

# Jere Whitson Hardware Co.

Successors to

Whitson & Barnes Hardware Co., Cookeville, Tenn.

As will be seen from the dissolution notice in this issue of the Herald the firm of Whitson & Barnes Hardware Co. has by mutual consent been dissolved and is succeeded by Jere Whitson Hardware Co. The new firm desires to announce to the public that it will not only continue the retail business at the stores on the northwest corner of the Public Square and Depot Street, but are now putting in a retail store on the West Side near the Depot in part of their wholesale and warehouse building, where they will offer for sale to the retail trade a complete line of Hardware, Roofing, Sash, Doors, Paints, Oils, Farm Machinery, Field Seeds, Woven Wire Fence, Wagons, Plows, Belting, Fertilizers, Cane Mills, Stoves, &c.

We are also putting in another new store in connection with our retail stores on the Public Square and Depot Street, in which we will keep for sale a complete line of Furniture, Springs and Mattresses, Stoves, Tinware, Enameled-ware and Queensware. Also a complete line of **WALL PAPER**. Our object and purpose is to carry in these stores everything that the housekeeper and farmer will want to buy (except things to eat and wear.) And it will be our aim to always keep only the very best quality and most suitable and up-to-date goods and to do our best to satisfy and please everyone. We buy goods in large quantities, frequently buying full carloads, paying Cash, and in this way we get the benefit of carload rates and the full trade and cash discounts. Our prices are made on strictly a Cash basis, and are as low as goods of the kind and quality can be sold. In fact we believe our prices are lower on the goods we sell than are usually made. If goods are sold on a Credit, Special arrangements must be made.

## CUSTER'S LAST FIGHT.

The Famous Battle of the Little Bighorn River.

General George A. Custer was one of the most notable cavalry officers developed during the war of the rebellion. It was his fortune to be in the thick of the conflict within a few days after leaving the training school at West Point, and from that time until the day of his death his life was filled with strenuous work and stirring adventure, in which he was frequently exposed to deadly peril.

The closing chapter of his life, which came with what is known in history as "Custer's last fight," which occurred on June 26, 1876, was a tragedy, but he died like a soldier.

For a number of years after the civil war Custer had been engaged in Indian fighting on the frontier of the United States. Many of these engagements were among the most thrilling in the history of Indian warfare in this country.

The famous expedition which led up to the famous battle of the Little Bighorn river was started on May 17, 1876, when General Terry, his officers, of whom General Custer was one, and his troops left Fort Lincoln, Dakota. Every one realized that the campaign was likely to be a decisive one. It was planned to strike the Indians a serious blow—one from which they could not recover.

The advance was begun under favorable conditions, and the Little Bighorn mountains were reached on June 25 and the Indian village located. A slight accident gave the red men warning. Nobody knows exactly how the battle of Little Bighorn was fought. The statements made afterward by the Indians were contradictory, but they all agreed that Custer's appearance was a great surprise. The best evidence shows that the Indians closed

in on both right and left and placed Custer at once on the defensive. Closer and closer the coil tightened around that plucky band. One after the other of the troopers fell, the horses were stampeded, the ammunition ran low, no messenger had been able to break through the lines, and the mortality among the officers was heavy.

Then Custer had his troops fire two volleys in succession, the usual cry for help. It was heard in Reno's camp. Its significance was understood, but no help came. Soon came the final act of the tragedy. The Indians closed in from all sides, led by the cruel chiefs Crow King, Gall, Crazy Horse and Rain-in-the-Face. It was a hand to hand fight. It was 150 against 1,000. Grouped about Custer were twenty or thirty desperate men. They fought with their leader, they fought for their leader, until the last man lay dead.

Not an American officer or soldier lived to tell the tale of "Custer's last fight." Never in the history of the world was the bravery, devotion to duty and perfect discipline of troops better illustrated. Almost without exception the bodies of the men were found just where they had fought. Each company was in the place assigned, troopers in line and their officers in position. They fought a losing battle, but they fought without flinching. They were killed, but not disgraced.—Detroit Free Press.

### Old Mosque Legends.

The great Begova mosque in Serajevo is the largest mosque in Europe after those of Constantinople and Selim's mosque in Adrianople. In its courtyard stands an old stone, across the top of which there is a groove precisely the length of a Turkish ell. Tradition says that a pasha placed it there to checkmate the local merchants' habitual use of false measures in defiance of the express commandment of the Koran.

But another of Serajevo's hundred mosques has a much better legend. Before this may be seen the tombs of the seven holy dervishes who were beheaded 200 years ago for a great theft. After the decapitation each body tucked its head under its arm and walked into the mosque. So those dervishes are worshiped as saints to this day.

### A Large Volume.

The biggest book in Washington is not in the Congressional library. It is in the reference room of the geological survey on F street, where its huge bulk reposes on a stand made especially for it. It is a dictionary and consists of half a dozen volumes bound under one generous cover that must have taken several calfskins to provide the leather binding. It contains 7,085 pages and weighs as much as a high school girl. By contrast the fat Webster's Unabridged that lies alongside this great Jumbo of a book looks like a pocket edition of the "Rubaiyat."

### Didn't Like Comparisons.

"What made that prima donna demand your discharge?"

"I wrote an article," replied the press agent, "saying that she slugs like an angel. She said she saw no reason for complimentary reference to anybody's singing except her own."—Washington Star.

### Suits Some—Death to Others.

"Iron may be good for the blood of some," remarked the worm as the angler threaded the hook through him gently, "but I fear it will be the death of me!"

And yet the fish that swallowed the iron a little later was quite carried away with it.

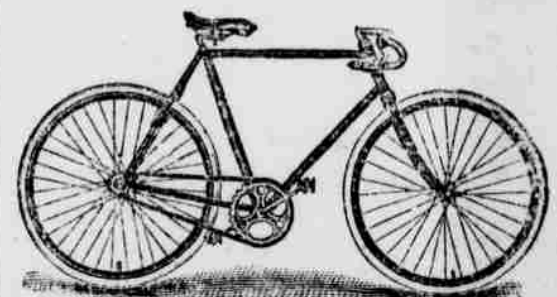
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### Market Report

The following prices are being paid by Cookeville dealers today:

Eggs, per dozen	13c
Hens, per pound	10c
Roosters, each	15c
Turkeys, per pound	10c
Ducks, per pound	10c
Green Hides, per pound	7c.

### Newark

Well, kind Mr. Editor, I guess that my time is almost out and so here is a quarter to keep my paper coming for I don't want to miss one; also here is a quarter for which send the paper to my sister, Mrs. Lou Graham in Calif.

Mrs. Cal Crack was struck with paralysis last Sunday night.

J. R. FARLEY.