking the negro from one part of the country to another. Owens is now in jail in Cincinnati, where he will be held until Sheriff Gilreath makes arrangements to go for his prisoner or send a deputy. —Greenville News.

### A COSTLY MISTAKE

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life is the price of a mistake but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Crawford Bros. J. F. Mackey & Co's, Funderburk Pharmacy.

### Heir to a Large Estate in Indiana.

Special to the Observer.  
Winston-Salem, Dec. 13.—Mr. John Poe, janitor at the court house here, is in receipt of letters from Sheriff Smith and the clerk of court of Hamilton county, Indiana, stating that he has fallen heir to property in that State worth many thousands of dollars. Mr. Poe says that the estate was left him by his sister, Mrs. Nancy Davis, who died recently. Her husband died four years ago, leaving all his property to his wife. There were no children. Mr. Poe states that he is the only member of a family of seven children.

### A Timely Topic.

At this season of cough and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents results from cold. Sold by Funderburk pharmacy.

### Four Thousand Dollars Reward Offered for Circus Robbers.

The police have received a letter signed Dan S. Lhon, special agent of Forepaugh & Sells' circus and James A. Dundon, chief of detectives, Columbus, Ohio, that \$4,000 reward is offered for any information that will lead to the arrest of the party or parties who robbed the ticket wagon of Forepaugh & Sells' show at Tarboro, on the morning of November 19.

It is stated that the amount stolen was \$27,100, all in currency, in bills of the following denominations: \$10,000 in \$100 notes; \$4,000 in \$50 notes; \$9,000 in \$20.00 notes; \$1,500 in \$10 notes; \$500 in \$5 notes. This amount, \$25,000 was all in one package. The balance was in bills of different denominations.

### Coughs, Colds and Constipation

Few people realize when taking cough medicine other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides unsafe, particular for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure will not constipate. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

**BANNER SALVE**  
the most healing ointment in the world

### Developing Our Water Power.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The fifth congressional district of South Carolina which includes the counties of Cherokee, York, Chesterfield, Chester, Lancaster and Kershaw, is rich in undeveloped natural resources and the attention of capital is being directed toward that section. All information concerning the potentials of this region are eagerly sought for.

Congressman Finley, in a letter to the geological survey, has called attention to the splendid opportunities for water power development afforded by the fifth district, which he represents. He thinks that not less than 200,000 horsepower can be developed on its numerous streams, and urges that more detailed information concerning the flow of the streams and topography of their drainage areas is essential. He requests that an investigation be made of the water power of Broad river between Alston, Fairfield County, S. C., and the North Carolina line, and a like investigation of the power of Catawba and Wateree rivers between Camden, S. C. and the North Carolina line.

The hydrographic branch of the geological survey is engaged in collecting data on this important subject, and is giving attention to several portions of the fifth district. Gauging stations are now being maintained on Broad river at Alston, on the Catawba and Wateree rivers near Camden, S. C., Catawba, S. C., and Morganton, N. C. A profile of Catawba river has been made for a short portion in North Carolina, extending from Marion to Connelly's Springs.

Appreciating the value and importance of the river surveys, the hydrographers will extend their work next season to cover the important valleys in this district. —The State.

### The Heaviest Snowfall for Several Years.

New York, Dec. 13.—With a snowfall of nearly seven inches during the twenty-four hours and a steady low temperature, New York opened shop today under conditions more closely approaching old-time winter than has been experienced here for a long time. All trains were late up to noon. No accidents have been reported.

## COTTON STILL DECLINING

To meet this decline we are going to Knife deeper the prices on our goods. For the next Twenty days we are going to offer the trading public more goods for the money than they ever saw before in Lancaster.

### We are offering during this time

\$5.00 Suits at \$3.98; \$7.50 suits at \$5.98; \$10.00 suits at \$7.50 \$12.50 and \$15.00 suits at \$9.00 and \$10.00, \$5.00 Overcoats \$2.98 and up to \$10.00 ones. Pants from 50c per pair, worth 75c, to \$3.50, worth \$6.05. Heaviest weight yd wide Sheeting, weight guaranteed, at 6c yard.

Just received case Bleen to go during this sale 10 yards for 75c. Only 10 yards to the customer. 50 dozen mens' 50 cent undershirts at 38c. Two for 75 cents. 20 dozen Ladies' 25 and 35 cent vests for 19c per garment. A few of those 50c Shirts left at 25 cents.

We still have on hand a few shoes. Price them, you'll buy if you need Shoes. Don't miss these bargains. They only hold good for twenty days.

YOURS FOR TRADE,

# Funderburk Co.

P. S.—10c bottle Sewing Machine Oil 5c. 10 balls Sewing Machine Oil 5c. and a hundred other things to numerous to mention.

## Minneapolis Swept by Disastrous Fire.

The Loss is Estimated at Three Million Dollars.—Three Persons Killed by Live Wires.

Minneapolis, Dec. 14.—Three men killed, two firemen and one citizen, the latter by a live wire and \$8,000,000 worth of property destroyed is the result of a conflagration, the worst in the history of Minneapolis, which began at 10 o'clock last night and at 2 o'clock this morning is still burning but partially under control, as the fire men seem to have the flames confined to three burning buildings, two of which are gutted, and the third, the Powers department store, the largest in the city, damaged by fire and water to the extent of one or two million dollars.

### The Death Of Mrs. D. H. Hill.

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Ather home at West Raleigh, near the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Mrs D. H. Hill died this morning of an affection of the heart. She had been in bad health for several weeks. Her sister, Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, came here about 10 days ago to be at her bedside. Her age was about 80 years. tomorrow afternoon the remains will be taken to Davidson for burial.

The confederate veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy and other orders here will honor the memory of this well-beloved woman tomorrow and some prominent people will accompany the remains of Davidson.

### SAY "MURRAY'S"

When you've got a bad cough just say "MURRAY'S" If a druggist gives you anything but Murray's Horehound, Mullein and Tar you're not getting the best and surest cough remedy. Make him give you Murray's Acts quicker and you get a 50c size bottle for 25c. Every druggist has it

### Notice to the Public.

I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed.

J. Montgomery Caskey,  
apt. 20—1st Corner L. C.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Mitchell*