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BEAUTIFUL OPENINGS

Union's Live Merchants Treat Their Friends and Customers to Gorgeous Sights.

The Spring Opening of A. H. Foster & Co.

After long dreary weeks of rain, the sun came out in real spring fashion on Monday, as if in answer to the notice, annual spring opening of The Old Reliable, Union, S. C.

THE UNION TIMES, however, with its usual good-nature, will attempt to hand over to all such some little share of the treat so generously provided for them.

On approaching the store, good friends, not one of you would have given more than a passing glance to the old "Santa Claus" window on the left, for that was devoted to gentlemen's furnishings.

If you had seen it, perhaps you would have exclaimed: "There's only one thing lacking, let her go, good Old Reliable, and be sure to keep Union on top."

If you had crossed that threshold, you would have seen that for yourself. The walls on each side of the long store were draped in beautiful dress goods, neatly topped by a Japanese sunshade.

Counters on the sides and the tables down the middle, were spread with them and they were all of the very latest styles in shades and material.

Everything was there, not only dress goods, but trimmings, lace, shirt waists, perambulators and shoes—not a thing necessary to a genteel outfit was lacking, and the prices were down, so far down that a motion of coin from your pocket-book to the capacious pocket of this "Old Reliable" was a dead certainty.

However that may be, if you had entered that store you would have found yourself in the millinery room. On the door there would have stood for a goodly number of lovely artificial roses, you would surely have pinched yourself to find out if you were really flesh and blood, or you would have concluded that you had fallen asleep and waked up in fairy land.

There were show cases in that room filled with collars, ties, fans and all sorts of lovely things. There were of linens, some already worked to show you what they were, and quantities, with the materials all at hand, waiting for dainty fingers, your own or those of your wife, daughter, or sweet-heart.

On all sides there were beautiful designs, formed of artificial flowers, and many growing plants, palms, maiden hair ferns, coleus and begonias. Then the walls were covered on one side with fans, as on the other with dresses of silks and organdies, arranged by material in pointed panels that stood beneath rows of beautiful ribbons. In the center of the store was a large table draped in yellow and white, festooned with purple ribbons and above it, with the same draping and festooning, a very jolly dome, formed by eight beautiful arches. On the top of the dome were patterned hats and perfect pairs of gossamer bonnets for little girls, and also to show you some of the most grand and useful to look at in the world, old times so long gone by. There were 200 sets for anything and everything, besides being, everyone of them up to the very latest style. The lady in charge, Miss Hattie O'Neil, in her recent sojourn in New York, spent three weeks in special study under a Parisian designer.

Just as soon as you recovered yourself a little, without a word of invitation, you would have turned toward the corner. Why? Because you are a part of the world and all the world loves a little child. Over in that corner you would have found the children gazing with wide-eyed wonder at the baskets of beautiful Easter eggs, surrounded by lovely covers, real and artificial, and among them apparently ready to at any moment's warning, were four white rabbits, the very identical rabbits that had the Easter eggs. A charming little gentlemanly held one of them tightly and held his hand in greeting.

But you can not form any idea of the beauty of that corner unless you step into Mr. Quinn's and see the "made of it." Then it is quite plain that he might let you take one home with you for a small contribution.

This seems like a great deal, but not all, for while you were about it may be, if you are a young man, you might have been taking a look at them. For on a table, on the staircase, a fine piano, the millinery room, a grand piano, a fine upright piano, a guitar and a violin, and a variety of other instruments, were on display during the week.

Two evenings, free games, and nothing but the best of everything. In addition to this, the managers and clerks were so kind. As the delighted visitor on each one received a card from the American Queen, as a souvenir of the occasion. On the day these Easter eggs were given to the children. —[AD.]

THE RACKET'S OPENING.

Of all the openings that have been had and seen in Union, that of the New York Racket, in elaborateness and grandeur of scale easily eclipsed anything of the kind ever attempted here, and we believe we do not miss state a fact, when we say nothing could have been more beautifully gotten up, or on a grander scale, anywhere south of Baltimore or New York.

When Mess Harry and Teik announced that they were going to add millinery to their already immense business, everybody was all expectancy, for all knew that the New York Racket never did things by halves. This was the first opening or special display of new goods that this live, pushing up-to-date house has ever undertaken, but to say it was a grand success is but to poorly express it. Such a display as this, will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to witness it.

On approaching their large building the first sight to catch the eye was that magnificently dressed show window. The large arches were beautifully festooned and draped with the very choicest goods, with taste and skill seldom seen anywhere.

These festooned arches were elegantly dressed figures showing the very latest styles and correct effects in the newest ideas in dress goods. On entering the dress good and millinery department, everything was one grand display of all the newest styles and patterns in dress goods and draped most effectively, showing to perfection the beautiful colorings and the graceful folds as they would fall from the diana like form of some of Union's lovely maids.

The very immensity of the display was bewildering. Going through and as you neared the millinery department, the scene was of a veritable fairy land, for mid, the profusion of flowers and evergreens rose the enchanting strains of sweet music. Truly it was a reproduction of the artists' dreams of paradise. This was the New York Racket's millinery department, which under the skillful management of Miss Anthony, of Baltimore, presented the most attractive display of all the newest, Parisian effects of millinery ever witnessed in South Carolina.

There were hats in endless styles and shapes, ribbons of every shade and price, and flowers that vied with nature's most beautiful offerings to gladden the heart and delight the eye of the lovely maiden and stately matron. All Union is indebted to the New York Racket for a scene of beauty and loveliness that will live in the memory of all who witnessed that matchless spring opening for 1897. —[AD.]

McLURE'S MILLINERY OPENING.

We had the pleasure on Wednesday and Thursday of visiting McLure's millinery opening. The millinery room presented an array of novelties and beauty, due to the taste of Miss Emma Wilson, of Baltimore. The hats and dovers were displayed in the most artistic style. The hats were specially admired, and many ladies remarked the most stylish on exhibition and last but not least, the prices were extremely low.

The large show windows in the main store were very tastefully decorated, one in millinery and lace and the other in shoes, umbrellas, etc. —[AD.]

GRAHAM AND SPARK'S OPENING.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, most of the ladies could not withhold a complimentary remark to the beautiful and artistic display of millinery, at Graham and Sparks on last Thursday and Friday, April 1st and 2nd.

Starting and still wearing some of the old-fashioned and what attracted the attention was a beautiful white hat with a large brim, consisting mainly of sweet peas and foliage. Still another was a dainty little bonnet of black, green and pink, which may be admirably worn by any young woman. Also only included two of the daintiest, for it would be impossible to describe each one separately as they were so numerous, and we can only say of all they were one vast dream of loveliness, and for style and beauty unvaried. —[AD.]

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 202 1/2 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters renewed her strength. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at F. C. Duke's drug store.

A northern editor in speaking of the many advantages of the south, remarks: "There is no necessity for a man in the south committing suicide. If he is tired of life, just let him make love to another man's wife."

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been ascribed the most important inventions in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhea remedy, and has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughan, of Oakland, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhea remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by F. C. Duke."

Everybody knows how to run a newspaper, except, perhaps, the man who is trying to run one.

CONGRESSMAN WILSON SPEAKS.

The House having under consideration the Dingley bill, Mr. Wilson gets up and speaks as follows:

Mr. Chairman, the gentleman who has taken his seat, and who in part represents the great State of North Carolina, is claiming his protective principles.

He does not represent the sentiments of the South, which for more than three quarters of a century has stood the bulwark and defense of the great mass of the people against the greed, the rapacity, the tariff legislation that seek to obtain for themselves the right to feed and fatten upon the energies of the honest producers of the country.

[Applause.] The imposition of a tax upon the agricultural and laboring elements of the country. The only justification for it is the necessity for raising revenue for the support of the Government. But when, as in this bill, it proclaims itself to be the enormity of a "tariff of protection for the sake of protection,"

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will soon come when the products of the southern looms shall be of the very best and finest quality. Capital for the erection of plants for artistic weaving will come as soon as the South has the experts, for there is no reason that such mills should not be placed near the fields as well as those for the production of cheap grades of cloth. And as it is in the matter of cotton mills so it is in the matter of implement and furniture mills. Technical education is the main need of the South today. We have annually a plentiful supply of graduates from our colleges destined for the professions of law and medicine. We want more expert artisans to bring about the industrial supremacy of the South on all lines, and our young mechanics should seek the higher arts to their respective trades.

All this is to the point. It is a wholesome sign when any of the Southern States begin to contend for the honor and profit of building the first textile school. We should be glad to see one built in Georgia or North Carolina. If South Carolina is too slow in going to work, we think, however, that South Carolina is the best place for it, and that Clemson College is probably the best place in the South for it. It is in the midst of the cotton mills. It has a large body of machinery, water works, electric engines, etc., that would be useful in connection with such a school. Its position is central to the three leading cotton manufacturing States of the South. It would be a good plan, if the three States of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina would unite their efforts and resources to establish at Clemson a joint textile school that would be worthy of them, and fully adapted for its great work, and thoroughly equipped to compete with any like school in any other part of the country.

The fight for the control of the cotton manufacturing industry will be decided in these schools. If we are wise we will prepare for the issue without delay.

Questions of detail with regard to our proposed school are of little present consequence. The important thing is to organize a movement that will result in the establishment of a good school somewhere, and soon. If the three States cannot or will not combine their efforts, for any reason, one of them can establish a school of its own. The pending proposition is to establish one in South Carolina for the benefit, primarily, of the cotton manufacturing industry and really of interest in this State. The question is, will you set the scheme on its feet and write about it, and do nothing more? It is to be feared that the Legislature would not be disposed to take hold of the project with enthusiasm, or to make the necessary appropriation to found and equip a school, without considerable urging and some outside help. A deficiency in the State's revenues will have to be provided for at the next session and possibly the next. With the increase of taxation which this necessity involves an adequate appropriation for the school or for any new enterprise will be hard to get.

Perhaps, we make the suggestion with diffidence—perhaps the cotton manufacturers of the State might promote the scheme materially by some initial and organized effort on their own part. Columbia and Greenville and Spartanburg are progressive and growing and ambitious places. Each aspires to be the center of cotton manufacturing in the State and in the South. A textile school would be a great acquisition to either place, in every view and on every account. Doubtless any one of them would contribute a site and buildings to secure it, and perhaps more. It might be offered to the highest bidder, as was done in the case of the Girl's College, with so satisfactory results. With the site and necessary buildings, the plan of the school at Lowell was furnished by the mills in and near that place. And with the site buildings and machinery provided free of cost to the State the Legislature might, certainly should, be prevailed on to appropriate the comparatively small sum that would be required to pay the salaries of instructors. The institution would be of great present and permanent value to the State. It would be as proper and promising a factor in our industrial educational system as the several other industrial schools already provided in part by private or popular gifts and subscriptions, and adopted and maintained by the State.

We believe that if a few of our leading cotton manufacturers, whom we are tempted to name, will "get together" and plan and work together on the indicated lines, at once, we can have a textile school in operation at Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg or Clemson before this time next year. What do you say, gentlemen? Let us hear from you.

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