

## RURAL CARRIER ITEMS

### HAW RIVER ITEMS.

Nature has swung the pendulum of Time to Christmas 1911. The days that have past have been laden with joys and sorrows. Seasons of anxiety and perhaps disappointment, yet we have so far triumphed over the common and final enemy and feel assured that He who is too wise to err still has work for us. Christmas is a hallowed season and we trust it is freighted with joy and happiness for all of our friends and each friend who receives a Christmas greeting. Let us seek a quiet hour, draw our chairs up by the fire, and while our bodies that perhaps are usually weary from the exertions of the past few weeks, brush the web of forgetfulness from the rafters of memory and let our thoughts go back over the past year, taking note of the acts of kindness and the happiness that we have brought into the lives of those around us, and for 1912 let our motto be: "a greater usefulness to mankind," trusting our cups will overflow with love to the Giver of ever good and perfect gift, and to all mankind. Perhaps if we would think more and deeper we might do more good as we pass the journey of life. Let us ask of the days that have past as the Prophet said and see if we cannot make a great improvement. Perhaps when the next letter is read from this writer Christmas will have folded her mantle and laid it in the archives of 1911. We hope it will be hallowed in the name of Our Saviour.

We hope none of our boys will get into trouble this Christmas with the fire crackers, as it is against the law to fire anything in a radius of a mile of the post office at Haw River. Boys, take heed and don't get into trouble. Mrs. G. W. P. Cates and Miss Jane Cates went to Burlington to see Mr. L. M. Cates who is at his son Clarence's quite feeble. The wedding bells rang out in Troilwood when Mr. H. C. son led the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graham into the presence of Dr. Murray of Graham and they were made one. Congratulations to

them. The many friends of Mrs. W. P. Williamson will regret to learn that she is confined to her room. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Our merchants have bought a great many toys for the little folks. They show very nicely in the store windows. Our mind strolls back a little over half a century ago and we don't remember of even seeing such displays as of today.

The old vets got their pensions and they all seem to appreciate them very much.

A Merry Christmas to all the correspondents and their families and a large portion to the Editor of the Dispatch and his family, and a Happy New Year to all the readers of the Dispatch.

### Liberty No. 3 Items.

Everything is moving on lively in this community.

There was a large crowd attended the singing at Pleasant Hill Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emma Way of Florida visited Mrs. H. V. Hodgin Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Ross Hinshaw and Miss Bessie visited Mrs. Nan Carter Saturday night.

Mr. Johnnie Moody and wife have a nice present. It is a little girl.

Mr. Walter Overman from Wade, N. C. is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Overman.

We saw Mr. W. E. Overman on his house top repairing his chimney. Guess he is looking for Santa Claus. Hurray, girls, talk on, Christmas is coming.

Miss Minnie Hodgin visited Mrs. L. T. Smith Saturday.

Mr. George Pike has gone to Greensboro to work.

We are looking for a good time Christmas.

### R. F. D. No. 7.

We poor Rural Carriers do not get a day off for Christmas but will have to serve our routes as usual while other people are enjoying their fun and feasting.

There will be several public "functions" on our route during

the holidays. The first one we know of will be held at Mt. Pleasant Church next Saturday the 23rd. The exercises will begin at 1:30 p. m. We guess this tree is held in the day time so as to give the people a chance to attend other Christmas trees and entertainments to be held Saturday night.

They are to have a tree at Belmont Saturday night and one at Climax School House, we are told. Go out and enjoy the fun.

The "Tennis Club" of Friendship High School will present "The Sophomore" on Tuesday evening Dec. 26th 1911 at 7:30 o'clock, in the Auditorium at Friendship.

The "Sophomore" is a College Comedy and an up to date wide awake play that amuses all that see and hear it and is worth going to see. It is a play given by local talent for the benefit of the High School. General admission 25cts.

Help a worthy cause and encourage local talent by attending this play.

If our good patrons will aid us by handing us any items of interest we will try to make No. 7 as readable as possible but we cannot do so unless we know what is happening, so hand in your items every Monday so we can arrange them for the printer to get Tuesday morning.

### Identified Dead Now Number 77.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 17.—With the removal today of ten bodies from the Cross Mountain mine at Briceville, there remains only seven or eight more in the mine. Today's removals bring the total of identified dead up to 77, while the total number of victims is estimated at 84 or 85.

The funeral of Mayor Thomas Watts of Coal Creek, prominent in the work of relief for the Briceville sufferers, who met death Friday morning was held today. Mrs. Watts has been confined to a hospital for a week as a result of an operation for appendicitis and at her request the funeral cortege today stopped at the hospital, the coffin was removed from the hearse and carried by the pall-bearers into the hospital that Mrs. Watts might get a last look at the features of her dead husband.

I. J. MAZUR, BURLINGTON, N. C.

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We Wish You Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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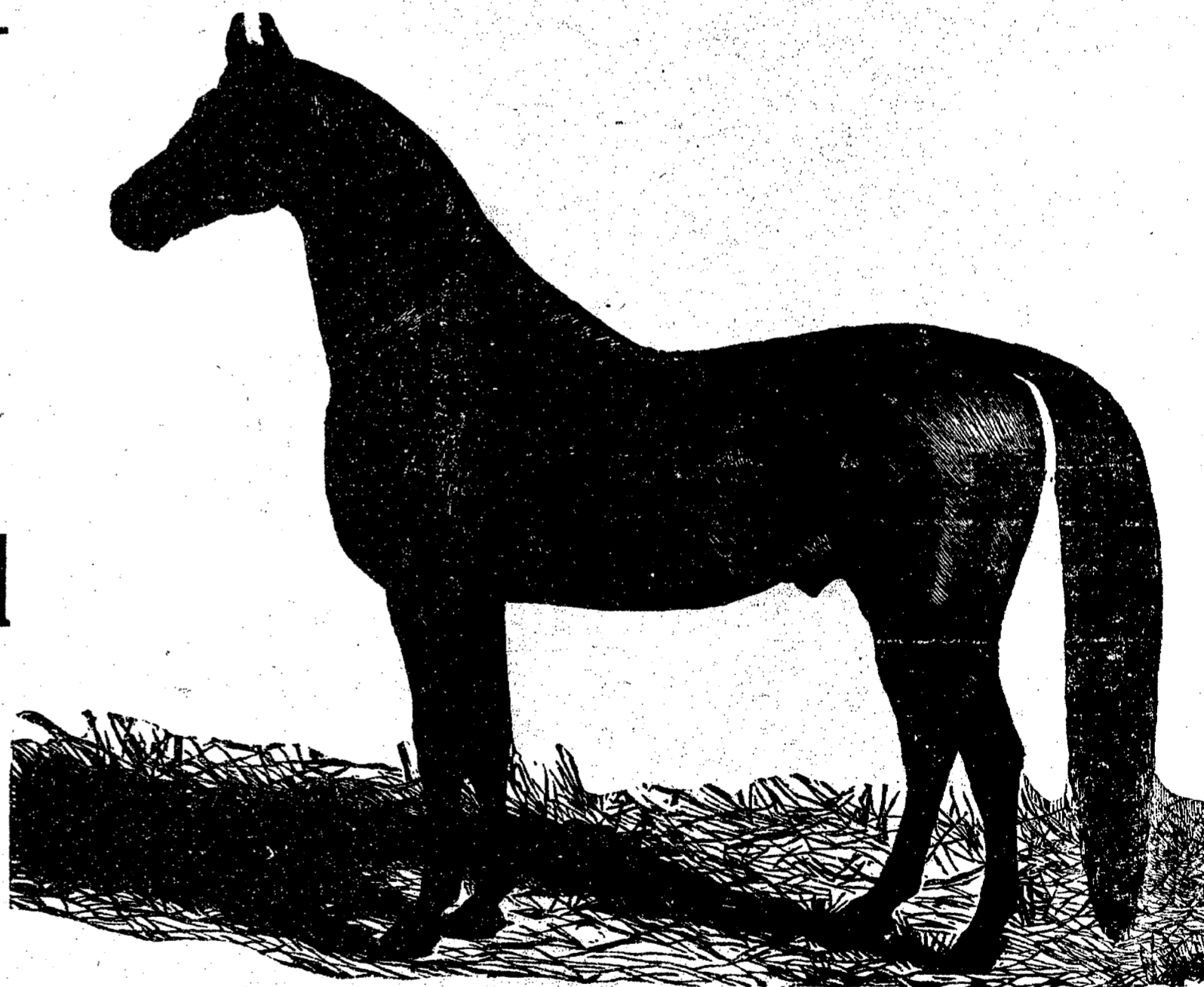
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