

THE FRANKLIN TIMES

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TAR DROPS

Business seems slow since the holidays.

Quite a number of our firms are taking inventory.

Cotton sold for 13 cents a pound in Louisburg yesterday.

Monday is first Monday—both of the month and of the year.

The County Commissioners and Board of Education meet Monday.

The County Commissioners are having more bridge repair work done.

Miss Kate Ballard, of Franklin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. F. Yarborough, Jr.

Mr. W. Y. Mann, of Carlisle, Ark., is on a visit to his people near town.

NO PREPARATION NECESSARY.

I hope you will pardon me for referring to the matter, but for the last two hours I've heard a constant droning somewhere, as if a person were rehearsing a speech.

That is Mrs. Babbiegh in the adjoining apartment, said the host. She's talking over the telephone. It isn't a rehearsal. She speaks extemporaneously.

New Year Kissing Customs

Saluting the Parish Pump

THERE has always been a close and mystic association of kissing with the New Year. Every lover, if circumstances permit, thus salutes his sweetheart at the dawn of the New Year—and some lovers are not particular whose sweetheart she is that they thus salute on this auspicious occasion.

There is an ancient kissing custom associated with a parish church in Lancashire. The legend is that anyone who at the first stroke of midnight kisses the keyhole of the church door, and then runs right round the edifice in time to kiss the keyhole before the last stroke of the hour, is certain of good luck during the whole of the year.

It requires a certain amount of nerve to enter this country churchyard at the dead of night, even for such a purpose, but rumor hath it that no new year is born without someone essaying the race round the church. The distance is such that it is impossible for more than one person to thus court a year's luck.

Churchyards have always been favorite places for New Year osculations. In the Wensleydale district, in days gone by, all and sundry could kiss "without scandal" on New Year's eve in the porch of the church.

It was largely availed of, too, for it is on record that the accommodation fell lamentably short of the demand, and consequently there was even more squeezing than kissing—if that were possible.

A somewhat gruesome kind of churchyard kissing used to obtain among the Basques of the Pyrenees on New Year's eve. It was the custom for the maidens to then repair to the churchyard, and on their fingers waft kisses to the four quarters of the universe.

A kiss was supposed to brush their lips on return, and if it was warm it indicated that they would marry and be happy ever after. On the other hand, if the kiss was cold and of the earth earthy, the inference was that single "blossomedness" would be their lot.

The only means by which the omen could be broken was by repairing to the church and kissing the church bell, a gravestone and a piece of coffin wood. This remedy was very frequently resorted to; and so superstitious were the Basque maidens that but for the consolation afforded some of them would have lost their reason.

In these degenerate days the lot of the mayor of Durham is far happier than that of his predecessors in ancient times. If tradition can be relied on the chief magistrate was then under an obligation to kiss the first cow, the first sheep and the first pig brought into the first market of the New Year.

This went on until it occurred to a resourceful occupant of the mayoral chair to interpret the custom as relating to the first three market women, and henceforward they were the recipients of the New Year kisses until the ancient custom vanished altogether.

It is much to be feared that the abuse of kissing customs has been largely responsible for their falling into disuse, though some of them are certainly more honored in the breach than in the observance.

One such, which used to obtain in Oxfordshire, concerned the tenants of certain estates which they held on condition that on New Year's morning they publicly kissed the parish pump or paid a drink fine to the assembled populace.

As might be supposed, the tenants almost invariably preferred to pay the fine, but it is on record that one misguided, close-fisted individual actually kissed the pump in order to keep the fine in his pocket.

The populace were so disgusted at his meanness and infuriated at the loss of the liquor that they held him under the pump and pumped the water on him until he was almost washed away.

The exchange of drink for kisses was, in the bad old days, a not infrequent New Year's day practice in public houses, where it sometimes led to rows and riots among the frequenters.

At one hostelry in the metropolis it was the custom for the landlord to hand out to every member of the opposite sex who called before the hour of noon on New Year's day a measure of ale in exchange for a kiss.

What the landlord's better half thought of this proceeding report sayeth not.

At another London public house it used to be permissible for the first customer on New Year's morning to kiss the barmaid by way of paying for his liquor. But only the first was entitled to this privilege, and any subsequent caller who presumed to pay in this fashion had to forfeit half a crown to the barmaid. One astute Hebe got her sweetheart to call first and mulcted several later callers of the customary half crown in the course of the morning.

The new congress may favor dis- armament, but it will not give up its Cannon.

You cannot persuade the fellow who courts his girl over the telephone that "talk is cheap."

WHIP-POOR-WILL.

For years and years I've tried to find A bird of a peculiar kind He seems to sing just o'er the hill His melody is (whippoorwill).

Beginning with the first of Spring He makes the night with music ring And his lash is never still All night long he whips poor will.

But one night his program changed I think he had it so arranged For I seem to hear him say— Listen this is where, I stay.

Twixt hell and a white oak tree Is the place to look for me I do my singing after night I'm blinded by the light.

I walked from neath the College oak Until I saw the Youngsville smoke Looked and looked but failed to see The song bird twixt the smoke and tree.

I think I took the backwards track So tonight I'll hike it back I'll walk from neath my corner oak

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Until I see some College smoke.

While looking thus if I should fail I will try some other trail The bird said he was twixt the smoke And perhaps some other oak. — Village Blacksmith.

ASKING TOO MUCH.

Young Man (to baker)—These cakes are terribly old.

Baker (Indignantly)—They are as they ought to be, young man. I have baked such cakes before you were born.

Young Man—That may be, but to ask me to eat them now is requiring too much.

We wish some kind correspondent would send us in a joke about the Christmas cigars one's wife gives. We exhausted our repertoire in the Autumn of 1899.

Denied obscurity as vice president Franklin Roosevelt seems determined to achieve fame as a rival of Colonel House at his specialty.

Ninety-eight per cent of the votes cast in Greece were for the return of Constantine. That is just about the landslide record.

The farmer has for some time been pursuing scientific studies, and is now prepared to take a course in finance.

STOCK HOLDERS MEETING.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Louisburg, N. C. for the election of directors for the incoming year and other business as may come before the meeting will be held at the bank on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 1921, at 2 o'clock P. M.

12-31-11 F. J. BEASLEY, Cashier.

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Lloyd-George seems to think the way to reduce Irish plots is to increase the number of Irish plots—the six feet variety.

NOTICE OF SALE

I will on Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, at the Court House door in the town of Louisburg offer for sale for cash at auction, the following real estate in Cypress Creek township, known as the Sol Davis place, the T. W. Davis and Webb places, T. J. Harris place, Allen place, the Horville Harris place and in Louisburg township, the Anna and Mary Harris place. The Jackson place with the Uzzell and Dean land attached. Any further information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned.

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- Womens \$1.50 heavy sweaters98c
- Mens heavy \$1.50 sweaters special95c
- Womens all wool sweaters, all colors\$4.98
- Mens heavy all wool sweaters \$7.50 value\$3.98
- Childrens heavy \$2 sweaters \$1.25

MEN'S CLOTHING AT ENORMOUS SAVINGS.

- All wool Blue Serge suits, \$18 val. to go at . . . \$11.98
- Mens \$25 suits, high grade merchant tailoring \$18.50
- Mens all wool heavy Dickey Kersey suits \$18.00 value \$9.98
- Mens heavy Corduroy suits \$19.50 value . . . \$12.00
- \$40 young Mens suits in the latest models . . . \$22.50

SHOE DEPARTMENT.

- Mens work shoes \$4.50 value at \$2.98
- \$4.00 Gun Metal Dress shoes \$2.49
- Weyenber's, the best all leather shoe made . . . \$2.98
- Mens regular Army shoe \$10 value \$7.50
- Mens waterproof heavy Blue Chrome leather, \$7.50 value \$4.98
- Mens W. L. Douglas Guaranteed Dress Shoes.
- Black lace \$10 value \$7.45
- Black button \$10 value \$7.45
- Dark and light Tan button or lace \$10 value . . . \$7.45
- Dark Tan Chocolate English \$12 value \$8.50
- Womens Black high lace Boot, \$6.50 value . . . \$4.50
- Womens Black-lace Gun Metal shoes \$4 value . . . \$2.50
- Old Ladies Comforts shoes \$3.50 value \$1.98
- Womens dark Chocolate High Boot \$8 value . . . \$5.98
- Womens Field Mouse high cut Boot \$8.50 val. . . \$7.49
- Childrens Black Button shoes size 8 1-2 to 11 1-2 \$1.98
- Childrens Button or Lace shoes size 12 to 2 . . . \$2.49
- Childrens lace and button size 5 to 8 \$1.49
- Childrens button or lace size 1 to 5 98c

CHILDRENS COATS.

- Childrens Chincella Coats \$2.98 value \$1.49
- Childrens \$3 50 wool mixed coats \$1.98
- Very stylish \$4.50 coats \$3.89
- Childrens all wool Serge Capes and Coats regular \$7 value, they are beauties only \$4.50

LADIES COATS 50 PER CENT LESS THAN COST

- Ladies Coats in Velour with fur collars and cuffs all colors, cost \$30.00 will go at \$14.98
- Ladies Coats in broad cloth, all colors, cost \$25.00, your choice \$12.50
- Ladies Coats in all wool material all colors, cost \$20.00, while they last \$9.98
- Ladies Coats in black, the best trimmed in black Velvet, cost \$15.00, will go at \$7.50

BOYS CLOTHING.

- \$10.00 Blue Serge suits \$5.49
- \$13.50 Worsted suits \$7.98
- \$15.00 All Wool suits \$8.98
- \$22.50 All Wool Blue Serge suits \$9.98
- Finest Suits made of high grade Worsteds \$25.00 value \$11.98

DRY GOODS.

- Good Sheeting, 30c value per yard 10c
- 50c Mattress Ticking, per yard 19c
- 35c Curtain Scrim 10c
- 75c Aprong Gingham, per yard 10c
- 55c Outing Flannel, per yard 17c
- 25c Dress Gingham per yard 15c
- Best Shirting goods, 35c value per yard . . . 19c
- 25c Cotton Plaids, per yard 15c
- 50c Heavy Canton Flannel, per yard 19c
- 60c yard-wide Percales, per yard 19c
- Best Bleaching, 35c value per yard 19c
- Wool Serge 75c value per yard 49c
- \$1 75 value all wool Serge per yard 98c
- 25c Calico, all colors, per yard 10c

UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT.

- 98c Boys beeced ribbed union suits 69c
- Mens \$1.75 heavy fleeced shirts and drawers . . 89c
- Boys \$1.00 heavy fleeced shirts and drawers . . 75c
- Ladies fleeced ribbed \$1.50 shirts and drawers 98c
- Ladies \$1.50 fleeced ribbed union suits 98c
- Girls ribbed \$1.25 union suits 75c
- Girls extra heavy fleece 75c shirts and drawers . 49c
- Babys all wool 75c shirts 49c
- Babys 50c heavy fleeced shirts 25c
- Mens heavy ribbed \$2.50 union suits \$1.85

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