

## TAR DROPS.

—Look out for Santa Clause.  
—The interest seems to be reviving on the cotton market.  
—It was quite a cold wave that visited this section the past week.

—Quite a large number of our people attended the big land sale at Wood's store yesterday.

—The front and shelving is being put in the new building of the Hill Live Stock Co., on Nash street.

—A contemporary has a long article on "How to preserve grapes." What's the matter with a bulldog and a shot gun?

—A nice, easy exercise for Christmas day is that of counting the change you have left. It can be done generally with one hand.

—Talk about courage! A Baltimore woman underwent nine major surgical operations and then unfalteringly submitted to the marriage ceremony.

—We are requested to state that there will be a box party at White Level Academy on Thursday night, December 18th, 1913. Public is invited.

—It seems a trifle early to hang out the sign "shop early" but the early shopper gets the most satisfactory results as a rule. The time between now and Christmas is none too early to permit the prudent ones to delay in giving the gift subject some attention.

—Keeping the girls and boys out of school to help do the work at home is just as foolish now as when it was when we were young. There may be some cases where there are good reasons why some boy or girl cannot finish the eight grade before their school days are ended, but parents should do their best to see that they are not the reason.

—There are men who will cringe and scrape and bow to the women in their own sphere, or above them in social positions, who are boorish enough to only half nod without even touching the hat to the women who have not this social prestige. Such a man is thoroughly ill-bred, and by so doing he lowers himself fifty per cent in the estimation of all sensible people.

—A subscriber who comes in these days and pays the printer, is blessed, and in the kingdom to come he will be given a place a little higher than the angels. His name will be written at the top of the column next to reading matter and nothing in the house will be too good for him. He will get comps to all the harp recitals and have a reserved seat beside the editors, while all the delinquent subscribers will have to carry water for the performers and sit up in the gallery.

—Christmas stands for love and for charity, for hope and for joy at the fruition of that long-made promise of the prophet of the coming of one who should bring peace and good will to earth; so the churches hold their services and the people congregate to join in singing or to listen to the rendition of carols, some of which have come down from the early ages of the churches. The children have their Christmas treats, and they are the very merriest of the merry in their participation in these annual school festivals.

—A farmer met a doctor on the street. "Doc," said he "if you are out our way this week you might well come in and see my wife." What ails her?" inquired the doctor. "Dunno. After getting breakfast and fixing the children for school and churning and slopping the hogs and doing a little washing, there's only seven in our family you know, she plumb declared she'd have to lie down before getting dinner. She's plumb tired. Kicks about getting Sunday dinner." "Yes," said the wise doctor, "I'll come out and see her. It's a strange case."

—By steam, by rail, by sail, and by whatever mode a man may travel men and women scurry over the face of the earth at this season, towards whatever spot they know as home. In Tuscan villages, in the German mountains, on the plains of Greece, in Sicily, on the bleak Russian steppes, in the barren Scandinavian towns, in all those old world places that have sent their quota of wage-earners to America, the land of gold and promise, women and children are awaiting the home-coming of the wanderers. Their waitings and longings will not be in vain.

—Have you noticed that the boys will obey without dispute or hesitation the voice and commands of their chosen umpire in a game of base ball

or foot ball. Why, not settle all disputes that way instead of by fists or taunting words? Boys who are in constant association, as in schools or workshops, might take turns being umpire by the day. It would be valuable training in self restraint, in law and order. It is happily becoming the fashion for nations to settle disputes by arbitration, so if these future citizens and law makers be beginning their training by giving as just and impartial training as they are capable of forming.

—People living on a rural route should see that their boxes are substantially fastened to a post set solidly in the ground, at a point convenient for the carrier to drive up to in all conditions of the weather. It has been very noticeable to us when we have had occasion to drive over rural routes that boxes are not kept up in the condition required by the government. Uncle Sam has recently sent out an order to all postmasters where there is a rural route, an order to paint the boxes white and place the names on same in black letters not under two inches high. If this order were complied to by all the routes it would be a vast improvement to the owners as well as to the community and postoffice. Why not comply with the order before the ground freezes—it would make it much nicer for the carrier in the winter when the snow drifts—there are also a few stretches of road on which weeds have not been cut which will be bad when the snow drifts this winter. A stich in time may bring you mail more regularly during the winter months.

## Games for Young Folks

## SQUAT TAG.

This is a jolly, simple game. The one who is "it" must give a certain number of squats and kings; thus he might say, "two squats and three kings." Then he starts to chase the rest of the players. When the players squat or have kings they can't be tagged. They must use their squats or kings one after the other, but when they are all used up they can't have any more. As soon as one is tagged he must be "it," and give some number of squats and kings.

## FRUIT BASKETS.

The players all sit in a row. The one that is "it" stands in front of the players facing them. Then he names each of the players a fruit, such as pear, peach, apple, etc. When this is done, he must call the name of some fruit he has named, three times; if pear, he says, "Pear, pear, pear!" as fast as he can, while the player who has that name must name it once. If he fails to do this or says it too late, he must be "it" and proceed as before.

## MOTION OR SHEEP IN MY PEN.

This game can be played by any number of children above five. Like "Hide-and-Seek," one player blinks and hide. Then the one that blinded his eyes goes out to hunt for the others. The first one he catches is "it" for the next game. He then goes on to find the rest. All those he catches must stand in the pen marked around base. They must cry "motion" and those hiding must make some kind of motion with their hands. If those in the pen see the motion they can go hide again. But if the one that is it sees them run off he can call them back. They must have a new motion then. Those that get free may go hide without a motion, but if they are seen by the one that is "it"

the pen the game ends.—Southern Farming.

## Mr. J. S. Lancaster to Leave.

Mr. J. S. Lancaster informs us he will leave Louisburg about January 1st for Newton, N. C., where he will make his future home. He has leased a big modern hotel and will continue in the hotel business. Mr. Lancaster and family have many friends here who will regret to learn of his decision to leave Louisburg, but wish for them a splendid success at their new home.

The Louisburg Hotel which has been run by Mr. Lancaster will be taken over by Mr. G. W. Ford who will run it in the future.

## Health in Red Cross Seals.

Red Cross Christmas Seals are the best investment in health any one can make. Science has demonstrated conclusively that tuberculosis, the world's greatest plague, of which we now have over 1,000,000 cases in United States alone, can be prevented if these consumptives are properly cared for. In other words every consumptive properly cared for, insures your life against tuberculosis by the prevention of further infection from that source. Red Cross Seals help to provide hospitals, day camps, sanatoria, dispensaries, open-air schools and visiting nurses for the care, cure and prevention of tuberculosis in this community. Every seal you buy, then, is a sound investment in your own health and in that of your family. Buy your Red Cross Seals now and

help to protect your home from disease.

Franklin Branch of the Red Cross Seal Commission held a meeting in the Citizens Bank Tuesday December 9th, and arranged for sale of seals in business houses. Help the great cause by securing seals for your Christmas letters and packages from these houses or from members of the Commission.

E. J. CHEATHAM,  
MRS. F. G. PARKER,  
MISS JOSEPHINE HENLY,  
DR. J. H. HARRIS,  
DR. R. B. HENDERSON,  
DR. A. R. WINSTON,  
MAJ. C. L. MCGHEE.

## PERSONALS.

Mr. K. P. Hill visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Ford left the past week for northern cities where she will make purchases for the hotel.

Rev. W. M. Gilmore and Mr. T. E. Wilder are attending the Baptist Convention at Shelby this week.

Mr. J. S. Lancaster returned Sunday from Newton where we are informed he has leased a hotel that he will run the coming year.

## Five Reforms that are Needed.

To sum up, it seems to me we should—

1.—Stop penalizing efforts at home-owning by making a man pay tax on the full value of a place when he has paid for only a part interest.

2.—Impose a lower tax on lands owned and tilled by resident farmers than on lands held by absentee owners.

3.—Impose a lower tax on improvements than on the site-value of the land.

4.—Provide a system of rural credits for furnishing advances for land-purchases with long-period repayments to the lending agency.

5.—Have a definite understanding (preferably under strict legal regulations) that in certain neighborhoods lands will be reserved exclusively for white purchasers.—Clarence Poe, in the Progressive Farmer.

## In Memorium.

"God giveth and God takes away." The death angel visited the home of Mr. West Aycock on October 16, 1913 and took from him his youngest child. Don't grieve dear papa, he only waits to welcome you home. Sleep on darling sleep on. Our darling one has gone before to greet us on that blissful shore. Yes in that eternal bliss where death is no more. We loved him more, and oh we loved him, but Jesus loved him more and saw fit in his wisdom to call him from this sinful world below. Now we know that his bright face shines in a mansion made by God's own hand. May the sweet comforting spirit of our master abide with the sorely bereaved is the prayer of the writer  
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Sausage mills, sausage stuffers and food choppers at L. P. Hicks.

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Axes, axe handles and grind stones at L. P. Hicks.

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Cooking and heating stoves and fire place grates at L. P. Hicks.

Electrical supplies, bicycle parts at L. P. Hicks.

## Wanted.

A good colored tenant with sufficient help for a one-horse crop to work on shares at the Misses Cooke place. Apply at once to

W. B. Cooke,  
Enfield, N. C.

## To Close Out Stock.

On account of my outside business demanding my full time I am forced to sell out my stock of goods. Therefore I have reduced the prices on all articles in my store to less than whole sale cost for immediate sale. I you want a bargain now is your chance. Also will rent the store building to desirable party.

J. B. SMITH,  
Moulton, N. C.

## Local.

Will Pleasants has just received a sample line of ladies, Misses and children cloaks and is offering them at wholesale cost. He is selling them cheap. Call in and see them before you buy.

A shipment of cut glass just arrived at Will Pleasants.

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