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WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, DEC. 22, 1916.

One more day left—and then, "good-bye Christmas shopping!"

We've had about every variety of weather on the calendar this week. Here's hoping that the weather man will be good to us from now on.

The residents of the rural districts of the county are cordially invited to come to town Monday evening at 8:30 in order that their children may share in the gifts that are to be distributed at the Municipal tree.

NORTE CAROLINA'S BEST CROP.

An interesting article, and one worthy of much thought, appeared in a recent issue of the Extension Farm News, published at Raleigh. It deals with the State's greatest problem. Every other State in the Union has a similar one.

Among the many institutions of the State interested in the growing of this crop, none is charged with greater responsibility than the A. & M. College, through its Division of Agricultural Clubs and Secondary Education.

Like all other crops, this crop must get away from the degrading clutch of dependence. It must be taught to be self-supporting, useful and independent. It must be shown the way to a position of maximum education, endeavor and service.

SECRETARY LANSING'S VIEWS.

In a statement, issued yesterday, Secretary of State Lansing gives a new view to the "peace talk."

Mr. Lansing frankly admits that the action of President Wilson, in sending his recent note to the allies, was more in the interests of the United States than those of the belligerent nations.

He declared that the United States was being drawn nearer and nearer to war. Our rights are continually being violated. In other words, he practically admits that unless peace is declared before long, the United States will probably be forced to enter into the war.

There is no question but that President Wilson's message will have a powerful influence upon the belligerents. And it is also highly probable that his note will be the means for establishing direct peace negotiations.

Secretary Lansing's statement was of greater interest to many people of the United States than President Wilson's note. The admission of the critical situation into which the United States was gradually drifting and the likelihood of our entering the war, came as a distinct shock. And Mr. Lansing knows whereof he speaks.

THE FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION.

Tomorrow morning there will be held a meeting at the court house for the purpose of organizing a county Farm Loan Association, to operate under the new farm loan banks act.

Mr. J. F. Latham, county farm demonstrator, has issued an urgent request for every farmer to be present, in order that the organization may be perfected. It will be of immeasurable value to the farmers in a direct way.

There is only one difficulty in the way. This farm loan association is a new thing and it is hard to arouse interest in something that has not already proven its worth. For this reason, some of our farmers may be a little slow in taking advantage of it.

The Washington News regrets the fact that New Bern has "beat them to" the venerable plant which was recently destroyed by fire in Greenville and which the management has decided to rebuild in New Bern, and voices the opinion that the very next time anything of this sort is traveling around, they will land it.

But for the fact that New Bern had a live-wire Chamber of Commerce we also might have lost this plant, but due to their efforts, we landed it and are going to land more of them in the near future.

This is just one of the many things that a good Chamber of Commerce can do for a city and the organization which New Bern can now boast of is one of the very best in the South and we are more than proud of it.—New Bern Sun-Journal.

How Delightful

IS WASHINGTON PARK!

For the Children's sake let's take them here.

The Town Gossip

Table of contributions to the Christmas Tree Fund, listing names and amounts.

OF HAPPINESS AND SOME OF THEM ARE PROBABLY longing FOR THE DAY THAT WILL END THEIR SORROWS IN THIS WORLD.

EVERYBODY IS happy AND JOYFUL AND PREPARING for Christmas AND THE Christmas spirit IS EVERYWHERE.



You wouldn't like to live in a city whose stores did not advertise—you could hardly be hired to live in so dead a place.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE DAILY NEWS.

CHRISTMAS Greetings!

Let me supply your

Christmas Dinner

We sell everything for the table.

Claud A. Little

"THE STORE AROUND THE CORNER"

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of W. W. Campbell, deceased, late of Beaufort County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of December, 1917.

This December 7, 1916. W. H. CAMPBELL, Admr. (Surry, N. C.) Ward & Grimes, Attorneys.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 1916-1917 EXCURSION RATES

Convenient Schedules. Pullman Tickets on sale December 24 to 26, 1916, inclusive. Final return limit sleeping and parlor car service January 30, 1917.

Independence Means PIN-MONEY Dependence. Depend on your Pin-Money from now until next Christmas by depositing it with this bank...

XMAS GOODIES. Candies all varieties. Fruits all varieties. Nuts all varieties. Raisins all varieties. PEANUTS AND POPCORN. Everything good in Groceries. Celery and Lettuce. Walter Credle & Company.

W. I. BEDARD. DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE. 117 Market Street. Country Produce bought and sold. Chickens and Eggs a specialty. Fresh Oysters Every Day.

TURKEYS TURKEYS. I have them, nice fat ones for your XMAS DINNER. See the Old Reliable. R. H. HUDSON. Phone 192.

If You Are STILL PERPLEXED. As to what to give for Christmas we urge you to visit our store and let us show you the most acceptable line of gift suggestions imaginable. Rings, Lavalieres, Watches, Umbrellas, Cut Glass, Watch Chains, Watch Fobs, Chinaware, Bracelets, Mesh Bags, Purses, Stick-Pins. And Many Other Appropriate Gifts. R. L. STEWART.

Why Suffer So? Why suffer from a bad back, from weary, aching muscles, from rheumatism and distressing urinary troubles? Washington people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Could you get any stronger proof of merit?

CLASSIFIED ADS.

- FOR RAISINS, NUTS AND CANDIES. Phone 23, Roebuck & Jackson. 12-21-16.
FOR SALE, ONE GOOD FARM mile cheap. See Ed. Collins at Cozans' market. 12-21-16.
GIVE THE BOY AN EVERY-READY Flashlight for a Xmas present. Pegram-Watson Hdws. Co. 12-19-16.
FOR SALE CHEAP: FORD RUN-ABOUT in good condition. Apply Daily News office. 12-12-16.
WE CAN SUPPLY YOUR DEMANDS for Apples, Oranges, Bananas and Grapes. Roebuck & Jackson. Phone 23. 12-21-16.
HOW ABOUT A NICE CARVING set for wifey for that Xmas present. Pegram-Watson Hdws. Co. 12-19-16.
EVERYTHING YOU WILL WANT for the Christmas cooking can be had at Roebuck & Jackson's. Phone 23. 12-21-16.
FARM FOR SALE, ONE 65 ACRES farm, 3 miles from Washington, about 15 acres cleared, balance woodland timber. Good tobacco and truck land. Nice buildings worth \$3,000. Price \$1,000 cash, balance easy terms. W. S. Williams, of Williams & Harrison Co., heavy and fancy groceries, staple dry goods. Phone 167. 12-11-16.
ROEBUCK & JACKSON'S IS THE place to buy your Fruit Cakes, Gardner's Pound Cake, Assorted Cakes and Crackers of every description. Phone 23. 12-21-16.
FOOT BALLS, FOOT BALLS, FOOT balls, Air Rifles, Air Rifles. Pegram-Watson Hdws. Co. 12-19-16.
CRANBERRY SAUCE PREPARED and ready to serve at Roebuck & Jackson's. Phone 23. 12-21-16.
FOR RENT: TWO STORY, SIX room dwelling with city water and electric lights, situated at No. 713 West Third street. Immediate possession. Apply F. T. PHILLIPS. 12-15-16.
IF YOU WANT FANCY CELERY or pickles, phone 23, Roebuck & Jackson's. 12-21-16.
WANTED: A MAN WITH FAMILY to work truck farm. Apply G. A. PHILLIPS. 12-11-16.
HOW ABOUT GIVING HIM A RAISOR for that Xmas present. Pegram-Watson Hdws. Co. 12-19-16.
WE WILL PAY 5c EACH FOR TWO copies of the Daily News of Nov. 11. Daily News.
GIVE HIM AN ALUMINUM PHOON-lator or Roaster for that Xmas present. Pegram-Watson Hdws. Co. 12-19-16.
FIRST CLASS TENANT, WITH plenty help, wanted on our farm, with Swamp Barn, Good school, horse and water, Deep black soil land. Must be at least 1917 to J. B. OMA or Harry McMillan. 12-11-16.