

THE PEOPLE'S STORE

The Store the People Talk About

That's what we want them to do. Every purchase made at this store causes the people to talk. The quality of our goods and the reasonable prices at which they are sold is good reason for them to talk.

Again, we buy all kinds of farm produce at the highest cash prices, and we pay the cash for it, too. This causes the people to do more talking about us. Then if they want goods we sell them what they want and get the money back. They buy here with the cash because they know they can get as good goods at as low a price and in many cases at lower prices than they can get them for elsewhere.

This is a good time to buy RUBBERS of all kinds as we have a lot left which we do not care to carry over. In fact we will not carry them over if reduced prices will move them.

Our READY-MADE CLOTHING is of the latest pattern and style, and the prices sell the goods. Get the habit of examining our clothing before buying, and we are sure you will not go elsewhere.

Call and see our COON COATS. Now is the time to get a bargain.

Highest Prices Paid for all Kinds of Farm Produce

BUTTER, EGGS AND FOWL WANTED

ROBERT BURNETT

Large Sales

Small Profits

McKECHNIES' WEEKLY NEWS

Spring Goods

Are continually arriving, in the newest designs and in the neatest patterns, and to make room for them we are giving special bargains in heavy goods. We prefer to sell at less than cost, rather than carry goods over.

House-Cleaning Bargains

See our display of House Furnishings, on the second floor, composed of Wall Paper, Rugs, Floor Oil Cloth, Linoleums, and Window Curtains, in the most approved designs, everything to suit the season.

Boots and Shoes

We have just received a fine stock of Men's Working Shoes to suit the sloppy season, not too heavy and yet sufficiently heavy for the season.

Groceries

Fresh Groceries are continually arriving, the best to be gotten.

Men's Clothing

We have a fine stock to select from, in the newest cuts. We have a fine stock of Tweeds, and can have a suit made to order in a week, and a good fit guaranteed.

The highest prices for butter and eggs.

G. & J. McKechnie

Departmental Store
Durham

TALES OF TOBACCO.

Christopher Columbus First Discovered Smoking Amongst West Indians. The narratives composed by the early travelers and sojourners in the newly-discovered regions of the Western world contain frequent allusions to the tobacco plant and to the practice of smoking prevalent among the natives. The first regular description of the tobacco plant was given by the hermit friar Romano Pane, whom Columbus left behind after his second voyage to convert the Indians to Christianity. He calls it a Herba inebrians, and says it was called cohoba, cohobba, and gioia.

He describes, moreover, a fork-shaped tube, one end of which the Indians introduce into their nostrils, while they held the other over tobacco leaves spread upon burning coal. They called this tube tobacco. The leaves in a green state of the coleoba plant, he adds, were extensively used as a vulnerarium by the Indians. The prevalence of the custom of smoking among the inhabitants of the West India Islands at this period of their discovery is attested by the accounts of all the early navigators and explorers; and the excellence of the tobacco grown in some of them, particularly Cuba and Trinidad, is the subject of remark.

Not actually pertaining to the plant itself, but yet of some interest in view of the growing habit among English women of smoking, is the following extract from an Early Victorian "Incidents of Travel in Central America": "I am sorry to say that generally, the ladies of Central America not excepting Guatemala, smoke—married ladies, purses, or all tobacco; and unmarried, cigars, or tobacco wrapped in paper or straw."

"Every gentleman carries in his pocket a silver case, with a long string of cotton, steel, and flint, and one of the offices of gallantry is to strike a light; by doing it well he may kindle a flame in a lady's heart; at all events, to do it bunglingly would be ill bred. I will not express my sentiments on smoking as a custom for the sex. I have recollections of beauteous lips profaned."

"Nevertheless, even in this I have seen a lady show her prettiness and refinement barely touching the straw with her lips, as it were kissing it gently and taking it away. When a gentleman asks a lady for a light, she always removes the cigar from her lips."

Judging from incidents reproduced by the cinematograph, the cigarette still plays an important part in flirtations in Southern America, and it is all done so gracefully that one cannot say that the beautiful lips are profaned. With the picture theatre one travels easily nowadays.

When the Antilles came into the possession of the French in the middle of the seventeenth century, tobacco was extensively cultivated in them, and Du Tertre, in his account of these islands describes four kinds of the tobacco plant—1. The large green tobacco, or petum, with leaves two feet in length and one broad. 2. Tongue tobacco, with tongue-shaped leaves. 3. Amazon tobacco, brought from the borders of the Amazon River, the leaves of which are very long and rounded at the end. 4. Varinas tobacco (Tabac de Verine, Petum Musque), brought from the Province of Varinas and the banks of the Assura.

Submarines In Practice.

Fifteen years ago practical submarine vessels had no existence outside the pages of Jules Verne and similar highly imaginative authors of fiction. That these authors were correct in their theories is proved by the fact that to-day there are in the British navy no fewer than 65 of these submersible vessels, with a further 15 being built.

France owns 61 submarines, and has 25 building; Germany possesses 14; Russia, 30; the United States, 18; and Japan, 9; whilst each of these nations contemplates many more.

Enormous vessels are the modern submarines. In addition to their invaluable torpedo tubes, they carry small quick-firing guns for use on the surface. In many cases these craft displace from 800 to 1,000 tons, and are well over 100 feet in length. At moderate speed they could steam across the Atlantic on the surface, if it were necessary.

Willing to Stand.

A farmer owned a young steer which he wanted to break in to the plow, and, having no other animal to harness with it, he decided to get into the yoke himself, giving the reins to his son.

No sooner had they started than the steer bolted into a wild runaway, the farmer holding on to the yoke with both hands and keeping the pace for dear life. Over plowed fields they flew, and as he was about to drop for lack of wind they brought up against the fence with a mighty thump.

As the son hurried to the scene the panting father managed to gasp, "Oh-hitch the steer, bub; I'll stand!"

Taking Her Down.

"Mrs. Dash is no longer in our set," a woman once said at an afternoon tea.

"Yes, so I understand," said another woman.

"Yes," went on the first woman with a haughty sneer—"yes, she dropped out some time ago."

"Is that so?" said the other. "I was under the impression that she climbed out."

Roof Ornaments In China.

The roof ridge of a Chinese house is usually decorated with an elaborate plaster ornament in the form of a design embodying the character "fu," signifying happiness. To prevent the ornament being damaged by crows the owner of the house sticks large numbers of ordinary sewing needles point outward into the soft plaster.—London Standard.

Evidence of Heredity.

"They have actually eaten themselves out of house and home." "Hereditary. The parents of all mankind did the same thing if you will remember the circumstances of the garden."

We invite the Ladies of Durham and surrounding country to call and see our display of New Spring Millinery, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26th and 27th.

Miss Dick

VARNEY

In our last budget we stated that Mr. Herb. Murdock had rented one of T. Russell's farms. We are since informed that he had done better than that. He has bought it, and is now looking for a housekeeper.

We are pleased to see Miss Carrie Wilton around our hamlet again, after spending most of the winter with her aunt in Proton.

Mr. Alfield, from Yankeeland, visited his half-brother, Mr. James Wilton, last week. We understand it is about 14 years since they saw each other. (He's a genial, jolly fellow.)

Another 12-lb. baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilkinson, on the 17th of March. Sureal he will be a Pat. Mother and child are doing well.

Our much esteemed teacher, Miss Petty, was compelled to give up her school work for a few days last week through sickness, but we are pleased to say she is on duty again, and with the little folks nearly all over the measles, she has a much larger attendance. The Inspector Campbell paid our school his semi-annual visit lately, and gave Miss Petty great credit in his report for the way she conducts her work.

The open Grange meeting on Friday night last, was not a very great success, as regards the crowd as a great many were detained from being present by the sale at James Moore's, but those that were present enjoyed themselves well, as they were treated to a good program, considering the cost.

The program consisted of the following: Four choruses by the Glee Club; solo by Florence Kerr; recitations by Rev. Mr. Hampson and Winnie Blyth, all three of the Glee Club. Three recitations by Miss Halliday and two by Robert Webber. Several selections on the mouth organ by Alfred Vollett also short addresses by D. McIvride and J. Wilton. Thomas McNiece filled the chair very acceptably.

Mr. Arthur Sewell, who has been visiting his father-in-law, Mr. John McCalmon and other friends around Varney for a week while recruiting up after a very severe attack of typhoid fever returned to his home in Stratford on Saturday last.

Miss Lela Edge from Edge Hill visited at the home of Mr. D. McCrie for a day or two lately.

Mr. James Lawrence and family visited the former's sister, Mrs. Palmer Patterson, of our burg, one day last week.

The farmers around here were busy on Saturday and Monday last unloading a car of feed corn which was purchased by the Grange. They have done considerable business the last few months, having handled in salt, feed, seed corn and grass seed about \$14,000 worth, and that is not all that we are doing, so let every farmer that is near enough come out and join us, and help in your own, the farmers' interests. Our next meeting is on Friday, April 5. Let everybody be on hand, as there is business of importance for that night.

Mrs. Robt. Dickson and daughter from Gleneden, visited the former's sister, Mrs. D. Allen, for a few days lately.

Well, it begins to look a little like spring in the middle of the day, but the nights remind one of the middle of winter. The snow is moving away very gently, which is the best way for it to go, to save a flood. We are looking for sugar-making weather soon. We were at it before this last year.

As we write, our smithy, A. McCabe is not able to attend to his duties in the shop through sickness. We hope he will soon be well again, as we can't get along well without a blacksmith in our village.

Blyth's young people spent a pleasant time at the home of Mr. James McLaughlin on Monday night.

R. Webber started to work for Norman Kerr on Monday of this week.

Hardware and Furniture

STOVES STOVES STOVES

Now is the time of the year for persons intending purchasing stoves to examine our stock of Ranges, Cook Stoves and Heaters of different descriptions, to suit any home, at the right price.

The Pandora Range has no equal for economy and durability. The best baking Range sold. Fully guaranteed by McClary's.

See our line of Heaters, Base Burners, Belle Oaks and Tortoise Air-tight Coal and Wood Savers.

Stove Pipes, Elbows, Dampers, Coal Hods, Ash Sifters, etc.

We are the house for FURNITURE

We desire to call the attention of our friends to the additions we have made to our Furniture Line.

As we are now handling the Durham Furniture we are in a position to save you \$ on all their lines, as we don't have to pay freight. I will prove this by you calling.

F. Lenahan and Company

New Spring Goods Have Arrived

Our Stock of New Spring Goods has arrived and are now on our shelves for your inspection. Our stock comprises

Men's Tailored Suits, extra well made.

Men's Pants all sizes.

Ladies' Suits, Skirts, and Ladies' Wear

Our prices are the lowest in town, and we ask you to call and be convinced.

Butter and Eggs, Wool, Hides, Live Poultry, and all kinds of Farm Produce taken as Cash.

Be sure and give us a call. You will save money by dealing here.

M. GLASER

(First door south Burnett's Bakery) GARAFRAXA ST. DURHAM

Wm. Caldwell bought a fine horse on fair day. Bill likes a good horse.